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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

No-one in TIAHA works harder or gets involved in more things than Bob Vetrano. Even before Bob was president, he was the guy who always said, "Yeah, I'll do that." Or, "Yeah, I'll be there." During my first stint as President I could always rely on Bob to "get it done" whenever I was in need of making sure that something was taken care of.

Bob continued that attitude and work ethic during the last year as our TIAHA president. On behalf of the entire membership, I want to thank Bob for his efforts, his results, his hard work, and most of all his overall involvement in the events, ideals, and well being of this organization. The next time any of you see Bob, walk up, shake his hand and just say, Thanks. He has earned our gratitude for a job well done.

I underlined involvement in the previous paragraph because that is really what TIAHA is all about. This is not an organization where we just meet and eat every third Wednesday of the month. It is about being involved in the many charitable events and organizations that we support. It is about being involved in the various family functions we hold during the year be it the Family Picnic, a night at the theater, our annual Christmas Dinner Meeting, and others.

It is about involvement in being there to support your brothers in times of need such as going to the wake or funeral of a family member or loved one, or even a simple call when one of our brothers or a member of his family is ill. It's about a card, or phone call, or e-mail message when a brother needs a boost of support, and the simple knowledge that we are with him works wonders.

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It is about involvement in volunteering to work booth duty at the International Festival, or St. Raphael's Fair, or going up to the Oxford House Orphanage to spend some time with kids who don't have family. It's about involvement in volunteering to cook at one of the meetings, or to help cook and serve dinner at The Healing Place, Raleigh Rescue Mission or other needy places. It's about involvement in doing the Adopt-A-Highway once a quarter, or Poker Night, or just coming out to do things with your brothers in TIAHA.

As I start this new year as your President, I want to strive for everyone to make this a year of Involvement. Make a little more effort to be involved in as many of the various charities, fundraising activities, social events, meetings, dinners, and all the other things that make this a Family. We are all brothers in a family and like any family; it only truly works to its utmost if everyone in the family contributes.

Are you involved?

Frank Ferraro, President TIAHA.

TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4th, 2008 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

Present:

Frank Ferraro Residing President
Vinny Doria Residing VP
Tony Difede Residing Secretary
Sal Notarmaso
Albert Dellechiaie
Bob Vetrano
John Bono
Dale Mancuso
Vince Conzola
Bob Caprioli Treasurer

Discussion of Events

- Healing place- went well, need a few more volunteers next time.
- Adopt a highway- took 45 min total, we ate longer, we need to send out letters to school for past child involvement
- International Fest.- Fri 5 & 6th of Sept., St Rafael's also on same date Discussion of sharing booths with Sons of Italy, no resolution of idea.
- Installation dinner – approx 28 total so far.
- Budget for cooking at meetings is \$175.00 without wine.

New Business

- Investigate aluminum can recycling with Oddfellows- Al Dellechiaie and Vinny Doria.
- Motion was passed that Al Dellechiaie will be chairing post as Charity Events Chairman.
- Motion was passed that Vinny Doria to be bartender at meeting will buy 2 gallons for every meeting and plastic glasses.
- Duke Reality will be donating \$200.00
- Al Dellechiaie asked for help from club members to feed the homeless on a regular basis, hopes to get corporate sponsorship to get the funds and food to do so.
- Tony Difede to research other Donations methods maybe create or buy handbook.
- Motion to donate ½ a 4 some for the Belarus Outreach Mission Golf Outing on April 26th- at the Crossing Golf Club- Hwy 98 Durham, www.ABRO.org . Supports an orphanage and children of victims of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident. \$100 per person includes cart, dinner and drinks. Sponsor a hole for \$500

Meeting Adjourned 8:10

Anthony T. Difede
Secretary

TIAHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 20th, 2008 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

The minutes were not available at the newsletter deadline.

