

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on January 12, 2008 at the BLUE OX TAVERN, 5825 W. Sahara Avenue, southeast corner of Sahara & Jones in the shopping mall adjacent to the Burlington Coat Factory; Arrive at 11:30 AM; Lunch and Meeting from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.; 2008 Membership Dues are in order

Agenda for the January 12, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of November 10, 2007**
- 2) Treasury, Committee Reports & Announcements**
- 3) Christmas Party Report**
- 4) GOI Plans for 2008**
- 5) Guest Speaker: Dr. Alan Balboni (see page 2)**
- 6) Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on November 10, 2007

Present: J. Amato Jr., A. Bruges, R. Camillo, P. Campilongo, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, R. Cassillo, G. Collela, L. Cordone, R. Failla, L. DePalma, B. Esposito, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, R. Garganese, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, F. LaDuca, N. LaMonte, V. Lentini (Presiding), G. Mandarin, D. Mencarelli, T. Merlino, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi

- 1) V. Lentini opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
 - 2) The minutes of the October 13, 2007 meeting were accepted and approved with no additions, deletions or revisions.
 - 3) D. Gaglione reported that the balance in the Treasury was \$ 506.98.
 - 4) Poker night will take place on November 30th at the home of John Corso. Directions to his home will be sent via email and voice mail to all the poker players.
 - 5) D. Scuderi announced that GOI members will attend Boxing and a Las Vegas Wranglers Hockey game in November. Email notices will be sent with details of where and when to meet for each event.
 - 6) T-shirts and golf shirts with the GOI logo have been completely sold out. There are a few GOI logo baseball hats that are still available at a cost of \$10.00 each.
 - 7) D. Gaglione announced that the Grandsons of Italy Chapter in North Hollywood, CA now has a website. Its URL is <http://www.goiia.com/>.
 - 8) M. Castronova reported on the Christmas Party which will take place on Friday evening, December 7 at Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens. The Program for this event will be distributed to the members as a Special Edition of the Newsletter in early December prior to the Party.
 - 9) D. Gaglione announced that at the January 12th Meeting Professor Alan Balboni of College of Southern Nevada will be featured as a guest speaker. Dr. Balboni has written extensively on the contributions of Italian-Americans in Nevada.
 - 10) Seven prospective new members joined the ranks of GOI effective for 2008. R. Cassillo, G. Mandarin, T. Merlino, T. Prescia, L. DePalma, B. Esposito and R. Garganese attended the meeting, introducing themselves and indicating where they were born and raised and what is their professional backgrounds.
 - 11) The 50-50 Raffle coordinated by F. Pormigiano produced \$56.00 for the GOI Treasury.
 - 12) A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 2:00 PM.
- Respectively submitted,

Dick Gaglione

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Guest Speaker: Alan Balboni, Ph.D.

Dr. Alan Balboni, Professor of Social Science, at the College of Southern Nevada will be the Guest Speaker for the January 12th GOI Meeting. Professor Balboni will draw from material he gathered for his book, “Beyond the Mafia: Italian-Americans and the Development of Las Vegas,” to give us a picture of how extensive and varied were the contributions of Italian-Americans to making Las Vegas the world center of gambling and entertainment. He will also refer to an article he wrote for LaVoce in discussing the influence of Italian art and architecture on Las Vegas.

Bring a friend and/or your spouse. All are welcome. This will be another example of GOI’s promotion of programs that educate our membership about subjects of concern within the community.

Join a GOI Committee

Help make 2008 another successful year for GOI by joining one of its committees and helping plan:

- **Our Annual Picnic**
- **Our Christmas Party**
- **Group outings to entertainment and sporting events**
- **Guest Speakers Programs**
- **Hospitality Activities**
- **Membership recruitment**
- **Awards**

Come Back to Brooklyn Dinner Show

Encore presentations of the Dinner show, “Come Back to Brooklyn,” will take place on February 23 and 24, 2008 at the Meadows Mobile Park, 2900 Valley View. For details of the event see GOI members, Mike Castronova, Tony Giampa or Richie DiThomas at the next GOI Meeting. Mike, Tony and Richie are members of the cast of this Show.

John Corso’s Open House

On Saturday, January 26, 2008 GOI member, John Corso, will host his Annual Open House from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at his home at 9248 Magic Flower Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89134. John’s phone number is 341-9083. GOI members are welcome and John says: Don’t bring any food, just bring yourself but if you feel compelled to bring something, candy or a bottle of wine are acceptable. Driving directions to John's home are: take S. Rampart Blvd to W. Lake Mead Blvd, make a left turn and proceed to Greenspring St., make a left turn and proceed to Empress

**Tree Dr, turn right and proceed to Wild Ginger Ln, turn left and continue on Wild
Ginger Ln which becomes Magic Flower Ave.**