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Summer is finally here. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the year and soon we will be talking about the school starting again, football and the holidays.

I am excited to share with you the latest updates, articles, and information we have about Italy and Aggieland. As always, we have a fantastic lineup of articles that delve into the rich culture and history of Italy. Here are some of the highlights:

Just add water: We take a look at a handful of the over 400 islands along the Italian coastline as we explore some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Find out what all the buzz is about and learn about the ancient practice of Bee Keeping in Italy. Don't Mess with Texas or Italy: The Italy A&M Club has adopted a highway in Tuscany and has solicited the support of the local community as we hope to take a page from Texas to help keep our roadways beautiful. Fido - What's in a Name: see why man's best friend is one of the most loyal companions in history. Plus, the Pantheon's Hidden Secret and come along to Italy's Hidden Gem - The Marche Region.

Delicious Recipes: Indulge in our selection of recipes perfect for summer. Try the **Baked Goat Cheese with Blackberry Sangria Jam**. Simple, easy, yet so tasty. Plus, we have a light salad that hits the spot for summer.



It can be a main meal or as an appetizer before the main course. Our Caramelized Peaches, Parma Ham, Pesto & Burrata with Rocket will surely be a hit all summer.

Get to know John R. Tannehill '72 in our Ask An Italy Ag segment. Additionally, we have a Campus and Aggie Sports Update and a few other Texas Tidbits along the way.

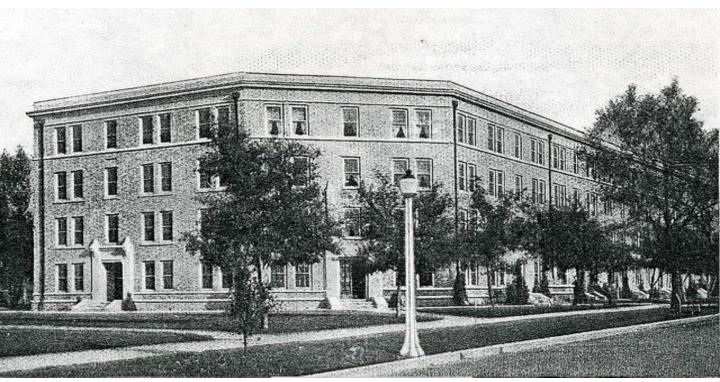
As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions for future editions. Thank you for being a valued member of the Italy A&M Club. Talk with you next month!

Thanks, Ciao and Gig'em!

Ryan '91



TEXAS AGM CAMPUS REMEMBERED



HART HALL

Fart Hall (1929) was erected on the site of the Old Assembly Hall razed in 1929.

It was named after Laurence J. Hart, a member of the board of directors (1909-1924). It was designed as an experiment in student living known as the "ramp system" where rooms are accessed from the outside by a series of stairwells, instead of internal hallways. The ramps separate two pairs of rooms connected by shower and toilet facilities. The four story building has ten ramps (a through j) and 138 rooms. The corners of the "u" plan are cut at a forty-five degree angle. The exterior is very simple, with ornamentation limited to the ramp entrances.















GEORGE STRAIT MAKES HISTORY WITH RECORD-SETTING CONCERT AT KYLE FIELD

The King of Country's performance on the Texas A&M University campus drew

more than 110,000 fans.

The "King of Country" music George Strait claimed another crown at his Texas A&M University concert over the weekend.

On Saturday, 110,905 fans attended Strait's "The King at Kyle Field" concert, breaking the attendance record for a ticketed concert. Strait took center stage alongside Parker McCollum and Catie Offerman. In March, the performance was announced as Strait's only Texas performance in 2024.



The previous record was held by the Grateful Dead from a 1977 performance in New Jersey for 107,019 fans, according to Billboard. Strait's performance on Saturday also broke a previous record for the most attended event in Kyle Field.

"We got some Aggies out there? Oh yeah! I'm ashamed to say this, but this is my first time to ever be in Kyle Field. ... Just invite me back, I'll come!" Strait said Saturday.

At the show, Strait debuted "MIA in MIA" and "The Little Things," two songs from his upcoming album "Cowboys and Dreamers," set to release in September.

The Country Music Hall of Fame honoree has sold more than 105 million records worldwide. Strait is currently touring the U.S. with Chris Stapleton and Little Big Town until December, with stadium performances scheduled for Salt Lake City, Detroit, Chicago and Las Vegas.

To read more about the concert click here.





PROTECT PETS DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

As temperatures climb this summer, keep your furry friends cool and safe with advice from Texas A&M AgriLife experts.



ID ith the sweltering dog days of summer fast

approaching, Texas A&M AgriLife experts encourage Texans to incorporate precautions to protect pets from heat stress.

"Much of the advice we give pet owners is common sense, but there are definitely special considerations depending on the animal's age and breed, as well as the activity you are engaged in," said Dr. Catherine Campbell, veterinary

diagnostician with the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Bryan-College Station.

Proper hydration is vital for animal health, but it is just one component of ensuring proper thermoregulation. "Access to cool, clean water is critical, but it is also imperative that they are given shade with adequate airflow," Campbell said. "This can be provided by trees or a structure like a patio, but I don't recommend a confined doghouse as that environment can become stagnant."

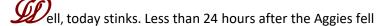
The same principles also apply to livestock animals that may be confined to a structure, such as backyard chickens. "I've actually assembled a water misting system in my chicken run that comes on during the hottest parts of the day," Campbell said. "It significantly drops the temperature, and the chickens love it."

Another backyard-friendly option is to use the shallow, hard plastic children's pools sold at retail stores. Campbell said these are a great option for dogs as long as they can safely exit the water. Frozen plastic jugs of water that an animal can lie against also provide relief.

To read more about ways to protect your pets during the summer click here.

SCHLOSS IS GONE. NOW WHAT?

Baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle is leaving Texas A&M after three seasons to join the University of Texas.



one run short against Tennessee in the national championship game, persistent rumors finally came to fruition and Aggie head coach Jim Schlossnagle is headed to Austin to take the job at Texas.



It's an emotional issue, to be sure. A coach leaving the Aggies for the Longhorns always would be. But happening a day after the title game loss (and vehemently demeaning a reporter for asking about the Texas rumors) makes it all the more raw.

