

## The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

*The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on July 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.*

### Agenda for the July 12, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of June 14, 2008
- 2) Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements
- 3) Christmas Party 2008 (see page 2)
- 4) POINTers in Person Special Meeting, August 10 (see Page 2)
- 5) Election of GOI Officers for 2009-10 (see page 2)
- 6) GOI Picnic II (see Page 2)
- 7) Adjournment

### Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on June 14, 2008

**Present:** J. Amato Jr., L. Amoia, A. Bruges, P. Campilongo, F. Cassarino, R. Cassillo, M. Castronova, G. Colella, L. DePalma, R. DiThomas, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, F. LaDuca, V. Lentini (Presiding), D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, S. Sciolino, J.Zingale

- 1) The minutes of the May 10, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,164.95 due to expenses for the Picnic and the Las Vegas 51s Baseball game but soon would be back up to \$1324.95 once members paid for their baseball game tickets.
- 3) M. Castronova announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on June 27 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara.
- 4) M. Castronova led a discussion of bids that we received from various restaurants for the GOI Christmas Party. December 5, 2008 was approved as the date and Carluccio's Tivoli Garden will once again be the site for this event. Since Carluccio's has limited seating for the Party, it was agreed that each member will be allowed to purchase up to 4 tickets.
- 5) D. Gaglione described the procedure for the election of GOI officers for 2009-10. Details will appear on page 2 of the GOI July Newsletter and Meeting Notice.
- 6) D. Gaglione distributed flyers for the June 20 baseball game of the Las Vegas 51s at Cashman Field will be available at a price of \$8.00 per ticket at the close of the meeting. Ticket holders will receive at the game a baseball cap, a desk clock and food vouchers.
- 7) J. Faulis reported on the first club picnic of 2008 held at Gardens Park in Summerlin on May 17. He indicated the event was a huge success. V. Lentini praised John for being the Chef for his home made sausages and for organizing the picnic. Members and their families were also commended for the many and varied foods and pastries brought to the Picnic for family style eating. A competitive Bocce match also allowed some of the participants to work off all the food that they consumed. A silent auction of two lithographs donated by GOI member F. Cassarino in memory of his brother produced \$80.00 for the GOI Treasury.
- 8) M. Castronova distributed a copy of an article by Drew Bacigalupa that appeared in the Santa Fe New Mexican entitled "*I caduti*: Memories of comrades lost in wars."(see page 2 for details)
- 9) The 50/50 drawing conducted by F. Pormigiano produced \$45.00 for the club treasury.
- 10) V. Lentini started a round of jokes and humorous stories.
- 11) A motion to adjourn the Meeting was seconded and approved at 2:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

*Dick Gaglione*

### **I Caduti: Memories of Comrades Lost in Wars**

Sculptor Drew Bacigalupa wrote an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican on Sunday, November 9, 2003 in which he relates his thoughts and feelings upon visiting The U.S. Military Cemetery, south of Florence, Italy. Bacigalupa refers to those killed in action as “I caduti”(The Fallen) and describes vividly the scene when he and a group of Americans visited this site. At the June 14 GOI Meeting copies of the article were distributed.

### **Christmas Party 2008**

The 2008 GOI Christmas Party will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens, 1775 East Tropicana Avenue. Admission is \$36.00 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. Due to the limitations in the room's capacity, members will be allowed to purchase up to 4 tickets. At the July 12 GOI Meeting we will begin to accept cash, checks and money orders for reservations. Please make any checks or money orders payable to GOI. Future Newsletters will describe the menu and other details of this event.

### **POINTers in Person Special Meeting**

The Southern Nevada Chapter of POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) will hold a special Meeting on Sunday, August 10 at 4:30 PM at Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens, 1775 East Tropicana Ave. POINT is an American Network of Italian Genealogy that meets periodically for dinner and discussions. For this Meeting John Hosier, General Manager of Carluccio's will be the after dinner speaker on the topic of the History of the Tivoli Gardens with emphasis on the paranormal activities reported to have occurred on the property. To make reservations contact Thomas Militello via email at [DrTom@point-pointers.net](mailto:DrTom@point-pointers.net) or voice mail at 702-257-6628. Non-members of POINT are welcome.

### **GOI Picnic II**

GOI's second Picnic in 2008 will be at Paseo Vista Park, 2505 Paseo Verde Parkway, Henderson, NV on September 6, 2008. For information, photos and maps of the Park, access their website, [http://cityofhenderson.com/parks/parks/paseo\\_vista.php](http://cityofhenderson.com/parks/parks/paseo_vista.php). Dan Scuderi, Chairman of GOI Picnic II will provide additional details at the next two GOI Meetings.

### **Las Vegas 51s Baseball Game**

A possible second GOI group outing to a Las Vegas 51s baseball game vs the Iowa Cubs on the night of June 26<sup>th</sup> at Cashman Field will be discussed at the July 12 Meeting. Tickets will be priced at \$8.00 and will include vouchers for various goodies. The “Grandsons of Italy” name will also appear on the scoreboard during the game.

### **Election of GOI Officers for 2009-10**

According to the GOI Bylaws the terms of its Officers will expire on December 31, 2008. Therefore procedures for election of officers for 2009-10 will begin with the appointment by the Executive Committee of a Slate Committee to craft a slate of nominees for each office. The Slate Committee members cannot be members of the Executive Committee or candidates for any office. The Slate Committee will submit a list of nominees to the Executive Committee by early September and it will be submitted to the membership at the September 13 Meeting. Nominations from the floor will then be in order and added to the slate for the final ballot. The secret ballot election will take place at the October 11 Meeting.

### **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](mailto:lcordone@peachtreehomeloans.com) .