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From The President

We have already had a few cancellations for the Italian reunion next year. Some have been replaced with other people, but we still have at least one double open as of the writing of this article. We also expect, even though we hate to see it, other cancellations. That is just the way it goes when you have to plan this far in advance. So if you haven't signed up yet and are still interested, please contact me and I will be glad to answer any questions you have. Phone 603-320-7575 or email tamat74@aol.com.

For those of you that are attending, please review

the check list that I have put together for this issue. I need feedback from you to help Tours by Roberto make this the best reunion ever. "It's all in the details!"

You should have also received your new 2007 roster by now. It was mailed mid-November. PLEASE take the time to review your listing in the roster to make sure it is complete and correct. We can't keep the database of the Association updated unless you notify us of changes.

2008 REUNION CHECKLIST

We're down to less than a year before the reunion in Lake Como and Aviano. Please send me the following information by email or snail mail (tamat74@aol.com or Tama Tillman, 302 Fox Run Rd, Hudson, NH 03051 or phone 603-320-7575):

1. If you have your flight reservations, please send us the arrival flight, date, time and departure flight, date, time. (Note: If possible have morning arrivals to allow time for the buses to take us to Lake Como.)
2. Do you already have your ARA name tag (given out the last 3 reunions) or do you need one made for you?

3. Do you want to be on the optional tour to San Moritz?
4. If you are in a double, do you want your beds together or separate?

Next payment due in January - \$1200 for doubles (\$600x2) or \$700 for singles.

**Future
Reunions**

**2008 Italy
2009 San Diego
2010 Nashville**



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SAN DIEGO REUNION 2009

2009 dates have been established with the Hacienda Hotel. Check in Sunday, Sept 20, 2009 and check out on Friday, Sept 25th. Contract was set for 35 rooms.

Additional details will be provided you in the next Afterburner.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Harriet Fairchild (9/2007)

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your comforting words. We were both so very much looking forward to next September when we would be reunited with you on the trip to Aviano. I had not been there before, so he was anxious to show me the part of his life he shared with you. My loss 'all around'.



From Walt Geisinger (10/30/2007) ... I was looking forward to seeing all of you good folks in Italy next September. However, due to a medical situation and future surgeries, I will not be able to do so. I had surgery earlier this year to remove my eye implant to eliminate an ongoing chronic infection and tissue rejection. Since then I have developed a benign tumor on one of my false vocal chords (I never knew that there was such a thing). It is being scheduled to be removed early next year after the holiday season. I

2008 VENICE CRUISERS

Ben & Lynn Catalina	Gene & Jean & Brent 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
Jerry & Sarah Dellinger	Elizabeth & Amelia Massey
John & Linda Dickson	Jay & Jane Maust
Sally & Steve Eaves	Dan & Gwen Mitchell
Lew & Dottie Earhart & Tayler Bailey	Bill & Tisa Murphy
Betty Farmer & Bonnie Coulier	Carl & CiCi Newsome
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	Lisa & Leon & Madison Van Holsbeke
Chris & Carole Horine	Ginny Wagner & Wanda Melton
Katherine Horton & Guest	Bob & Carolyn Watters
Tom & Elaine Horton	Jim & Imogene Willis
John Horton & Kathy Tupper	



am also being scheduled for removal of some varicose veins in my left leg to take place after recovery from the throat surgery. Finally, a second surgery on my eye is planned for Fall 2008 to add fatty tissue under the skin graft in my eye to prevent my prosthesis from sinking into the eye cavity. Due to the recovery and follow up time, I will not be in a position to travel... especially to Europe...I am sorry but...the Lord willing and if the creeks don't rise ...I may still be around for the next one.

