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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear TIAHA Brothers,

As we enter December we are in the season of giving, and giving thanks. But at TIAHA, we certainly don't wait until December to give. I can't fathom an organization of our size that I know of that gives as much as TIAHA does throughout the year. We have provided meals, money, prayer, labor, gifts, help, a little bit of home, and peace of mind to many needy individuals and organizations throughout 2008.

In doing so we have worked hard, had some laughs, made some sacrifices, had an argument or two, ate a bunch, and have even involved our families as well. But the bottom line is that we positively touched many lives this past year, and I can't tell you how proud and happy I am to have been part of this great Brotherhood.

I want to extend my personal wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all TIAHA Brothers and your families wherever they may be. I look forward to working, playing, and giving to our community with all of you in the coming year. God Bless you all.

Fraternally yours,

Frank

TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 2nd, 2008 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Attendees: Frank Ferraro, Sal Notarmaso, John Bono, Bob Caprioli, Dale Mancuso, David Baron, Bob Vetrano, Victor Cononi, Jim Frederici.

Meeting Called To Order: 6:48pm

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8. Frank said he found a deal online where he could purchase the Nintendo base unit with 2 games included for \$159.00. Frank bought 5 of these combo packages, plus additional games. Frank said he spent a total of \$907.00, including tax.
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 8. Great job!! Well done, everyone!!
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 4. Gift grab bag. Everyone who attends will be asked to bring a wrapped gift of approximately \$10 in value. All gifts will be put into a grab bag. If you bring a gift, you can pick a gift.
 5. Dale M. and Frank will arrive at the K of C early that day to setup the tables and decorate the hall with festive decorations.
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Merry Christmas



Peace
be with
you

Ho! Ho! Ho!



TIAHA Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday Dec. 17th
K of C Hall**

**Wives, Girlfriends, Significant Others
Are Invited**

Frank and Dale are cooking main courses

If your last name starts with:

A - L.....Bring Appetizer or Salad

M - Z.....Bring a desert

Bring enough for about 6 people



**Everyone should bring a \$10, or less, gift.
If you bring a gift, you get a gift**

Board Positions are open for 2009....

If you are interested in being on the TIAHA board please contact:

Al (Padre) Cellini

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Oxford Orphanage

Following are gift suggestions for the Oxford Orphanage:

Gift cards for McDonalds, Burger King, Food Lion. Disposable cameras, porch swing, skating and movie palace pointe cards. TIAHA members can get the preceding for the cottage.

For further information and/or questions, please contact **John Colombo**, (919) 781-8356, Hjohncol@bellsouth.net.

E per gli italianisti ...

Saturday and Sunday December 19 & 20, "Musica Natalizia, An Italian Musical Christmas," a cultural exchange project with the Chapel Hill Community Choir (CHCC), Hill Hall, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 145 East Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill 8:00PM

Giuseppe Di Bianco, world-renowned composer from Maiori, Italy along the Amalfi Coast, will be composer-in-residence during CHCC's "An Italian Christmas Celebration" in December. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information, contact Carole Meshot, Ed.D., 919-368-7070

