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The Hilltop Town of Civita di Bagnoregio in Italy

Some records indicate that in winter, just a dozen people or so live in Civita di Bagnoregio, a remote village that, understandably, seems frozen in time. The town is situated atop a plateau of soft volcanic tuff overlooking a river valley in central Italy. Founded more than 2,500 years ago, Civita began as an ancient Etruscan walled city, and was originally a great deal larger. Over the centuries, much of the unstable ground beneath the

village has crumbled away, due to both earthquakes and erosion. Rainfall, and the streams that run along the base of the hill, continue to eat away at the foundation of Civita. Some portions of the town's outer structures have already fallen away, and Civita is sometimes called la "città che muore" (the dying city). Despite this, or perhaps because of it, visitors flock to the picturesque time capsule in warm summer months.



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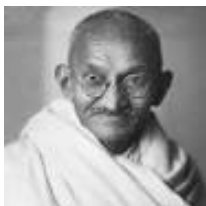
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FAMOUS QUOTES



"Nature is the source of all true knowledge. She has her own logic, her own laws, she has no effect without cause nor invention without necessity."

Leonardo da Vinci (Italian Renaissance Genius)



"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

Mahatma Gandhi

(Revered Indian leader and advocate of nonviolent resistance)



"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."

Madame Curie (Polish Nobel Prize physicist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity)



Latin: "cogito, ergo sum,"

English: "I think, therefore I am," is the "first principle" of philosophy.

René Descartes (French Philosopher)

FOR DOG LOVERS



**Mi hanno chiesto quale fosse
la cosa più difficile quando
si ha un cane. Ho risposto:
"Perderlo!"**

*They asked me: "What is the most difficult thing
when you own a dog?"*

I replied: "Losing him!"

Message from the President

*"Warm summer sun, Shine kindly here, Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here. Green sod above, Lie light, lie light.
Good night, dear heart, Good night, good night. — Mark Twain*

Dear Fellow Members:

Once again, Summer is here. Summertime means exciting things happening at our club.

To start with, Friday, July 12 is our General Membership Meeting with Guests, with the Domenic Santilli Memorial Soccer Scholarship award.

The annual picnic is Sunday, July 14. Food served from 1-4 pm, hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, beer, band for dancing. Members, "significant others," children under 18 years of age are FREE. Non-members are \$10 pp and their children under 12 years of age \$5, under 5 years of age are free. (See Club Event Ad.)

Annual Hope Hall Soccer camp is August 12 to 16. The camp has been held every summer since 2008. The camp allows children of Hope Hall to experience soccer, good food and camaraderie. We are looking for volunteers to coach, donate food, help dispense food, and donors. (See Club Event Ad.)

On Saturday, September 14, we will hold the 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The goal of the golf tournament is to raise funds for various programs and charitable organization in the Rochester area. (If you want to attend, see flyer page dedicated to tournament in the IASC website.)

With great joy I want to inform the IASC membership that we are very fortunate to be the recipient of \$550,000 gift from the Frank DiMino Family Foundation, to be used for club capital improvements, and for two Scholarships worth \$25,000 each. The most visible improvements will be the new atrium entrance, new electronic sign at the parking lot entrance, new canopy in the patio, and kitchen expansion. A new sign visible from Buffalo Road in the building front will say "Frank DiMino Italian American Sport Club."

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The trust that Frank DiMino has placed on us over the years has made us work harder to be worthy of such generosity. It tells us that we must be doing something worthwhile for the Italian American Community of Rochester and the community at large.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, I ask all of you to continue to help the club reach new major milestones.

Future announcement will be posted on the IASC Facebook (Italian American Sport Club of Rochester), and/or IASC website (www.iascrochester.com). Stay tuned.

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We continue to look for new ideas on how to improve the way we function. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us you can call me at 585-760-3420.

"For the good of the Club"

Fino Pavone, *President*



New Members

Ernesto Tata; Blakely Schirtz; Joseph Montisi; Dominic Coco; Joseph Cifarelli; Jerry Cardilicchia; Nick Tata; Pat Tata; Melissa Talarico; Jennifer Snyder; Francesaco Renna; John (Gigi) Rivaldo; Frank Montalbano; Chris Mandarano; Michele Martell; Mary Ann Maenza; Linda D'Ambrosia; Phillippo Caporrella; Chuck Cannioto; Tina Marie Belknap; Anthony (Nino) Campbell; Frank Coriddi; Joseph DiPrima; Tony Napoli; Rick Francione; Paul Schojan; Matthew Iacchetta; Domenic Siracusa; Alex Siracusa; and Tyler Gatti Ezard; Lasandra Johnson; Willie Joe Lightfoot; Lucille Lobue; Maria Tantalo-Meli; Tammy Rigg; and Marion James



Bizarre Invention: Spaghetti Aid

Eating a bowl of pasta got much easier when this spaghetti aid was invented. It would wind spaghetti noodles around the fork in seconds. It's hard to imagine that this novelty invention had any staying power, but it returned to the market in recent years, complete with a battery-powered upgrade.



