

CIAO BELLA!

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- George Clooney's Lake Como villa targeted by robber
- How much red wine should you drink? Ask an Italian...

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TULSA

<http://www.italianamericansocietyoftulsa.com>

MISSION: "The objective of the Society is to retain and promote the Italian language, culture, and heritage; to sponsor Italian-American cultural activities within the Society and community; to represent and advocate the interests of Italian-Americans; improve the relationship between the people of Italy and the United States; and to perform charitable works."

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Cari Amici,

Just a reminder that the Sunday dinner meeting is at **Asbury United Methodist Church**. Please come and try to be there at 1 PM and bring some friends. This month we will have a guest speaker from **THE TULSA GARDEN CENTER**. She will be showing a slide show that will start at 2pm.

A reminder for all it is that time of the year to pay your dues, dues for family is \$30 and single is \$15.

Our new website is up and

running. Here is the website address:

<http://www.italianamericansocietyoftulsa.com>

Always check the website calendar for upcoming events.

Did you know that you...yes you...can attend a Board Meeting? Come find out what the society leaders are planning. If you wish to have your voice heard at the meeting, let me know 3 DAYS before the meeting, and I will add you to the agenda. The next Board

Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 6:30pm on 9/10/2014 at the Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Rd., Tulsa, OK 74129. Call me at 918-209-6849 or e-mail me at ragostini@olp.net for directions.

Distinti saluti,
Frank Agostini

INFORMAZIONI DI IAST

SOCIETY OFFICERS DINNER MEETING

FOR 2013-2014 YEAR The dinner meeting this month will be held at **ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** at 6767 S Mingo Rd, Tulsa, OK 74133 on **Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 1:00 PM**. The main dish will be **Chicken (Pollo)**. Everyone is asked to bring a side item, bread or dessert to share with others. Dinner is from 1-4pm with several events.

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Future Dates:

May 25, 2014 – Chicken

June 22, 2014 – Potluck

October 26, 2014 – Chicken

September 28, 2014 - Annual Society Picnic

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INFORMAZIONI DI IAST**LABELS NEEDED**

Please bring your Best Choice® barcode labels to the dinner meeting. Best Choice Products that can be bought at Reasor's, Homeland and Warehouse Market are 10-20% less expensive than national products and their quality is equal to or better than those national products. The Society will be given \$30 for every 1,000 labels. **Betty Sposato** will be collecting them at the dinner meetings.

She just sent off a batch of 1,000 labels and we are already at 400 for our next 1,000.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please see Loretta Ruggeri at the next dinner meeting to pay for your 2014 Membership Dues. We will be sending out remittance notices soon. The cost for a single is \$15 and family is \$30. Also, if you want to only get a newsletter mailed to you, then the cost is \$10. Membership in the club would make for a great birthday gift or even a belated Christmas gift for a loved one.

ITALY'S FORMER PM SILVIO BERLUSCONI STARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rome (CNN) -- Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi began a year of community service for his conviction on tax fraud charges on Friday when he showed up at a senior center near his hometown, Milan.

The 77-year old billionaire tycoon must visit the center for the elderly at least once a week for a minimum four hours. The community service order is in lieu of house arrest.

The former premier is expected to work with 20 residents with Alzheimer's disease in the home, run by the Sacred Family Foundation, Fondazione Sacra Famiglia, in Cesano Boscone outside Milan. Upon Berlusconi's arrival at the center, a member of

a health care workers' trade union, Pippo Fiorito, staged a small protest against his presence.

"His place is in a jail, not here," Fiorito said. Berlusconi gave no comment as he entered the building. His security guards were left outside.

The center's director has barred all staff and residents from taking or distributing photos or video of Berlusconi inside the building, in accordance with its privacy rules. Berlusconi, who served on and off as prime minister between 1994 and 2011, has dominated the lively Italian political scene for the past two decades.

He was handed a four-year

sentence last August -- commuted to a year -- for tax fraud at Mediaset, the large commercial broadcaster that Berlusconi founded. He has also been barred from holding public office for two years and was expelled from the Italian Senate in the fall.

