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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear TIAHA Brothers,

Well, other than a fractured, and almost cut off thumb, I had a great time at the Family Picnic. And from what I have been hearing from other people, they did too. For those of you who missed it, you really missed a good time, good food, and great camaraderie and brotherhood. It truly was a Family Picnic. The turnout was great. I had purchased 48 huge steaks and we ran out of them, but there were plenty of the shrimp kabobs, and garlic marinated chicken.

There are a lot of people to thank for all their help. From the planning, pre cook, and prep crew to all the folks at the picnic who came early or stayed late and really made sure that we had a successful day, I offer my most heartfelt thanks. And I want personally thank Mike Vavaro and, even more so his wife Sarah, for running to the pharmacy for medical supplies and then coming back and doctoring me and my thumb.

You know, sometimes just dumb luck prevails. In the couple of weeks before the picnic I was out shopping for and purchasing gifts for door prizes in both the adult and kids categories. I really don't know how it happened but it turned out that, at the end of the day, every kid at the picnic got a gift. It's their faces when they win that just make a day like that even more special. Family is supreme. And congratulations to John Bono who won the Grand Door Prize Color TV.

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So after pumping you up with all that stuff, I turn right around and ask for help. The International Festival is coming up the first weekend of November. Set up is Friday afternoon with the actual festival going on Sat. the 4th and Sunday the 5th. We need help for all shifts so please contact Vinnie Doria or myself to sign up. Please remember that wives and significant others are very welcome to help out as well and we always have a great time.

It always seems that we all work together to get the necessary preparations and pre shift work done and then there's more than enough people to man the booth and keep the food coming so it does turn out to be a social event. I sometimes think we actually eat more than we sell, but I believe that's a good thing because it brings us together. And there's always a bunch of wine, beer, and other beverages (who's bringing some lemoncello, or other home made delight this year).

It's coming to that "Giving" time of year and I personally am proud of the way we step up as individuals and as an organization to help a variety of needy causes. John Colombo is once again spearheading our Oxford House Drive and he is not wasting any time getting started and has already collected over \$500. We will have a TIAHA/Scholarship Christmas Raffle again this year so be ready to sell some tickets. We have a number of other causes and organizations that we will be supporting this year so please be ready to volunteer your time and efforts. I'm going to need a few of you to chair and run a few of these drives so please don't be bashful or reluctant to step up. We have really done a great job on this stuff in the past. Let's continue.

Ciao,

Frank

Meeting called to order by President Ferraro. Pledge of allegiance recited.

❑ **GUESTS**

- ✓ Vito D'Ambrosio, moved here from Rochester 4 ½ years ago. His family came from Bari and Taranto. He is in real estate. Bob Giannuzzi's guest.
- ✓ Joe Frangiosa's father Sal was visiting from Tenafly, NJ

❑ **GOOD AND WELFARE**

- ✓ Tony Aiello praised TIAHA for our participation at the wake and funeral for charter member Nick Guarino. Frank has invited the family to the Family Picnic.

❑ **ADOPT A HIGHWAY**

- ✓ September 30th. 8:30 A.M. at Brassfield Elementary. Vince Conzola to bring equipment.
- ✓

OLD BUSINESS

❑ **OXFORD HOUSE**

- ✓ Frank read from a letter written by residents of one of the cottages, thanking us for the Durham Bulls tickets, etc. Frank again thanked John Bono for the good job done
- ✓ .

❑ **NEW TIAHA FLYERS**

- ✓ Are now available.

❑ **FAMILY PICNIC**

- ✓ September 24th. Odd Fellows Lodge. Charlie Morabito is food chair. TIAHA is providing Steaks, chicken and shrimp. Also will provide door prizes. Since this is 25th anniversary, we are inviting prior members. Frank needs help in calling.

❑ **ST. RAPHAELS FEAST**

- ✓ We received \$800 for the trash pickup.. No results yet, for results of food sales.

