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Carissimi Amici e Compaesani,

You received the last SOGNA issue more than six months ago and you have been wondering why the interruption. I apologize for the temporary gap, unfortunately those pesky jobs that many of us must have, all that traveling and (yes!) that much rejuvenating mountain climbing, much too often get in the way of other important things such as writing this newsletter. (On the left, it is me at the top of Mt. Shasta, July 26, 2006). The good news is

that we have not abandoned you; SOGNA is doing great, its trustees are more dedicated and active than ever and I promise that you will hear a lot more from us in the future. *Un abbraccio,*

Severino D'Angelo

SOGNA Dinner-Dance

Saturday, September 23, 2006

Cocktails start at 6:30 pm—Dinner served at 7:30 pm

Adults \$70.00—Children (6 to 12 yrs. old) \$35.00

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If you joined us at last year's dinner-dance, you know how much fun it turned out to be. La Reggia is truly a beautiful place; the participation was one of the largest and everyone had a terrific time. In addition, you probably remember film maker Fernando Scarpa making a short but professional movie of the event. (Read more about Fernando's accomplishments inside.) That 10 minute clip will be shown at the event this year. If you want to see yourself dancing and having a grand old time, you must return this year. See you all September 23rd.

GIOI WEB SITES. On the right column of this page please notice five sites all related to Gioi. You should be familiar with the official city hall site www.comunegioi.it and www.gioi.com, our SOGNA's site managed by Nick D'Agosto. The new one www.cacumenmontis.it belongs to a new and very enthusiastic youth club from Gioi founded, by our regular correspondent from Italy, Michele Ruggiero and other young people from Gioi. Those of us addicted to soccer, or as it is called in Italian **CALCIO**, must log on www.usgioi.it for the latest on the *Unione Sportiva Gioi* soccer team. If instead, you prefer art to sports check out Mario Romano paintings on www.marioromano.it.

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GIOI AND ITALY, MAY 2006

Ever since I left Gioi 43 years ago, I have returned to our southern Italian town on the average twice a year and this year 2006, is no exception. A few months ago, my good friend Enzo Marmora who came to the States from Gioi the same year that I did, proposed that this year we visit Gioi together in the month of May when the weather is at its best and the Italian wild flowers are the most fragrant. To sweeten his proposal, the ever generous Enzo offered to drive us from Rome to Gioi in his rental car.

As planned, Enzo, my wife Barbara and I met at the Fiumicino airport Saturday morning, May 13 and headed for Gioi in Enzo's newly rented comfy Mercedes driven by Marco Nese, the son of Carmelo Nese, Enzo's relative and my close neighbor in Gioi. A practicing lawyer in Milano, Marco was taking time off work to visit his sick uncle Antonio Nese (Nduccio) suffering from liver disease at the hospital in Vallo. As we arrived in Gioi, Nduccio, the oldest of the Nese brothers, was just released from the hospital and appeared to be doing better.

Mozzarella Stop. In mid afternoon, about one hour from Gioi, while crossing the Paestum-Battipaglia valley, Barbara reminded me of one of the main reasons for agreeing to this trip: we had to stop and buy mozzarellas now that we were in the mozzarella capital of the world. At the same time, Enzo wanted to visit his friend Don Nino Salati who lives right there, in Paestum. Don Nino, a local resident, should be able to tell us the location of the best mozzarella store in the area, added Enzo. Unannounced, we pulled into the vast but rustic Salati Paestum estate. At first, Don Nino had trouble recognizing us; after all, it is not every day that one receives unexpected visitors from America! But, as soon as he realized who we were; with traditional Italian exuberance he and his dog welcomed us with open arms. The dog was particularly fond of Enzo; but to put it mildly, Enzo, claiming to be allergic to dogs, did not exactly reciprocate the affection of his newly met canine friend! Having exchanged the usual pleasantries, Enzo asked our host for the best Mozzarella store in town. It is my niece's, answered Don Nino. Great! We said; how do we find the place? Don't worry, I will take you there. You will never find it, otherwise; added Don Nino. No, we do not want to disturb you. It is too much trouble. Just give us the direction. We said. No trouble at all—Follow my car. Don Nino said, as he got in his car and started the engine.

Minutes later, we entered the mozzarella store and felt like the mythical kids in the candy store.

Looking at the original, genuine mozzarellas, at the unadulterated buffala ricotta and the *caciocavallo* just processed right on the premises from the milk delivered by the buffale cows still pasturing the grass behind the store; all organic of course or as they say in Italian, *biologico*, no partially hydrogenated fats here—just simple and pure ecstasy of the palate; simply, life does not get any better!

