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OCT. 20: ITALY'S COLOR REVOLUTION

BY JIMMIE MOGLIA

[Editor's note: Join us on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3:30pm at 215 Oswego Summit in Mountain Park to experience contemporary Italy society through the eyes of our former club president, Jimmie Moglia. Below is his preview...]

I recently traveled to Italy on the occasion of a Classical Lyceum (read "High School") reunion. The reunion was in Genova, but I visited various locations, primarily in Piedmont, including Staffarda Abbey (pictured below), and Liguria.



Though I had only been absent for a few years, the changes, noticed and recorded, are remarkable, or rather, dramatic. They involve separate causes, though linked together by an ideology imposed from above and masquerading for progress, inevitability, and/or popular wish.

They are: the dynamic effects of Italy's participation in the European Union, the parallel color revolution inside the Vatican, and the forced-feeding of a new world order.

All in all, Italy shows the picture of the proverbial "World Upside Down," a recurring theme in medieval tales and folklore, though revived and equally critical in contemporary culture. In the limited time available for a presentation I will describe the evidence for this somewhat gloomy, and until recently unimaginable, perspective.

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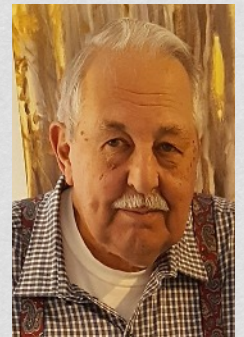
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THE PREZ SEZ...

BY GEORGE LAFRAZIA

Our first meeting of the year is fast approaching on Oct. 20, please put the date on your calendar.



The speaker for the day will be our own member, Jimmie Moglia. He shares his topic in the column to the left.

I hope you all read the last Tuscan Association e-mail in which I called for some help with our meetings. On Oct. 20 I will be looking for someone to coordinate refreshments; another volunteer to oversee decorations and to keep track of our party supplies; and a third person to assist with audio/visual set ups.

Please step forward for one of these positions to keep our club moving forward! *Grazie!*

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L'ANGOLO ITALIANO

DI CARLO ILIO MANNOCCI

Mi trovo in vacanza in Spagna e vivo ogni giorno le varie. crisi, problemi e fatti della political europea dove le varie nazioni affrontano le varie crisi quali il calo della produzione industriale, lo spinoso problema dell'immigrazione, e gli alti e bassi della situazione finanziaria. In Italia il nuovo governo "Conte 2" si trova ad affrontare problemi di alleanze politiche e di riforme. Speriamo che non...grandini!!!

A tutti i lettori e soci saluti e auguri.



FOTOGRAFIA ITALIANA: WHAT SAYS "ITALY" TO YOU?

Whether you've been to Italy ... or just an Italian restaurant, there are things that just are *sooooo* Italian. Back in June, we asked you to share a photo which reminds you of Italy. Thanks to Marlene Taevs, who all the way from the East Coast sent along her favorite. And thanks to Audrey Perino ... once her husband (the newsletter editor) "suggested" she do so, too!

Now it's *your* turn! Find a favorite photo, whether you took it out your back door or under the Tuscan sun. Then e-mail it to ken@woodbloom.com or snail-mail it to Ken Kane, 37 SW Canby St., Portland, OR 97219. And don't forget to say what makes it so *speciale italiana* to you.



Marlene Taevs (above): The first time I ventured into Tuscany was when I was with Earthwatch, helping to dig up pottery from a monastery's garden just outside of Siena. We were able to explore the surrounding area and one stop that stayed with me ever after was a long flight of steps that had a big terra-cotta pot of bright red geraniums on each step! Wow what a sight. Since then, I've always made an attempt to re-create that idea that says Toscana and Italia to me. So I'm sharing a picture of my wee pots lined along the the deck of my condo here in Connecticut.



Audrey Perino: Back in 2001, I went to Italy with my friends Jeri, Wally and Taylor (pictured). Mom and Dad wanted a day to themselves to hike the Cinque Terre, so Taylor (then age 6) and I had a day together which included a trip to Porto Venere via boat, a walk through the castle there, lunch (with gelato, of course), and then an adventure. Our boat back to Vernazza couldn't dock due to high seas, so we were forced to go to Monterosso. Taylor was a bit panic-stricken – how would we get back to Mom and Dad? Of course the train was an easy solution, but for a 6-year old, there was concern! We got back safely, had a lovely dinner on the piazza in Vernazza where Taylor chased dogs all around. It has always been one of my most favorite days in Italy!