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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Gents,

As this will be my last meeting as president I just want to thanks you for a great year. I enjoyed being your president and now look forward to selecting new leaders that will make 2008 an even better year than 2007.

February is election meeting time. Please bring your dues up to date and attend our meeting. We have candidates for all offices except Secretary. Please consider running for this very important office. It only means 2 meetings a month and be able to take a few notes. If you are interested please let Al Cellini or Bob Giannuzzi now.

Our installation dinner is set for March 15<sup>th</sup>, mark your calendars. Restaurant to be decided at the February meeting.

TIAHA is a charitable organization not only for humans but also for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The board approved a yearly donation to the Wake County SPCA. This amount gives us a membership name of "Guardian". If you are interested in giving go to [www.spcawake.org](http://www.spcawake.org).

Our next TIAHA event is at the Men's Healing Place of Raleigh. The date is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12noon. Details at the meeting. We only need about 8 volunteers so hurry and get your name in.

Again, thank you for a great year.

Bob Vetrano President TIAHA.

**ARE YOU ONE OF THE ONLY 24 MEMBERS WHO  
HAVE PAID YOUR 2007 -2008 DUES?**

**IF YOU ARE, THANK YOU AND PLEASE DISREGARD  
THE REST OF THIS MESSAGE**

**IF YOU DON'T BELONG TO THE ABOVE  
GROUP....SHAME ON YOU!**

**DUES WERE DUE IN OCTOBER WHICH WAS 5 MONTHS  
AGO**

**PLEASE EITHER BRING YOUR MONEY TO THIS MONTH'S  
MEETING, OR MAIL A CHECK TO CAPI (see address  
below). Dues are \$45. \$35 if you have worked for 10 or  
more hours worth of events over the last year. \$22.50 if  
you are 65 years of age or older.**

**Bob Caprioli**

**724 Young Forest Dr,**

**Wake Forest, NC 27587**

## *It's that time of year again...*

Annual TIAHA membership dues are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please complete the form and mail it with a check for the appropriate amount to the address below. Even if none of your information has changed please complete the entire form so we can verify our membership records. Note the Hobbies and Skills section on the form. TIAHA members have a great diversity of talents and interests that we can share with one another. Whether it be cooking, woodworking, plumbing, etc., let us know what you're good at, so that if other members need help with a project they have a resource in the club to turn to.

*Grazie,*

Bob (Cap) Caprioli

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Hobbies and Skills:

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Dues schedule (check the appropriate line):

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 - General membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 - General membership with pledge to commit 10 hours of time to club activities over the next 12 months

\_\_\_\_\_ \$22.50 - Members 62 years and older

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## TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 5th, 2008 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Bob Vetrano, Frank Ferraro, Vinnie Doria, John Bono, Capi, Dave Baron