❑ **FOOD TRAILER**

- ✓ Bob Vetrano searched the internet and found similar trailers being offered at \$18,000. Trailer will need cleaning, painting and general spruce-up before sale.

❑ **INTERNATION FESTIVAL**

- ✓ November 4th and 5th. There will be 15 ft. behind the booth which should allow for the pizza oven.

Roster Chair- Vinnie Doria

Food Chair- Bob Vetrano

Setup will be Friday 3rd of November. Cary boys volunteered for food prep. Will need help for cleanup and knockdown Sunday evening. The will be no bazaar.

NEW BUSINESS

❑ **VETERAN'S DAY**

- ✓ November 12th, 1:00 P.M. By the Fourth Degrees of the Knights of Columbus. At St. Andrew's in Cary. The luncheon is \$10.00, benefiting the USO at RDU. Jack Petrarca is contact person.

❑ **BROWN BAG MINISTRIES**

- ✓ St. Andrew's Church feed the homeless at Moore Square every Saturday. We would do one Saturday a month starting December 7th. Vince Conzola to chair.

- **October 2006**
 - ✓ Due October 1st.
\$45.00 for those under age 62, assuming 10 hours of service per year, otherwise \$55.00
\$22.50 for those 63+.

- **CARY LAZY DAYS**
 - ✓ Joe Miracola suggested we get involved , possibly with food trailer. He is to investigate and bring details back to board and membership.

- **EXPLORIS**
 - ✓ Bob Giannuzzi reported that they are going to have an exhibit on the role of various ethnicities in North Carolina. Will get more info.

- **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**
 - ✓ Dave Baron

- **50/50**
 - ✓ John Argento.

- **COOKS**
 - ✓ Joe Frangiosa

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TIAHA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2nd, 2006 at Knights of Columbus, New Hope Road and Columbus Road, Raleigh, NC

In Attendance: Frank Ferraro, Bob Cenfetelli, John Bono, Victor Cononi, Peter Cari, Vince Salvaggio, Bob Vetrano, Dave Baron, Vince Conzola

- ❑ **SAN RAPHAEL FESTIVAL**
 - In addition to the \$800 we received for waste management, an additional \$364 was our split of the food profits. There was some discussion about the way monies were collected from our booth, and with the recollections of the amount of sandwiches that were sold, Frank was to ask for better accounting.
- ❑ **FAMILY PICNIC**
 - Frank reported that everyone had a great time, especially the women. Total costs were around \$1,000.
- ❑ **ST. MICHAELS – CARY**
 - Has asked us to provide waste management at their festival. October 6th, 7th and 8th. They will pay \$600. Frank needs help, especially Sunday morning 9:00-12:00 A.M.. Our total cost for golf cart is \$60.
- ❑ **FOOD TRAILER**
 - Vetrano and Capi to move trailer closer to building and cleanup and paint. Will set date and publish to get member's help.
- ❑ **INTERNATIONAL FEST**
 - Bob Vetrano will be food chair. Vinnie Doria –roster chair. Frank to order electrical needs for oven, stove, etc. Vetrano will vacuum pizza oven.
- ❑ **SOFTBALL GAME WITH IRISH**
 - TIAHA put on a respectable game. Final score 31-23 favor of the Irish.
- ❑ **NEW MEMBER**
 - Vito D' Ambrosio approved.
- ❑ **ADS IN NEWSLETTER**
 - After discussion annual ad prices were set as follows:

Business card size (2x3 1/2)	\$40
Up to quarter page	\$60
Half page	\$80
Full page	\$100
- Vince Conzola to give Peter Cari the last date that current advertisers paid.
- ❑ **ADOPT A HIGHWAY**
 - Need to find a place to have breakfast after cleanup.
- ❑ **TIAHA SHIRTS**
 - Frank to research costs for silk screed tee shirts and embroidered golf shirts.
- ❑ **BROWN BAG MINISTRY**
 - Vince Conzola to report with details at next meeting.

