

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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NEXT SOCIAL ACTIVITY
FESTA ITALIANA
Sept. 8 & 9
(see Poster p 6)



MILLE GRAZIE – FESTA Board and Italian - Friendly BB&T bank

The IAA Board would like to recognize the "Mille Grazie efforts" of the FESTA chair – **Bernie Carducci**, the FESTA coordinator – **Mike Pollio**, and the primary sponsor – **BB&T bank**. Got a FESTA questioncall Bernie at 282.3938 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

OTHER IAA Board FESTA Chairs whom we appreciate with a sincere "Grazie" are:

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- Fund Raising Mike Pollio & IAA;
- Spaghetti Eating Contest – Bernie/Ray

LUIGI & GUIDO from CARS

Voices:
Tony Shalhoub & Guido Quaroni



Hey Guido, where's "Mater" --- we'll be late for FESTA's Bocce demonstration by Kentucky's "Mr. Bocce" - Luigi Perri.

Il Messaggio dal Presidente:

The end of the summer can only mean one thing for members of the IAA-the **FESTA ITALIANA**. For the third year in a row, the IAA will be holding its festival in the parking lot of St. James Church on the second weekend in September--September 8th, 9th, & 10th. There are a few new changes to announce, but not too many because we did not want to change what has become one of the premiere ethnic heritage festivals in the city. The changes to note include **BB&T** being the presenting sponsor. The additional funding provided by BB&T made it possible to obtain radio announcements on 102.3FM-The MAX, one of Louisville's most popular stations. Such exposure is sure to increase the awareness of **FESTA**. So make sure to listen to 102.3FM during the week for our FESTA radio spots. The third big change is that a third day has been added to the festivities. On Sunday, September 10th from 1-7 p.m., the grounds of St. James Church will be turned over to the Highland Commerce Guild for their first annual "Pizza Fling." The Pizza Fling will present several local pizza vendors competing for "The People's Choice Pizza Award," which will be determine by the vendor who sells the most slices of pizza.

While there are a few changes to be noted with FESTA, many of the most important elements will remain the same, including the delicious food, great music, and family-friendly atmosphere. The other thing that will remain the same is the **need for volunteers**. I hope that when you are contacted by members of the IAA FESTA Volunteer Committee to work a few hours at the festival that you step up and give of your time to this most important event. **FESTA ITALIANA** is the most significant way to help people in the area to become aware of the Italian heritage

**CHE PASSA!
(WHAT'S HAPPENING !)**

FESTA ITALIANA – Louisville Style

* **IAA INFORMATION BOOTH** at the FESTA is looking for family photos and vacation photos from trips to ITALY for our display. Please give copies (not originals) with your family name and any information about the photo to any IAA BOARD MEMBER OR MAIL TO : Ms. Mary Rose Mattei, 1432 St. James Court, Louisville, KY. 40208-2127. Also, IAA FESTA needs members to work in the IAA INFORMATION BOOTH FOR TWO HOUR SHIFTS on either FRIDAY or SATURDAY. Please contact Mary Rose @ 502-290 5200. We are looking for a large map or posters of ITALY to use at this year's FESTA. Can you supply us with maps or travel posters or know some one who can? Call Mary Rose.

* **PASTRY BOOTH** chairperson Ann Moir says that there is a need for pastries. If you need a "pick-up", call Ann at 893-3754.

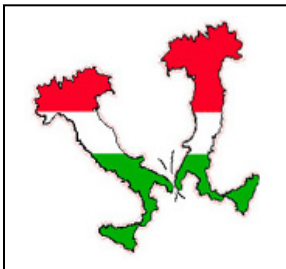
* **TICKET BOOTH** chairperson Lou Perry is seeking more volunteers to help in the Ticket Booth. All purchases are done with tickets. Therefore, visitors will exchange their dollars for tickets..... making the Ticket Booth a very busy place. Your help (2 hour shifts) would be greatly appreciated. Call Lou at 231-7702 or email L4Perri@insightbb.com to fill the needed slots.

