

# ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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## Messaggio del Presidente

As we enter the month of February, the thing that comes to mind for most people is **Valentine's Day**; the day most often associated with love and affection. While most folks would associate the emotion of love with passion, we all know that it goes much deeper than that. **True love** is represented by a concern and commitment one has for others. As a longtime member of the IAA, I have seen how our members have shown concern and commitment for others. This concern was demonstrated most clearly last year in the efforts of the IAA members as they rallied together to organize the highly successful fundraiser to help to the victims of the **L'Aquila earthquake**. It is demonstrated by the concern we show for one another with the prayers and social support we offer when finding out that those close to the IAA are ill. But in more subtle ways, we also respond to the concerns expressed by the members of the IAA. As an example, in a recently survey IAA members to let us know what concerns you have about our organization, along with suggestions as to what might be done to address these concerns; the response centered around a desire by our members to include more programs that involve Italian-language lessons, more community-based events involving other organizations, such as local wineries and bookstores, and the return of the **Festa Italiana**. Well, I am happy to report that in response to your expressed concerns, the IAA board has formed specific committees that will be addressing many of these suggestions. For example, on February 13th, IAA will be participating in the **"CARNEVALE Masquerade Ball/Dance/Pot-Luck"** (see p. 2 for details). *Carnevale* is the Italian version of *Marti Gras*. Since, as in the past, this event will be well attended, and with space being limited, you must **R.S.V.P.** by February 6<sup>th</sup> to Teresa Crocco by phone at 502-648-9307 or E-mail at [t.crocco25@bellsouth.net](mailto:t.crocco25@bellsouth.net). You can read more about the **Carnevale** in the *"Uniscali"* ("Join Us" on p.2).

So, rest assured that the IAA is responding to your concerns in ways that will make 2010 a fun and exciting year. I hope the members of the IAA will share their commitment to each other by coming out and supporting our events. And, please do not hesitate to let me know what else you feel the IAA can do to "show you some love" not only during the month of February but throughout the year.

Warmest regards, Bernardo J. Carducci, President

## Next Event

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BE MY VALENTINE

## "THE" BALCONY Verona, Romeo & Juliet

The **most romantic place in Italy** might just be the famous "Balcony Of Juliet" in Verona, and the most romantic moment at the most romantic place in Italy has to be Valentines Day.



The balcony is part of a 14th century building known as Juliet's House in Shakespeare's play *Romeo & Juliet*. The building was the family home of the Cappellos (Juliet's family and the Capuletis in the play).



## ADOPTING A CHILD FROM ITALY

**"For an adoptive family"** (Per una famiglia adottiva); this booklet is intended for those who intend to adopt a child from Italy, a praiseworthy decision to offer a better future and a family to a child born into deprivation.

The adoption procedure

- 1st STAGE: Declaration of availability
- 2nd STAGE: Enquiry by area services
- 3rd STAGE: Decree of suitability
- 4th STAGE: Search begins
- 5th STAGE: The "meeting" abroad
- 6th STAGE: Return to Italy
- 7th STAGE: Conclusion

This probably would be similar for a Haitian child.

**IAA BOARD - 2010:** President — Bernardo Carducci; Vice President — Lou Perry; Secretary — Bob Scorsolini; Treasurer — Mary Perry; John Beatty, Theo Beatty, Walt Carpenter, Paul Castagno, Charles Francesconi, Marty Hanka, Marvin Hanka, Ann Moir, and Angelo "Ange" Vaccaro



## EVENTS IN ITALY

**Vinchiatturo (CAMPOBASSO)** The cheese throwing celebration which is a kind of challenge to the force of gravity. Two teams of four young men must force a 35 pound cake of cheese roll uphill. The team that incurs the least number of penalties (on the particularly uneven street that the course follows), wins the championship. Date: Shrove Tuesday

**Satriano (POTENZA)** According to ancient rites, the Feast of the Romita takes place. It consists of a man disguised as a tree. The Tree-Man with his head covered with ivy, wanders through the town for the traditional begging-alms. He collects sweets and presents, which he is going to divide during the evening and the night with the inhabitants. Date: Shrove Tuesday

**Montalto Uffugo (COSENZA)** In the morning, there is a wedding parade composed of men only, but wearing women's dresses. They go through the streets with a local band, offering sweets and drinking glasses of the wonderful local wines. Then the 'kings' and 'queens' arrive costumed with giant heads (gigantazzi). All participants start to dance and the dancing continues throughout the night until dawn. Date: Shrove Tuesday

**Muggia (TRIESTE)** Traditional Carnivale with parade of symbolic floats. It is one of the most vivacious, rich and enthusiastic in Italy incorporating more than 2,500 participants in the parades alone. It rivals Viareggio in size and attendance. Date: Carnivale

**Bergamo (BERGAMO)** The old lady on fire. Occasion where all local problems and authorities' mistakes are announced to the delight of all ordinary citizens (it's all done in good fun, like a roasting). Balls, dances, and fireworks. Date: 2nd Sunday, February.

