



## Newsletter

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear TIAHA Brothers,

Of course to me the biggest event of last month was the Italian vs. Irish softball game where we came out victorious 23 to 6. We've been waiting 4 years for that victory and that keg of beer that the Irish, as losers of the game, paid for, never tasted so good. It was an overall great day for members and their families, players, and other spectators as well. We (or should I say Sal and his family) grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage with peppers and onions sandwiches, and a number of salads and drinks. It was a fun time for all and there's talk of a rematch maybe in October.

It is events like that and other TIAHA social events that make up the backbone of this organization. The good thing with us, as Italians, is that we turn every thing we do into a social event. Whether it's the International Festival, cooking at some charity organization, St. Raphael's Fair, visiting the Oxford House, or any number of events we participate in, I'm always asking for a large number of participants. We share and get the work done, and all along the way we are laughing, telling stories (some true, some embellished a bit), sharing jokes, arguing here and there ( six Italians around one stove is the best place in the world to get 11 different opinions), but the bottom line is we always have a great time.

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There are a number of events coming up so I beseech you all to put these events on your calendar and join your brothers in work and play. We have a few members who really can't work very hard, but they still show up and do what they can do. That is what Brotherhood is all about. Everyone should read the TIAHA Oath on the back of your membership again. Especially the part where it says..... "I will socially and charitably offer my services to the community."

Are you involved?

May and June have been designated, by Victor Cononi our Membership Chairman, as Membership Drive months. Every member is encouraged to bring at least one new prospective member to a meeting. We did grow a bit last year but we want to continue growing. When you look back at the last year and see how many charitable events we participated in; how much we gave; and how many needy lives we touched, it's amazing. We can do more but we need more members and more participation from our current members.

Let's all get involved!

**Frank Ferraro, President TIAHA.**

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### **TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 13th, 2008 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Frank F., Dale M., Bob V., John B., Sal N., Victor C., Dave B.,

1. Frank brought up the purchase of a Commemorative Brick in the K of C Grotto. The cost is \$50. A motion was made and passed.
2. New Members- It was reiterated that as we have guests and prospective new members that all pertinent information be copied and made available to 5 people so we can make sure all people are contacted re: joining, coming to next meeting, etc.
3. New guests Jack William and Vinnie Caldaro were voted on and both accepted as TIAHA Members
4. Membership drive is this month and June. All members are encouraged to bring at least on new prospective member to a meeting.
5. We need a call list. Frank to get with Bob Petrolino for latest roster and assign a list to each Board Member
6. Victor will assemble a list of all guests that came to a meeting in the last year and who sponsored them. **It is really up to the sponsoring member to follow up on their candidates.**
7. Oxford House This year's Christmas Dinner is Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - The Board feels that we should have some sort of ceiling or limit as to how much we spend on each child. We collect monies from a number of sources for many different charities and must distribute it wisely. We still want o give generously to the kids but feel we can do so with some kind of guideline spending
  - John Colombo will not make the Dec. 11 date but will still Chair the collections, gifts, etc.
  - We will also be bringing kids to a Bulls Game and the suggestion was made that we have a bunch of them down to the Oddfellows Lodge for a Pool Party and Cookout.
  - Is there any money left at the orphanage in our slush fund? John Bono to check with Chris.
  - The feeling among some members and wives is that they would like to be involved with the shopping as we used to do. There seems to be no problem with this, we will coordinate dates for shopping and wrapping party with Oxford House Chairman, John Colombo
8. Public Relations – John Bono reported that N & O no longer has the Community Schedule in their daily paper or What's Up editions.
  - He is checking TWC Channel 14 News
  - Share.triangle.com is also an opportunity he will explore
  - The Independent newspaper is another

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9. We need someone to step up and run the Aluminum Can program. Frank will get all contact info, etc. from Al D.
10. The Raleigh Festival of Hope had some problems (someone threw away all the food we prepared on Friday) but we recovered and it was a great event. Thanks to all the people who helped from both Sons of Italy and TIAHA Members and their children. Frank, Vince Salvaggio and children Shaina and Michael, Mark Aliano and daughter Taylor, and work horse Don Ludlow.
11. Poker night Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Oddfellows Lodge at 7:30. Bring some munchies, some drink, and some money. No big stakes, no house money, just some fun.
12. We need to keep pursuing our tax status so companies and individuals can donate to us and write it off. Now we are a Non Profit Organization, not a Charitable Organization. Frank to follow up with Mark LaMantia.
13. We will look into a TIAHA Bowling Night
14. The annual Charity Golf Outing is in the planning stage. More info to come.
15. Frank to put together a calendar of events for Neal to put into newsletter.
16. Meeting adjourned

**TIAHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

April 16th, 2008 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Meeting opened with pledge and prayer 6:45

Introduced guests Jack Williams NJ, Vinnie Caldero NJ with ROMA foods

Good and Welfare Tony Aiello

1. Vince Sorrentino – sick
2. Proposed rides for members who have difficulties driving?
3. Steve Spampinato has a new house.

Awards and Letters

1. Plaque to Bob Vetrano for service to club.
2. Tony Aiello- President award extraordinary efforts.
3. Source Force certificate of appreciation to TIAHA
4. Benjamin DuGoff- Certificate of appreciation to TIAHA work for Oxford House
5. Al Dellechiaie. Leaving for India, Sal Notarmaso. new vice president.

Old Business

1. Need the following people; chairman, helpers, clean up chairman, costumes, ideas for info booth for International fest.
2. St. Rafael's festival the following weekend
3. New menu
4. Scholarship info on web site
5. Softball game June 27<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm loser pays for keg
6. Public Relations need new chairman. John Bono volunteered
7. Aluminum cans to be pick up Al Dellechiaie. with Tony Difede
8. Hosting a back pack for Belarus orphans with supplies

New Business

1. New roster needed
2. Giovanni M. - Raleigh Rescue mission, Moore Sq May 3 12-4 need sample of Italian food cook Friday May 2 under 10x10 tent. Need people Friday evening and Sat.
3. Roma Foods to help.
4. Grotto Brick still available phone number and info in lounge.
5. Cooks for next meeting Carmine DeGrande, and Bob with the Cary Boys
6. May membership Drive, Everyone bring a new member please!

Meeting closed 7:45 good food was had by everyone. Thanks to Vinny we now break even with the wine bill.

Attest

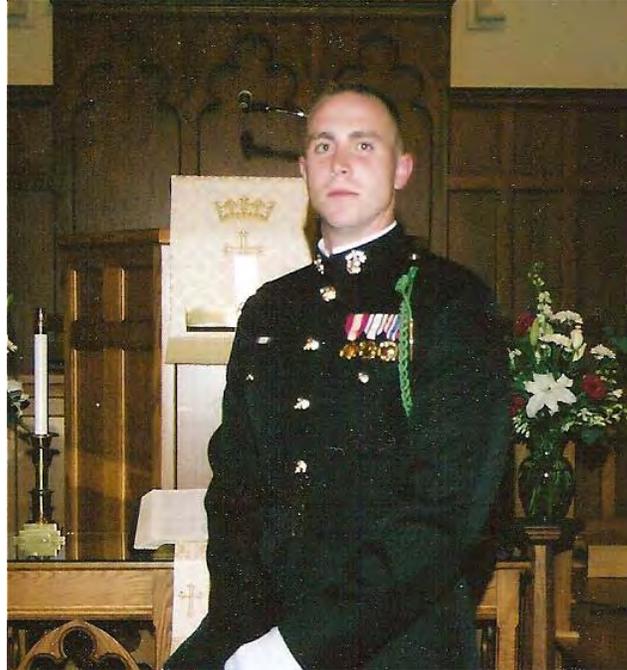
Tony Difede

Secretary

Sal Notarmaso would like to have a card game at the Odd Fellows, Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If interested, please contact Sal, 266-5421, [snotarmaso@nc.rr.com](mailto:snotarmaso@nc.rr.com)

Dave Baron's grandson, Marine 1st Lt. Robert Gill IV, started his second tour of duty in Iraq March 28th. Pray for his safety.



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**TIAHA President Frank Ferraro presents Certificate of Appreciation to Head Chef Vincent Thomas, of Raleigh Rescue Mission , for his, “Beyond the Call of Duty” help to scramble and recover when 23 pans of Baked Ziti were inadvertently thrown away on the morning of the Raleigh Festival of Hope and we had to provide samples of food for 800 people in less than 2 hours**





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Other points of consideration, e.g. extracurricular activities, service, interests, sports, etc. :

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Please provide a **copy** of your transcript (HS or college) and SAT/ACT scores (where applicable) to secure the completion of this application.

