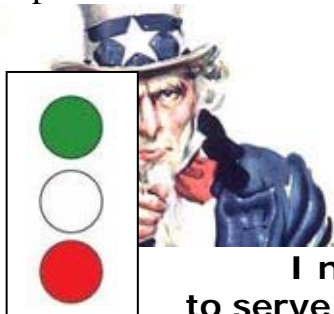


# ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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## Help NEEDED



I need you.....  
to serve on the IAA Board

**Help Needed:** The IAA Elections Committee is looking for 3 or 4 new faces who would like to be on the team providing leadership to our Italian American community by serving on the IAA Board of Directors. The IAA Board meets once a month for about 1 ½ to 2 hours discussing and planning the monthly activities for the membership. Being a board member is an exciting way to make a significant impact on the future of the IAA. If you have any questions about being a board member or how to get your name placed on the ballot, contact Bernie Carducci by phone at 282.3938 or E-mail at [bcarducc@isu.edu](mailto:bcarducc@isu.edu).

## *Il Messaggio dal Presidente:*

In addition to being known for their food, art, music, sense of fashion style, and love of people, the Italians are also known for their passion for politics. This month, as we do every November, the IAA is having its election meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at Clifton's Pizza, starting at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will be taking nominations for members of the board of directors and electing board members and executive officers. Because of the great food and the excitement of the elections, the IAA election meeting is one of our most popular events-typically drawing a capacity crowd in the large dining room at Clifton's Pizza.

Serving on the board of directors is one of the most important ways members of the IAA can make sure that our organization remains a vital vehicle for promoting the Italian heritage in this area. This year, there are four vacant seats on the board of directors that need to be filled. Although an important position, membership on the IAA Board of Directors requires surprising little time. Members are expected to attend a board meeting typically on the fourth Wednesday of the month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and held at St. Joseph Children's Home. The meetings usually last

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## **NEXT SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

**IAA BOARD ELECTIONS – DINNER**

**Also, Bring Items For Troops – p.5**

**Wednesday, November 15**

**(see p 3 for details)**



## **SKI ITALY**

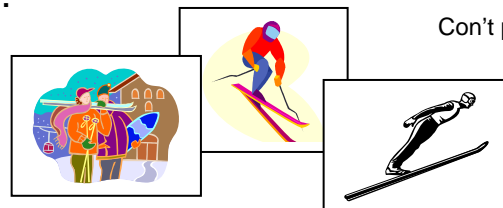
Benvenuti in Val Gardena il Paradiso delle Dolomiti

Italian skiing includes some of the world's great domains, with the Dolomiti area and the Milky Way offering hundreds of kilometres of lift-linked slopes. Italians see skiing as a friendly and relaxed affair, involving eating, drinking and sunbathing. Overall, Italy has some great skiing and apres-ski, in a more laid-back fashion than elsewhere in the Alps.

The skiing infrastructure has been greatly improved in recent years, and the facilities at resorts in the Italian Alps now rival those in neighboring Austria, France and Switzerland. Ski resorts can be broadly split into four geographical areas. To the west of Turin, in the **Piedmont region**, major resorts include Bardonechia, Sauze d'Oulx and Sestriere.

Further north, the **Aosta Valley** and its main resorts, such as Cervinia, Courmayeur and La Thuile; then there's the **Dolomites** with its beautiful scenery that makes this area one of Italy's prime skiing destinations; major resorts include Cortina D'Ampezzo, Madonna di Campiglio, Selva/Sella Ronda and the Bormio Ski Resort. Skiing is also possible in **Central Italy**, in resorts such as Abetone (Tuscany), Campo Imperatore (Abruzzo), and in several other places in Abruzzo, down to Mount Etna in Sicily.

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## ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

**INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW** - Verona, November 11 thru 14; an exhibition of equestrian activities and equipment. The event takes place at Polo Fieristico, (viale del Lavoro, 8) in Verona and 1999 was the 101st celebration of the event. Horses, trainers, competitors and observers arrive from all corners of the world for this event. On the opening day of the event (Sunday) there is a regal parade with period costumes and decorated horses, through the city. During the events, there are authentic period horse-drawn carriages which will taxi you from the city center to the grounds of the event, which are also within walking distance of the well preserved ruins of the third largest Roman arena in Italy (which in its time could seat 21,000 people) and the house and balcony from below which Romeo serenaded Juliet.

**BARI MARATHON** – Bari, PUGLIA; third Sunday of November. This is a fully sanctioned 42.195 km (which translates to 26 miles and 385 yards) event.

**FIERA of SANTA CATERINA** - citta of Gorgonzola, LOMBARDIA; from the third Friday of November through the last Sunday. Since it was first celebrated in the year 1785, this is one of the few fairs that has run without interruption (including during the middle ages and World War II). The myriad of activities include concerts, dancing, theatrical performances, horse races, markets of all types including a vast selection of foods and wines. The city's namesake Gorgonzola cheese is in plentiful abundance as is a widespread sense of joy.

