

**Washington County**

# Italian Heritage Festival

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# **FALCONI ENTERPRISES**

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Sincere appreciation to Marie Cox and Ray Leech for their technical assistance.

Poem selections by Rose Basile Green are from a collection of seventy poems "Primo Vino".

A descendant of Roman Italians, Rose Basile Green was born in New Rochelle, N.Y. and educated in New England. She earned her B.A. (cum laude) from the College of New Rochelle, her M.A. in Italian Studies at Columbia University and her Ph.D in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania.

She is married to Raymond S. Green, President of the Franklin Broadcasting Co. They have a son in broadcasting, and a daughter, a professor of sociology.

# Message of the President



I take great pleasure in welcoming our family and friends to the Fifth Annual Washington County Italian Festival.

My special thanks to the entire committee who has worked long and hard to insure the success of the "86" Festival.

We honor our legacy of birth with this celebration. All of us have derived great joy from the sharing of cultures, our attitude toward family and life in general. We have developed an exchange of tradition which has enriched us all. Our efforts strengthen the American democracy and the principles on which it is based.

From the committee to yours — Best Wishes — Good Health and May God Bless.

During the festival let us all keep "Fratillanga".

Benvenuti e buono a

fortuna

Dorothy M. Capo  
President  
5th Annual  
Italian Heritage Festival 1986

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## *Italian Festival Board Members*

*Seated: Frank Cargiene, Ralph Ruscello.*

*Standing from left, clockwise: Ann Julian, Debbie O'Dell Seneca, Anne Elías, Nancy Razvoza, Louise Vella and Rose Ruschel.*

*Board Members not pictured: Patsy Arena and Joseph Pintola.*







Anthony "Sonny" Spossey is the first mayor of Italian descent to be elected in the City of Washington. He was elected in November 1983 and took his oath of office January 2, 1984.

Washington, Pa. has been the host city for the Italian Festival since 1982.

The Board and Committee wishes to thank the mayor and city officials for their support and cooperation.



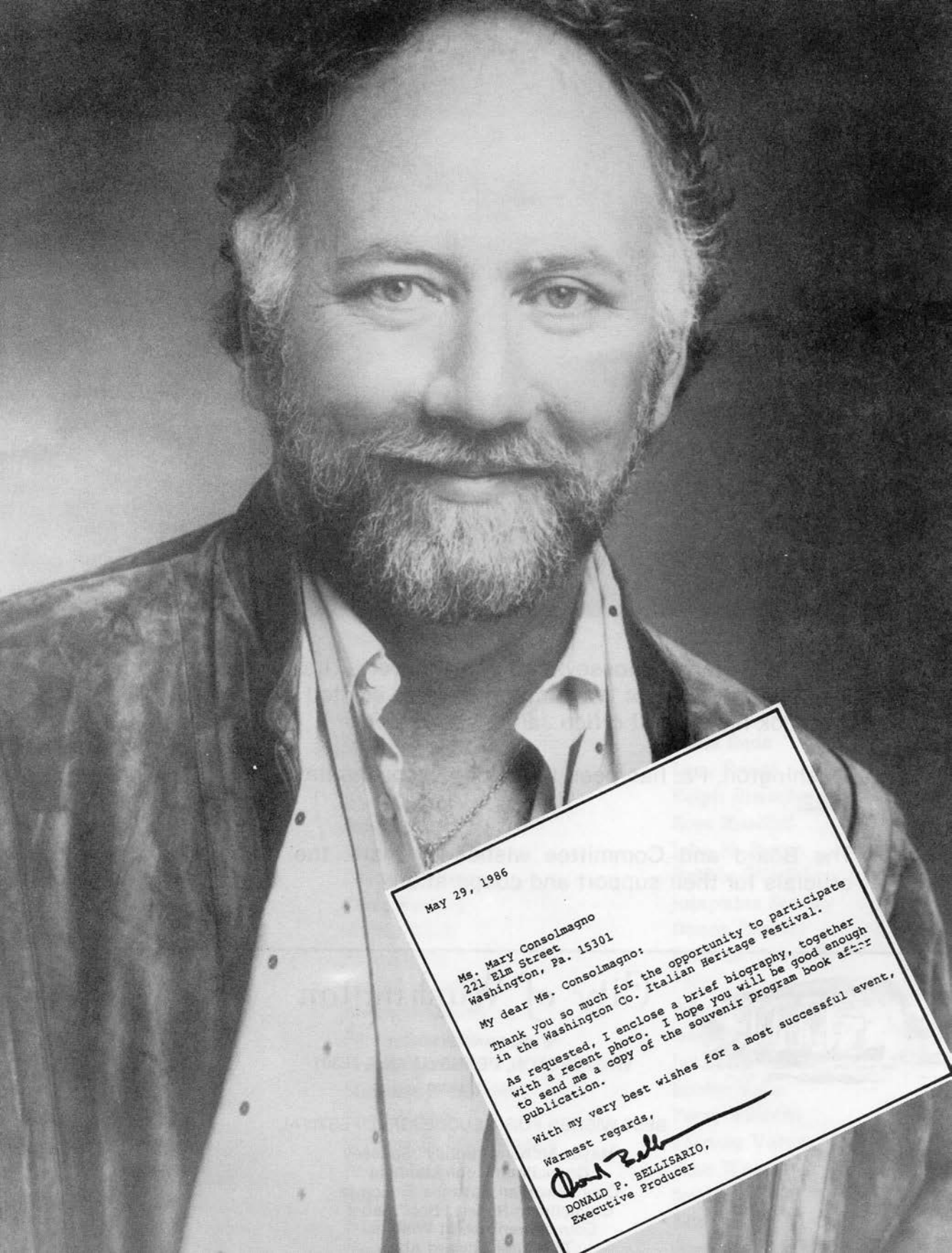
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### BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL

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May 29, 1986

Ms. Mary Consolmagno  
221 Elm Street  
Washington, Pa. 15301


My dear Ms. Consolmagno:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in the Washington Co. Italian Heritage Festival.

As requested, I enclose a brief biography, together with a recent photo. I hope you will be good enough to send me a copy of the souvenir program book after publication.

With my very best wishes for a most successful event,

Warmest regards,

  
DONALD P. BELLISARIO,  
Executive Producer

# Washington County Italian Heritage Festival Salutes Don Bellisario

Donald P. Bellisario, the prolific writer/creator/executive producer, is proud of his Pennsylvania coal-mining country roots, and his Italian heritage.

A native of Charleroi, he grew up in nearby Cokeburg, where his father, Albert J. Bellisario, owned "Al's Place", a local tavern. His mother, Dana, who is Yugoslavian, now resides in Upper St. Clair.

To date, Don Bellisario is most familiar to us as the creator of the CBS-TV series "Magnum, P.I." and "Airwolf", as well as "Tales of the Gold Monkey" for ABC-TV. He is currently in pre-production on his first screenplay written directly for motion picture theatrical release, at Tri-Star, where he is also developing a TV series.

In addition to acting as Executive Producer and writing the 2-hour opening episode, Bellisario also directed the initial "Airwolf", which Universal Pictures released as a foreign feature.

His writing expertise stems from Penn State, where he majored in journalism, interrupting his college career for a four-year stint in the Marines, during which he turned down an appointment to West Point. After separating from the Corps, he returned to school for his BA degree and then went to work

for a local newspaper. When he switched to advertising, he began a career that lasted fifteen years and culminated as the Creative Director and Senior Vice President of The Bloom Agency in Dallas, Texas.