TIAHA INSTALLATION DINNER

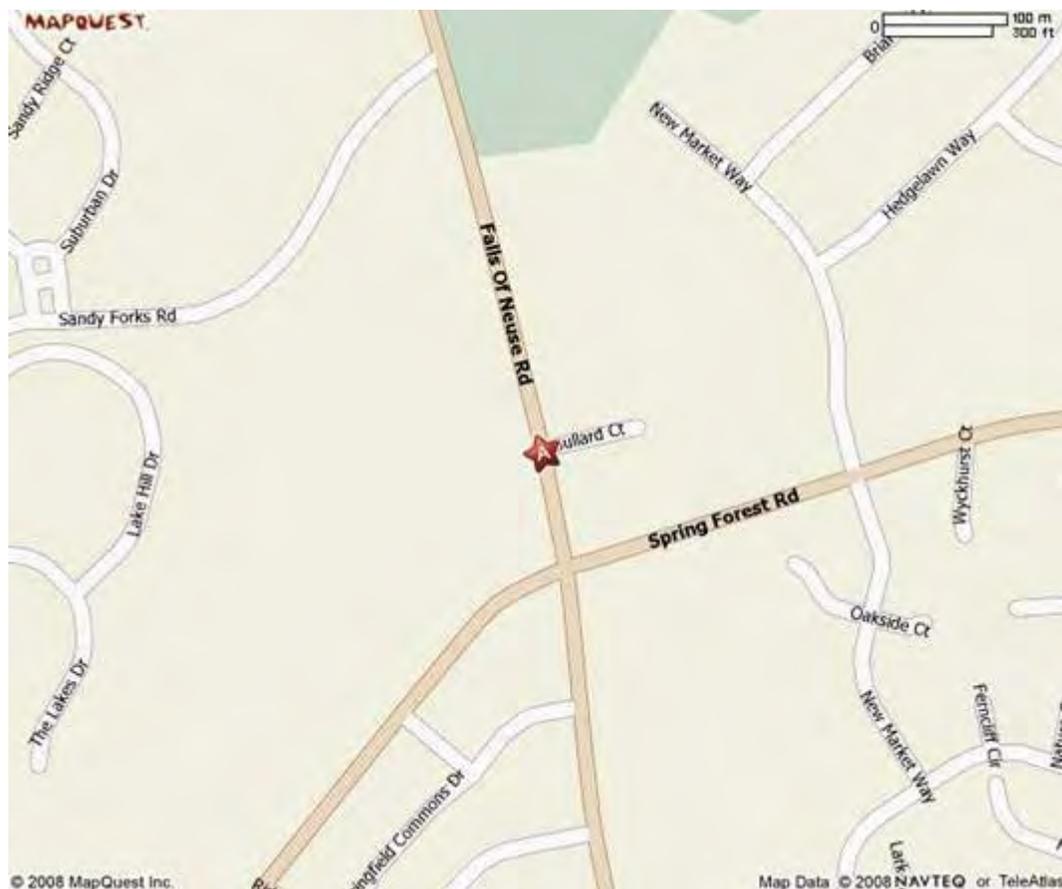
Just a reminder that the TIAHA Installation Dinner is this Saturday (Mar. 15), at 4:00, at the Capri Italian Restaurant. The actual address is 6325 Falls Of Neuse which is just north of Spring Forest (see map).

Basically it is in a shopping center behind Winston Grill. If you pull in the parking lot and are facing the buildings, the restaurant is in the far, rear, left corner. There is not a "store front" and you must go through the entrance way and into a vestibule type area. There is a Maupin Travel 2 doors to the left (as you're facing the building).

I have eaten here before and this is a very good restaurant. The cost is \$32 per person (It might be \$30, I can't remember) and that includes appetizers, main course, salad, and desert. We will be able to choose anything off their menu for the main course. Drinks will be paid for by TIAHA.

This is an important dinner for us as an organization. I sincerely urge you all to come out for a great meal and a good time.

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1st Annual "Remember Chernobyl" Golf Outing

Saturday April 26th 1:00pm
Crossings Golf Club Hwy 98 Durham

This event will help raise money for the Belarussian children affected by the radiation of Chernobyl. Proceeds will support the American Belarussian Relief Organization's "Host-A-Child Summer Program" which brings children from Belarus to live with American families for 6 weeks. While in America these children, many of them orphans, receive medical, dental, and eye care, as well as a loving and caring home environment. The format for this event will be a *Captain's Choice* which will guarantee a fun event for all levels of golfers.

Cost is \$100 per golfer (\$400 per foursome) and includes greens fees, cart, dinner, drinks, and prizes. The TIAHA Board has graciously agreed to sponsor a foursome and pay half of the cost. So if you're interested in playing for \$50 please contact Vince Conzola (878-7976 or conzola@us.ibm.com). If more than four people are interested there will be a drawing for the foursome at the March dinner meeting. Those not selected are still welcome to play at full cost. There are still a few slots available.

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Play Ball!

