

# ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Who wants to show their talent at **FESTA ITALIANA** this September? You will have up to three minutes to sing an Italian song, either in Italian or English or play an Italian tune on an instrument. Prizes will be rewarded and your name and picture displayed on IAA's website. e-mail Kat Pulzone at **KPuzo@insightbb.com** before May 30th.

## Messaggio di President

As a

member of the IAA for about 15 years, and having gone to many, many IAA, I would be hard pressed to say that I had a better time at any one of those events than I had at April 19th event at Da Vinci Ristorante. The event reminded me of one of my favorite movies—"The Big Night." This movie takes place in an Italian restaurant and centers around a multi-course meal featuring an assortment of fabulous dishes and an extended evening of entertainment provided by the dinner guests themselves. For the IAA's Big Night, the event started at 4:00 p.m. with socializing and appetizers featuring separate platters of pizza squares, bruchetta, and some of the best prosciutto I have had in a long time. Next was the salad course featuring seemingly endless bowls of a garden salad with homemade Italian dressing and a Cesar salad served with garlic bread. After about 55 minutes of a continuous supply of the appetizers, just like in the movie, we were then served the main course, which consisted of three different entrées, starting with meat lasagna, then eggplant parmigiano, and ending with fettuccine with chicken and shrimp. One hour later, we took a break for the live performance of "Birds of Passage," a short one-person, one-act play that tells the story of Vincent Scopa, a fictional composite character representing many of the ethnic immigrants who came to eastern Kentucky in the early 20th century to work in the coal mines in the hopes of making a better life for themselves and their families.

Being inspired by the reflections of Vincent Scopa, it was time for members of the IAA to tell about their own family immigration experiences by sharing photographs, family heirlooms, and, most importantly, their stories. What made the event even more special was that we were able to record all of these stories on the new video recorder purchased by the IAA for the purpose of documenting these stories that will soon be placed on the IAA's web site for all of our members to see, as well as serving as a source of inspiration for other IAA members to share their own family immigration stories.

Almost three and a half hours after we first started eating, we ended the evening with a two desserts—tiramisu and an assortment of cheesecakes—and more stories being told at the tables. can't p.2

## Next Event

**BATS- Saturday May 17**

(see p. 2 for details)

## La RASSA GRANGE

the big race

May 18, 2008

Italian Derby

**DERBY ITALIANO**

"Il Derby Reale"

OOPS, let's stick with

"the" big race, the

**KENTUCKY DERBY**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> top contenders:

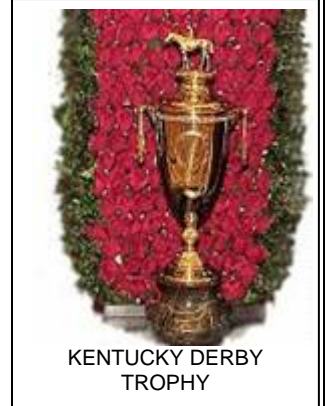
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Colonel John

Big Brown Adriano

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KENTUCKY DERBY TROPHY

**Rosso Corsa** is the red international motor racing color of Italy. Since the 1920s, Italian race cars of Alfa Romeo, Maserati and later Ferrari and Abarth were (and often still are) painted in *rosso corsa* ("race red"). This was the customary national racing color of Italy. This year a horse by that name was nominated to the Kentucky Derby. However, it doesn't look like he'll earn enough in the Prep Races to get in the top 20 with the "big boys".

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## Q & A (see answers p.3)

1. How far did Affirmed run in the 1978 Triple Crown?
2. What is the name of the song played at the start of horse races?
3. Who was the last Triple Crown winner?
4. Where was Barbaro buried?
5. What jockey won the Kentucky Derby and the Grand National?
6. Who won the 2007 Italian Derby?
7. How tall was Secretariat?
8. What horse will win the Kentucky Derby?
9. What is a furlong?
10. When is a thoroughbred's birthday?
11. Is horse racing the most attended sport worldwide?

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**Horsemanship** - approach a horse with courtesy, tact, respect, and love; they appreciate a quiet tone of voice, soft touches, considerate treatment, and gratitude for a job well done. Also, horses have personality, individuality, emotions, jealousy, and loneliness. They show affection, suspicion, and fear.

