

Il Bollettino

THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER FOR THE JOHN FELICE ROME CENTER

WINTER 2010



Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES?

A: We raised our children here (David, 37, and Silvia, 36), and thanks to the JFRC, their English flourished. We have made lasting memories and friendships with so many of the students, with whom we were always in harmony and had a wonderful relationship. More great memories of the students include all of the visits we have received over the years from the JFRC alumni. They always remember us and come back to see us.

We have a wonderful memory we would like to share with you from the JFRC Alumni Reunion 2006. It was held at Villa Miani and we were present. The director introduced everyone: John Felice, the faculty, staff, etc. When he introduced us, the alumni went wild! They were cheering and whistling and gave us a standing ovation. Needless to say, it was a joyful moment for us and made us feel extremely loved. It was wonderful. It's moments like these that make the years of hard work very well worth it and bring tears to one's eyes!

Q: HAS YOUR MENU CHANGED OVER THE YEARS?

A: Yes, the menu has changed a lot over the years. In the beginning, we more or less served hamburgers, ham and egg sandwiches, and ham and cheese sandwiches. Then we added pizza, minestrone, turkey sandwiches, sausage, various salads, nutella and banana sandwiches, caprese, and peanut butter and jelly—which was a recommendation of one of the directors.

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Buona Fortuna!

Thanks for all the cappuccini, panini, and memories.

For 35 years, Rinaldo and Nella Fiorini have operated a café at the John Felice Rome Center. After serving up countless panini and cappuccini, Rinaldo and Nella are hanging up their aprons and beginning a well-deserved retirement. Although the JFRC will continue to have a café, Rinaldo and Nella's unique warmth and hospitality will be missed. Marilyn Vitale, assistant director of the JFRC, sat down with the Fiorinis to share memories of their many years at the Rome Center.

Q: HOW DID YOU COME TO OPERATE THE CAFÉ AT THE JFRC?

A: The JFRC café was managed by Sisto Stornelli from the moment the JFRC opened in 1962. He left it in 1975 to pursue other opportunities and left it under the management of the *mensa*. However, John Felice wanted the café to be privately run and he knew my brother, who owned his own bar... The rest is history!



EMILIO IODICE

VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR
JOHN FELICE ROME CENTER

Dear alumni and friends,

Your John Felice Rome Center is alive with the sights and sounds of progress. In fact, so much is happening at the JFRC that we needed to expand the fall edition of *Il Bollettino* to fill you in on everything. This year marked our first as property owners versus renters—an historic achievement. We also evaluated and adjusted the way we manage, plan, and teach, and the way we care for our students, staff, faculty, visitors, and alumni. Last spring, we launched *Insieme per il futuro*, the first major, comprehensive campaign for the Rome Center's students, facilities, and programs.

Few U.S. universities in Europe own their own campuses. Even fewer have plans to expand programming and student opportunities, renovate and modernize academic and housing facilities, evaluate long-term academic and sustainable business strategies, and launch a major, comprehensive campaign to support its endeavors. And importantly, almost no other existing program has a nearly 50-year history of success and a community of over 15,000 alumni who are engaged, supportive, and invested in seeing that the JFRC remains one of the world's finest study-abroad experiences.

In years to come, 2010 will be marked as the start of a renaissance for the JFRC in which, just as John Felice did 50 years ago, we pushed the boundaries of what it means to have a cross-cultural study-abroad experience. This renaissance and our continued success are simply not possible without you, our alumni and friends. Thank you for helping us reach this point, and I hope you will assist us in reaching our critical goals. Together, all of us can sustain and transform the Rome Center.

Best wishes to you and yours for a holiday season full of blessings and happiness,

Emilio Iodice

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JFRC 50th anniversary reunion and celebration

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2012 • CHICAGO

The alumni have spoken: the results of the JFRC 50th anniversary celebration alumni survey were overwhelmingly in favor of a multi-day weekend in Chicago in the fall. Mark your calendars and watch for e-mail updates.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in the Windy City in 2012 for this landmark celebration!

All communication about the celebration will be online, so if we don't have your e-mail address, send a note to romereunion@luc.edu. If you're interested in joining the planning committee, include in the subject line "celebration committee."



Gina Stramaglio (JFRC Spring '98, BS '98)

Alumna gets her wings

Like many JFRC alums, time at the Rome Center changed the life of Gina Stramaglio (JFRC Spring '98, BS '98). But in her case, that change led into the wild blue yonder.

