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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear TIAHA Brothers,

As has been the norm, and my extreme pleasure, the last few months or so: I am very pleased to report on great events of the past month and to keep you apprised of some neat events and projects coming up that will benefit our organization, our families, and our communities.

The baseball event with the Italian National Team was out of this world and beyond my greatest expectations. The Pig Pickin' cook out and dinner we put on was nothing less than fantastic. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in any way at all which helped make this such a great evening. I have been sending out pictures by e-mail but will bring some hard copies to our meeting for those of you who are not electronically connected. Anyone else who has pictures, please bring them to the meeting as well.

The game on Friday night was very well attended (even though they lost) and everyone had a great time. My kids and I went back again for Saturday's game and got to spend a lot more time with these guys and they were all so very appreciative of our efforts and were very impressed with our organization and the genuine welcome, warmth, and friendship we gave them.

And besides all the good time we had, the best part is that we made money on the whole event. Vince Conzola will give a financial report at our general meeting next week.

I want to schedule another Italian vs. Irish softball game. I believe we really need to have tryouts and practice if we're going to make any kind of a showing and not be embarrassed. I think our past philosophy of getting anyone who comes out into the game is nice but we really need to field a "team" of players this time. I really want to beat these guys or at the very least, be competitive.

Look at the Calendar of Upcoming events. There's about three or four things happening each month for the next 2 or 3. Golf, poker, dinners, wives, blood drive, softball, fund raisers, raffles, picnic, and on and on and on . I don't know about anyone else but I'm having a great time and am excited and proud to be a member of this organization. Come on out. Make us even better!

Fraternally yours,

Frank

TIAHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 20th, 2005 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Pres Report: Frank was so happy about attendance his "nipples were hard".

Tonight was Victor Parlanti Night. Victor is moving to Kentucky.

Both the Pot Luck Dinner and Adopt a Highway were a success.

The website is www.daitalianclub.com. Just kidding. It is www.theitalianclub.com.

The President's Award went to Jerry Santoro and Bob Giannuzzi.

Giovanni Masucci was on hand to grab the Past President's Award.

Guests: Anthony Integlia- guest of Andy Camano. Family from Mitorno, Italy and then Staten Island.

Bruno Pagnani-guest of Dave Baron. He is from Endicott. Family is from Calabria.

TIAHA Blood Drive-Contact Paul Messino about giving blood. His number is 828-3876. If you are interested please attend the Aug 2nd board meeting.

Cary Nursing Home needs volunteers to help with elderly activities. Contact Paul Messino.

Carmine DiGrande won the bid for the Italian book by Adriana Trigiani. He paid \$42.

New Business: The printer of the newsletter gets a full page ad for free. He wants our membership list and will do everything for free. The board will research the deal and bring it to the membership.

TIAHA Golf Outing: Sat Aug 20th. Location to be determined. Mark LaMantia is donating a golf bag. Donations are welcome.

Bob G sold 142 tickets to the USA vs. Italy baseball game. The club made \$426.

Good and Welfare: Kirsten Marino passed away at the age of 46.

John Bono is a grandfather for the 7th time.

Bob Petrolino won \$39. The number was picked by Victor Parlanti.

TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2005 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