1. The healing place went great. We fed 60 – 70 people and had 19 people that showed up to help. February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will cook and feed approximately 170 at The Healing Place for Men which is on Goode St. off Lake Wheeler Rd.
  - Meet at 12 Noon and dinner will be served at 4:15.
  - Dinner is Baked Ziti with thick Ragu made with ground beef and pork, salad, bread, and desert.
  - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS Contact Bob V.
2. Bob V. is checking out a new source for Pizza Shells with a better price than \$3 -\$3.50 each.
3. Bob will talk to Vic Cononi and Bob Giannuzzi to get some sort of publicity for the Healing Place dinners
4. We really need to have someone to get us into the News and Observer Social Page and other Community News factions
5. Bob V. brought up, and discussion was had, regarding the Save-A-Pet foundation.
  - Frank made a motion we donate \$100.
  - The motion was seconded and passed
6. A discussion was made regarding ads in the newsletter. Vince Conzola used to be in charge but we don't have anyone right now to take charge and make sure they are paid for, etc.
  - Ads will be for the calendar year and anyone coming in during the year will have the charge pro-rated accordingly
  - We will need to send out invoices each November for the upcoming year
  - The next President will need to appoint a Chairman to run this operation
7. Installation Dinner will be in March. We discussed many places in regard to menu, pricing, etc. Vinnie Doria is in charge and will give his final report at General Meeting
8. Joe Miracola's Mom passed away. We will get details and pass them to general membership
9. A discussion was had regarding giving something to Cary rehab in memory of Frank Palermo and Joe Miracola's Mother. There is a need for the club to have a standard procedure for when member or member's family pass away. More discussion will be forthcoming
10. Frank made a motion that when a TIAHA Brother passes away, the Good and Welfare Chairman is to contact the family to inquire as to a particular charity the deceased member was in favor of or died from.
  - In addition to sending flowers, the Club will donate \$100 to the charity of choice in the Member's name
  - If the family requests that no flowers be sent, the Club will increase the charity donation to \$150
  - The motion was seconded and passed
11. Only 24 members have paid their 2007 – 2008 dues. That's disgusting and just unacceptable. Frank to send an e-mail.
12. It was brought up that we (Frank) need to do a better job of the name distribution when we have the Pot Luck dinners, Family Picnic, etc. We need to do this so we don't have an abundance of one course and only a couple of another. Frank to address this with members when the next one comes up.
13. Frank related to the Board that his daughter Cassandra is going to Honduras in July with the Missioners of Christ.
  - This is a working trip where she and the group will be going out to the jungles and hinterlands to bring the spirit of religion to the under privileged and needy.
  - Frank says she needs to raise \$1400 for the expenses of the trip and asked TIAHA's help and support in the money raising efforts he and his family will be undertaking such as a selling tickets for a raffle, holding a few silent auctions, etc.
  - Vinnie Doria made a motion that TIAHA right off the bat donate \$250 to Cassandra's cause.
  - The motion was seconded and passed

The meeting was adjourned

## TIAHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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

**President Bob Vetrano** called the meeting to order. Meeting began with customary **Pledge of Allegiance** to the American Flag.

- **Guests**

- **Tom Berthiaume** hosted **Tony Liotti** of Rochester, NY. Both are retired. **Tony** is 100% **Calabrese** (and seems very proud of it!)
- **Ron Little** hosted **Lou Fabrizio**. **Lou** is originally from the Big Apple and traces his heritage to the **Napolitan** town of **Itria**.
- A hearty TIAHA welcome to both of you.

- **Charitable Activities**

**Prez Bobby Vee** reiterated some of the the things we were able to do in December and January

- **Natale at Cary Health Rehab & Retirement Center**
- **Natale at Masonic Home for Children**
- Served about 100 people at **Raleigh Rescue Mission**.
- Pizza for about 60 at **The Healing Place**.

- **Dues & Membership**

- **Vin Doria** will assist **Vic Cononi**.
- Corrections to the **Roster** should be made after the meeting.
- **Fran Ferraro** will work with **Nancy & Tony DiFede** to add member log-in on our web site to access Roster.
- **Dues must be paid to run for office or to Vote**.

- **Social Night**

- **Vice President Vin Doria** is promoting a dinner at **Magiano's** restaurant, 16 Feb, and he must have a count by 1 Feb. **Not a TIAHA function**.

- **Good & Welfare – Tony Aiello**

- **Joe Miracola's** mother, 93 years of age, is up-an-down with her health, She has been given the Last Rites.
- **Neal Caliendo** is battling prostate cancer. The feeling is that it was caught early enough that treatment will be effective.
- **Tony Romano** is having a great deal of pain and incapacitation with his back; it is a job-related injury from long ago.
- **Capi (da books) Caprioli and Al (da Padre) Cellini** will both becoming **grandfathers** soon. First time for **Al**. Congratulations to you both.
- **Cassandra and James Ferraro**, as part of **St. Joseph's Parrish**, will be going to Washington DC, 22 Jan, for **Right-to-Life Walk**.
- **John Bono's** granddaughter, **Sarah Bono**, won **second place** in a **national competition of the Endowment for the Arts**.
- **Tony** will try to publish **hospital room numbers and addresses**.

- **Treasurer's Report – Bob Capi Caprioli**

- **Raffle** was a big success in raising money for our charitable efforts.
- **International Festival** was not a great financial success. Next year it will be downtown, in the new Civic Center. It will be in September instead of October, and it will be only one week after St. Raphael's Festival.

