

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on April 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 April 12, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of March 8, 2008**
- 2) Treasury Report**
- 3) Committee Reports and Assignments**
- 4) GOI Picnic-May 17th**
- 5) Proposition 13 Revisited**
- 6) Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on March 8, 2008

Present: J. Amato Jr., L. Amoia, A. Bruges, R. Camillo, R. Candeloro, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, G. Collela, L. Cordone, J. Corso, E. DeGiorgis, R. DiThomas, R. Esposito, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, V. Lentini (Presiding), G. Mandarino, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, J. Zingale

- 1) V. Lentini opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) The minutes of the February 9, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved with no additions, deletions or revisions.
- 3) D. Gaglione reported that the balance in the Treasury was \$ 1265.08.
- 4) D. Gaglione announced that R. Failla reported that the Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave, will be holding an Italian Festival on Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Flyers were distributed to all the members in attendance. A motion for GOI to volunteer to set up a booth at this event was approved unanimously.
- 5) D. Gaglione distributed flyers with details for An Evening of Italian Music at the Doc Rando Concert Hall in the Beam Music Center on the UNLV Campus on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM. Admission is free.
- 6) D. Gaglione reported that C. Carpenter has sent informational material regarding the latest Property Tax Reform Initiative for Nevada. It was distributed to those in attendance and tabled for discussion at the April 12th Meeting.
- 6) J. Faulis reported that he had reserved a park in Summerlin for the May 17 GOI Picnic.
- 7) M. Castronova announced that the Bocce competition at the Italian American Club at East Sahara will begin again for the two GOI teams that have competed in the past.
- 8) New member L. Amoia, R. Candeloro, E. DeGiorgis, R. Esposito, P. Scaletta and Guest A. Pupa introduced themselves and indicated where they were born and raised and what their professional backgrounds are.
- 9) R. DiThomas was appointed as 2008 GOI Entertainment Committee Chair.
- 10) The 50-50 Raffle coordinated by F. Pormigiano produced \$61.00 for the GOI Treasury.
- 11) A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 2:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Dick Gaglione

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Property Tax Reform Initiative for Nevada

At the April 12, 2008 GOI Meeting Charles Carpenter, a long time GOI member, will report on the latest attempt to place property tax reform (Proposition 13) on the ballot in Nevada. Such information was distributed to those in attendance at the March 8, 2008 Meeting. Additional copies of this information will be available at the April 12th Meeting. You can also find details of this initiative on the web site, <http://www.wethepeopleofnevada.org> . GOI's position on this matter is to provide its members with the information that will help them decide whether they should support the initiative. Petitions to place this on the ballot may soon be circulating in southern Nevada and will be available at the next 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.

THE NITEKINGS

GOI member, Tony Prescia, reports that his singing group, THE NITEKINGS, will be appearing at Green Valley Casino in Henderson on Saturday, April 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Ovation lounge.

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, offers 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 .

Ferrari Exhibit

Professors Alan Balboni of CSN and Guiseppe Nature of UNLV report that the Marjorie Barrick Museum on the UNLV campus hosts a special exhibition organized by the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Los Angeles, to celebrate sixty years of Ferrari cars, which crossed the sea to become the very symbol of Italian creativity and industrial design. On view for the first time in the State of Nevada, the exhibit includes photographs from the Ferrari archives. For directions and more details

call the Museum at (702) 895-3381.