But no matter what your feelings are toward Schlossnagle, the more pressing issue at hand is: What's next for Texas A&M baseball? To learn more about the move and what's next click here.

Beekeeping and Honey Cultivation in Italy



Beekeeping, known as apiculture, is an ancient practice in Italy, dating back to Roman times. Italy's diverse landscapes, ranging from coastal plains to mountainous regions, and its rich floral biodiversity make it an ideal location for honey production. Italian honey is renowned for its high quality, unique flavors, and adherence to traditional methods of production.

The tradition of beekeeping in Italy is deeply rooted in history. The Romans were among the first to document the methods of beekeeping,







emphasizing the importance of bees in agriculture and the medicinal properties of honey. Over the centuries, Italian beekeepers have perfected their techniques, blending ancient practices with modern technology to sustain and enhance honey production.

Today, Italian beekeeping combines traditional methods with scientific advancements. Beekeepers maintain hives in a variety of settings, from urban rooftops to rural meadows, ensuring that bees have access to diverse floral sources. Italian laws strictly regulate beekeeping to protect bee health and honey quality, including measures to prevent diseases and the use of harmful pesticides.





We have two beekeepers we love to purchase honey from. One in Lucca - APICOLTURA GUIDOTTI. The other is MIELE FABBRI located in Lajatico.

Italian beekeepers face several challenges, including weather changes, pests like the *Varroa Mite*, and environmental pollution. These factors can negatively impact bee health and honey production. However, the Italian beekeeping community is proactive in addressing these issues through research, education, and collaboration with international organizations.

"That which is not good for the bee-hive cannot be good for the bees."

- Marcus Aurelius

Italy is home to a wide variety of honey types, each with distinct characteristics influenced by the region's flora. Here are some, *not all* of the most notable types:

1. Acacia Honey (Miele di Acacia)

- Region: Found across Italy, particularly in the northern regions like Lombardy and Piedmont.
- Flavor: Light, sweet, and delicate with a floral aroma.
- o Color: Pale, almost transparent.
- Uses: Ideal for sweetening beverages and in baking due to its mild flavor.

2. Sulla Honey (Miele di Sulla)

- Region: Primarily produced in southern Italy, especially in regions like Sicily,
 Calabria, and Basilicata. The Sulla plant (Hedysarum coronarium), a type of legume, thrives in these areas.
- Flavor: Delicate, mild flavor with subtle hints of floral and grassy notes.
- Color: Light in color, ranging from pale yellow to a soft amber hue.
- Uses: Natural sweetener in teas and beverages, spread on bread or toast, pair with cheese and incorporated into desserts and pastries.

Making sweetness happen, naturally



3. Wildflower Honey (Miele Millefiori)

- Region: Found throughout Italy, with each region offering a unique blend.
- Flavor: Varies widely depending on the local flora, typically complex and rich.
- o Color: Ranges from light to dark amber.
- Uses: Versatile, used in a wide range of culinary applications.

4. Chestnut Honey (Miele di Castagno)

- Region: Common in mountainous areas, especially in Tuscany, Piedmont, and the Apennines.
- Flavor: Strong, slightly bitter, with a nutty undertone.

- o Color: Dark amber to brown.
- Uses: Pairs well with cheeses and is often used in savory dishes.

5. Eucalyptus Honey (Miele di Eucalipto)

- Region: Predominantly found in central and southern Italy, particularly in Lazio and Sicily.
- Flavor: Intense, with a distinctive medicinal and balsamic taste.
- Color: Light to dark amber.
- Uses: Known for its soothing properties, often used in teas and for respiratory ailments.



Beekeeping and honey cultivation in Italy are not just good agricultural practices but are integral parts of the country's cultural heritage. The dedication to maintaining traditional methods while embracing modern techniques ensures that Italian honey remains a product of exceptional quality. The diverse types and flavors of honey available reflect Italy's rich biodiversity and regional variations, making Italian honey a beloved and sought-after product both domestically and internationally. As challenges continue to arise, the resilience and innovation of Italian beekeepers will undoubtedly sustain and enhance this ancient craft for future generations.



Honey bees have been producing honey for at least 150 million years.



To make one pound of honey, honey bees need to visit approximately 2 million flowers.

A single hive can contain up to 50,000 bees

WORKER BEE



Collects nectar and pollen, she builds and repairs comb, feeds the young, defends the hive, and performs other tasks as needed.

DRONE BEE

Mates with the queen bee, but he does not perform any other duties within the hive.

QUEEN BEE

Lays eggs, releases pheromones to control the behavior of other bees, and manages the overall health of the hive.



THE BUZZ ON BEES

Bees have five eyes 2 compound and 3 simple.

They communicate through dance.

Their wings beat about 200 times per second.

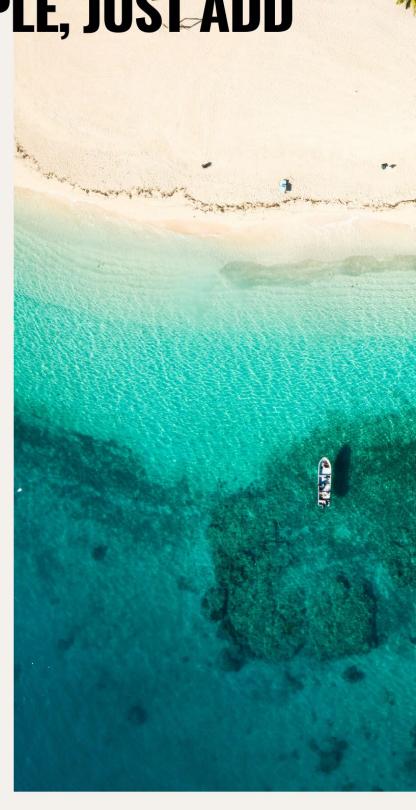
They can fly up to 15 miles per hour.

Bees are responsible for pollinating approximately one-third of the world's crops, including fruits, vegetables, and nuts.

LIFE IS SIMPLE, JUST ADD WATER

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EXPLORING THE ENCHANTING ISLANDS AND BEACHES OF ITALY





Italy, renowned for its rich history, stunning architecture, and exquisite cuisine, is also home to a collection of over 400 islands and some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Each island and beach offers a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and culinary delights. Come along as we explore some of the most captivating Italian islands and beaches, providing insights into how to reach them, must-see sights, activities, and recommended dining spots.



