

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Messaggio di President

Well, we are already into the second month of the year. Have you kept any of your New Year's resolutions? Even if you have not kept any of the other resolutions you made at the beginning of the new year, you do not have to worry because you can still help me keep one of my most important resolutions: to get more people coming out to IAA events. And, I am going to make it very easy for you to help me do this by **inviting you and all of your family and friends to attend the IAA's Fat Tuesday Carnevale Celebration at Rocky's Italian Grill (Westport Rd) on Tuesday, February 5th beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

The Fat Tuesday Carnevale is the IAA's way of celebrating Mardi Gras in Louisville Italian Style. Like Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the **IAA's Carnevale** is going to feature great food, music, and even a parade. Yes, a parade! We are encouraging all IAA members to bring noisemakers and wear masks, festive hats, stands of beads, feather boas, and other costume items to create their wildest outfits to compete in for King and Queen of Carnevale. So go through your closets, attics, and basement and put together an outrageous outfit. The great food for the event will be made possible by IAA members being able to order off of the complete Rocky's menu. You can obtain more details about this great event on page 2 of this newsletter.

We want to let Louisville know that the Cajuns are not the only folks that know how to celebrate Mardi Gras. And because Rocky's is a family restaurant, I want to encourage all IAA members to bring any children and grandchildren, along with their friends and neighbors to the event—the more the merrier. So, let the good times roll and the saints come marching in! See you at Carnevale.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

P.S.
And, **do not forget to renew your IAA membership.** For your convenience, the form for doing so is included at the end of this edition of the newsletter.



Next Event

MEMBERSHIP DUES ... Last Call (see p. 7)
IAA CARNEVALE (Fat Tuesday) (see p.2)

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To help celebrate **Fat Tuesday**, February 5, 2008, the IAA is having a **CARNEVALE PARTY** at Rocky's Italian Restaurant that will include great Italian food and music. To help set the mood for the evening, IAA members and their guests are encouraged to dress in **Italian Carnevale** (green, white, & red) or New Orleans Marti Gras attire, which means festive hats, masks, feather boas, strands of beads, and other costume items. You can read more about CARNEVALE on p.2.

A KISS

A kiss is a peculiar proposition — of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing. It's the baby's right, the lover's privilege, and the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl, it shows faith; to a married woman, hope; and to an old maid, charity.....**February 14, Valentine's Day.**



KENTUCKY DERBY # 134

May 3, 2008

With the KY Derby "Prep Races" underway mainly in California and in Florida, the following horses are considered the "front runners" thus far in their bid to reach the Kentucky Derby:

Pyro	Court Vision	War Pass
Tale Of Ekati	Jedi Code	Into Mischief
Monba	Denis Of Cork	Massive Drama
	Colonel John	

HEADS UP ---- "FAT TUESDAY" IS THIS TUESDAY FEB. 5

CARNEVALE 2008 CELEBRATION

Italian American Association

Date: "FAT TUESDAY"
February 5th, 2008



Where: Rocky's Italian Grill (is handicap accessible)
(10206 Westport Rd, Louisville) ...502-339-0808

When: Any time from 5:00pm

Attire: Red-White-Green; or...or...or (be creative)

Bring a mask or wear a hat. Put on a few strands of colorful beads and bring your appetite. Rocky's is all Italian, all the time, with wonderful things to order from the menu. Drinking water is free!

"Off-the-Menu" items will include: subs, pizza, manicotti, lasagna, chicken marsala and other chicken dishes, salmon, spaghetti & meatballs, salads, etc.; and a full bar.

Listen to the best singers of Italian songs via satellite while you mingle with club members and keep this Italian tradition in Louisville.



IAA 2008 CARNEVALE 2008 CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 5, 2008

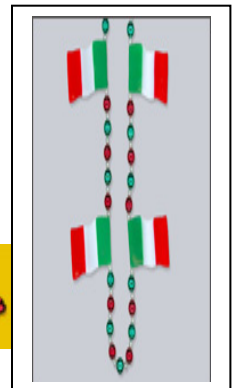
While Rocky's has been the traditional place to go in the area for fine Italian food for over 20 years, the IAA will be establishing a new Rocky's tradition by hosting the First Annual IAA **CARNEVALE** Celebration on "Fat Tuesday", February 5, 2008.

Attire: To help set the mood for **CARNEVALE**, IAA members and their family and friends are encouraged to wear festive hats, masks, feather boas, strands of beads, and other costume items in the traditional New Orleans' Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold, and green or in the traditional Italian colors of green, white, and red, as well as in any combination of these or other colors—the point being to dress in your most festive attire.

Food, Spirits, and Music: Since **CARNEVALE** in Italy is associated with great food, drinks, and music, all of these elements will be represented at Rocky's that night. For great food, IAA members will have the opportunity to order off of the Rocky's complete menu of area-favorite food items, such as subs, pizza, manicotti, chicken marsala, salmon, spaghetti & meatballs, salads, desserts, and Rocky's famous lasagna, which was a big seller at the *FESTA ITALIANA*. For festive drinks, IAA members can order wine and specialty cocktails from the bar. And for music, Rocky's will be broadcasting the best singers of Italian songs via satellite while you mingle with club members and help to keep the Italian tradition of **CARNEVALE** alive in Louisville.

