

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

FONTINA CHEESE - Valle d'Aosta, Autumn; is the only Italian region to produce Fontina cheese and Fall is the perfect time to climb the region's 2,000 meter high pastures to taste it. Experts claim that the region's climate, flora and unique breeds of cows create a special environment that can't be found elsewhere and, hence, provide Fontina cheese with a flavor that can't be replicated anywhere in the world. Characterized by breathtaking landscapes, the region is known for its beautiful meadows, rhododendron bushes, torrents, waterfalls, peaks and slopes.

HALLOWEEN - October 31; this is an Americanization of All Saints Day and seems to be gaining in popularity in the cities everywhere. Many Italians disagree with its manifestation but, over the last couple of years, a growing number of Italians are catching on to Halloween. In a poll 65% wanted to see the bewitching night made a national holiday. The Italians that do dress their kids up and take them door-to-door to collect candy are very vague on the meaning of the day. They just know that it started in America and like the fact that it makes their kids happy. It's difficult to predict where and to what degree this semi-holiday will be celebrated. It's in its infancy.

MARATHON OF ITALY - second Sunday of October; Carpi (region of Emilia Romagna) memorial Enzo Ferrari - this marathon has become one of the most well-known and best attended fully sanctioned runs in northern Italy (you'll rub shoulders with some of the most famous athletes in the world of running). The race starts in Maranello and arrives at its traditional finish in Carpi. In this way, the organizers hope to pay homage to Enzo Ferrari, who, in the spirit of this great day, can watch his first loved sport since he was a runner and an athlete before becoming a motor-racing legend.

INTERNATIONAL NAUTICAL SHOW - second week of October; Genova (region of Liguria) - this is one of the most important boat and accessory expositions in the world since its inception in 1960. Among its 1,400 exhibitors is represented every nautical theme and subject from tall sailing ships from the 1800s' (that are anchored in the harbor that can be toured) to grand yachts that can be tried and purchased to skiffs, rafts, canoes, rowboats, kayaks, gondolas, clothing, add-ons, accessories and anything else related to floating on water that you can think of. Manufacturers come from all over the world to show off their best at this show. Events come to a close with the 'Millevele' sailboat regatta on the closing Saturday and a non-competitive race open to everyone on the closing Sunday.

TRUFFLE FAIR, with truffle contest; 2nd and 3rd Sundays of October; Moncalvo (region of Piemonte); a golden truffle trophy is awarded to the finder of the heaviest truffle. This is a good event to attend for those who want to learn the art of truffle hunting.

EURO-CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL - 3rd thur 4th week-end; Perugia (region of Umbria) an annual event dedicated to cocoa sweetmeat for which this ancient Etruscan town is world famous. Some 300,000 sweet-toothed visitors devour 50 tons of the high-calorie indulgence during the nine-day blow-out. Besides being a drop dead gorgeous medieval city, Perugia is also home to the Etruscan Chocohotel, the first hotel in the world to be entirely dedicated to the sweet temptation. Even the building is shaped like a gigantic bar of chocolate, with each square an individual room.



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BIRTHDAYS --- OTTOBRE 2005

BUON COMPLEANNO !!

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>
Canto	MacKenzie	10/15
Canto	Sean Michael	10/12
Castagno	Paul	10/2
DeVuono	Lewis	10/18
Kabel	Mike	10/17
Lenzi	Paul John	10/30
Norton	Cynthia	10/21
Ochsner	Angela	10/20
Saylor	Byrd	10/7
Smith	Corey	10/25
Smith	Gelsena	10/27
Spradlin	Katie	10/29
Vaccaro	Del Marie	10/13

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).

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in the September 2005 issue of the IAA Newsletter. In closing, as always, I hope to see all of you at all of the upcoming IAA events during the rest of the year.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

CHE PASSA! (WHAT'S HAPPENING !)

Jim Vito Flitt, IAA PROGRAM DIRECTOR

OCTOBER 10 (Monday)IAA Awards Dinner....see article – p. 1. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY.**

NOVEMBER 16 (Wednesday) Elections/Dinner at Cliftons. **THE BOARD NEEDS 4 NEW MEMBERS.**

DECEMBER 11 - IAA CHRISTMAS GATHERING

PULZONE's CINEMA PIC

**** **“ANZIO”** Starring Robert Mitchum, Peter Falk and Arthur Kennedy. This is riveting war drama **filmed in Anzio, Italy** during one of the bloodiest battles of World War II.

I grew up in New York, the first female of my generation born after 9 male grandchildren, so war movies were watched and some of course stayed with me. Anzio is one of many. **American soldiers landed in Anzio with allies in 1944**, Mitchum and Falk as war correspondents telling troops that the road to Rome is wide open. Kennedy, who played General Lesley doesn't use this information and tries to build a coastal stronghold but the Germans outflank our boys by enclosing the Anzio beachhead. This is a true story and this fact leads to nail biting for the viewer. This battle rages for four months resulting in over 30,000 casualties but the Allies smash through the German lines to a victorious march to Rome.

