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Memorandum

Founders of the Italic Studies Institute, 1987

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Carl Pescosolido

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Re: The Rebuilding Proceeds

Dear Member,

We are pleased to announce that a number of Plenary Council members have stepped forward to fill the gap in our leadership. Especially welcome news is that **Robert Allegrini**, previously of our Midwest Council, has consented to serve as Vice President *pro tempore*. Robert is a Corporate Director of Swissotel here in New York. He also hold the title of *Cavaliere* of the Italian Republic. His extensive experience in Italian-American organizations in the Chicago area makes him a welcome resource. It is our desire that Robert, as a newcomer to New York, will be helpful in re-energizing relationships here.

In other news, long-time member **Charles Guigno**, Vice President and Director of Operations at the Empire State Building, has offered to be Dinner Chairman for our 1998 Gala. Charles will have the able assistance of **Michael Caffero**, President of PC Couriers, Inc. as Vice Chairman. Lucio Caputo of GEI (Italian Exporters Group) will also serve as a Vice Chairman.

Honorees for the Gala include **General Anthony Zinni** of the U.S. Central Command (Persian Gulf/Middle East) **Admiral Guido Venturoni** (Chief of Staff, Italian Armed Forces). These keepers of the peace will receive our Ara Pacis (Altar of Peace Award). Receiving our Media Image Award will be actor **Peter Falk** (*Colombo*) and **Stanley Tucci** (*Big Night*). Vintner **Robert Mondavi** will be given our de Medici Award and attorney **Daniel Petrocelli** (O.J. Simpson trial) will receive our Roman Law Award.

Finally, our Aurora Youth Program has received raves from the Italian Government during a recent visit by New York's Consul General Franco Mistretta and executives of IACE (Italian-American Committee on Education). The three person delegation visited our Brooklyn and Staten Island sites to see, first-hand, four Aurora classes in progress. They were impressed not only by the uniformity of instruction but by the ethnic diversity of the students, ranging from Italic to Asian, to Hispanic and African-American. We have finally forged a strong bond with the Italian Republic that will have a major effect on Italian-American youth education. The much-awaited Aurora expansion is now only limited by our own will and commitment.

Warmest regards,

The Founders

Send your comments to:
The Council of Governors,
in care of the ISI Office.

We welcome your participation. Please send us job opportunities, new employment, personals or any other news items of interest.

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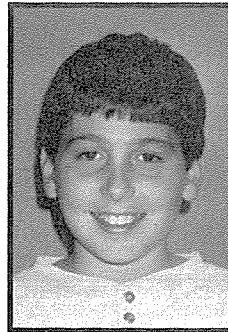
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THE KIDS OF AURORA

Sometimes it is difficult to convey a sense of what your Institute is accomplishing day-to-day. We can report the grand scheme of things: opening six Aurora centers in the Metro area, receiving financial support from the Italian government or other organizations, etc., but the thing that brings home the message of Aurora is the face and name of a child who is benefitting from our creative program. So, without any further messages, here is a very tiny sample of the 200 boys and girls who are learning about our Italian language and culture.

FIRST BORN

We recently learned of the birth of Paul Andrew Chiurazzi last July. Young Paul is the son of new members Andrew and Jennifer Chiurazzi of Ridgefield, NJ. *Auguri!*



NICOLA BENEDETTO
Floral Park Center, 10 years old.
All-Italian who wants to learn more about his heritage.



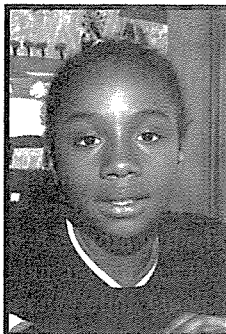
MICHELLE GHOSSN
Floral Park Center, 10 years old.
Part Lebanese. Wanted to improve Italian language skills.



MELISSA HERNANDEZ
Floral Park Center, 10 years old.
Hispanic, going to Italy this summer.



AUGUSTINE SIMONCINI
Italian/German/Irish, Staten Island class.
Says the program is "cool."



KIESHA SCOTT
African descent, Staten Island class.
Thinks Aurora is "special" because it's a fun way to learn another language.



HECTOR TAVAREZ
Dominican, Staten Island class.
Shows off his knowledge of Italian numbers.
Loves the snacks, games and prizes.