Con't from p.1 – President

in this community and to increase the visibility of and membership in the IAA. If you have not already done so, you can volunteer by contacting Paul Castagno by phone at 425-1082 or E-mail at p.castagno@insightbb.com or Lou Perry by phone at 231-7702 or E-mail at L4Perri@insightbb.com

To close, I will just say I hope you enjoyed the many events presented by the IAA this summer, and I look forward to seeing you at FESTA.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President



CLICK YOUR HEELS

Watch the area's top **Italian Dance Troop** do what they do so well. Then join in for the fun of Italian dancing. The Italian traditional dances are the most varied of any country in Europe, because they reflect the influence of many conquering or migrating peoples over a span of three thousand years. They include line, couple,

improvisational, carnival, courtship, social, wedding, religious, competition, game, and singing dances. The dances are rich in tradition but are not complex. The working class in Italy did not have time to learn complex dances. Also, from bocce to roaming musicians to internationally acclaimed "PINO", local favorite restaurants, kids playground, gelato, wines & beers, and more, there is plenty of fun to be had at FESTA ITALIANA – Louisville.

**Treat Your "Honey" To An Outing
At FESTA ITALIANA
(volunteer 2 hrs – play 4 hrs)**

**BIRTHDAYS: Settembre 2006
BUON COMPLEANNO !!**

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate
Al	Damico	9/13
Alexa	Beilman	9/6
Phyllis	Eagletree	9/5
John Alan	Lanning	9/7
Geraldine	Lenzi	9/16
Sam, Sr	Marrillia,	9/29
Andrian	Pellegrini	9/24
Stephanie	Geddes	9/11
Nicole	Bukowski	9/11
Lucy	Marra	9/14
Barbara	Felker	9/18
John	Perri	9/15
Suzanne	Palumbo	9/22
Mary	Perry	9/15
Carol	Schweitzer	9/27

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"

**FESTA Garden Is One
Lively Gathering Area**



ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAY - National Holiday in all of Italy - fourth Sunday of September. An event that has been precipitated by the European Union during which many secret, but well-known, gardens and private courtyards are opened to the public for both days of the weekend. For example, near Rome, the **Doganella di Ninfa**, 2,000 square meters of private paradise can be visited as well as **Bisentina**, an island in a lake in the province of Viterbo which was used by a 16th-century Pope for meditation. In Palermo, many convents will be open as well as the 18th-century **Trabia Campofioriti**. Other highlights include the **Borromeo dynasty's villa** in Milan, special gardens in Abruzzo and Manoppello and the gardens of the **Cigogna Mozzoni villa** near Varese. These are but only a few examples of the many sequestered gardens that open their doors during this special weekend.

NAPLES PIZZA FESTIVAL - 2nd Saturday to the 3rd Sunday; Napoli. In the town that claims to have invented the pizza, their most capable pizza throwers light up fifty woodburning ovens at the **'Mostra d'Oltremare'** and spread out 3,000 to 4,000 chairs to accommodate the hoards of hungry mouths that descend to feed upon their delectable creations.

NOSE FESTIVAL - Soragna (Parma); 1st Sunday of September. This is a festival for the light of heart who want to laugh. This small agricultural town barely merits a footnote in the guidebooks of Emilia Romagna, but the National Nose Competition has seated Soragna as Italy's capital of self-irony. Drawing much larger crowds every year, the contestants are judged by a panel not only for their beauty, but also their size, shape and defining characteristics. Of course, any self-defacing get-together like this would not be complete without a "grosso" selection of wine, local foods and live music.

MONZA FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX - 1st full week of September; Monza (Lombardia)....Over a quarter of a million people pour into this park and its environs where they feel the bone-rattling thunder of the massive engines of Lamborghini, Ford, Peugeot and Michelin that fly past the stands faster than their sounds can follow them. The experience is one of ultimate, raw power barely contained by the mere mortals that fight to contain these rocket-cars as they careen around some of Europe's most trying racetrack curves

PICENO INTERNATIONAL MARATHON has been run since 1982; Grottazzolina (Marche).

THE WATCH OF SANTA CROCE; Lucca. September 12. At night all visible signs of electric power vanish; the cobblestone streets and sandstone buildings of the ancient walled city become illuminated by torch to celebrate the Volto Santo (an 11th-century wooden crucifix).

PULZONE's CINEMA PIC

by Katherine Pulzone, IAA Board Member

SHOESHINE (1946)

Italian with English subtitles

This movie, taken from actual events in Naples, Italy, is directed by Vittorio De Sica, and has been hailed as one of the greatest films of all time. The historical tale is about shoeshine boys in Naples who use their "streetwise" intellect and experience, to shine the occupying German's boots to re-enter the black market. The Neapolitans are starving, and the men and young boys are captured on the streets to do the German's bidding and are frequently executed. The shoeshine boys learn of German plots to kill the Italians and report information back to their people of Naples. These activities lead them to a brutal reform school. This movie won a special academy award.