Last month, a Milan court ruled that Berlusconi could be assigned to social work at the elderly center as an alternative to house arrest. He also faces restrictions on his movements within Italy.

Berlusconi continues to protest his innocence and says he has been persecuted by leftist magistrates.

GEORGE CLOONEY'S LAKE COMO VILLA TARGETED BY ROBBER

A thief broke into the grounds of George Clooney's luxury villa on the banks of Lake Como in Italy -- but succeeded in only stealing a bottle of wine. The alleged burglar, a 29-year-old Romanian man, found the wine in a small alcove in the garden of the lakeside property and then tried to force his way into the villa.

But he was spotted by a member of the Hollywood actor's staff, who called the Carabinieri. When the police arrived, the man threatened them with the bottle but was overpowered and arrested.

He was taken to a police station in the nearby town of Como and charged with theft. The actor and director has owned Villa Oleandra since 2002 and there is speculation he will use it to host his impending marriage to Amal Alamuddin, the Anglo-Lebanese

lawyer to whom he is engaged. The wedding will be held in September, it has been reported.

The 52-year-old star of *Monuments Men*, *Ocean's Eleven* and *Gravity* was not at home when the attempted burglary happened on Wednesday evening. But it may prompt him to review his security arrangements ahead of the wedding.

His engagement to Ms Alamuddin was first reported last month. Clooney has had a string of model and actress girlfriends over the years but showed little interest in settling down. Oxford-educated Ms Alamuddin, 36, is a British lawyer specialising in international law and human rights. Clooney has long championed human rights issues, particularly the crisis in Darfur.

They have reportedly been on

holiday in the last few months to the Seychelles and Tanzania. Their engagement was recently welcomed by Ms Alamuddin's friends and colleagues at the chambers where she works in London.

Geoffrey Robertson QC, the joint head of Doughty Street Chambers, said: "Amal Alamuddin is a brilliant and passionate defender of human rights who has put in the enormously hard work necessary to improving them. She is respected and admired by all her colleagues."

Born in Beirut and fluent in both French and Arabic, Miss Alamuddin is believed to have come to Clooney's attention through her work with Kofi Annan, the United Nations' envoy to Syria.

JUVE CLAIM RECORD POINTS HAUL

Champions Juventus eased their way through the 100-point barrier, ending the season with a league record 102 thanks to a comfortable 3-0 win over Cagliari on the final day of the Serie A. Before taking possession of their third straight Scudetto, and the 30th in the club's history, the Bianconeri saw off the Sardinians with yet another stylish performance, emphasising their superiority in Italian football once again this season.

Andrea Pirlo opened the scoring in the eighth minute with Fernando Llorente and Claudio Marchisio also on target in a one-sided first half. The Bianconeri then played the clock down as the fans showed their support for coach Antonio Conte, who has raised doubts over his future recently.

Cagliari had the first chance of the game with Victor Ibarbo's shot saved by Gianluigi Buffon, but the hosts soon took charge of the situation. Pirlo shot just over the crossbar minutes before delivering one of his trademark free-kicks, curling the ball in off the underside of the crossbar.

A Pirlo corner in the 15th minute caused enough confusion inside the Cagliari penalty area for Llorente to take advantage and double Juve's lead from close range, effectively deciding the game against timid opponents. Buffon denied Daniele Dessena in a one-on-one situation before Marchisio made it three five minutes before half-time from Llorente's pass.

Buffon was given a standing ovation as he left the field early in the second half, being replaced by Rubinho for his first appearance of the season and last for the club, while similar applause was reserved for Llorente and Pirlo, who were replaced by Daniel Pablo Osvaldo and Simone Pepe respectively. The second half was all about warming up for the post-match celebrations with Juve rarely even trying to add a fourth. Cagliari had a few chances to grab a consolation, but they did not seem to want to spoil the party either as Juve reached 102 points without breaking a sweat.