**Part II :**

Please provide an essay (500 words or less) on ***How My Italian-American Heritage Has Affected Me and Will Influence My Future.*** It should be submitted on separate sheets of paper, typed and double-spaced.

Eligibility: You must be enrolled this fall as a full time student at an institute of higher learning (post-high school) and a resident of Wake, Durham, Johnston, Orange or Harnett County. Direct descendents of TIAHA members in good standing regardless of residence are also eligible. You must be at least 1/8 of Italian descent. Past winners not eligible.

Signature of applicant : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

My signature attests that to the best of my knowledge the information provided is accurate and that my essay is my own work.

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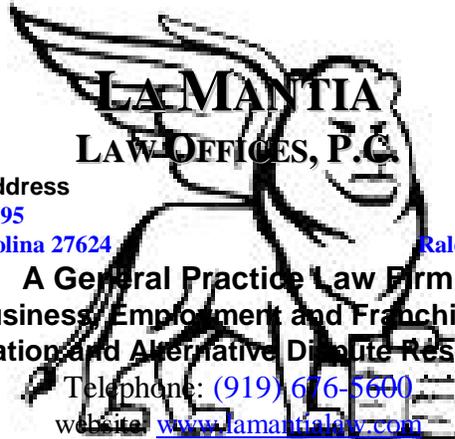
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## Italy Confiscates Phoney Olive Oil

Rome - April 22, 2008 - Italian police have arrested 25 people in the south of the country suspected of selling adulterated vegetable oil as extra virgin olive oil. Police say sunflower oil was mixed with chlorophyll and beta-carotene to give it olive oil's characteristic color. Some 15,000 cans, 33,000 labels, 2,800 one-liter bottles of oil and 250 kg of chlorophyll were also seized, along with seven olive oil factories. Italy is Europe's second-largest producer of olive oil, behind Spain.

"We have confiscated 25,000 liters of this oil, a large portion of which was on the verge of being exported, mainly to the US and Germany," police spokesman Antonio Citarella told news agencies. The scam involved some 39 people, 14 of whom have been placed under house arrest, who produced olive oil sold under various brands. The investigation began in October 2006 after several complaints about the quality of olive oil sold in markets in the northern town of Turin. According to news sources, cheap vegetable oil was purchased from the US and colorants added to bring its color closer to that of real olive oil.

The head of a local consumers' association complained that olive oil was simply the latest food scare to hit Italy.

"After wine and mozzarella, now olive oil - another of our country's specialities - is at the center of a scandal," Primo Mastrantoni was quoted as telling news agencies.

***"Ma, che cazzo c'Ã¨ in quest'olio?"***

*Sunflower oil?*

*Chlorophyll?*

*Beta-carotene?*

*It seems the only feature missing from this incredibly delicious olive oil is a portrait on the bottle/canister of a Pugliese with his shirt half-buttoned, picking olives, and proudly smiling with half of his teeth missing.*

*These people should be beaten every time they go near an olive tree.*

*The best way to protect your self against criminal olive oil is to hold several taste tests:*

- Take a plain piece of bread and drizzle olive oil on it.*
- Try to concentrate on the taste of the oil.*
- Compare different oils from time to time.*
- You will learn to recognize the distinctive taste of olive oil as compared to vegetable oils.*

*You should also purchase olive oil produced by a single estate and local mills and NOT by large multinationals. These oils are usually found in better supermarkets and gourmet food shops.*

*If by chance you try an olive oil and the first thought that comes to mind is the fact your car is overdue for a lube job then, most likely, the olive oil is not genuine. Pass the garbage on to that lovely neighbor/relative/pain-in-the-ass who claims to have been born an Italian food connoisseur.*

Pictured below is the victorious **TIAHA Softball team** who, as the scoreboard shows, just handily beat the Irish team by the score of 23 – 6. It was a fine afternoon of softball, beer, and lots of great food. The oldest member of the TIAHA team was Neal Caliendo who turned out to be the offensive star of the game by going 5 for 5 at the plate.