The Annual Ken Growney Memorial Softball Game

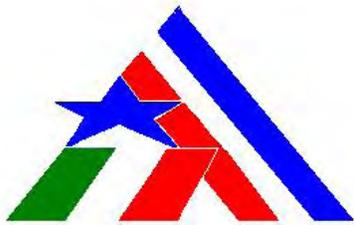
April 27, 2008 3:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Field

TIAHA

vs

Royal Order of Hibernians



ITALIANS

vs

IRISH

There will be food, drink, and lots of fun so come on out whether you're playing or not. This is a social event so bring the family out and root for your favorite team.

Call or e-mail Frank to sign up to play.
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ITALIAN BOY'S CONFESSION

This could only happen with a little Italian kid!

Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl'.

The priest asks, 'Is that you, little Joey Pagano?'

'Yes, Father, it is.'

'And who was the girl you were with?'

'I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation'

Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?'

'I cannot say.'

'Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?'

'I'll never tell.'

'Was it Nina Capelli?'

'I'm sorry, but I cannot name her.'

'Was it Cathy Piriano?'

'My lips are sealed.'

'Was it Rosa Di Angelo, then?'

'Please, Father, I cannot tell you.'

The priest sighs in frustration. 'You're very tight lipped, Joey Pagano, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself.'

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, 'What'd you get?'

'4 months vacation and five good leads.'

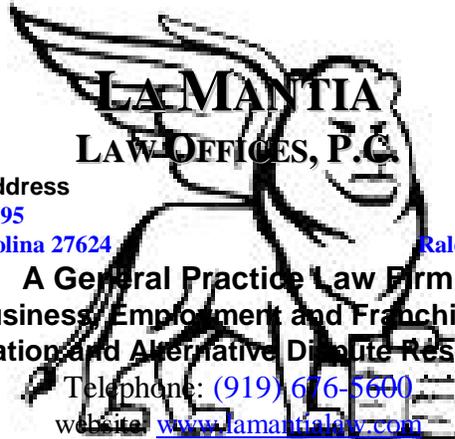
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Raleigh loses men who made Italy's food ours

Carbone saw a need for linguine, ziti, hospitality.

RALEIGH - John A. Carbone and James H. Russos made their marks long before area Italian restaurants began luring diners with promises of wild mushroom polenta and deconstructed spinach salads with parmesan crisps.

For decades, Carbone and his wife packed them in, first at Villa Capri Italian Restaurant and then Casa Carbone Ristorante, with old-school staples: spaghetti and meatballs, linguine with clams and ziti with meat sauce. Meanwhile, at Brothers Pizza on Hillsborough Street, Russos and his wife cranked out pizzas loaded with pepperoni, sausage and other basic toppings for generations of N.C. State University students and faculty.

Both longtime Raleigh restaurateurs died this week, prompting nostalgic tributes from loyal diners for two of the city's old-line Italian food pioneers.

Carbone, a Brooklyn native who moved to Jacksonville in 1951 with his wife Jean to open a restaurant, died Wednesday. He was 84.

Russos, an active member of Raleigh's Greek community, was born and raised here. He died at Rex Hospital on Monday at 83 and was buried Friday at Montlawn Memorial Park.

"Both were gentlemen and were successful in a tough business," said developer Marshall Stewart, 56, who started out selling restaurant supplies to both men when he graduated from NCSU.

Stewart recalled Russos as a tireless worker who seemed to live in his restaurant. Carbone was quick to invite him to sit down to a family meal when Stewart made his rounds, correcting his Southern pronunciation of "manicotti."

More than just food

Carbone's daughter Maria and her husband, Michael House, continue to operate Casa Carbone Ristorante in a modest Glenwood Avenue shopping center.

"I look at the foresight he had back when he was in the Army, when he was stationed down here, when he saw a need to bring Italian cuisine here," Maria Carbone-House said Friday.

Her parents moved to Raleigh in 1958 and opened the Villa Capri Italian Restaurant that same year. John Carbone woke before dawn every morning to bake the restaurant's bread. All the sauces came from family recipes.

In 1967, they moved the restaurant to the Ridgewood Shopping Center and stayed until 1984, when Maria and her husband partnered with them to open Casa Carbone.

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Wherever they went, loyal customers such as Jim Epps followed. Epps, the former branch director for Raleigh's YMCA on Hillsborough Street, recalled how Carbone would give him and his wife back more change than required when the couple were just starting out in town.

"His restaurant was just so much more than the food. John was usually at the cash register when you walked in to greet you," Epps said. "They just developed a culture of friendliness there."

Carbone officially stopped working at the restaurant about eight years ago, Maria Carbone-House said. But he remained a consistent presence along with Jean, who continues to make the desserts.