ITALIAN AMERICAN SPORT CLUB

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dinners are at 6:30pm • Lunches at 12:00 Noon

JULY

1-Board of Directors Meeting
11-Thursday Club Luncheon
12-General Meeting with Guests
(Santilli Scholarship)
14-Annual Picnic 12 Noon to 5:00 PM
25-Thursday Club Luncheon
29-Board of Directors Meeting

AUGUST

2-General Meeting with Guests
(I.A. Student Scholarship)
8-Thursday Club Luncheon
12-16-Hope Hall Soccer Camp
22-Thursday Club Luncheon

SEPTEMBER

4-(Wed) Board of Directors Meeting
5-Thursday Club Luncheon
6-General Meeting with Guests
13-Seafood Dinner
14-Annual Golf Tournament
19-Thursday Club Luncheon
30-Board of Directors Meeting

OCTOBER

3-Thursday Club Luncheon
4-General Meeting with Guests
17-Thursday Club Luncheon
28-Board of Directors Meeting
31-Thursday Club Luncheon

NOVEMBER

1-General Meeting with Guests
14-Thursday Club Luncheon
21-Thursday Club Luncheon

DECEMBER

1-Christmas Concert 4:00 to 6:00 pm
2-Board of Directors Meeting
5-Thursday Club Luncheon
6-General Meeting
(Election, No Spouses, No Guests)
14-IASC Christmas Gala
19-Thursday Club Luncheon
22-Christmas with Santa (Kids)
1:00 to 4:00 PM
31-New Year's Eve Gala

We can't wait to see you there!



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Battleship Vittorio Veneto: The Super Battleship History Always Forgets

Story by Christian Orr | Edited by Joe Larizza

By virtue of the fact that Benito Mussolini's Italy being the first Axis power to capitulate during the Second World War, there's an enduring misconception that "Il Duce's" troops were universally cowardly and weak-willed fighters. Fortunately, there is a YouTube video out there titled "*Common Myths about the Italian Army most Casual Historians Believe*," which casts the light of truth on that misconception.

The then-Royal Italian Navy (*Regia Marina*; literally, "Royal Navy") produced its fair share of fierce warriors and fine weapons system as well.

At the small end of size scale, you had *Regia Marina* frogmen such as the 10th Light Flotilla (*Decima Flottiglia Motoscafi Siluranti*), which racked up an impressive tally of 28 Allied ships sunk or damaged (including 111,527 tons of merchant shipping). At the opposite end of the size scale, the Royal Italian Navy produced some fine battleships, including the current subject at hand, the *Vittorio Veneto*.

Vittorio Veneto ship's namesake is indeed a proud one in Italian military history, as she was named for a major Italian military victory in the First World War; taking place from 24 October to 4 November 1918 (a mere one week before the end of the so-called "War To End All Wars"), this battle helped bring about the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Vittorio Veneto was built in Trieste in 1937. She was one of four battleships of the Littorio class. The main guns of *Vittorio Veneto* were nine 15-inchers divided amongst triple-barreled turrets, two fore and one aft. These were backed up by a bristling secondary battery of twelve 6-inch guns, four 4.7-inch guns, twelve 3.5-inch antiaircraft guns, twenty 37mm guns, and twenty 20mm guns (how's that for "20/20 vision," eh).

Fully-laden displacement of 45,237 long tons. Max speed was 30 knots. Crew complement was 1,950 commissioned officers and enlisted men. At its thickest point, the main armor belt was 14 inches.

During WWII, the *Vittorio Veneto* served as the flagship of the *Regia Marina's* Mediterranean Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Angelo Iachino.

The killing or capture of the *Vittorio Veneto* became a near-obsession of the Royal Navy's Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham (1883-1963), Commander-in-Chief of Great Britain's Mediterranean fleet, who, during the Battle of Cape Matapan came "close, but no cigar."

In that epic engagement, the *Regia Marina* lost three heavy cruisers – the *Zara*, *Pola*, and *Fiume* – and two destroyers – the *Alferi* and *Giosuè Carducci* – along with 2,400 men, but the *Veneto* managed to escape with a single torpedo hit from a Fairey Swordfish biplane. Military historian Whipple (who had served as *Life Magazine's* Pentagon correspondent during WWII) recounts Admiral Cunningham's obsession thusly: "Still, Cunningham refused to give up a prize as great as the *Vittorio Veneto*. He listened to the objections and snapped, 'You're a pack of yellow-livered skunks! I'll go and have my supper now and see after my supper if my morale isn't higher than yours.' It had been a long and difficult day.

Veneto was also lucky enough to survive several other close calls. In turn, she showed she could dish out punishment in addition to taking it; during the Battle of Cape Spartivento, she damaged the light cruiser *HMS Manchester*.

With the Italian surrender in September of 1943, *Vittorio* was relocated to Malta for its surrender and unsuccessfully attacked by German warplanes while en route... She was directed towards Alexandria and was later moved to the Suez Canal where she was laid up until October 1946. Upon allowed entry back into Italian waters, she was handed over to the Britain as a war prize and stricken from the naval register on February 1st, 1948."

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June 2, 2024, “Festa della Repubblica” at the IASC

Written by Joe Larizza

“Festa della Repubblica” (Birthday of the Republic) is celebrated the 2nd day of June each year.

