

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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NEXT SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Tuesday, May 30 at the new Tony BoomBozz Pizzeria at 6:30pm on Hurstburne at Westport Rd. (see p 3 for details)

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Il Messaggio dal Editor

While our president temporally removes his IAA sash and puts on his "professor hat" in providing consultant services for his shyness institute at a place far removed from Louisville, I get to toss some letters in the air and see how they fall in this article normally reserved for the IAA president. Our "other president" (Bush) says we are addicted to oil, the guru says we are addicted to love; yet, there are others who say we are addicted to Italian American activities and events.....certainly, why else did we join IAA?

I, for one, love my Italian heritage, and two I enjoy sharing it with the paesano and others interested in the Italian culture and history. Nothing fills that cup more then a real "sip of Italy". I recall that first trip thru the Alps-tunnel onto the land called Italy, and can remember the excitement of everyone in the van - "We are *REALLY* in Italy - awesome !" As we descended the Alps towards Milano, we first hit a money exchange place ---- dollars to lira in those days. After that it was a deli stop for food. As they say - "When in Rome"; so we imitated the several cars near us who had thrown a blanket over the hood and loaded it with wine, cheese, bread, and meat cuts. However, for us it was lower the van's tailgate and do the same.

I get that same feeling when the IAA members come together for our social/program activities..... such as the May (30th) event when we meet for an informal, casual gathering with an open topic. Likewise, I really enjoy the more structured events like the June (25th) event to the winery. Each format of the monthly events is different, and I think that is what makes them so interesting and special. Let me just say at this time how much I appreciate the IAA Board members who give of themselves to plan and conduct the various events. Without someone "taking the lead" on an activity, it doesn't get very far. Fortunately, we DO have those types of Board members who will plan for an event, but we also have IAA members and friends who participate in those events. Like I asked earlier "Why else did we join IAA?" Of course you didn't join to throw your 15 bucks away; no, we joined so that we can participate in the activities. In my last breathe in sitting in for the president this month have you over invested or under invested in IAA? Come join the rest of us.



DERUTA - a small town in the middle of Umbria, famous all over the world for Majolica: fine hand-painted Italian ceramics including tiles, tableware, vases, and dinnerware.... Italian majolica created in ceramic tradition for a stylish home decoration.

DERUTA



UMBRIA JAZZ - JULY 2006
Festival internazionale di musica jazz

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

MAY DAY- or Festa dei Lavoratori (Day of the Worker); May 1 - National Holiday. This is a very popular holiday that celebrates the cause of the common working man and woman. There are plentiful parades and public speeches. All stores, banks, public services and offices, businesses, and most newsstands and bars are closed. If this holiday falls on a Tuesday or a Thursday, the Monday or Friday in-between is treated as a ponte (bridge) holiday.

THE OPENING OF THE WINE CELLARS - last Sunday in May; National Observance. This event has seen steadily increasing participation every year to have arrived at the point where there are wine cellars open in most parts of Italy on this day (from 10 AM to 6PM). The event attracts local residents, tourists and curious wine connoisseurs that can taste freely the various products of the local vineyards. Cantinas, participating officially or not, will open their doors up to smiling visitors on this day.

MOTHER'S DAY- first Sunday after the 8th of May - National Holiday. The bond between Italian mothers and their children is probably the strongest in the world. With Italian family super-bonding it is understandable that Mother's Day carries a special significance here. Most children remember their mothers with flowers and special dinners.

YACHT RACE - Porto Cervo, SARDEGNIA; 3rd weekend of May. This event beckons some of the most famous names in yacht racing to the most exclusive, most spectacular and most fascinating sailing event in Italy. Known for its sparkling clean, deserted beaches and its mouthwatering cuisine, Porto Cervo is nestled on Sardegna's Emerald Coast where the waters are pristine and the climate superb. The race progresses in the direction of archipelago della Maddalena towards Capo Testa.

FEAST OF THE CRICKET - Calendimaggio; Firenze, TOSCANA; 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays of May. The origins of this custom date back to the times when celebrations first began. Legend has it that the young used to bring flowers to the houses of their fiancées along with a singing cricket in a little box with holes in it. The crickets were believed (and still are) to bring good luck. Nowadays, there is a flurry of activity the month before to hunt down the most beautiful and talented (for their singing) from the meadows and forests outside the city. There are an abundance of black crickets that don't sing, fewer green crickets that carry a yellow stripe (and can sing) and only a very few of the colorful, large variety that can belt out an opera. On the third Sunday there is a huge feast, celebrations of every style and type in the streets and contests for the most beautiful cricket and for the best singing cricket. The participants carry their crickets around in extremely ornate cages, most of which are hand made and carry the same amenities that their own homes do (shutters, stained glass doors, stairs). Eventually, the insects are returned to their homes in the meadows.