Sidebar: During the German occupation in Naples, mothers, wives, girlfriends bravely through furniture out of their apartment windows at the German soldiers as they marched and paraded down the streets. When these women saw the Germans capturing their sons, fathers and husbands, they hit the Germans with their fists as well as anything they could get their hands on. These brave women were raped and murdered by the Germans, as well as the shoeshine boys being tortured and killed. Today, looking at the Bay of Naples stands a monument to the shoeshine boys that is both stunning and gut-wrenching.

Heads Bernie... Tails Carducci

IAA BOARD ELECTIONS

Soon, it will be IAA Board election time – November 15 at Clifton's pizza. We will need about 3 or 4 "new" people this year to help direct and lead the Italian-American community's efforts and activities. We are looking for "Yes People".....YES, I am interested; YES, I'll attend monthly Board meetings; YES, I have ideas; YES, I've got an opinion; YES, I enjoy group dynamics; YES, I'll do my part; YES, I'll have fun; YES, I want to be involved.....BUT, NO, I won't let this opportunity pass me by.....ANY IAA member is eligible to be on the Board..... call Bernie at 282.3938 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

METRIC

- Fahrenheit to Celsius (exact):
 - * degree F = degree C x 1.8 + 32.
 - * degree C = (degree F - 32.) / 1.8
- Travel: 1 Km. = 0. 621 mile & 1 mile =1. 609 Km.
- Speed of Light --186 000 miles/sec. -- 300 000 km/sec.
- Speed of Sound ---1090 feet/s --- 330 m/s
- **Clock am/pm to 24 hour clockYEA !!**
- Body Temperature 98.6 °F & 37 °C

“ITALY” IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

by Del Marie Vaccaro, IAA Member

I know that you're all aware that you are able to take a virtual trip to Italy by just "googling" any number of phrases....such as Italian food, Italian villa, or Tuscan art, etc. Are you also aware that similarly wonderful pseudo travel experiences are just as close as your nearest public library? The computer is a wonderful "can't live without it" tool for a bookworm/researcher but it will never take the place of holding a real book in your hands. Nothing beats turning the pages with excitement just to see the next beautiful picture, reading about someone's travel adventure, or using an illustrated Italian recipe book in your own kitchen.

I invite you to take a look at the public library's website—it's new and different these days and very user friendly. (www.lfpl.org) As an example, just enter the phrase "Italian travel" in the online catalog in the "keyword search" option. Up will pop sixty-two titles that will be of such unimaginable variety: everything from A Taste of Tuscany (cookbook) to I Love Lucy, the Complete Fifth Season (they apparently traveled to Italy during their fifth season) (video recording) and everything in between. You can enhance your Italian language skills with language tapes. You are able to visit the Great Lakes of Italy by watching a video recording of Lake Lugano and Lake Maggiore. A book that I recently enjoyed reading is Seasons in Basilicata: A Year in a Southern Italian Hill Village. The village the author chose to call home for a year is one very near Avigliano, the village where my husband's paternal grandfather and grandmother lived before immigrating to the United States in 1915.

Please join me in traveling to Italy the good old fashioned way—with a good book. I proudly call myself a Library Nerd, and I invite you to be one too. Try it—you'll like it!

GAS COST IN ITALY



If you are planning to rent a car in Italy, you may wish to know how much gas costs these days. One gallon of normal gas (not premium) costs around \$6.70. If you opt for a diesel rental car, which got quite a good mileage and for the same gallon of fuel you pay 'just' \$5.78 sigh...

ITALIAN LESSONS – 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"



A **verb** is a word that describes an action. Italian verbs change ---- are **conjugated** ----to agree in **person** (first, second, third) and **number** (singular or plural), and to reflect the **tense** (past, present, future, etc.) and **mood** (indicative, subjunctive, imperative) of the action.

Top 10 verbs

**essere andare potere avere
fare vedere sapere dare
parlare amare**

Italian verbs are divided into four conjugation groups according to the ending of the infinitive: **1.** -are (e.g., amare 'love'), **2.** -ere (temere 'fear', stress on the ending), **3.** -ere (e.g., perdere 'lose', stress on the root vowel) and **4.** -ire (e.g., capire 'understand'). Two of the groups end in -ere, the difference is in the stress.