It pays homage to the referendum of 1946, when by universal suffrage the Italian people were called to decide what form of government to give the country following the Second World War and the fall of Fascism.

The largest ceremony occurs in Rome. It consists of a deposition of a laurel wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier placed at the “Altare della Patria” by the President of Italy, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and a military parade in the presence of the highest officials of the state.

All Armed Forces, police, fire brigades, the Italian Red Cross, along with some military delegation from NATO and the European Union take part in the parade.

All over the world, Italian Embassies and Consulates hold celebrations.

At the IASC, the 2024 celebration was sponsored by the Italian Honorary Consul of Italy for the Rochester area, Vincenzo Scollo, in the presence of Ernesto Renzi, President of IMA Life North America.

The “Alza Bandiera” (raising of the flag) was attended by many guests. All the 20 regional flags of Italy were introduced individually. The American flag and the Italian flag were raised. The US and Italian national anthems were sung impeccably by Virginia McIntyre.

Fino Pavone, the IASC President welcomed all presents then introduced Enzo Scollo. Enzo explained the meaning of such event and Ernesto Renzi gave a passionate speech regarding Italian ingenuity, love of family, importance of education.

Following the ritual, the gathering enjoyed a free lunch with friends. The cooks and helpers were volunteers from the IASC.



Kudos



Florence, Ponte Vecchio

In the seven centuries since the Ponte Vecchio was first built in Florence, the bridge has watched the city changing around it, surviving floods, fires, and World War II.

Now, the famed bridge itself is getting a two-year makeover, at the cost of about \$2.2 million, to restore it to its former glory, the city of Florence and the Marchesi Antinori winemakers announced.

"This is a historic project because Ponte Vecchio has never had a restoration intervention of this technical complexity," Florence's mayor Dario Nardella told reporters. "In the end we will have an even more beautiful bridge than we are used to seeing."

Widely considered one of the biggest achievements in European medieval engineering, the pedestrian bridge spans the Arno River with colorful buildings that house dozens of jewelry shops jutting out of its sides. An upper gallery connects the Uffizi Gallery with the Pitti Palace.

Such is the Ponte Vecchio's significance that it was the only bridge across the Arno River spared by the retreating German army towards the end of World War II.

The upcoming restoration work will entail restoring and cleaning the whole bridge to eliminate algae, moss, and weeds growing there, as well any deposits left by chemicals in the river. Previous replacement joints will be upgraded, the stone itself will be strengthened and the footpath's stone will be restored too.

About half the funds required for the project are being donated by Marchesi Antinori, one of Italy's best-known wine-making families. "Our family history has always been inextricably linked to Florence since the 13th century," the group's president, Piero Antinori, told reporters. "The city has given us so much over the centuries, which is why it is a pleasure for us to be able to be part of this important project."

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A New Order for the Ages *America's founding generation absorbed Virgil's Aeneid and the lessons of Rome.*

Source: Dr. Joseph Loconte, King's College | Edited by Joe Larizza

At a crisis moment in his life, the epic hero of Virgil's mythic account of the founding of Rome turns to a woman for counsel. Aeneas, the prince of Troy, had fled the ruins of his city when it fell to the Greeks and arrived in Cumae, west of Naples, anxious and uncertain about his fate. He asks the Sibyl of Cumae, one of the most revered prophets of the ancient world, to guide him in his journey to the underworld. She agrees, but not before delivering a message filled with foreboding: "You have braved the terrors of the sea, though worse remain on land — you Trojans will reach Lavinium's realm — lift that care from your hearts — but you will rue your arrival. Wars, horrendous wars, and the Tiber foaming with tides of blood, I see it all!"



The encounter at Cumae marks a turning point for Aeneas. "Come, press on with your journey," says the Sibyl. "See it through, this duty you've undertaken." Aeneas, obedient to the calling on his life, forges ahead.

The Aeneid has been described by one scholar as "the single most influential literary work of European civilization for the better part of two millennia." It is a story about origins, written by Rome's greatest poet when his nation was in the throes of an identity crisis. The Roman people had discarded their republican form of government in favor of an empire run by autocrats. Virgil, probably prompted by the emperor Augustus, sought to give Rome a revived sense of its civilizing mission in the world — to somehow reconcile the ideals of the republic with the fearsome realities of the empire.

America's founding generation absorbed Virgil (70–19 B.C.) and the lessons of Rome. They admired the story of Aeneas, the man who led a tiny group of intrepid refugees across the sea to create a great nation in a hostile world. Like Rome, the American republic would inaugurate a new social and political order. Indeed, the motto on the Great Seal of the United States, "*novus ordo seclorum*" — a new order for the ages — was borrowed from Virgil's book of poems, "*The Eclogues*." Unlike Rome, however, this political order would be based on the concepts of human equality and human freedom.

When the American founders wrote that "civic virtue" was essential for republicanism, they had the Roman concept of "*pietas*," duty and devotion especially in mind. The Latin word carries a broad meaning. It includes the idea of piety, of course, or devotion to the Divine. Aeneas "is always mindful of the gods, constant in prayer and thanks and dutiful in sacrifice." It also involves devotion to family, an outstanding trait in the life of Aeneas. George Washington kept on his mantelpiece a bronze sculpture of Aeneas carrying his father as they escaped from the fires of Troy.