**INTERNATIONAL ALL - BREED DOG SHOW** - Genova, LIGURIA, third Saturday of November - includes over 2,000 entrants that travel from all parts of the world to participate.

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

**CHESTNUT HARVEST AND CELEBRATION** - Calabria and Alps/Apennines areas; all of November. Since the times of the Romans up until the 1950s the chestnut constituted a simple alternative to bread. No part of the chestnut tree was wasted: roof beams, floors, cupboards, beehives, troughs and gutters. Its leaves softened the pallets of animals in stalls, while the tannin extracted from its bark was used for tanning hides. And naturally there was its nut (eaten fresh, preserved or dried) which provided flour and food for months after the harvest. There is a great appreciation for the chestnut as it finds a place on almost every table in Italy as Christmas time approaches. Chestnut festivals help to preserve the traditions associated with this age old mainstay.

**SAFFRON HARVEST and CELEBRATION** - all of November; Navelli, L'Aquila province, ABRUZZO; farmers 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. Each grower produces between 100 grams and six kilograms of saffron each year .....testimony to the value of the neon-yellow spice whose value is calculated not in tons but in grams and, at the maximum, in kilograms.

**HOMAGE TO OLIVE OIL** - festivals throughout all of Italy all month long with tastings from the newly pressed, virgin olive oil.



## BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBRE 2006

### BUON COMPLEANNO !!

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

**SING.....**

"Happy Birthday to You"

## PULZONE's CINEMA PIC

by Katherine Pulzone, IAA Board Member

### STROMBOLI

1949

Directed by Roberto Rossellini, starring Ingrid Bergman. (You all remember the affair between Roberto and Ingrid that caused one of the biggest scandals of the time.) Filmed entirely on location on and around Stromboli, this black and white film is gripping and Ingrid's performance phenomenal, to say the least. She plays a young Czech war refugee trapped in a loveless marriage in a small ancient fishing village – living with the barest and bleakest of necessities and suffering from loneliness while her husband spends much time at sea. The only way to escape is by climbing the hot, black volcanic mountain by herself and so she sets off by herself to do just that. Sidebar: You just have to see this movie!!



## Giorno del Ringraziamento

Thanksgiving Day

### CHE PASSA ?

(WHAT'S HAPPENING ?)

**IAA GENERAL MEETING and BOARD ELECTIONS – DINNER** .... the annual election gathering will be at Clifton's Pizza, at 2230 Frankfort Avenue on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 6:30pm.

Schedule of Evening's Events and Dinner Menus: There will be a cash bar social from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The elections will be at 7:00 p.m. Immediately following the elections, there will be an all-you-can-eat buffet Italian dinner that will include stuffed mushrooms, tossed salad, assorted pizzas, chicken tetrazini, garlic breadsticks, and a non-alcoholic drink.

**Price \$\$\$:** The entire cost of the dinner is only \$9.00 (\$5.00 for kids) for those who RSVP by the November 12th deadline ..... and \$12.00 for those who do not RSVP. The price of the dinner includes tax and tip.

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**Deadline for Reservations:** Sunday, November 12, 2006. To ensure that Clifton's prepares enough food for all of those who will be attending, we need to have a head-count prior to the event. **To make your reservation for this event, please contact Marty Hanka** by phone at 456-1636 or E-mail at [mphanka@insightbb.com](mailto:mphanka@insightbb.com) by Sunday, November 12, 2006 and indicate the number of individuals who will be attending with you.

Handicap Accessibly: Clifton's is handicap accessible.

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**Also ....Bring to Cliftons on Election Nite  
.... your check-book or items for Troops in:**

**IAA's  
Operation: AMORE (Love)**

**Boxes will be available for those disposable cameras, DVDs, snacks, playing cards, and toiletries, also, international prepaid phone cards.....see Suggested Snack Food Items and Suggested Toiletries on p. 5 & 6. 100% of your donations (cash or items) will go toward these packages.**

### DOWN ON THE FARM – Turkey Talk



**INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW** - The red fleshy mass that grows over a turkey's beak is called a **snood**, and the flesh under its chin is a **wattle**. The **caruncle** is the red skin on the turkey's neck. When a tom turkey is trying to attract a hen, his snood and wattle turn bright red. If frightened, the snood and wattle turn blue, and if the bird is feeling ill, these areas will turn a very pale shade.

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### FRANKFORT SKI CLUB TRAVELS TO ITALY

**Bormio, Italy-** Mar 9-17; visit this historic city founded by the Romans! Their mineral springs still remain. Ski a mountain with more vertical than any in North America. The cable car is just across the street from our hotel. Four optional day tours will be offered for those who prefer to explore the region. Daily breakfasts and dinners and OVSC welcome and farewell parties are included!

