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Messaggio di Presidente

Summer is the time for family gatherings. While getting together with family members, I would like to remind you to take some time to **talk with your relatives about the history of your family**. Ask your relatives if they have old family photographs or stories they can relate to you about how the early members of your family came to this country and the family's migration to the Louisville area.

I make this request because one of the major focuses of the IAA in the coming months is the addition of links on the IAA's web site to include **video segments** of IAA members telling their family histories as part of the **IAA Oral Family History Project**. As part of this oral history project, each IAA member will be given a separate link for their specific family where they will have the opportunity to post video segments from various members of their family sharing stories about their family history.

To contribute a video segment of your family's history, you can either record the video using your own video recorder or come to upcoming IAA events and have your family history recorded while you share your story with other IAA members as they tell of their own family history. The **IAA Oral Family History Project** is an important way to not only keep the memories of your family alive for future generations but also to help document the contributions made by Italian-Americans to this community. You will be receiving a notice soon announcing the first postings of video segments from the **IAA Oral Family History Project** on the IAA web site.

If you have a video recording of your family history for posting on the IAA web site or want additional information about the **IAA Oral Family History Project**, please feel free to contact me by phone at 812-282-3938 or e-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu. I look forward to hearing from each IAA member as you share with me and others the rich history of your family.

The gift of tradition based in love is the most precious gift we can give to others. Please help me foster this spirit of family tradition by participating in the **IAA Oral Family History Project**.

Warmest regards,

Bernardo J. Carducci, President

Next Event

Winery Visit – Saturday, June 21

(see p. 2 for details)



Festa della Repubblica - Italy commemorates the day when they first became a republic....June 2

FESTA della REPUBBLICA commemorates the institutional referendum of 1946 when (by universal suffrage) the Italian population was called to decide what form of government (monarchy or republic) to give to the country after the second world war and the fall of Fascism. After 85 years of monarchy, with 12,717,923 votes for and 10,719,284 votes against, Italy became a Republic, and the monarchs of the House of Savoy were deposed and exiled. This is one of the most important Italian public holidays which, like July 4th in the USA, celebrates the birth of the nation. A grand military parade is held in central Rome.

REMEMBER !!! Space will be made available in this newsletter for those who might like to **submit a recipe**. If you request, your name can be left-off from the recipe article. Also, if you have an old family favorite, we can include it with our new initiative – the oral history & archive.... that would be fantastic.

NEWPORT, KY - The City of Newport is gearing up for a summer filled with festivals and fun on the Riverfront! **Italianfest 2008** will be held June 12th - 15th.



Location: Newport's Riverboat Row
Thursday: 8:00pm - 11pm Friday: 5:00pm - 11pm
Saturday: 11am - 11pm Sunday: 12:00 - 9pm

Che Passa!

(What's Happening)

WINERY VISIT – Saturday, June 21 at 1:00 pm; Smith-Berry Vineyard and Winery in New Castle. IAA will tour the winery and do a little wine tasting; members and friends are encouraged to bring a **picnic lunch** for under the pergola or around on the grounds. Vintner Chuck Smith has perfected the art of making high quality wines. IAA member, Angelo Vaccaro, has arranged this outing. Please **RSVP** by June 10 to Lou Perry (Angelo & Del Marie are in Italy) at (502) 231-7702 or email Lou at L4Perri@insightbb.com.

Stroll thru the Art Gallery in the renovated dairy barn. This venue also provides for special events such as art openings, readings, and private functions. Additionally, note that their outdoor concerts with dinner are held on select Saturdays (not IAA's Saturday) under the clear blue skies of Henry County.



Location & Directions: 855 Drennon Creek Road; 1-888-845-7091. From Louisville take I-71 north to the Campbellsburg EXIT 34, proceed 2.5 miles south on US 421 to the intersection with KY 55. Take KY 55 –US 421 south 6.5 miles to KY 202. Turn left on KY202 and travel 0.8 miles. Look for the Smith-Berry sign and follow the drive to the Tasting Room.