WORLD CUP 2014 GROUP D SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 14, 2014
3:00 ET Uruguay v Costa Rica
6:00 ET England v **Italy**

Thursday, June 19, 2014
3:00 ET Uruguay v England

Friday, June 20, 2014
12:00 ET **Italy** v Costa Rica

Tuesday, June 24, 2014
12:00 ET **Italy** v Uruguay
12:00 ET Costa Rica v England

WORLD CUP 2014 GROUP H SCHEDULE

Monday, June 16, 2014
12:00 ET Germany v Portugal
6:00 ET Ghana v **United States**

Saturday, June 21, 2014
3:00 ET Germany v Ghana

Sunday, June 22, 2014
6:00 ET **United States** v Portugal

Thursday, June 26, 2014
12:00 ET **United States** v Germany
12:00 ET Portugal v Ghana

HODGSON: PRESSURE ON ITALY IN OPENER

England manager Roy Hodgson believes Italy are under pressure to deliver a victory against his side in their opening game of the World Cup finals on June 14. Former Inter Milan and Udinese boss Hodgson suspects his first Group D opponents in Brazil will be expected to hit the ground running in a game that is set to be played in sweltering conditions in Manaus.

"I know having worked in Italy that they will be under a lot of scrutiny, that they will be under a lot of pressure," said Hodgson at a press conference at England's training base in Portugal. "Everyone in Italy will expect them to not only beat us, but to beat the other teams in the group. They will be expected to be up there among the favourites and that is a lot of pressure to accept.

"However, I don't feel there are a lot of teams that go into the World Cup without feeling the pressure to perform well. You don't work so hard and suffer the slings and arrows that we do in qualifying to then not expect when you get there to have further pressure on you to continue the good work. "I must say that anything I read or hear about other teams, I take with a pinch of salt. I work on the basis that all the other teams in the World Cup will have the same attitude towards it as we have."

Hodgson went on to address the issue of how members of his World Cup squad may be affected by talk of imminent transfers, with the Southampton duo of Luke Shaw and Adam Lallana among those being linked with high-profile moves this summer. "It's very clear, we are England and when we are together as England, that's all that matters," Hodgson added. "As far as I'm concerned, any activities connected with transfers that have to take place will do so outside of the England training camp.

"I don't want to stop possible phone calls between agents and players keeping them in the loop of what's going on, but as far as anything else is concerned, it will have to happen outside of our time." Hodgson offered his congratulations to Louis van Gaal after he was confirmed as Manchester United's new manager on Monday and also confirmed that United striker Wayne Rooney is fit and eager to impress at this summer's World Cup after overcoming a thigh problem.

"He knows that England a footballing nation place a lot of faith in him and he knows what a good player he is," added Hodgson when asked about Rooney. "He knows that the eyes of England and the world are on him and he will do everything he can, I'm sure, to make certain that he brings out his best qualities. "Wayne spent some time with his family at his villa in Portugal last week and he trained while he was there. He was determined to be ready to start with us this week."

BALOTELLI RACIALLY ABUSED DURING TRAINING

Mario Balotelli was subjected to racial insults while training for Italy at the Italian Football Association's (FIGC) training centre in Coverciano, near Florence, on Wednesday.

The AC Milan forward did not respond or react to the insulting chants from one fan, who was identified and led away from the training centre. Most of the fans watching the 30-man Italy squad training showed their support for the 23-year-old, the FIGC reports on its website.

A statement from the FIGC read: "Some boys surrounding the field made some offensive chants towards Mario Balotelli and one of them pronounced a racial insult."

Although he was "distressed by the incident," Balotelli continued to train with his colleagues. According to La Gazzetta dello Sport, Balotelli

said to his teammates: "It's incredible, these things happen only in Rome and Florence."

The president of the FIGC, Giancarlo Abete, condemned their actions. "It is absolutely unacceptable behaviour by individuals who should not exist, but sadly we have to accept they are there. The important thing is that they are a minority," he said at a meeting in Milan.

