

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on June 14, 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 June 14, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of May 10, 2008**
- 2) **Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements**
- 3) **New Business: Christmas Party 2008 (see page 2)**
- 4) **Las Vegas 51s Baseball Game (see page 2)**
- 5) **Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on May 10, 2008

Present: J. Amato Jr., A. Bruges, R. Camillo, P. Campilongo, C. Carpenter, F. Cassarino, R. Cassillo, M. Castronova, G. Collera, J. Corso, L. DePalma, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, R. Garganese, T. Giampa, V. Lentini (Presiding), R. Matta, D. Mencarelli, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, F. Scalata, D. Scuderi, J. Zingale

Guest: T. Scinta

- 1) The minutes of the April 12, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,640.86.
- 3) M. Castronova announced that GOI Poker Night will resume at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. The dates of the next game will be announced to the participants via email and voice mail.
- 4) M. Castronova on behalf of the Entertainment Committee invited suggestions from the membership with regard to a site for the 2008 GOI Christmas Party. Discussions should start at the June Meeting. Possible sites for the December event are Carluccios, Maggianos and the Italian American Club.
- 5) V. Lentini announced that 2008 is an election year for GOI. A slate committee will be established during the summer months in order to submit nominees to the membership for Election of the 2009 Officers.
- 6) D. Scuderi and D. Gaglione distributed flyers for a possible group outing to a Pacific Coast League baseball game of the Las Vegas 51s, the minor league affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers, at Cashman Field. Tickets for a 51s night game will be available at the June Meeting.
- 7) V. Lentini reminds everyone that ideas and recommendations for presentations to the club are invited.
- 8) A prospective new member Anthony Scinta was introduced and welcomed. Tony was born and raised in Buffalo, NY and worked for the Buffalo Police for 31 years.
- 9) J. Faulis reported on the first club picnic of 2008 which will be held at Gardens Park in Summerlin on May 17. He indicated the types of food that GOI will be providing for attendees and asked for members to let him know how many friends and family members would be coming to the Event and what types of salads, desserts and beverages that they would be bringing. A silent auction of lithographs donated by GOI member F. Cassarino was also being planned.
- 14) The 50/50 drawing conducted by D. Scuderi produced \$62.00 for the club treasury.
- 15) Charles Carpenter reported on the continuing real estate tax reform initiative, Nevada Proposition 13 and thanked the membership for completing petitions to get the Proposition on the ballot in November. GOI Vice President E. Sagui coordinated the gathering of petitions.

Respectively submitted,

Dick Gaglione

Dorothy Castronova

GOI's Hospitality Committee announced that Dorothy Castronova, wife of GOI Treasurer, Mike Castronova, is recuperating nicely after being hospitalized from a bout with pneumonia. Best wishes from all GOI members to the Castronova family for a speedy recovery for Dorothy.

GOI Picnic

The May 17th GOI Picnic at Gardens Park in Summerlin was the highlight of the GOI year so far. GOI members and their families and friends broke bread together, enjoyed Italian music, played bocce and participated in a silent auction of two lithographs donated by GOI member, Frank Cassarino. Kudos to GOI member, John Faulis for organizing the event and serving as head Chef to cook his home made sausages on the barbecue. It was an absolutely delightful culinary and social experience for all in attendance.

Christmas Party 2008

It is that time of the year when it is necessary to make arrangements for the GOI Christmas Party. A GOI committee is seeking prices and available date information from several possible sites. At the June 14th Meeting various options will be discussed and approved. It will be necessary to estimate an approximate number of attendees since the size of the room available at each venue is a key factor in this decision. Any member who will not be at the June 14th meeting should contact us via email at oggag@aol.com or voice mail at 702-254-1782 and indicate how many family members will be attending the Christmas Party this year.

Las Vegas 51s Baseball Game

A GOI group outing to a Las Vegas 51s baseball game vs the Tacoma Raniers will take place on the night of June 20th at Cashman Field. Tickets priced at \$8.00 including vouchers for various goodies will be available at the June 14th GOI Meeting while supplies last. The "Grandsons of Italy" name will also appear on the scoreboard during the game.

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@peachtreelhome loans.com.