**Rome/Florence, Italy-** These two cities are our post-trip extension from Bormio. We'll spend 2 nights in Florence and 3 in Rome. Each includes a city tour and daily breakfasts. For more information contact Tim Buckley at [tbuckley@bellsouth.net](mailto:tbuckley@bellsouth.net)

### ITALIAN AEROBATIC TEAM



### "Silver Chicken" vs "Charlie Fucsia"

Aerobatics has a long standing tradition in Italy, mainly due to military activity. After WW2 the Italian Air Force continued to make an effort to keep the pace. In 1976 Italy organized its first Aerobatic Competition as a part of Sport Aerobatics in Italy. Since then, the number of pilots has steadily grown, aircraft are becoming new and modern, experimental aircraft have been built, and the Team flies in National Championship in all categories. Recent National results were outstanding: more than 70 pilots competed in 8 contests, the flight level is improving, new aircraft are flying and, for the first time, more than 15 pilots qualified for Unlimited Category...FLY HIGH ITALY

## BRING ITALY INSIDE YOUR HOME

(Wallpaper Murals, Tiles, Stencils, Artist)

If you can't get to Italy, bring Italy to you...Anyone who loves Italy wants something around them to remind them of Italy's beauty. Why not decorate your home to make you feel like you are in Italy? Or at least to give the illusion that Italy is not so far away.

Not artistic? Several options are available. First, you may arrange for an artist, like IAA's Katherine Pulzone, to transform the wall section, stairwell, niche, etc. into a wonderful scene. Second, here's a variety of techniques:

Wallpaper Mural



Border Roll



Tile Mural

Kitchen Backsplash Tile



Posters



### ITALIAN GYMNAST, VANESSA FERRARI TAKES GOLD IN "WORLD ALL- AROUND"

Vanessa Ferrari became the first Italian gymnast, man or woman, to win the world all-around recently, putting on a dazzling show to capture the gold medal. Ferrari overcame a fall on the balance beam with a high-flying routine.

## ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi

### Vowels/Vocali

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

**Nouns/Il Nome:** Genders ... **masculine** - "o" or "e", **feminine** usually ends in "a"

### ITALIAN PRESENT TENSE & VERBS

The Italian present tense (*presente*) is happening right now. It's a simple tense—that is, the verb form consists of one word only. The present tense of a regular Italian verb is formed by dropping the infinitive ending and adding the appropriate endings to the resulting stem.

The present tense of a regular *-are* verb is formed by dropping the infinitive ending *-are* and adding the appropriate endings to the resulting stem (*-o, -i, -a, -iamo, -ate, -ano*). See the table below for a sample conjugation of *amare* (to love).

#### PRESENT TENSE CONJUGATION OF AMARE (TO LOVE)

PERSON	SINGULAR	PLURAL
I	(io) amo (I love)	(noi) amiamo (we love)
II	(tu) ami (you love, familiar)	(voi) amate (you love, familiar)
III	(Lei) ama (you love, formal)	(Loro) amano (you love, formal)
	(lui/lei) ama (he/she loves)	(loro) amano (they love)

The infinitive of first-conjugation Italian verbs (those ending in *-are*) and the conjugated forms of the present tense are pronounced like most Italian words: the stress falls on the next-to-last syllable. The one exception is the third person plural form *amano*, which is pronounced AH-mah-noh, with stress falling on the first syllable.

### Remember ....

Italians also speak with their hands

### Il concetto di adolescenti di Creazione

Dio non ha creato il mondo in 7 giorni; è trastullato per 6 giorni e ha tirato poi una nottata passata in piedi.

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### Teenagers Concept of Creation

God did not create the world in 7 days; he messed around for 6 days and then pulled an all-nighter.



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no more than only an hour and half to two hours. I encourage any IAA member who is interested in getting more involved in the organization by becoming a board member to contact me by phone at 282.3938 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu <<mailto:bcarducc@ius.edu>> for more information prior to the election meeting.

For those IAA members who are not yet ready to make the commitment to becoming a board member, attending the election meeting to cast your vote for those who are is also a critical way to show your active involvement in the IAA. So, I hope to see all of you at the IAA election meeting for some fantastic food, fun fellowship, and good old fashion Italian politics. More details regarding the menu, price, and schedule of events for the election meeting can be below in this issue of the newsletter. Make sure you come early to ensure that you get your seat to eat and cast your vote.

Warmest regards,  
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

**MAROSTICA** (north of Venice) - "THE" Chess Game dates back to 1454 when two noblemen fell in love with the



beautiful Lionora, daughter of the Lord of the castle. They challenged each other to a duel to win the hand of Lionora. The Lord, not wanting to loose them in a

duel decided the two rivals should play a chess game ....to take place on the square with armed living persons "chess pieces" in the presence of the entire population This event is repeated today just like the first time, in a framework of sumptuous costumes, multi-color banners, martial parades, exquisite elegance.

