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## Ohio's 2011 Restoration Project - Wooden Shutters in the Raphael Rooms

The private apartment of Julius II della Rovere (1503-1513) on the second floor of the Apostolic Palace (the "Raphael Rooms") features frescoes by Raphael Sanzio and his collaborators produced during the late 1400s. In addition, this room, which belonged to the palace built by Nicholas V and was restructured and redecorated in 1508 also houses precious wooden window shutters designed by Raphael. While their crafting was likely commissioned by Julius II, the work itself was done during the time of Leo X by master carvers Fra Giovanni da Verona and Giovanni Barili.

These shutters and the wooden doors that adorn the "Raphael Rooms" are damaged and dehydrated from the sunlight which has caused partial warping of the structural panels creating cracks. The inlays have also become detached and withdrawn from

the carved panels. Oxidation has occurred on the surface of the varnish on the front of the panels, as well. On the back, the iron hinges and nails are loosening, too.

The sensitive and meticulous restoration project is expected to take 18 months at a cost of \$60,000 (US). It will include pest control on the wood, detailed cleaning of the carvings and inlays and the removal of old varnish and previous restorations that altered the appearance over time. The surface will then be polished with wax in the traditional 16<sup>th</sup> century method.

*This restoration will be the Ohio Chapter's project for 2011.*

A portion of the Patrons donation will also fund a program of periodic maintenance for the shutters to better protect them using more updated methods. This will circumvent more costly and complex interventions that are inevitable with the passing of time. ☺



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**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAPTER CHAIR**

We're off to a wonderful, fresh, new start to the year with exciting things in store for the Ohio Chapter. You may have noticed that you're holding a newly-designed newsletter and our website is undergoing an upgrade as well. That's just the beginning.

The Spring list of events for 2011 includes a Fashion Show on May 14 to benefit The Patrons at Acacia Country Club featuring fashions by "The Black Orchid, Accessories and More" which should be great fun.

It's also a year that will feature an extraordinary trip that I know you won't want to miss. We're cruising the Mediterranean this fall on Oceania Cruise Lines elegant Nautica ship as we visit the Pearls of the Riviera from October 14-28, 2011. Our ports of call include Valencia and Palma de Mallorca in Spain, Provence and Saint-Tropez in France, Monte Carlo in Monaco and Portofino, Florence, Amalfi and Sorrento in Italy – ending in Rome with a Vatican tour. I am very excited to be going and I look forward to having you join me as well!

**LORRAINE DODERO**  
*Chairman, Ohio Chapter*

*Ciao*

# Putting on the Ritz

The annual Holiday Party held on December 3, for the Ohio Chapter was another splendid affair.

Basil and Madge Minott's 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



*Jonathan & Kaitlin Jasko*

Dinner was served in the Riverview Room with its scenic view of the Cuyahoga River and the iconic bridges of Cleveland.

Attendees enjoyed a performance by the **Solon High School Madrigals** during dinner amidst the festive decorations of the Ritz Carlton. Dance music for the evening was provided by DJ Nick Zappitelli.



*Lorraine Dodero & Fr. Mark Haydu*

Our special guest for the evening, **Father Mark Haydu**, International Coordinator of the Patrons, provided an update on the progress of the restorations funded by the Ohio Chapter. Also addressing the group was one of the Patrons' newest members, Dr. Howard Minott, who touted the incredible experience that he, his parents and wife, Melanie had during their April, 2010 visit to the Vatican. The Minott's trip was a special celebration of

Rose Young won a year's membership in the Patrons in our basket raffle while Lou and Joan Perry won the "Night on the Town" which included 2 tickets to PlayhouseSquare Broadway Series "South Pacific", one night stay at the Ritz-Carlton, wine and chocolates.

We look forward to everyone's participation in our next Ohio Patrons event – a fashion show to benefit The Patrons of the Arts at Acacia Country Club featuring fashions by "The Black Orchid, Accessories and More."



*Betsy & Ralph Dodero*

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*Solon High School Madrigals performance*



*Connie Frankino, Rosemarie Mintz & Toni Hadad*



*Jackie Haydu & Lisa White*



*Bob & Vivian Pine*



*Joe & Kathy Tartabini and Michelle & Anthony Togliatti*



## Our Members Visit The Vatican



*Rose Morelli & Margaret Colombo,  
with Father Mark Haydu*

**Rose Morelli** made her fifth trip to Italy and while she was excited to share the beauty and history of the country with her friend and fellow Patron Member, **Margaret Colombo**, who was seeing bella Italia for the first time ... Rose didn't expect it to be a special trip.


**She was surprised.**

Their experience, courtesy of the Patrons of the Arts in the

Vatican Museum, left them both speechless and anxious for a return. "I was captivated by Rome", said Margaret. "I love Florence and Capri but I was never a big fan of Rome until this trip," says Rose. The tour we received from Fr. Mark Haydu in the Vatican was breathtaking. I started going to Italy in 1985 and have never been in love with Rome. But seeing what we saw was incredible."

Rose and Margaret enjoyed their private visit to the Sistine Chapel and, as a History and English major in college, Rose's thirst for historical information was certainly quenched by Father Haydu as he explained that the Vatican was the 'largest keeper of history and art in the world'.

But it was their trip into the Pope's Garden and the visit to the Carriage Pavilion that excited them the most. "Beyond its beauty is the incredible history it represents," said Rose speaking of the Garden. "Each pope directs the landscaping of the garden as he wishes. Pope Benedict made it look like Lourdes and he goes there every day to pray."