**Treviglio (BERGAMO)** Madonna delle Lacrime - this celebration dates back to 1522, the year in which Treviglio was besieged by French troops. When the order was given to sack the city, the despairing populace fled to the church of Sant Agostino. The story goes that, just as the door of the convent was about to be knocked down, an image of the Madonna painted on the outside of the bell tower began to shed tears. The news spread quickly and the French general, Lautrec, was so moved that he offered up his helmet to the Virgin and pulled back his troops, leaving the city intact. An old custom stipulates that everyone should wear spring clothes and lovers should exchange a flower as a sign of their sincerity. Date: the last day of February.

**Barletta (BARI)** Commemoration of the Challenge of Barletta. On February 13th, 1503, the historical Challenge between 13 Italian horsemen and 13 French horsemen was fought. As in all folk festivals, the rich scenography and beautiful costumes of the performance are equaled by the display of the local handicrafts. This one is a real winner and curious spectators come from all over Italy to attend.

**Salemi (TRAPANI)** Feast of Saint Biagio. Cooking of the traditional cavadduzzi which are snow-white breads that are intricately baked in the shape of grasshoppers to commemorate San Biagio's intervention during a plague of the insect. The breads also come in shapes representing flowers, animals and other cute little things.

## GREEN, WHITE, and RED

by Dominic J. Pulera

This book traces the tremendous progress of Italian immigrants and their decedents in the United States. It looks at how these individuals overcame poverty and discrimination to achieve great success over the last one hundred years. Pulera credits Italian Americans for embracing their new country and working very hard to make it in the United States.



## BEAN SOUP WITH OREGANO

Bonus month – because we are into the cold months, soups are a must..... enjoy.

### Ingredients

300g dried cannelloni beans, soaked 24 hrs in water with a clove of garlic;

1 clove of garlic; salt;  
1 chilli pepper, roughly chopped;

125ml extra virgin olive oil;

15g dried oregano; 50g homemade croutons.

### Preparation

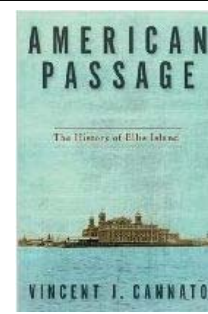
Simmer beans gently for approximately two hours. Once beans are cooked, drain them then salt them. (Reserve cooking water.) In a pan, put the garlic, beans, chilli, oregano, a few cups of the bean water and cook for about 15 minutes. Season if necessary and mix in olive oil (serves four people).

Serve soup in a bowl, and decorate with the croutons and a final drizzle of oil.



## American Passage: The History of Ellis Island

In the 19th century, it hosted pirate hangings, but at the turn of the 20th century, it became the first stop for millions of hopeful immigrants who encountered hostility, corruption, harsh conditions, and political scheming. Cannato captures the dramatic and bittersweet accounts of the immigrants, officials, interpreters, and social reformers who all played important roles in Ellis Island's amazing story. (by Vincent J. Cannato)



## Valentine's Day Fun Facts :

Here is a most enjoyable and unbelievable collection of Valentine's Day Fun Facts. Share these fun facts with your friends to amaze them this Valentine Day.



The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.

In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts, and pets.

Men buy most of the millions of boxes of candy and bouquets of flowers given on Valentine's Day.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

The oldest surviving love poem to date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C

In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a prospective suitor. If the gift is kept, then it means she has accepted his proposal of marriage

If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day, you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money.

## VALENTINES FROM KENTUCKY

**Bowling Green** ... the Italianate designed home, *Riverview*, offers an authentic luncheon on February 14 consisting of Love Apple Salad, Love Sandwiches, Cupid Cake and Venus' Nectar. Call 270-843-5565.

**Harrodsburg** ... Although the Shakers practiced celibacy, amour can still be found in the air at the *Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill* with love themed luncheons and dinners of mammoth proportions offered on Thursday. If a mid February vacation filled with mellowness is desired make plans to reserve a spot at the Friend's Winter Weekend from the 15th – 17th.

**Louisville** ... From Chantilly Lace to the Louisville Chorus your dance beat might make a change, but the atmosphere of hearts and flowers still flourishes; or the wail of the steamboat, *Spirit of Jefferson* Valentine Dinner Cruise, February 12 & 13 where you can recapture the era with dinner cruises.