All four of us started ordering everything by the kilo. Anticipating with glee the exquisite dinner we were about to enjoy in one hour or so, we asked the girl behind the counter for the bills. It as already been paid. She said. What! We all four said. Don Nino, still standing behind us, added, I have already taken care of it. You cannot do that, we protested. It is not right; it is too much.... And so on. But in the end we walked away with all that buffala mozzarella, ricotta and *caciocavallo*, curtesy of the very generous Don Nino Salati.

GIOI—MAY 2006



PIAZZA ANDREA MAIO AND THE CARD GAME.

How many Gioiesi can you recognize? A great way to enjoy il "Dolce far Niente" (the sweet doing nothing) Italian life style, is as easy as stepping out of your door and joining the crowd in one of the piazzas or street corners or *caffe*'.

The next picture was taken in Cardile, Gioi's little sister that caught up. Five km apart, Gioi and Cardile are part of the same municipality; they jointly elect one mayor and one city council headquartered in Gioi. About fifty years ago, before Gioiesi stated emigrating in mass; Gioi had twice the population that it has today and was twice the size of Cardile. In the meantime Cardile has remained about the same as it was, and today, with about 750 residents each, the two towns are nearly equal in population.



TUNNEL IN CARDILE.

This dinner table below may not mean much to you; but if I (Severino) had the powers of Star Trek "Beam me up" Scotty; I would be beaming at the Ruggiero's house in Gioi, for dinner everyday. Can't tell you exactly why! Of course, the food is exquisitely prepared by Nerina. The wine is Gioi's genuine home-made by Nicola. The company is very pleasant and relaxing.



THE RUGGIERO' DINNER TABLE, MAY 14, 2006. CCW starting with my (Severino's) empty chair: Barbara my wife, Michele Ruggiero, his mother, Nerina Tesauo, Rosalba, Pierina, Rosalba (Rosalinoccia) and Nicola. Nicola and Rosalinoccia Ruggiero, both in their mid 80', continue to be fulltime farmers in their perfectly manicured small farm *La Sterza*.

GIOI CELEBRATES ITALY'S WORLD CUP VICTORY.
Article in Italian and pictures by Michele Ruggiero.



POCHI SECONDI DOPO L'ULTIMO RIGORE.....

Pochi secondi dopo l'ultimo rigore, la penisola, le città, i paesi sono letteralmente esplosi in un urlo di gioia...è stato un urlo anche a GIOI. Nel nostro piccolo paese, come dappertutto, come in qualsiasi parte del mondo in cui era presente un italiano, l'atmosfera di calma apparente poco prima dell'inizio della partita nascondeva un certo fremito, erano gli ultimi minuti d'attesa per una finale di un mondiale rivelatosi poi storico! L'aver superato i tedeschi ci aveva messo addosso una certa sicurezza ma ogni tanto tornava la velata paura di aver preparato tutto per niente...



Inizia la partita, due maxischermi, uno in Piazza A. Maio dove gli amici dell'associazione "io

per gioi" hanno organizzato una bella serata di festa, un altro in Piazza Castello dove i fedelissimi e gli scaramantici hanno accupato le stesse postazioni delle partite precedenti, trasmettono le immagini da Berlino. Pannocchie, bruschette, birra e patatine per attutire la tensione tra un'azione e l'altra, un rigore iniziale concesso ai francesi e trasformato in goal, raggela subito i nostri entusiasmi ma passano 7 minuti e marco Materazzi si fa perdonare per il fallo da rigore ed in elevazione riporta la partita in parità e così resterà fino alla fine dei tempi supplementari, 120 minuti di passione.

Si va ai calci di rigore, davanti ai due maxischermo tensione altissima e palpitazioni da brivido. Primo... secondo... terzo... quarto..., i nostri sono infallibili dal dischetto, tutti meravigliosamente dentro..un errore dei francesi..... e Fabio Grosso si appresta a calciare l'ultimo rigore, il quinto, quello decisivo.....E' GOAL!!!



L'ITALIA E' CAMPIONE DEL MONDO!!!!

Caroselli d'auto, tricolori al vento, cappelli in aria e tuffi nelle vasche e nelle fontane, l'Italia è campione del mondo per la quarta volta, una frase che a scriverla fa tremare la mano e accapponare la pelle ma è quanto mai vera ed anche nel nostro piccolo borgo la festa è stata bellissima.

