

### *A few words from Il Presidente*

I am very much looking forward to serving this year as IALA President, and I think we are off to a great start. Our Installation Ball kicked things off with terrific energy and our first general meeting of the year reinforced our long tradition of stellar speakers as well as featuring a magician entertaining the crowd tableside. Collectively, the Board and I are intent on really making 2011 a landmark year in recommitting IALA to its fundamental goals and enhancing IALA's status as a significant organization among the Los Angeles legal community.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming events. Bring your friends -- this is going to be great!

-- President Tom Girardi

### **Web Sites of Interest**

#### **IALA:**

<http://www.iala.info>

#### **National Italian American Bar Association:**

<http://www.niaba.org>

#### **National Italian American Foundation, Inc.:**

<http://www.niaf.org>

### *Serie A Standings*

The top Italian soccer league, Serie A, is heading into the final weeks for this season. The current top ten teams:

Milan -- 65 pts (19-8-4)  
Napoli -- 62 pts (19-5-7)  
Inter -- 60 pts (18-6-7)  
Udinese -- 56 pts (17-5-9)  
Lazio -- 54 pts (16-6-9)  
AS Roma -- 50 pts (14-8-9)  
Juventus -- 48 pts (13-9-9)  
Palermo -- 43 pts (13-4-14)  
Fiorentina -- 42 pts (10-12-9)  
Cagliari -- 42 pts (12-6-13)

## **IALA SPOTLIGHT: BEACH BOYS BRING DOWN THE HOUSE AT INSTALLATION BALL**



*The Beach Boys on stage at the IALA Installation Ball*

Headlining the 2011 IALA Installation Ball at the prestigious Montage hotel on January 27, the Beach Boys kicked off the IALA with a healthy dose of Southern California energy and optimism. The Beach Boys played a number of their classic hits and had the audience dancing long into the night.

Prior to the evening's entertainment, IALA took care of its business and swore in the 2011 Board as well as the 2011 Officers, who are: President Tom Girardi, President-Elect Stephen Mesi, First Vice-President Rebecca Delfino, Second Vice-President Damian Capozzola, Treasurer James Michalski, and Secretary Gregory Salvato.



*Outgoing IALA President Jack Denove passes the reins to Incoming President Tom Girardi*

At the first general meeting on March 16, IALA welcomed the Honorable Kevin Brazile who gave an informative and interesting keynote speech on successful advocacy, and Professor John Pollini, who discussed Italian architecture. Warming up the crowd beforehand with tableside Las Vegas magic was Shimshi, who apparently made even his own last name disappear to the delight of all in attendance. Best of all, the raffle generated \$2,000 for Japanese earthquake / tsunami relief.

*The IALA Board always seeks nominations for IALA members whose accomplishments – professional or personal, current or lifetime – merit acknowledgement in the Bollettino Spotlight. Please send submissions to [dcapozzola@ebglaw.com](mailto:dcapozzola@ebglaw.com).*

### **Upcoming Event**

**APRIL 27, 2011, GARLIC & GAELIC NIGHT WITH IRISH BAR ASSOCIATION**

**IALA HOUSE BOXER  
FLOYD WEAVER &  
TRIPLET BROTHERS AT  
HOLLYWOOD PARK MAY  
12, 2011**

**For further information go to  
the IALA website:**

[www.iala.info](http://www.iala.info)