

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

SAFFRON HARVEST and CELEBRATION - Navelli, L'Aquila, ABRUZZO; month of November farmers in this small town begin to harvest the purple *Crocus sativus* flowers whose stems contain the precious red powder that turns a brilliant yellow when cooked. This is the place in which the spice was first cultivated in Italy and eventually creating an enterprise that produced high quality saffron which became well-known throughout Europe. The neon-yellow spice's value is calculated not in tons but in grams.

FAIR OF THE CARDINAL - Castiglione Olona, Varese, LOMBARDIA; first Sunday of November - this fair takes its name from Carninal Branda Castiglioni that in the 1400s advanced the importance of art in this area by sponsoring many works of art, operas, statues and gardens. The number of participants in the market is controlled to remain at about fifty due to the fact that it claims to be one of the most prestigious markets in all of Italy and was well-known for its high quality of merchandise. There is rigorous control of the antiques and goods offered and most of what you will find at this market (antique books, furniture, ceramics and some handmade artisan works) will be of absolute impeccable quality.

FEAST OF SANT TRIFONE (Saint Tryphon); November 10; Adelfia, Bari, PUGLIA.....the traditional celebration is manifested with a horseback ride by the young boys of the town, dressed as angels atop heavily decorated horses. Then, when dusk falls, the big guns come out and there are elaborate fireworks and musical bands.

HOMAGE TO OLIVE OIL.....all of November; throughout ITALY - there are countless festivals both large and small that are held in villages of all regions; during which it's possible to participate in a guided tour of the olive pressing process. One can taste newly pressed, virgin olive oil in its rarest and most delicious state...just as it drips from the press.

NAPLES - POMPEII MARATHON - fourth Sunday of November; Pompeii, Napoli, CAMPANIA.....this is a fully sanctioned 42.195 km (which translates to 26 miles and 385 yards) event.

SAGRA della BAGNA CAUDA - in Cortandone (province of Asti, region of PIEMONTE; 3rd and 4th weekends of November this is a little-known method of cooking and eating raw vegetables and meat that resembles the French fondue; small terracotta containers are placed in the middle of the table that are filled with a typically spiced salsa and warmed by a candle underneath. The participants then dip their food in the hot, spicy salsa to cook and flavor it and then munch on their hot food and they laugh and talk. It's a great way to eat! This 'Bagna Cauda' is the theme of these weekend celebrations and a wonderful way to experience the genuine openness of the people of this area.

MADONNA OF THE SLAVE - November 15, in Carloforte, Cagliari province, region of SARDEGNA this is a massive celebration dedicated to a statue of the Madonna carved out of solid wood that legend has it appeared to a Tunisian slave suspended between a date palm and a lemon tree. It was a miracle, and now it is worshipped and adored for the magical powers it possesses. This precious statue is carried in parade throughout the day to view the abundance and happiness of the people it protects. In addition, there's dancing to live bands, plentiful food, competitions and an authentic array of antique costumes that the residents wear in a colorful backdrop to the jubilant goings-on.



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<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>
Altobellis	Joseph	11/27
Amenta	Conrad	11/11
Kettler	Elvira	11/10
Mazzoli	Liliana	11/20
Mazzoli	Romano	11/2
Moir	Rick	11/5
Nethery	Mark	11/22
Norton	John	11/4
Pellegrini	Katherine	11/29
Sangalli	John	11/21

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).



**Families gather on this day
They come together,
give thanks and pray
The Lord has blessed us
in ways untold.
We see his Grace,
his bounty unfold.**

CHE PASSA! (WHAT'S HAPPENING !)

NOVEMBER 16 (Wednesday) Elections/Dinner at Cliftons Pizza on Frankfort Ave; 6:30pm (elections at 7pm and dinner at 7:30pm)no menu or cost provided.....but.....it will taste good, it will be reasonable, and plenty to eat. Ann Moir will serve as elections Chair.

DECEMBER 11 (Sunday)- IAA CHRISTMAS GATHERING

IAA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2005

!! BRAVO !! CONGRADULATIONS !! SALUTE !!