Virgil helped to make the concepts of *pietas*, duty and devotion, an ideal for all Romans. When the American founders considered the virtues necessary for self-government, they turned instinctively to Rome. Most of them were trained in the classics. They devoured the works of Cicero, Tacitus, Livy, and Plutarch. They reflected deeply on the inevitable clash between freedom and order, between individual liberty and the will to power. The result was a written constitution that has made possible the most democratic, prosperous, and welcoming society in history.

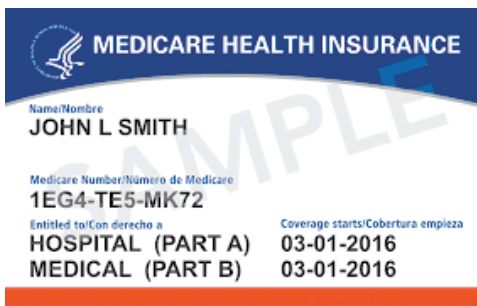
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Maria Agnesi, the Greatest Female Mathematician You've Never Heard of

Source: *Scientific American* | Edited by Joe Larizza

An Italian mathematician, Maria Gaetana Agnesi was born over 300 years ago. Agnesi was the first woman to write a mathematics textbook and to be appointed to a university chair in math, yet her life was marked by paradox.

Though brilliant, rich and famous, she eventually opted for a life of poverty and service to the poor. Her remarkable story serves as a source for mathematical inspiration even today.

Born May 16, 1718 in Milan, Agnesi was the eldest of her wealthy silk merchant father's 21 children. By age 5 she could speak French, and by 11 she was known to Milanese society as the "seven-tongued orator" for her mastery of modern and classical languages. In part to give Agnesi the best education possible, her father invited leading intellectuals of the day to the family's home, where his daughter's gifts shone.

When Agnesi was 9, she recited from memory a Latin oration, likely composed by one of her tutors. The oration decried the widespread prejudice against educating women in the arts and sciences, which had been grounded in the view that a life of managing a household would require no such learning. Agnesi presented a clear and convincing argument that women should be free to pursue any kind of knowledge available to men.

Agnesi eventually became tired of displaying her intellect and expressed a desire to enter a convent. When her father's second wife died, however, she assumed responsibility for his household and the education of her many younger siblings.

Through this role, she recognized that teachers and students needed a comprehensive mathematics textbook to introduce Italian students to the many recent Enlightenment-era mathematical discoveries.

Agnesi found a special appeal in mathematics. Most knowledge derived from experience, she believed, is fallible and open to dispute. From mathematics, however, come truths that are wholly certain, the contemplation of which brings particularly great joy. In writing her textbook, she was not only teaching a useful skill, but opening to her students the door to such contemplation.

Published in two volumes in 1748, Agnesi's work was entitled the "Basic Principles of Analysis." It was composed not in Latin, as was the custom for great mathematicians such as Newton and Euler, but Italian vernacular, to make it more accessible to students. Hers represented one of the first textbooks in the relatively new field of calculus. It helped to shape the education of mathematics students for several generations that followed. Beyond Italy, contemporary scholars in Paris and Cambridge translated the textbook for use in their university classrooms.

Agnesi's textbook was praised in 1749 by the French Academy: "It took much skill and sagacity to reduce to almost uniform methods discoveries scattered among the works of many mathematicians very different from each other. Order, clarity, and precision reign in all parts of this work. ... We regard it as the most complete and best made treatise."

In offering similarly fine words of praise, another contemporary mathematician, Jean-Etienne Montucla, also revealed some of the mathematical sexism that persists down to the present day. He wrote: "We cannot but behold with the greatest astonishment how a person of a sex that seems so little fitted to tread the thorny paths of these abstract sciences penetrates so deeply as she has done into all the branches of algebra."

Agnesi dedicated the "Basic Principles" to Empress Maria Theresa of Austria, who acknowledged the favor with a letter of thanks and a diamond-bearing box and ring. Pope Benedict XIV praised the work and predicted that it would enhance the reputation of the Italians. He also appointed her to the chair of mathematics at the University of Bologna.

A passionate advocate for the education of women and the poor, Agnesi believed that the natural sciences and math should play an important role in an educational curriculum.





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*Francesco Petrarca
(1304-1374)*

The Father of Humanism

the city alive and bustling, and where the university drove cultural and intellectual innovations for the rest of Europe.

But Rome wouldn't die so easily.

Its senators (yes, the city was still ruled by a Senate) were determined to be relevant once again. The problem, they determined, was that Rome was not artistic enough. It needed to drive the culture, not be an addendum to it.

So, they started looking around for a poet.