Qualcuno ha pensato di cambiare i nomi delle vie del paese con i nomi dei nostri campioni e così Piazza Castello è diventata Piazza Fabio Cannavaro, re di Napoli ma c'è anche via Luca Toni, Totti, Camoranesi, Buffon e via discorrendo.

Si tratta, ovviamente, di uno scherzo, sono solo dei cartoncini incollati sul marmo delle indicazioni stradali ma sono simpatici ed a distanza di 20 giorni dalla realizzazione di un grande sogno sono ancora li a farci sorridere, a ricordarci che l'Italia intera ha vinto, con il suo cuore, con il suo gruppo unito, con la sua grande voglia di riscatto.

MICHELE N. RUGGIERO

EVENTS IN GIOI—AUGUST, 2006

1 GIOI ore 21,00 loc.Castello
FOLK-I FIGLI DEL CILENTO
5-6 GIOI ore 21,00 p.zza Andrea Maio
"SERATE CON....."
3-14 CARDILE
TORNEO S.ROCCO DI CALCIO A 5
6-17 GIOI
TORNEO RIONALE DI CALCIO A 6
7-8-9 CARDILE
PER ARCHI E VUTTARI
10 GIOI ore 21,30 p.zza S.Eustachio
CILENTO IN MUSICA
10-17 GIOI Convento S.Francesco
SAGRA DEL FUSILLO
11 CARDILE ore 21,00
"A'NDRASATTA"
13 CARDILE ore 10,00
GARA DI TIRO A PALLA
13 CARDILE ore 19,30
"VICOLI IN FESTA"
13 GIOI ore 21,00 p.zza Andrea Maio
SERATA DISCO-BALLI DI GRUPPO
14 GIOI ore 21,00 p.zza Andrea Maio
"DE VITA'S SOUND"
15-16 GIOI
"BIMBI IN FESTA 2006"
15-16-17 CARDILE
FESTA DI S.ROCCO
17 GIOI ore 21,30 p.zza S.Eustachio
CILENTO IN MUSICA
18-19-20 GIOI
FESTA PATRONALE DI S.NICOLA
21 GIOI
SERATA CONCLUSIVA TORNEO RIONALE
22-23-24 GIOI
FESTA DEL BELVEDERE
25
CORSA PODISTICA CARDILE-GIOI
26 GIOI ore 21,00 loc.Chiaie
"ARRIVEDERCI ESTATE"

A CURA DI: ASS.CACUMEN MONTIS, ASS.IO PER GIOI, ASS.MARTIRI RUCCIO, ASS.PIUVE E FRACK, FED.ITALCACCIA, PARROCCHIE GIOI E CARDILE, PRO-LOGO, COMUNE DI GIOI

Poster Translation:

Aug 1, 9:00 pm, Castello: "FOLK-I FIGLI DEL CILENTO"
Aug 5-6, 9:00 pm, P.zza A. Maio: "SERATE CON..."
Aug 3-14, Cardile: "SOCCER TURNAMENT A5"
Aug 6-17, Gioi: "SOCCER TURNAMENT A6"
Aug 7-9, Cardile: "PER ARCHI E VUTTARI"
Aug 10, 9:30, P.zza S. Eustachio: "CILENTO MUSIC"
Aug 10-17, Convento: "FUSILLI FEAST"
Aug 11, 9:00 pm, Cardile: "A'NDRASATTA"
Aug 13, 10:00 pm, Cardile: "BALL GAME"
Aug 13, 19:30 pm, Cardile: "STREET CELEBRATION"
Aug 13, 9:00 pm, P.zza A. Maio: "DISCO DANCE"
Aug 14, 9:00 pm, P.zza A. Maio: "DE VITA'S SOUND"
Aug 15, 16, Gioi: "CHILDREN FESTIVAL"
Aug 15-17, Cardile, "S. ROCCO FESTIVITIES"
Aug 17, 9:30, P.zza S. Eustachio: "CILENTO MUSIC"
Aug 17-20, Gioi: "S.NICOLA FESTIVITIES"
Aug 21, Gioi: "CONCLUSION SOCCER TURNAMENT"
Aug 22-24, Gioi: "BELVEDERE CELEBRATION"
Aug 25: "CARDILE-GIOI FOOT RACE"
Aug 26, 9:00 pm, Chiaie: "GOOD BUY SUMMER"

SOGNA PICNIC 2006 by Nick D'Agosto

SOGNA's fifth annual picnic was held Saturday, June 3rd at the Holy Face Monastery in Clifton, NJ. Some clouds and threatening weather did not dampen the enthusiasm and excitement as Gioiesi from the area gathered to celebrate our shared heritage. What has become a veritable tradition; two new items were added to this year's spirited

activities: demonstration of homemade mozzarella making, and homemade *fusilli* making.



