



# Portland Italian Businessmen's Club Newslet-

April 2011

## L 'angolo della Cultura

In the market for a family friendly 4-seater hatchback with 4WD ... one that goes way over 200 mph? If one of Vic's Caddies isn't sporty enough for you, maybe the new \$300,000 Ferrari FF may be just the ticket.



Displayed at the Geneva auto show was the Ferrari FF, next in a long string of successes from a company that began with Enzo Ferrari, a race car driver and charismatic entrepreneur from Modena.

After WWII, primarily to help fund his racing enterprise, Ferrari used his racing heritage to build very fast and exotic "touring" cars for the wealthy. His production numbers were always miniscule, however, he built a mystique of the name **Ferrari** which has continued unsurpassed. The logo of a black Cavallino on a yellow shield remains synonymous with beauty, luxury and power.

Enzo died in 1988 but the Ferrari mystique lives on. Many older models are considered rare works of art and owning a Ferrari shows the world that you "have arrived" (maybe only in your own mind). Fiat owns most of the company today and has continued the successes begun by Enzo Ferrari.

2-door hatchbacks on luxury sports cars have previously only been custom built for those oil sheiks who required a hatchback for their golf bags or hunting gear. The Ferrari FF is the first high-end *production* car of that genre. It has decent headroom and legroom for four adults as well as a spacious luggage area without sacrificing styling and power.

What is also unusual about the FF is that it is Ferrari's first 4WD and differs in that it transfers 30% of the power to the front wheels through a gear box at the front of the engine, rather than the usual 4WD transfer from the rear drive shaft, thus saving precious cabin space.

In every respect, the car is a Ferrari, from its 6.3 liter, 650 HP V12 to its soft luxury leather seats and Italian styling. Maybe it is a more practical sports car for the wealthy, but the 2011 production capacity of 800 has already been sold, so now even the super-rich will now have to wait.

Maybe there will be a rare Ferrari at the Portland Art Museum's "rolling works of art" show, called "The Allure of the Automobile" which will run the entire summer.

### Our next IBC dinner meeting ...

**Don Filippi** will be our guest speaker and is seeking family recipes for a new **Festa Italiana Cook Book** to be sold at the Festa. Please bring your best family recipes to the April meeting!

**Tuesday, April 12; 6:30 • Port City Pasta, L. O.**

## IBC News and Happenings

Our March meeting was a great one! We had good attendance from members, plus 4 new members and guests for an unbelievable 5-course dinner from Alex.

- Terry Amato is back! It was great having Terry back with us after a long illness and treatment. We wish him the best for continued full recovery.
- As treasurer, Max Corona gave a brief update to the 2010 financial results which he discussed fully in January. After the meeting, the intrepid and adventurous Max announced that he as accepted a position in ... Outer Mongolia! No, not a joke. Max, a Buddhist will be working with charities there. He will move on June 1 and we are delighted that Todd Salvo has been nominated to fill in the remainder of the term as IBC Treasurer. Thank you for an outstanding job Max. We will miss your off-beat humor. "*auguri in Mongolia*".
- New members were voted in. Welcome Tony Fiore, Giuseppe Lagana and Antonio Leonetti
- Brian Steensma gave a live demo of our web site and, along with Joe Tripi, spoke about the the IBC connection with Facebook and how we can use it to our advantage.
- Brian also discussed the Google calendar that he placed on our web site and can be used by other clubs. At the March Comitato meeting, Joe Cavalli has accepted being the calendar coordinator for all groups. If all clubs go along, there can be one calendar that can be used by all clubs to provide coordination, as well as event publicity.
- Our June vineyard event was announced for Father's Day (see page 2). Joe Cavalli will be heading the event committee of Frank, Guy and Bob.
- Claude Bonfiglio is heading the golf tournament and will be coordinating with the Azzurri Club. See next page for additional information.

### IBC Bocce Team: ... This may be our year!

We will again be participating in Club Paesano 's weekly tournaments beginning May 30. This year they will be holding games on both Monday and Wednesday evenings. New and experienced IBC members are welcome to join. **Jim Zuffrea** will again be the IBC team captain. These evenings are fun even if you don't play. It 's usually good weather and the atmosphere is friendly and competitive: beverages (BYOB), food (BYOF), cigars (BYOC).