It is not the first time Balotelli has been victim of racially-motivated insults from Italian fans with opposition fans often targeting him in a bid to unsettle him and provoke a reaction.

Inter Milan were fined last year when their fans insulted their former player during a match in which Balotelli was not even playing.

HOW MUCH RED WINE SHOULD YOU DRINK? ASK AN ITALIAN...

They start drinking young around here according to Angela Saltafuori, who runs tours of the best small vineyards in the area and knows the wine culture intimately.



"In Tuscany, we look at the whole style of life, which is more relaxed. The people eat lots of fruit and vegetables. The olive oil is also rich in anti-oxidants. We have a lot of nature, and a better relationship with the wine.

The secret of a long and healthy life is somewhere in these hills. Maria Pio Fusi looks out over the olive groves and vines owned by her son in the Chianti region of Tuscany and smiles. "Our doctors tell us to drink a little wine every day, one or two glasses for our health," she says, as a pensioner in a place where life expectancy is among the highest in Europe. "Wine is the secret of life."

Scientists have agreed with this notion for the past 20 years, and even identified a miracle ingredient in red wine that makes people healthier. But now a paper has been published insisting that resveratrol – as it is called – actually has no effect at all. "Red wine will not make you live longer," screamed one headline, only months after different scientists said it could help us live to 150. This is confusing enough to make anyone reach for the bottle. So which is true? Is red wine good for you or not?

Frankly, this is a matter close to my heart. As a lover of the stuff, I need to know as much as you probably do. I want to hear what the scientist who wrote that paper has to say for himself. I'm also prepared to pursue this story fearlessly and selflessly all the way to the source – even if it means travelling through a landscape of staggering beauty, among the rolling hills of Tuscany, to reach the little medieval market town of Greve in Chianti, 20 miles south of Florence. This is where Signora Fusi's son owns a vineyard, with views down over the tumbling terracotta roofs of the town. They produce Chianti Classico, the deep and rich wine that makes your soul sing. The local olive oil is famously pure. The meat is wonderful. There are black and white truffles to be found and savoured. Small wonder that discerning researchers chose to come here to study the drinking habits and health of the older folk.

Back in 1998, they took urine samples from 783 men and women over the age of 65 in this town and a nearby village and examined them for levels of resveratrol. This is one of the natural chemicals found in the skin of the red grape and it is an antioxidant, which neutralises the oxygen molecules that damage human cells. The claims made for resveratrol have become increasingly bold in recent years – including that it can boost memory, arrest the failure of eyesight and hearing, lower cholesterol, restore muscle strength, reduce the signs of ageing and even prolong life. All of which listed together makes it sound like the modern equivalent of Doctor Snakeoil's Miraculous Cure-All Tonic. But these claims are based on tests with mice, not people. The team led by Prof Richard Semba of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore wanted to see the effects on humans, so they compared the urine samples with the results of a detailed health survey that the same pensioners took three times in nine years. They expected those with more resveratrol to live longer, suffer less inflammation and be less likely to suffer from cancer or heart disease.

"We were expecting a connection because that is what you hear, that's a lot of the hype," says Prof Semba. "But in retrospect it was a leap of faith to go from tests on mice and cellular models to expect an effect like this in humans. It was a complete wash, actually. There was no association." That was bad publicity for the resveratrol nutritional supplement industry, which is worth \$30 million in the US alone. To be fair, a glass of wine might only give you one milligram of the stuff, but a pill can

easily contain 250mg. But in terms of getting it through wine, is Prof Semba's study the definitive verdict?

"Yes," he says. "It was very expensive to do these measurements and it has taken us a long time. I'm not sure if anyone else is going to try to do the study again in a different population." If resveratrol is not the miracle ingredient in wine, is there one still to be found? "That's a possibility, yes. Wine is a very complex beverage. There are probably a lot more secrets to it than we know."

Roger Corder, professor of experimental therapeutics at Queen Mary, University of London, is not at all surprised by the new research. "The levels of resveratrol in many red wines are often undetectable and negligible. It's frustrating that everybody has been misled for so long, but let's have a watershed moment and kick it into touch once and for all." Prof Corder is the author of The Red Wine Diet, which sounds perfect to me, but the title is misleading. "I am a big fan of wine but I strongly advocate that you should drink less, of better quality."