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President



Sal Nortarmasso
Vice President



Bob "Capi" Caprioli
Treasurer



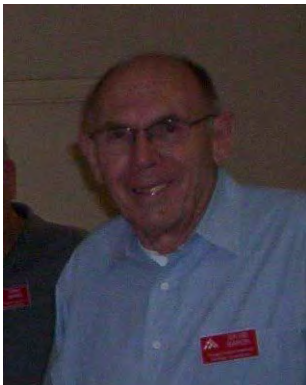
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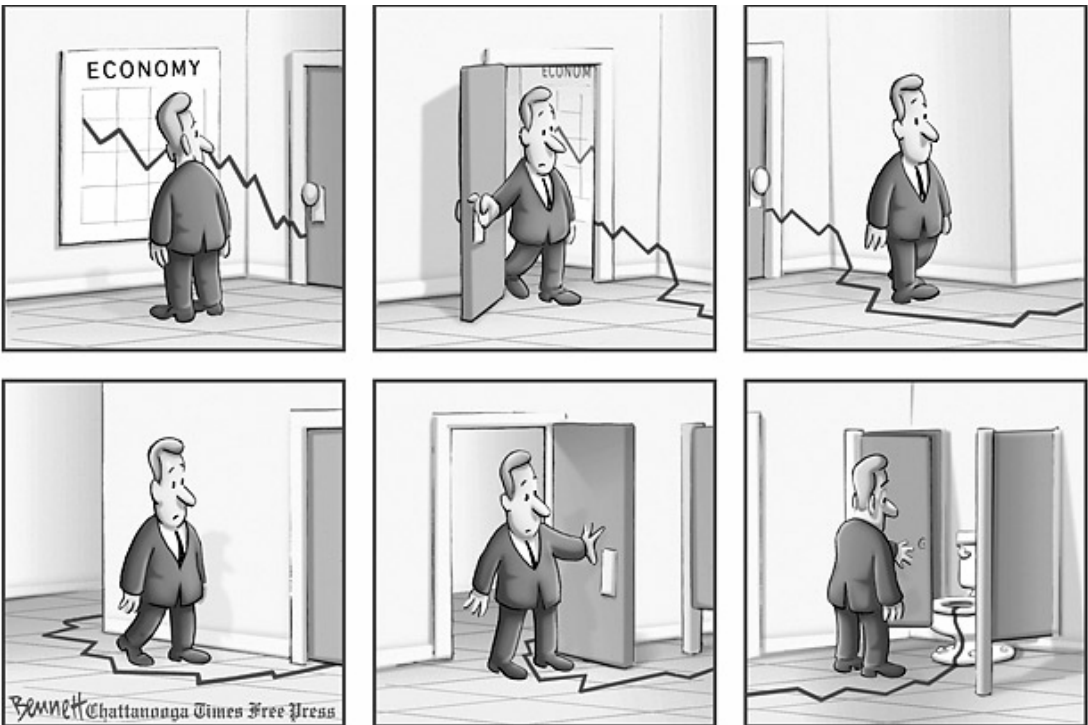
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DUMB QUOTES

[Chuck Knox](#): Most of my cliches aren't original.

[Ralph Kiner](#) All of the Mets' road wins against Los Angeles this year have been at Dodger Stadium.

[Pedro Guerrero](#): Sometimes they write what I say and not what I mean.

[Doug Collins](#): Any time Detroit scores more than 100 points and holds the other team below 100 points they almost always win.

[Dan Bonner](#): The Minnutemen are not tall in terms of height.~~during a UMass basketball game.

[Yogi Berra](#): Well, I used to look like this when I was young and now I still do.

Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours.

The other teams could make trouble for us if they win.

It was pretty good. Even the music was nice~~said after attending an opera.

Congratulations on breaking my record. I always thought the record would stand until it was broken.

[Dick Cavet](#): If your parents never had children, chances are you won't either.

[Mark Fowler](#): If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed, and it will monitor their heart through the night, and the next morning, if they wake up dead, there'll be a record.

[Colonel Gerald Wellman](#): We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people.

[David Acfield](#): Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer.

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Following are pictures of TIAHA members: **Bob Caprioli, Joe Catarino, Lenny Cicero, Dale Mancuso, Joe Miracola, and Bob Vetrano.** They did the cooking for members of our Armed Forces who passed thru the USO at RDU Airport on November 30th. The cooking was done at the Healing Place for Women.

Many other TIAHA members and their spouses helped serve the food at the USO. A complete list of the servers is not available. Therefore, rather than leave some out, a list of servers has not been included.



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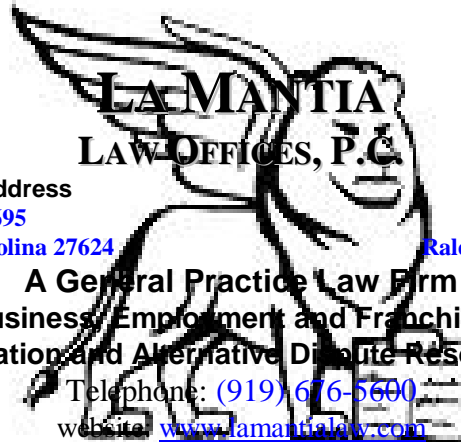
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

David and Joan Baron
Neal and Edna Caliando
Lenny and Vera Cicero
Vincent and Stephanie Lanzolla
Vince and Sherry Salvaggio



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

MEMBERS

Andrew Caamano
Joseph Miracola
Jerry Santoro
Ron Venezia

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Dee Bono
Theresa Caamano
Judy Caprioli
Eileen Cenfetelli
Laura Felice
Elaine Marino
Julie Monica
Donna Morea



EDITOR:

Is something newsworthy?
Let us know, send it to

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If you know of an illness, birth, death, marriage, etc., of a TIAHA member or member's family, please contact:

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and/or

Tony Aiello: taiello1@nc.rr.com
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If your e-mail and/or home address changes, please notify **Bob Petrolino**, at (919) 760-9039, bobbypet@earthlink.net.

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