While studying at the Rome Center, "I took a class on World War II in which Italian veterans came to talk to us about their experiences. They thanked us for the service of the American soldiers," recalls Stramaglio, a native of Mount Prospect, Ill. "It made a big impression on me."

Although Stramaglio had majored in biology and already been accepted into medical school, she decided to defer and join the Air Force as a pilot after graduating from Loyola University Chicago. "When I was little, I wanted to be an astronaut or a doctor," she says. "So I started down one of those paths, but ended up on the other."

She's now flown four different aircraft and completed 12 deployments for the Air Force. She's been all over the world, execut-

ing medical evacuations and transporting important military and civilian leaders. Stramaglio also happened to be in Haiti on the day of its disastrous earthquake. "It was a case of being in the wrong place at the right time.

"I'll fly until the last day they let me get into an airplane."

—GINA STRAMAGLIO

We couldn't fly out empty, so we took a woman out on Medivac who had fractured both legs."

You could call Stramaglio an adventurer. While on a rare break from deployment, she recently took a vacation—to scuba dive with great white sharks as part of a conservation trip with a group of biologists. "I'm a bit of an adrenaline junkie," she says. When asked how long she thinks she'll continue to be a pilot, she replies, "I'll fly until the last day they let me get into an airplane."

RINALDO AND NELLA
CONTINUED

**Q: WHAT'S THE MOST
POPULAR ORDER WITH
STUDENTS?**

A: Some popular orders are definitely the panini and Nella's famous invention, cappuccino freddo (iced cappuccino).

**Q: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS
FOR RETIREMENT?**

A: I (Nella) will continue to take care of the house and my family as I have always done. Only now, I will have a lot more free time to enjoy my friends, my hobbies, etc. I (Rinaldo) will also dedicate myself to my hobbies. I love to garden and the City of Rome has a gardening program I would like to participate in. The city gives parcels of land to retirees to garden. I have already done all the research!

**Q: WHY ARE YOU RETIRING
NOW?**

A: We think that this is the right time, the right age. We want to be able to enjoy our retirement! Obviously, we both look forward to coming back and visiting the Rome Center as often as we can.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to everyone: the staff, the faculty, and the students. This is a second home to us, and our children grew up here. We spent 35 years here, the best years of our lives. We gave our best and we received the best in return! We worked long hours, opening at 7:30 a.m. and closing at 11:00 p.m. for 35 years, but it was worth it. All of this hard work enabled us to live with dignity and give a brighter future to our children. Also, it was always enjoyable working with the students, faculty, and staff.

Again, thank you to everyone. We will miss the JFRC!



Wish Rinaldo and Nella a happy retirement! Leave a note, share memories, and post pictures on the Facebook fan page at LUC.edu/rinaldoandnella.



Above: Dr. Flaminia Addis in '95-'96; right: Addis (right) with Dr. Gloria Palesa in '78-'79

IN MEMORIAM

Flaminia Addis (1929-2010)

A fixture at the JFRC from 1963 to 1998, Flaminia Addis, Italian language professor, literature professor, and chair of the Italian Department, passed away on June 18, 2010.

Most people will remember her as an excellent teacher and a beautiful person, but Flaminia Addis was also a true innovator of new teaching methodologies, experimenting and developing new strategies to facilitate students learning Italian.

Brought into the Rome Center by John Felice himself, Flaminia was a pioneer of the center and played a highly significant role in developing its Italian language program.

Kate Felice, wife of the late John Felice, describes Flaminia as "a big piece of Rome Center history" and "a great lady in every sense of the word." Flaminia's nephew, Flaminio di Biagi, who currently teaches at the JFRC, describes Flaminia as not only professionally out-

standing, but morally able to deal with life's difficulties, such as the unexpected early death of her husband and her final weeks confronting her faltering health with dignity and grace. She is remembered (and missed) by all alumni who regularly join class reunions or visit the JFRC. She is survived by her only daughter Elisabetta (who is a filmmaker), her older sister, her two brothers, and her nephews.

Going solar

The first phase of the JFRC's photovoltaic system has been completed on schedule. On September 8th, Vice President and JFRC Director Emilio Iodice signed a historic agreement with the local utility company for the Rome Center to begin generating its own electricity. This contract allows the JFRC to store the electricity it generates and results in a direct credit against electric utility bills, reducing costs considerably.

