



ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Messaggio del Presidente

Well, let me start by saying “Welcome to the New Year,” or “*Benvenuti nel Anno Nuovo.*” If you are like me, you probably made a few resolutions for the New Year. Some of the general resolutions typically made by people include losing weight, adopting a more active lifestyle, and being more kind, patient, and understanding. In addition to claiming all of these resolutions for myself, I have also made one more very specific resolution—to start learning to speak Italian. And, as we have seen in many recent features in newspapers and magazines and on television and online, every expert says if you want to increase the likelihood of keeping your resolution you have to do two things: 1. make it public—let others know of your intentions, and 2. make it a group effort—get involved with other who have the same resolution. So, in the spirit of fostering success, I would like to make public my intention to learn to speak some Italian in my president’s message to you this month, as well as invite others who would like to make this one of their New Year’s resolutions to join me in doing so. More specifically, in response to a suggestion made by IAA member Jerry Giancola, the next IAA monthly gathering will feature a combination Italian Language/Dinner Night on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at DiFabio’s *Casapela*, beginning at 6:00 p.m. DiFabio’s is located at 2311 Frankfort Ave. in the same location that was previously occupied by Ray Parrella’s. And, if you have seen or heard advertisements for other such Italian Language/Dinner events around town, you will know that they can be very pricy and restrictive in their menu options. However, it pleases me to announce that there will be **absolutely no cost associated with this event**, other than what individuals order off the complete menu offered by DeFabio’s! That’s right. You will be able to order anything you would like off the regular menu and at regular-menu prices! Our Italian language host for this special event will be IAA member Ampelio Isetti. During the evening, Ampelio will provide examples of simple expressions and phrases appropriate when dining with others and some introductory lessons in the grammar of the Italian language. Ampelio wants to reassure everyone that “folks do not have to have any prior experience with speaking Italian. I would like to help people who want to learn some Italian and have some fun while doing so.” While designed to help individuals who want to learn some Italian, I encourage those IAA members and their friends who are more fluent speakers of Italian to attend this event to provide support to others who are not. More details about this IAA Italian Language/Dinner Night are provided in the “*UNISCALI*” (“Join Us”) feature of the newsletter. It is my hope that we can make such Italian lessons a regular IAA event. So, to help me keep at least one of my New Year’s resolutions, I hope other IAA members will bring their family members of all ages and friends to this event.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

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January/February 2012 Event IAA Italian Language/Dinner Night February 1, 2012 at DiFabio's Casapela

The IAA will be sponsoring an Italian Language/Dinner Night on Wednesday, February 1, 2011 at DiFabio's *Casapela*, which is located at 2311 Frankfort Avenue in the same location occupied previously by Ray Parrella's. The event will begin with socializing and the introduction of some basic Italian phrases from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in DiFabio's private dining room reserved exclusively that evening for the IAA event. Our Italian language host for the evening will be IAA member Ampelio Isetti. At 6:30 p.m., we begin making dinner selections from DiFabio's complete regular menu. DiFabio's features a complete list of *antipastai* (prices ranging from \$4 to \$8), a variety of pasta dishes (e.g., spaghetti, lasagna, manicotti) served with a choice of sauces made fresh daily (prices ranging \$11 [pasta with marinara sauce] to \$14 [Lasagna]), fish dishes (prices ranging from \$17 to \$19), and meat and chicken dishes (prices beginning at \$15); all entrées are accompanied with a fresh salad. DiFabio's also features an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages, beers, wines, and cocktails. DiFabio's complete menu is available online at www.difabios.com. Throughout dinner, Ampelio will continue to offer language support and answer questions.

To ensure that we have enough room at this event, please RSVP to Bernie Carducci by phone at 502-432-3169 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu by January 30, 2012 by 9:00 p.m. Please contact Bernardo Carducci if you have any additional questions regarding this event.

Special Note: The aim of this event is to appeal to those with no previous experience with speaking Italian but have a desire to learn some Italian and fun while doing so. Certainly IAA members with all levels of fluency in Italian are welcome to come and help support the efforts of others attending the event.

Event Details:

Event: IAA Italian Language/Dinner Night

Date: February 1, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Where: DiFabio's *Casapela*, 2311 Frankfort Avenue, 40206 (phone: 502-891-0411; driving directions on the web at www.difabios.com)

Menu: All food items and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages on the regular menu at DiFabio's will be available at this event. DiFabio's complete menu is available online at www.difabios.com.

Price: Individual checks based on items ordered off the regular menu and regular prices.

RSVP: Monday, January 30, 2012 by 8:00 p.m. to Bernardo J. Carducci by phone at 502-432-3169 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

Parking: There is parking on the street near the restaurant. Handicap parking is available in their lot next to the restaurant.