He insists that the pips and not the skins of the grapes are the source of good health. They release compounds called flavonols, which evolve into molecules that improve blood pressure and blood flow and are also antioxidants, fighting cell damage. Unfortunately, to get any benefit you need to be drinking wines fermented longer using traditional techniques and that are rich in tannins – and therefore a little too harsh for normal British tastes: "Your average supermarket wine does not have enough flavonols in it to confer any kind of health benefit."

The other problem is that Britons have become so convinced that red wine is somehow medicinal that we are glugging back too much of it. The glasses served in pubs have got bigger and the wines have got stronger over the same period that health claims have become more forceful. "There's a lot of people who think half a bottle of wine a day is a healthy amount," says Prof Corder. "It isn't. Overconsumption of alcohol of any type is universally associated with increased blood pressure, increased risk of stroke and of cancer."

But what about the Italians? They drink far more wine than us per person – 37.63 litres a year to our 20.3 litres – and they also live longer. The answer is that they drink a little every day, rather than saving it all up for the weekend and going on a binge, says Prof Corder. "If you have one or two small glasses at lunchtime, the alcohol has cleared your system without reaching levels that do harm, before you have the same in the evening," he says. "If you try to put the same amount down you immediately after work with no food, as we often do here, then the consequence is a very high level of alcohol in the blood – which is when you start to modify proteins and DNA and raise your blood pressure."

His wisdom is confirmed by one doctor in Greve in Chianti, who says that, yes, he does tell his patients to take a little wine every day. It's what the Bible says, too. But he doesn't want to be named or say anything else, grazie. So I retire to the main piazza, where a former lawyer called Lara Gasperini has owned the bar and restaurant La Terrazzo Oliosteria for 10 years. She inhales from the deep, wide glass I have been given and knows

immediately what I am drinking. "It is a Chianti Classico Podere Campriano. It is an organic wine made of 100 per cent sangiovese grapes and just up there..."

She points away, over the buildings. "There on the hill is where this wine is made. They make a very clean wine. They are perfect in the vineyards and in the cellar. Would you like to go there?" She makes a call and, within moments of finishing the last mouthful, I am climbing the hill past the vines on which the same grapes were grown. There Maria Pio Fusi is waiting on the terrace.

"We drink only when we eat," she says. Medically, this is crucial, as the food counters the effects of the alcohol, but she has different reasons for doing it. "You've got to drink anyway, so why not wine? You can't have a beefsteak or a prosciutto ham with water. The wine is a companion to the meat and it gives you a much better flavour." Since the scientists can't agree on why red wine is good for you, what does this 69-year-old vineyard matriarch, steeped in a life of wine, think? "It makes you happy. Not to drink too much, but if you drink just enough it makes you feel strong, good, right."

They start drinking young around here according to Angela Saltafuori, who runs tours of the best small vineyards in the area and knows the wine culture intimately. "I used to drink wine since I was five years old. My grandmother gave me at 5pm the bread wet with wine and sugar on the top. Every day. Then she send me to sleep. Now she would be in prison!" The scientific study showed that most people were drinking between one and three glasses of wine a day, every day. The quality is far better than it used to be and the nature of the wine forces people to drink less and take food at the same time, she says.

"Sangiovese is a very difficult grape. It has more tannins and is more acidic than others," she says. "The Chianti was born to go with food. It is almost impossible to appreciate without something to eat. You need something that is oily or fat because it cleans your mouth. Otherwise it is too harsh." What does she think about resveratrol? "In Tuscany, nobody knows about resveratrol. I just discovered it myself. I think it is an American idea."