## Che Passa!

(What's Happening)

### May, BATS Outing,

Our event for May 2008 will be an evening of baseball. Our own Louisville Bats will be taking on the Indianapolis Indians on **Saturday May 17**. Game time is 6:15. A reserved section has been allocated to us. Please call Bob Scorsolini (bscorsolini@aol.com) at 964-2499, or Ann Moir (ANFRMOIR@insightbb.com) at 893-3754 to make your reservation. Tickets are \$9.00 each. Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Bring the kids, and grandkids for an enjoyable and affordable evening of fun. Look forward to seeing you there...Bob & Ann

### IAA - DOWN THE ROAD ..... WITH IAA

**June 21**, Saturday; trip (picnic) to the Smith-Berry Winery. **July**; open to suggestions.

**August 2**, Saturday; St. Joe's Charity Picnic (IAA runs the "4-in-a-Row" Booth (call Paul Castango to schedule your three hours or so.

**September 12-14, FESTA ITALIANA** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).

## MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday May 11, 2008

Italian - Madre

There is no better way to express your love and appreciation of a Mother, a wife, a grandmother, or a very special friend, than to honor her heritage - make it unique, thoughtful, and everlasting.

Apart from showering love and affection, mothers make it a point to keep an eye on every activity of their children- this of course has led us to the most common advices by mothers to their children:

**Make sure to change your underwear always; you never know when you'll have an accident.**

*Don't make that face or it'll solidify in that position.*

**Be careful or else you'll put your eye out.**

*What if everyone jumped into a well? Would you do it, too?*

**You have enough filth behind those ears to grow potatoes!**

*If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all.*

**Don't put that thing in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!**

Con't from p.1 ..... President's message

Just like in the movie, what made this event so special was that we were able to do what Italians do best—eat wonderful food and talk with family and friends about family and friends. And, just like in the movie, we did it Italian style—sitting among family and friends at long tables fill with a continuous flow of fabulous food and dining at a leisurely pace so that we could enjoy the food, conversation, and reflections of our heritage. For me, this is what being a member of the IAA is all about.

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## BIRTHDAYS

### COMPLEANNO FELICE !!

Azzara, Marie	5-14		
Stiletto Heels	1952		
Carducci, Bernie	5-20		
Pencil	1565		
Gilbert, Kristin	5-6		
Blue jeans	1873	Gilbert, Justin	5-28
Patton, Cindy	5-8	Charge Card	1922
Quistberg, Nancy	5-20	Vaccaro, Ange	5-2



## LITTLE ITALY – USA

### Buffalo

The setting for last year's **Sorrento Cheese Italian Heritage Festival** was unchanged from recent years, but there is now a difference. For the first time, Hertel Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Main Street (festival area) was designated "**Buffalo's Little Italy**". The Buffalo Common Council has approved action that permanently conveys the name to the couple-mile stretch of road - every street sign will have a "Little Italy" sign on it. Buffalo now joins the ranks of other major cities in America like New York with an Italian Festival in the city's official 'Little Italy' section. Now in its 31st year and 19th on Hertel Avenue; Sorrento Cheese has held the naming rights for six years – festival is July 17-20, 2008.

Of the major ethnic groups populating Buffalo at the turn of the century, the Italians were by far the newest immigrants to the city, with the first large groups having arrived in the mid-1880's. A colony known as "Little Italy" developed on the city's West Side, in the extreme southwest corner of Main Street, extending from Niagara Street's northern tip westward to the waterfront. Most residents of this crowded "Canal Zone" hailed from Sicilian coastal towns. Smaller settlements of Italian immigrants developed on the east side and farther north, although these areas were settled by natives of Basilicata, Calabria and Campania. Most Italian men chose outdoor work, to which their cultural background permitted a ready adjustment. A small upper class, 1 percent of working-age first-generation males, headed the occupational hierarchy - Macaroni manufacturers and produce merchants were in this elite group.

Buffalo's Italian community worked as stonecutters, skilled craftsmen, and laborers in the construction of the **Pan-American Exposition** (1901). In addition to their contributions in building the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo's Italians were represented by the many that staffed the Midway concession - "**Venice in America**". The gondoliers and mandolinists from the Italian community were a memorable part of the Exposition. Italian churches, mutual-aid organizations, cultural groups, and a newspaper, **IL Corriere Italiano** (the first successful organization run by Italians designed to serve the entire community) were thriving in the crowded Canal Zone.

### Buffalo's Italian Heritage and Food Festival

favorites: Italian Heritage Hall, Italian foods, entertainment, "Flags of Fame", Italian Idol contest, Bocce Tournament, "Salvatore Scholarships", and the Miss Italian Festival.