In addition, the agreement provides for the Italian government to give the JFRC subsidies equal to the costs of installing the system. This first phase will provide approximately 40 percent of the JFRC's power needs. The second phase, which is dependent on finding funding sources, is designed to generate another 60 percent of the JFRC's electricity.

A NOTE FROM RECRUITMENT



Colleen Calvey

(JFRC Spring '05, BBA '06, JFRC SLA '06-'08)

As the recruiter for the Rome Center, I provide prospective students with the information they need to make their study-abroad decisions by hosting events, office hours, and information sessions at Loyola's campus and traveling to around 20 universities during the fall and spring semesters. I just began my third year recruiting for the JFRC and introduced new events like our JFRC gelato day, JFRC scarf night at the men's basketball game, and the Rome Center callers program.

I love people, Rome, the JFRC, traveling, talking, and am a natural busy-body—so this position is a perfect fit for me! I spent a semester as a student at the JFRC and two years working as a student life assistant and summer programs assistant, which lets me provide insight on everything from the courses at the JFRC to how critical it is to try every coffee and olive you can get your hands on while in Italy! Thanks for your support and shared love of the Rome Center. I think often of all of you and hope you too will send well-wishes as I hit the road for the JFRC!

If you know someone who is interested in the JFRC, they should email rome@luc.edu, visit LUC.edu/rome for a schedule of upcoming events, and enter their information under "Talk to a Rome Center alum" to receive a phone call from a recent returnee.

From coast to coast to the JFRC

THIS YEAR'S NON-LUC STUDENTS COME FROM: Augustana College • Creighton University • Davidson College • DePaul University • Eastern Illinois University • Fordham University • Georgetown University • Loyola Marymount University • Marquette University • Rockhurst University • Santa Clara University • The University of Scranton • Saint Louis University • University of St. Thomas • San Diego State University • University of San Francisco



Farewell Todd Waller

"Todd has set a new standard for student life and student affairs at the Rome Center."

—EMILIO IODICE

Todd Waller, dean of students at the JFRC since 2003, departed this past summer to direct Spring Hill College's new study-abroad program in Bologna. "Todd did a splendid job at the Rome Center," says Emilio Iodice, vice president and John Felice Rome Center director. "Since 2003, he directed our student-life activities with energy, hard work, wisdom, and dedication."

New initiatives started under Todd's leadership include establishing a set of judicial standards, creating a service-learning program, and developing a variety of study-trips facilitating inter-faith dialogue and the pursuit of social justice. "Todd set a new standard for student life and student affairs at the Rome Center," says Iodice. "Todd and his family will be missed, and I wish him every success in his new role."

Alums come back to serve center

Over the summer, the JFRC hired on two of its own as leaders in its Student Life Department:

NAME AND POSITION	FUN FACT	HE/SHE SAYS	TOP CHALLENGE	FAVORITE PLACE
 Cynthia Bomben (BA/BS '95, JFRC Spring '96, SLA '97-'98, MA '99) Associate Dean of Students	Has spent the last 11 years working in Rome	"Working at the JFRC makes me feel like I've come full circle."	Improving how our students interact with the local community	Villa Borghese
 Michael Beazley (JFRC Fall '03, BA '03, '04, SLA '05-'07) Director of Residence Life and Student Services	Is pursuing a PhD in higher education at Loyola	"We have to encourage students to lean into the discomfort of otherness."	Reminding students that we are guests in Italy	Santa Maria in Trastevere



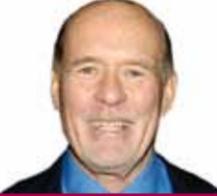
NEW JFRC RECRUITMENT VIDEO

As part of ramped-up recruitment efforts, the JFRC has produced a new, high-energy recruitment video to showcase the wonders of studying in Rome. It features current students, faculty members, and beautiful shots of the JFRC. Would it make you want to study at the Rome Center? Check it out at LUC.edu/romevideo.