Deciding it was time to move on, creatively, Bellisario relocated in Hollywood, where he directed television commercials. He then wrote a screenplay on speculation, and met Stephen Cannell, who was producing such series as "The Rockford Files" and "Baa Baa Black Sheep". He was hired as story editor for the latter and after five shows, was named producer of the series. This led to Supervising Producer for "Battlestar Galactica". He also contributed scripts to such series as "Kojak", "Switch", "Big Hawaii", "Delvecchio", "Quincy", as well as "Baa Baa Black Sheep" and "Battlestar Galactica".

Bellisario then created "Magnum, P.I." and became its Executive Producer when the two-hour pilot was sold as a series to CBS-TV.

On June 30, 1984, Bellisario wed actress/writer Deborah Pratt at the Catholic Church of St. Charles Borromeo in North Hollywood, California. Deborah is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Bertram Pratt, U.S. Army (ret.) from Chicago, Illinois. In addition to her other talents, she is also an accredited songwriter/singer and a graduate of Webster University (psychology) in St. Louis. The couple welcomed

their first child, a girl, Troian Avery, on October 28, 1985.

Bellisario has four grown children; David is an Associate Producer on the "Magnum, P.I." series; Joy lives in Texas; daughter Leslie is a graduate of St. Johns in Annapolis, Md.; Julie recently graduated from Grinnell University in Iowa. His six year old son, Michael Angelo, is, his proud father asserts, "under option to Penn State".

Bellisario, under his company banner Belisarius Productions, in association with Universal Studios where he wrote and produced his TV series, was headquartered in what was formerly Alfred Hitchcock's bungalow.

His hobbies, when he can find the time, encompass helicopter flying, running and golf.

# Fourth Generations



*Mrs. Marina Colussi, her daughter Mrs. Iola (Colussi) Nakoneczny, granddaughter Mrs. Vicki (Nakoneczny) Wyland, great-grandson Joshua David Wyland.*



*Seated: Mother Maria Trapuzzano. Standing Right, Modesto son of Maria. Standing Left, Frank son of Modesto. Kneeling left, Joe son of Modesto. Kneeling front right, Christopher son of Joe. Sitting front, Andy son of Joe.*



*Grace Charmely - Great-Great Grandmother, Rose Ruschel - Great Grandmother, Carolyn Shook - Grandmother, Corbi Iannetta and Kelly Gregorakis, daughters of Carolyn Shook, Mary Lou Gregorakis, daughter of Kelly Jo Gregorakis.*



*Great-Great Grandmother Lucy Encandela, Canonsburg. Grandmother Lena DeRosa, Houston. Grandfather Charles DeRosa, Houston. Mother Brenda Fitzgerald, Houston. Baby Tina Fitzgerald, Houston.*



# The Family

*Dr. RoseBasile Green*

The family is a jury and a court,  
The prosecutor and defender, each  
A limbing from the judge that is a sort  
Of tyrant, loving whom he must impeach.  
Before the patriarch they hush and bow  
As he a fury wields to bend each one;  
And, yet, behind that dark and scowling brow  
Are lights that warm them like the autumn sun.  
The brothers check the sisters' levity  
And guard the mother's holy-ghosted home,  
The spirit of the table's trinity  
To help as one of the father's kingdom come.

Protecting unity, the generations wait,  
Respecting loyalty, their shrine and syndicate.



1942 photo. Standing Anne Consolmagno Christy. Seated Great Grandmother, Philomena Roth, holding Elaine Christy, and grandmother Nancy Consolmagno.



Angelo Nicolella family. Front Row L to R: Grandson Nicholas Mast, mother, Nicolina Nicolella, Angelo Nicolella. Back Row: Lena Potts holding Angela Potts and Carla Mast.





*This is a picture of four generations of the family of Louis Nardi. Top Row: Great grandson-Kevin Brogley, Granddaughter-Terry Brogley, Daughter-Mary Lou Tracanna and Great granddaughter Melissa Brogley. Bottom Row: Great grandson-Chad Brogley and Louis Nardi.*



*John Sorice family. Front L to R: Cheryl & Brenda Sorice. Back Row: Son Michael Sorice; Mother, Maria Sorice and John Sorice.*

## Generation

All the individuals of any one genealogical period.

And to this we dedicate to our ancestors, who have made it possible for us to feature these photographs of Italian families, and thank the families for letting us use these photographs.



*Mrs. Angeline D'Allessandro with her Daughter, Rose Lucartarto Robinson, granddaughter Eleanor Lucartarto Bruno, William Bruno, and great, great grandchildren, Lisa, Mark and Beth Ann Bruno.*



*Ann Mandich, mother of Nick Mandich, granddaughter Amy Mandich Scalzi and her daughter Ashtin Scalzi.*

## Generations And The Family

"The Family" is a phrase which has been honored and respected since the beginning of time. Now, however, this phrase has not been heard of enough. Our values and principles are changing. Everyone is worried about themselves and their own efforts in life and not concerned about the generation. Whatever the reason these modern ways to view the importance of our generation is dangerous. Everyone is so busy in everyday living that our family values are being destroyed.

The family has been traditionally called the foundation of the way of life. It is a source of ideals for us as individuals. It also gives meaning to our goals. Generations are the most meaningful environment we as children have to go on.

Generations are still well-rooted but suffering from neglect. We, the young people, must help it to grow and develop. Our generation must have stability.

As a child I am glad to have parents such as I do. I respect their authority. Without this parental guidance a family is threatened.

To sum it up, the family is the foundation that must be strong in order to keep our generation going. The family who has love will find a lot of joy and happiness in the simplest things as long as they are shared and the generations go on.

Michael Maloy, Age 13

Student at Chartiers-Houston H.S.



*Four Generations of Ralph Reda. Front Row: L to R: Great Grandson Joseph Morascyzk and Great Grandson Michael Morascyzk. Back Row L to R: Grandaughter Karen (Urso) Morascyzk, Ralph Reda and daughter Rose Marie (Reda) Urso.*



*Left to Right: Frank A. Cargiene, Jr.; Frank A. Cargiene, Sr.; Frank A. Cargiene, III; Mary Cargini.*



*Five generations present at 95th birthday of Ralph Macre former Washington resident now residing in Tampa, Florida. 1st Row: William Carnley; Tony Macre, great grandfather; Timothy Carnley; Ralph Macre, great great grandfather; Chanda Carnley. 2nd row: Joy Lynn Comfort Carnley, mother, and Patricia Macre Graham, grandmother.*



*Mrs. Maria Mancuso; son Frank Mancuso; granddaughter Mary Jane Williams; great grandson John Williams; great great grandchildren Sean and Carly Williams.*



*Mero Capo Jr. Grandson Mark Romano, Daughter Jeannie Capo Romano, and Mero Capo, Sr.*



*Bruno Pasqualucci, Grandson; Jeny Macchiaroli, holding Thomas Pasqualucci, great-grandson; and son John Pasqualucci.*



## Golden Agers



*Julia Carozza Testa, Canonsburg, Pa. is still actively sewing for many people in the area.*



*Ralph Macre formerly of Washington, presently living in Tampa, Fl. Celebrated his 95th birthday with five generations present.*



*Frank Angotti honored during 1985 Festival.*



*Joseph Pauline, Cokeburg, PA. Age 106.*



## Grandparents

Was there ever a grandparent, bushed after a day of minding noisy youngsters, who hasn't felt the Lord knew what He was doing when He gave little children to young people?