F. Ferraro, R. Cordato, V. Doria, T. Aiello

1. Meeting called to order at 7:15
2. We could not vote on new members, Anthony and Bruno due to lack of quorum
3. **Blood Drive** – Michelle Dozier of American Red Cross spoke to Roy about TIAHA becoming a Blood Drive Donor/Hosting organization
 - We need 37 people who would be “willing to give blood.” We will have sign up sheets at next general meeting
 - Must be 17 years of age
 - Do not need to be members of TIAHA
 - If we are going to host a Blood Drive event, we need a 600 sq. ft. location
 - a. If not, they will provide the Blood Mobile
 - b. We need to have 2 – 4 people to help out for 4 – 5 hours (does not have to be the same people for the entire time)
 - They will provide us with posters and other promotional assistance
 - Weekday evenings are best time to schedule because week-ends are usually extremely busy
4. Scholarship Fund- We need to decide when to present it, criteria, etc.
 - Applications go out in Oct – Dec: Present in spring for next year?
 - Applications go out in May – June: Present in Oct. for next semester?
 - WE MUST HAVE A FUND RAISER
 - Get precise commitments at general meeting of prizes, etc. that we can offer in a raffle.
5. We need to resolve the issue of the mailed out newsletter. Bring up all options to General Meeting and let's finalize it.
6. Poker night- Odd Fellows Lodge Friday Aug. 26. 7:30 PM
7. Vinnie Doria will research having a Chicken B-B-Q fund raiser in September. We can partner with the Oddfellows.
8. TIAHA Family picnic will be Sunday Sept. 25th at the Oddfellows Lodge. We need to discuss a theme for day as far as food, etc. Maybe this year we make it a clam bake, or an Hawaiian luau, etc.
9. September meeting will be at Joe Frangiosa's house
10. October meeting is our annual “Invite our wives, girlfriends, etc” meeting. Frank F. volunteered to cook for this one.

T.I.A.H.A General Membership Meeting
6:30 Wednesday September 21
Joe Frangiosa's House
6424 E Lake Anne Drive.
881-9955

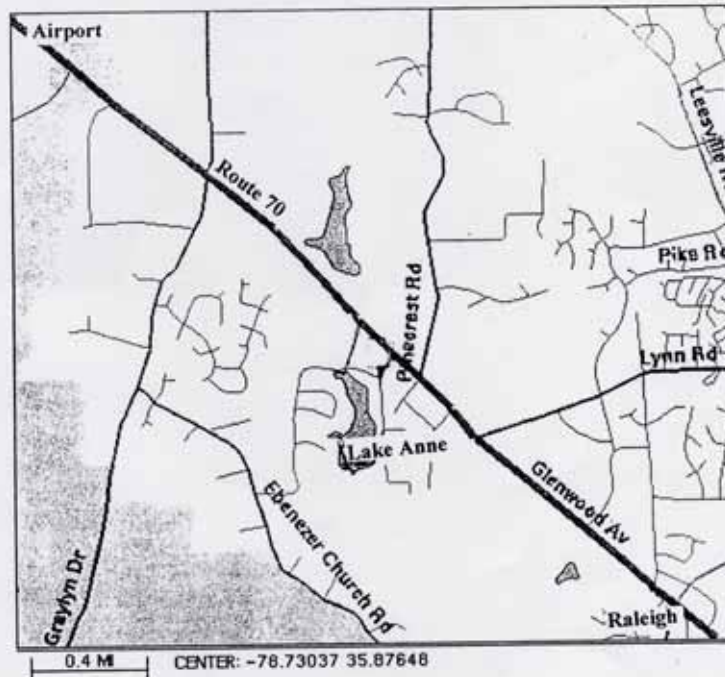
ITALIAN STEAK NIGHT

Joe Frangiosa's House
6424 East Lake Anne Drive
Raleigh, N.C. 27612
881-9955

Directions:

West on Route 70 past Leadmine Road, past Pinecrest Road. Once you pass Pinecrest Road, get into left lane and take the first crossover (be careful) to get into eastbound lanes. Get into far right lane and turn right after about 50 yards onto Lake Anne Drive. Go down about 100 yards to stop sign and at T-intersection in road turn left. My house is the 2nd house on the left. The address is: 6424 East Lake Anne Drive. **Please do not park in the driveway.**

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BY LEON J. RADOMILE • TRANSLATED BY CATALDO LEONE

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How To Order

TIAHA has arranged for a bulk purchase of *Heritage Italian-American Style*. This is an excellent collection of the positive contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans to society. Purchase one for your own use, and buy one for family members and friends, allowing them to share in our heritage. The cost to members is \$20.00, saving you postage, and allowing TIAHA to raise a few dollars. Books will be individually autographed by the author.