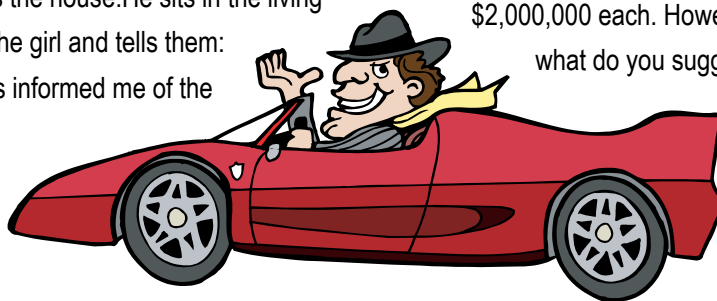
ANN MARIE POLTORAK

Ann Marie Poltorak died on September 15 from pancreatic cancer. She and her husband Gerald Poltorak (still surviving) were members of ARA from 1995 to 2004. They were stationed in Aviano from 1973 to 1976. We send our condolences to the friend and family.

“Now THAT’S Italian”

An 18 year old Italian girl tells her Mom that she has missed her period for 2 months. Very worried, the mother goes to the drugstore and buys a pregnancy kit. The test result shows that the girl is pregnant. Shouting, cursing, crying, the mother says, “who was the pig that did this to you? I want to know!” The girl picks up the phone and makes a call. Half an hour later, a Ferrari stops in front of their house. A mature and distinguished man with grey hair and impeccably dressed in an Armani suit steps out of the of the Ferrari and enters the house. He sits in the living room with the father, mother, and the girl and tells them: “Good morning, your daughter has informed me of the problem.

I can’t marry her because of my personal family situation but I’ll take charge. I will pay all costs



\$2,000,000 each. However, if there is a miscarriage, what do you suggest I do?”

At this point, the father, who had remained silent, places a hand firmly on the man’s shoulder and tells him, “You try again.”

GREEK ISLES CRUISE UPDATE

If you haven’t paid your deposit for the cruise, but are still “thinkinboutit” --- you are gambling big time. At press time we only had 9 cabins left. The price of the cabins on the ship have already increased a minimum of \$100 per person, but not for those people already booked, and not for our protected unsold cabins. But our unsold cabins are subject to recall at any time if we don’t sell them. For information on the wonderful itinerary, prices, and other details, please 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.

and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life. Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath a Ferrari, 2 retail stores, a townhouse, a beachfront villa, and a \$2,000,000 bank account. If a boy is born, my legacy will be a couple of factories and a \$4,000,000 bank account. If twins, they will receive a factory and

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Bill & Emily Povey	Jack & Marilyn Curtis	Dave & Maryellen Scherer	Doris Burnett
Tama & Gary Tillman	Joanne Harnit & Peg Byrd	Rodger & Betty Gracey	Jim & Imogen Willis
Pete Ross & Bea Jernigan	Betty Farmer & Bonnie Collier	Steve & Sally Eaves	William McKinley & Nancy Hall
John & Marianna Fells	Mike Hansen & Linda Kazarian	Daria Christenson	Faye & Victoria Ives
Bill & Dee Davis	Bill & Gloria Walker	Richard & Eleanor Scalzitti	Tom & Cheryl McIlroy
Meg Johnson & Megan Decker	George & Diane Hefner	Gene & Jean Ives	Lisa & Leon Van Holsbeke
Anne Collins & Jane Pol	Bob & Carolyn Watters	Zane & Margaret Hoit	Betsy & Alex Massie
John Johnson	George Hughes	Carol Davis & Jean Kunz	
Tom & Elaine Horton	Mark Rutter	Lew & Dottie Erhart	
Kaki Horton	Phil Howerton & Hilda Wells	Taylor Bailey	
		Ed & Judy Laurnen	

What rhymes with amore?

When the moon hits your eye
Like a big pizza pie
That's amore.

When a Japanese knight
Waves his sword in a fight
That's Samurai.

A comedian-ham
With the name Amsterdam
That's a Morey.

When an eel bites your hand
And that's not what you planned
That's a moray.

When your sheep go to graze
In a damp marshy place,
That's a moor, eh?

When your chocolate graham
Is so full and so crammed
That's a s'more, eh?

When our habits are strange
And our customs deranged
That's our mores.

When your boat comes home fine
And you tied up her line
That's a moor, eh?