SCHUTZEN FESTIVAL - Bolzano - TRENTINO ALTO ADIGE. A German themed celebration including a parade with typical local costumes and plenty of free samples of local dishes and beer. The most famous Italian brands still produced and owned by Italians include Forst and Menabrea while Dreher (from Trieste), Moretti (from Udine) and Birra Messina (brewed and bottled in Sicily and Aosta) are owned by Heineken.



BIRTHDAYS --- Febbraio 2006 **BUON COMPLEANNO !!**

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Damico	Rosalie	5/4
Flitt	Patricia	5/2
Uliana	Stephanie	5/18
Flitt	James Vito	5/21
Azzara	Marie	5/14
Quistberg	Nancy	5/20
Galofaro-		
Moore	Julie	5/23
Carducci	Bernardo	5/20
Pollio	Louie	5/9
Vaccaro	Angelo	5/2

SING.....

"Tanti auguri a te,
Tanti auguri a te,
Tanti auguri a (name of person),
Tanti a auguri a TE!"

It is the same tune as our:
"Happy Birthday to You"

(our database has these names only.....,
please if you see an omission, contact us).

Official Flag of the Kingdom of Italy (1851-1947)



“Marcia Reale”(Royal March)

Viva il Re! Viva il Re! Viva il Re
Chinate o reggimenti le Bandiere al
nostro Re
la gloria e la fortuna dell'Italia con Lui è.
Bei figli d'Italia gridate evviva il Re!
Chinate o reggimenti le Bandiere al
nostro Re

It lives the King! It lives the King! It lives the King!
You bend or regiments the Flags to our King prides it and the luck of the Italy with Him is. Italy of sons european investment bank screamed hurray the King!
You bend or regiments the Flags to our King.

CHE PASSA! (WHAT'S HAPPENING !)

MAY 30, Tuesday 6:30pm at *Tony BoomBozz Pizzeria and Vino* on Hurstbourne Pkwy at Westport Road (394-0000)off-the-menu gathering.

June 25, Sunday*TURTLE RUN WINERY* Tour & Picnic; noon to 5pm.

PULZONE's CINEMA PIC by Katherine Pulzone, IAA Board Member

Seven Hills of Rome (1957)

This movie has sumptuous photography (color) and of course sensational singing from world famous tenor Mario Lanza. Lanza plays an American singer searching for his jet-setting fiancée in Rome and takes a few needed side gigs singing in Rome. Living with his struggling artist cousin Pepe, Lanza's singing draws huge crowds. The movie is filled with music and dancing. It is shot entirely on location in Rome. Beautiful Italian actress Marisa Allasio has a starring role as the "complication" in this love story. (Of course there is a complication in the love story....it is Italy after all!). Even if you aren't a fan of Mario Lanza's acting, his singing will hold you captive and deserving of having been one of the world's best tenors.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

MOLISE: Historical fights in this region have left marks on this land that can still be seen today. Historically Molise made Abruzzi a part of the Roman region. Subsequently, this territory became the land of everyone; conquered by Longobardis, Saracen, Byzantine, and later by Fred II....the name Molise took hold. Later this region was demolished by an economic-social collapse that continued after the annexation to the Kingdom of Italy, where Molise together with Abruzzi formed this region. In **1963** Molise was divided from Abruzzi and became independent.

ABRUZZO: In the Middle Ages the region began to be called Abruzzo from the Latin Aprutium. Then the region with the kingdom of Napoli was divided into two parts: *Further Abruzzo* and *Hither Abruzzo*.... in 1860 – added to Molisethen in 1963 - Abruzzo and Molise were separated.

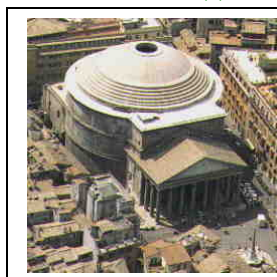
TOSCANA: The inclusive zone between Arno and Tevere was the territory of Etruschis or Tuschi in the epoch before the Romans. The name of the Region then was Etruria or Tuscia. Subsequently from Tuscia was formed the name *Tuscany*.



Italy's coat of arms dates back to 1948 and would be better known as an emblem (not really a heraldic pattern). The main feature is a white, red bordered star. This comes from the previous kingdom's arms, even if it was upside down there, i.e. with a tip pointing downwards.

