



# ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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## Messaggio di President

We are in the middle of a **historic national election** this November. However, with all of the attention being placed on the national election, I want to take this time to remind IAA members that on November 19th, the IAA will hold its own **IAA election** for members of the board and executive officers. The individuals we elect to these positions provide an important function in helping to maintain the visibility of the organization and our Italian heritage in this community. I hope that you will be part of this significant component of the IAA by coming out and voting in **the IAA elections**. To help “get out the vote,” the November gathering not only offers you the chance to select those individuals who will help guide the IAA as board members for the upcoming year, but it will also provide you with the opportunity to be with other active IAA members and do what Italians do best—eat and socialize because once again, as has become our tradition, we will be having our election meeting at Clifton’s Pizza, where we will celebrate the election results with an all-you-can-eat buffet. The winning combination of the excitement of the IAA elections and the wonderful food at Clifton’s Pizza always produces one of the most highly attended IAA events. You can read more about the specific details of the **IAA election** meeting at Clifton’s Pizza in the “Che Pasa!” section (p.2) of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of you at Clifton’s.

Warmest regards, Beranrdo J. Carducci, President

## VOTING SOAPBOX

Why vote? Forget the pie charts, color-coded red and blue maps, and hyperventilating pundits. First and foremost, voting is a civil right, hard-won for all and is the foundation of our democracy. Secondly, millions of people around the world have no say in who governs them, so don't squander your own power.

### Schematic cost-benefit analysis

To express formally the decision of whether to vote:

$$U = p*B - C, \text{ where}$$

U = the relative utility of going and casting a vote;

p = probability that, by voting, you will change the election outcome

B = the benefit you would feel from your candidate winning (compared to the other candidate winning)

C = the net cost of voting

The trouble is, if p is 1 in 10 million, then for any reasonable value of B, the product p\*B is essentially zero (for example, even if B is as high as \$10000, p\*B is 1/10 of one cent), and this gives no reason to vote ... except you have participated in the process and had the opportunity to direct your vote.

## Next Event

**IAA Dinner – Elections; November 20, Thursday**  
(see p. 2 for details)

## THANKSGIVING

For What Do You  
Give THANKS ?



To Whom  
Do You  
Give THANKS ?

## SOLAR CABLEWAY TURNS 100

The world's only completely solar-powered cableway turned 100 recently. The Montenero funicular railway at the Tuscan city of Livorno was unveiled on August 19 1908. Initially powered by steam, its engines turned to coal, diesel, and electricity before it went solar in the 1980s. The cableway takes tourists and pilgrims to a religious shrine cut into the rocks more than 100m above the coastal city. The Sanctuary of Montenero is dedicated to Our Lady of the Graces, the patron saint of Tuscany.



## MOTOR or PEDAL

### Motogiro America or Giro d'Italia 2009

Motogiro America - the most famous motorcycle vintage road rally was this past July in Monterey, CA. This followed the successful Motogiro D'Italia in 2007. Now the excitement turns toward the **Giro d'Italia** ..... 100th anniversary is scheduled for May 9-31, 2009. “Giro” will average 40-60 miles daily along Italian lakes, vineyards, and spectacular mountain passes. One big draw to this event will be Lance Armstrong who has chosen “Giro” over the Tour de France as his comeback target. The rumored route includes: Lido di Venezia, Alps, Milano, Sestri Levante, Chieti, Vesuvio, and Rome.

## Che Passa! (What's Happening)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 4 – Election Day: Obama or McCain?  
 November 19 – IAA Elections & Dinner at Clifton's Pizza.  
 December 14 – IAA Members and Friends Christmas Party.

### NOVEMBER

**IAA Dinner – Elections;** November 20, Thursday (note the change from the originally planned Wednesday) at Clifton's Pizza at 2230 Frankfort Avenue (893-3730). Please join us for pre-election socializing from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the elections being held at 7p.m..... dinner to follow. This is the event when we elect the 2009 Board of Directors and then the officers. Clifton's prepares the **most delicious buffet** for us at a cost of only \$10 (includes tax & tip) per person (does not include alcoholic beverages). We are always seeking new Board members to actively participate to insure the IAA continues to promote our Italian heritage and remains a contributing factor in our community. Restaurant is handicap accessible. Questions? **A RSVP would be greatly appreciated for food prep**...call Marty at 456-1636.