The man they found wasn't Roman, but he wished he were. He was well-connected in Paris and Avignon and was an Italian patriot even though Italy wasn't unified, although he wished it were. He was a bit of a dreamer (over nearly 50 years he

Saving Rome with a Laurel Wreath *A crumbling city used art to revive itself — with a little bit of luck.*

This article originally appeared on Aubrey's Substack, Pilgrim's Way | Joe Larizza

The popes had fled to France where the castles weren't crumbling, and families weren't holding grudges against them. Its population had dwindled to a mere 20,000 (the city had been built for 50 times as many people) and houses on the Tiber stood empty. It had no time or resources to develop culture and art — it was simply trying to survive.

It was so broken that some theologians and philosophers speculated that perhaps what was most important about Rome was its civilizational and cultural influence. If that were the case, it was clear to them that the spirit of Rome had moved to someplace like Paris, where 200,000 souls kept

wrote some 366 love sonnets to a girl who had died in her youth. One for each day of the year.)

Crucially, Francesco Petrarca thought Rome was the best thing to have happened to Western Civilization. He loved its history, ancient ruins, philosophers, and dead politicians. Most importantly, though, he believed in its rebirth.

And he was writing a poem.

The poem wasn't about Rome (it's called *Africa*), and it wasn't finished — it wouldn't be finished for another two years and wouldn't be available to the public for another 54 years after that.

Petrarch had dreamed for years of being crowned as a poet on the Capitoline Hill in Rome — the way the ancient Roman poets had been. Rome needed relevance, so the Senate and King Robert of Naples put their heads together and decided to crown him on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1341.

For some reason, it worked.

By sheer luck, Rome's senators and the King of Naples had chosen to crown the man responsible for beginning the Renaissance. There was no immediate change (the popes didn't move back to Rome until 1374 when St. Catherine of Sienna talked them into it). But, with time, the Renaissance picked up steam. Crucially, it was first an Italian movement that looked to Rome for inspiration rather than Paris.

Rome's Senate couldn't have known it then, but putting a laurel wreath on Petrarch's head was perhaps the single most effective thing they could have done to save the Eternal City.

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Guglielmo Marconi: “The man who listened to the future”

Original article appeared on Vatican News | By Joe Larizza



Ahead of International Marconi Day and 150 years since his birth, we recall the rich legacy of Guglielmo Marconi.

Guglielmo Marconi was born in Bologna on April 25, 1874. His father, Giuseppe, a landowner from Italy's Emilia Romagna region, and his mother, Annie Jameson, had come to Italy to study “*bel canto*” singing. She was Irish, a UK citizen, and the granddaughter of the founder of the famous Jameson whiskey distillery.

Marconi invented the first radio that could broadcast beyond line-of-sight in 1895.

After receiving the first patent for his “wireless telegraph” in England, Marconi established the London-based “Wireless Telegraph and Signal Company,” later the Marconi Company.

Two years later, he opened a branch in the United States, which was later sold to General Electric and became RCA. By the end of his life, Marconi held 70 patents.

Nobel prize for life-saving invention

He received the Nobel Prize in Physics, along with the German scientist Karl Ferdinand Braun, for the “contribution to the development of wireless telegraphy.” He accepted it on December 1909 in Stockholm, at the age of 35.

His radio technology became mandatory on all ships across the globe after SOS (Mayday) radio calls helped save over 720 people in the tragic sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912.

In 1922, Marconi inaugurated a new radio station in London out of which, by order of the British government, the BBC was born. Then, on February 12, 1931, Pope Pius XI became the first Pope to address the world via radio, saying, in Latin: “*In arcano dei consilium, succidimus in loco principis apostolorum.*” (With the secret counsel of God, we succeed in place of the Prince of the Apostles).

At the Pope's request, Marconi had personally set up Vatican Radio, which in 2015 was incorporated in the newly-created Dicastery for Communication and lives on as the radio broadcaster of the Holy See.

Marconi's 'big cell phone' for the Pope

Among his other inventions, Marconi created a “big mobile phone” that connected Pope Pius XI's car with the Vatican and the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, near Rome. Many years later, Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, told participants at a conference in the United States, “Marconi is our roots. We are the branches.”

After him, Sir Martin Cooper, who invented the hand-held mobile phone as we know it today, said, “Actually, my invention, the small mobile phone, descends from Marconi's intuition and from Marconi's big cell phone.”

Radios fell silent at his death

On July 20, 1937, Guglielmo Marconi died in Rome from one of his frequent heart attacks. Radios around the world, increasingly present in public spaces and in people's homes, simultaneously interrupted their broadcasts for two whole minutes.



Pope Pius XI at the newly-created Vatican Radio



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Consulate help. Mr. Scollo's assistant is
Ms. Joëlle Carota.

Expensive Firearms That Are Well Worth the Price

Source: Bodycams | by Joe Larizza

Beretta SO10 Over-and-Under Shotgun

Beretta, with a history dating back to 1526, combines traditional craftsmanship with modern technology in the SO10. Its locking system ensures durability and reliability, while its beauty is enhanced by hand-engraved decorations. Priced from about \$90,000, the SO10 represents the pinnacle of over 500 years of gun making history, appealing to those who value legacy and performance.



