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Next Event

Taste of Italy For Earthquake Victims – June 14

(see below for details)

Messaggio di Presidente

Your **help** is needed to assist the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the area of Italy surrounding L'Aquila on April 6, 2009.

Although the immediate shock is over, there is still a tremendous amount of physical destruction and human suffering that continues in the wake of the earthquake. In this regard, be assured that **every dollar** from this event will go towards helping the citizens of L'Aquila rebuild their city and, most importantly, their lives. So, it is important that each member of the IAA do all that he or she can to help make this event a success. Probably the most important thing you can do to help make this event a success is to **purchase a ticket** for yourself and members of your family.

Next, you can **encourage your relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to purchase tickets**. Finally, when you are at the event, you can participate in both the **silent and live auction** by bidding on the many valuable items that have been graciously donated. As an additional special feature of the event, the IAA will provide a video camera so that those in attendance will be able to record a personal message to the people of L'Aquila.

In closing, I hope you will do your part to **help** those in L'Aquila know that they are in our hearts and on our minds as they try to reconstruct their city and rebuild their lives. For more details about **The Taste of Italy for L'Aquila**, see p.1. I look forward to seeing all of you at "The Big Night" on June 14th in support of this tremendously worthy cause.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

Note: please review the information in the next column for details.

ABRUZZO EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

The Taste of Italy for Abruzzo

For those who have seen the movie "The Big Night," you will no doubt recall the scene where Primo, the head chef of this great Italian restaurant, escorts out course after course of these fabulous Italian dishes to the delight and amazement of the dinner guests. Well, you will have the opportunity to relive "The Big Night" experience right here in Louisville while supporting a worthy cause when the Italian-American organizations of Louisville and some of the best local chefs present "The Taste of Italy for Abruzzo" which is a fundraiser to help the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the area of Italy surrounding L'Aquila on April 6, 2009. Although the immediate threat is over, there is still a tremendous amount of physical destruction and human suffering that continues in the wake of the earthquake. In this regard, be assured that **every dollar** from this event will go towards helping the citizens of the L'Aquila area rebuild their city and, most importantly, their lives. So, come out for a "The Big Night" and get in touch with your "Inner Italian" in support of this worthy cause.

When: Sunday, June 14, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: Ferd Grisanti Restaurant
10212 Taylorsville Rd.
Jeffersontown, KY 40299

Participating Culinary Italian Establishments (Partial list):

Vincenzo's,
Le Gallo Rosso
Johnny V's
Salena's Catering
Adrienne & Co. Bakery and Café
Olive Garden (Hurstbourne and Prospect)
Catering By Teresa (Teresa Crocco)
Gelato Gilberto

Menu Sample: Pasta Primavera, Ravioli di Portobello, Chicken Abruzzese, Sicilian pasta entrée; garlic knots (traditional NY ties smothered in garlic butter w/ Romano cheese and warm marinara (for dipping), lentil soup; stuffed meatballs with tangy aroma sauce; Olive Garden's garden salad; cannoli, gelato, and a special dessert, and drinks (caffe, iced tea, & soft drinks).

Silent and Live Auctions (checks only, payable to: NIAF/Abruzzo Relief Fund).

Cost: \$35/person; youth (12 & under) /\$15 (checks only, send to address below). Ticket deadline – June 11.

Unable to attend but want to help: If you are unable to attend but would like to donate to the earthquake victims, please send your check payable to **NIAF/Abruzzo Relief Fund** and send it to:

Atten: NIAF/Abruzzo Relief Fund

Lou Perry
7809 Windgate Dr.
Louisville, KY 40291

Event Contact Person:

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Che Passa!

(What's Happening)

Don't forget that "you don't have to be Italian to live/eat/have fun like one", so please invite your family & friends to our events, as everyone will always be welcome.

