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From The President

You may notice that this issue is a month later than usual, but we felt the regular date would have been too soon after the last issue (late due to timing of 2007 reunion).

We do plan to return to the usual publication dates starting with the November issue.

Our congratulations go out to Phil Howerton and Hilda Wells that got married in August! Sure we can get more details and pictures when we see them at the reunion next year unless they want to share before then.

We always have a few members drop out each year, but Emily and I are very happy to announce that this year was one of the

smallest groups to do so. However, included in that group was a lady that has been a member since the very beginning of ARA, Margaret Sanders. We don't know the situation and have had no feed back from our attempts to contact her. So if you know, please contact Emily or myself with the details.

The end of September is the cut off time for the membership roster publication. So if you have had any changes in your roster listing since the last issue, please contact Emily or myself so we can make sure our databases are correct before putting the roster together. That includes email addresses as well as other changes. You can look for your roster to arrive sometime in October.

2008 ITALIAN REUNION UPDATE

At this point the reunion is fully booked. If you are interested in attending, we can take a \$300 per person deposit, which would be held by ARA and refunded if spaces don't become available. Because we don't have anyone currently on the waiting lists, those who already have confirmed bookings that drop out will not have their payments refunded. So be sure and have travel insurance. The cruise still has cabins available, so contact Ben or Lynn if you would like to join the cruise bunch. Information in this issue.

Optional Day Trip to St. Moritz, Switzerland: (Must have minimum of 30 participants) – 100 to 110 Euros per person (10 Euros more per person with extra trip up cable car in St. Moritz. Can be decided on spot.) Bus will depart hotel at 8 am and travel to Poschiavo, Italy. Then we will take the famous Bernina Express from Poschiavo to Diavolezza. It is a very panoramic ride, with a guide, that will include the White Lake, Black Lake, division between the Adriatic and the Black Sea. From Diavolezza we travel by bus to St. Moritz where we will have lunch. Then we can either have free time to enjoy the area or travel up the cable

car. The return trip to the hotel will be by bus through the famous Maloya pass.

Itinerary:

August 30 – You must arrive at the Malpensa airport in Milan to be picked up by a Tours by Roberto bus to be taken to Lake Como. If you arrive on a prior day, you need to go back to the

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UpComing Reunions

2008 Italy

2009 San Diego

2010 Nashville





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Wedding Bells

*Dear Emily,
Hilda and I got married a week ago Wednesday, August 15. I have lost Nick's address. We will only need one copy of the Afterburner. Hilda's previous minister married us in Waynesville, near Lake Januluska, where he is retired. His wife, Julie was one witness and my daughter Mary Todd was the other. Her twins age 6 were the ring bearers and her eldest age 11 played the violin! They didn't know about the Wedding until that morning and all were excited.
Love, Phil*

CORRESPONDENCE

From Mildred MacCarthy (7/20/07) – I have lost my desire to be a joiner since losing my “better half” two years ago and now spend visits and vacations with my family. Leo & I really enjoyed spending the time we spent with you & the fine Aviano Group and wish all of you every success.



From Fran Mobley (6/30/07) - Got the wonderful Aviano Afterburner and enjoyed the reunion all over again. So much to learn and a short time to try to remember. Should have taken notes. Also my sister Joanne, and sister-in-law, Joan, enjoyed it. They remarked about the friendliness of everyone. Was sorry to read about the misfortunes of some and the death of others. Otto was always so faithful and we knew him best...Thanks for all the work you put into everything. We all appreciate it.

2008 VENICE CRUISERS

Ben & Lynn Catalina	Gene & Jean Ives
Lori Brandes & Guest	Faye & Victoria Ives
Doris Burnett, Mary Ann Scarborough, & Diane Hortman	Margaret Johnson, Jane Pol, Anne Collins, Margaret Decker, &
Al & Lou Currie	John Johnson
Jack & Marilyn Curtis	Ed & Judy Laurnen
Richard & Denise Cyr	Jacki Legg & Margaret Callahan
Bill & Dee Davis	Alexander Massie & Child
John & Linda Dickson	Elizabeth & Amelia Massey
Sally & Steve Eaves	Jay & Jane Maust
Lew & Dottie Earhart & Tayler	Dan & Gwen Mitchell
Betty Farmer & Bonnie Coulier	Bill & Tisa Murphy
Carol Davis & Jean Kunz	Lou & Astrid Ondrusek
Dick & Barbara Gaskell	Bill & Emily Povey
Walt Geisinger	Jim & Kathy Riestenberg
Rodger & Betty Gracey	Cheryl & Delbert Roop
Erica Hall, Debra Schuber, & Kristin Johnson	Pete Ross & Bea Jernigan
James & Nelda Hall	Dave & Maryellen Scherer
Joanne Harnit & Peg Byrd	Tama & Gary Tillman
George & Diane Hefner	Doug & Ann Trent
Zane & Margaret Hoit	Ginny Wagner & Guest
Chris & Carole Horine	Bob & Carolyn Watters
Katherine Horton & Guest	Jim & Imogene Willis
Tom & Elaine Horton	
John Horton & Kathy Tupper	

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airport to be picked up.

