

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on March 8, 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 March 8, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of February 9, 2008**
- 2) **Treasury Report**
- 3) **Committee Reports and Assignments**
- 4) **Announcements: GOI Picnic-May 17th**
- 5) **Proposition 13 Revisited**
- 6) **Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on February 9, 2008

Present: J. Amato Jr., A. Bruges, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, G. Collela, J. Corso, R. Failla, L. DePalma, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, R. Garganese, T. Giampa, J. Gianno, F. LaDuca, N. LaMonte, V. Lentini (Presiding), R. Matta, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, D. Scuderi, J. Zingale

Guests: J. Prescia

- 1) V. Lentini opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) The minutes of the January 12, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved with no additions, deletions or revisions.
- 3) D. Gaglione reported that the balance in the Treasury was \$ 1153.08.
- 4) D. Gaglione reported that he is trying to arrange for a guest speaker for the March Meeting. Members should check the March Newsletter and Meeting Notice for details.
- 5) D. Scuderi announced that Sporting Events Committee is planning a group outing to a Las Vegas Wranglers Hockey game on February 15th.
- 6) R. Failla announced that Poker Night will take place on February 29th at his home. Details will be sent via email and voice mail to all GOI Poker Players. Failla also reported that the Sahara West Library will sponsor an Italian Fair on March 29th. Look for details in the upcoming March Newsletter.
- 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) A discussion of the GOI Picnic for 2008 resulted in an approval of two Picnics. The first one will be on May 17th at a Park in Summerlin. John Faulis will take care of the details. Members should consult the March and April Newsletters for details if they are not at the March Meeting. The second Picnic will take place in late September or early October in Henderson. D. Scuderi will handle the overall details, the date and site to be announced.
- 9) New member J. Zingale and Guest J. Prescia introduced themselves and indicated where they were born and raised and what their professional backgrounds are.
- 10) Committee Assignments for 2008: J. Faulis, GOI Membership Chair; G. Collela, Meeting Attendance; F. Pormigiano, Meeting Flag and 50-50 Raffle.
- 11) The 50-50 Raffle coordinated by F. Pormigiano produced \$42.00 for the GOI Treasury.
- 12) A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 2:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Dick Gaglione, Dick Gaglione

Balboni's Book

Dr. Alan Balboni, Professor of Social Science, at the College of Southern Nevada was the Guest Speaker for the January 12th GOI Meeting. Copies of Professor Balboni's book, "*Beyond the Mafia: Italian-Americans and the Development of Las Vegas,*" are still available. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of his book, should see Dick Gaglione at the March 8th GOI meeting. Cost of the book is \$20.00. If anyone found a copy of this book at the February 9th meeting, it belonged to one of the members.

An Evening of Italian Music

Professors Giuseppe Natale of UNLV and Alan Balboni of CSN inform us that there will be an Evening of Italian Music presented by Dominick Sabatino at the Doc Rando Concert Hall in the Beam Music Center on the UNLV campus on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Admission is Free. Listen to the music of Puccini, Verdi & Donizetti sung by Dante Fiore (Tenor), J. Buffone (Soprano), R. Tota (Baritone) & others. Flyers and Directions will be available at the March 8th GOI Meeting.

Bocce

If you are interested in a game of Bocce, Joe Gianni, GOI member, suggest you join the Bocce competition at the court on Alexander between Buffalo and Tenaya. Stop by any morning from Monday to Saturday and join the group.

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.

Italian Fair

An Italian Fair will be held at the Sahara West Library on March 29th. Details will be available at March 8th GOI meeting.

Proposition 13

A Property Tax Reform initiative for Nevada has once again been brought to the attention of the people of Nevada. Details of a petition to place this on the ballot will

be announced at the March 8th GOI meeting. You can also read about it on the website, <http://www.wethepeoplenevada.org> .