### IAA BOARD

It is hard to identify those interested in serving on the IAA Board. We have many wonderful members ..... some, I am sure, have the interest and passion to help promote the Italian culture, help provide leadership within the Italian community, and help thru the desire to be on a community Board. If you are interested, please don't wait ..... **STEP FORWARD** and let it be known. We have 11 positions up for elections on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and I know of only 5 interested in filling some of those positions.

### ITALIAN FRAZIONI & smaller localities

The administrative organization of Italy consists of regions (20), provinces (110), comuni (over 8,100) or municipii, and 37,000 frazioni (also the term borgata is sometimes used for the smaller administrative entities). When a comune consists of more places, the municipal office is only in one of these places, usually the one that gives the name to the comune. In bigger cities such as Rome there are also decentralized offices called circoscrizioni.

Examples:

**Comuni**.....

**Acquafredda**, province – Brescia; region - Lombardy

**Affi**, province – Verona; region - Veneto

**San Giovanni in Fiore**, province – Cosenza; region - Calabria

**Fraziono** .....

**Campagna**, comune of Caerano di San Marco – Province – Treviso; region - Veneto

**Campo di Mare**, comune of San Pietro Vernotico – Province – Brindisi; region - Puglia

## BIRTHDAYS COMPLEANNO FELICE !!



<b>Cordini</b>	<b>Francesca</b>	<b>11/27</b>			
<b>Hanka</b>	<b>Marvin</b>	<b>11/28</b>			
<b>Kettler</b>	<b>Elvira</b>	<b>11/10</b>			
<b>Mancini</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>11/8</b>	<b>Nethery</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>Mazzoli</b>	<b>Liliana</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>Pellegrini</b>	<b>Katherine</b>	<b>11/29</b>
<b>Mazzoli</b>	<b>Romano</b>	<b>11/2</b>	<b>Sangalli</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>Moir</b>	<b>Rick</b>	<b>11/5</b>	<b>Silletteo</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>11/21</b>
and	many	more	<b>Graziano</b>	<b>Christop her</b>	<b>11/27</b>

### BOCCE

#### Interstate Challenge

Mary and Lou represented the Kentucky bocce aficionados at the Kentucky – Tennessee bocce challenge with the Sons of Italy – Brentwood, TN. The grill-masters and the chefs of the side-dishes provided a most wonderful feast for the afternoon, and the SOI members are to be commended for the building of two terrific bocce courts in the local park.



As for the KY-TN bocce match-up, the results of the competition were never in doubt; the KY team was able to adapt to the new venue and tame the erratic "ruffa (smash) shots" of the opponents. Additionally, TN players constantly relied on the "bank" shot as their one and only weapon..... KY adjusted and went on to display their arsenal of bocce skills and techniques. The TN Team did have a shining star, that of Joe Tiratto - to which the rest of the TN team should take lessons.

The results for the first game was K and, thereafter, the KY team was able to put on a bocce clinic for our hosts. We had them reaching for their bocce manuals as they attempted to rattle the KY Team from "Luigiville" (as they called us).



In the end we thoroughly enjoyed the gracious hospitality of our TN paesano, and the opportunity to demonstrate our bocce mensa. As Dan Solomon, President of the Sons of Italy – Brentwood lodge, said .... it was a beautiful sunny day filled with fun, food, and fellowship.....to that we say SALUTE !!

Dante laid the foundation .... afterlife voting system. As everybody knows, when you die all of the angels get together and vote whether your soul goes to heaven or hell. Seraphim control the greatest number of electoral votes (1,902), followed in order by Cherubim (765 electoral votes), Virtues (453), Powers (325), Principalities (300), Archangels (296), and Angels (3).