Another highlight of their trip had nothing to do with the Vatican ... but perhaps, more importantly, had everything to do with Rose and Margaret's relationship with their dear friend, the late Father Marino Frascati, O. de M. She and Margaret preceded the pilgrimage arranged by Fr. Michael Rock with a 3 day trip to Castel Viscardo near Orvieto, Italy (Umbria) to visit the family of Fr. Frascati. The purpose of the visit was to present his family with the gold medallion that Pope John Paul II presented to Fr. Frascati for his extraordinary work in the church and community. 

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*Left - Margaret in Carriage Livery; Middle - Rose in Garden;  
Right - Rose & Margaret in Sistine Chapel*

## Pasta Primavera

*Pasta (meaning dough in Italian, from the same root as pastry and the French pate) has a long history and was probably enjoyed by both the Ancient Greeks and Etruscans. This favorite sauce with its fresh young vegetable heralds the arrival of springtime and is a perfect Lenten meal.*



# mangiare

### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 oz fava beans
- 5 1/2 oz asparagus, cut into short lengths
- 12 oz fresh tagliatelle
- 2 1/2 oz French beans, cut into short lengths
- 4 oz peas, fresh or frozen
- 1 oz butter
- 1 1/2 cups of heavy cream
- Salt and Pepper
- 2 Tablespoons grated Parmesan Cheese, plus extra to serve

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Add 1 teaspoon of salt, the fava beans and the asparagus and simmer for 3 minutes.

Remove the vegetables with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add the tagliatelle to the pot and when it has softened, stir in the French beans and the peas (if you are using frozen peas add them a few minutes later). Cook for about 4 minutes, or until the pasta is al dente.

Meanwhile, heat the butter in a large skillet. Add the fennel and cook over moderately low heat without coloring for 5 minutes. Add the cream, season with salt and pepper and cook at a low simmer.

Peel the skins from the fava beans. Drain the pasta, French beans and peas and add to the sauce mixture. Add 3 Tablespoons of Parmesan Cheese. Toss lightly to coat. Serve immediately, with extra Parmesan cheese.

Serves 4

# Come Sail Away!



Tim Burtch, Peg Indermaur,  
Shirley Copeland & Lorraine Dodero

Whether drawn by your love of cruising or the incredible itinerary, the **Pearls of the Riviera** cruise aboard the Oceania Nautica [October 14-28, 2011] promises to be a spectacular event.

More than 30 people gathered at the home of Lorraine and Bill Dodero on Thursday, January 20th to hear the details of this exquisite trip. Tim Burtch, Regional Sales Manager of Oceania Cruises presented a video

describing the amenities of the renowned cruise line's fleet and Peg Indermaur of Jensen Travelon explained the highlights of the Ports of Call.

The Ohio Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums has truly brought together the 'best of the best' in planning this trip. Pearls of the Riviera will feature Oceania's elegant Nautica, a mid-sized ship featuring large-ship amenities. Their highly acclaimed gourmet culinary program is created by world-renowned Master Chef Jacques Pepin and features the finest cuisine at sea, served in a variety of distinctive open-seating restaurants. It is clearly the best value in luxury cruising.



Rosemarie Mintz & Peter D'Attoma



Carolyn Mandato, Denise Jasko & Peg Indermaur



Alex and Pam McMillen,  
Corinne Dodero, Betsy Dodero



Corinne Dodero, Christina Hoefler  
& Lorraine Dodero

The itinerary promises extraordinary Ports of Call including Barcelona and Valencia in Spain as well as Provence and Saint-Tropez in France and Monte Carlo. Italian ports are Portofino, Florence, Amalfi, Sorrento and finally, Rome, where Patrons will enjoy their exclusive tour of the Vatican.

Adding a special touch is Patron's member, Peter D'Attoma, President of DaVinci Custom Travel and Tours, who will be arranging ground excursions from the Italian ports for those interested in a special experience of Italy's treasured beauty, history and culinary delights.



Guests enjoy the cruise presentation

The evening's presentation certainly whet the appetites of the attendees and set in motion the registration process for this extraordinary trip.

If you have interest in joining the Pearls of the Riviera event, we encourage you to book now, contact Peg Indermaur of Jensen Travelon at (440) 247-4288 or email [peg@jensentravelon.com](mailto:peg@jensentravelon.com), to reserve your cabin. ☺

# Grazie

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following families and individuals as New Members to the Ohio Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums.

**FRANCESCA DIBLASI**  
Mayfield Heights, Ohio

**BUD & ALICE KLJUN**  
Strongsville, Ohio

**RICHARD & BARBARA VANDUZER**  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

**ROSE YOUNG**  
Akron, Ohio

The Ohio Chapter is proud to have each and every member. Your continued interest and promotion of our organizations mission is greatly appreciated. ☺

## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 2** Plan to join Ohio Patron's Chairman, Mrs. Lorraine Dodero, as she is this year's Grand Honorary Chairperson for **Imagine! Tiara 2011 Gala** benefiting Southwest General Hospital. Don't miss this magical evening featuring an authentic Beatles Concert by "1964, The Beatles Tribute Band" at Cleveland's PlayhouseSquare. Cocktails, Gourmet dinner, Performance seating, Dessert After Party with Valet Parking. Tickets are \$225/per person. Call today (440) 816-6714
- MAY 14** **Fashion Show** to benefit The Patrons of the Arts Acacia Country Club featuring fashions by "The Black Orchid, Accessories and More"
- SEPTEMBER** **Annual Clam Bake** to be announced
- OCTOBER 14** Join the Ohio Chapter as we **set sail** on the beautiful Oceanic Cruise ship *Nautica*, Pearls of the Riviera, Oct 14-28 complete with Private Vatican Museum Tours
- DECEMBER** **Holiday Event** to be announced