- **Social – Frank Ferraro**

- **Film at the Art Museum**, 28 February, **Mafioso**. It is a classic from about 40 years ago, a comedy, with some tragedy. It is the movie that some of us saw at the Colony Theater, Six Forks & Millbrook. Very worthwhile; admission is \$5.00.
- **Poker Night** at the **Oddfellows**, Friday, 22 February.
- **Source Force** need help 7 & 8 March.
- The idea was proposed to include **photos of the Board**, with their names and offices, at the top of the Newsletter. **Husband & wife photos, on our web site was also proposed**.

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- **Christmas at Oxford Home for Children – John Colombo**

- 28 people had said they would go, and only 6 or 8 showed up. It made **John and TIAHA** look stupid.
- **John Bono** did a terrific job as **Santa**.
- This was the third year that **John Bono and John Colombo** did this event, one of our longest commitments to a charitable endeavor.
- **John Colombo** reported a lot of **negative vibes and criticism** from one or two members for the way he managed the affair and his spending.
- Last year the evening up there was very well attended and supported.
- Not distributing the names, ages, sizes, “wants” of the kids to the membership, as was done in the past, took away from some of the enthusiasm.
- **Ron Little and his wife June** had managed this undertaking for 6 or 7 years, from the beginning. They organized the shopping and wrapping, and **Ron** was Santa. **Ron** offered the opinion that when a member, or members, step forth and assume responsibility for something, he or they deserve our **respect, participation and support**. The very last thing they need is to be **slammed and criticized**. (If someone is making sausage subs and thinks it will work better with the sauce pot at this other location, next to the sausage, he does not need somebody jumping off the trash truck and telling him that the sauce pot is suppose to be ...blah, blah, blah...etc., etc.)

- **Nominations – Al Cellini**

- President **Frank Ferraro**
- Vice President **Al Dellechaire**
- Secretary **need a nominee**
- Treasurer **“Cap” Caprioli**
- Sergeant at Arms **Victor Cononi**
- Members at Large **Tony DiFede**  
**Charlie Morabito**  
**Dale Mancuso**  
**Bob Cenfetelli**  
**David Baron**  
**John Bono**  
**Victor Cononi**
- Good & Welfare **Tony Aiello**
- Adopt a Highway **Mark Alliano**
- Membership **Victor Cononi**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

**Ron Little**



For those who are reading this newsletter via the internet, you may enjoy the following link provided by Don Ludlow.

This link is for **The Italian Christmas Donkey**.

[Dominick the Donkey](#)



On Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> members of TIAHA cooked an “Authentic Home Cooked Italian” meal for approximately 100 men, women, and children at the Raleigh Rescue Mission in downtown Raleigh . A great time was had by all with practically everyone coming back for seconds, and a good number even came back for thirds.





Q. What does FIAT stand for?  
A. Frenzied Italian At Traffic-lights

Q. What's an innuendo?  
A. An Italian suppository

Did you hear about the 21 year old Italian girl who knelt in front of the statue of Madonna? She said: "You who conceived without sin, let me sin without conceiving!"

A bus stops and two Italian men get on. They sit down and engage in an animated conversation.

The lady sitting behind them ignores them at first, but her attention is galvanized when she hears one of the men say the following:

"Emma come first.  
Den I come.  
Den two asses come together.  
I come once-a-more.  
Two asses, they come together again.  
I come again and pee twice.  
Then I come one lasta time."

"You foul-mouthed swine, " retorted the lady indignantly. "In this country we don't talk about our sex lives in public!"

"Hey, coola down lady," said the man.

"Who talkin' abouta sexa? I'm a justa tellin' my frienda how to spella Mississippi."

## FINE ART OF ITALY

by Nicole White Kennedy

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## Bad Job



## A Night of Lust



## Aliens Caused Sicily Fires

Messina - October 29, 2007 - Aliens were responsible for a series of unexplained fires in fridges, TV's and mobile phones in an Italian village, according to an Italian government report.