Great game, guys. The Irish are already talking about a rematch for maybe 4<sup>th</sup> of July or in the fall sometime.



### **Italian Robin Hood Arrested**

Rimini - February 26, 2008 - Italian police have arrested a man they described as a "modern Robin Hood", who carried out a series of crimes to give money to the poor.

Pasquale D'Angelo, 37, used a toy gun to hold up a branch of the Banca Nazionale di Lavoro in Rimini on Thursday morning. He made off with 3,500 Euro (\$5425), which he took to a nearby bar and started distributing among the poorer customers.

Then he visited a butcher's shop, a fruit stand and a hairdresser's, giving the money away.

Finally, he hailed a taxi to take him to a church, but was apprehended.

Nine days earlier, D'Angelo relieved the Cassa di Risparmio di Forli bank of around 2400 Euro (\$3800) and gave the money to tramps.

He is in prison in Rimini, after choosing to remain silent before a judge. Luca Greco, his lawyer, has requested a psychiatric assessment of his client.

For the past two years D'Angelo has worked as a volunteer at a religious organization in Rimini. Members of the charity told local newspapers that he was a "very good and altruistic man". However, they noted that his behavior had become erratic following the death of his mother in January.

### **Thief Who Left Roses to Victims Arrested**

Genoa - February 25, 2008 - A 'gentleman thief' who presented his victims with red roses was nabbed in Genoa on Monday.

Police said they had tracked down the man, 48, by following the trail left by his flowers at various shops. Shopkeepers helped police identify him because he always wore the same clothes, police said.

The man, identified by his initials as R.F., was caught as he was about to present two post-office cashiers with roses wrapped in cellophane. He gave a cashier at another Genoa post office a similar souvenir last week.

"It's a way of saying sorry," said the man, who used a toy gun to stick up his victims.

R.F. is believed to have robbed a bank inside the northwestern city's Gaslini hospital last year. Police found the bank's safe empty except for a bouquet of flowers.

***"Una bella rosa per una bella donna... Eh, dove sono i soldi?"***

*What do James Bond, David Niven and Cary Grant have in common? They represent the quintessential gentleman. It's what makes them so charming and beloved.*

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*The idea of a 'gentleman thief' is one who understands the basics of etiquette and chivalry:*

*He would remove his hat before entering a bank or post office about to be robbed.  
He would be polite, not speak loudly nor lose his temper with the cashiers.  
He would never let others see him looking at his watch as the cashiers are emptying the registers.*

*But you would think the **mentally handicapped Genovese "Pink Panther"** would have spent some of the loot on a few brand new Italian suits.*

*"Oh, I beg your pardon." How distinguished did the quintessential jackass look dressed in the same clothes?*

*Cazzo, it's amazing he didn't shoot himself in the foot with the toy gun.*

### **Italian Celebrations, Holidays, and Events in May**

May in Italy is a good time to find spring festivals. You'll find flower festivals, food and wine festivals, medieval reenactments, and events celebrating rituals of spring. Although you'll probably come across other local festivals, here are some of the highlights.

**May Day**, May 1, is a **public holiday** all over Italy as the day of the worker. Many services will be closed but you may find interesting parades and festivals to celebrate the day.

**Ring Race and Procession**, re-enactments of 14th century contests and parades, continues in *Narni* in the Umbria region through May 12 (starts near the end of April).

**The Sagra di Sant Efisio** on May 1 is an important religious festival in *Cagliari*, [Sardinia](#).

**Calendimaggio** is celebrated in early May in [Assisi](#), Umbria. The festival is recommended by Manuela of [Italian Ceramics](#) who says - It is a spectacular evocation of Medieval and Renaissance costumes and life. The two ancient medieval wards, the "Parte di Sopra" and the "Parte di Sotto", engage in a spectacular challenge which takes the form of theatre shows, concerts, songs and choruses, dances, processions, archery, crossbow and flag-waving displays. The districts compete in a singing contest among the spectacular floral decorations, flags, torches and candles. [Calendimaggio](#) page, in Italian. The 2008 date is May 8-10.

**The Risotto Festival** the first Sunday in May in the Piedmont town of *Sessame* is a huge feast of a special rice dish dating back to the 13th century.

**The Snake Handlers' Procession** is the first Thursday in May in *Cocullo* in the [Abruzzo region](#). A statue of St. *Dominic*, the town's patron saint, is carried through town covered with live serpents.

**The Wedding of the Trees**, *Sposalizio dell'Albero*, takes place May 8 in the [northern Lazio](#) town of *Vetralla*. A couple of oak trees are decorated with garlands, horsemen offer bouquets of the first spring flowers and new trees are planted while everyone enjoys a free picnic lunch. The ceremony revives *Vetralla's* sovereignty over the forests and continues the right of each citizen to a cubic meter of firewood annually.

**La Palombella**, in *Orvieto*, is a festival representing the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The festival is held in the piazza in front of the duomo and ends with a fireworks display. The 2008 date is May 11. More on [Orvieto Tourism](#)

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**The Fish festival of Saint Fortunato**, patron saint of fishermen, is celebrated in the beautiful fishing village of *Camogli*, south of Genoa, the second Sunday in May. Saturday night there is a huge fireworks display and bonfire competition followed by free fried fish on Sunday. [Camogli Pictures and Information](#)

**Polenta Festival**, also the second Sunday in May, is celebrated in the main square of the Piedmont town of *Avigliana*.

**La Barabbata** is celebrated May 14 in *Marta* on the shores of Lake Bolsena. In this procession, men wear costumes representing the old trades and carry their tools while white buffalo pull floats carrying the fruits of the trades.

**The Festa dei Ceri**, a candle race and costumed parade in *Gubbio* takes place May 15 and is followed by a **Historical Cross-Bow Exhibition** on the last Sunday of May.

**St. Rita's Procession and Candle Festival** is May 21-22 in *Cascia* in Umbria.

**The Flower Festival** of *Bucchianico* in the Abruzzo includes a re-enactment of a 13th-century military stratagem with a parade, the third Sunday in May.

**Pinocchio's Birthday** is celebrated May 25 in the Tuscan town of *Pescia*. [Pictures of Pinocchio Park](#) in the village of *Collodi*, near *Pescia*.

**Cantine Aperte**, open cantinas, is a big wine celebration throughout Italy the last weekend of May. Read more about [Cantine Aperte 2006](#).

**Roman Fest** is a 3-day re-enactment of a typical ancient Roman festival in the Piedmont town of *Alessandria*, the last weekend of May. The festival includes parades, feasts, staged gladiator combat and chariot races.

**The Chianti Wine Festival**, the last Sunday in May and first Sunday in June, takes place in *Montespertoli* in the [Chianti wine region](#) of Tuscany.

**Medieval Parade and Jousting Tournament** in the [Emilia Romagna region](#) town of *Grazzano Visconti* is the last Sunday in May.

**The Daffodil Festival** in the Abruzzo town of *Rocca di Mezzo* celebrates spring with folk dancing and a parade the last Sunday in May.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE:



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Vincent and Ann Marie Doria  
Frank and Molly Ferraro  
Jim and Paula Frederici  
Ron and June Little  
Thomas and Maria Spampinato  
Bob and Kathleen Vetrano



### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

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Joe Larotonda  
Bruno Pagnani  
Andy Porcelli  
Bill Swinehart-DeFrangio

#### SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Caroline Savino  
Rita Venezia

### GET WELL:

**Tony Aiello's** uncle, **Nick Guglielmo**, recently suffered a very bad stroke. He is in stable condition in a New Jersey hospital. Please pray for his recovery



### EDITOR:

Is something newsworthy?

Let us know, send it to

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**TIAHA UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**May 21st (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**May 30th (Friday), – POKER NIGHT** Odd Fellows Lodge, 7805 Six Forks Road, Raleigh

**June 3rd (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**June 18th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> or 19th (Friday or Saturday), - GOLF TOURNAMENT** Tentative date

**September 5<sup>th</sup>-6th (Friday-Saturday), - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** Downtown Civic Center

**September 12<sup>th</sup>-13th (Friday-Saturday), - ST. RAPHAEL'S FAIR** St. Raphael's Church, Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh

**September 21st (Sunday), - TIAHA FAMILY PICNIC** Odd Fellows Lodge, 7805 Six Forks Road, Raleigh

**December 7th (Sunday), - CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY** TBD

**December 11th (Thursday), - MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY** Oxford, NC

**December 17th (Wednesday), - CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.