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Just a few pictures from the family picnic. Lots of food (although we ran out of steaks at 48, we still had lots of the shrimp kabobs, marinated chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs, as well as all the side dishes and A BUNCH OF ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL DESERTS), lots of drink, lots and lots of door prizes for adults and kids, and an overall great time. Thanks to all for coming and extra thanks to all of you who put in extra help in prepping, cooking, set up, and clean up.

Frank



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Being Italian

By Dina Di Maio

When I was a little girl, I thought all that being Italian required was a last name ending in "o" like the ones in my family—Di Maio, Cafaro, Lago, Abbato, DeGiamatteo, Porchiazzo. Until I turned 18, I thought Shapiro was an Italian surname.

But when I moved to North Carolina at age 11, I found out the things I took for granted all became Italian—my dark hair, my dark eyes, the hair on my arms, the food I ate, the religion I grew up with, the place I came from, the music I listened to, the holidays I celebrated. In New Jersey, there are so many Italians that their traditions are commonplace—even adopted by other groups the same way we eat corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. There are so many Catholics, that the holidays we celebrated were celebrated by most people we knew in the same way. No one questioned why we ate fish on Christmas Eve because the fish markets were crowded with other people buying eel and octopus too. In North Carolina, the fish markets had oysters and spots, not the traditional fish we cooked. Here, my religion was condemned and disliked by many closed-minded people who asked if I worshipped statues, who looked at me funny, who avoided me. They asked if I was born in Italy. They said you have dark hair but you're not an Indian. What are you?

I wondered.

Life changed in North Carolina. No more trips to bakeries on Sunday for Italian bread to go with dinner. No more pastries for dessert. There are few bakeries in North Carolina, as it's not part of the culture, at least not as I knew them up North. The photographer didn't understand why, at age seven, my sister got pictures taken in a wedding dress. No more pig skin in Sunday gravy. No more holidays with family. No more Halloween as I had known it. To some here, it was the devil's holiday. Kids only trick-or-treated at certain hours of the day and people gave Jolly Ranchers and peppermints not candy bars. Life here seemed to be about religion. In sixth grade, the blond girls were afraid the KKK would come to steal one of them away as a sacrifice so our teacher locked the door. I was invited to a Baptist church's vacation bible school for the summer. I went but couldn't pledge to the Baptist flag. I didn't want to change to be accepted, so I chose to be alone. I befriended the other Northern stragglers, the weirdoes, the misfits. At lunch period, I said rosaries in the bathroom, partly for prayer, partly in defiance (a trait I didn't realize was Italian until I got much older). I read books on philosophy, history, Italians and Brooklyn. I read that Italians were lynched in the South, that they worked on the railroads in the early 1900s and a group was killed due to prejudice and that Italians were banned from coming to the state. I read about the mafia, Sophia Loren, Frank Sinatra and cookbooks. I found a picture of my grandmother's Neapolitan village in a Time Life book. I watched *Goodfellas*, the *Godfather* movies, *Raging Bull*, *A Bronx Tale*. Everything I learned about being an Italian man I learned from Robert De Niro. In fact, I went back and forth from having crushes on De Niro, Pacino, Liotta and Pesci (yes, I had a crush on Joe Pesci and am probably one of two people who bought his CD). I tried making tiramisu but my ladyfingers were hard. I tried making gravy but it was bland. Just about all I can cook that is Italian is pasta al dente. My pasta fazool is watery. I listened to Jimmy Rosselli, Louis Prima, Lou Monte. I sang C'e La Luna phonetically the way my great-grandma sang "abby birday doo doo."

I tried to hold on to the part of me that was me—what seemed to define me since I had moved to North Carolina—being Italian.