Canneto di Caronia, in northern Sicily, drew attention three years ago after residents reported everyday household objects bursting into flames.

TV news footage at the time showed electrical appliances as well as cookers, a pile of wedding presents and furniture smoldering.

Dozens of experts including scientists, electrical engineers and military boffins, arrived in the village 60 miles east of Palermo to investigate the phenomenon.

Arson was quickly ruled out and at one stage an amazed scientist was interviewed after he described how he saw an unplugged electrical cable burst into flames.

Locals were quick to blame supernatural forces and at the time the Vatican's chief exorcist Father Gabriele Amorth backed up their fears and said: "I've seen things like this before. Demons occupy a house and appear in electrical goods. Let's not forget that Satan and his followers have immense powers."

Now in an interim leaked report published by several Italian newspapers it has emerged that the Civil Protection Department has concluded the most likely cause was "aliens".

The report was ordered by the Italian government and brought together dozens of experts including a NASA scientist. Their two year investigation has cost an estimated 2 million US Dollars.

According to the report the fires were "caused by a high power electro magnetic emissions which were not man made and reached a power of between 12 and 15 gigawatts."

The report also detailed a possible UFO landing close to the village, citing "burnt imprints which have not been explained were found in a field."

Francesco Mantegna Venerando, Sicily's Civil Protection chief who coordinated the report, said: "This is not the final report. We are still working on our conclusions and this has been leaked.

"We are not saying that little green men from Mars started the fires but that unnatural forces capable of creating a large amount of electromagnetic energy were responsible.

"This is just one possibility we are also looking at another one which involves the testing of top secret weapons by an unknown power which are also capable of producing an enormous amount of energy."

*It's hard to believe a mountain village with 3500 "caronesi", 3 sheep and a nervous cow in the province of nowhere, Sicily, would force the incredibly entertaining Sicilian government to call in the "Italian Ghostbusters". Almost gives a good reason for those people to get out of bed and change the expressions on their monotone faces.*

***"Aliens were responsible for a series of unexplained fires in fridges, TV's and mobile phones in an Italian village, according to an Italian government report." Elvis sightings are more credible.***

*Father Gabriele Amorth: "Demons occupy a house and appear in electrical goods. Let's not forget that Satan and his followers have immense powers." Either Satan has an immense sense of humor or Father Amorth is in need of a holiday.*

***"The report also detailed a possible UFO landing close to the village, citing burnt imprints which have not been explained were found in a field." It could also be the UFO took a wrong turn off Calabria and thought it landed at beautiful Taormina.***

***"This is just one possibility we are also looking at another one which involves the testing of top secret weapons by an unknown power..." Now we're making sense. Terrorists are testing top secret weapons by the mule sheds and bocce court.***

*On the bright side, the only Sicilian smiling through all this is the local shop owner selling electronics and appliances without extended warranties.*

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## Italian Close to Finding Cause of Migraines

Milan - September 25, 2007 - Italian researchers say they are on the verge of unveiling the fragment of DNA that causes migraines and other debilitating headaches, the world's fifth biggest neurological problem.

Lorenzo Pinessi of Turin's Le Molinette research hospital said his team's work to be unveiled here Wednesday at the annual conference of the Italian Society for Headache Studies was "unprecedented".

Working with US scientists who provided advanced DNA test equipment not available in Turin, Pinessi said the Turin researchers had examined several possible candidates and were now poised to unveil the gene that not only causes migraines but transmits them from one generation to the next.

He said he could not yet reveal its identity because the research work was only in the process of being prepared. But a paper would be proposed to the journal Nature "within two months".

"The gene we are homing in on is found on a single chromosome," Pinessi said. "We will probably be able to prove for the first time the existence of a gene site linked to migraine".

Pinessi said this could have a "most remarkable" implication for treating the potentially disabling condition, which affects millions of people worldwide.

"We're still just groping blindly when it comes to treating migraines. This discovery could lead us out of the darkness".