### Foreign Service Institute

The Foreign Service Institute is our Federal Government's primary training institution for officers and support personnel of the U.S. foreign affairs community, preparing American diplomats and other professionals to advance U.S. foreign affairs interests overseas and in Washington.



# Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11

.....remember the living, the dead, and the current troops

Angel Fire

ALL GAVE SOME .....  
.....SOME GAVE ALL



USS Arizona Memorial



Veterians



### R & R - VICENZA

Troop's new Rest and Recuperation location is where they can take a break and enjoy cultural and sporting activities. Vicenza is approximately 60 km west of Venice. Caserma Ederle (Camp Ederle) in Vicenza offers the usual amenities – post-exchange, commissary, theater, clubs, and extensive morale, welfare and recreation opportunities. The Vicenza Exchange is the largest Mall Complex (over 80,000 square feet) south of the Alps.

### IAA's Operation: AMORE (Love)

Help send holiday care packages to troops .....100% of your donations (cash or items listed here and on p. 6) will go toward these packages. Money donations will buy items specifically requested by military personnel: such things as prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries, DVDs, snacks and playing cards. Send or deliver your check (made out to IAA) to Lou & Mary Perry, 7809 Windgate Dr; Louisville, KY 40291 by Thursday, November 16. Questions..???... call 231-7702.....

### Suggested Snack Food Items

All food items must be appropriately sealed / and prepackaged

- Beef Jerky
- Canned Chicken and/or packs – pop top
- Canned Fruit
- Cappuccino
- Cereal Bars / high protein bars / Granola Bars / Energy Bars
- Crystal Light
- Gum
- Hard Candy wrapped (no chocolate in summer)
- Honey Packets
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Instant Coffee / coffee creamer
- Instant Oatmeal
- Microwavable Popcorn
- Nuts
- Sugar Packets / Sweet N Low Packets

### Suggested Toiletries

- Advil, Tylenol, Cold/Cough drops, Neosporin
- Anti-Bacterial Wipes
- Baby Oil, Baby Powder
- Baby Wipes
- Black Shoe Polish
- Body Wash / soap
- Chapstick
- Cotton Balls
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Eye Drops
- Face Soap
- Deet
- Lotion for body and hand
- Mouthwash
- Nasal Spray/Drops
- Packaged Wet Ones / baby wipes
- Pepto Bismol
- Q-Tips
- Shampoo
- Sunscreen
- Toenail/Fingernail Clippers
- Tooth Paste
- Tooth Picks
- Men: Razors, Shaving Cream in a tube
- Women: Panty Liners, feminine hygiene products, conditioner, brush/comb hair clips/bands, non-aerosol hair spray, hair gel
- Disposable cameras
- DVDs
- Sewing Kits
- Balls: soccer ball, baseballs, basketballs, volley ball sets, football
- Board Games
- Playing Cards
- Dart Board with darts
- Zip-Lock Bags & Plastic lock containers

### Prepaid International Calling Cards

Our goal in this area is for 10 (500 units each) calling cards.....total cost is about \$390.

### SEVEN REASONS TO VOTE

Think this Election Day doesn't matter?

Think again ..... how about Social Security, Medicare, Long-Term Care, Economic Security, Health Care Reform, Integrity in Government, and Presidential Power and Congressional Oversight .....where do your candidates stand on these issues?.....AIM your vote on Tuesday, November 7

### POLITICAL PARTIES IN ITALY

Political parties in Italy are organized into two dominant political coalitions. Numerous parties operate; no one party often has a chance of gaining power alone, and parties must work with each other to form coalition governments.

There have been frequent government turnovers since 1945.....some refer to it as: "**maintaining equilibrium**", others say "**political instability**", and some label it the "**imperfect bipolarism**", referring to more proper bipolarism in other western countries (the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, France etc.) where right-wing and left-wing parties alternated in government.

**House of Freedoms** is an Italian center-right party **alliance** led by national media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi. It is composed of:

- Forza Italia
- National Alliance
- Northern League - Movement for Autonomy
- Union of Christian and Centre Democrats
- Socialist Party New PSI
- Italian Republican Party
- Liberal Reformers
- Christian Democracy for the Autonomies

**The Union** is an Italian centre-left political party **coalition**. It is led by Romano Prodi. The Union is the direct heir of the Olive Tree coalition. However, it also includes sectors of the radical left which were not part of the Olive Tree.

The parties which are currently part of the coalition are:

- Democrats of the Left
- Daisy-Democracy is Freedom
- Communist Refoundation Party
- Federation of the Greens
- Party of Italian Communists
- Italian Democratic Socialists
- Italian Radicals
- Italy of Values
- Popular
- The Socialists
- Pensioners' Party