I longed to go to Brookalina where all the Italians still were. I wanted to go to the festival of the Giglio in Williamsburg. At 22, I did and found myself a stranger. I

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couldn't speak Italian; I didn't celebrate feasts. I didn't bet on horses; I didn't like Atlantic City. I went to ziti dinners and marched in the Columbus Day parade. I joined Italian clubs but had nothing in common with the Brooklyn and Staten Island Italians I met. I went to Italian masses and listened to old women talk about grandchildren and constipation. I was not Italian in the sense one is Italian when one grows up with other Italians. I heard about life through the stories of my parents' past. As an adult, left to find my place in life, I had gone to New York, as all people do who don't belong in one way or another. In New York, I found myself. I went to New York, in part, to find the Italian spark that I ignited from but instead I found that fire had died long ago and I arose from its ashes.

I went to Little Italy for dinner where men from Argentina and Egypt pretended to be Italian. "Bella, come in for some dinner," they chanted. "Mangia." Jimmy Rosselli played from the storefronts of the few real Italians left. People mourned John Gotti and cursed Rudy Giuliani. Then the *Sopranos* came. Posters everywhere. The name Carmela as household as Dawn for dishes. The *Sopranos* brought Italians up to center stage again. Italians remembered how it used to be and I thought about how it never was for me.

Posters of the *Sopranos* hung in subways. Young men with pinky rings walked around Little Italy in suits like a scene from *Goodfellas*. The good Italian restaurants served Northern Italian cuisine, gnocchi and risotto in cream sauces—not regular macaroni. Italian bread didn't taste the same and neither did pizza. A store in Hoboken, NJ, plays Frank Sinatra songs all the livelong day (or goddamned day depending on how close you live to it). New York is like my childhood memory—remnants of Italianness.

I cursed my parents for moving to North Carolina, for making me a reject, for taking me away from the familiar, the comfortable, the usual. But if the real Carmela, my mother, had not moved, perhaps she would have died with all that is Italian in America. Perhaps she would have become lost and forgotten like the songs of Garibaldi's march, like the pumpkin ravioli my great-grandfather used to make.

My mother doesn't watch the *Sopranos*. I've seen it two or three times but was not impressed. It's all in the past now. No need getting excited over seeing a bridge in Newark or a storefront in Secaucus. The people are gone; the times have changed. I never knew them and I don't want to mourn anymore for the life I never knew. Had I not moved to North Carolina, it would still have been gone. For one thing I am proud: I have never apologized for being Italian. I did not change myself to suit the culture I lived in. I am who I am. I welcome the parts of being Italian that are innate in me and they are there. I choose family above all else; I cry and rage at injustice; and I root for the underdog. So, today, I can say to all, that like a great phoenix, wings open, I am me, with all that encapsulates, part being Italian, but all Dina.

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Bio:

Dina Di Maio holds a master's in writing from NYU and a JD from Barry University School of Law. She has written and/or edited for Family Circle, Glamour, and Time Out New York, and is the founder of the webzine www.thesquaretable.com. She is currently studying for the bar.

It's that time of year again...

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Annual TIAHA membership dues are due by October 31st. 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,

Vince Conzola

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____

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Dues schedule (check the appropriate line):

_____ \$45.00 - General membership

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_____ \$22.50 - Members 62 years and older

Make checks payable to : TIAHA

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TIAHA Treasurer
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ITALIAN AMERICANS IN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

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Italian Americans have been part of the American political scene for more than 200 years.