1. Sicily

How to Get There: Sicily is accessible by plane, with major airports in Palermo, Catania, and Trapani. Ferries also connect Sicily to the mainland from ports like Naples and Reggio Calabria.

Things to Do and See:

- Mount Etna: Europe's highest and most active volcano, offering hiking and guided tours.
- Valley of the Temples: An archaeological site in Agrigento with well-preserved ancient Greek temples.
- Palermo: Explore the capital city's historical sites like the Palermo Cathedral and the Norman Palace.

Best Beaches:

- San Vito Lo Capo: Known for its turquoise waters and white sandy beach.
- Scala dei Turchi: Famous for its stunning white cliffs and clear blue sea.

- Antica Focacceria San Francesco in Palermo for traditional Sicilian street food.
- Ristorante Duomo in Ragusa for fine dining and a taste of Sicily's gourmet offerings.



ISLAND HOPPING

2. Sardinia

How to Get There: Sardinia can be reached by plane to airports in Cagliari, Olbia, and Alghero. Ferries from mainland Italy, such as from Genoa and Livorno, are also available.

Things to Do and See:

- Costa Smeralda: Famous for its emerald waters and luxury resorts.
- Su Nuraxi di Barumini: A UNESCO World Heritage site featuring ancient nuragic structures.
- Neptune's Grotto: A stunning sea cave near Alghero.

Best Beaches:

- La Pelosa: Renowned for its shallow, crystal-clear waters.
- Cala Luna: Accessible only by boat or a long hike, known for its natural beauty and caves.

Places to Eat:

- Ristorante La Terrazza in Porto Cervo for upscale seafood and Sardinian cuisine
- Sa Domu Sarda in Cagliari for authentic Sardinian dishes.

3. Capri

How to Get There: Capri is accessible by ferry or hydrofoil from Naples, Sorrento, or the Amalfi Coast.

Things to Do and See:

- Blue Grotto: A sea cave famous for its mesmerizing blue light.
- Villa Jovis: The ruins of a Roman palace built by Emperor Tiberius.
- Piazzetta: The vibrant main square, perfect for people-watching.

Best Beaches:

- Marina Piccola: A small beach with stunning views of the Faraglioni rocks.
- Bagni di Tiberio: Located near the ruins of Emperor Tiberius' ancient palace.

- Da Paolino: Renowned for its dining experience under lemon trees.
- La Capannina: A classic restaurant offering traditional Caprese cuisine.

CAPTIVATING COASTLINES



4. Ischia

How to Get There: Ferries and hydrofoils from Naples, Pozzuoli, and Sorrento make reaching Ischia convenient.

Things to Do and See:

- Aragonese Castle: A medieval castle connected to Ischia by a causeway.
- La Mortella Gardens: Beautiful botanical gardens created by composer Sir William Walton.
- Thermal Spas: Ischia is famous for its thermal springs and wellness centers.

Best Beaches:

- Maronti Beach: The longest beach on the island, known for its hot springs.
- Citara Beach: Famous for its thermal waters and beautiful sunsets.

Places to Eat:

- Il Giardino Eden: Known for its stunning views and seafood dishes.
- Ristorante Umberto a Mare: Offering fresh seafood with panoramic sea views.

5. Elba

How to Get There: Ferries from Piombino to Portoferraio, Rio Marina, and Cavo are the primary means of reaching Elba.

Things to Do and See:

- Napoleon's House: Visit the residences of Napoleon during his exile on the island.
- Monte Capanne: The highest peak on Elba, accessible by cable car or hiking.
- Beaches: Explore pristine beaches such as Fetovaia and Cavoli.

Best Beaches:

- Fetovaia Beach: Known for its clear waters and scenic surroundings.
- Cavoli Beach: Popular for its fine sand and crystal-clear water.

- La Taverna dei Poeti: Located in Porto Azzurro, known for its local cuisine.
- Osteria Libertaria: A cozy spot in Marciana Marina offering traditional Tuscan dishes.



6. Aeolian Islands

How to Get There: Ferries from Milazzo, Naples, and Messina serve the Aeolian Islands, with Lipari being the central hub.

Things to Do and See:

- Stromboli: Witness the spectacular eruptions of this active volcano.
- Lipari: Explore the island's archaeological museum and historic center.
- Vulcano: Enjoy mud baths and hot springs.

Best Beaches:

- Spiaggia Bianca in Lipari: Known for its white pumice sand and clear waters.
- Gelso Beach on Vulcano: A secluded beach with black volcanic sand.

- Ristorante Filippino in Lipari for a taste of Aeolian specialties.
- Il Cappero on Vulcano for fine dining with a view.





7. Lampedusa

How to Get There: Flights from Palermo or Catania, or ferries from Porto Empedocle.

Things to Do and See:

- Rabbit Beach: Voted one of the best beaches in the world.
- Isola dei Conigli: A protected nature reserve ideal for snorkeling and diving.
- Cala Creta: A picturesque cove perfect for swimming.

Best Beaches:

- Rabbit Beach: Renowned for its white sand and turquoise waters.
- Cala Pulcino: A secluded beach with clear blue waters.

Places to Eat:

- Ristorante Cavalluccio Marino: Famous for fresh seafood dishes.
- Ristorante Amecà: Offering Mediterranean cuisine with a view.





8. Procida

How to Get There: Ferries from Naples and Pozzuoli.

Things to Do and See:

- Terra Murata: The island's historic center with panoramic views.
- Marina Corricella: A picturesque fishing village.
- Chiaiolella Beach: Perfect for a relaxing day by the sea.

Best Beaches:

- Chiaiolella Beach: Known for its soft sand and gentle waves.
- Pozzo Vecchio Beach: Featured in the film "Il Postino."

- La Lampara: Known for its seafood and pasta dishes.
- Caracalè: A charming restaurant in Marina Corricella.



Italy's islands and beaches offer a diverse array of experiences, from the volcanic landscapes of Sicily and the luxury of Sardinia to the tranquil beauty of Capri and the historic charm of Elba. Each of the 400 islands and beaches is a gem waiting to be explored, with their own unique attractions, activities, and culinary delights. Whether seeking adventure, relaxation, or a cultural journey, Italy's islands and beaches provide an unforgettable escape.