MARK IT DOWN:

June 6 – Special Olympics – Bocce ... IAA referees
 June 14 – Fundraiser for earthquake victims.
 July – Smith-Berry Winery Tour
 August 8 – St. Joseph's Charity Picnic.
 September 1 - Italian Travelogue, UL-University Club.
 September 4-6 – International WorldFest
 October – Italian Heritage Month – Mass (Columbus Day)
 November 18 – IAA Elections – Dinner (Clifton's)
 December – IAA Christmas Gathering (ideas)

June 14, Sunday; "Taste of Italy"- Abruzzo Relief fundraiser for the earthquake victims (see p.1).

The Earthquake - Abruzzo

Reports indicate that the earthquake's destruction extended 30 km (20 miles) in all directions from the epicenter. The villages of Villa Sant'Angelo and Borgo di Castelnuovo were practically wiped out while the town of Castelnuovo is also reported to be badly damaged. Elsewhere, the little village of Onna was nearly leveled, with 13% of the population dead. Other towns that have sustained damage from the earthquake include Poggio Picenze, Tormintarte, Totani, Roio Poggio, Massa, Tempera, Paganica, and Fossa.

The Earthquake – Damage

The powerful earthquake destroyed thousands of buildings in mountain towns and claiming at least 294 lives; 50% of the buildings in L'Aquila are damaged; insured losses from the earthquake are likely to exceed €1 billion (USD1.3 billion). Catastrophe risk modeling estimates include losses to residential, commercial and industrial buildings and contents but do not include business interruption losses; however, the area's reliance on revenues from tourism, economic losses from the earthquake are expected to be between €2 billion and €3 billion (USD2.6 billion and USD4 billion).



BIRTHDAYS

COMPLEANNO

FELICE !!

Brackett, Jules	6-3	
Nethery, Kristin	6-20	
Bukowski, Maria	6-17	
Smith, Elena	6-13	Spooner, Judith 6-3
Castagno, Rosalie	6-4	Pulzone, Kat 6-11
Boden, Brayton	6/12	Flitt, Madison 6/21/1999



AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

Bruschetta

Ingredients

1 loaf Italian bread
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
 1 medium onion, chopped
 2 cups sliced mushrooms
 2 medium tomatoes, sliced thin
 1-2 tablespoons Frontier Italian Seasoning
 1 teaspoon Parmesan cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Slice bread on diagonal in 1-inch thick slices. Place on cookie sheet. Brush with a little oil and sprinkle with garlic powder. Bake until bread is toasted.

While bread is toasting, cook onion and mushrooms in a non-stick skillet, adding 1 teaspoon oil, if desired. (Toast can be made ahead and stored in an airtight container.)

To serve: spoon some of the onion mixture onto each toasted slice. Top with a tomato slice and sprinkle with seasoning and Parmesan cheese. Brown under a broiler or in a toaster oven.

Flatbread with Sage & Olives

Ingredients

1 plain Focaccia
 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 2 teaspoons sage leaves
 2 teaspoons parsley leaves
 1 teaspoon garlic granules
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 coarsely chopped, pitted black olives
 freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In small bowl combine the olive oil, sage, parsley and garlic granules. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Using a fork, pierce the surface of the bread several times. Spread the oil and herb mixture evenly over the surface of the bread and sprinkle with salt. Cover with olives and season to taste with freshly ground black pepper, if desired. Bake on center rack of preheated oven until crispy, about 10 minutes.



EVENTS IN ITALY

Summer brings many festivals to Italy - posters announce a festa or sagra. Some include:

Italy's **Festa della Repubblica** on June 2 is a national holiday. The Feast of Corpus Christi or Corpus Domini, 60 days after Easter, and the **Feast Day of San Giovanni** (St. John the Baptist), June 24, are two June holidays that will be celebrated in many parts of Italy.

Luminara of Saint Ranieri is celebrated June 16, the eve of feast day of Saint Ranieri, Pisa's patron saint. The Arno River, buildings lining the river, and bridges are illuminated with the flames of over 70,000 lumini, small glass candle holders. The historic **Regatta of Saint Ranieri** is the next day, June 17th, in Pisa. Four boats, one from each of Pisa's districts, row against the Arno River's current. When a boat arrives at the finish line, one man climbs up a 25-foot rope to reach the victory flag.