Welcome to the following new members:

General Members

Michela Folina Madia	Manhasset, NY
Anna Bartoli	Millbrae, CA
Carole Marchesano	Palmyra, VA
Maxie Powers	Lindenhurst, NY
Vincenza Scaduto	Oakdale, NY
Mariann Machera	Valhalla, NY
Andrew Kopnick	Florisant, MO
Andrea Labruzzo	Williston Park, NY
Angela Scott Carannante	Manville, NJ
Joseph D. Monticciolo	Woodbury, NY
William Schievella	Carlstadt, NJ
Judge P.F. Ludovici	Miami, FL
Marcella A. Tyler	Sherman Oaks, CA
Angela Valgenti	Morristown, NJ
Cafe Italia	Arlington, VA
John Cardazzi	Rensselaer, NY
S. Theodore Bella	Nokomis, FL
Rick Bella	Portland, OR
Domenico Tancredi	Butler, NJ
Silvio Venturi	Livingston, NJ
Samuel J. Marzarella	Lakewood, NJ
Francis X. Daniele	Oradell, NJ
Nicholas A. Perino	Williamsville, NY
John M. Fiore	Troy, NY
Lucille Carneval	Malverne, NY
Francis Mattone	Madison, NJ
Peter Capece	Vero Beach, FL
Tony Leonardi	Old Bethpage, NY
Frank S. Gutta, Sr.	Clifton Park, NY
Dan Masiello	Staten Island, NY
Nicholas C. Bozzi	Gladwyne, PA
Martin D. Garry	Bronx, NY
Vincent J. Maggi	Bayside, NY
Dr. Joseph A. Rube	Rochester, NY
Cynthia M. Bianchi	Leonardo, NJ
Salvatore J. Tomaselli	Rochester, NY
Angelo Grova	Santa Cruz, CA
John Polelle	Gig Harbor, WA
Alexander J. Alvini	New Castle, PA
Albert Shultz	Aurora, CO
John J. Cesare	Huntington, NY
Victor Raimo	Clark, NJ
Vincent P. Durso	Marlton, NJ
Robert F. Rainer	Oceanside, NY
Louis Rago	Chicago, IL
Santo L. Aramini	Parish, NY
Peter Scaramuzzo	Lemont, IL
Anthony P. Columbo	Maspeth, NY
Vincent J. Profaci	Apopka, FL
Frank J. Longo	Staten Island, NY
Marc Del Toro	Westwood, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Del Toro	Brooklyn, NY

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Stephen J. Pittari
Frank D. Blefari
John Storino
Arnaldo Abatecola
Louis J. Gonnella
Frank A. Guaragna
William S. Carbine
Giacchino de Nicolo
Carlo A. Simoni
Biagio Schiano
Domenic Tarulli
Joseph G. Golia
Armand Tarantelli
Adriana Bachmann
John C. Bertone
Eugene Ballarin
Ben & Lucy Demata
Annette Nardi
Anthony A. Laucella, M.D.
Gerald G. Ferro
Joseph A. Tursi
Anthony Scariano
Dorothy Scarpelli
Ivana Albanese-Rizzo
Victor J. Guadagnino
Rosalia Spiridigliozzi
Diana Ghossn
Nunzio G. Vignone
Jacqueline A. Nelson
Richard. V. Scacchetti
Michael Santomauro
Laura Russo
Sofia Hernandez
Martha Cordoba
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Chiofolo
Caterina Benedetto
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tausch
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DeLuca
Josephine Pagano
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Savoleo
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Antico
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Sacino
Mr. & Mrs. F. D/Antoni
Joseph F. Ignelzi
Gail Galluzzo
Claire DeMartino
Michelle Andreacchio

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Winchester, MA
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Brooklyn, NY
Milford, CT
Pottersville, NJ
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Hicksville, NY
Lade Rokonkoma, NY
Delray Beach, FL
Bronx, NY
New York, NY
Bergenfield, NJ
Brooklyn, NY
Danville, CA
Commack, NY
Olympia Fields, IL
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Brooklyn, NY
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Staten Island, NY
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Kings Park, NY
Floral Park, NY
Elmont, NY
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Elmont, NY
Valley Stream, NY
New Hyde Park, NY
Manhasset, NY
Staten Island, NY
Staten Island, NY
New Hyde Park, NY
Staten Island, NY
Pittsburgh, PA
Brooklyn, NY
Brooklyn, NY
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Plenary Council

Michelle LeVoc i-Roberts
Anthony Famighetti
Richard L'Esperance
Gus Catanzaro
Lawrence Auriana

New York, NY
Great Neck, NY
Long Island City, NY
New York, NY
New York, NY

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HARRISON MAGEE
Floral Park Center, 10 years old.
Part Irish, his brother took the course before him.