This film is outstanding and for our WWII veterans, we owe it to them to understand the history. You will then visit Anzio with a much greater respect and knowledge for this beautiful and now historic area outside of Rome. For these reasons, I recommend this movie, perhaps on Veterans or Memorial Day as a tribute to those 30,000 casualties.



Anzio Beach today



CARRETTO (cart)

The original cart was made back in Roman days. The first written material about the cart was in 1330. The carreto was used for the transporting of materials such as; wood, gravel, produce and also to carry the owner's family to town and other trips.

Though the designs were similar, the styles of the different cart-makers revealed from which section in Sicily the carretto was made....reds and yellows, aqua and blues. The side panels were scenes done by master artists usually depicting stories from several of the following sources; the Bible, lives of the saints, ancient history, stories inspired by puppet theater, or the adventures of Charlemagne's knights. Other parts were carved and painted with designs such as saints, sirens, mermaids, water horses and architectural facades of significant buildings throughout Sicily.

The carts were constructed by a team of artisans; the wheelwright, carver, blacksmith, artists, painters and assemblers. Each part of the carretto had a name; stanghe [shaft], cassa [box], etc. For holidays and special occasions even the horse or mule that pulled the cart was decorated in a finery of feathers, shiny discs and tassels. Thousands were made in 12 cities and towns throughout Sicily. The artisans gained notoriety and fame from their work on these carts as they were held in a high esteem equal to that of the fine artists of their day.

After 1955 the streets of Palermo and other towns were overtaken by cars and Vespa motor scooters making travel by cart impossible. Thus, few carts were made except for the purpose of using them in special displays or to fulfill the commissions of wealthy patrons.

Restoring Ancient Stabiae

The Restoring Ancient Stabiae project - located only 3 miles from Pompeii, the future **Archaeological Park of Stabiae** will be a cultural asset to humanity as well as a major agent for economic development in Italy's Region of Campania.

The project is one of the largest cultural and scientific collaborations between the United States and Italy to date. Its mission is to excavate, study and transform the 150-acre archaeological site of ancient Stabiae, featuring the largest and best-preserved group of seaside Roman villas ever discovered, into Europe's most innovative **Archaeological Park**.



Between 2005 and 2008, a world-class exhibition on Stabiae and the project called ***In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite*** will tour eight cities across the United States. Featuring 72 ancient artworks and artifacts, including 25 original Roman frescoes, *In Stabiano* is a true testimonial of the rich heritage of Roman civilization and society. The USA towns for the tour are:

Little Rock, AR - **ARKANSAS ART CENTER**,
February 11 - Held over until May 15, 2005

Reno, NV - **NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART**,
October 21, 2005 - January 22, 2006

San Diego, CA - **SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART**,
February 18, 2006 - May 14, 2006

Atlanta, GA - **MICHAEL C. CARLOS MUSEUM OF ART**, Emory
University, - August 5, 2006 - October 22, 2006

Toledo, OH - **TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART**,
November 20, 2006 - February 12, 2007

Madison, WI - **ELVEHJEM MUSEUM OF ART**, University of Wisconsin,
- March 17, 2007 - June 8, 2007

Dallas, TX - **DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART**,
July 9, 2007 - October 11, 2007

Jacksonville, FL - **THE CUMMER MUSEUM OF ART & GARDENS**
November 7, 2007 - February 3, 2008

ITALIAN LESSONS – 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"

It's "a" and "o" Again (gender)

Most feminine words end in "a"; most masculine words end in "o". The gender of words that end in "e" (which can be either) must be memorized. "La" is the feminine singular article; "il" is one of the masculine singular articles.

l'automobile (lah ah-toh-moh-BEE-leh, the car) Fem
la carta (lah CAR-tah, the paper) Fem
la chiave (lah k'YAH-veh the key) Fem
chiesa (lah k'YEH-sah the church) Fem
la banca (la BAHN-kah, the bank) Fem
il dottore (ell doht-TOH-rey, the doctor) Mas
la farmacia (lah fahr-mah-CEE-ah, the drugstore) Fem
il gabinetto (ell gah-bee-NEHT-toh, the toilet)
il museo (ell moo CEE-oh, the museum) Mas
la porta (la POR-tah, the door) Fem
il quadro (ell KWAMD-roh, the picture) Mas
la sedia (lah SEDH-yah, the chair) Fem
la tavola (lah tah-VOH-lah, the table) Fem
il telefono (ell teh-leh-FOH-noh, the telephone) Mas
il treno (ell TREH-noh, the train) Mas
la via (lah VEE-ah, the street) Fem

Remember

**Italians also speak
with their hands**

**Intesa,
Vi darò due della mia polpetta
se votate per me sul premio di
successo di IAA.**

English Translation:

**Remember Our Agreement,
I will give you two of my
meatballs if you vote for me on
the IAA Achievement Award.**