## Italian Golf Tournament

The IBC will be joining with the Azzurri Club for a golf tournament at the St Helena Golf Course on Saturday, June 25. \$70 entry fee includes greens fees and dinner. The event is open to all of Portland's Italian American clubs. Tee times are limited and early registration is encouraged. Contact Claude Bonfiglio at 503 805-2726 or cbon49@yahoo.com

## Spirit Mountain Casino with Frank and Lucia

Amici d'Italia is organizing a day trip to Sprit Mountain Casino on Saturday, April 16th. The trip is open to everyone at least 21 years old at a cost of only \$5.00 per person. Guests are responsible for their own meals ... and gambling.

Lucia and Frank will make it a fun-filled coach ride for the 1 1/2 hour trip from Portland. Upon arrival at the casino, there will be five hours to enjoy "gaming", dining, doing some moderate hiking in nearby woods or just relaxing around the site.

Limited room is still available on the coach. To reserve, contact Lucia Galizia at 503-284-6989.

## May IBC Newsletter

I'll be in Europe (mostly Italy) next month and will not be able to write a newsletter for May. Check your email for messages pertinent to the club during the month. If you would like to write a story (200-400 words) of interest to the IBC for a future newsletter ... or if you have any news that we should publish, please send me a note ... it would be greatly appreciated, Thank you, Bob Iannacone robert202@comcast.net

## Plan for a great Father's Day at the Vineyard

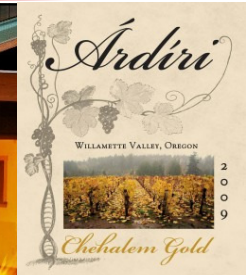
Sunday, June 19 is the date for our next afternoon at the vineyard, our first at Árdiri Vineyard in Cornelius, near Hillsboro in the Willamette Valley. The IBC and Tuscan Association will host this popular event.

With a limit of 70 participants over 21, it is important to plan and reserve your space early. Enjoy a great meal with wines from Árdiri and Italian songs by Andrea Algieri. The winery has an attractive and comfortable covered area next to a spectacular vineyard, perfect for a June afternoon. Price: \$65 per person.

For information and reservations, contact Joe Cavalli, 503-929-0132 or giuseppcavalli@hotmail.com

John Compagno, owner/winemaker is of Sicilian heritage. He gave the winery the name "Árdiri", which is Sicilian for "taking a risk" or alternatively "being consumed by fire".

The limited production, award winning wines are from a 5 acre vineyard of Pinot Noir grapes in the Carneros region of Napa Valley and a 15 acre vineyard in the Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley. All crushing, barrel aging and bottling are done at this impressive Oregon site. Our tour includes barrel tasting



## The Azzurri Club of Portland Presents

an event to celebrate

## the 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy



Friday April 29th, 2011, 7-11pm  
Mountain Park Club House  
2 Mt. Jefferson Terr  
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035

*Event* Regional food paired with regional wines (Featuring Barolo and Prosecco). Historical presentation and music extravaganza.

*Tickets* \$45.00 per person & \$35.00 per student (with a valid student ID). (\$50 at the door or after April 15th)

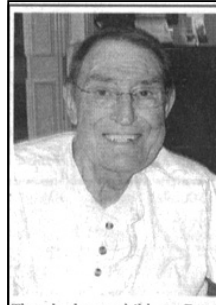
*Register by* Friday April 15th at our website: [www.azzurriportland.org](http://www.azzurriportland.org)  
Space is limited, so register early!

Tickets are non-refundable

IBC member Donn DeBernardi passed on February 23 at the age of 82.

Donn was active in many of Portland's civic organizations, including the IBC, in past years.

A contribution to the Ronald McDonald House was made in his name.



### Donn D. DeBernardi

Jan. 11, 1929 - Feb. 23, 2011

Donn Deo DeBernardi died peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

Born Jan. 11, 1929, in Crescent City, Calif., to Horace and Vivian (Deo) DeBernardi, Donn was raised in Roseburg. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After the war, he attended Southern Oregon College where he earned his Bachelor of Science in education. He taught elementary school in Coos Bay, where he met and married Jacqueline Morris.

They had two children, Dawn and Daniel.

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