Fabbri Over-and-Under Shotgun

Fabbri stands for the pinnacle of Italian gun making artistry, with each shotgun being a unique masterpiece. The extensive use of titanium and other premium materials, along with hand engraving by the world's best artisans, makes these shotguns not only exceptional sporting instruments but also works of art. With prices starting at \$200,000, owning a Fabbri is a privilege reserved for the most discerning collectors and sportsmen.



Italy Is Silently Becoming a Military Superpower. What Does This Mean for NATO and Beyond?

Source: msn.com | Edited by Joe Larizza



While the world has often associated Italy with art, history, and gastronomy, recent developments underscore the country's determination to assert itself as a formidable force on the global stage through military modernization and strategic investments.

For decades, Italy's defense spending has fallen short of the NATO benchmark of 2% of GDP – a trend exacerbated by periods of economic instability and competing domestic priorities. However, the evolving security landscape, punctuated by geopolitical shifts and emerging threats, has compelled Italy to reassess its military posture and prioritize modernization efforts to ensure national security and international relevance.

Italy's military leadership has not shied away from acknowledging critical shortcomings,

including gaps in drone capabilities, personnel shortages, and an aging tank fleet. These vulnerabilities have underscored the urgent need for comprehensive reforms and strategic investments.

Despite these challenges, Italy boasts a surprisingly capable military, ranking among the top ten globally in the Global Firepower Index. With a substantial pool of manpower and a diverse array of assets across land, sea, and air domains, Italy possesses a strong foundation upon which to build its future military strength and assert its influence in regional and global security dynamics.

The military modernization efforts extend beyond hardware acquisitions, encompassing collaborations on next-generation tank development, the procurement of advanced weaponry, and the integration of cutting-edge technology into its defense infrastructure. By leveraging strategic partnerships with international allies and industry leaders, Italy aims to accelerate its transformation into a 21st-century military powerhouse.

Military ambitions are underpinned by a commitment to strengthening strategic

alliances and fostering cooperation with key partners within NATO and beyond. Through joint initiatives and collaborative projects, Italy seeks to enhance intelligence-sharing, and collective defense capabilities to address common security challenges and promote regional stability.

Pursuit of military modernization is synonymous with a relentless quest for innovation and technological superiority. From the development of next-generation fighter jets to the integration of AI-driven systems and unmanned platforms, Italy is positioning itself at the forefront of military innovation.

As its military capabilities evolve and expand, questions arise about the broader geopolitical implications of its strategic shift. From influencing regional dynamics in the Mediterranean to shaping NATO's collective defense posture, Italy's emergence as a military powerhouse carries far-reaching consequences for international security and geopolitical stability.

As Italy continues to invest in its armed forces and deepen its engagement with international partners, the country stands poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of global security. Whether through diplomatic initiatives, technological innovation, or strategic collaborations, Italy's ascent as a military power offers both opportunities and challenges in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Proverbi, Storielle e Detti Calabresi

Submitted by: Rita Larizza Palmeri

Quannu u
portafogghiu è chinu
tutti l'amici ti stannu
vicinu.
Appena resta pulitu
addiu cumpagnu
e arriverci amicu.



English Translation

Calabrese Proverbs, Stories and Sayings

"When your wallet is full all your friends stay close to you. A soon as it empties, goodbye companions and so long friends."

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Sunday, July 14, 2024

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Wine and espresso coffee cash.

Musical Entertainment 2 pm to 5 pm

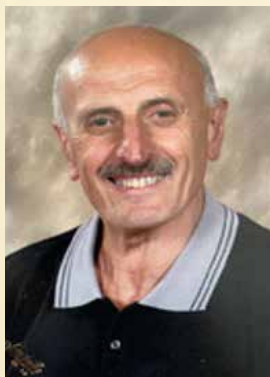
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In Loving Memory

Liberato Tata



Monday, March 18, 2024, at age 81. Predeceased by his brother-in-law, Antonio Cifarelli; his sister-in-law, Mariella Tata. He is survived by Loretta [Gordon] Tata, his loving wife of 55 years; sons, Mark Tata and Patrick (Kristen) Tata; grandchildren, Quinn, Adam, Gabrielle, and Ava Tata; brothers and sister, Luca (Ida) Tata, Frank (Emma) Tata, Angelina Cifarelli, and Ernesto Tata; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Loraine & James Ahearn; nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lee was a long time member of the Italian American Sports Club.

Friends called at DiPonzio Funeral Home. Funeral Mass at St. Theodore's Church. Entombment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Following the funeral the life of Liberato was celebrated at the IASC.

To the Tata family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Liberato rest in peace.

Rita Gibbardo

Spencerport - Passed away on February 27, 2024 at the age of 85. Predeceased by her husband, Alfred. She is survived by her children, Greg (Fausta) Gibbardo and their children, Anthony (Nicoletta), Juliana, and Angelina; Marisa (Daryl) Dana and their children, Brian (Anna) Dana, Amy (Andrew) Aronson, Julie (Ben) Roesch, and Kevin Dana; David (Linda) Gibbardo and their son, Alfredo "AJ"; great-grandchildren, Antonio, Antonella, Emmett, Calvin, & Ava; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Rita shared many wonderful years with her family, cousins, and friends. Together with her husband Alfred, they created a rich (in heart) life together filled with many unforgettable memories. They were never extravagant or boastful, they were kind, genuine, generous, and clearly memorable. They will find each other again now and watch over the legacy they built.