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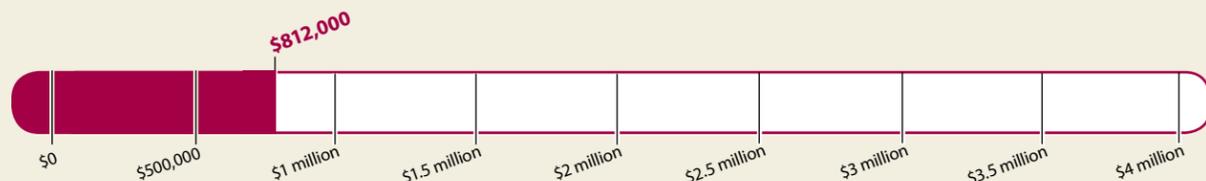
JFRC advocates in action

Since the launch of *Insieme per il futuro* in May 2010, many alumni and friends of the JFRC have stepped up to make financial commitments. These contributions, regardless of size, help achieve *Insieme's* goal of creating a 21st-century JFRC. Listed below are some of the donors who have recently made financial contributions to the Rome Center, along with what motivates them to give.

									
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AMOUNT OF GIFT	\$10,000 gift	\$5,000 gift	\$15,000 pledge	\$10,000 pledge	A documented \$50,000 bequest	\$25,000 pledge	\$10,000 pledge	\$125,000 gift	A documented \$1.5 million bequest
RECOGNITION	Information Commons study hall named in honor of gift	Faculty/staff office named in honor of gift	Dorm room named in honor of gift	Information Commons study room named in honor of gift	Recognition on Planned Gift Honor Wall	Pending	Information Commons study room named in honor of gift	Classroom lounge named in honor of gift	Recognition on Planned Gift Honor Wall
WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE JFRC?	"I am an alum, member of the Loyola Board of Trustees, and a solid member of the Loyola community. I have a special interest in the Rome Center because I am the grandson of Italian immigrants who were proud when I matriculated from Loyola. My Italian heritage, my association with Loyola, and my love for my nonna, Julia Mazzone, inspired me to make a modest gift."	Father Arimond's brother and sister made an outright gift of \$5,000 through their family trust in honor of Father Arimond and his work at the JFRC. "My brother and sister wanted to make a donation of \$1,000 for each of the five years ('82-'87) I was privileged to be the director of the Rome Center—one of the happiest and most fulfilling times of my life."	"Living in another country is the best way to learn about how to be a world citizen, to develop tolerance and understanding, and to appreciate diversity. Those experiences shouldn't be reserved only for kids who come from wealthy families. My experience at the Rome Center substantially shaped the person I have become today."	"Loyola's study-abroad programs offer an invaluable opportunity to invest in higher education. The cross-cultural experience at the JFRC is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will have an everlasting impact on students who attend. I am excited to support the John Felice Rome Center's vision to further position itself as a preeminent U.S. university in Italy and Europe."	"I want to see the JFRC thrive for the next 50 years and to see John Felice's vision of a permanent home fulfilled. I support <i>Insieme</i> because I want the next generations of JFRC students to have the same life-changing experiences I once had and to benefit from lifelong friendships like the ones I've developed over the past 45 years."	"As members of the Società di Donatori, we support the vision and goals of the JFRC through annual gifts and help advance the JFRC by providing critical support in many areas. We are honored to play key roles in perpetuating the John Felice Rome Center's traditions by serving as chairs of the Società di Donatori. We invite you to join us as members as we continue to pass on the gifts of our Roman experiences to the next generation of students."	"I have been very impressed with the passionate work of Emilio Iodice and Susana Cavallo. Several years ago I put into practice the saving of the JFRC's operating surpluses in order to purchase property in Rome. As the years have gone by, I was very pleased to see that this financial practice has worked as planned for the JFRC, as these funds were used to acquire the Rome Center and nearby olive grove. We now own the property and can better invest in our facilities in order to make the experience for our faculty, staff, and students even better than it is today."	"We met at the JFRC and have been married 44 years. It was such a wonderful opportunity to experience Italian life. Our gift to support scholarship and capital renovation is a way to make a small payback for a wonderful opportunity received."	"I have several reasons for making my gift, but the primary one is the memory of John Felice and the Rome Center experience. I owe John Felice and the Rome Center a tremendous debt of gratitude. He will be missed, but never forgotten, by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. I encourage all alumni, staff, and friends to support the Rome Center in any way possible to keep those visions alive."

INSIEME'S PROGRESS

Outright commitments JANUARY 1–NOVEMBER 1, 2010



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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

WE ARE VERY HONORED TO BE ASKED TO CHAIR THE SOCIETÀ DI DONATORI at this exciting time in the history of the JFRC. With Loyola securing a permanent home for the center in Rome and with talented leadership, faculty, and staff at the helm, we can confidently move forward to make sure this remains one of the preeminent study-abroad programs in Italy.