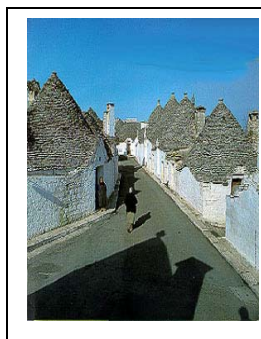
That meant, and means, Italy as a united country. It was known, during the kingdom, as the "big star of Italy". Now it is superimposed on a gearstanding for work, the Italian constitution stating that Italy is a country based on [common] work. Supports are an olive branch, symbol of peace, and an oak branch, symbol of strength. The red ribbon reports the official name of the state in white capital characters.

WHERE ARE WE?



MAY 2006 - Review the picture and email (L4Perri@insightbb.com) as to where you think it is (whether it be street, building, town, lake, province, region). The one with the closest detail of the site wins.....deadline: May 15.

APRIL's answer – Trulli di Alberobello;



Province of Bari; Puglia region. Gleaming oddly-shaped, stone "teepee" whitewashed each year.

WINNERS : John & Cindy Norton

SPOTLIGHT – Italian American Writers

Vince Burgio ... Both a top world-ranked professional poker player and a long-time columnist for the premiere poker magazine, *CardPlayer*, Vince Burgio is one of the poker world's most notable Italian-American players/celebrities. In his autobiography-*Pizza, Pasta and Poker* - Vince takes you on an emotional journey filled with laughter and tears. Against the backdrop of his Italian heritage, Vince begins his story as a young boy in Kansas City, Missouri, where his passion for poker began.

PLAY BALL (p.4) answers:
1-d, 2-h, 3-l, 4-e, 5-b, 6-i, 7-k, 8-f, 9-j, 10-a, 11-c, 12-

MY ROME – Courtney

On my way to Rome with my grandparents, Ron and Helen Mazzoli, and my sister Katie, I was so nervous because I had never been away from my parents, much less out of the country! The flight was so long, but it was so worth it. When we finally landed I was happy that the flight was over, and I started to feel normal again. But, by the time we got into our taxi, all my nervousness came back to me. Our driver was PSYCHO! He would weave in and out of traffic, and I thought for sure that if this is the way all the Romans drove I wouldn't even make it to our apartment. But, nevertheless, I survived.

After we got settled I was ready for the trip to begin. We saw all the wonderful attractions and had a great guide the whole week. Enrico, our guide, had so much knowledge that I couldn't keep up with him. He gave us a tour of the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon and the Colosseum. Out of these, my favorite had to be the Colosseum. Before we left on our trip my friends and I did a report on Rome, and after researching the Colosseum, I was ready to see it! It was fascinating to see the ancient structure where all the history of the gladiators and the Christians took place.

My next favorite thing we did during the week was getting to see the Pope! We had special seating so we got closer than I could ever imagine! At the end of the ceremony he blessed all the people and any religious articles they had with them. The only confusing thing was that most of the ceremony was in Italian and only a few things in English. We got awesome pictures of the Pope too.

We did so many other things I can't even start explaining. By the time the week was over I was pretty bummed. At the same time I was happy because I had missed my parents and friends so much! I couldn't wait to get home and tell everyone about my trip. One of the things I knew I would miss the most was the FOOD! We have great Italian food here in the States, but come on people, Italian food in Italy is so much better! And the gelato! So good!

I was sad to leave and know my trip was over, but my experience in Rome makes me want to visit even more of Europe. And since we threw our coins in the Trevi, I know I'll be back. I just can't wait!

by Courtney Doyle (age 11)



ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi

Vowels/Vocali

a = ah e = a i = e o = oh u = oo

(simple, but workable at this stage)

Nouns/Il Nome:

Genders ... **masculine** - usually ends in "o" or "e",
feminine usually ends in "a"

GIOCARE la PALLA (Play Ball)

Match number and alphabet

BASEBALL TEAMS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Cuccioli ____ | a. shortstop |
| 2. Rigogoli ____ | b. Braves (Atlanta) |
| 3. Gemelli ____ | c. Joltin' Joe (DeMaggio) |
| 4. Frati ____ | d. Cubs (Chicago) |
| 5. Coraggiosi ____ | e. Padres (San Diego) |
| 6. Rossi ____ | f. pitcher |
| 7. Calze Rosse ____ | g. home run -out of the park |
| POSITIONS or TERMS | |
| 8. Lanciatore ____ | h. Orioles (Baltimore) |
| 9. Ricevitore ____ | i. Reds (Cincy) |
| 10. Arresto Corto ____ | j. Catcher |
| 11. Sobbalzante Giuseppe ____ | k. Red Sox (Boston) |
| 12. Fuoricampo ____ | l. Twins (Minnesota) |

(answers – p.3)

Remember

Italians also speak
with their hands

**Non importa come
duro lei batte un
asino che non sarà
mai nel Derby.**

**No matter how hard
you beat a donkey it
will never be in the
Derby.**