Her Funeral Mass was held on March 6, 2024 at Holy Apostles Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the Gibbardo family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Rita rest in peace.

Tony G. Galletto



Saturday, March 30, 2024, at age 75. Predeceased by his father and mother, Anthony and Elisabeth Galletto. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Melissa (Herd) Galletto; children, Carrie Lambrecht, Stephen (Nina) Galletto; grandchildren, Kiersten, Jules and Ben; brother, Gary Galletto (Carmella); niece, Lisa Marie; great-niece, Audrianna; several cousins and dear friends. Tony was a member of Stafford Country Club.

Friends called at DiPonzio Funeral Home. On Saturday, April 6, 2024, all were invited to attend his Funeral Mass at St. Theodore's Church, followed by entombment, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the Galletto family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Tony rest in peace.

Geremia (Jerry) Siciliano

Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the age of 86. Geremia was born on June 18, 1937 in Pignataro-Maggiore, Italy. Predeceased by his parents, Stanislao and Caterina Siciliano. Brother, Giuseppe Siciliano. Survived by his wife of 58 years, Angela (Pezzulo) Siciliano. Children, Stanley (Dawn) Siciliano, David (Aimee) Siciliano, Rena Testa (Jon Gatti). Grandchildren, Geremia, Christian, David, Rachel, Anna, Philip, Jonathan, Nicholas. Siblings, Margarita Orlando, Giovanni Siciliano, Assunta Ruotolo. Many nieces and nephews. Family and friends attended his mass of Christian Burial, on April 16, 2024, at St. Lawrence Church.

To the Siciliano family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Jerry rest in peace.





Emanuela Burgio Scollo

She was born on 12/20/1922 and passed away on 3/29/2024. She was 101 years, 3 months and 9 days. She went peaceful in her house in Gela, Sicily, where she lived her entire life. She lived a full life with her family who was her most precious possession. There is much to say about my mamma that it would take an entire book to describe it.

She had 11 brothers and sisters. Married to Ignazio Scollo who passed away 14 of December of 1977 and had 4 children, 3 girls and one boy. She is survived by her two daughters Nunzia and Maria Scollo and her son Vincenzo (Enzo) Scollo, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her two younger brothers, Salvatore (Sam) and Rosario Burgio whom also live in Gela. She lived her life devoted to her family. She made many trips to Rochester to be with her beloved son, Enzo, and his family. She was a devoted Christian and believed in doing good for people.

To the Scollo family, especially to our very own Enzo, the IASC extends its deepest condolences.

Losing a mother, the person that gave us life, nourished us, and gave us unconditional love, is a very difficult time in one's life. May Emanuela rest in peace

Felicia Corbosiero (Patarino)

Friday, May 3, 2024, at age 93. Predeceased by her husband, Giuseppe Corbosiero; son, Donato G. Corbosiero; parents, Daniele and Francesca Corbosiero; brother, Federico Patarino; sister, Concetta Ferrante. She is survived by her children, Daniel Corbosiero, Raffaella (Antonio) Pimpinella of FL, Vito Corbosiero; grandchildren, Angela and Michael Pimpinella, Stefano Corbosiero, Giuliana (Joe) Braunworth, Daniela (Tyler) St. John; great-grandchildren, Elliana, Anthony, James, Christopher Donato, and Violet; sister-in-law, Giovanna Murino of Italy; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends here and in Italy.

Friends called at the DiPonzio Funeral Home. On Friday, May 10, all were invited to attend her Funeral Mass at the Parish of the Holy Family Church, followed by entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the Corbosiero family, especially to Danny, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Felicia rest in peace.



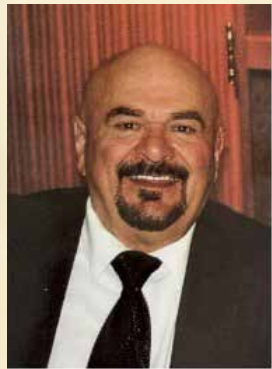
Gary DiFlorio

Pittsford- Passed away suddenly on May 11, 2024, at age 83. Survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Angela; sons, Danny DiFlorio, and Patrick (Kristin) DiFlorio; daughter-in-law, Cheryl DiFlorio; grandchildren, Adriana, Domia, Gia and Briana.

In the words of Patrick DiFlorio: "I don't even know how to put this into words because it doesn't seem real. Yesterday my pops was in a car accident and after fighting as much as he could, we lost him. He is in heaven with all of his loved ones that have passed. I'll see you again someday pops, Ti amo ❤️ I know you'll be giving out haircuts and golf lessons up there. Cent'Anni."

Calling hours were on Monday, May 20, at Falvo Funeral Home. His funeral mass was at St. Jerome's Church, followed by private interment.

To the DiFlorio, especially to Angela, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Gary rest in peace.



