

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on May 10, 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.

Agenda for the May 10, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of April 12, 2008**
- 2) **Treasury Report**
- 3) **Committee Reports and Assignments**
- 4) **GOI Picnic-May 17th**
- 5) **New Business**
- 6) **Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on April 12, 2008

Present: J. Amato Jr., L. Amoia, R. Camillo, P. Campilongo, R. Candeloro, R. Cassillo, M. Castronova, G. Collela, E. DeGiorgis, L. DePalma, R. DiThomas, R. Failla, J. Faulis, R. Garganese, T. Giampa, N. LaMonte, V. Lentini (Presiding), D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, A. Sciarretta, D. Scuderi, S. Sciolino, J.Zingale

Guest: C. Carpenter

- 1) The minutes of the March 8, 2008 meeting was accepted and approved.
- 2) M. Castronovo reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,467.08 at the close of the last meeting.
- 3) M. Castronova announced that the bocce group(s) will temporarily play on four courts on the Garden Park in Summerlin while repairs are underway at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara.
- 4) R. DiThomas and M. Castronova are the entertainment committee co-chairs for the Christmas party. Maggianos has been suggested as a possible replacement for Carluccios which may be too small for the anticipated size of the group. Cost will increase. Other sites are being explored. Suggestions are invited.
- 5) V. Lentini commented positively on the Italian Fair event at the Sahara library on March 29.
- 6) J. Faulis reports that a representative from La Voce will attend a club meeting in the future.
- 7) V. Lentini reminds everyone that ideas and recommendations for presentations to the club are invited.
- 8) V. Lentini reports that a tour of a local car collection and a Lake Mead boat dinner cruise are being considered for prospective future GOI events.
- 9) V. Lentini read a Notice regarding the May 18th Meeting of Dr. Ed Militello's Pointers group at 4:30pm at Carluccio's. The meeting centers on dinner and an open group discussion about Italian Genealogy.
- 10) A new member Anthony Sciarretta was introduced and welcomed. He is from Vernorsville, New Jersey.
- 11) J. Faulis reported on the first club picnic of 2008 which will be held at Garden Park in Summerlin on May 17. The May GOI Newsletter will feature a map to show directions to the Picnic grounds and all the necessary details.
- 12) G. Colella reminds everyone to file tax forms to get a stimulus rebate. He also notes that taxi books are available from the Division for Aging Services at the Department of Health and Services at 3100 W. Sahara, Suite 103, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 702/486-3581. The book costs \$10.00 and provides \$20.00 worth of cab tickets.
- 13) Phil Campilongo will be hosting Poker Night on Friday, April 25 at his home. Address, directions, phone number and other details will be sent to all the poker players via email and by phone.
- 14) The 50/50 drawing produced \$52.00 for the club treasury.
- 15) Charles Carpenter circulated petitions for proposed "Nevada Proposition 13 Bill" for property tax reform. A total of 58,000 signatures are needed by May 20 to advance the proposal to the Legislature and then to a popular vote to change the State Constitution. Carpenter notes that the current 3% cap comes up for review next year and most likely will be discontinued. If that occurs, property taxes will surely rise. The proposal is designed with seniors 55 years and older in mind and will provide protection for them.

**Respectively submitted,
Ron Failla**

GOI Picnic May 17th

The first GOI Picnic for 2008 will take place on May 17 at the Garden Park in Summerlin which is situated on Town Center Drive between Desert Inn and Twain. If you are travelling on Desert Inn, proceed west until you reach Town Center, make a left turn and proceed south until you come to Garden Park on the left. If you are travelling on the 215 Beltway exit at Town Center and proceed North on Town Center until you reach Garden Park on the right. Official starting time for the Picnic will be 11:00 AM. Sausages, hamburgers, hotdogs and rolls will be provided by GOI for all attendees. Members will bring their own specialties, beverages and deserts. Bocce and horseshoe courts and equipment will be available for use by attendees. Attendance is open to members, their families and friends. An approximate headcount is needed by the May 10th GOI Meeting. The Park is open until 4:00 PM. Note: Park rules prohibit alcoholic beverages so be guided accordingly.

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.

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 .