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EMULATING "DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS"

Why Italy Needs a Strong Anti-Litter Campaign

Italy, renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural heritage, is facing a growing litter and graffiti problem, particularly along its roadways. This issue is reminiscent of the situation Texas faced in the 1980s, which led to the highly successful "Dont Mess with Texas" campaign. Italy can learn valuable lessons from this initiative and adopt similar strategies to address its litter problem.

The Power of "Don't Mess with Texas"

"Don't Mess with Texas" was more than just an anti-litter slogan; it became a cultural phenomenon. Launched in 1986, this campaign tapped into Texan pride and community spirit, drastically reducing roadside litter. Through clever marketing, celebrity endorsements, and strong public engagement, Texans were made to feel that littering was not just illegal, but fundamentally un-Texan. The campaign's success lay in its ability to connect with people on an emotional level, making cleanliness a matter of state pride.



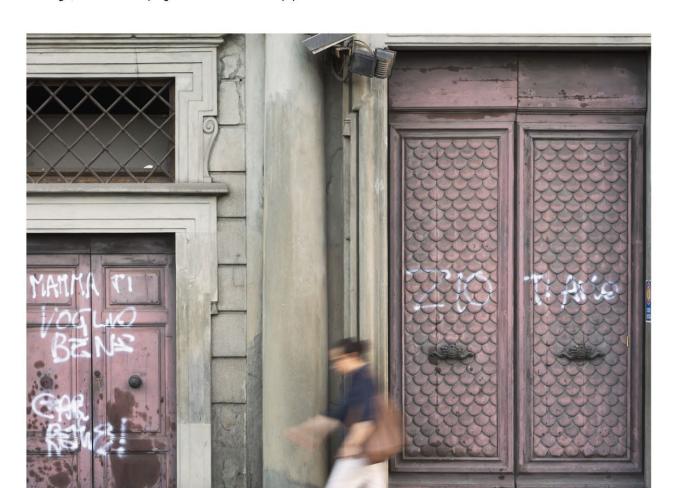
Non Sporcare l'Italia

In Italy, littering and graffiti remains a significant issue, especially along scenic highways. It's not uncommon to see people tossing trash out of their car windows, contributing to an unsightly and environmentally damaging problem. This behavior, coupled with insufficient public awareness and inconsistent law enforcement, exacerbates the issue.

Why a Similar Campaign Makes Sense for Italy

Italy, much like Texas, has a strong sense of regional and national pride that could be harnessed to combat littering. By framing littering and graffiti as a betrayal of Italy's natural beauty and cultural heritage, a similar campaign could resonate deeply with Italians. Here's why it makes sense:

- Cultural Resonance: Italians are passionate about their country's beauty and heritage. A campaign that highlights how littering and graffiti tarnishes this could foster a strong emotional response.
- Community Engagement: Initiatives that involve local communities can create a collective sense of responsibility. The "Adopt a Highway" project by the Italy A&M Club is a perfect example of this approach in action.
- Visible Impact: Community clean-up efforts and local involvement can have a visible, immediate impact, encouraging more people to participate and take pride in maintaining clean roadways.





The Italy A&M Club's "Adopt a Highway" Project

The Italy A&M Club has already taken a significant step towards cleaner roads with its "Adopt a Highway" project. This initiative involves our club and local groups and volunteers adopting sections of roadways to keep litter-free. It fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility, making a tangible difference in local communities. Such grassroots efforts show how collective action can lead to meaningful change and ways our club and its members can give back to the community.

How You Can Get Involved

Addressing Italy's litter problem requires community effort. Here are some simple ways you can get involved:

- Join Local Clean-Up Events: Participate in community clean-up activities organized by local groups like the Italy A&M Club.
- Adopt a Highway/roadway: Encourage local businesses or organizations to adopt sections of highways/roadways to maintain.
- Raise Awareness: Use social media and local networks to spread awareness about the importance of not littering and keeping Italy beautiful.
- Lead by Example: Practice proper waste disposal and inspire others by setting a good example.

Don't Just Be Sustainable...Be Responsible

To implement a campaign similar to "Don't Mess with Texas," Italy would need to take significant steps:

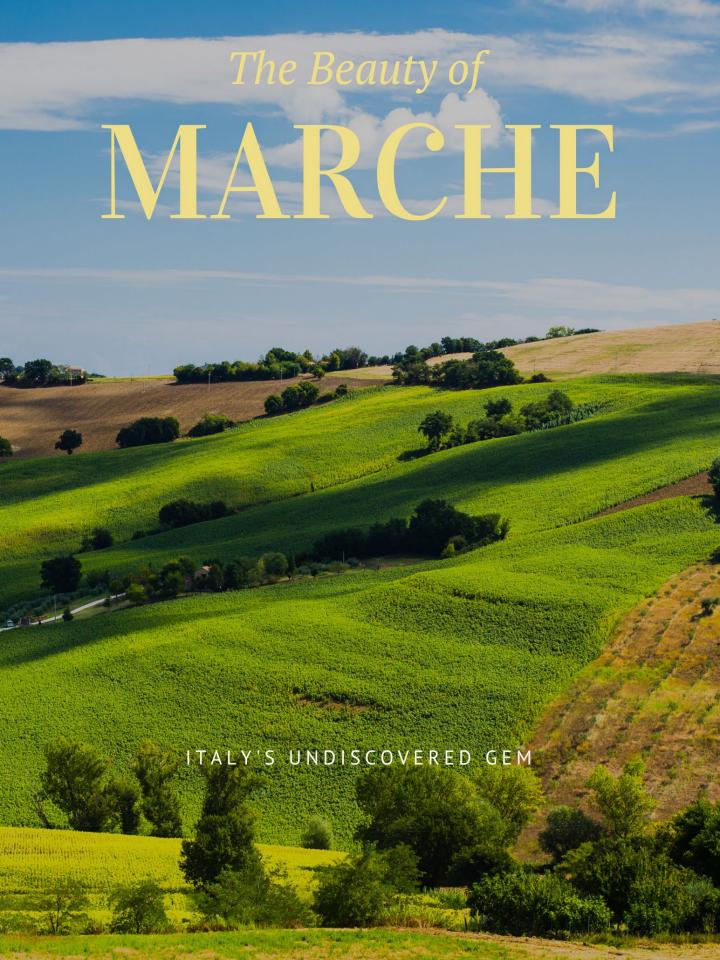
- Research and Planning: Conduct surveys to understand public attitudes towards littering and identify key areas for intervention.
- Developing a Slogan: Create a memorable slogan that resonates with Italian pride, such as "Non Sporcare IItalia" ("Don't Litter Italy").
- Pilot Programs: Launch pilot campaigns in specific regions to test strategies and gather data on their effectiveness.
- Media Campaign: Use television, radio, social media, and print to create a comprehensive media campaign involving popular figures.
- Community Initiatives: Organize local clean-up events and educational programs in schools to

involve the community.