## EVENTS IN ITALY

**RADAR CONFERENCE**, Rome; the focus is on the key aspects of radar theory and applications and the exploration of new avenues and methodologies of radar signal processing for civil, security and defense applications.....waveform, design, radar signal & systems, and many more topics; May 26-30.

**WORLD FESTIVAL ON THE BEACH** – Palermo; enjoy the beginning of the summer season with exciting beach activities. The festival hosts a ton of water and beach related competitions that are as exciting to watch as they are to participate in. The event features surfing, kite sailing, beach volley, and even skydiving.

**VINEART**, Bolzano; May 22- 25; enjoy fabulous wine while taking a glance at some of Europe's best contemporary art pieces. Artists from all over Europe showcase their work while professionals, members of the press, and collectors visit the booths to admire the paintings.

**INTERNATIONAL BOULDERING MEETING** - Val Masino (Lombardy), May 8-11; the legendary Melloblocco® is back in Val Masino. This international rendezvous has attracted thousands of boulderers from all over the world for the most impressive gathering of people who love bouldering, climbing, and the breath-taking wilderness of Val Masino. Melloblocco 2008 is marked by more bouldering for all - Melloblocco Baby, for children and nature lovers, and the new spots, and the traditional events.

**IL CORSARO** ("The Corsair"), the Teatro Dell'Opera in Rome is a magnificent venue for this ballet in three acts, based in the poem by George Byron, music by Riccardo Drigo, Cesare Pugni, Adolphe Adam, and Leo Delibes); May 20 – 29.

**MAY OF MONUMENTS** (Maggio dei Monumenti), Naples; May 2-25; an annual festival with events taking place every weekend where museums and monuments open for free, and there are special cultural activities all around the city. One of the most interesting activities is a series of guided walks through the historic district and the city's underground passages. There are also exhibitions and fairs, chamber music recitals, rock and pop concerts, cinema screenings, operettas, performances of classic Neapolitan songs, soccer matches, horse races, dance spectacles, parties and theatre events. The theme for the 2008 edition is "Art and Culture Itineraries between Naples' Castles and Churches".



Maschio Angioino  
In Naples

## ITALY SEEKS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES: "REBUILD IRAQ 2008"

ITALY TO SHOW ITS CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY.

In 2008 there are 11.4 billion dollars available for the reconstruction of Iraq: this is the sum allocated by the Iraqi government in an annual budget worth 48.4 billion, 18% more than 2007. Thanks to oil, that according to the Iraqi Central Bank accounts for 88% of the state budget, there are huge sums available for firms interested in civilian and infrastructure reconstruction in this middle Eastern country. Its gradual stabilization opens up enormous opportunities for the next few years: there are already 2.500 projects planned that will require materials, equipment, solutions and engineering know-how. According to World Bank estimates, reconstruction costs in the next years will amount to around 230 billion dollars. The opportunities offered by the 2008 edition of Rebuild Iraq, an international fair dedicated to reconstruction projects. The event will take place in Jordan, at the Exhibition Park in Amman, from the 5th to the 8th May, and will be attended by a delegation of Italian firms organized by the Italian Trade Commission (ICE), who has decided to repeat last years' positive experience.

### Q & A (from p.1)

1. The Kentucky Derby is 1 1/4 miles, the Preakness is 1 3/16 miles, and the Belmont Stakes is 1 1/2 miles.
2. I am not sure it is a complete song, as far as I know it is just called "The Call to the Post" a trumpet fanfare that signals the horses and riders to approach the gate.
3. Affirmed in 1978.
4. On the grounds of Churchill Downs.
5. G. Stevens won the Grand National five times, in 1856, 1863, 1864, 1869 and 1870, and won the Kentucky Derby three times, in 1988, 1995 and 1997. Of course, it isn't the same G. Stevens; the Grand National winner was George Stevens and the Kentucky Derby winner was Gary Stevens. But it's probably the closest to an answer you can get, since no jockey has won both races.
6. **Awelmarduk** won the Italian Derby in 2007.
7. 16'2 hands high.
8. The fastest one.
9. A furlong is a distance equal to 220 yards. There are eight furlongs in one mile.
10. January 1st in the Northern Hemisphere, August 1st in the southern hemisphere.
11. No, auto racing and soccer are the most attended sports world wide.