- The words in the Declaration of Independence, "All men are created equal" were suggested to Thomas Jefferson by **Filippo Mazzei**, a Tuscan physician, business man, pamphleteer and Jefferson's friend and neighbor. Mazzei's original words were "All men are by nature equally free and independent."
- Two of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Italian origin: **William Paca** and **Caesar Rodney**. Paca was one of the first senators in the Maryland state legislature, governor of Maryland (1782 to 1785) and a major general during the Revolutionary War. Rodney of Delaware, descended from the Adelmare family in Treviso, is most remembered for his courageous ride to Philadelphia in July 1776. Though sick with cancer, he rode through thunder and rain to arrive just in time to vote for independence.
- **Onorio Razzolini** was the first Italian American ever to hold public office. He was the U.S. Armourer and Keeper of Stores in Maryland between 1732 and 1747, a duty which essentially put him in charge of defense for the Colony of Maryland.
- In 1837, **John Phinizy**, the son of an Italian immigrant named Ferdinando Finizzi, became the first Italian American mayor of an American city: Augusta, Georgia. In 1880, Anthony Ghio was elected mayor of Texarkana, Texas, where he later opened the town's first opera house.
- Among the first Italian American governors were **William Paca**, who served Maryland from 1782 to 1785; **Caesar Rodney** of Delaware in 1776; and **Andrew Houston Longino** who was elected governor of Mississippi in 1900. The first Republican governor of Italian descent was **Christopher Del Sesto**, who was elected governor of Rhode Island in 1958.
- **Francis B. Spinola** was the first Italian American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives (1887-1891). A Democrat, Spinola represented New York City.
- In 1950, **John Orlando Pastore** became the first Italian American elected to the U.S. Senate, where he served until 1976. In over 50 years in public office, he never lost an election. A Democrat from Rhode Island, he began his political career as a state assemblyman in 1934 and became the first Italian American governor of his home state in 1945 after his predecessor resigned. He was reelected in 1946 and then again in 1948 by a record 73,000 vote margin over his opponent.
- **Alfred E. Smith**, who was born Alfred Emanuele Ferrara, was the first Italian American governor of New York (1919), and the first Italian American presidential candidate. He was defeated by Herbert Hoover in 1928. His paternal grandfather was born in Genoa in 1808.
- **Charles Joseph Bonaparte** founded the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1908, built the U.S. Navy into one of the strongest in the world and was the first Italian American appointed to a cabinet position, serving as Secretary of the Navy and later as U.S. Attorney General during Theodore Roosevelt's administration.
- New York City's "Little Flower," **Fiorello H. LaGuardia** was elected mayor in 1931 and served until 1944. Elected on the Republican ticket, he became the first Italian American mayor of the city. The former lawyer was a champion of labor unions and campaigned in English, Italian, Yiddish, German and Spanish.
- **Michael A. Musmanno** served on of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and on the bench of the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, which tried the Nazi officers after World War II.
- The 1950 New York City mayoral race was among three Italian Americans: **Edward Corsi**, **Vincent Impellitteri**, and **Ferdinand Pecora**. Impellitteri won on the Experience Party ticket and served as mayor until January, 1954.
- U.S. Congressman **Peter Rodino**, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, led the Committee recommendation to impeach Richard M. Nixon. Elected to Congress in 1948, Rodino also was a key congressman supporting the law that made Columbus Day a national holiday in 1973.

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▪ **Anthony J. Celebrezze** was the first foreign-born mayor of Cleveland, Ohio and the first to be appointed to the U.S. Cabinet as Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare under the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. Also a judge to the U.S. Court of Appeals, he was born in Potenza, elected Cleveland's mayor in 1953 and re-elected four times, the last time with nearly 75 percent of the vote. He was the only Cleveland mayor elected five times. He died in 1998 at age 88.
- Gov. **Ella Tambussi Grasso** of Connecticut was the first American woman elected governor in her own right and the first Italian American woman in Congress. Elected governor in 1975, she brought the state out of debt and created an "open government" so all citizens could easily access public records. Grasso served as governor until 1980. She served in Congress from 1970 to 1974. Ella Grasso died of cancer in 1981.
- **Geraldine Ferraro** was the first woman to ever run for national office in the U.S. In 1984 she ran as Walter Mondale's vice presidential candidate. A Democrat from New York, she served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985.
- **Mario Cuomo**, who was first elected governor of New York in 1982, won the 1986 election with 2,761,000 votes, or 64 percent, the largest margin in New York history. During his 12 years in office, Gov. Cuomo pushed through landmark programs in criminal justice, education, the environment, health care, human rights, housing and health care that were national firsts. See his book, *The New York Idea: An Experiment in Democracy*
- The first woman to be secretary of state and attorney general in Nevada was **Frankie Sue Del Papa**. She was elected secretary in 1987 and attorney general in 1991.
- Brooklyn's **Rudolph W. Giuliani** was elected mayor of New York City in 1993, and re-elected in 1997. During his first term as mayor, crime in the Big Apple dropped 41 percent, the largest sustained decrease in the nation and the lowest rate in New York City since the 1960s. The Mayor began his career in the U.S Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York in 1970 at age 29, later practiced law privately and worked for the Attorney General's office and the Justice Department. He first ran for mayor in 1989 as an independent but lost to David Dinkins.
- At the close of the 20th century, about eight percent, or 82 of the mayors of the 1,056 major U.S. cities had Italian last names. Per state, the largest percentages of mayors are in New York (35 percent), Connecticut (31 percent) and New Jersey (23 percent). Six of the Italian American mayors are women. Italian Americans constitute about six percent of the U.S. population.
- When the 20th century closed, 31 men and women of Italian descent were serving in the U.S. Congress, including five senators and four women.