Sagra di Saint Giovanni is the oldest historic event on Lake Como. Hundreds of tiny lamps float in the lake and there's a big fireworks display the evening. The following morning brings a boat parade with traditional boats decorated with flowers followed by folk dancing and flag throwing competitions. Events are held the weekend closest to St. John's Day, June 24.

Festival dei Due Mondi, Festival of two Worlds, is one of Italy's most famous performing arts festivals, attended by some of the world's top artists. It features concerts, operas, ballets, films, and art from late June through mid-July. The festival was first started in 1958 by composer Gian Carlo Menotti with the intention of bringing together the old and new worlds of Europe and America. It's in **Spoletto** in central Italy's Umbria region.

Feast of Barbarossa ... June 18; The Empire and the Papacy unite in this corner of land belonging to the city of Siena. It was 1155 A.D. when the most powerful man of the time "Barbarossa", arrived in the turreted village of San Quirico d'Orcia to gain the crown as Emperor. The life in the village is based around the four districts throughout the year but for the Feast of Barbarossa they take part in competitions for the conquest of the "Emperor's Cup", and a medieval atmosphere prevails.

USA

Cleveland, Ohio June 05 -June 07, 2009; Italian American Summer Festival; a 3 day celebration of Italian culture and heritage.

Richmond, Virginia June 13 -June 14, 2009; Saint Joseph Italian Festival; Italian food, music & entertainment, Italian culture & history presentation.

HOME SAFETY MONTH – JUNE

The home safety campaign theme – Hands on Home Safety – asks the family to take some simple steps to create a safer home environment from the five leading causes of home injury:

**falls,
poisonings,
fires and burns,
choking/suffocation, and
drowning.**

Prevent Falls

- * Keep the stairs clear
- * Have handrails on both sides of stairs and steps
- * Have lights for the stairs

Protect Young Children

- * Use safety gates
- * Always watch young children

Outdoors

- * Put lights over all porches and walkways
- * Keep sidewalks and paths clear, so you don't trip
- * Fix broken or chipped steps and walkways.

Poisonous, toxic products, chemicals, and gases

- * Know to call 1-800-222-1222 if someone takes poison or call 9-1-1
- * Read the labels of the products
- * Use child safety locks
- * Do not put medicines in the sink or toilet

Prevent Fires

- * Caused by Cooking, Heating, Smoking, Candles, and Gasoline.
- * Install smoke alarms on every level
- * Make a fire escape plan

Suffocation, Choking and Strangulation

- * For safe sleep, your child's crib should be empty.
- * Take away all soft bedding, pillows, toys, and stuffed animals from the crib.
- * Window blind cords can present a serious strangulation hazard

Scald Prevention and Water Safety

- * Set your water heater at 120 degrees F or less or just below the medium setting.
- * Put hot drinks and food in the middle of the table.
- * Treat a minor burn injury immediately with cool running water for 3-5 minutes. Do not apply ice, which can harm the skin. Do not apply butter or lotions because this can keep the skin temperature hot, increasing the injury.
- * Learn how to swim
- * Take a class to learn First Aid and CPR
- * Have a cordless phone with emergency numbers
- * Store large buckets turned over

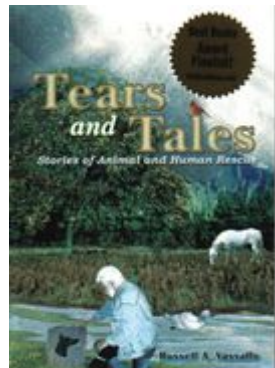
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BOOK OF THE MONTH:

Tears and Tails

Tears and Tales: Stories of Animal and Human Rescue by Russell A. Vassallo was a finalist in the Fiction & Literature: Short Story category in the USA Book News Best Books Awards. The book also won a Reviewers Choice Award 2007 from Reader Views. Russell A. Vassallo was also an Award-Winning Finalist in the Short Story Fiction category of the National Indie Excellence 2007 Book Awards for **Tears and Tales**.