ELENA ERRICO REVEALING THE ANCIENT ART OF MAKING FUSILLI. SOGNA Picnic 2006

Not only were there instructional demonstrations but attendees actually got hands-on training, getting to dip their hands into the hot water doing the "fold and tuck" as shown by Mario Grompone,



MARIO GROMPONE MAKING MOZZARELLAS.

and actually getting to knead and roll the dough to make the traditional Gioiesi pasta meal of fusilli. This was so enjoyable for all in attendance that one of the younger generation of Gioiesi was heard to remark that ". . . her friends went to picnics and played bingo, but she was learning to make fusilli and homemade mozzarella – now THIS IS FUN!" Her comment really captured the spirit of the day. The fusilli lessons were given by Elena Errico and Caterina Romano, visiting from Gioi! Musical entertainment, including fun singing to karaoke, was provided by Dr. Roberto Rizzo, Luciano Infante and Roberto Parrillo. For more great picnic pictures log on:

<http://www.kodakgallery.com/Slideshow.jsp?mode=fromshare&Uc=lnx83hn.7jwqpetb&Uy=uf1hyu&Ux=0>

FERNANDO SCARPA'S MOVIE "BROTHERS" NOMINATED AT THE LOS ANGELES FILM FESTIVAL FOR BEST DRAMATIC SHORT AND BEST DIRECTORIAL DEBUT IN A SHORT FILM.

Last year, at the September SOGNA dinner--dance, you may remember Fernando announcing the filming of his new movie in New York, titled

BROTHERS. He was not kidding! I have seen it and it is very good. Indeed, it is so good that it has received two nominations at the International Los Angeles Film Festival, screening September 15 and 16, 2006 in Hollywood. This energetic, capable and ambitious young man is going places! Some day, I will be able to brag that his father Giovanni was my best childhood friend. Fernando was not born in Gioi; but his father Giovanni Scarpa was. His mother, Tommasina is from Piano, a small town, 5 km north of Gioi. Checkout Fernando's web sight <http://www.fernandoscarpa.com/> and read about his movie and his rich career in Italy, Germany and now in the USA. ***Congratulazioni regista Fernando Scarpa! Tutti noi Gioiesi siamo fieri di te! S.D.***

SOGNA MOURNS THE LOSS OF ANTONIETTA D'URSO AND RALPH FERRA.

L'organizzazione SOGNA vuole porgere le più sentite condoglianze all'addolorato marito di Antonietta, Carmelo D'Urso alle famiglie dei figli Teresa, Franca, Rosario, e dottori Francesco e Angela per la perdita dell'adorata moglie e madre. La famiglia D'Urso include illustri cittadini di Gioi e membri della nostra organizzazione SOGNA qui in Nord America.

SOGNA thanks the D'Urso's for their dedicated promotion and support of our town, Gioi and our organization SOGNA here in North America. We all wish them peace and strength at this difficult time for the loss of Antonietta. SOGNA'S TRUSTEES

Raffaele Ferra, born in Gioi October 25, 1916, came to America when he was 12 years old and died January 5, 2006. Early on, he lived on Orchard St. in Jersey City. There was a Farmers Market near his house and within two weeks of his arrival, he started working there.

He registered for school that September, but he did not really have much use for an education; all he wanted to do was work. He quit school when he was 16, got a full time job and never stopped working. He learned on the job and became #1 mechanic at the American Can Co., where he worked for over 25 years. He married Catherine De Marco in 1939. The Ferras have had a long and happy life together, enjoyed themselves and traveled a great deal. Ralph retired at age 58 when American Can Co. moved away from Jersey City. He died as he lived very happily until the end.

SOGNA extends its deepest sympathies to Ralph's surviving wife Catherine Ferra. SOGNA'S TRUSTEES.

VIVA GIOI!

THE CHURCH OF SAN NICOLA IN GIOI, NEEDS OUR FINANCIAL HELP!

The historical church is undergoing major structural restorations including a replacement of its roof. Don Guglielmo does not know where he is going to find all the money needed to complete the project. You can help by sending your contribution directly to Don Guglielmo Manna, Piazza A. Maio, 84056 Gioi, SA, Italy. Better yet, to deduct your contributions from your taxes, make your donation through SOGNA, Inc. P.O. Box 54, Totowa, N.J. 07512. SOGNA is a non-profit organization in the USA.

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