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ITALIAN AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II

Few people are aware that more than half a million Italians living in the United States during World War II suffered serious violations of their civil rights.

- Shortly after the United States declared war on Italy in 1941, the federal government classified more than 600,000 Italians living in the United States as "internal enemies."
- From February through October 1942, the United States imposed restrictions on these 600,000 Italians, most of whom had been living in the United States since the turn of the century.
- As "enemy aliens," Italians were required to register at the nearest post office, carry identification cards, and report all job changes. They could not travel more than five miles from their homes, had to adhere to curfews, and were forbidden to own guns, cameras, and short-wave radios.
- The Army forced more than 100 U.S. citizens of Italian birth to relocate from the east and west coasts and the Gulf of Mexico to "safe" inland zones.
- The restrictions caused many Italians to lose their jobs and limited the freedom of movement of thousands of others, including a fisherman named Giuseppe DiMaggio, who could not visit the San Francisco restaurant owned by his son, Joe DiMaggio.
- During World War II, an estimated 1.2 million Americans of Italian descent served in the U.S. military, constituting one of the largest segments of the US combat forces of about 12 million. However, elderly Italian mothers and fathers were not allowed to visit sons in the U.S. armed forces, who were assigned to military installations.
- The Immigration and Naturalization Service held nearly 3,300 Italians in internment camps for varying lengths of time during the war.
- During the same period, the mayors of two of America's largest cities were Italian Americans: **Angelo Rossi** of San Francisco and **Fiorello LaGuardia** of New York. Both were sons of Italian immigrants.

Why we honor Columbus

*By Dr. Joseph V. Scelsa
President, Italian American Museum*

Perhaps Samuel Eliot Morison, in his book "Admiral of the Ocean Sea" has said it best as to why we should remember Christopher Columbus. "The whole history of the Americas stems from the Four Voyages of Columbus; and as the Greek city-states looked back to the death-less gods as their founders, so today a score of independent nations and dominions unite in homage to Christopher, the stout hearted son of Genoa, who carried Christian civilization across the Ocean Sea."

On May 20, 2006, the world quietly marked the 500th anniversary of the passing of one of the most important men to have walked on and in his case sailed the face of this earth. Christopher Columbus or Cristoforo Colombo as he was known by his Genoese parents dared to dream and act in ways no other had done before. Some have called him the first American, others, an adventurer or even a tyrant. What even one's opinion, no one can deny that it was his indomitable spirit which drove him and lives on today in the new world he opened by his voyages of discovery.

Historically, Columbus is an icon; in fact, the first known celebration in his honor in New York took place in 1792 on the occasion of the third hundred anniversary of his landing on the Americas. It was organized by the "Society of Saint Tammy", an organization of American revolutionary war veterans. The society later went on to become "Tammany Hall" the most powerful political machine New York City has ever known. It's last leader, an Italian American, Carmine DeSapio.