 Enforcement: Ensure strict enforcement of antilittering laws with significant penalties and publicize enforcement actions to deter littering.

Italy has the potential to turn the tide against littering by adopting strategies similar to the successful "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign. By leveraging national pride, community involvement, and grassroots initiatives like the Italy A&M Club's "Adopt a Highway" project, Italians can make a significant impact. Our little club has so we know it can be done. Everyone has a role to play in this effort, and through collective action, Italy and each of us can preserve its natural beauty for future generations.







Get to Know Marche

Tucked away in the heart of Italy, the Marche region is a hidden gem that often escapes the tourist radar, overshadowed by its more famous neighbors like Tuscany and Umbria. However, for those who venture into this enchanting area, Marche offers a wealth of experiences characterized by stunning landscapes, rich history, vibrant culture, and delectable cuisine. The myriad attractions of Marche, highlighting its best sights and uncovering hidden treasures that make this region a must-visit destination.

Marche is a region of diverse and breathtaking landscapes. The Apennine Mountains dominate the western part, offering spectacular scenery and a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Monti Sibillini National Park is a highlight, with its rugged peaks, lush valleys, and diverse flora and fauna. The park is perfect for hiking, mountain biking, and even skiing in winter, providing a serene escape into nature.

In stark contrast, the eastern boundary of Marche is lined with the Adriatic Sea, boasting some of Italy's most beautiful and unspoiled beaches. The Riviera del Conero is particularly noteworthy, with its dramatic cliffs, hidden coves, and crystal-clear waters. Towns like Sirolo, Numana, and Portonovo offer idyllic seaside retreats where visitors can enjoy swimming, sunbathing, and water sports.



Historical Riches: Medieval Towns and Renaissance Art

Marche's history is deeply woven into its fabric, with medieval towns and Renaissance art treasures scattered throughout the region.

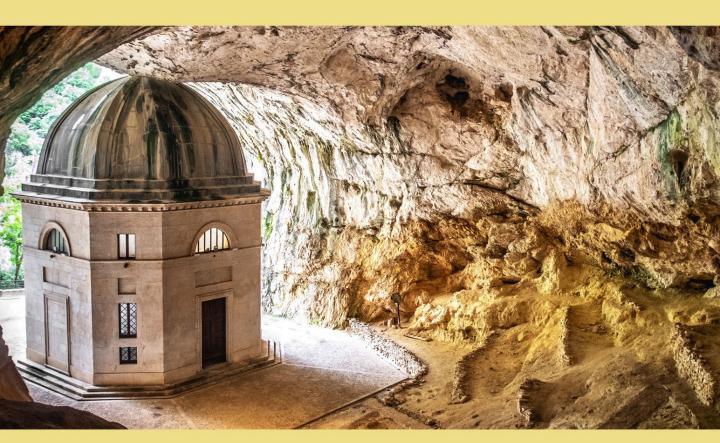
Urbino, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a prime example. This hilltop town is renowned for its well-preserved Renaissance architecture and is the birthplace of the great painter Raphael. The Ducal Palace, housing the National Gallery of the Marche, is a must-visit, showcasing masterpieces by Raphael, Piero della Francesca, and other luminaries.

Another gem is Ascoli Piceno, famous for its stunning Piazza del Popolo, often considered one of the most beautiful squares in Italy. Surrounded by elegant arcades and historic buildings, the square is a vibrant hub of local life. The town also boasts numerous Romanesque and Gothic churches, and the Caffè Meletti, a historic café where visitors can savor the local anisette liqueur.

For a journey back in time, the town of Macerata is known for its annual opera festival held in the Sferisterio, a grand neoclassical arena with exceptional acoustics. Additionally, the charming town of Fabriano is renowned for its traditional paper-making, a craft that dates back to the 13th century and continues to thrive today.

Natural Wonders and Hidden Gems

Marche is replete with natural wonders and hidden gems that offer unique and off-the-beaten-path experiences. The Frasassi Caves, located near Genga, are a spectacular underground marvel. These limestone caves feature immense chambers adorned with stalactites and stalagmites, creating a subterranean landscape of otherworldly beauty.





Marche's Culinary Delights

No exploration of Marche would be complete without indulging in its culinary delights. The region's cuisine is characterized by its use of fresh, local ingredients and traditional recipes. Seafood is a staple along the coast, with dishes like brodetto (fish stew) being particularly popular. Inland, truffles, olives, and meats take center stage.

One must-try dish is vincisgrassi, a rich baked pasta similar to lasagna but unique to Marche. Another is ciauscolo, a spreadable salami flavored with garlic and wine, perfect for smearing on fresh bread. The region is also known for its excellent wines, such as Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi and Rosso Conero, which complement the local cuisine beautifully.

The Marche region is a captivating blend of natural beauty, historical depth, and cultural richness. From its majestic mountains and pristine beaches to its medieval towns and Renaissance art, Marche offers a diverse array of attractions that cater to all interests. Add to this the hidden gems and culinary delights, and it becomes clear that Marche is an undiscovered treasure waiting to be explored. For those seeking an authentic Italian experience away from the crowds, Marche provides a perfect and enchanting escape.





FIDO - What's in a Name









Many people think that the dog name "Fido" is popular because that's what Abraham Lincoln named his dog. But the Romans were naming their dogs "Fido" years before Lincoln, with the name meaning "I am faithful" in Latin. Here is an example of a dog named Fido that you really could trust.