WINES:

All wines at Smith-Berry Vineyard and Winery are estate bottled, but our philosophy goes beyond conventional definition. Our grapes are hand harvested and fermented in small distinct lots. Our personal handling of the vines, grapes, and finished wine allows the ultimate expression of our farm's produce: Dry Reds - Dry Whites - Sweet Wines - Reserve and Specialty Wines ... such as: **Norton Vintner's Reserve 20 Month:** classic aromas of black cherry and violet with a hint of fennel. **Norton Vintner's Reserve 30 Month:** this wine shows bright aromas of cherry, raspberry, violets, leather, and spice. **Burley Reserve 2003:** This red is a blend of Norton, Munson, & Cabernet Sauvignon.

THE RITUALS OF THE TASTING ROOM a host will greet you and get you started with wine glasses and explain what wines are available for tasting and if there are any tasting fees; tasting rooms may be from elaborate to a simple table set up; white wines are tasted first, followed by red wines, and then dessert wines; savor each sip and make tasting notes; skip any of the wines you wish; ask for a second taste if interested in purchasing the wine; use the dump bucket to toss out any wine; and finally, rinse your glass and clear the palate after tasting each particular wine.

BIRTHDAYS:

Giugno (June)

COMPLEANNO FELICE !!

Brackett, Jules 6-3
 Nethery, Kristin (Terry) 6-20
 Bukowski, Maria 6-17
 Smith, Elena 6-13
 Castagno, Rosalie 6-4

Spooner, Judith 6-3
 Pulzone, Kat 6-11

***** **ALSO** *****

June 6 - National Gardening Exercise Day - Get out and exercise with your plants.
 June 8 – Best Friends Day June 14 – Flag Day
 June 26 - Forgiveness Day



CHANGE IN HEALTHCARE

According to a recent survey of American adults, health care will play an important role in the upcoming elections. Costs are out of control, and our current system is broken; the current system wastes hundreds of billions of dollars in administration and advertising expenses. Unlike every other industrialized country, America does not have a national system of public health insurance. Instead, intense lobbying by insurance companies over decades has ensured that we have a mixed system. Insurance companies, HMOs, and private providers compete with one another, supposedly providing more choice and better coverage, but the major results are soaring costs and massive waste.

The system insulates us from paying the direct costs; health care is paid for by insurance, insurance is paid for by employers or by the government, and the uninsured are paid for by the insured. To the extent that health care is a potent issue in the 2008 campaign and future elections, it will help the candidates who put forward ideas that address voters' anxieties about the health care system - notably, coverage and costs. Presidential and congressional proposals should also seek to improve value in our health care system - through investments in prevention, in health information technology, in patient safety, in understanding which treatments and procedures are most effective - will also help control costs.

Throw open that window and shout "I'm
 mad as h--- and I want BETTER HEALTH CARE",
 and don't forget to take
YOUR ISSUE TO THE BALLOT BOX

This Month in History – June

- 1 Superman Comic is published (1938)
- 2 PT Barnum's circus begins first tour of US (1835)
- 3 The Rolling Stones begin their first US tour. (1964)
- 4 China becomes the first to record a solar eclipse. (780 BC)
- 6 The first drive-in theater opened in Camden, NJ. (1933)
- 7 The United Colonies make a name change and become The United States. (1775)
- 10 Benjamin Franklin flies a kite in a lightning storm and discovers electricity. (1752)
- 12 John Richmond pitches baseball's first "Perfect Game". (1880)
- 17 The Statute of Liberty arrives in New York City. (1885)
- 22 Doughnuts are created. (1847)

EVENTS IN ITALY

LUMINARA OF SAINT RANIERI ... Pisa, around 9:30 PM on June 16th, the eve of feast day of Saint Ranieri who is the patron saint of Pisa, the buildings along the Arno River are transformed into a fantastical fairyland.

WORLD CONGRESS IN FETAL MEDICINE ... will be held in Sorrento, Italy from 22nd to 26th of June 2008. There will be lectures and discussions on recent developments and best practice in many aspects of Fetal Medicine for those specializing in fetal medicine and those with a more general clinical interest who want to be updated on developments in the field, as well as all those involved in the care of pregnant women and their babies.

SARTEANO JAZZ & BLUES – June 19-22 (annual) Sarteano - Val di Chiana Sarteano Jazz & Blues brings four days of music to the piazzas of Sarteano, in Siena. Film screenings and multimedia events run alongside the musical performances.