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If you were not able to make this special event, look for the videos of the event and the individual testimonials to be posted on the web site real soon. Also, for more upcoming events, see the "Che Passa!" (What's Happening!) p.2. As always, I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Warmest regards, Bernardo J. Carducci, President IAA

## MASERATI GOES THE DISTANCE

Wilbur Shaw was leading Ralph Hepburn in the 1937 **Indianapolis 500** by three miles (more than a lap on the 2 1/2-mile course) when, with thirty-five laps to go, his Maserati 8CTF developed an oil leak.

Told by his pit crew that he was one minute and fourteen seconds ahead of Hepburn, Shaw swiftly calculated how much he could afford to slow down and still finish ahead. As he cut speed to conserve oil,



Hepburn started to catch up, eventually passing Shaw to 'un-lap' himself after a nerve-wracking lap. On the last turn of the last lap, Hepburn came even with Shaw and began nosing ahead. Shaw accelerated, the Maserati gave one last gasp, and the engine quit as he crossed the finish line. And? Shaw had won the closest race in Indianapolis 500 history - by 2.16 seconds. Wilbur Shaw (1902-1954) was the first three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500.

## POSTAGE STAMP – INCREASE

The price of postage will go up from 41 to 42 cents (postcard - 27 cents) on May 12, but you can stave off the penny increase for a little longer if you buy Forever Stamps. "The Postal Service developed the Forever Stamp for consumers to ease the transition during price changes," said Postmaster General John Potter. "We encourage Americans to buy **Forever** Stamps now for 41 cents, because like the name suggests, they are good forever."

## ITALIAN ART – IAA MEMBER



**ITALIAN ART**  
by IAA Member  
**Katherine Mary Pulzone's Gallery**

**SAMPLE**  
**L' Fresco in Lombardy**

Original oil 24" x 36"  
on Canvas.

Painting on Location  
in LOMBARDY, ITALY

## ROMAN RUINS – FREE NO MORE

Visitors will now have to pay \$14 to visit the Roman Forum, Colosseum and Palatine Hills. The fee includes entrance to newly opened rooms in the palace of Emperor Augustus. Tickets can be purchased at the Palatine box office on Via di S. Gregorio 30. If arriving during the summer season, avoid the lines and arrange a two-hour private tour (about \$65).

## ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi AUGMENTATIVE

Augmentative indicates that the noun is large, big, great, etc., more often in the sense of "large size", but sometimes with the meaning of "important" too. There is only one augmentative inflection: **-one / -ona** (plurals **-oni / -one**).

Notice how the masculine singular and the feminine plural are the same (-one).

**martello** (*hammer*) ~ **martellone** (*big hammer*)  
**martelli** (*hammers*) ~ **martelloni** (*big hammers*)

**palazzo** (*building*) ~ **palazzone** (*tall, large building*)  
**palazzi** (*buildings*) ~ **palazzoni** (*tall, large buildings*)

However, since augmentative gives the noun a meaning of "big, large, huge", etc., especially in common speech the great majority of feminine nouns changes gender when this suffix is appended. For instance:

**la faccia** = *the face* (feminine)  
...**BUT**  
**il faccione** = *the large face* (masculine)

**la pistola** = *the gun* (feminine)  
...**BUT**  
**il pistolone** = *the big gun* (masculine)

**la stanza** = *the room* (feminine)  
...**BUT**  
**lo stanzone** = *the big room* (masculine)

**la pietra** = *the stone* (feminine)  
...**BUT**  
**il pietrone** = *the big stone, the rock* (masculine)

There are also several words which were born as augmentatives, but achieved their own individual meaning, such as:

**la porta** = *the door* of a room (feminine)  
**il portone** = *the entrance, the door* of a building (i.e. "large door", masculine)

**Il mese scorso il gabinetto di posto di polizia Metropolitano rubato: i poliziotti non hanno niente per continuare.**

Last month the Metro Police station toilet stolen: cops have nothing to go on.

**Remember ....**  
**Italians also speak with their hands**



## ROMAN SOLDIERS – PAID IN SALT

Throughout history, people have valued salt for its flavor and because it helps stop food from rotting. Salt used to be considered so valuable that hundreds of years ago, Roman soldiers were sometimes paid in salt - which is where the word 'salary' comes from. The word "salary" was derived from "salarium" which was the name for a soldier's pay in the army of ancient Rome.