Date and Time: February 5, 2007 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with dinner

RSVP: Contact: Kat Pulzone: 502-489-3715 or Paul Castagno: 502-425-1082 for information or reservations by Saturday, February 2, 2008.



CATCH THE EXCITEMENT

Che Passa!
(What's Happening?)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

CARNAVALE - February 5 (Fat Tuesday)
(see p.2)
FESTA ITALIANA 2008 --- September 12-13-14

ITALIAN COOKBOOKS

1. **Italian Family Secrets** ... this Louisville IAA cookbook is about to go into its third printing. Copies are available from any IAA Board member for \$19 (\$15 plus \$4 s/h). From antipasto to dolci, this IAA cookbook is a blend of many of our family's secrets.... for more information visit www.LouisvilleItalians.com ("Merchandise" link).

2. **Taste of Our Italian Heritage** ...the West Va. Grand Lodge Sons of Italy introduces its unique collection of favorite Italian family recipes from its filial lodges thru-out the state; proceeds benefit the scholarship and charity programs. In honoring the memory of their Nonnas and Mammias, the Lodge hopes the recipes will evoke some joyful memories that have been shared with family and friends. For a copy of the 148 page cookbook send a check to the "West Va. Grand Lodge – Sons of Italy" to past-president Bill Perry, 481 Mansfield St., Morgantown, WV 26505 for \$17 (book - \$15 + s/h - \$2).

BUON APPETITO !!



IAA VOLUNTEERS

**A helping hand, a willing heart.....
..... what a difference you make.**



LEAP YEAR

To keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year, a leap year (or intercalary year) is a year containing one or more extra days. Seasons and astronomical events do not repeat at an exact number of full days, so a calendar which had the same number of days in each year would over time drift with respect to the event it was supposed to track. By occasionally inserting an additional day into the year, the drift can be corrected. The **Revised Julian** calendar adds an extra day to February in years divisible by four, except for years divisible by 100 that do not leave a remainder of 200 or 600 when divided by 900. This rule gives an average year length of 365.242222... days.



Classified Ad (car):
Well Maintained - Oil changed every other leap year.

BIRTHDAYS
FEBRUARY 2008



BUON COMPLEANNO !!

- Azzara, Michael 2/13
- Beatty, Theodora 2/11
- Hanka, Matt 2/18
- Sangalli, Marjorie 2/17
- Mancini, Donna 2/18
- Perry, Lou 2/24
- Fragale, Frank 2/5

**from UNBRIDLED SPIRIT
to UNBRIDLED SPECULATION**

Italy or Kentucky

Like most people Italians aren't averse to placing a wager, be it the lottery, horse racing, etc; there are plenty of opportunities. For the majority of people everywhere, gambling is harmless fun. Yet, there is a problem of gambling addiction. Actually, the abuse of many enjoyable and necessary things makes you think that "abuse" is our middle name. We have wonderful, useful medicine, in comes abuse; we have political integrity, in comes abuse; we have a "fair days pay for a fair days work", in comes abuse; we have fine cars, in comes abuse; we have attuned contracts for bridge painting, in comes abuse; and we even have challenging golf, and, yes, we have abuse.

There are a number of organizations that work tirelessly to repair the damage caused by various abuses. While our legislative bodies struggle to get the right wording on up-coming legislation, they need to plan for this abuse, for it is sure to come. The "big bucks" people (gaming industry) should be required to set aside a % of the "take" to go toward the care of this new, growing bred of abusers.

BOCCE WINNERS

The winners of the IAA January event "Bocce Tournament" were a father and son team - Darren and Charlie Francesconi (undefeated). Second place also went to a father and son team - Paul, Phil, and Larry Cortagno. The winners will reign as the Gotcha Bocce "champs" until the next tournament.

Remember

**Italians also speak
with their hands**

**Theo chiede, le moffette
celebrano San
Valentino? Sicuro,
Giovanni dice, sono
molto l'odore-imental.**

Theo asks, Do skunks
celebrate Valentine's Day?
Sure, John says, they're very
scent-imental.



NOTE: This form will NOT appear again in this newsletter; and lists will be purged ...2-29-08.

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LOUISVILLE
Membership Application Form

January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

New Membership _____DATE joining club _____

Renewal Membership _____

Lifetime Membership _____ **Recruited by** _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial/Name _____

Address: City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ Occupation _____

Work Phone # _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Birthplace and Origin of Heritage _____ Birth Date _____

SPOUSE INFORMATION: (Fill out if spouse is also joining the club at this time.)

Last Name First Name Maiden Name _____

Work Phone # _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Birthplace and Origin of Heritage _____ Occupation _____

Birth Date _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: All membership dues are renewable on January 1 of each year.

ADULT _____ \$15 per year per person (18 and older)

YOUTH (Free) _____ age 17 and under with parent membership

LIFETIME _____ \$125 one time payment per person

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND BIRTHDAYS OF ALL YOUTH (17 & under) MEMBERSHIPS

May we include your membership information in the IAA directory? Yes No

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please return completed form and dues to: Make checks payable to the **ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**

Mary Perry, Treasurer

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