Carlo Soriani was a laborer that lived in the little city of Borgo San Lorenzo, not far from Florence, Italy. In the winter of 1941, Carlo was coming home from work when he heard a small yelp; it was a little street puppy lying injured by the road. He decided to take the tiny dog back home and look after it. It didn't take long for the street puppy to recover from its injuries, and with the help of Carlo, it was soon a picture of health.

The dog was a mixed breed, mostly white with some black patches. They became very good friends and the little dog followed Carlo everywhere, so he decided to name him Fido. It even followed Carlo to the bus stop where he took the early morning bus to work. Fido would wait all day by the stop until Carlo returned back on the evening bus. When he would return, Fido greeted him with a joy that only real dog lovers can imagine. Every day was the same for the next two years, and everybody in the town knew about their friendship.



I Am Faithful





On December 30th, 1943, the Allies bombed the factory where Carlo worked and, unfortunately, Carlo was killed. That day, just as usual, Fido waited for his friend Carlo to arrive on the evening bus, but he never did.

Fido waited at the bus stop for a while and decided to go back at Carlo's home, but he didn't find him there. The next afternoon, Fido went

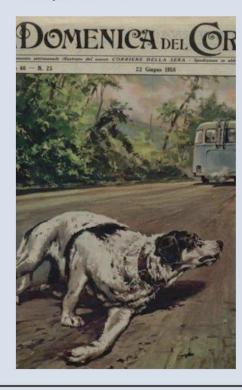
again at the bus stop to wait for his friend to come back from work as usual, but again he was disappointed. Mr. Soriani never came, but Fido didn't give up. He went there the next day, and the day after, and the month after, and the year after, and the decade after, hoping that his best friend would eventually show up and greet him. Fido continued to wait there each evening. This went on for a remarkable 14 years. In case your counting, Fido went to that bus stop to find Carlo nearly 5,110 times!

The story of his devotion soon spread beyond the town and even the country as international publications, including TIME magazine, captured his story.



Borgo San Lorenzo, his hometown, even honored him with a gold medal and his own bronze statue. Once destined for life on the street, Fido became the stuff of legend.

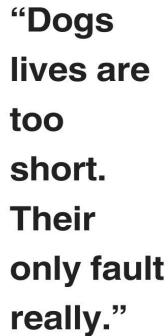
Fido passed away in the only way befitting his name: waiting for Carlo to come home from work. The best friends reunited when Carlo's wife laid Fido to rest near her husband's cemetery. His days of waiting were over and his enduring patience was finally rewarded.









































Behind every strong woman, there is a dog that is waiting for her outside the bathroom door.









Prep Time: 5 min Total Time: 20 min

It's insanely delicious, so simple to make, and the great part is that you can whip it up in less than 20 minutes making it the perfect summer appetizer!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup Blackberries
- 3 oz Sugar
- 1/2 cup Red Wine
- 1 oz Brandy
- Zest of 1 Orange
- Flaky Salt
- 1 Goat Cheese Log
- 1/4 cup Chopped Walnuts
- Pinch of Fresh Thyme

PROCEDURE

- Add BlackBerry, sugar, red wine, brandy, orange zest, and flaky salt to a pot and simmer on high until the jam is reduced and registers 220 degrees Fahrenheit on a thermometer. Reserve.
- Add goat cheese to a baking dish, spoon over jam, and top with walnuts, fresh thyme, and bake in the oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-10 minutes until caramelized, and the jam is bubbling.

Serve with crackers or toasted bread.

Enjoy!

ASK AN ITALY AGGIE - 12 QUESTIONS JOHN R TANNEHILL, '72

1. Tell us a little about yourself. Where you grew up, what your interests were, family, pets what you do now?

A. I was born in Dallas, TX. Grew up in Richardson and graduated high school there. We had a German Shepherd which my brother named Budgie after an Aggie fullback. During that time I was a member of the choir of First Baptist Church Dallas, and we toured Europe in the summer of 1968. I was at the 1968 Cotton Bowl when the Ags beat Bear Bryant's Alabama team. WHOOP!

2 Why did you choose to attend Texas A&M, how did you select your major and why?

A. I chose Texas A&M because my brother was there (class of 1970). My cadet squadron was Gator Two "Easy Come, Easy Go". My major was Finance: banking and stocks seemed respectable, then.

3. What was your favorite memory from your time at Texas A&M and why is it your favorite?

A. A major memory was from Bonfire my junior year. Only white belts could cut trees. After 10 +/-days of chopping, my hands were molded into grip shapes and I thought I would be paralyzed that way. I don't think I swung an axe when I was a senior. But in 1970 I was at LSU when Lex James threw the winning pass to Hugh McElroy.

4. What did you do after graduation, and what was your career?

A. Following graduation, I was commissioned into the US Air Force where I served on three bases over four years. In 1977, I began working for my brother, earned my MAI designation as a real estate appraiser and practiced until 2021.

5. Where have you been In Italy and what did you enjoy most?

A. I have been to the islands (Sardinia and Sicily), the mountains (Bergamo in the Dolomites), Puglia, the coasts, the big cities, the ancient dwellings and temples, and un-numbered agriturismos. My favorite city was Assisi. Along with study of the ancients, I most enjoyed the superb lasagna at Castel del Monte in Puglia, Rafael's painting of philosophers behind the Sistine Chapel, and the abundance of orange juice everywhere you can order drinks.

6. What's the number one thing you wish more people knew about you?

A. How proud (world's Proudest!) I am of my children and grandson.

7. What do you most miss about College Station?

A. Sunsets.

Sunset in College Station

– What John misses most!

8. What mystery or phenomenon would you love to solve or understand?

A. A mystery I would like to solve is whether news is fact or opinion?

9. Where's your favorite place you've ever traveled and what made it so special?

A. During the Air Force, I was stationed at Fortuna radar station in North Dakota. I met and still keep up with some good people from there. Fortuna, North Dakota was a remote place but we saw the Northern Light regularly; Otherwise, I enjoy the desert.

10. What advice would you give the current students at Texas A&M?

A. Study as hard as you can, ask questions. Listen more than you speak.

11. What's the one question you wished we had asked and how would you answer that question?

A . What do I do in my spare time? I keep amply busy amongst the Navy League, Air Force Association, and attending policy and government lectures.

