

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on August 9, 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 August 9, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of July 12, 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 July 12, 2008

Present: L. Amoia, A. Bruges, M. Castronova, G. Colella, R. Failla, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, N. LaMonte, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, A. Pupa, E. Sagui (Presiding), P. Scaletta, D. Scuderi, S. Sciolino, J.Zingale
Guests: C. Bacino, S. Rainone

- 1) The minutes of the June 14, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,424.95.
- 3) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on July 25 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. A notice of this event will be sent via email to each poker player on July 21.
- 4) M. Castronova led a discussion on the GOI Christmas Party scheduled for December 5, 2008 at Carluccio's Tivoli Garden. Details of the Party including the Menu and price per person will appear on page two of each of the remaining Newsletters. Members were asked to purchase tickets for the event at the conclusion of the Meeting. A maximum number of 4 tickets per member will be allowed while supplies last. (see Page 2 for details)
- 5) D. Gaglione reported that the Executive committee has appointed a subcommittee to establish a slate of nominees for the election of officers for the 2009-2010 term. (see page 2 for details)
- 6) D. Gaglione reported that the June 27th group outing to a Las Vegas 51s baseball game at Cashman Field was a successful social event for GOI members and their families. The 51s organization has scheduled a 2nd similar type promotion for their game versus the Iowa Cubs. A motion to organize a second group outing for this game received very little support and the motion was not approved. A decision to pursue a group outing to a UNLV football game in the Fall was approved. E. Sagui indicated that he would bring the UNLV schedule to the August meeting for selection of an appropriate date.
- 7) D. Scuderi reported that the second GOI Picnic will take place in Henderson on September 6th. (See page 2 of the Newsletter for details)
- 8) M. Castronova led a discussion of an article by Drew Bacigalupa that appeared in the Santa Fe New Mexican entitled "*I caduti: Memories of comrades lost in wars.*"
- 9) D. Gaglione announced that the POINTers group will meet again on August 10 at Carluccio's. (For details of the meeting and ways to make reservations, see page 2 of the Newsletter).
- 10) G. Colella reported that July 20 is the deadline for submission of Section 8 Vouchers.
- 11) Two prospective new members, Chuck Bacino and Sal Rainone, introduced themselves to the members and indicated where they were born and raised and what were their professional backgrounds and skills.
- 12) The 50/50 drawing conducted by F. Pormigiano produced \$29.00 for the club treasury.
- 13) E. Sagui started a round of jokes and humorous stories.
- 14) A motion to adjourn the Meeting was seconded and approved at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Gaglione

Christmas Party 2008

The 2008 GOI Christmas Party will take place on Friday evening, December 5th 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. The menu for Party will include appetizers such as tomato, mozzarella and basil, stuffed mushrooms, fried zucchini, soup, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and a choice of one of the following entrees: chicken marsala, veal scallopini, shrimp scampi, eggplant parmigiana, baked lasagna. A Cannoli Cake will be served for desert. A Cash Bar will be available for alcoholic beverages. Please make checks or money orders payable to GOI. Purchase your tickets at the August Meeting while supplies last.

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 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. Dan Scuderi, Chairman of GOI Picnic II will provide additional details at the August 9th GOI Meeting.

Election of GOI Officers for 2009-10

According to the GOI Bylaws the terms of its Officers will expire on December 31, 2008. The Executive Committee has appointed a Slate Committee consisting of J. Corso (chair), D. Mencarelli and L. Cordone to prepare 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 the 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.

Sal Rainone at De Stefano's

GOI member Sal Rainone will be appearing with Mike Bari at De Stefano's Restaurant, 3430 E. Tropicana on Wednesday and Saturday nights. For more information call DeStefano's at 364-8424.

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 .