

## **The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter**

**The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on February 9, 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 February 9, 2008 Meeting:**

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of January 12, 2008**
- 2) **Treasury Report**
- 3) **Committee Reports and Assignments**
- 4) **Announcements**
- 5) **New Business**
- 6) **Adjournment**

### **Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on January 12, 2007**

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

**Guests:** J. Giampa, D. Castronova, R. LaDuca, D. Mancini, J. Matta, M. Williams, J. Zingale, M. Zingale

- 1) V. Lentini opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) The minutes of the November 10, 2007 meeting were accepted and approved with no additions, deletions or revisions.
- 3) D. Gaglione reported that the balance in the Treasury was \$ 648.08.
- 4) Programs and photos of the Christmas Party were circulated among those in attendance. V. Lentini reported that 45 members and their friends and family attended the gala event at Carlucci's Tivoli Garden on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He thanked M. Castronova for planning the food and beverage portion of the evening and Peter Anthony and Richie DiThomas and the Hi Lites for providing the entertainment portion of the evening. Special Service awards were given to Annette Gueli, daughter of S. Sciolino and Mona Sagui, daughter of E. Sagui for their assistance throughout the year.
- 5) D. Scuderi announced that Sporting Events Committee is planning a group outing to a Boxing Match and a Las Vegas Wranglers Hockey game in February.
- 6) J. Corso announced that his yearly open house will take place on January 26, 2008. Details are on page 2 of the January Newsletter and Meeting Notice.
- 7) M. Castronova announced that the Dinner Show, Come Back to Brooklyn, will stage encore performances on February 23 & 24, 2008. Details for the Show are on Page 2 in the Newsletter.
- 8) Professor Alan Balboni of College of Southern Nevada presented an interesting and informative Talk on the contributions of Italian-Americans in making Las Vegas the world center of gaming and entertainment. Dr. Balboni related information that he had gathered from his book, "Beyond the Mafia: Italian-Americans and the Development of Las Vegas."
- 9) New members Richard Matta and Dave Mancini introduced themselves and indicated where they were born and raised and what their professional backgrounds are.
- 11) The 50-50 Raffle coordinated by F. Pormigiano produced \$52.00 for the GOI Treasury.
- 12) A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 2:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

*Dick Gaglione*

### **Guest Speaker: Alan Balboni, Ph.D.**

Dr. Alan Balboni, Professor of Social Science, at the College of Southern Nevada was the Guest Speaker for the January 12<sup>th</sup> GOI Meeting. Professor Balboni drew 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 in making Las Vegas the world center of gambling and entertainment. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of his book, see Dick Gaglione at the February 9<sup>th</sup> GOI meeting. Cost of the book is \$20.00.

### **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**

An encore presentation 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.

### **Mortgages**

Louis Cordone, Sr. Loan Officer and Owner of Peachtree Home Loans has indicated that there is a current mortgage crisis that is threatening to drag the US economy into a recession. Lou, a GOI member, offered his advice to fellow GOI members regarding this matter. If you need more information on this matter and possible strategies for dealing with your present and future mortgage finances, contact Lou at 702-777-4400 or via email at [lcordone@peachtreehomeloans.com](mailto:lcordone@peachtreehomeloans.com) .

### **Social Services**

GOI members who have need for information and advice regarding housing, Medicaid, social security, Medicare and VA benefits among other areas of social services, should

**contact George Colella at 702-456-8823 or 702-328-9781 (Cell). George holds a Ph.D. in Social Work and is an active member of GOI.**