TORRITA BLUES - June 27-28 (annual); Torrita di Siena, an annual international blues festival in Torrita di Siena, brings the town to life with the sound of harmonicas and guitars. Celebrating 20 years in 2008, the festival promises to offer an even bigger program of events

BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS – June 14-15, 2008 (annual) in Ventimiglia (southwest of Genoa); glorious urban chaos erupts in for the annual Battaglia dei Fiori. Flowers rain down on the town, madly-decorated cars depict baroque figures and music and dancing fill the streets. The theme in 2008 is "The Divine Comedy In Bloom". The locals celebrate this life-affirming ritual by throwing flowers everywhere and competing vigorously in constructing intricate displays for the colourful parade. Visitors described the strange customs of the local people who threw not confetti but flowers all over town once a year. Cary Grant visited while he was filming *To Catch a Thief*. Grant, and is credited with having uttered what was to become the motto of the festival: "This is the greatest show in the world!"



BRIDGE BATTLE - June 29; Pisa, Ponte di Mezzo. Pisa divides into two camps to fight over the town's main bridge during the Bridge Battle (or Gioco del Ponte), a colourful and vicious competition dating back to the Middle Ages. The Gioco del Ponte were shifted to their current location by the Medicis around 1500 pitting the city's southern bank (Mezzogiorno) against the northern one (Tramontana) and enabling hundreds of unfortunates to end up in the Arno river. After this second bout of popularity, the Gioco were sporadically revived and outlawed due to their extreme violence. In their current incarnation - more an endurance course than a bloodthirsty battle - a wooden ram or chariot must be pushed across the Arno onto the opponents' bank. The event still includes the traditional march through the town prior to the battle. Crowds line the Arno early.

FLAG DAY – June 14

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the annual day specifically celebrating the flag was set in 1949 – an idea whose time had come. The earliest reference to the suggestion of a "Flag Day" is cited in *Kansas: a Cyclopaedia of State History*, published in 1912. It credits George Morris of Hartford, Connecticut as suggesting "Flag Day". The occasion being in honor of the adoption of the American flag on June 14, 1777.



As to the flag itself ... George Washington was a frequent visitor to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross before receiving command of the army. She embroidered his shirt ruffles and did many other things for him. He knew her skill with a needle. Now the General of the Continental Army, George Washington appeared on Mrs. Ross's doorstep around the first of June, 1776, with two representatives of Congress. They asked that she make a flag according to a rough drawing they carried with them. At Mrs. Ross's suggestion, Washington redrew the flag design in pencil in her back parlor to employ stars of five points instead of six. ("Her version" of the flag for the new republic was not used until six years later.)

WORLD'S FAIR – ITALY -- 2015

MILAN Wins Global Competition -- The city of Milan, Italy will hold the World's Fair in 2015. A majority of delegates from more than 150 countries voted for the Italian city to host the prestigious event. Hundreds of Italians celebrated in Paris, where the voting took place, including Milan's mayor, the Honorable Letizia Moratti, a longtime friend of NIAF. Italy and its leaders saw the nomination as a matter of national pride. The Milan World's Fair is entitled "**Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life**" and is expected to attract more than 30 million visitors. The event is May 1, 2015 through October 31 of that year. (NIAF Newsletter)

NEW ITALIAN AMERICA NETWORK

Attention all you "Italophiles"

The Italian American Network (IANet), a new multimedia Web site, is available at:

www.ItalianAmericanNetwork.com

The site includes HD programming, podcasts, blogs, and interactive games. According to Tony Ceglie, its founder and CEO, "I A Net" celebrates everything Italian in an entertaining and informative way, regardless of the media platform. The content is dedicated to many aspects of Italian life – food, travel, sports and music. The Web site aims to attract 26 million Italian-Americans and 70 million "Italophiles" living in the United States. For more information, visit the site soon.