12. Take Sides – with this question you have to choose your preference between the following dichotomies. *The Bold and maroon colored are Governor Perry's '72 selections:*

- Live Theater or Movie?
- Big Party or Small Gathering? Either
- Couch or Recliner? Rocking chair
- Road Trip or Plane Trip?
- Ocean or Mountains? Desert
- Card Game or Board Game? Either
- Winter Solstice or Summer Solstice?
- Football or Soccer? Baseball
- Pasta or Pizza? Both
- Black And White Photography or Color Photography?
- White wine or Red wine?
- Documentary or Action Film? Both
- Belly Flop or Cannonball?
- Hot Chocolate or Iced Tea? Hot tea
- Spaghetti or Lasagna?
- Hard Cheese or Soft Cheese? Both
- Backyard BBQ Area or Gourmet Kitchen? Either
- A day at the beach or a day at the amusement park?
- Cake or donuts? Bread pudding
- Whataburger or Chick-fil-A?





John's Aggieland Yearbook Photo - 1971



Richardson Hometown Club



ROMT ROW: John D. Rosser, John R. Terrebill, Bruce W. Williams, Rex E. Lenelschy, Mike W. Streetman, Terry Gronode, Kerry R. Herson. SECOND ROW: Billy J. Cos., Pater R. Wilson, David L. Yorkensloy, Stephan D. Heally, Rox R. Repsham, Dan H. Brown.

John was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Richardson Hometown Club



flagit sports update



Baseball - Aggies' Finest Season Comes to End as CWS Runner-up

The Aggie Baseball season came to an end with a 6-5 loss to Tennessee

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Darren Lewis Passes Away - HERE!

Darren Lewis, a two-time All-American running back and the all-time leading rusher in both Texas A&M and Southwest Conference history, passed away after a battle with cancer.

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Scott Shatters School Record on Fourth Day of U.S. Olympic Team Trials

Texas A&M track & field's Ja'Qualon Scott broke the 110m hurdles school record on the fourth day of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials Monday at Hayward Field.

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HEADLINES

GENERAL: Texas A&M Boasts 61 Spring Graduates in 2024 Class

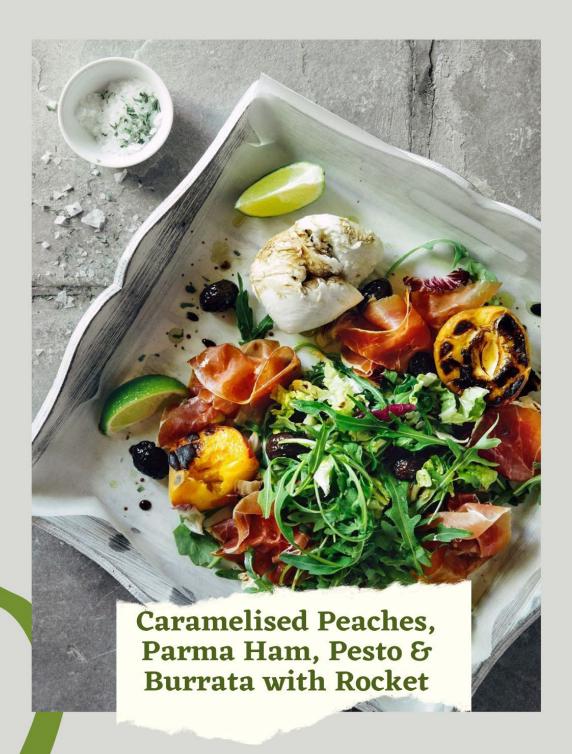
SWIMMING & DIVING: Casas Earns Spot on Team USA for 2024 Paris Olympics

FOOTBALL: <u>Television Windows Announced for 2024 Football Season</u>

SOFTBALL: Trio of Aggies Begin Pro Careers in Women's Professional Fastpitch

GOLF (M): Ennis Wins Arizona Amateur Championship

TRACK & FIELD: Wooten, Kerley Punch Tickets to Olympic Games SOCCER (W): Aggies Add Transfer Allison Lowrey for 2024 Season



This Caramelized Peaches, Parma Ham, Pesto & Burrata with Rocket is the ultimate summer salad! A quick hit in the fry pan or grill makes juicy summer peaches gloriously caramelized & subtly smoky. This salad is the perfect all-purpose summer dish – it's a great light dinner, an easy side dish, or the perfect elegant dish to share at backyard BBQs & dinner parties all summer long!



DIRECTIONS

Pesto recipe -

Blitz together fresh basil, pistachio nuts or pinenuts, grated parmesan or pecorino cheese, garlic, lemon juice, honey, olive oil, salt & pepper

Set aside

Pan fry or griddle the peaches on a medium heat until golden, then set aside.

Plate up the salad, top with Burrata and drizzle with pesto.

Finish with olive oil and season generously.

Caramelised Peaches. Parma Ham, Pesto & Burrata with Rocket



2 servings



(S) 15 minutes

INGREDIENTS

2-3 peaches - halved and stones removed 150g rocket

1 ball Burrata

6 slices of Parma ham

1-2 tablespoons pesto if shop bought, then mix with olive oil

Salt pepper

Olive oil

8 og fresh basil

50 g pistachio nuts - shells removed or

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30g Parmesan or pecorino - grated

1-2 cloves garlic

Juice 1/2 lemon

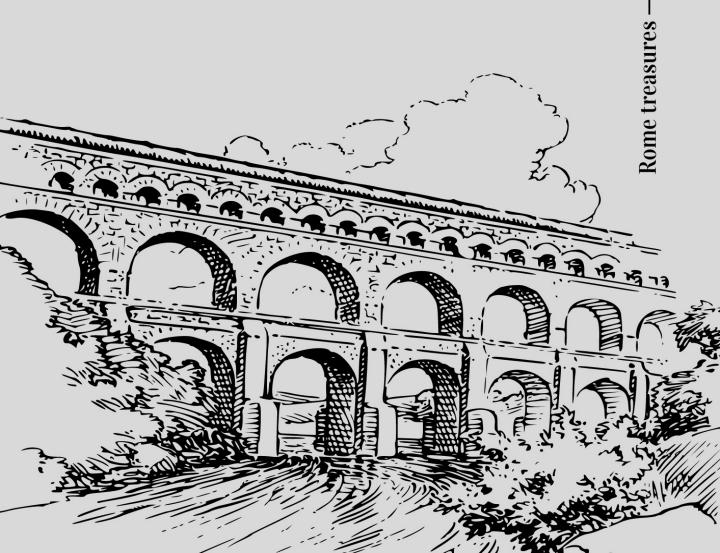
1 teaspoon honey

150-200ml olive oil

Salt & Pepper

Enjoy!