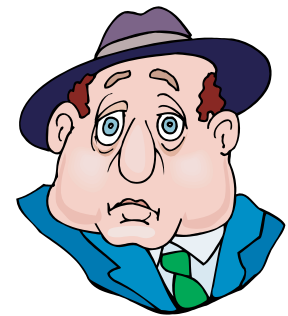
When you've had quite enough
Of this dumb rhyming stuff
That's "No more!", eh?

When your horse munches straw
And the bales total four
That's some more hay.

When you ace your last tests
Like you did all the rest
That's some more "A"s!

When Othello's poor wife
Gets strangled in strife
That's a Moor, eh?

When on Mt. Cook you see
An aborigine,
That's a Maori.



Pasta Fagioli (Macaroni and Beans)

2 tbs olive oil
1 small onion minced
2-3 cloves of garlic minced (I like 3)
1 15oz can of Cannellini Beans (white beans)
1 large can of tomatoe sauce
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 to 1 tsp of sugar
2 tps of oregano or Italian Seasoning Blend
4oz of ditalini macaroni



Saute the onion and garlic in oil until soft but not browned. Add tomatoe sauce and simmer for about 1 hour. Drain beans reserving one cup of liquid for sauce. Add the liquid to the sauce and continue cooking stirring constantly until the sauce becomes thick and smooth. Add drained beans, sugar, salt, pepper and oregano or Italian seasonings and cook 15 mins longer.

Cook your macaroni about 10 mins or according to package directions DO NOT OVERCOOK. Drain it very well in a collander until it is completely liquid free and add it to your beans and sauce. Heat it for about 5 mins until it is very hot. Use lots of grated Romano cheese when you serve it and a loaf of Italian bread.
Serves 4

ITALIAN KIDS VS. AMERICAN KIDS

American kids: Move out when they're 18 with the full support of their parents.

Italian kids: Move out when they're 28, having saved enough money for a house, and are two weeks away from getting married....unless there's room in the basement for the newlyweds.



American kids: Always pay retail, and look in the Yellow Pages when they need to have something done.

Italian kids: Call their dad or uncle, and ask for another dad's or uncle's phone number to get it done... cash deal. Know what I mean??



American kids: When their Mom visits them, she brings a Bundt cake, and you sip coffee and chat.

Italian kids: When their Mom visits them, she brings 3 days worth of food, begins to tidy up, dust, do the laundry, and rearrange the furniture.



American kids: Their dads always call before they come over to visit them, and it's usually only on special occasions.

Italian kids: Are not at all fazed when their dads show up, unannounced, on a Saturday morning at 8:00, and start spruning the fruit trees. If there are no fruit trees, he'll plant some.



American kids: Will come over for cake and coffee, and get only cake and coffee. No more.

Italian kids: Will come over for cake and coffee, and get antipasto, wine, a pasta dish, a choice of two meats, salad, bread, a cannoli, fruit, espresso, and a few after dinner drinks.

American kids: Will greet you with "Hello" or "Hi".

Italian kids: Will give you a big hug, a kiss on your cheek, and a pat on your back.

American kids: Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.

Italian kids: Call your parents Mom and Dad.

American kids: Have never seen you cry.

Italian kids: Cry with you.



American kids: Borrow your stuff for a few days and then return it.

Italian kids: Keep your stuff so long, they forget it's yours.

American kids: Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

Italian kids: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together.

American kids: Know few things about you.

Italian kids: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

American kids: Eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on soft mushy white bread.

Italian kids: Eat Genoa Salami and Provolone sandwiches on crusty Italian bread.



American kids: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

Italian kids: Will kick the whole crowd's ass who left you behind.

American kids: Are for a while.

Italian kids: Are for life.

American kids: Like Rod Stewart, and Steve Tyrell.

Italian kids: Worship Tony Bennett, and Sinatra.



American kids: Think that being Italian is cool.

Italian kids: Know that being Italian is cool.

American kids: Will ignore this.

Italian kids: Will forward it.

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Nashville Reunion 2010



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