More current -- a key to healthy eating is choosing foods lower in salt and sodium. Most Americans consume more salt than they need. The current recommendation is to consume less than 2.4 grams ... about 1 teaspoon of table salt a day .... that includes ALL salt and sodium consumed, including that used in cooking and at the table. Salt contains "sodium", a mineral found in nearly every food we eat. Sodium is needed in very small amounts to maintain our body's nervous system, muscles, fluid balance, and blood pressure. However, many people consume more sodium than is needed for good health.

**Reduce Salt and Sodium in Your Diet** - Taste your food before adding salt. If you think it needs salt, you add the salt to satisfy your taste. This sounds simple, but it works! Think before you use the salt shaker or add a salty condiment. Try reducing the amount in recipes and cooking. You can slowly "unlearn" your taste for salty foods and rediscover natural flavors..... Spring Clean Your Diet.

Make foods tasty without using salt. Try these flavorings, spices, and herbs:

### Meat, Poultry, and Fish:

**Beef** - Bay leaf, marjoram, nutmeg, onion, pepper, sage, thyme.

**Lamb** - Curry powder, garlic, rosemary, mint.

**Pork** - Garlic, onion, sage, pepper, oregano.

**Veal** - Bay leaf, curry powder, ginger, marjoram, oregano.

**Chicken** - Ginger, marjoram, oregano, paprika, poultry seasoning, rosemary, sage, tarragon, thyme.

**Fish** - Curry powder, dill, dry mustard, lemon juice, marjoram, paprika, pepper.

### Vegetables:

**Carrots** - Cinnamon, cloves, marjoram, nutmeg, rosemary, sage.

**Corn** - Cumin, curry powder, onion, paprika, parsley.

**Green Beans** - Dill, curry powder, lemon juice, marjoram, oregano, tarragon, thyme.

**Greens** - Onion, Pepper

**Peas** - Ginger, marjoram, onion, parsley, sage.

**Potatoes** - Dill, garlic, onion, paprika, parsley, sage.

**Summer Squash** - Cloves, curry powder, marjoram, nutmeg, rosemary, sage.

**Winter Squash** - Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, onion.

**Tomatoes** - Basil, bay leaf, dill, marjoram, onion, oregano, parsley, pepper.

## LOUISVILLE'S SISTER CITIES

La Plata, Argentina  
Mainz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany  
Montpellier, Languedoc-Roussillon, France  
Perm, Russia  
**Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador**  
Tamale, Ghana  
Jiujiang, China  
Leeds, England, UK  
? , Italy

### Highlighted:

**QUITO,**  
Ecuador



Quito's origins date back to the first millennium when the Quito tribe occupied

the area and eventually formed a commercial center. In 1541, Quito was declared a city....San Francisco of Quito - the Spanish promptly established the Catholic religion. In 1809 Quito was a city of about 10,000 inhabitants. Quito is the only capital in the world to be directly menaced by an active volcano. The region also is vulnerable to earthquakes. The 2001 census: population: 1,865,541; illiteracy rate: 3.6%; unemployment rate: 8.9%.

**Transportation:** Domestic and international flights; a public transportation system, with a total ridership of 1.8 million passenger trips per day - privately-operated commuter bus routes, a trolleybus line, and two bus rapid transit systems, and about 8,800 registered taxicabs. There are plans to replace the trolleybus with a light rail system to begin in 2008. Attractions: a museum that showcases Ecuadorian art, history, and culture; **Parks:** *Parque Metropolitano* - 1,376 acres, the park is suited for mountain biking, walking, or running, numerous sculptures on display, picnics or barbecues, and places to view the river basins.

*La Carolina* - 165.5 acre, used mostly on weekends to play soccer, basketball, ecua-volleyball, aerobics, kite flying, running, snacking, and people watching; paddle boats, and a skatepark for bicyclists and skateboarders and the Quito botanical gardens. *El Ejido* - known for handicrafts vendors, local painters, and sweaters, ponchos, carpets and jewelry.

*La Alameda* - the oldest astronomical observatory in South America as well as a monument of Simón Bolívar, and a small lake where boats can be rented.

**Old Town** - with its historic center, the monasteries of San Francisco and Santo Domingo; many appealing plazas; El Panecillo - a hill located in the middle of the city with an altitude of about 9,895 feet - a monument to Virgin Mary located on top of El Panecillo is visible from most of the city of Quito - a 134½ foot tall aluminum monument of a madonna; the figure with wings stands on top of a globe, stepping on a snake. Then there are the **professional football (soccer) teams.**