ITALIAN – AMERICAN GOLFERS

With Louisville hosting the **Ryder Cup**, September 16-21; Valhalla Golf Club; here are some interesting bits of information on Italian-American golfers:

The title of greatest Italian-American golfer of all time still belongs to **Gene Sarazen**, and today's golfers have quite the act to follow. Gene Sarazen was **born Eugenio Saraceni** in Harrison, New York in 1902 to immigrant parents. At the age of eight he began to caddy and quickly learned the complexities and etiquette of the game, becoming fully absorbed in it even to the extent of anglicizing his name in order to gain acceptance at a time when there were virtually no Italian-American players. Sarazen will long be remembered as one of golf's greatest players. Like the sand wedge he is credited with inventing, Sarazen, known as "The Squire", had a lasting impact on the game of golf. In 1922, at age 20, he won the U. S. Open -- the youngest ever to win that event. Winner of 38 PGA Tour titles, including seven major championships, he was the first to achieve a career grand slam of golf's four major championships: the U.S. National Open in 1922 and 1923, the Professional Golf Championship in 1922, 1923, and 1933, the British Open in 1932, and the Masters in 1935. His **double-eagle** on the 15th hole of the 1935 Masters was a truly remarkable feat that golf fans are still talking about decades later. He was a member of six Ryder Cup teams and is in the PGA Hall of Fame, the World Golf Hall of Fame, and the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame.

While the Italian-American influence in sports such as boxing and baseball has long been celebrated, Italian Americans have had an impact on the sport of golf as well. Other Italian American golfers include championship winners Johnny Revolta, Vic Ghezzi, **Donna Caponi**, Tony Manero, Doug Ford, Harry Pezzullo, and 14-time winner **Ken Venturi**. Of course, golf fans also remember the legendary Turnesa brothers, who were to golf what the Kennedy's were to politics. All seven brothers -- Phil, Frank, Joe, Mike, Doug, Jim, and Willie -- were professional golfers. They won dozens of Tour events and made Walker Cup and Ryder Cup teams, and even had a movie made about them entitled "The Golfing Brothers".

Among the active golfers, **Phil Mickelson** is of Italian descent on his mother's side. His nickname while playing on the Arizona State golf team was "**The Roman**". Mickelson isn't the only Italian American golfer on the PGA Tour this year. **Chris DiMarco** and **Fred Couples** are currently ranked in the top 25, and **Rocco Mediate** and **Mark Calcavecchia** are both ranked in the top 125 golfers in the world.

PAGANICA = GOLF

The Romans used to play this sport, the "paganica", with a stick and a leather ball stuffed with feathers. Paganica spread as the Romans conquered much of Europe during the 1st century BC and it eventually evolved into the modern game. Ancestors of golf are also the English "cambuca" of the 13th and 14th century, the "jeu de mail" in France, and the "Het kolven" in the Netherlands.

ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi

Verbs: *Potere*

Potere means *can, may*, expressing the possibility of doing something, with a most wide range of meanings (to be enough skilled, to be in the right condition or environment for doing something, to be physically trained or fit for a task, to hold a permit or an authorization, to have enough time to do something, etc.).

Due to the frequent use of the verb POTERE and others like *sapere, essere in grado / essere capace*, one should try to become confident with them as soon as possible.

POTERE – indicative presente

Singular

1st pers.	(io) posso	I can / may
2nd pers	(tu) puoi	you can / may (sing.)
3rd pers.	(egli / ella) puó	he/she can / may

Plural

1st pers.	(noi) possiamo	we can / may
2nd pers	(voi) potete	you can / may (pl.)
3rd pers	(essi / esse) possono	they can / may

Sapere, whose main meaning is *to know, to be aware*, can be used for *to know how, to be able*, thus expressing one's own ability, skills or know-how in doing something.

Essere in grado means *to be able*, and has a very similar meaning: *to be in the condition of doing something* (either thanks to one's skills, or to a proper equipment used, or being physically fit, etc.).

Essere capace is almost identical to **sapere**, as it means *to be able, to be capable*, specifically stressing one's know-how or skills in doing something.

In many cases these verbs are interchangeable, without greatly altering the meaning of the sentence, but to render the right nuance it would be better to choose the right one.

Remember

Italians also speak
with their hands

**Le donne che
cercano essere
uguali agli uomini
manca l'ambizione.**

Women who seek to be
equal to men lack
ambition.