Francesco A. Baliva

Thursday, May 16, 2024, at age 92. Predeceased by his wife, Giuseppina Baliva; father and mother, Pompeo and Concetta Baliva; daughter-in-law, Christine Baliva; brother, Enea Baliva; sister, Grace Astroloco. He is survived by his wife, Carmela Matina Baliva; children, Rino Baliva (Lisa Wolf), Concettina Baliva; grandsons, Francesco (Amber) Baliva, Santino Baliva; great-grandson, Vincenzo Baliva; sisters, Josephine "Pia" Palozzi, Rita (Sergio) Pozzobone, Emma Baliva; sister-in-law, Dona Baliva; brother-in-law, Frank Astroloco; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Baliva was a member of the Italian American Sport Club, Celano Canadian Club and a retiree of Eastman Kodak Co.

Friends called May 24, at the DiPonzio Funeral Home. On Saturday, May 25, all were invited to attend his Funeral Mass at the Parish of the Holy Family Church, followed by entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the Baliva family, especially to Giuseppina, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Francesco rest in peace.





Franklin D'Aurizio

Franklin was born on November 1, 1932, to Domenico and Eugenia Primavera D'Aurizio in Fairport, NY. Frank passed on May 8, 2024, in Winter Springs, Florida, and is predeceased by brothers, Alfonso and Dominick, and stepson, Bradley J.M. Smith. Frank is survived by his wife, Mary Joyce Fisher; the mother of his children, Julie D'Aurizio; sons, John, Tom (Heidi), Kurt; daughter, Jenny (David) Curtis; stepdaughters, Karri (Dr. Chip) Edwards and Anna Smith (Mario Olivas). He was blessed with grandchildren, Benjamin, Max, Jacob (Ellie), Isabella D'Aurizio and Mary Kathryn, Bradley, and Isabella Smith, and nieces.

He graduated from Geneva High School and received a Bachelor's in Science in economics and ROTC training at Hobart College. He entered the Air Force in Air Command and received many honors and commendations. He graduated from Syracuse Law School.

Frank cherished his Italian roots and traveled to Italy countless times as he initiated university and high school exchange programs. He fostered the Pescara Sister City. He co-founded the Irondequoit Concert Band, Irondequoit Volunteer Ambulance, Italian American Community Center, and with Domenic Santilli and Joe Larizza, the Italian American Sports Council. He was a member of the Sons of Italy, Sicilian Sports Club, Casa Italiana, Casalbordino Society, Irondequoit Historical Society, and the Rochester Yacht Club.

Calling hours were on Friday, May 24 at Falvo Funeral Home. His Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Thomas the Apostle on Saturday, May 25, followed by entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

To the D'Aurizio family, especially to Mary Joyce, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Frank rest in peace.

Dario Capozzi

Sunday, May 12, 2024, at age 86. Predeceased by his wife, Cynthia Capozzi; parents, Luigi and Maria Capozzi; sister, Luciana (Michel) Emiliano. He is survived by his sister, Paula Capozzi (Ezio) Marianelli; daughters, Belinda Capozzi, Candi Lee (Mark) Jones; several grandchildren; nephews and nieces, Anthony (Cheryl) Emiliano, Marc (Jennine) Emiliano, Sandra Marianelli, Paul (Lynette) Marianelli; many great-nieces and great-nephews; caregiver Marina Smith.

On Friday, May 17, all were invited to attend his Funeral Mass at St. Theodore's Church, followed by interment at Holy Ghost Cemetery.

To the Capozzi family, the IASC extends its deepest condolences. May Dario rest in peace.



Italian Chronicles...

Happy 2,777th Birthday



Each year the Eternal City commemorates its mythical founding with elaborate parades, and historical re-enactments.

Better known to the Italians as "Il Natale di Roma," April 21, 753 B.C., the three days festivities comprise of over 2,000 participants, dressed as legionaries, centurions, senators, gladiators, vestal virgins, priestess, and nobles.

Each year the celebration has a theme. This year it was "Roman Roads." Its roads spanned over 50,000 miles throughout the empire over territories that today belong to more than 30 nations.

The events have become very popular with tourists in Spring time travel to Italy.

Bubbly Bonanza



During 2023, 936 million bottles of Italian Spumante and Prosecco were uncorked throughout the world, more than triple the number of French Champagne bottles. A third of those bottles were uncorked during the period of Christmas and New Year.

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Submitted by Mike Buda

HOSPITAL CHART BLOOPER
(and misspellings)
(Actual writings from hospital charts)

The patient refused autopsy.

Patient has left white blood cells at
another hospital.

Patient has chest pain if she lies on
her left side for over a year.

On the second day the knee was
better and on the third day it
disappeared.

The patient is tearful and crying
constantly. She also appears to be
depressed.

The patient has been depressed since
she began seeing me in 1993.

Discharge status: Alive but without
permission.

Healthy appearing decrepit 66-year-
old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

Patient had waffles for breakfast and
anorexia for lunch.

She is numb from her toes down.

While in ER, she was examined,
X-rated and sent home.

The skin was moist and dry.

Occasional, constant infrequent
headaches.

Patient was alert and unresponsive.

Rectal examination revealed a
normal size thyroid.

She stated that she had been
constipated for most of her life, until
she got a divorce.

Skin: somewhat pale but present.

Patient has two teenage children,
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