IT WAS A NIGHT TO REMEMBERfor sure. A night to recognize outstanding achievement in service to the Italian community of Louisville. This year's categories averaged five (5) nominees each. The most received to date.....making the selection that much more difficult, but rewarding nonetheless to have so many deserving members nominated for their efforts. The awards were:

Volunteer-of-the-Year Award – Audree Mason

Joe Melillo Spirit Award – Mary Perry

Dominic Mattei Award for Loyalty and Service – Bob Waters

IAA highest honorthe **Christopher Columbus Perpetual Leadership Award** – Ann Moir

Replica of the Perpetual Leadership Award (last year's recipient) Lou Perry

Bravo also to this year's sponsor - MARKET FINDERS Insurance Corp. (Jim Flitt, V.P)



**XX Olympic Winter Games
Torino (Turin)
February 10 to 26**

PLUS

**ItalyArt TAKES
CENTER STAGE**

ItalyArt - a program of events that will animate Torino and the Olympic valleys for five months. The challenge is to highlight the culture of the host country - ITALY - while promoting international relations and friendship between people, strengthening the link between Sport and Culture. Torino created a program that offers the best of Italian culture, its traditions and today's reality.

Teamwork was essential; creating a system capable of conveying a comprehensive, appealing image of Italy's huge cultural heritage to the world....the Organizing Committee of the Torino 2006 XX Olympic Winter Games, the Torino City, the Province of Torino, the Piemonte Region, Italy's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, and over 70 cultural and artistic organizations and institutions from the territory.

Many events provide a mixture of visual arts, drama, dance, opera, music, cinema and literature. Visit the site: www.torino2006.org/italyart

XX Olympics - Winter
Host City – Torino, IT
(TURIN, Italy)
Competition venues in
Torino and in the
Mountains

Olympic medal
award ceremonies
will take place in
Turin's **Piazza
Castello**



PULZONE's CINEMA PIC

***** **Swept Away**” 1974, directed by Lina Wertmuller. Starring Giancarlo Giannini. This movie was **filmed in the beautiful Italian Mediterranean coast** during the heat of August. It was highly controversial for that time period due to its subject about love, politics, sex, and women with money domineering men. Here is the twist in the plot: the domineering role reverts back to the man when a rich beautiful woman, Raffaella, torments with delight a poor servant, Gennarino, on her yacht. The two of them (outstanding performances) are separated from the rest of the vacationers and crew. They get stranded on a deserted Italian island (breathtaking waters) and the highlight of this story becomes dramatic. Keep in mind that by today's standards, this is not as sexually explicit as some of the television shows this past decade. Frankly, the movie is not offensive, and I promise you will be intrigued right up to the end. I encourage you to rent/buy this video in Italian with English subtitles. The version with English voice-dubbing ruined the entire film and lost the humor. These two actors argue throughout most of the film and to not hear it in Italian is a huge loss. I have watched both versions and the version in English voice-over definitely lost out to the original Italian.

LOUISVILLE HAS ARRIVED

AVER'S GOURMET PIZZA COMES TO TOWN

If you've ever had an AVER's Gourmet Pizza or their breadsticks, you'll know what the fuss is all about. IAA's newest member – Stephanie Uliana, and her husband Joe Sandefur came from Bloomington, IN where they met and worked at Aver's. They married and with their son Dominic they soon came to Louisville to open the Aver's franchise.....serving Louisville - J'town, and the Hike's Point areas. Joe says other sites to open in the near future.

Stephanie's "roots in the boot" go back to her great-grandparents.....surnames - Uliana and DeTos (from Fregona in the Veneto region), plus Alpago and Bet's; and the Costella (northern) and Bruno (southern) families.

Aver's Gourmet Pizza is at 4610 Taylorsville Road behind the Hollywood Video ..call 671-1999.

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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".

Simple Prepositions

In Italian the basic or simple prepositions are:

- di** (of)
- a** (at, to)
- da** (from)
- in** (in)
- con** (with)
- su** (on)
- per** (for)
- tra** (among, between)
- fra** (among, between)
- sotto** (under)
- sopra** (over)

Scrivo a Giovanni. < I'm writing to John >

Poco lontano da qui, c'è un ristorante. < Not too far from here, there is a restaurant .>

Luigi è tra quella folla. < Louis is among that crowd .>

Italians also speak with their hands

La mancanza di pianificazione sulla sua parte non costituisce una crisi sulla mia parte.

Translation:
The lack of planning on your part does not constitute a crisis on my part.

