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Club Newsletter

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San Marino Retirement Community
7425 Xavier Street, 2nd floor-Social Room.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:30 pm
Web page: www.trentini-club-colorado.com

From the President.....

Greetings everyone,

Mark your calendars for the 23rd, 24th and 25th of July. This will be the ITTONA Convention to be held in Toronto, Canada, the equivalent of NYC in the States. This Convention is held every two years, and will be the most spectacular since Trento. There will be outstanding foods and wines, some of which are not exported to the USA.

Additionally, there will be special events and guests.

As I reported from the President's meeting in November, I had the best Italian sausage I have eaten in 50 years which was made by the Toronto Club members.

I would strongly recommend that you make reservations ASAP. All information can be found at: www.ITTONA.org.

If you need more info or not computer literate, call and we will help. This event should be the most outstanding event of the year. Try not to miss it!

Looking forward to seeing you in Toronto, I remain,

George Falagradý

Happy Mother's Day!!!!!!

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Full Membership with newsletter: \$20
Newsletter Membership Only: \$15

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On sale-T Shirts for \$15, jackets-\$35 . We have children's sizes, too! To purchase, call Anna Svaldi Vann @ 303-650-1057.

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Events Calendar

- Sunday, May 2, **Mt. Carmel Prima Domenica Mass**, 9 am, with the reception following.
- **Annual Polenta Picnic**, Sunday, June 27th, Prospect Park, more info to follow.
- **ITTONA Convention**, July 23-25, 2010, Toronto Canada. Registration \$285 USD by May 28th/\$310 USD after May 28. Call President George Falagradly for more details 720-201-5575.

Community Update...

- The **Annual Spaghetti Social** on Sunday, April 18th was very nice. We had about 100 people, the food was good, camaraderie even better and there were lots of nice raffle prizes. A good time was had by all.now if we could just get people to RSVP on time, it would be perfect!!
- The **Columbus Day Parade Committee** meeting will be Wednesday, April 7, 7 pm at Vincenza's west of Wadsworth Blvd. on 44th Avenue. For more information, please contact Anna Svaldi Vann at 303-650-1057.
- The **Italian American Commission for Social Justice** Next meeting-Wednesday, April 28, 7 pm at Mickey's Inn at 70th & Broadway. Call Anna Vann for details 303-650-1057.
- Be sure to check out the **Italian American Heritage** www.italianamericanheritage.org for information on upcoming events, club information, directory, contacts, etc.
- The **Sons of Italy Bocce Tournament** will be held on Saturday, May 15th at their hall on 32nd & Harlan. Call Mario Del Piccolo 303-421-4109 for details.

From the Editor,

I regret to inform you that this will be my last publication as your editor. Due to circumstances, I will no longer be able to do the club newsletter. Please help out our new president, George Falagradly, by standing up and volunteering to take over this position. He is in dire need of your help!! Also, for those attending our monthly meetings, please feel free to offer your assistance with handling the refreshments. It's a matter of bringing the supplies and purchasing snacks for after our meetings. Nothing too time-consuming or strenuous! George will truly be appreciative for your help on both of these issues. You may contact him at 720-201-5575.

Thank you for all your support throughout the years of being editor of your club newsletter. Your kind notes and emails were greatly appreciated. I send you much peace and love and let's keep our club strong!!! Viva gli Trentini!!!
Baci, Anna Svaldi Vann

Caring Report

- Please keep **Garbriella Mazzei** in your thoughts and prayers, due to the passing of her husband Tony on March 30th. He will be missed.
- Buon Viaggio to **Meg de Manincor** as she visits Trento and other parts of Italy for the next 4 months.
- Our prayers go out to **Marlene Archer** in the loss of aunts Louis Kulp and Ann Ress, and uncle Conrad Fortarel who were original members of our club and have passed in the last year.
- Welcome home to **Eni Svaldi**, who recently spent a month with daughter Dina in Kansas. Congrats to the Svaldi family on Dina's new addition, Giuseppe, on March 1st (#6!!!).

Contact Anna at 303-650-1057 or email at tmvenv@msn.com with any news of births, deaths, weddings, hospital stays, travels or any other special events from our members.

Membership Memos... There were no new members this month. Our club is a great experience for all and we welcome any new members. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to join us in the fun! Please update your directory as you receive these notices.

Updates-

Please delete **Tony Mazzei** from the roster, due to his passing.