## ITALIAN LESSIONS

**Ti amo** (if it's a relationship/lover/spouse)

**Ti voglio bene** (if it's a friend, or relative)

Italian love phrases... one of the most romantic languages on earth is Italian. With saying your love in Italian love phrases will be a romantic way, there will be a different touch in your relationships if you express your love in a romantic language such as Italian ..... for example:

**I am falling in love with you** - Sto cadendo nell'amore con voi

**I can't live without you** – Non posso vivere senza voi

**Everytime I kiss you I forget where I am** – Ogni volta che ti bacio dimentico dove sono

**Your eyes are like two stars in the night** – I tuoi occhi sono come due stelle nella notte

**My heart is for you** – Il mio cuore è per voi

**I like you more and more** – Gradisco voi di più e più

**To my darling** – Al mio amore

**Your smile is the sunshine of my life** – Il tuo sorriso

e' il sole della mia vita

**I love you with all of my heart** – Ti amo con tutta l'anima

**I miss you** – Mi manchi

**Falling in love** – innamorarsi

What could have made the Italian language become so associated with feelings of love and romance? One very important factor could be the culture. The rich culture of Italy and its storied history are loaded with romantic imagery and a pervasive atmosphere of passion; then add Italy's old world architecture filled with majestic works of beauty; or Italy's passion for opera and the Italian literature from poetry to novels. But probably the biggest reason why the Italian language has such a strong association with love is the country itself. Italy is such a romantic place that millions of honeymooners, couples and married folk go to the country to soak up the fabled romantic ambience of Italy.

## Remember ....

**Italians also speak with their hands**

**L'amore è il più grande rinfresco nella vita.**

Love is the greatest refreshment in life.



**IAA MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

You must be on the list to be in good standing

**Italian American Association of Louisville Membership 2010 as of 1-28-2010**

Altobellis	Joseph	2010	Mancini	Donna	Lifetime	Tomassetti	Al	Lifetime
Altobellis	Salvatore	2010	Mancini	Richard	Lifetime	Tomassetti	Berard	Lifetime
Altobellis	Vincent	2010	Manias	Dianne	2010	Waters	Robert	Lifetime
Beatty	John	2010	Manias	Neil Peter	2010			
Beatty	Theodora	2010	Mascagni, III	Frank	Lifetime			
Benassi	James	Lifetime	Mason	Audree	2010			
Bianchi	John	Lifetime	Mattei	Louis	Lifetime			
Bonaventura	Jeff	2010	Mattiussi	Sylvia	Lifetime			
Bukowski	Maria	Lifetime	Mazzoli	Enrico	Lifetime			
Bukowski	Nicole	Lifetime	Mazzoli	Helen	2010			
Campisano	Frank	Lifetime	Mazzoli	Liliana	2010			
Carducci	Bernardo	Lifetime	Mazzoli	Romano	2010			
Castagno	Paul	Lifetime	Melillo	Barbara	Lifetime			
Castagno	Philip	Lifetime	Mitchell	Dolores Dattilo	Lifetime			
Castagno	Rosalie	Lifetime	Moir	Anna	2010			
Clem	Michele	Lifetime	Moir	Fred	2010			
Cordini	Brandon	2010	Moir	Rick	Lifetime			
Cordini	Daniela	2010	Moore	Thomas	2010			
Cordini	Francesca	2010	Mula	Joseph	Lifetime			
Cordini	Franco	2010	Nethery	Kristin	Lifetime			
Cordini	Roz	2010	Nethery	Mark	Lifetime			
Dattilo	David	Lifetime	Ochsner	Angela	Lifetime			
Dattilo	Gus	2010	Palmieri	David	2010			
Floyd	Marcella	2010	Palmieri	Wanda	2010			
Francesconi	Charles	2010	Parrella	Ray	Lifetime			
Francesconi	Darrin	2010	Pellegrini	Andrian	Lifetime			
Francesconi	Sandra	2010	Pellegrini	Katherine	Lifetime			
Gabriele	Vincenzo	Lifetime	Perri	Frank	Lifetime			
Gadlage	Anthony	Lifetime	Perri	John	Lifetime			
Galofaro	Anita	2010	Perri	Linda	Lifetime			
Galofaro	Anthony	2010	Perry	Lou	Lifetime			
Galofaro-Moore	Julie	2010	Perry	Mary	Lifetime			
Geraci	Joseph	2010	Quistberg	Nancy	2010			
Grisanti	Michael	Lifetime	Renzi	Joe	Lifetime			
Hanka	Martha	Lifetime	Sangalli	John	2010			
Hanka	Marvin	Lifetime	Sangalli	Marjorie	2010			
Isetti	Ampelio	2010	Shipp	Rose	Lifetime			
Isetti	Rose	2010	Smith	Elena	2010			
Kettler	Elvira	2010	Spagnolo	Sally	Lifetime			
Kovatch	Jeanne	2010	Spooner	Judith	Lifetime			
Kovatch	Michael	2010						

**PLEASE REVIEW ...**

If you do not appear on the list there are several reasons why this might be so; check it out.

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[www.LouisvilleItalians.com](http://www.LouisvilleItalians.com)  
 for the Membership form and mailing instructions or call Mary Perry, 502-231-7702 if you have any questions.