Make check payable to TIAHA and send to:

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Include the name you wish inscribed in the book, when ordering more than one.

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KEEP THE COST DOWN.

CALL ME AS SOON AS YOU KNOW SO THAT I CAN MAKE
PROPER RESERVATIONS !!!!!
JOE FRANGIOSA 919-881-9955

I NEED YOU



FOR THE TIAHA

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Gents,

After searching for service events that we could do in the upcoming months, I have decided that sponsoring a blood drive would be a simple and fun project for us. The Red Cross always needs help. In order to sponsor our time, however, those interested must attend an instructional meeting for an hour. The Red Cross said that they will come see us or we can go to them. If you're interested, please email me ASAP at pmessino@johnlocke.org.

Paul Messino

Fratelli e Amicci,

My stepdaughter is a Dental Hygiene Student at Wake Tech. As part of their training the students must recruit their own patients for dental cleanings. Wake Tech offers a complete cleaning and x-rays for only \$20. All work is supervised by licensed dental hygienists and two dentists.

On Thursday, 18 Aug she needs one patient at 8:00 am, and on Friday, 19 Aug, she needs two patients, one at 8:00 am and one at 10:00 am. This is a "screening" session. If you are a patient, it will take two more appointments to complete the cleaning and x-rays.

If anyone is interested in these time slots, I will cover the \$20. fee myself; it will cost you nothing.

If you are interested, please e-mail Randi at randi.bowen@earthlink.net or call her cell at 919-264-8807. Please leave phone number and patient's name, and she will contact you. Anyone can be a patient, so please pass this on to family and friends.

Grazie mille e Buona Fortuna,

Ron (Piccerillo) Little

ON THURSDAY JULY 21, 2005 (TIAHA) THE TRIANGLE ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION HOSTED A RECEPTION DINNER FOR THE VISITING ITALIAN BASEBALL TEAM, FEATURING AN AUTHENTIC CAROLINA PIG ROAST WITH COLE SLAW, HUSH PUPPIES, SWEET TEA & ALL THE FIXINS.

WHAT CAN YOU SAY, WE HAD A GREAT TIME AND SO DID OUR ITALIAN BASEBALL TEAM GUESTS. WE SHOULD DO THIS AGAIN REAL SOON.WHO KNOWS..... MAYBE IN ITALY!

CIAO,

RICH FERRARO



HOW YOU DOIN' ?



FRANK FERRARO ACCEPTS A BANNER FROM TEAM ITALIA



RICK & JOHN DID A GREAT JOB ON THE PIG



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS



WELCOME TO AMERICA



THEY WERE TRYING TO RECRUIT ME



RICH FERRARO LEARNING SOME ITALIAN



NICOLE & JACLYN ENTERTAIN THE GUYS



JERSEY MIKE & THE BOYS



A PRIZE CATCH



HEY ! LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT



50/50 WINNER

TIAHA Golf Outing

For those of you who were not at the last meeting (and those of you who may have forgotten), The 2005 TIAHA Golf Outing and Tournament is scheduled for **Sat. August 20th** at **Wilmar Golf Course**. Pricing is \$39 for green fees and cart. It is \$29 for those over 50 (I think that's what he said)

Our first Tee Time will be at 9:24 AM and we will then progressively go till all our golfers get off so we need everyone to be there at 9:00 at the latest so we can arrange foursomes, etc. We will have prizes, awards, amenities and a small get together at completion of play.

So far it looks like we have 4 foursomes committed so please let me know if you want to participate. Although we are trying to keep this a small tight group of mainly TIAHA members, if you would also like to bring a guest, let me know so we can let Wilmar know the total number of players.

Frank Ferraro

Office 919-255-1330

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ITALIAN AMERICANS IN FOOTBALL

As players and coaches, Italian Americans have set records in one of America's most popular sports.