*Joe E. Walls as quoted in Readers Digest Jan. 1954.*



*Evelyn Marino pictured in her grocery store.*



*John Bruno, Washington, Pa.*



*Albert Carrescia, Washington, Pa.*

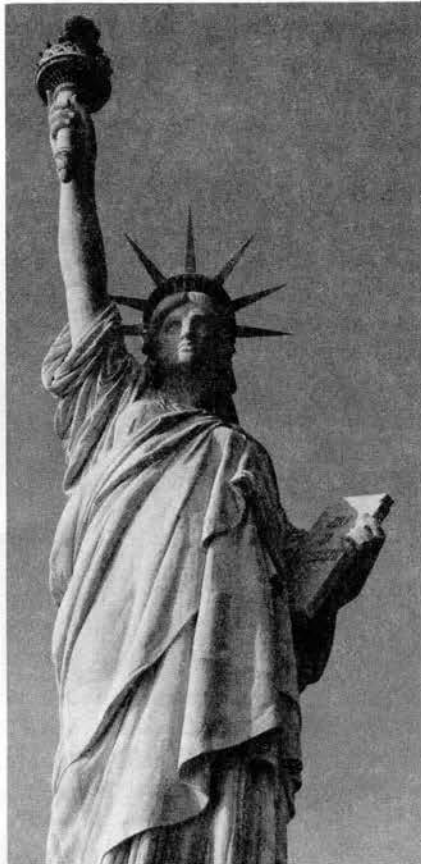


*Mrs. Marina Colussi, 570 Washington Road, Washington, Pa.*



*Rosina Raffaelli, Washington, Pa., celebrating her 95th birthday.*

# Happy Birthday Statue of Liberty



1986 marks the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty's dedication in 1886 to freedom and opportunity. Our Italian ancestors would be proud that she is still standing tall. Italians made up one of the largest, if not the largest, population of immigrants passing by the Statue to Ellis Island.

The Statue of Liberty is not merely a symbol. It has stood for freedom and a new life for so many of our ancestors. During the 1985 Italian festival, donations were collected to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. A total of \$332.00 was collected through the efforts of Mary Consolmagno and volunteers. The festival committee takes this opportunity to thank the workers and all who contributed. The Washington Co. Italian Festival was recognized by the Statue of Liberty Foundation for their financial support.

## To America

by Dr. Rose Basile Green

*We sing America, this land we own;  
The roots of nations in our language lies,  
That our forebears in history made known  
To give communication vocal ties.  
As once the lands our fathers organized  
To march the men from trees and caves to towers,  
Then built the spires of ritual stone, devised  
To lift man's eyes above his earthly bowers,  
And then they led the minds to know again  
The sources whence their flood of art had sprung,  
So here they led their sails with borrowed pain  
From which their claim refuses to be wrung.  
America, we sing, this land is ours to bring  
Once more the destined law from which all freedoms spring.*

## The Statue of Liberty

Being a member of the new generation, I have heard stories of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. I have been told how the immigrants came to America to find freedom and new opportunities.

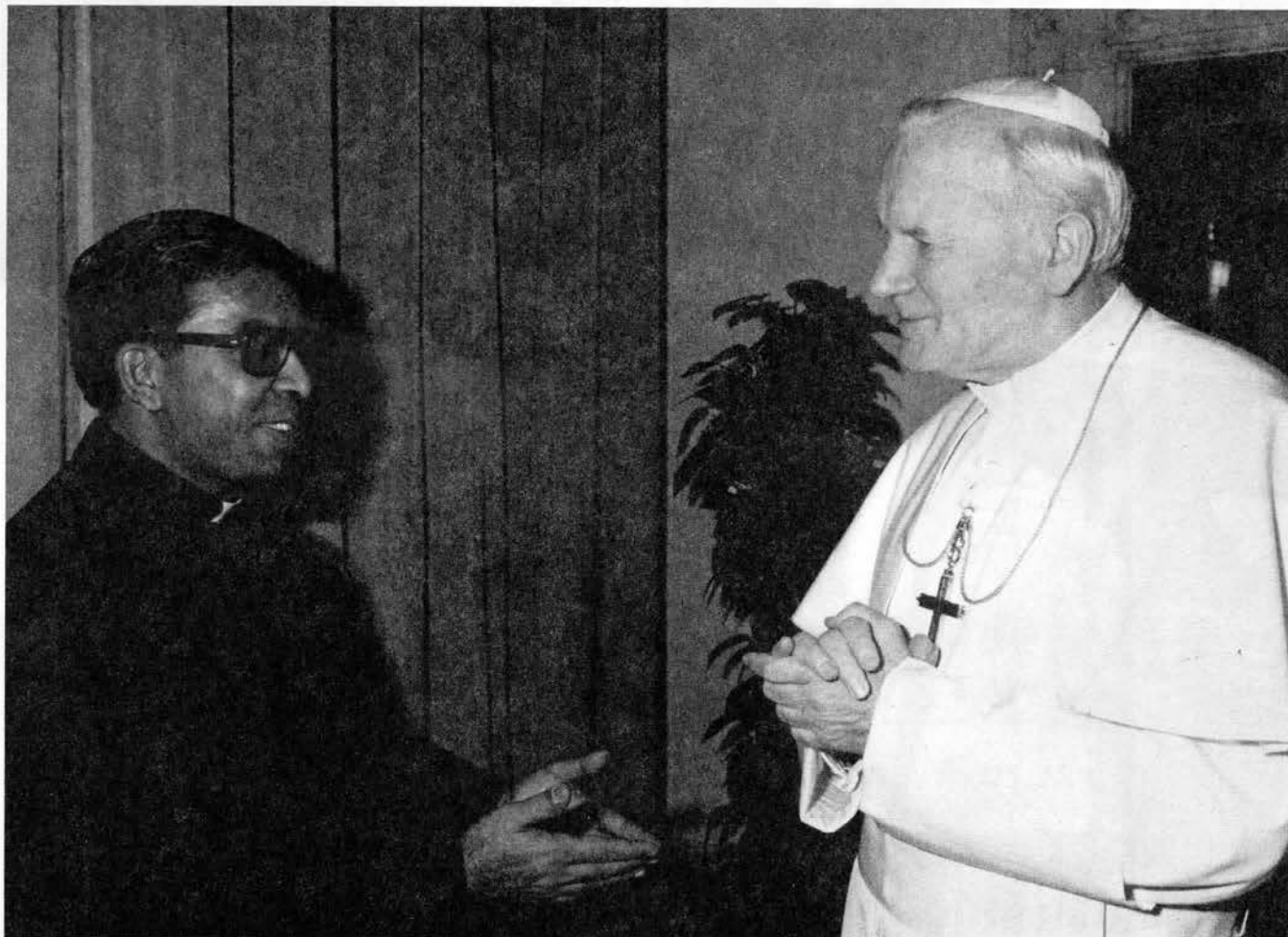
I believe that the people coming to America had to have strong feelings to leave their homeland to make a new life for themselves. I wonder how I would feel as a 12 year old coming to America with my parents. I would be eager to see how I would be accepted by my new found friends.