Mary Beth Moser email: mbmoser@comcast.net

Please reinstate the following members, as they paid their dues: **Carrie Bailey, Hank Coll, Melvina Bevsek, Susan Datillo, George & Argia Martelon, Donna Harper, Maria Newell, & Joseph Martinelli. DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES!!!**

Merna Slater is still waiting for your pictures!!! Her first project is to put together a photo album of all of the members. She is requesting that you send her a photo of yourself (if you and your spouse are both members, you can send one photo of both of you) to her at: Merna Slater, 9033 Rampart, Federal Heights, CO 80221. Please do not send anything larger than 4 X 6, but make sure it's large and clear enough for us to see you. This will be such a treat—to put a face to a name or voice after all these years! I'll see if there's a way to put in in the newsletter or on the web site when it's completed. What a great idea, Merna. Thanks for your hard work!!

If you speak Italian and would like to attend school in Trento, the Province indicated that a competition has been approved for **8 scholarships to the University of Trento** for the academic year 2010/2011. These scholarships are reserved for descendants of Trentino emigrants. The forms needed to apply can be found at http://www.mondotrentino.net/borse_studio/-unitn/pagina3.html. Please note that the deadline for applying is May 14, 2010, (May 13 if applying by fax) and that a good knowledge of the Italian language is mandatory.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you Wonderful Mothers!!!!!!

Here are some cute antidotes for all of you...not just mothers!!!!

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
 2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
 3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
 4. My mother taught me LOGIC.
" Because I said so, that's why."
 5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
 6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
 7. My mother taught me IRONY.
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to really cry about."
 8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
 9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
 10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
 11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
 12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
 13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
 14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.
"Stop acting like your father!"
 15. My mother taught me about ENVY.
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
 16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
"Just wait until we get home."
 17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.
"You are going to get it when you get home!"
 18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
 19. My mother taught me ESP.
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
 20. My mother taught me HUMOR.
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
 - 21.. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
 22. My mother taught me GENETICS.
"You're just like your father."
 23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
 24. My mother taught me WISDOM.
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- And my favorite:
25. My mother taught me about JUSTICE.
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you ."

(Thanks to Inez Dalla Brines for this lovely email!!!)

Italian History.....

Here are the answers to our quiz last month. How well did you do???

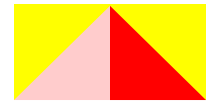
I am an Italian American

1. Cristoforo Colombo
2. Giovanni Cabolo/John Cabot
3. Amerigo Vespucci
4. Enrico Tonti
5. Filippo Massei
6. William Paca
7. Colonel Francesco Vigo
8. Alessandro Malspina
9. Giacomo Beltrami
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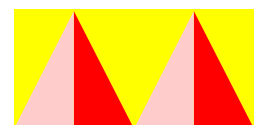
Bits & Pieces....

- The worst exercise is running up expenses.
- If you look like the photo on your passport, you really are not well enough to travel!
- Inflation is having the money to burn but no being able to afford the matches.
- The hardest part of putting something away for a rainy day is finding a clear day to do it.
- The safest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your pocket.
- If you lose your temper, pray that you'll never find it again.
- People who fall for everything seldom stand for much.
- Mistakes don't entitle you to an encore.
- A good alternative to speaking out is often silence.
- The noblest dog is a hot dog. It feeds the hand of the one who bites it.
- It's hard to get off you high horse gracefully.
- We can do more than we think we can—but we do less than we think we do.
- Signs of winter—Snow blowers and nose blowers.
- You' can't influence your dead ancestors, but you can influence your living descendants.

Thanks again for the Tidbits, Bob Thyfault!!



Do you have any funny stories, jokes or comical mishaps you'd like to share with your fellow club members?? Please send them to Anna Svaldi Vann at tmvenv@msn.com or 6895 Morrison Drive, Denver, CO 80221-2510 and she will put them in an upcoming newsletter. Grazie!!!



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Recipe of the Month...

Sauteed Sauerkraut (Crauti come Contorno) ***(You can add German Sausage and bring to the Polenta Picnic)***

2 1/4 pounds (1 k) sauerkraut (home made or store-bought)
A ham bone, fresh or smoked A bay leaf 1/3 cup olive oil
An onion, minced 1 heaping tablespoon flour Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation:

Rinse the sauerkraut and put it in a pot with the bone and the bay leaf, adding cold water to cover. Bring the mixture to a simmer, and cook it for about a half hour, stirring occasionally and adding a little more liquid if necessary. In the meantime, sauté the onion in the oil, and as soon as it wilts stir in the flour. Continue stirring the mixture until it browns.

Drain the sauerkraut, stir it into the flour and onion mixture, check seasoning, and serve. Yield: 4-6 servings.

Buon Appetito!!!