Now is the time to step up. If your time at the JFRC was one of the best years of your life, as it was for us, then join us in making this campus a home to future students as they discover Italy, Europe, and themselves in the process.

Sincerely,

Deb (JFRC '74-'75) and Ted Dobbs (JFRC '74-'75)
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Premio America recipients Grzegorz Robak (JFRC Fall '08, BA '10), Matthew Ruggirello (JFRC Fall '09, BA '10), and Colleen Calvey (JFRC Spring '05, BBA '06, JFRC SLA '06-'08)



On October 7, three JFRC alumni were awarded Presidential Bronze Medals by Giorgio Napolitano, president of the Republic of Italy. The award honored their personal and professional development of Italian culture and recognized the role of the John Felice Rome Center for its promotion of a program of full immersion in Italian language, literature, art, music, history, style, and way of life. This is a great honor for Loyola, the Rome Center, and the recipients: Colleen Calvey (JFRC Spring '05, BBA '06, JFRC SLA '06-'08), Grzegorz Robak (JFRC Fall '08, BA '10), and Matthew Ruggirello (JFRC Fall '09, BA '10).

The awards were presented along with the Premio America from the Italy-US Foundation, which fosters cultural ties between the two countries. Awardees of the Premio include celebrities and individuals who have expanded closer relations with the United States and Italy. Emilio Iodice, vice president of Loyola University Chicago and director of the John Felice Rome Center, introduced the former students as "examples of the American dream, where children from humble backgrounds work to aspire to greatness."



JFRC Professor John Nicholson conducts an on-site Art in Rome course for attendees.



Cleveland Rome Center alums



Ben (JFRC Fall '03) and Mary Pietrzyk (JFRC '04-'05)

Network, reconnect, and thrive online



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Join the official JFRC alumni group on Facebook, "John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago." Link to the page here: LUC.edu/JFRCfacebook.

Check the wall for news about the JFRC, and use it as a forum to connect with fellow alumni.

You've left the JFRC. Now what?

When you leave the Rome Center, you join a network of over 15,000 JFRC alumni. Many people want to reconnect with others who have experienced the JFRC. To help make these connections easier, Loyola is partnering with Rome Center alumni to create JFRC Alumni Chapters. So far, two of these groups have been created and have hosted events.

Cleveland:

Initially started by Brian Lenahan (JFRC '87-'88), and now with help from Brendan Breen (JFRC Spring '01), the Cleveland chapter has held wine tastings and dinners. There are over 200 JFRC alumni in greater Cleveland, and Brian and Brendan hope to engage more of them at future events, including a dinner in support of the *Insieme* campaign.

Washington DC:

Lead by the husband-and-wife team of Ben (JFRC Fall '03) and Mary (nee Mattingly) Pietrzyk (JFRC '04-'05) the DC chapter most recently hosted a dinner in Baltimore, with Emilio Iodice announcing the kickoff of the *Insieme* campaign. The group also held a wine tasting. There are nearly 300 JFRC alumni in the DC area.

► If you are interested in starting an alumni chapter or learning more about existing chapters, visit LUC.edu/alumni/JFRC or contact Olga Hancock at ohancock@luc.edu.

Five days of a lifetime



Reunion guests and JFRC Professor Sander Evers at the closing night reception at Terrazza Caffarelli.



Enoteca Balduina owner Francesco Fabbretti, Maria Bozza, class instructor Grazia Sotis, and Adele Bozza (JFRC Spring '71) at the food and wine class and walking tour.

Though our second Ritornare a Roma took place last May, our memories are still vivid. For five days in Rome, returning alumni took classes such as Classical Rome, Italian Film, and Food and Wine, and went on

guided excursions of the city with current JFRC faculty. One of the week's highlights was a private tour of the Vatican Museums, which was attended by 167 people.

On Friday, four groups of alumni left Rome for day trips. The largest group visited the Etruscan town of Orvieto and toured the historic Barbi Winery. Other groups visited Assisi and its world-famous Calendimaggio festival; Naples, home of the old pastry shop Gran Caffé Gambinus and renowned pizzeria Trianon; and Florence, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. To conclude the reunion, alumni dined at the Terrazza Caffarelli and enjoyed a stunning view of Rome.

Make sure to save Friday, September 28, to Sunday, September 30, 2012, for our next reunion, a JFRC 50th anniversary blowout in Chicago!



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