- Legendary football coach **Vince Lombardi** (1913-1970) led the Green Bay Packers to five National Football League (NFL) championships (between 1959 and 1967), the first and second Super Bowls (1967 and 1968), and three world titles during the 1960s. The Brooklyn-born former football player and coach introduced the T-formation offense, which he used in 1956 to bring the New York Giants to their first NFL championship since 1938. In 1969, he coached Washington, D.C.'s Redskins, bringing them to their first winning season in more than two decades. He died in 1970 and was elected posthumously to the Football Hall of Fame the same year. His motto was "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing."
- **Joe Paterno** became head coach of the Penn State football team in 1965 where he led the team to 22 major bowl games and four perfect seasons, produced many All American players and 48 players who joined the NFL. Three times honored as Coach of the Year, he won more than 80 percent of his games.
- **Lou Little**, born Luigi Piccolo in 1893, was a member of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. He coached Columbia University's football team from 1930 to 1956 and was known for developing teams that never gave up. Among his more notable victories was a one-point win over Army in 1947 that snapped the Cadets' 32-game winning streak.
- Seven Italian American football players have won the Heisman Trophy, college football's highest honor. They are **Alan Ameche** (Wisconsin), **Gary Beban** (UCLA), **Joe Bellino** (NAVY), **Angelo Bertelli** (Notre Dame), **John Cappelletti** (Penn State), **Gino Torretta** (Miami), and **Vinny Testaverde** (Miami). Cappelletti, an all-American running back, gave his trophy to his younger brother, Joey, who was dying of cancer.
- The greatest Super Bowl drive of all time-- eight complete passes in two minutes and thirty seconds was the work of San Francisco 49ers **Joe Montana** in 1984. Montana quarterbacked the 49ers to four Super Bowl titles before playing for the Kansas City Chiefs. He was the Most Valuable Player of three of those four Super Bowls.
- **Dan Marino**, who played for the Miami Dolphins, was the highest rated quarterback in the NFL in 1984. He passed for an amazing 47 touchdowns in his first 20 games, a record it took Joe Namath three seasons to match.
- **Brian Piccolo** led the nation in rushing when he played for Wake Forest University, totaling 1,044 yards during his senior year in 1964. Drafted by the Chicago Bears, he gained 927 yards and caught 58 passes before his life was cut short by cancer in 1970 when he was 27 years old.
- Pro football "iron man" **Andy Robustelli** was well-named. He missed only one game in 14 years with the Los Angeles Rams and the New York Giants, earning All-Pro honors seven times was named the National Football League's "Player of the Year" in 1962, and elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- **Franco Harris**, a black Italian American whose mother came from Lucca, played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. A record-breaking rusher, he led his team to its first divisional title in 40 years and then won two league championships in 1974 and 1975. He held the record for the most yards gained in a Super Bowl -- 158 against the Minnesota Vikings in 1975.

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Sensitive Italian men

Italian men are far less macho than the *Godfather* stereotype would suggest, a new study has found. In fact, say researchers at the University of Missouri, the average male born and raised in Italy is far more sensitive—and much less sexist—than the average American guy. The researchers asked Italian men about their attitudes about masculinity. They were much less likely than Americans to say that men use violence as a solution to conflict, hide their emotions, hate homosexuals, or take physical risks. Unlike American men, the Italians did not view holding power over women as a sign of masculinity. Instead, Italian men saw flirtatiousness—the ability to entice women—as a true marker of maleness. Sociologists say the study illustrates that feminism has influenced European culture more than it has America's. Researchers David Tager and Glenn Good have a different theory: Italian men, they tell the Associated Press, “may not perceive themselves as having power over women because of the traditional power of women within the Italian family structure.”

EXPLORERS AND PIONEERS

Columbus is perhaps the most famous Italian explorer, but many other Italians and Italian Americans also made significant discoveries that expanded America.