I feel the Statue of Liberty is a symbol of hope for all. I am happy that I can share in her celebration and I know that my ancestors had the excitement of seeing her for the first time when they came to America over 75 years ago. I am also proud of the Trinity Middle School, which I attend, for raising \$10,000.00 toward the restoration of the beautiful lady.

Leanna Foglia  
Student at Trinity  
Middle School



## **Between Friends**



As our friend, Father Devassy Pudussery has filled our lives with hope, consolation and inspiration for peace and hope. He is also a friend of the Washington County Italian Heritage Festival. Father Pudussery was the guest speaker at the dedication ceremony in 1984, and was the celebrant of the Italian Mass in 1985.

Father Pudussery is pictured with Pope John Paul II during a papal audience.

We are honored to present this photograph of Father Pudussery with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.

**Dr. Mary Cavasina  
Sam and Addie Colusci  
Frank Imperatore  
Angelo and Irma Tatano  
Dino & Dolores Colucci  
Kevin Selvaggi  
Richard & Joan DiSalle  
Catherine C. Olson  
Mary Consolmagno**

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**ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

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**Scenes from 1985 Festival**





# ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL



**Scenes from 1985 Festival**

# Winners of 1985 Festival Food Contest



Mary Cargini, Washington, PA,  
1985 first place winner for Tomato  
Sauce and Pepper Dish.

## **Tomato Sauce:**

First Place: Mary Cargini

Second Place: Mary L. Tracanna

## **Pepper Dish:**

First Place: Mary Cargini

Second Place: Sandy Tracanna

## **Italian Dessert:**

First Place: Ida Fien

## **Bread:**

First Place: Maria Pasquariello

## **Wine:**

First Place: Steve Zememik

Second Place: David Hervol

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## Compliments of

# Congressman Austin J. Murphy

## "My Favorite Pizza Sauce"

¼ C. Chopped red or green bell pepper

¼ C. Chopped onion

3 Tbs. oil

1 Can tomato sauce (8 ounces)

1 Can stewed tomatoes (8 ounces)

½ tsp. salt

dash of pepper

1 tsp. dried oregano

1 clove garlic, minced

**SIMMER** in the oil till lightly browned:

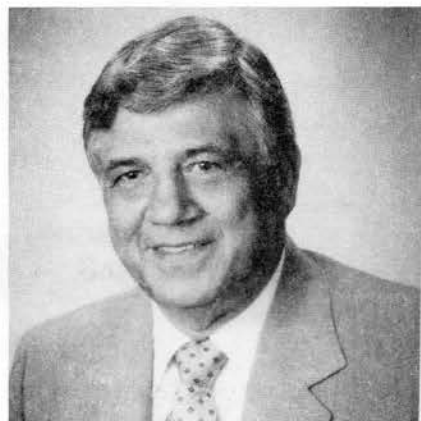
chopped pepper and chopped onion

**ADD** tomato sauce, tomatoes, salt, pepper, oregano  
and garlic

**SIMMER** 15 to 20 minutes

Enough for 2 12-inch pizza shells

# 1985 Columbus Day Honorees



*Louis F. Falbo*



*Guy Montecalvo*



*Vincent DiBello*

The above men were honorees by the Washington Co. Italian Festival Committee at a Columbus Day Dinner Dance on Sunday, October 27, 1985.

The honorees were Louis S. Falbo, Executive Director of the Greater Washington Chamber of Commerce; Guy V. Montecalvo, Washington High School teacher and football coach, and Vincent DiBello, a teacher at Immaculate Conception High School.

Mr. Falbo, a resident of Monessen, was the 125 lb. WPIAL wrestling champion in 1941 and runnerup to the state champion. However, Mr. Falbo was honored for his efforts in bringing about the first Italian festival in 1982.

Guy Montecalvo was a track star at Wash High and established a WPIAL record in 220-yard dash. He has been head football coach at his alma mater since 1980. His teams have won Century Conference championships and have been in the playoffs.

Vincent DiBello, a native of Aquara, Salerno, Italy, came to the United States in 1920. He

graduated from Washington High School in 1928 and received a B.S. degree from Washington and Jefferson College in 1932, and a masters degree in 1935. Mr. DiBello taught mathematics at Washington High School for 31 years and in 1971 joined the faculty at Immaculate Conception.

Mr. DiBello taught at the Washington Seminary and conducted government education classes at W&J. He was very helpful to his fellow Italians as he taught them English to prepare them for citizenship papers, read and interpreted letters, and helped them with tax returns.

Mr. DiBello is fondly remembered by his former students, who express great admiration for him; he receives letters from them telling him how their lives have been influenced by him and his teaching ability.

At the Columbus Day Dinner, Rep. David A. Sweet, presented Mr. DiBello a plaque in recognition of his many years of service in the teaching profession.

## Columbus Day

*by Dr. Rose Basile Green*

October is the month of Founder's Day,  
The harvest-time to gather up the dream  
That set our landsman first upon the way  
To agonize the crossing of the stream.  
This was the deed that staked the western soil  
And charted its possession as our own,  
And idlers confiscate to those who toil  
To make an edifice where there was stone.  
The rustic dynasties we will not watch,  
Grandstanding on the streets, and stirring brawls,  
Drunk with the froth-polluted from their Scotch,  
Subverting forums into factioned stalls.  
The doer is the maker of the dreams he tries,  
And stores for history the facts of enterprise.



# Ice Cream: Made In Italy



Ice cream was first made in Italy in the 17th century, and appeared in the United States in the early 18th century. Ice cream manufacture, as an industry, began in America in 1851. Spumoni, (a popular Italian flavor of ice cream) is a mousseliike ice cream to which fruits and nuts have been added.

## Coffee - Italian Style



Very Dark and Emitting an Intense Aroma prepared with loving care and drunk with relish.

*by Piero Squillero*

When considering the Mediterranean diet it should never be forgotten, at least as far as Italy is concerned, that coffee is among its staple foods, along with bread, pasta and wine. This doesn't mean that Italians drink inordinate amounts of coffee. In fact, in comparison with other nations their consumption is very modest.

In Italy, everyone drinks it, even the children, who have it with milk for breakfast. The difference is that, unlike other people, the Italians don't have the habit of drinking coffee with their meals, when they prefer wine. Instead, they drink it as a special treat, as something to be enjoyed on its own, either to finish off a good meal or to make a pleasant break in the working day.

Source: Excerpt Italy Italy 1984.



## ANGELO'S RISTORANTE

Buona Fortuna to the 5th Annual Italian Heritage Festival from the Passalacqua family and the staff of Angelo's, Washington's Original Italian Restaurant.

955 West Chestnut Street  
Washington, PA  
222-7120

In March of 1939, Angelo and Giacomina Passalacqua opened a small neighborhood tavern at 955 West Chestnut St. With Rt. 40 being a major highway at the time, the place became popular for travelers and area workers. As more and more people frequented the tavern, Angelo and Jenny (English for Giacomina) began serving Italian spaghetti and fresh bread, so, fittingly, the tavern became known as the West Chestnut Spaghetti Inn. As they slowly leaned more towards a restaurant than a tavern, Angelo added a separate dining room to accommodate their customers with good food and friendly service.