The Stories

- Git** - An abandoned dog searches for her puppies and a home
- The Ghost Beside Me** - A dog's spirit survives her death
- The Horse That Cried** - A horse grieves for his canine companion
- A God of All Creatures** - An abused dog finds love
- The Long-Shot Dog** - The final days of a beloved pet
- To Love a Crooked Horse** - A stoic, abused mare finds love
- The Cardinal** - A beloved dog returns as a cardinal to comfort a cancer survivor
- A Day Away** - Scheduled to be put down, will the dog be saved?
- The Return of Lucky** - A boy's love for his pony lasts for years
- Empty Nest** - A duck helps a young man to mature

DESTINATION WEDDINGS

ITALY'S TOP ROMANTIC WEDDING LOCATIONS

When it comes to choosing a wedding location, few places in the world offer the beauty, variety and the romance that you will find available in Italy.....it has become the number one destination in the world for weddings abroad for lovers throughout the world. The Lakes Region is lifted from the pages of a fairytale and brought to life with its unparalleled beauty and romance. The Italian Riviera is a tiny stretch of coastline, with its long, sandy beaches and enchanting villages. Cinque Terre is unquestionably one of the most beautiful and pristine pieces of coastline left on earth. Chianti District is regarded for its beauty and its allure; an area rich with culture, striking scenery, and fascinating architecture. Amalfi Coast is all beauty, charm, and romance. Villa Weddings -- the most gorgeous and stunning villas anywhere. Castle Weddings is home of the Renaissance and to some of the wealthiest families and bankers in all of Europe; today, their castles provide the drop-back to many dream weddings.

**ITALIAN LESSONS
LINGUISTIC MIX-UPS**

In the world of espresso drinks, you should be aware that latte is one of those tricky words. If you ask for un latte in an Italian bar, you will be served a glass of milk—latte being the Italian word for milk. The closest relative of the American and British latte is actually called caffè latte — coffee with milk.

There are a lot of similarly confusing words in Italian. Particularly delicate is the word 'Casino'. Put an accent on the final 'o', and 'Casinò' is a gambling establishment. Remove the accent and the same establishment becomes a house of ill repute. Phonetically it is a small but important distinction, a slip of the pen or stress pattern having the potential for provoking a full-blown scandal. The word also features in the everyday expression 'Fare casino', meaning 'to make a noise or mess of something.'

More innocent are the possible confusions between 'libreria', a bookshop and 'biblioteca', a library. 'Il Duomo', that wonderful feature of every self-respecting Italian city, does not actually mean 'dome', as I had long imagined, but 'cathedral'. Similarly 'un camper' is a mobile home, not a person, 'un camping' a place not an activity. Then, during your 'permanenza' or stay in 'un villaggio', as many holiday camps are called, that Russian-sounding 'boongalov' is an Italian variant of our originally Hindi 'bungalow.' The phonetic change is some- times accompanied by the building's design: The 'boongalov'.

In travel, the workings of the 'F.S.' or State Railways can also be something of a mystery. That 'espresso' on the departure board can, in fact, be anything but. It travels mostly at night and is definitely not fast. A splendid beast of high-tech engineering it rockets horizontally along two routes only, Roma-Napoli and Milano-Torino. When changing train, bear in mind that 'coincidenza' can also mean 'connection', not just a happy coincidence.

There are so many opportunities, in short, of getting lost in translation – or, on a more positive note, of discovering how, via English atlas or Italian 'atlante', the world is more varied than we may have imagined it when we first set out.

Remember

Italians also speak with their hands

Che cosa ha il DNA dire agli altri di DNA? Questi geni mi aspetto grasso?

What did the DNA say to the other DNA? Do these genes make me look fat?