- In all, **Christopher Columbus** (1451-1506) made four voyages to the New World. On his third trip in 1498, he landed in Venezuela. It was the first time he actually set foot on the South American continent.
- Giovanni Caboto, whom most know as **John Cabot** [1450 (c)-1498], discovered North America in 1497. Sailing under the English flag, he established Newfoundland and laid the basis for the English colonization of America.
- **Sebastian Cabot** [1482-1557], the son of John Cabot, organized the English Navy and later, sailing under the Spanish flag, explored South America, which allowed Spain to take possession of the continent.
- The New World was named "America" for **Amerigo Vespucci** (1451-1512), the Florentine explorer and geographer who was a friend to Columbus. He sailed to the New World in 1499, landing in what is now Brazil. Vespucci was the first to advance the belief that the land discovered by Columbus was not India, but a new continent and for that, European cartographers named the New World in his honor.
- The first explorer to describe the North American mainland and New York Bay was the Florentine **Giovanni da Verrazzano** [1481 (c) - 1528]. He reached what is now Cape Fear, North Carolina in 1524, sailed to Cape Hatteras, Maine and then entered New York Bay eighty-five years before the Dutch seaman Henry Hudson.
- Jamestown, the first English settlement in the New World, was home to several Italian glass blowers around 1610. One family, the **Tagliaferros**, arrived in 1637. Pronounced "Tolliver," today it is still one of the most well-known names in the South.
- The first relatively large immigration of Italians to the American colonies was in 1657 when an estimated **300 Protestants from Piedmont** landed in New York and went on to Delaware, where they organized the first government of the colony of New Amstel, now New Castle, Delaware.
- The American Southwest and California were explored and mapped almost solely by **Eusebio Kino** (1645-1711), an Italian Jesuit priest, whose name was changed by the Spanish from "Chino." Exploring under the Spanish flag, he established 19 missions and built more than 30 churches.
- **Henry Di Tonti**, known as "Tonti the Iron Hand" because he lost a hand in battle, accompanied Robert La Salle, a Frenchman, and explored for the first time the Great Lakes in *The Griffin*, a ship he built in 1679. Tonti also founded the first European settlement in Illinois in 1680, and the first French settlement in Arkansas in 1683. He sailed under the French flag because he was from Gaeta, near Rome, which was originally controlled by France. Today, Tontitown in Arkansas is named in his honor.
- The co-founder of Detroit, Michigan in 1704 and its colonial governor for 12 years was **Alphonse Tonty**, the younger brother of explorer Henry Tonti.
- The route to the the source of the Mississippi River, was discovered by **Giacomo Costantino Beltrami** while he was exploring the territory that later became Minnesota in 1823. In 1886, Minnesota created Beltrami County in honor of the explorer's discovery.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Joe and Carole Frangiosa
Andy and Jackie Porcelli
Bill and Elizabeth Macario
John and Debbie Argento
Carmine and Anna Sacchitello
Dale and Lorraine Mancuso
Peter and Kathleen Cari



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Vinnie Doria
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Mark LaMantia
Bill Macario
Dale Mancuso
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George Quartarolo
Vincent Sorrentino

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Ginny Aiello
Edna Caliengo
Gran Giannuzzi
Rachel Kuharcik



EDITOR:

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Let us know, send it to

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(919)846-2747

and/or

Lou Baffaro: loubaffaro1@juno.com
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If your e-mail and/or home address changes, please
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The **deadline** for submitting input to the newsletter
is the **second Wednesday of the month.**



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TIAHA UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

August 20th (Saturday), 9:00 AM – GOLF OUTING AT WILMAR GOLF CLUB

August 26th (Friday,) 7:30PM – POKER NIGHT Oddfellows Lodge, Six Forks Road, Raleigh

September 6th (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

September 9th-11th (Friday –Sunday) ST. RAPHAEL’S FEAST

September 21st (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Joe and Carole Frangiosa’s home, 6424 East Lake Anne Drive, Raleigh (see newsletter for directions).

September 25th (Sunday), TIAHA FAMILY PICNIC Oddfellows Lodge, Six Forks Road, Raleigh

September ??? (?????), CHICKEN BBQ FUND RAISER

October 4th (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

October 19th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wives and significant others invited, Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

November ??? (?????), - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL