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## Newsletter



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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear TIAHA Brothers,

Well, our mid summer lull is about coming to an end. As we begin late August and into the fall, our TIAHA plate of activities is full with a number of great charitable, social, and financially rewarding endeavors and activities. I beseech you all to take a good look at what we have coming up and put some time in your schedules to participate, and have a good time in supporting our organization and what we stand for.

This Friday night, the 11<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting, and paying for, a group of children from Oxford House/Masonic Orphanage at the Durham Bulls game. John Bono has done an outstanding job at coordinating all efforts for what should pan out to be a great evening at the ballpark. It's not too late to join the fun so call John or myself for details.

We are switching our storage locker from Ample Storage on Lake Wheeler Rd. to the new Cardinal Storage next to the Knights of Columbus. Not only is the location a lot more convenient, we will be paying less money. We need help on August 26<sup>th</sup> to transfer the contents from the old locker to the new but also in the process we will give everything a much needed cleaning and organize the new locker to be more conducive to allow us to get to needed utensils, supplies, etc. so we keep from continually going out and buying new stuff and wasting money. If we have enough people, it should not be a major effort on any individual. I'm thinking we meet at the Lake Wheeler location at 9:00 am and anyone that wants to help cleaning our stuff before we put everything into the new place can meet us at the K of C at 10:30. Please try to make it.

St Raphael's Festival is scheduled for Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (and don't forget clean up on Sunday morning Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>). This year we will be back to having the Italian (and German) food booth and, of course, the trash brigade. We will need people starting at around noon on the 8<sup>th</sup> for prep with the actual fair going from 5pm till 10. Saturday all day and into the evening closing at 10. Sunday morning is just about an hour if I can get enough guys (I don't want to personally spend 4 hours on Sunday like I did the last couple of years). Vinnie Doria is the roster chairman so contact Vinnie and commit to some time.

Our general meeting this month will be important so I'd really like to see as many of you as possible. Not only can we get some stuff done, but besides, I miss you.

And don't forget that September will be our annual Steak Dinner meeting at Joe Frangiosa's house.

Ciao,  
Frank

### **TIAHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 19th, 2006 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

1. Meeting called to order and Frank led us in Pledge of Allegiance
2. Dennis Parnell - The Healing Place of Raleigh – gave us a wonderful presentation on his organization and some pointers on how we can help. He invited any and all of us to visit their facility at 1251 Goode St. in Raleigh, 27603. Victor Cononi is the lead TIAHA member for this organization.
3. Membership –Frank, “Now is the time to get some new members in. We have lots of events coming up for new, and old members to participated in.”
4. Flyers – Frank, “I dropped the ball on this and will work on getting flyers updated and printed”

### **OLD BUSINESS**

5. Upcoming events – All members really need to put these dates on your calendars start thinking about your commitment and participation.
  - International Festival **Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - St. Raphael’s Festival **Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - Horse Race was cancelled due to lack of people signed up
  - Family Picnic **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - Oxford/Masonic House Bulls Game **August 11<sup>th</sup>. John Bono is Chairman**
  - Italian – Irish Softball game **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Storage Locker move **Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. WE NEED A BUNCH OF VOLUNTEERS**
  - Adopt a Highway - Will be rescheduled when Vince Conzola returns from NY
  - Golf outing. Frank & Tony Aiello to coordinate
  - Wine tasting is postponed till further notice – We need stronger participation
6. President’s Award- Neal Caliendo
7. Cooks – The Boys from Cary – Joe Pugliese, Tony Romano, Tom Spampinato, and Andy Caamano

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

August 1st, 2006 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

There are no board minutes due to insufficient attendance.

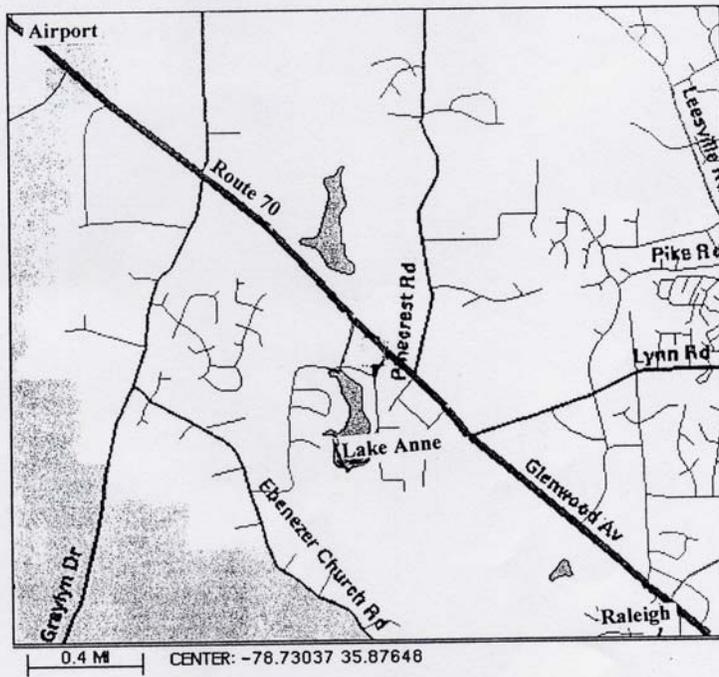
## General Membership Meeting – September 20, 2001

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.**

**East on Route 70** past Angus Barn Restaurant and airport turnoff, pass Ebenezer Church Road on right, Carmax Dealership is on left. Proceed down the hill then go up a hill and at the top of the hill the lane opens far right. Get into that right lane and turn right about 50 yards to Lake Anne Drive, go down about 100 yards to stop sign and at T-intersection, 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.**



At the turn of the 20th century, a growing tide of Italians, largely from the south, immigrated to the United States where work was plentiful and land was cheap.

They left Italy in search of opportunities their homeland denied them. In southern Italy, for example, noble families owned half of all the farmland. As a result, millions of peasants were sharecroppers, lucky to find work six months out of the year because the landowners were careless about farming and productivity suffered accordingly.

When they did work, the peasants had to give as much as half their crops to the landowners. At the same time, these peasants were taxed by the government of a newly united Italy, had their sons drafted into the Italian military and watched their children die from poor nutrition and inferior medical care.

The exodus of Italians from their villages more than a century ago has no parallel in history. Out of a population of 14 million southern Italians, an estimated five million left by the outbreak of World War I. It is the largest recorded exodus of a single ethnic group in history.

Most of these immigrants came to the United States during "The Great Migration" between 1880 and 1922. In 1923, the United States restricted the immigration of southern and eastern Europeans, but by then more than 3 million Italians had become permanent U.S. residents.

Today, the descendants of those early Italian immigrants number nearly 16 million, according to the U.S. census of 2000, although through intermarriage, the number of people in the United States with at least one Italian grandparent is estimated to be about 26 million.

The U.S. Census Bureau also reports that Italian Americans are the nation's fifth largest ethnic group with two-thirds of them in white-collar positions in business, medicine, law, education and other professions.

Social scientists strive to explain how so many millions of Italian immigrants achieved success in America despite the challenges of a new language, foreign economic and commercial practices, and the initial prejudice and hostility of an American society unfamiliar with Italians and their customs.

Despite these barriers, the Italian immigrants and their children became part of American society in less than 100 years. Their story is remarkable and inspiring.

Are you interested in building an ancestral family tree? This has become a very popular activity for many Italian Americans. Genealogy is a science, but most of all it's the ability to build our family tree with "exact" information.

#### *Books:*

1. Finding Italian Roots, by John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, in 1993. 410-837-8271.
2. Italian Genealogical Records, by Trafford Cole, Psy.D. Published by Ancestry Inc., Salt Lake City, UT, in 1995. 1-800-531-1790.
3. A Student's Guide to Italian Genealogy, by Terra Castiglia Brockman. Published by The Oryx Press, Phoenix, AZ 85012, in 1996. 1-800-279-6799

#### *Institutions:*

1. Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota in St. Paul, MN. 612-625-4800, email: [ihrc@tc.umn.edu](mailto:ihrc@tc.umn.edu). (The archives of the Order Sons of Italy in America are housed at the University of Minnesota.) <http://www1.umn.edu/ihrc>
2. John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, in New York, N.Y. 212-642-2095. [http://www.qc.edu/Calandra\\_Italian\\_American\\_Institute](http://www.qc.edu/Calandra_Italian_American_Institute)
3. Center for Migration Studies, Staten Island, NY. 718-351-8800.
4. American Family Immigration History Center/The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation <http://www.ellislandrecords.org>

#### **Internet:**

##### *Search Engines:*

Webcrawler <http://www.webcrawler.com> search on the word "genealogy".

##### *Genealogy Web Sites:*

Pursuing Our Italian Names Together (POINT)  
<http://members.aol.com/pointhompg/home.htm>

[www.myitalianfamily.com](http://www.myitalianfamily.com)

Italian Embassy <http://www.italyemb.nw.dc.us/>

Italian Genealogy Look Up site

<http://www.daddezio.com/genealogy/italian/queries/index.html>

ItalyLink.com <http://www.italylink.com/genealogy.html>

Genealogy Free Referral site <http://www.daddezio.com/genealogy/watcher/index.html>

The Italian Genealogy Homepage <http://www.italgen.com/>

The Italian Genealogical Group <http://www.italiengen.org>

## Deep Sea Fishing

The deep sea trip Wednesday 9/13 the cost is 65.00 includes bait, rod tackle, pizza, beer/soda tip for the mate. The 50 foot boat Leaves at 7 AM in the morning right from Southport. goes out about 35 miles to blue water (not exactly to the gulf) comes back in at 5 to 6 PM. I caught a 12 pound grouper on the last trip and 12 to 14 other big fish. Most people (40) on the boat caught fish

This is the plan, must get down to my condo's on Tuesday 9/12 so we can get up early in morn. Breakfast out. When we come back we will grab supper out also. Thursday have breakfast in. Everyone bring something for Thursday lunch. Go fishing and crabbing all day Thursday. Have crab and fish dinner at night. Check out Friday morn - a cub scout troop is coming down on Friday and Saturday to learn how to fish and crab. So everyone needs to be out by Friday noon.

Cost of fishing trip 65.00

2 nights lodging and food and fish/crab bait \$60.00, the experience PRICELESS.

If more than 7 men come I will need to rent efficiencies and people may need to sleep 2 to a Queen bed, 3 or 4 to an efficiency to save rent money..

A big problem is that I can not start booking people on the boat until 1 week before so I do not know how many people can go fishing on the boat.

If you do not want to deep sea fish then you're welcome to come down and fish and crab off of the docks Wednesday and Thursday.

If you want to reserve a spot for the deep sea fishing trip send me a check for 30.00 or email me your name and commit to 30 dollars. If you commit and do not show up you will owe the 65.00

If the trip is cancelled you will get your 30 dollars back..

If you just want to come down no deep sea. Just let me know ASAP So I can figure out the sleeping situation.

**Joe Frangiosa**

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Gentlemen,

Here are some upcoming events that are right on top of us and we need to get commitments for, etc.

**Friday – Aug. 11** Bulls Game with Oxford House.

Contact John Bono for tickets [johnbono@aol.com](mailto:johnbono@aol.com)

**Wed Aug. 16** General Meeting We really need good attendance to solidify all below events

**Saturday Aug. 26** Move storage locker from Lake Wheeler to storage next to K of C

Originally scheduled for Aug 19th

We will need lots of help with a few trucks and vans

We need someone with a trailer hitch to pull Pizza Oven

**Sept 8 & 9 & 10** St. Raphael's Festival Put these dates on your calendar. We'll need lots of help

**Sept. 20** General meeting at Joe Frangiosa's house. Great Steak Dinner

**IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR YOU ALL TO RESPOND TO THIS E-MAIL WITH YOUR COMMITMENT TO THESE EVENTS**

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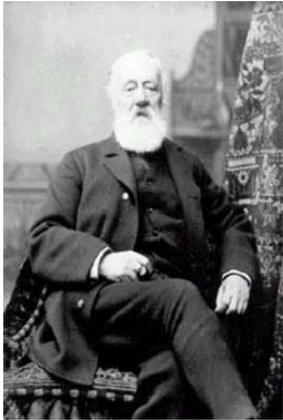
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## ANTONIO MEUCCI

### *Inventor of the Telephone*



An invention none of us could live without, a tool of modern communications so basic that many of today's business and social activities would be inconceivable in its absence, the telephone, is at the center of a series of events so strange as to amount to a "whodunit." Most of us were brought up on the story of Alexander Graham Bell, the romantic figure of an inventor with dash and charm. Some of these favorable impressions must have come from the famous, if apocryphal, "Come here Watson, I want you" legend of the invention of the device, a tradition augmented by the movie version of the tale, in which actor Don Amiche became more or less permanently attached to the persona of Bell. But it seems that history must be rewritten if justice is to be done to an immigrant from Florence, Italy: Antonio Meucci, who invented the telephone in 1849 and filed his first patent caveat (notice of intention to take out a patent) in 1871, setting into motion a series of mysterious events and injustices which would be incredible were they not so well documented. Meucci was an enigmatic

character, a man unable to overcome his own lack of managerial and entrepreneurial talent, a man tormented by his inability to communicate in any language other than Italian. The tragic events of his personal and professional life, his accomplishments and his association with the great Italian patriot, Garibaldi, should be legendary in themselves but, curiously, the man and his story are practically unknown today. Antonio Meucci was born in San Frediano, near Florence, in April 1808. He studied design and mechanical engineering at Florence's Academy of Fine Arts and then worked in the Teatro della Pergola and various other theaters as a stage technician until 1835, when he accepted a job as scenic designer and stage technician at the Teatro Tacon in Havana, Cuba.

Absolutely fascinated by scientific research of any kind, Meucci read every scientific tract he could get his hands on, and spent all his spare time in Havana on research, inventing a new method of galvanizing metals which he applied to military equipment for the Cuban government; at the same time, he continued his work in the theater and pursued his endless experiments.

One these touched off a series of fateful events. Meucci had developed a method of using electric shocks to treat illness which had become quite popular in Havana. One day, while preparing to administer a treatment to a friend, Meucci heard an exclamation of the friend, who was in the next room, over the piece of copper wire running between them. The inventor realized immediately that he held in his hand something much more important than any other discovery he had ever made, and he spent the next ten years bringing the principle to a practical stage. The following ten years were to be spent perfecting the original device and trying to promote its commercialization.

With this goal, he left Cuba for New York in 1850, settling in the Clifton section of Staten Island, a few miles from New York City. Here, in addition to his problems of a strictly financial nature, Meucci realized that he could not communicate adequately in English, having relied on the similarities of Italian and Spanish during his Cuban residence. Furthermore, in Staten Island, he found himself surrounded by Italian political refugees; Giuseppe Garibaldi, when exiled from Italy, spent his period of United States residency in Meucci's house. The scientist tried to help his Italian friends by devising any number of industrial projects using new or improved manufacturing methods for such diverse products as beer, candles, pianos and paper. But he knew nothing of management, and even those initiatives which succeeded were to have their profits eaten up by unscrupulous or inept managers or by the refugees themselves, who spent more time in political discussion than they did in active work.

Meanwhile, Meucci continued to dedicate his time to perfecting the telephone. In 1855, when his wife became partially paralyzed, Meucci set up a telephone system which joined several rooms of his house with his workshop in another building nearby, the first such installation anywhere. In 1860, when the instrument had become practical, Meucci organized a demonstration to attract financial backing in which a singer's voice was clearly heard by spectators a considerable distance away. A description of the apparatus was soon published in one of New York's Italian newspapers and the report together with a model of the invention were taken to Italy by a certain Signor Bendelari with the goal of arranging production there; nothing came of this trip, nor of the many promises of financial support which had been forthcoming after the demonstration.

The years which followed brought increasing poverty to an embittered and discouraged Meucci, who nonetheless continued to produce a series of new inventions. His precarious financial situation, however, often constrained him to sell the rights to his inventions, and still left him without the wherewithal to take out final patents on the telephone.

A dramatic event, in which Meucci was severely burned in the explosion of the steamship Westfield returning from New York, brought things to an even more tragic state. While Meucci lay in hospital, miraculously alive after the disaster, his wife sold many of his working models (including the telephone prototype) and other materials to a secondhand dealer for six dollars. When Meucci sought to buy these precious objects back, he was told that they had been resold to an "unknown young man" whose identity remains a mystery to this day.

Crushed, but not beaten, Meucci worked night and day to reconstruct his invention and to produce new designs and specifications, clearly apprehensive that someone could steal the device before he could have it patented. Unable to raise the sum for a definitive patent (\$250, considerable in those days), he took recourse in the caveat or notice of intent, which was registered on December 28, 1871 and renewed in 1872 and 1873 but, fatefully, not thereafter.

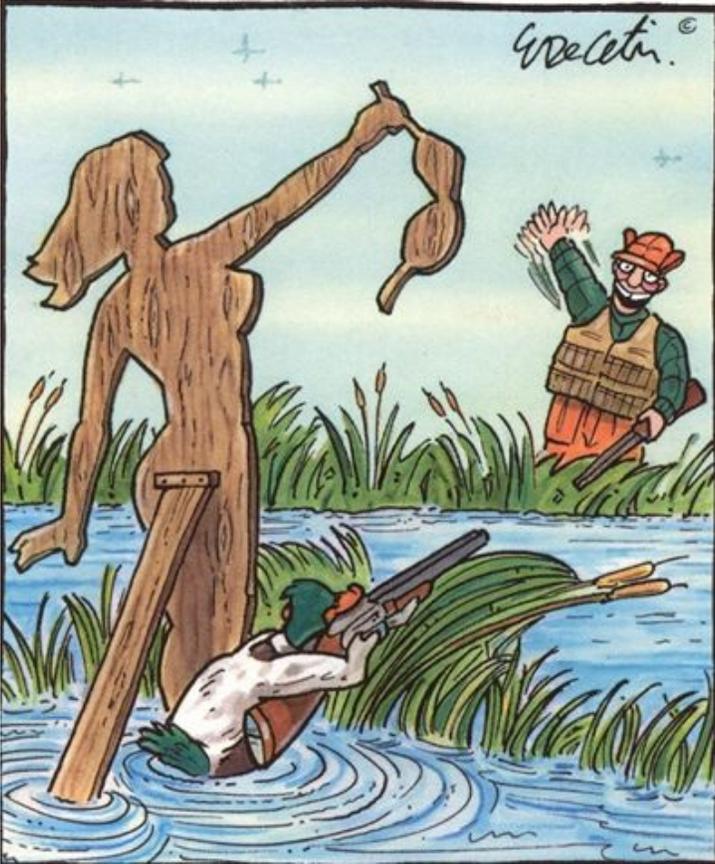
Immediately after he received certification of the caveat, Meucci tried again to demonstrate the enormous potential of the device, delivering a model and technical details to the vice president of one of the affiliates of the newly established Western Union Telegraph Company, asking permission to demonstrate his "Talking Telegraph" on the wires of the Western Union system. However, each time that Meucci contacted this vice president, a certain Edward B. Grant, he was told that there had been no time to arrange the test. Two years passed, after which Meucci demanded the return of his materials, only to be told that they had been "lost." It was then 1874.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell filed a patent which does not really describe the telephone but refers to it as such. When Meucci learned of this, he instructed his lawyer to protest to the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, something that was never done. However, a friend did contact Washington, only to learn that all the documents relevant to the "Talking Telegraph" filed in Meucci's caveat had been "lost." Later investigation produced evidence of illegal relationships linking certain employees of the Patent Office and officials of Bell's company. And later, in the course of litigation between Bell and Western Union, it was revealed that Bell had agreed to pay Western Union 20 percent of profits from commercialization of his "invention" for a period of 17 years. Millions of dollars were involved, but the price may have been cheaper than revealing facts better left hidden, from Bell's point of view.

In the court case of 1886, although Bell's lawyers tried to turn aside Meucci's suit against their client, he was able to explain every detail of his invention so clearly as to leave little doubt of his veracity, although he did not win the case against the superior - and vastly richer - forces fielded by Bell. Despite a public statement by the then Secretary of State that "there exists sufficient proof to give priority to Meucci in the invention of the telephone," and despite the fact that the United States initiated prosecution for fraud against Bell's patent, the trial was postponed from year to year until, at the death of Meucci in 1896, the case was dropped.

The story of Antonio Meucci is still little known, yet it is one of the most extraordinary episodes in American history, albeit an episode in which justice was perverted. Still, the genius and perseverance of an Italian immigrant - genius, poor businessman, tenacious defender of his rights against incredible odds and grinding poverty - is a story which must be told. Antonio Meucci is waiting to be recognized as the inventor of a key element in our modern culture.

A day without laughter is a day wasted!



**ON A PERSONAL NOTE:**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

Ron and Carol Torsone  
Emilio and Rosa D'Arduini  
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



**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

**MEMBERS**

Tony Antonelli  
John Copensky  
Emilio D'Arduini  
Vincent Doria  
Nick Guarino  
Bill Macario  
Mark LaMantia  
Dale Mancuso  
Charles Morabito  
Vincent Sorrentino

**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS**

Therese Polito  
Patricia Pagnani  
Ginny Aiello  
Edna Caliendo  
Rachel Kuharcik  
Fran Giannuzzi

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:**

**Nick Guarino** is undergoing cancer treatment.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



**EDITOR:**

Is something newsworthy?

Let us know, send it to

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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**

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**August 16th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**September 5th (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10th (Friday - Sunday), –ST RAPHAEL’S FESTIVAL:** 5801 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh

**September 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), –DEEP SEA FISHING** Southport, NC. See newsletter for details.

**September 20th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Joe and Carole Frangiosa’s home, 6424 East Lake Anne Drive, Raleigh. Please see newsletter for directions

**September 24th (Sunday), FAMILY PICNIC** Odd Fellows Lodge, 7805 Six Forks Road, Raleigh. Details will be available at a later date.

**October 1st (Sunday), – ITALIAN – IRISH SOFTBALL GAME:** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> – 5th (Saturday - Sunday), –INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL:**