Perhaps only Americans would seriously believe that the secret of a long and healthy life could be reduced to a pill, she says. "In Tuscany, we look at the whole style of life, which is more relaxed. The people eat lots of fruit and vegetables. The olive oil is also rich in anti-oxidants. We have a lot of nature, and a better relationship with the wine." So the secret of a long and healthy life, as far as a Tuscan wine expert is concerned, is to relax, stay close to nature, enjoy lots of sunshine, fruit and vegetables and extra virgin olive oil, and drink a little wine every day with food. In other words, to live in Tuscany? "Si! Of course. Why not?"

Because some of us are not so lucky. We have to live in a land where the only warm feeling you get some days is from the contents of a bottle. But while the scientists continue to search for the elusive secret of red wine, maybe there is something we can learn from the drinkers of Greve in Chianti.

Never drink too much, but drink enough every day to make you feel better. Get that right and you really won't care if red wine is good for you or not.

-by Cole Moreton

THIS QUARTER IN ITALIAN HISTORY

- Apr 2**
742: BORN - Charlemagne, King of the Franks, first Holy Roman Emperor.
1725: BORN - Giovanni Casanova, Italian adventurer.
1860: The first parliament of the united Italy met at Turin.
- Apr 6**
1483: BORN - Raphael (Raffaello Sanzio or Raffaello Santi), Italian painter and architect of the Italian High Renaissance.
1896: The first modern Olympic Games formally opened in Athens, Greece -- reinstated 1500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I. Eight nations participated.
- Apr 7**
1906: The Italian volcano, Vesuvius, erupted.
1939: BORN - Francis Ford Coppola, Italian-American Academy Award-winning director.
- Apr 15**
1452: BORN - Leonardo da Vinci, Italian painter, sculptor, scientist, engineer, draftsman.
- Apr 16**
1924: BORN - Henry Mancini, American award-winning composer, musician.
- Apr 17**
1524: Giovanni da Verrazano discovered New York Harbor. Giovanni Verrazano (1485-1528), an Italian navigator and explorer for France, was the first European to sight New York and Narragansett bays. In early 1524 he sailed to the New World and reached Cape Fear, then sailed northward, exploring the eastern coast of North America. He made several discoveries on the voyage, including the sites of present-day New York Harbor, Block Island, and Narragansett Bay, and was the first European explorer to name North American sites after persons and places in the Old World.
- Apr 18**
1480: BORN - Lucrezia Borgia, duchess of Ferrara.
1521: Martin Luther, the chief catalyst of Protestantism, defied the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V by refusing to recant his writings.
- Apr 21**
753 BC: Legend says Romulus and his twin brother, Remus, founded Rome.
- Apr 25**
Liberation Day (1945)
1874: BORN - Guglielmo Marconi, Italian inventor of radio.
1940: BORN - Al Pacino, Italian-American actor.
- Apr 26**
121: BORN - Marcus Aurelius, Roman emperor.
- Apr 28**
1916: BORN - Ferruccio Lamborghini, Italian car manufacturer.
- 1945: DIED - Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed as they attempted to flee the country.
- May 2**
1945: The Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.
- May 3**
1469: BORN - Niccolo Machiavelli, Italian philosopher, political theorist.
1494: Christopher Columbus sighted the island of Jamaica.
- May 4**
2009: DIED - Dom DeLuise, Italian-American comedian, actor.
- May 6**
1527: German troops began sacking Rome, destroying libraries, capturing the Pope, and killing thousands.
1895: BORN - Rudolph Valentino (Rodolfo Pietro Filiberto Raffaello Guglielmi di Valentina), silent-film star.
- May 7**
1939: Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.
- May 8**
1905: BORN - Roberto Rossellini, Italian film director.
2009: DIED - Dom DiMaggio, Italian-American Baseball Player.
- May 9**
1502: Christopher Columbus left Spain on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.
1978: DIED - Italian prime minister Aldo Moro, found shot in the back of a car after being kidnapped two months earlier.
- May 10**
1503: Christopher Columbus discovered the Cayman Islands.
- May 12**
1925: BORN - Yogi Berra (Lawrence Peter Berra), Italian-American baseball player and coach.
2001: DIED - Perry Como (born Pierino Ronald Como), Italian-American singer.
- May 13**
1265: BORN - Dante Alighieri, Italian poet.
1909: The first Giro d'Italia long distance road bicycle racing stage race began in Italy, with Italian professional road racing cyclist Luigi Ganna becoming the eventual winner.
- May 14**
1897: Guglielmo Marconi sent the first communication by wireless telegraph.
1998: DIED - Italian-American singer and actor, Frank Sinatra, 82.
- May 16**
1316: BORN - Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor.
1920: Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.
- May 18**
1897: BORN - Frank Capra, Sicilian-American Academy Award-winning director.
- 1912: BORN - Perry Como, Italian-American singer, TV entertainer.
- May 19**
1900: The world's longest railroad tunnel, the 12-mile-long Simplon Tunnel linking Switzerland to Italy through the Alps, opened.
- May 20**
1444: BORN - Sandro Botticelli, Italian painter.
1506: DIED - Italian explorer Christopher Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain, in poverty.
- May 22**
1939: Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini signed a "Pact of Steel" forming the Axis powers.
1990: DIED - Rocky Graziano (born Thomas Rocco Barbella), Italian-American boxer.
- May 23**
1915: Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary in World War I.
- June 2**
Republic Day
1896: Great Britain granted Guglielmo Marconi the first wireless radio patent.
- June 4**
1798: DIED - Giovanni Casanova, Italian adventurer.
1944: The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome during World War II.
- June 6**
1967: BORN - Paul Giamatti, Italian-American actor.
- June 7**
1498: Christopher Columbus left on his third voyage of exploration.
- June 9**
118 BC - Hadrian, Rome's new emperor, made his entry into the city.
- June 10**
1940: Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.
1946: Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.
2002: DIED - John Gotti, Italian-American mobster and boss of the Gambino Crime Family.
- June 11**
1913: BORN - Vince Lombardi, Italian-American football coach.
- June 13**
40: BORN - Gnaeus Julius Agricola, Roman general.
2000: Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi pardoned Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who tried to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981.
- June 14**
1994: DIED - Henry Mancini, Italian-American composer.
- June 18**
64 BC: The Great Fire of Rome started; in 9 days, two-thirds of the city was destroyed.
- June 23**
1992: Mafia boss John Gotti was sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty on 14 accounts of conspiracy to commit murder and racketeering.
- June 24**
1940: France signed an armistice with Italy.
- June 28**
1519: Charles I of Spain was elected Holy Roman Emperor. He was crowned as Emperor Charles V.