VIN CHIN CHIANE
Asian descent. Brooklyn class.
She wanted to learn another language and enjoys the fun and ease of Aurora.

UNITED NATIONS - STATUS REPORT

On 12/1, a delegation of leaders of Italian-American organizations assembled in front of the United States Embassy, across the street from the United Nations in New York, to join NY Senator Alfonse D'Amato and Congressman Bill Pascrell in protesting the exclusion of Italy, in favor of Japan and Germany, from consideration in an American proposal to reorganize the UN Security Council. The next day a petition with 55,000 signatures was delivered to the White House. This petition included some 1,000 names supplied by Italic Studies Institute members. The Clinton Administration's rush to reorganize the Council was tabled for this session. Our lobbying efforts, in concert with NIACA (National Italian American Coordinating Association) will continue in 1998.

SENATOR'S APOLOGY RECEIVED

ISI member Steve Napolitano received Senator John Kerry's (D-MA) official apology for some degrading remarks made on radio's *Imus Show*. Speaking of a possible war against Iraq, Kerry observed that the Iraqi Army is so weak that "even the Italians could kick their butts." The fact that a United States Senator unconsciously maintains the vestige of WW II British propaganda demonstrates the power of stereotyping.

Italy is a NATO ally and has participated quite successfully in three major military operations with the United States during the past 15 years.

THEY ALSO WRITE

There is no question that the quality of our membership is excellent. At least three of you out there have published books recently or are working toward that end.

Dr. Frank D'Alessandro, M.D., of N. Providence, Rhode Island has written *The Verdict of History on Sacco and Vanzetti*, a new analysis of the tragic trial that sent two innocent immigrants to the electric chair in 1927. Dr. D'Alessandro's book contains a disturbing message about the American trial system even to our day.

Anthony Pansini of Waco, Texas, already the author of a number of voluminous works, including Macchiavelli's role in the formation of the United States Constitution, has just published his latest work, *The Duce's Dilemma*, an analysis of Mussolini's decision to enter the Second World War on the side of Germany.

Donato De Simone of Norristown, PA informs us that he is working on a World War II book based on his firsthand experiences as a child in war-torn Italy. Most of his remembrances are currently written in Italian, but he plans a translation into English as well.

NOTE: Excerpts and reviews of member-written books may be submitted to *The Italic Way* for consideration.

JANUARY ALMANAC

Named after the Roman god Janus, who was depicted with two faces, one looking to the past, the other to the future.

Jan. 1 - Patron of the Renaissance **Lorenzo de Medici** was born in Florence 1449.

- Boxer **Rocky Graziano** was born in 1922 in New York City. He became the Middleweight Champion of the world in 1947.

Jan. 3 - **Benito Mussolini** assumes dictatorial powers in 1925.

Jan 7 - Scientist **Galileo Galilei** identifies the four moons of Jupiter in 1610.

Jan. 8 - **Marco Polo** dies in Venice in 1324, after a life of travel and adventure. His tales of the Orient inspired all of Europe to search for shorter routes to East Asia. The discovery of America was one of the surprising results.

Jan. 11 - Italian-American author **Bernard DeVoto** was born in 1897. His book, *Across the Wide Missouri* became a movie starring Kirk Douglas.

Jan. 12 - Mathematician **Giorgio Ricci-Curbastro** was born in 1853. He developed Absolute Differential Calculus, which was the basis for Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

Jan. 13 - Roman general **Gaius Marius** dies in 86 BC. His reforms converted the Roman legions from a citizen draft to a professional army.

Jan. 18 - Italian admiral **Francesco Caracciolo** was born in Naples in 1752. As a soldier of fortune he fought on the British side during the American Revolution.

Jan. 20 - **Fr. Alessandro Volignano** died at the Portuguese colony of Macau, near Hong Kong, in 1606. He was the first Christian missionary to Japan and is credited with some 300,000 conversions.

Jan. 25 - Mathematician **Giuseppe Luigi La Grangia** (aka LaGrange) was born in Torino in 1736. During the French Revolution he chaired the committee that developed the Metric System.

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