Angelo passed away in 1953 and Jenny ran the business with her children helping her. In 1957 the business was turned over to her son, Silvio, and her daughter, Carmellina De Stefano. Together they ran the business for 27 years. During those years they changed the name to Angelo's, in memory of their father, and Angelo's became the most popular restaurant in town with the restaurant growing every year.

In 1981 Silvio became the sole proprietor and two of his three children joined the business to become the third generation of Passalacquas to operate Angelo's Restaurant.

So, nowadays when you stop by Angelo's, you'll be greeted by Silvio and his wife Patty, his son Michael or his daughter Tonne. And since 1981 the restaurant has taken on many changes in personality as well. In addition to traditional Italian foods, Angelo's now serves Cajun style dishes, imaginative veal and delectable seafoods, along with modern cuisine of all types. Angelo's boasts 25 wines by the glass and a dessert tray filled with homemade pastries.

The Passalacqua family has directly operated the restaurant in the same location for 47 years and while the food and atmosphere have changed, some things have never changed. It's still a family business and it's still run the same as when Angelo and Jenny first opened the doors, with good food and friendly service, and the Passalacqua family plans to keep it that way, after all, it's a family tradition.



# 1985 Festival Committees

## **BAKED GOODS:**

Chairman/Anne Elías

## **DEDICATION:**

Chairman/Dorothy M. Capo

## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

Chairman/Ann Julian

Sandra Caffrey  
Patsy Cimino  
Joseph DiRocco  
Angela Hall

## **FINANCE/FUND RAISING:**

Chairman/Joseph Nicolella

## **FOOD BOOTHS:**

Co-Chairmen/Richard Celani  
Joseph Nicolella

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Chairman/Anne Elías

## **PAGEANT:**

Co-Chairmen/Louise Vella  
Debbie O'Dell Seneca

Peggy Almo  
Angelo Ghelarducci  
Ann Julian  
Rose Ruschel

## **MASS:**

Co-Chairmen/Dr. C. J. Tripoli  
Dorothy M. Capo

## **PROGRAM BOOK:**

Co-Chairmen/Mary Consolmagno  
Ralph Ruscello

Paul Fien  
Dewey Lese  
Diana Mowl  
Angelo Musto  
Robert Russo  
Donna Shriver

## **PUBLICITY:**

Chairman/Rose Ruschel  
Assistant Angela Hall

## **REFRESHMENTS:**

Chairman/Patty Thompson

## **SOUVENIRS:**

Chairman/Nancy Razvoza

## **OFFICERS:**

Dorothy M. Capo - President  
Ann Julian - Vice President  
Frank Cargiene - Treasurer  
Nancy Razvoza - Secretary  
Mary Consolmagno - Historian

# Schedule of Events

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## AUGUST 1ST, FRIDAY - VENERDI 1986

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- 12:00 P.M. . . . . Marie Lynn and Mark Varchulik Dancers  
1:00 P.M. . . . . Jeanne Insana  
1:30 P.M. . . . . Michelle Koslosky and Daniele Grachen  
2:00 P.M. . . . . Oliver's Music and Street Dancing with Tarantella Contest  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Janflone Combo and Street Dancing  
7:00 P.M. . . . . 5 D's Combo with Street Dancing featuring Joseph Derocco

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## AUGUST 2ND, SATURDAY - SABUTO 1986

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- 12:00 P.M. . . . . Opening Ceremony  
2:00 P.M. . . . . Rose Chiazza Dancers  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Rita Marisciotti, Lucy Hosni, Marge Scola and Angela Hall  
5:00 P.M. . . . . Char-Valley Singers  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Lee Barrett Orchestra with Street Dancing

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY  
FOOD AND FUN FOR EVERYONE

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## AUGUST 3RD, SUNDAY - DOMINICA 1986

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- 1:00 P.M. . . . . Sally Miller Dancers  
2:00 P.M. . . . . Italian Mass St. Patrick Church, Canonsburg, PA  
4:00 P.M. . . . . Rose Sabol and Band with Street Dancing  
6:00 P.M. . . . . Louise Vella Dancers  
7:30 P.M. . . . . Patsy Cimino Band with Street Dancing

BASSETTOWN SQUARE AUGUST 1ST, 2ND & 3RD  
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Roving Accordion with James Testa



# Gone With The Wine: A Tasteful Production

by Angela Stasich  
and Angelo Musto

Well, it's October and the kids are thinking of Halloween and I'm thinking of making wine. This year my children are old enough to help with the winemaking process. They were very excited to participate ever since they watched an old "I Love Lucy" rerun where Lucy is running around inside a barrel



*Joseph Macchiaroli is pictured pruning a grapevine; which is usually done locally in February to enhance the crop.*

stomping grapes with her bare feet. I told them that clean feet weren't a prerequisite in preparing the grapes for the wine that we're going to make. They're a little disappointed but that's technology for you. We all got into the car for the drive to the Strip District in Pittsburgh to select our main character in our production — crates of grapes. After selecting the grapes, we head for home. On our way home, I explain to the children about the fascinating chemical properties of the grape. A grape left alone could make wine if its skin were broken. Fermentation (where sugar is transformed into alcohol)

comes naturally to grapes. In the final stages of ripening, yeast cells appear on the skin of the grape and cling to it. As soon as the skin is broken (Lucy stomping and crushing grapes, kids), the yeast cells pounce on the sugar in its own juice and turn it into alcohol. Only a grape has enough sugar for this to happen naturally. The way the grapes are broken, and the container they ferment in are two of the most variable things about wine. Since we are making wine on a small scale, we will use a wine press to break the grapes. The juice from the smashed grapes flows into an oak barrel where it is left to ferment. What's left on the press is called "must" (the children laugh since it sounds very similar to their last name). This "must" is also pressed for any remaining juice. Now, the wine matures in the barrel. A certain amount of oxygen permeates the wood of the barrel, and this causes the wine to grow. Then, it is ready for bottling.

When a wine is bottled, it has time to take in oxygen from the air on its way from the barrel to the bottle. Once in the bottle, the air supply is short; but it exists. The

wine lives and grows in the bottle on the oxygen dissolved in it, and what it can get through the cork. Only in the bottle can it reach maturity. The bottles should be of a dark or green color and stored usually in a place where the temperature stays constant, such as a cellar. Finally, wine must be kept lying down. All wine bottles which are going to be kept for longer than a week or two should stay horizontal. The reasoning behind this is that it keeps the cork wet which prevents shrinking and letting the air in. So, kids, do you have any questions? Kids? Oh, so I've put them to sleep. It couldn't have been my talking. It must have been the long drive home from Pittsburgh. Just when I was getting to the best part about what it really takes to make a great white wine — the winemaker with imagination and skill who goes well beyond the book in his understanding of his craft and his ability to improve on what nature has given him. There are many methods to produce a white wine. That remains, as it has always been, an art rather than a science. Alle Salute! Kids we're home!

## Wine-Makers

by Dr. Rose Basile Green

Eternal life is measured by the wine,  
The quality of elixir that flows;  
It may engender bitterness in brine  
Or crystallize the color of the rose.  
The makers pet the soil to plant the seeds  
And tenderly their hands caress the vines;  
They shape the vineyards and delete the weeds  
With deftness splicing stems in clustered lines.  
Then, in the season when the fig trees bend,  
For need they dance in pairs with grape-stained feet  
Or share their crude machine which in the end  
Produces wine, the vile, the fair, the sweet.