Sadly, today, parades and protest both take place in America on Columbus Day. This once venerated "American Hero" has been under attack since before the 500th anniversary even though there are streets, highways, towns, cities, universities and even our nation's capitol, the District of Columbia, named in his honor. For the past several years, protesters in Denver, Colorado have disrupted the Annual Denver Columbus Day Parade claiming that Columbus is responsible for plight of all indigenous people in America and several states have sought to remove Columbus Day as an official holiday.

In New York State it was then Assemblyman Al Smith and Senator "Big Tom" Sullivan who introduced the bill in 1909 which Governor Charles Hughes signed making Columbus Day a state holiday. By 1910, eight other states followed New York; New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, California, Michigan, Montana and Illinois making Columbus Day a legal state holiday. In 1934, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt designed October 12th, a day of nationwide celebration and in 1968, President Lynden B. Johnson signed the bill making Columbus Day a Federal Holiday.

Perhaps the most famous Columbus monument stands in New York City at Columbus Circle at the junction of Central Park and Broadway. It was mostly the Italian immigrants at the time who contributed to the fund for the monument started by Carlo Barsotti in 1889, the publisher of *Il Progresso Italo-Americano* and then presented it to the City of New York in time for the fourth hundred anniversary of Columbus' first voyage in 1892. In 1968, the Columbus Citizens Foundation under the New York City Adopt-A-Monument Program raised the \$450,000 necessary to restore the monument to its original splendor prior to the 500th anniversary.

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Although today, the Manhattan parade rarely passes by the monument except when the solemn Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur falls on Columbus Day and out of respect for our Jewish brethren, we don't march past their Fifth Avenue synagogue it still stand as a beacon of hope and encouragement for all to see, Italian and all non-Italians alike.

In 1907, New York City (Manhattan) had two parades one on Mulberry Street and the other in East Harlem (which was in the 1930's and 40's, the largest Italian district in the country). In 1927, the Columbus Citizens Committee assumed responsibility for the parade, later in 1944 under the leadership of Generoso Pope; the Columbus Citizens Foundation took over the responsibility for the parade and has done so every year since then. Perhaps the most significant parade in Columbus's honor was that of October 8, 2001, just one month after the tragedy of September 11, 2001 when 3,000 American lives were lost in the worst attack on the United States since December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The first official parade (public gathering) after 9/11 in New York City was the Columbus Day Parade. People from all walks of life, not just those of Italian descent came out to line the streets t not only to celebrate the achievements of Columbus, but to show their patriotism, a testament to his and 'our" indomitable spirit which he represents. More than anything that is what Christopher Columbus has come to stand for and why he will always be remembered. His indomitable spirit lives on, his belief in himself and his determination to follow through on his dreams of a better life in America for ourselves and our children. That is Christopher Columbus' real legacy and that is why we, the children of Columbus, the heirs of his legacy must never forget him. He led our way.

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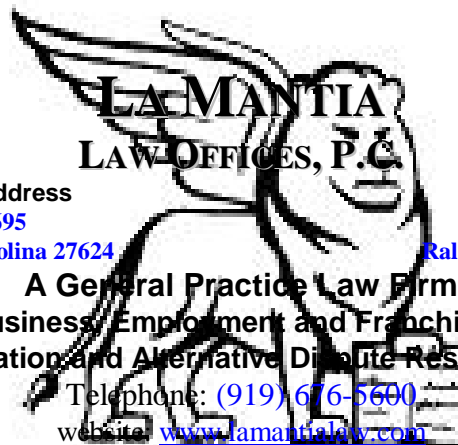
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TIAHA UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November 4th – 5th (Saturday - Sunday), –INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL:

November 7th (Tuesday), 6:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.

November 15th (Wednesday), 6:30 PM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Knights of Columbus, New Hope and Columbus Roads, Raleigh.