### ***"La testa mi fa male, porca puttana!"***

*According to the Italian Society for Headache Studies, migraine attacks may be triggered by:*

- Allergic reactions (due to meddling Italian mother-in-laws who think its normal to think and talk aloud),*
- Bright lights, loud noises, and certain odors or perfumes (Naples),*
- Physical or emotional stress (from lunch every single Sunday afternoon with 50 of your closest and most annoying relatives),*
- Changes in sleep patterns (what your spouse learned from his/her lover),*
- Smoking or exposure to smoke (from your Uncle who will go so far as to put his ashes in your shirt pocket),*
- Skipping meals (due to overcooked tomato sauce and one day old bread),*
- Alcohol or caffeine (from your seventh espresso of the day),*
- Foods containing tyramine like red wine, aged cheese, smoked fish, chicken livers, figs, and some beans (and there goes half the Italian diet).*

**I am an Italian American.**

**My roots are deep in an ancient soil drenched by the Mediterranean sun,  
and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.**

**I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.**

**My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.**

**My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome , the poetry of Virgil,  
the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.**

**I am an Italian American and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the new world.  
I am Cristoforo Colombo.**

**I am Giovanni Caboto**

**known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America .**

**I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America .**

**First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of  
Illinois ,**

**colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas ,**

**I am Enrico Tonti.**

**I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson and my thesis on the equality  
of man was written into the Bill of Rights.**

**I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence .**

**I am an Italian American, I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and  
accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio , Indiana ,  
Illinois , Wisconsin , and Michigan .**

**I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.**

**I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines .**

**I am Alessandro Malaspina.**

**I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.**

**I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America .**

**I am Constantino Brumidi.**

**In 1904, I founded in San Francisco , the Bank of Italy now know as the Bank of America ,**

**the largest financial institution in the world.**

**I am A.P. Giannini.**

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I am Enrico Fermi,  
father of nuclear science in America .

First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,  
I am John Basilone of New Jersey .

I am an Italian American. I am the million strong who served in  
America 's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined  
in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine .

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh , the grower in the Imperial Valley of California ,  
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the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who  
understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as  
worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes.

My heritage has dedicated me to this nation.  
I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

"I Am An Italian American."



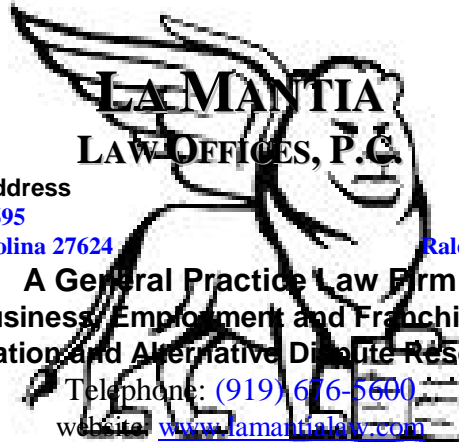
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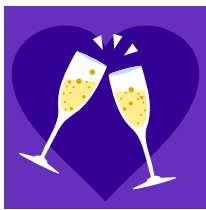
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## ON A PERSONAL NOTE:



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Tony and Ginny Aiello  
Andrew and Theresa Caamano  
Bob and Eileen Cenfetelli



### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

#### MEMBERS

Don Savino

#### SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Tina Caffera  
Camile Conzola  
Carey Giamportone  
Jo Guglielmi  
Dianne LaFata  
Stephanie Lanzolla  
Roxann Larotonda  
Carol Torsone

### CONDOLENCES:

**Fran Giannuzzi's** father, **Frank Palermo**, a long time TIAHA member, passed away January 16th.

**Jon Ferrante's** mom, **Mary Ann Ferrante**, passed away recently. She was living in Yaphank, Long Island NY and is buried at Holy Sepulcher Church in Coram, NY.

**Joe Miracola's** mother, Annette, passed away February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember them in your prayers.



### EDITOR:

Is something newsworthy?  
Let us know, send it to

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**TIAHA UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**February 20th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

**February 23rd (Saturday), 12 Noon – MEN’S HEALING PLACE OF RALEIGH** on Goode St. off Lake Wheeler Rd., Raleigh

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

**March 15th (Saturday), –INSTALLATION DINNER:** Time and place to be determined.

**March 19th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.