**** JUNE 3rd from 6:30-8:00PM ****

55th CAFFÉ ITALIA NIGHT



In 1997, Fired Up Restaurant Concepts acquired the only five existing Johnny Carino's Italian Kitchen, infusing them with the energy and passion we know today. Starting with Chef Carino in the early years, and carrying forward today with Chef Chris Peitersen, Johnny Carino's has developed many signature dishes that respect the authentic Italian traditions, while creating unique flavor profiles that express Johnny Carino's passion and creativity, and commitment to quality food at a great value.

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IL CALENDARIO

NEXT DINNER MEETING
Sunday, May 25, 2014
@ 1:00 PM
UNITED ASBURY
METHODIST CHURCH
6767 S Mingo Rd
Tulsa, OK 74133
MEAL: Chicken

RSVP for the next **Caffé Italia Night** at **JOHNNY CARINO'S** on **June 3rd, 2014** – Call Victoria at 918.724.7403

CAFFÉ ITALIA NIGHTS
~~05/06/2014~~ – D'ALESSANDRO'S
06/03/2014 – JOHNNY CARINO'S
DINNER MEETINGS
@Asbury United Methodist Church
1:00-4:00 PM
May 25: Chicken

BOARD MEETINGS
~~02/12/2014~~
04/09/2014
05/14/2014
09/10/2014

FUTURE EVENTS

Look for e-mails and announcements regarding the following events:

- Operas
- Italian Movies
- Caffé Italia Nights – See page 6 for more details.



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