

FLAGSTAFF ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB  
**NEWSLETTER**

*SEPTEMBER 2008*

buongiorno! It's almost time... for the Annual

**Pasta Sauce Cook-off!**

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Pesto Brother's...in Old Town by Heritage Square. Come when you want, stay as long as you want during those hours!**

**This is our major fund-raiser each year, and we really need you there! The price is reasonable, the food will be good, you can buy your tickets at the door or call Leo at 213-0428. With any PRE-SOLD TICKETS, please let Leo know before the Event how many you have sold!!!**

**Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under ten.**

**Please come, bring your family and friends, try your luck on the Silent Auction and raffle....Enjoy!!!!**

**Looking ahead to October, on the 13<sup>th</sup> we will again have our regular meeting, which will be a celebration of Columbus Day and also will include voting for new board members. Will you volunteer to be on the Board? Please let us know!!! Several current members are not able to continue, so we need YOU !!!!!**

**See you soon.....!!!!**

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*buon compleanno*  
*Happy September Birthday!*

**Mark Belsanti    Max Motter    Jane Glorioso    Rose Benassi**

*Happy September Anniversary!*

**Jennifer and Dean Gale**

And, since we didn't get our August "Celebrities" in the last Newsletter, please accept our belated good wishes...

*buon compleanno*  
***Happy August Birthday!***

Megan Gale                  Bear Vash                  Jennifer Lindsey  
Jennifer Gale                  Jeff Sonni

***Happy August Anniversary!***

**Rose and Lou Benassi**

*(If you want to contribute information for the Newsletter, please call Nancy, 526-9613.)*

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## ***THIS AND THAT...***

**We send our best wishes to Benita and Rich Boyd....Rich is our VP and does outreach to let the community know more about FIAC. Unfortunately, he was recently in a car accident....we wish him a wonderful recovery!!!**

**We'll all miss Club Members Patricia and Paul Nicolls... they will soon be residing in their home country, New Zealand!!!! Have a good journey, but remember us... again, we will certainly miss you both!**

**Jeff Sonni and Robin Scott had some good news last month! Jeff's son was married on August 30<sup>th</sup> in Toronto, Ontario, Canada...and Robin's daughter and son-in-law had a new baby girl on August the 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is thrilled about the new members of the family!**

## ***This and That, Italian Style...***

**The American branch of Slow Food Nation, an Italian-born organization, met over Labor Day weekend in San Francisco. The organization has launched a “new strategy for the growing coalition of food reform and social justice groups that form the backbone of Slow Food” with the hope in America of “remaking the federal farm bill...which favors industrial agriculture and undermines efforts to promote sustainable, organic and family-based farming”. {AZ Daily Sun, 9/3/08}**

**Speaking of food...how do you like your meatballs? “Pino Luongo and Mark Strausman, co-owners of Coco Pazzo in New York City, face off in their book ‘*Two Meatballs in the Italian Kitchen (Artisan, 2007).*’ Seems the “city boy from Queens” and the “native of Tuscany” have very different views on what is best. {I found this in the September 2008 ‘RELISH’ insert in the Daily Sun.}**

**And hope you love this one: “About 60 newly hatched sea turtles lost their way during their ritual passage to the sea and marched into an Italian restaurant instead” on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. “They saw the artificial lights and took the wrong route”, said Antonio Colucci, a conservation worker. “The stranded turtles, which had hatched on a beach in the southern Italian region of Calabria, were released into the sea.” {Reuters, 8/18/08}**

**And, last but not least: “An Italian priest and theologian said Sunday he is organizing an online beauty pageant for nuns to give them more visibility within the Catholic Church and to fight the stereotype that they are all old and dour. The ‘Miss Sister 2008’ contest will start in September on a blog run by the Rev. Antonio Rungi {from the Naples area}”. Rungi said “Nuns are a bit excluded, they are a bit marginalized in ecclesiastical life... This will be an occasion to make their contribution more visible.” {Hmmm, how times have changed!!!!} [azcentral.com/offbeat/articles/2008/08/25]**