They show their art, class people to their metered rhyme,  
The noble, good, or just the residue in time.



*Angelo Musto with his father Luigi Musto tapping the wine barrel.*



# Lets Speak Italian

## Days

Sunday  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

## I Giorni

domenica (do-me-ne-ka)  
lunedì (lu-na-de)  
martedì (mar-ta-de)  
mercoledì (mar-ko-la-de)  
giovedì (jo-va-de)  
venerdì (va-ar-de)  
sabato (sa-ba-to)

## Seasons

Spring  
Summer  
Fall  
Winter

## Stagioni

la primavera (la-pre-ma-va-ra)  
l'estate (la-sta-ta)  
l'autunno (lau-tun-no)  
l'inverno (len-var-no)

## Months

January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
July  
August  
September  
October  
November  
December

## IMesi

gennaio (jan-na-yo)  
febbraio (fab-bra-yo)  
marzo (mar-tso)  
aprile (a-pre-la)  
maggio (maj-jo)  
giugno (ju-nyo)  
luglio (lu-lyo)  
agosto (a-go-sto)  
settembre (sat-tam-bra)  
ottobre (ot-to-bra)  
novembre (no-vam-bra)  
dicembre (de-cham-bra)

## Cardinal Numbers

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10

## I Numeri Cardinali

uno, una (u-no, u-na)  
due (du-a)  
tre (tra)  
quattro (kwat-tro)  
cinque (chen-kwa)  
sei (sa-e)  
sette (sat-ta)  
otto (ot-to)  
nove (no-va)  
dieci (dya-che)

## Special Words

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Slow down!  
No Parking  
Parking Ahead  
Stop!

Dottore (dot-to-ra)  
Ospedale (o-spa-da'la)  
Pronto Soccorso (pronto sok-kor'so)  
Telefono (ta-le'fo-no)  
Assistenza meccanica (as-se stan'ta mak-ka'ne-ka)  
Rifornimento benzina (re-for ne-man-to ban bze'na)  
Fermata di autobus (far-mata de a'u-to-bus)  
Rallentare (ral-lan-ta'ra)  
Sosta vietata (so'sta-vya-ta)  
Parcheggio avanti (par-kej a-van'te)  
Alt! (alt)

## Choice Phrases

Do you have fresh beer?  
Please bring me some ice.

Where can I cash a check?

How much do I owe you?  
How much is it?  
Go ahead.

Do you have a map of the city?

Please give me my bill.

May I take pictures?

Ha della birra fresca? (a-dal'la ber'ra fra'ska)  
Mi porta del ghiaccio, per favore. (me por'te dal' gya'cho par fa vo'ra)  
Dove posso riscuotere un assegno? (do'va pos' so re' skwo'ta'ra u-nas'sa'nyo)  
Quanto le devo? (kwan'to la da'vo)  
Quant'e? (kwan-ta') Questio?  
Avanti. (a-van'te)

Ha una pianta della città? (a-u'na-pyan'ta dal'la chet-ta)  
Mi dia il conto per favore. (me de'al kon'to par-fa-vo'ra)  
E permesso fare fotografie? (a-par-mas'so fa'ra fo-to-gra-fe'a)

## Everyday Expressions

Good Morning! Buon giorno! (bwon jor'no)  
Good evening! Buonasera! (bwo'na sa'ra)  
Good night! Buono notte! (bwo'na not'ta)  
My name is \_\_\_\_\_. Mi chiamo \_\_\_\_\_. (me-ky'a'mo)  
Do you speak English? Parla inglese? (par'la en-gla'za)  
Where are you going? Dove va? (do'va va)  
Come here, please Venga qui, per piacere. (van'ga kwa par pya-ch'ra)  
Is there a doctor near here? C'è un dottore qui vicino? (cha un dot-to-ra kwe ve-che'no)  
How do you say \_\_\_\_\_ in Italian? Come si dice \_\_\_\_\_ in italiano? (ko'ma se de'cha e-ne-ta-ly'a'no)  
What does \_\_\_\_\_ mean? Cosa vuol dire \_\_\_\_\_? (ko'za'vwol de'ra)  
Do you understand me? Mi capisce? (me-ka-pe'sha)  
Thank you very much. Mille grazie (mel'la gra'tsya)  
You are welcome Prego. (pra'go)  
How are you? Come sta? (ko'ma-sta)  
Fine, thank you, and you? Bene, grazie, e Lei (ba'na-gra'tsua-a la'e)  
Please repeat. Ripeta, per favore. (re-pa'ta par-fa-vor)  
Excuse me. Mi scusi (me-sku'se)  
Thank nothing of it. S'immagini. (sem-ma'je-ne)  
Of course! Senz altro! (san-dza'l'tro)  
It's a real pleasure to make your acquaintance. E'un vero piacere di fare la conoscenza. (a-un-va'ro pya-kno-tan'to)  
Allow me to introduce \_\_\_\_\_. Permetta che Le present \_\_\_\_\_. (par-mat'ta ka-la-pa-zan'te)  
Good-bye! Addio. (ad-de'o)  
So Long. Ciao (cha'o)  
Have a pleasant trip! Buon Viaggio! (bwon vayaj'jo)  
See you later! Arrivederci! (Ar-re-va-dar'che)

# "True Toe Tony"



*Tony Ruffa, as a player for Washington High School.*



*Anthony "Tony" Ruffa pictured with Frank Killian while playing at Duke University.*

Anthony (Tony) Ruffa, of Washington, Pa., was known to his Duke University teammates, where he starred in football 1938-39 and the 40's as "True Toe Tony".

Anthony Ruffa broke into prominence because of his ability at placements. It was Tony's field goal in the 1939 Rose Bowl game that sent Duke ahead until the final 40 seconds of play when Southern California rallied to a win 7 to 3.

Besides playing in the Rose Bowl, he played in the East-West Charity All Star Game and the College All-Star game, and was named to the All-Italian Team, All American team and All-Southern team.

Anthony graduated from Washington High School in 1936 where he was an all WPIAL; he also played baseball in high school.

While in the U.S. Army, entered in 1941, he played football for the Army Western All Star Team, which raised over one-million for army relief. He also played, coached and helped organize a football program in the Phillipines.

After his army service, Anthony Ruffa played for a short time with the Green Bay Packers and the Norfolk Shamrocks.

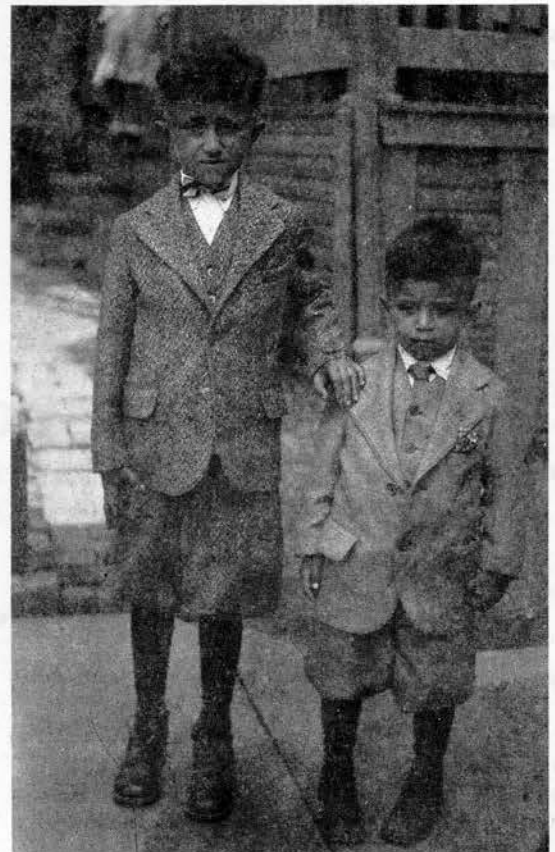
Mr. Ruffa makes his home in Petersburg, Va. He and his wife, the former Jacqueline Johnson, have five children. Mr. Ruffa retired from DuPont Industries in 1976. He continues to have close ties with his family and friends in this area, who remember his great football achievements and the excitement he created during his days of playing football.

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## A Real Family Business

# Al's Upholstery Shop Keeps Three Generations At Work

Al and Louise Lucarelli have learned a lot about operating a family business in the last 56 years. In their case, the family business is a real family business.

They have four sons, and several of their sons' sons working at Al's Upholstery, Inc., on Monroe Street. Al Lucarelli turned 90 recently, and he still works every day.

The Lucarellis have also learned a lot about keeping a family together. On any given day, a dozen Lucarellis gather around a marble table in the workroom of the upholstery shop to enjoy Mrs. Lucarelli's cooking.

One lunch last week included cold cuts and pasta e fagioli, a mixture of tubular pasta and beans. The tablecloth, befitting the work location, was a collection of pages from *The Blade*.

And the Lucarellis have learned a lot about minding the store. In fact, they have always lived above the shop — when it was on Summit Street many years ago and on Monroe Street for the last 32 years.

Living above the store is not all bad.

"I love to be upstairs like this," Mrs. Lucarelli said. "I want the smell of furniture on me upstairs and down."

Mr. and Mrs. Lucarelli live in a sumptuously furnished large apartment that includes furniture built by their oldest son, Bob.

They have a 40-by-40 foot rumpus room, a rooftop terrace, a circular bed in their huge master bedroom, a walk-in cedar closet.

"If I had to have it done, it would have cost a fortune," Mrs. Lucarelli said.

"I'm proud of this building, because everything is original. The whole building is custom-made."

Al Lucarelli came to the United States from Italy in 1920 and started his upholstery shop 10 years later, just after the stock-market crash.

The Lucarellis recall selling foot stools for 50 cents apiece just to



February 17, 1986 — "Ma" Lucarelli - serving lunch to children & grandchildren and many "drop in's" at noon - such as Salesman - etc. friends of the family!!

keep the doors open. The problem was, nobody had the 50 cents, Mrs. Lucarelli says.

Mr. Lucarelli could have lost his business in 1938, when he and his wife visited Italy.

He was not yet a United States citizen, and he was stopped by the Italian authorities and told that he was a "soldier of Mussolini."

Mrs. Lucarelli stood up and told them that her husband had a business and children in the United States. An understanding official allowed them to board the ship for home.

The Lucarellis have made family trips a tradition. In 1974, 43 of them went to New York for a reunion, and two years later 17 family members traveled to Italy.

Last year, the Lucarellis sent their children and spouses on a cruise to Mexico.

The Lucarellis also recall working till 9 at night for more than 20 years on Summit Street and for at least 10 years after they moved out on Monroe Street in the 1950s.

One advantage of keeping the children in the business is a reduction in the workload for the Lucarellis. But there is no retirement planned, they say.

"I open up shop every day, and I close every day," Mr. Lucarelli said.

The years have taken their toll, though.

Mrs. Lucarelli, who calls herself "Mama," said, "Look at my man's fingers." His fingers are permanently bent from years of shearing heavy fabric.

When her husband turned 90, Mrs. Lucarelli had the task of telling everyone what to get him for his birthday.

What do you buy a 90-year-old working man for his birthday? It's simple, said Mrs. Lucarelli. "Cigarette, booze, and nuts."



December 16, 1985 - Al's 90th Birthday. Lucarelli's Rumpus Room.

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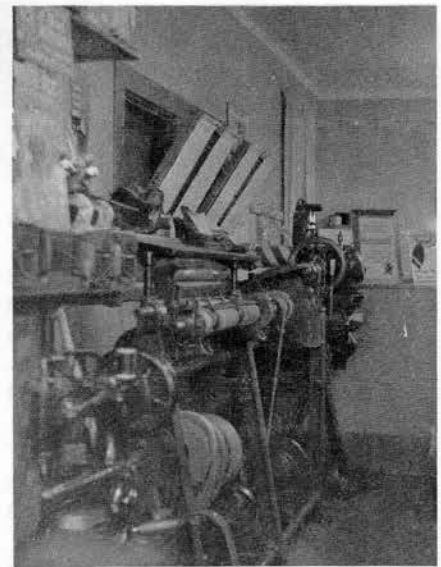
# Brothers Share The Same Building In Charleroi

Mario and Angelo, two brothers who operate a shoe repair shop and a barber shop in the same building, are referred to as "Charleroi's Leather and Lather Service". Mario and Angelo have been sharing the same location since 1946.

Angelo Sciacca, a shoe repairman, has been in the trade since he was a junior in high school. When Angelo started as a shoe repairman, there were 14 shops; he is the only shoe repairman left in the area, and is experienced in all phases of leather work, in addition to repairing shoes.

Mario Sciacca, a barber, has been in the trade since he was a junior in high school. He started as an apprentice just two doors from where Angelo was learning the shoe repair business. Mario was the first barber in the Charleroi area to pass the state barber examination when the law became effective in 1936.

Mario and Angelo purchased the building, which they now share, in 1955 and moved into it in 1959.



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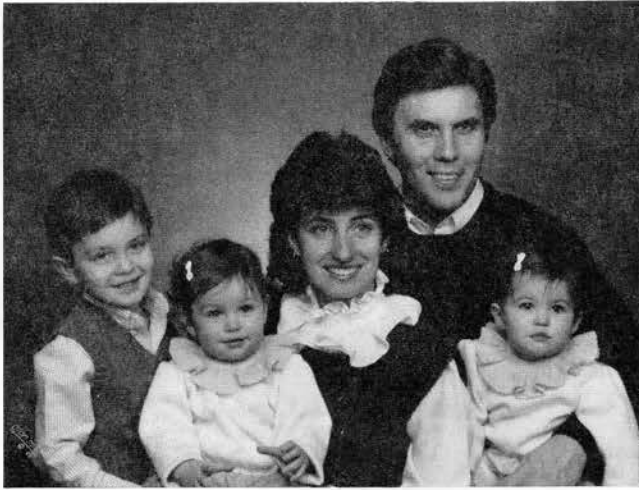
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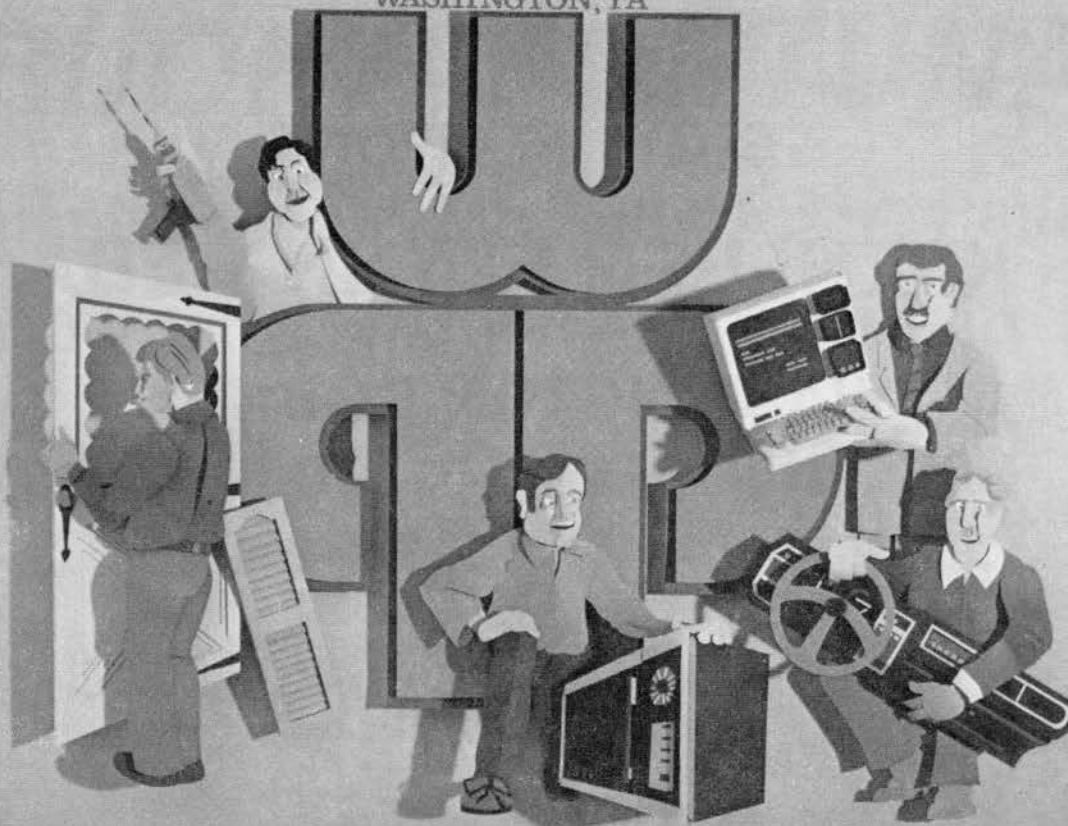
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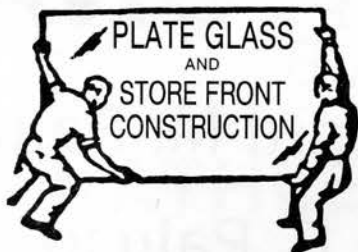
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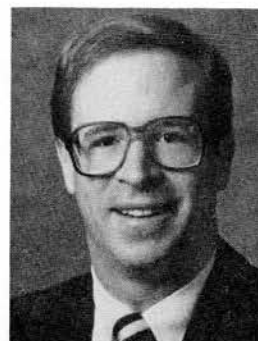
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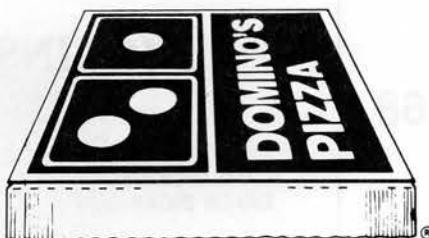
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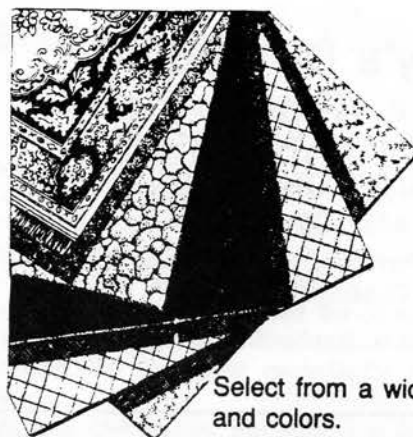
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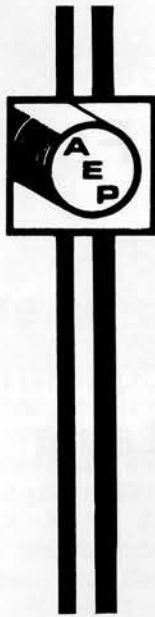
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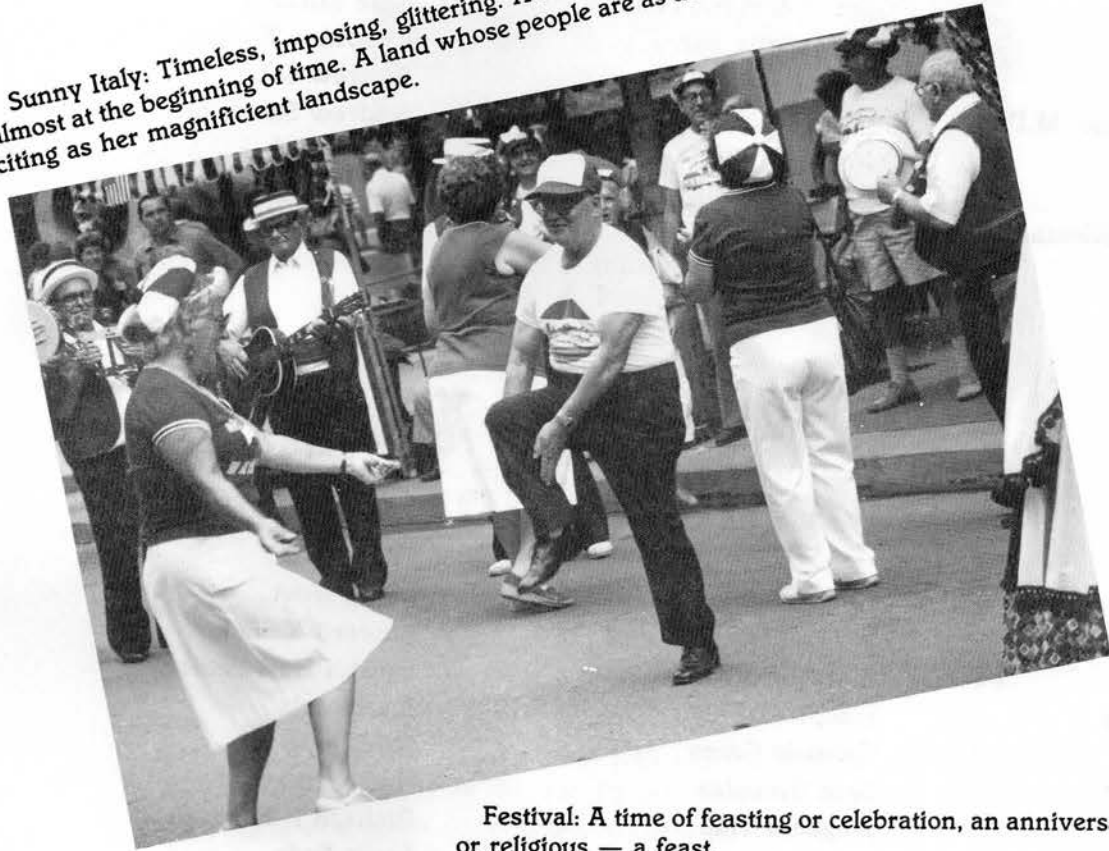
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