Accessibility: DiFabio's is handicap accessible through a side entrance in their parking lot next to the restaurant.

Cause for Celebration

Happy Birthday To You and You and You

Caitlin	Francesconi	1/08
Ray	Parrella	1/10
Franco	Cordini	1/10
Michele	Clem	1/18
Linda	Perri	1/19
Maria	Terry	1/20
Nancy	Walcher	1/20
Zach	Flitt	1/21
Paul	Palumbo	1/28

May You Have Happy Birthdays
Now And Your Whole Life Through

New Grandbaby for Mary Perry

Mary Perry, IAA Treasurer, is pleased to announce the birth of her newest grandson. Winston Loucas was born on Christmas Day evening weighing 7 pounds and with lots of hair. Mary assisted with the home delivery of Winston while visiting her daughter and son-in-law in southern California during the holidays. Mary reported that Winston's home delivery went well. We all hope to see Winston at future IAA events.

Danish Translation of Carducci's Shyness Workbook

IAA president Bernardo J. Carducci's book titled *The Shyness Workbook: 30 Days to Dealing Successfully with Shyness* was recently translated into Danish by Dansk Psykologisk Forlag in Copenhagen.

[The editors of the IAA Newsletter seek items from IAA members for listing in the "Cause for Celebration" feature of the IAA Newsletter. Please send announcements to Mary Perry at M2Peri@aol.com or Bernardo J. Carducci at bcarducc@ius.edu.]

Announcements

Renewal of IAA Memberships Dues

Annual dues for continued membership are due during the month of January. To renew your IAA membership for 2012, please complete the form appearing at the end of this newsletter. Better yet, please think about becoming a lifetime member. An IAA membership also makes a great gift for family members and friends. The ability of the IAA to continue to promote the Italian heritage in this area depends on a strong membership.

Seeking IAA Members with Digital Photographs of Their Trips to Italy

The IAA is seeking digital photographs of trips to Italy by IAA members. The idea is to have IAA members share their photographs with others at upcoming events. At these events, IAA members could share their memories of and adventures in Italy with others. The IAA would provide the digital projection system for showing the photographs. All that would be required of those willing to share some of their photographs

would be to bring them to the event on an electronic storage device that is compatible with a laptop computer using a Microsoft operating system. If you are interested in participating in a personal travel showcase, please contact Bernardo J. Carducci by phone at 502-432-3169 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

Suggestions for IAA Events in 2012

The members of the IAA Board of Directors would like to hear from you regarding suggestions for possible events in 2012. The board is particularly interested in events that involve family-friendly activities. These events can feature local attractions, such as museums, restaurants, movies, and musical/theatrical performances. The board is also interested in community events that will help to raise the visibility of the IAA. Such events might include the IAA partnering with other organizations, such as churches, libraries, and civic groups, for the purpose of fundraising for worthy causes. Anyone interested in making suggestions for possible IAA activities should contact Bernardo J. Carducci by phone at 502-432-3169 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

Seeking Contributions to the IAA Newsletter

The editors of the IAA newsletter are seeking contributes by IAA members. Such contributions might include a summary of a trip you made to Italy, a description of a photograph or family heirloom you discovered, a story about a family gathering focusing on your Italian heritage, or a comment regarding an item with an Italian theme you saw while reading a magazine or an Internet website. The point is the focus of the IAA newsletter should be about items by its members that are of interest to its members. Your contributions do not have to be of a professional quality; they just have to be of interest to others who have an interest in those things Italian. Please e-mail your contributions for possible inclusion in the IAA newsletter to Mary Perry at M2Peri@aol.com or Bernardo J. Carducci at bcarducc@ius.edu.

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LOUISVILLE

Membership Application Form

January _____ through December _____

- New Membership**
- Renewal Membership**
- Lifetime Membership**

DATE joining club _____

Recruited by _____

Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial/Name	
Address		City	State	Zip
Home Phone #		Cell Phone #	Occupation	
Work Phone #		Fax Phone #	E-mail Address	
Birthplace and Origin of Heritage			Birth Date	

SPOUSE INFORMATION: (Fill out if spouse is also joining the club at this time.)

Last Name		First Name	Maiden Name	
Work Phone #		Fax Phone #	E-mail Address	
Birthplace and Origin of Heritage		Occupation	Birth Date	

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: All membership dues are renewable on January 1 of each year.

- ADULT** \$15 per year per person
- YOUTH** Free—children up to age 17 with parent membership
- LIFETIME** \$125 one time payment per person

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND BIRTHDAYS OF ALL YOUTH MEMBERSHIPS

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

May we include your membership information in the IAA directory? Yes No

Please return completed form and dues to: Make checks payable to the **ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**
 Mary Perry, Treasurer
 7809 Windgate Drive
 Louisville, KY 40291

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