A part of the Pack

Russos sold Brothers Pizza in 2000, but the memories linger. His son-in-law, Tim Harrison, who worked with him there for 19 years, recalled how nostalgic NCSU alum would call from all parts, asking for cross-country delivery of one of their pizzas. One time, Harrison said, they even packed some pies in dry ice to send overseas to some NCSU graduates stationed with the Army in Germany.

Russos attended NCSU, but his studies were interrupted by World War II. He served in the U.S. Air Force and reached the rank of master sergeant.

Russos and his high-school sweetheart Bena Vurnakes were together 62 years.

His first restaurant venture was the Manhattan, a Hillsborough Street diner that burned down in 1955 after an eight-year run. Russos spent the next 12 years working as food distributor and wholesaler before purchasing Two Brothers from a pair of Greek brothers in 1967.

The pizzeria clicked quickly into the college scene. The Russos offered their dining room to N.C. State fraternities for meetings and pledge activities. After basketball games in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Wolfpack players and fans packed in for late-night pizzas.

The walls were crowded with photos of NCSU's athletic triumphs and other Wolfpack memorabilia, a look that never went out of style with its clientele.

"They were just very friendly folks, and their place never changed," said Michael Brown, an NCSU graduate and son of Russos' longtime accountant.

When the restaurant was set to close, Brown bought its familiar 4-foot-wide, stained-glass sign and now hangs it over the breakfast table of his Apex home.

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Harrison said the line of students used to snake out on Hillsborough Street. The decision to sell Brothers Pizza was difficult for the family, he said, but the Russos were slowing down, and the restaurant business had taken its toll. The new owners closed Brothers Pizza two years ago.

"He was probably the best front man in a restaurant that I've ever seen," Harrison said. "He enjoyed welcoming the customers when they came in and going over to visit with them at their tables.

"He'd always say, 'Do you know how many restaurants they had to drive past to get to this one?' "

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Italian Golfer

An 80-year old Italian man goes to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?"

"I'm Italian and I am a golfer," says the old guy, "and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. Have a glass of vino, and all is well."

"Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Dad when he died?"

"Who said my Dad's dead?"

The doctor is amazed "You mean you're 80 years old and your Dad's still alive. How old is he?"

"He's 100 years old," says the old Italian golfer. "In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk, that's why he's still alive ... he's Italian and he's a golfer too."

"Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Dad's Dad? How old was he when he died?"

"Who said my grandpa's dead?"

Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 118 years old," says the old Italian golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, "So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

"No. Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today."

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married!! Why would a 118 year-old guy want to get married?"

"Who said he wanted to?"

*"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,
but beautiful old people are works of art."
~~ Eleanor Roosevelt~~*

Opening Day at Durham Bulls Athletic Park is April, 11

The Bulls will be hosting New York Yankees Triple-A affiliate, Scranton on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday



Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees vs. Durham Bulls

Please let Frank Know as soon as possible if you'd like to go. I'm not sure which date we can get tickets for yet but will notify everyone via e-mail or phone as soon as I can.

TIAHA Members, Families, Guests, (and a few select others),

The N.Y. Yankees triple A minor league team, the Scranton-Wilkes Barre Yankees will be in Durham to face the Bulls the weekend of April 11, 12 , and 13. If anyone is interested, please let me know ASAP so I can order tickets.

The 11th is actually 2008 Opening Day for the Bulls so these tickets will be hot and maybe difficult to get.

I have to know for sure if you want to go and how many tickets you want. I'm figuring on Friday night being the best, but have a call in to Ben DuGoff, the ticket manager, asking him what would be the best day for us to get a bunch of tickets for.

Please respond to this e-mail ASAP so I can get a head count. For you guys that have buddies without e-mail (Tony Romano, Carmine Saccitello, etc), please call them and let them know as well.

I will follow up with ticket prices, actual date, etc.

Frank Ferraro

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Al and Pat Cellini



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Tony Manzi
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Nora DeFrancisci
Paula Frederici
Nina Miracola
Josephine Romano

CONDOLENCES:

Neal Caliendo's father, **Ted Caliendo**, passed away March 4th. He was 96 years old and was born in Marigliano, Italy, a town outside of Naples.

Please remember him in your prayers.



EDITOR:

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TIAHA UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15th (Saturday), 4:00 PM–INSTALLATION DINNER: Capri Italian Restaurant. Details are in this newsletter..

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

April 1st (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

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