## EVENTS IN ITALY & USA

**FieraCavalli - INTERNATIONAL HORSE FESTIVAL,** NOVEMBER 6-9; a landmark for more than a century in the world equestrian panorama. Founded in 1898 as a simple horse market, today the event is a truly international appointment attracting more than 145,000 visitors from all over the world; also, presents HorseLyric - the gala where the beauty of the most noble animal is embellished by classical music... followed by the successful Literary Competition titled "My Kingdom for a Horse".



**VINO e CUCINA** - The Italian Cuisine and Wine Event of the Year, November 24, 2008; Gotham Hall, New York. Each year, Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani (GRI) hosts this event to support the fundraising efforts that provide scholarships to culinary and hospitality students from across the United States. A relaxing evening spent strolling around while you taste some of the finest Italian Cuisine and Wine, talk to the Chefs as they prepare their delicacies for you, and participate in the auction offering some amazing products, cooking classes and dining experiences.

**AMICO ASPERTINI EXHIBITION** - from September 27, 2008 to January 11, 2009. During the bicentennial of the National Painting Gallery, Bologna will host the first exhibition completely dedicated to the Bolognese painter and his time..... AMICO ASPERTINI 1474-1552

**ArtePadova 2008** - 7th to 10th November 2008. This Exhibition and Market of Modern and Contemporary Art is now at the 19th edition and is one of the most important and awaited cultural events in Italy. Four days dedicated to the culture of art and relative investments. Alongside the art exhibition there are meetings with the artists, gallery owners, art experts, journalists, collectors, and art enthusiasts. Padova is one of the loveliest cities in Italy and has a wealth of witness to its glorious cultural and artistic past which attracts millions of visitors every year from all over the world.

**INTERPOMA**, Bolzano, November 6-8; an international platform for orchardry experts. For the 6th time the halls will be transformed into a showcase for apple production, storage and marketing. Correspondingly, new apple varieties will be exhibited – numerous tree nurseries have already signed up to come. Furthermore, tractors and machines for plant protection, ground maintenance, harvest and transportation, and devices and materials for tree training and harvest will be found at the trade fair.

**VisCom Milan** - November 13-15, 2008; more than 20,000 modern graphic producers, designers, advertising agencies and decision makers, from all over the world, meet with more than 600 suppliers to actively do business and to learn about the impact of new technologies and communication trends during workshops and conferences. Viscom Visual Communication Italy was chosen as the most important selling event of the year.

## ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi

### Thanksgiving in Italy La Festa del Ringraziamento

Many cultures have been celebrating harvests for centuries. For example, the Romans celebrated a harvest festival called Cerelia, which honored Ceres, the goddess of corn (from which the word cereal comes). Their celebration included music, parades, games and sports, and a feast. But Thanksgiving in Italy? The distinctly American tradition doesn't translate well in Italy. Even the transliterated phrase in Italian for Thanksgiving, La Festa del Ringraziamento, refers to a variety of religious holidays held throughout the year for patron saints.

However, the important thing is that every family of Italian heritage has different culinary traditions to celebrate the holiday. An Italian Thanksgiving dinner might include ravioli con la zucca (pumpkin ravioli), tacchinella alla melagrana (roast turkey basted with pomegranate sauce and served with a pomegranate-and-giblet gravy), sweet Italian turkey sausage and mozzarella stuffing, and even Italian cakes and pastries. What matters most is the opportunity for families and communities to come together and celebrate the season in a tradition that's timeless. Around the table you just might hear the following:

l'autunno — fall  
 il corteo — parade  
 il granturco — corn  
 il Nuovo Mondo — New World  
 i Padri Pellegrini — Pilgrim Fathers  
 il raccolto — harvest  
 il tacchino — turkey  
 la tradizione — tradition  
 la zucca — pumpkin

Italian Wine Suggestions for Thanksgiving Turkey:

Batasiolo Barbera d'Alba Sovrana (Piedmont)  
 Prosecco or Asti Spumante  
 Merlot or Ruffino wine

### Remember ....

Italians also speak  
with their hands

**Quando mia moglie è tornato a casa ha richiesto che porti il suo da qualche parte caro; così, l'ho portata al distributore di benzina.**

When my wife got home she demanded that I take her someplace expensive; so, I took her to the gas station.