Pantheon Architecture



Bees, Barbarians & the Barberini









Eagle-eyed visitors to the Pantheon may spot a bee on the capital of the column at the eastern corner of the portico. The Pantheon's bee is one of the many secrets of Rome that are known only to the few, but why is it there?

In 1625 Pope Urban VIII (r. 1623-44) ordered the removal of the ancient bronze trusses from the roof of the portico, as he wanted the metal to cast new cannons for the Castel Sant' Angelo. The Romans were outraged by this act of official vandalism and one wag penned the famous pasquinade: 'Quod non fecerunt barbari, fecerunt Barberini' ('What the barbarians didn't do, the Barberini did').





A plaque on the exterior of the Pantheon states the pope's side of the story. It reads:

VRBANVS VIII PONT MAX /
VETVSTAS AHENEI
LACVNARIS / RELIQVIAS IN
VATICANAS COLVMNAS /
ET BELLICA TORMENTA
CONFLAVIT / VT DECORA
INVTILIA / ET IPSI PROPE
FAMAE IGNOTA / FIERENT /
IN VATICANO TEMPLO /
APOSTOLICI SEPVLCHRI
ORNAMENTA IN HADRIANA
ARCE /INSTRVMENTA
PVBLICAE SECVRITATIS /
ANNO DOMINI MDCXXXII
PONTIF IX

(Urban the Eighth, Pontifex Maximus, forged the ancient remnants of bronze coffering into columns for the Vatican and into engines of war, in order that these idle and well-nigh forgotten baubles might be made ornaments of the Apostle's tomb in the









Vatican basilica, and implements of public safety in the Citadel of Hadrian, in the year of the Lord, 1632, the ninth of his pontificate).

In apparent compensation for his pillaging of the Pantheon, Urban VIII made some reparations to its fabric, which included the replacement of a broken granite column with one salvaged from the nearby Baths of Nero. The pope was a member of the Barberini family, whose coat of arms is made up three bees. He duly had a bee carved on its capital for all to see. Almost 400 years later, there it remains.



Rome - Naples
1 hour 10 minutes

Florence - Milan
2 hours 15 minutes

Florence - Venice
2 hours

Naples - Sorrento
1 hour 15 minutes

Rome - Florence
1 hour 40 minutes





Answer 1: Bandera, which is located about an hour northwest of San Antonio and has fewer than 1,000 residents. It earned this title from being a staging area for cattle drives in the 1800s.

(See the Full Story)

Answer 2: The King Ranch, which spans four counties in South Texas. At roughly 825,000 acres, it's also the largest ranch in the United States.

(See his Story)

Answer 3: Buddy Holly. A rock-and-roll pioneer, he was killed when the four-seat airplane he was flying in crashed shortly after takeoff near Mason City, Iowa, on February 3, 1959.

(Click here for more details)

Answer 4: Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels. It covers 70 acres and boasts 51 attractions.

(See the Full Story)

QUESTION 1: WHAT TEXAS CITY IS KNOWN AS THE "COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD"?

Question 2: What is the largest ranch in Texas?

Question 3: What Texas musician's untimely death is memorialized as "the day the music died" in Don McLean's No. 1 hit "American Pie"?

Question 4: What Texas water park has been voted the "World's Best Water Park" for 25 years in a row?





THE ITALY AM CLUB MEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE



The Italy A&M Club Needs Your Help!

BREAKING NEWS

UPDATE – The Association of Former Students has finished helping us with our website! Here's the link www.italyags.aggienetwork.com

We have down loaded each of our e-newsletters along with other content. I can't thank them enough for the help. In the future we will be adding a Facebook page to accompany our Instagram postings. These mediums will allow us to post news articles, our monthly newsletters, Instagram postings and other social media. So everyone is aware our newsletter reaches out to OVER 1,300 readers each month. Thank you all for your contributions to it's success.

Italy A&M Club Scholarship

The club is exploring the possibility of establishing a scholarship program. The scholarship would be available to club members who live in Italy but are attending Texas A&M, their family members who are attending Texas A&M or possibly students who are studying abroad from Texas A&M in Italy (semester abroad program).

We are considering hosting a silent auction to help raise funds for the scholarship. If you are interested in donating to the auction or in the establishment of the scholarship please reach out to me directly.



• News - Extra, Extra Read All About it!

Please feel free to share any photos, news articles, announcements, births, graduations, Silver Taps, career changes or any other news you would like to share with the club. We will find ways to include them in the regular updates.

Logo

We are looking to create our clubs logo and we need your help. We need to generate a few ideas for our logo. If you have any ideas or thoughts please let me know.

Recipes

Feel free to submit your favorite recipe(s) to be include with the monthly/periodic updates. We would love to share them with the group.

Feedback

Please provide feedback on this format, the content and any ideas you may have on ways we can generate additional engagement. Please encourage other people to join the club and to follow us on *Instagram*.

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Parole Finali



The July 2024 e-newsletter has come to a close.

We hope you have enjoyed learning more about Bee Keeping in Italy, island hopping and seeing some of the most amazing beaches. We hope you are inspired to find ways to help out in your community just like the Italy A&M club has by adopting a highway.

Your enthusiasm and passion for our club and the Italian culture truly make our community/club special. We hope these stories have brought a touch of Italy into your lives and inspired you to explore more of what this beautiful country has to offer.

Looking ahead to next month, we have more cultural insights, news from Aggieland and delicious recipes that will keep your love for Italy and TAMU alive and thriving.

As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Your input helps us shape the content to better serve our club and community.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of the Italy A&M Club. We look forward to sharing more of Italy's magic with you in our August update.

Thanks, ciao and Gig'em!

Ryan '91