August 31-Sept 2

- Tours of Villa Carlotta & Villa Del Balbianello
- Tour of Villa D'Este & walking tour of the city center
- Optional St. Moritz trip

Sept 3 – Transfer day from Lake Como to Aviano with half day tour of Verona while in transit (including lunch).

Sept 4 – Free day, but I have contacted Aviano AFB's public affairs office and they have penciled us in with a possible base tour. So cross your fingers on that one.

Sept 5 – Tour of Asolo and final banquet

Sept 6 – Depart Aviano by bus to be taken to either the Venice port or the Venice airport. Any other arrangements will have to be made in advance at additional cost.

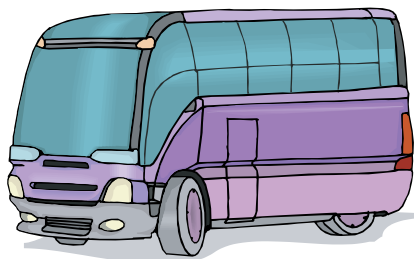
So, you need to set up your flights as soon as possible and give us your arrival and departure information. You can usually get better prices the sooner you get your tickets. Be sure to include the cost in your travel insurance total.

Beds: All the hotels have twin beds in the rooms that can be put together to make one large bed. Please notify me whether you want the beds together or separate so the rooms will be arranged that way in advance.

Next payment will be due February 1. That means it has to be in Emily's hands by that date so that we can send our second payment to Tours by Roberto on time. Amount will be \$600 per person double occupancy or \$1200. Singles will be \$700 per person.

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GREEK ISLES CRUISE UPDATE

Aviano Reunion 2008 --- already a sellout --- Thanks to the hard work of Tama and others! Nearly all of those attending the reunion, as well as many more, are joining us in Venice after the reunion. On September 6 we'll board the Royal Caribbean Splendour of the Seas for a seven-night round trip cruise from Venice to Athens, visiting several wonderful ports along the way. We still have space on the ship for you and any family and friends who want to cruise. Itinerary, prices, and other details were in the last Afterburner. If you can't find that Afterburner, call Ben or Lynn at 888-522-7447 or 210-658-8388 or email them at Bcatalina@satx.rr.com. Printed in this Afterburner is the latest list of cruisers.

NOTE: For those going on the reunion and the cruise, Ben & Lynn can arrange for travel insurance, as well as help you with your air arrangements. Please contact them.



Italians Calling - History Lesson

"After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors had a telephone network over 100 years ago.

"Not to be outdone by the Scots, British scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters and found traces of 200-year-old copper wire, concluding that their ancestors had a high-tech communications network 100 years earlier."

"A short time later, after digging as deep as 30 meters in Palermo Sicily, Stefano, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing, and therefore concluded that 300 years ago Italians were already using wireless."

2008 REUNION ATTENDEES

Ben & Lynn Catalina
Bill & Emily Povey
Tama & Gary Tillman
Gary & Leah Turner
Pete Ross & Bea Jernigan
John & Marianna Fells
Bill & Dee Davis
Meg Johnson &
Megan Decker
Anne Collins & Jane Pol
John Johnson
Tom & Elaine Horton

Kaki Horton
Joe & Franca Rutter
Jack & Marilyn Curtis
Joanne Harnit & Peg Byrd
Betty Farmer & Bonnie Collier
Mike Hansen & Linda
Kazarian
Bill & Gloria Walker
George & Diane Hefner
Bob & Carolyn Watters
George Hughes
Mark Rutter

Phil Howerton & Hilda Wells
Al & Lou Currie
Dave & Maryellen Scherer
Rodger & Betty Gracey
Steve & Sally Eaves
Daria Christenson
Richard & Eleanor Scalzitti
Gene & Jean Ives
Zane & Margaret Hoit
Carol Davis & Jean Kunz
Walt Geisinger
Earl & Harriet Fairchild

Lew & Dottie Erhart
Taylor Bailey
Ed & Judy Laurnen
Jay & Jane Maust
Doris Burnett
Jim & Imogen Willis
William McKinley &
Nancy Hall
Faye & Victoria Ives
Tom & Cheryl McIlroy

Sunday Dinner for Italians

Italians have a \$40,000 kitchen, but use the \$259 stove from Sears in the basement to cook.

There is some sort of religious statue in the hallway, living room, bedroom, front porch and backyard.

The living room is filled with old wedding favors with poofy net bows and stale almonds (they are too pretty to open).

A portrait of the Pope and Frank Sinatra in the dining room.

God forbid if anyone EVER attempted to eat Chef Boy-are-dee, Franco American, Ragu, Prego or anything else in a jar or can (tomato paste is the exception).

Meatballs are made with Pork, Veal and Beef. We are Italians, we don't care about cholesterol.

Turkey is served on Thanksgiving, AFTER the manicotti, gnoc-chi, lasagna and soup.

If anyone EVER says ES-CAROLE, slap 'em in the face -- it's SHCAROLE.

If they ever say ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP, let the idiot know that there is no wedding, nor is there an Italian in the soup.

Also, the tiny meatballs must be made by hand.

No matter how hard you know you were going to get smacked, you still came home from church after communion, you stuck half a loaf of bread in the sauce pot, snuck out a fried meatball and chowed down you'll make up for it next week at confession. Sunday dinner was at 2:00. The meal went like this...

Table is set with everyday dishes...doesn't matter if they don't match...they're clean, What more do you want?



All the utensils go on the right side of the plate and the napkin goes on the left. Put a clean kitchen towel at Nonno & Papa's plate because they won't use napkins.

Homemade wine and bottles of 7up are on the table.

First course, Antipasto...change plates.

Next, Macaroni (Nonna called all pasta Macaroni)...change plates.

After that, Roasted Meats, Roasted Potatoes, Over-cooked Vegetables...change plates.

THEN and only then (NEVER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEAL) would you eat the salad (HOMEMADE OIL & VINEGAR DRESSING ONLY)...change plates.

Next, Fruit & Nuts - in the shell (on paper plates because you ran out of the other ones).

Coffee with Anisette (Espresso for Nonno, "Merican" coffee for the rest) with hard Cookies to dip in the coffee.

The kids go play...the men go to lay down. They slept so soundly you could perform brain surgery on them without anesthesia...the women clean the kitchen.

Getting screamed at by Mom or Nonna - half the sentence was English, the other half Italian.

Italian mothers never threw a baseball in their life, but can nail you in the head with a shoe thrown from the kitchen while you're in the living room.

Prom Dress that Zia Ceserina made you...\$20.00 for material. Prom hair-do from Cousin Angela...\$ Free. Turning around at prom to see your entire family (including Godparents) standing in the back of the gym... PRICELESS!

The true Italians will love this, those of you who are married to Italians will understand this, and those of you who are friends with Italians will remember and will forward it to their Italian friends

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

The Godfathers Lawyer

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper has cheated him out of ten million bucks.

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that a deaf bookkeeper would not hear anything that he might have to testify about in court. When the Godfather goes to confront the bookkeeper about his missing \$10 million, he brings along his attorney, who knows sign language.

The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the 10 million bucks he embezzled from me is."

The attorney, using sign language, asks the bookkeeper where the money is.

The bookkeeper signs back: "I don't know what you are talking about."

The attorney tells the Godfather: "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to the bookkeeper's temple and says, "Ask him again!"

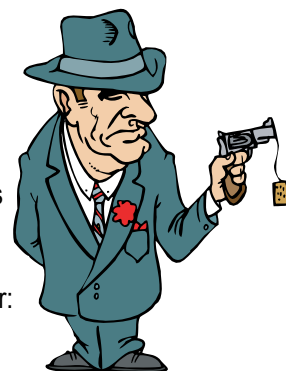
The attorney signs to the bookkeeper: "He'll kill you if you don't tell him!"

The bookkeeper signs back: "OK!"

You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed in my cousin Enzo's backyard in Queens!"

The Godfather asks the attorney: "Well, what'd he say?"

The attorney replies: "He says you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."



PORTOBELLO PASTA

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Serves: 6 or 4 Dogbytes

Cal: unknown

Ingredients

8 oz (225g) Spaghetti

2 T Extra Virgin Olive Oil

6 oz (169g) Portobello Mushroom, sliced

1 tsp Minced Garlic

2 C (500ml) Marinara Sauce

to taste Salt

to taste Pepper

2 tsp Chopped Fresh Basil

1/4 C (60ml) Grated Parmesan Cheese



Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain.

In a sauce pan, heat olive oil on medium.

Add sliced portobello mushrooms and garlic. Cook

for 5 to 6 minutes or until mushrooms are tender.

Stir in marinara sauce and cook 3 minutes or until hot.

Add pasta; toss to combine.

Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Enjoy immediately with grated parmesan cheese and a sprinkle of fresh basil.

EARL FAIRCHILD, JR.

Earl Fairchild, Jr. died on August 22. Earl had been a member of ARA since the beginning and attended reunions frequently over the years. It was at the 2002 reunion in Italy where the members were introduced to Harriet, who was soon to become his wife. Both of them continued to attend reunions when possible and were at the most recent one in Williamsburg.

Earl and his first wife Gwen were stationed in Aviano from 1962 to 1965. He is survived by his wife, Harriet, four children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We share their sorrow and send our sympathy.

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife:

"You comma to de front door of the apartmenta.

I am inna apartmenta 301.

There issa bigga panel at the front door. With you elbow pusha button 301. I will Buzza you in.

Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with you elbow pusha 3.

When you get out, I'mma on the left. With you elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

"What
You coming empty handed? "





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