There are some verbs ending in -rre, e.g., porre 'put'. These and dire 'say' and fare 'make' belong to the 3rd conjugation. Most of the irregular verbs are in the 3rd group.

Remember

Italians also speak with their hands



Quando lei il volontario lei fa un che amando cosa. Ciò la fa un che amando persona. Essere un volontario di FESTA – chiama 231-7702.

When you volunteer you are doing a loving thing. That makes you a loving person. Be a FESTA volunteer, call 231-7702.

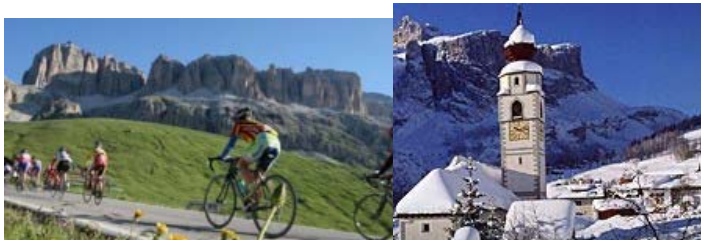


CINQUE TERRE to ALTA BADIA

First, we saw **CINQUE TERRE** -- a treasure of five seaside villages --- **Corniglia, Vernazza, Riomaggiore, Manarola, and Monterosso** offering up breathtaking views and plenty of hiking, sun, and outdoor activities for the adventurer. Now we go to **ALTA BADIA** with its six villages and hamlets--- **Corvara, Colfosco, La Villa, San Cassiano, Pedraces and La Val**. Try the sweeping emotion of finding yourself in the heart of the **Dolomites**, surrounded by springing torrents and



deep alpine lakes, wild gorges and suggestive plateaus full of flowers. In the villages you'll be involved in the simple everyday life of local people. **ALTA BADIA** is located in a large valley surrounded by the gorgeous peaks of the Dolomites. Because of its geographic position and also because of the warm sense of hospitality of its population, Alta Badia can be considered "**the heart of the Dolomites**".



SOSTENERE alla SCUOLA

(Back to School)

Age Groups and Educational Institutions - Italy

- * Under 3 years: Day nursery (Nidi d'infanzia)
- * 3 to 6 years: Nursery school (Scuola materna)
- * 6 to 10 years: Elementary school (Scuola elementare)
- * 11 to 14 years: Middle school (Scuola media)
- * 15 to 19 years: Upper secondary (Scuola secondaria di II grado):
 - Classical (Classica)
 - Scientific (Scientifica)
 - Technical (Tecnica)
 - Vocational (Professionale)
- * Higher education (4 to 6 years duration):
 - Universities (Università)

Italy, in terms of both compulsory and higher education, is currently undergoing a period of transition through which the basic structure of the state system, as a whole, is being overhauled. **These changes are designed not only to bring Italian education in line with the rest of the European Union** but also create a more flexible system, which better and more broadly educates those choosing to study in Italy.

With the implementation of the new system the age of compulsory education shifts upward to 16 years. The traditional liceo and istituto are replaced by an obligatory two-year period, biennio, of general studies, followed by three more years, triennio, of optional specialised education. New disciplines and a 34-hour week of classes are designed to better prepare students for their future careers.

HIGHER EDUCATION in Italy is based on a system in which universities are expected to fulfill the twin tasks of teaching and research. Italy (about the size of Nevada) has four types of higher education institutions, educating over 1.25million students:

- 42 state universities
- 6 private universities
- 3 technical universities, Politecnici
- 12 university institutes with special status

FESTA ITALIANA Crowd Enjoys The Food, Entertainment, and Relaxation



BB&T *presents* FESTA ITALIANA 2006

*The Italian-American
Association*

Sept. 8–9
**Authentic
Italian
Food & Music**

featuring the Pino Marelli Trio
games and activities

Friday **Saturday**
5 – 11 p.m. **2 – 11 p.m.**

Admission \$1

**Wine &
Beer Garden**

Sept. 10
Best of the Highlands Pizza Fling
presented by the Highlands Commerce Guild
Pizza-Eating Contest/People's Choice Award
Sunday – 1 to 7 p.m.



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