

# The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

**The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on September 13, 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 September 13, 2008 Meeting:**

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of August 9, 2008
- 2) Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements
- 3) Christmas Party 2008 (see page 2)
- 4) Election of GOI Officers for 2009-10 (see page 2)
- 5) Tail gaiting at a UNLV Football Game (see Page 2)
- 6) Adjournment

## **Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on August 9, 2008**

**Present:** J. Amato Jr., L. Amoia, A. Bruges, G. Colella, L. Cordone, J. Corso, R. Failla, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, F. LaDuca, N. LaMonte, V. Lentini (Presiding), R. Matta, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, S. Rainone, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, D. Scuderi, S. Sciolino, J.Zingale

**Guests:** T. Tatalo

- 1) The minutes of the July 12, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,796.95.
- 3) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on August 29 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. A notice of this event will be sent via email to each poker player on August 22.
- 4) V. Lentini and E. Sagui 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 GOI members appointed to the subcommittee to establish a slate of nominees for the election of officers for the 2009-2010 term appears on page 2 of the Newsletter. A motion to change the bylaws and change bylaw V, Section 1 such that the word Secretary be replaced by the words Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary was approved by unanimous vote of those in attendance. A second motion to impose a limit of one two year term for an elected GOI President was defeated.
- 6) D. Gaglione and Ed Sagui led a discussion of the possibility of a GOI member outing to a UNLV football game along with a pre-game tailgate gathering. It was decided that the November 1<sup>st</sup> game versus TCU would be the most convenient date for GOI members attending the game which starts at 5:00 PM.
- 7) D. Scuderi reported that the second GOI Picnic will take place in Henderson on September 6<sup>th</sup>. (See page 2 of the Newsletter for details) Scuderi requested information from those members who plan to attend the Picnic to indicate what they were bringing and the number of guests that would be with them. A reminder message with details of the Picnic and directions to the site will be sent to all members on August 30.
- 8) V. Lentini announced that the POINTers group will meet again on August 10 at Carluccio's.
- 9) Tony Tatalo, a prospective new member, introduced themselves to the members and indicated where he was born and raised and what were his professional background and skills.
- 10) The 50/50 drawing conducted by F. Pormigiano produced \$41.00 for the club treasury.
- 11) 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 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. The menu for the 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 September Meeting while supplies last. Entertainment is being planned.

### 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.

### The Oil Route (La Via del Petrolio)

Professor Al Balboni of CSN suggests the following film for GOI members. On Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Barrick Museum Auditorium on the UNLV Campus Prof. Giuseppe Natale, UNLV Dept. of Foreign Languages, has arranged for the presentation of Bertolucci's only documentary film. Originally filmed in the mid-sixties the three-part narrative highlights the places of oil production in Iran, then tracks the European route of the black gold via tanker to the port of Genoa before crossing Europe. Born in the early era of oil exploitation, the documentary is of great relevance to present-day debates on sharing energy resources and establishing dialogue between distant cultures. For more details of the showing of the film call Professor Natale at 895-4031 or visit the web site, [http://specials.eni.it/vintage/sito\\_cinema/ENG/petrolio\\_eng.htm](http://specials.eni.it/vintage/sito_cinema/ENG/petrolio_eng.htm) .

## Dancing and Mingling on the Sahara

GOI member, John Amato Jr, reports that the Italian American Supper Club, 2333 E. Sahara will proudly present a fall series of dance and show evenings with special themes featuring Steve Filippini and The Nobody Famous and Infamous Horns Band. Tickets are priced at \$12 singles, \$20 couples (At the Door) and \$10 singles, \$18 couples (Advanced purchase). For Advanced ticket purchase call 702-220-6325. Ballroom doors open at 6:00 PM with free dance lessons from 6:30-7:30 PM. Dance to the music of the Band from 7:45-10:45 PM. For more details about the Band and the Event visit their website at [www.nobodyfamouslasvegas.com](http://www.nobodyfamouslasvegas.com) . Flyers will be available at the September GOI Meeting. The first evening in this Series will be the Fall Twilight on September 25 and the second evening will be the Fifties Big Bop Dance on October 16. Four additional dates are planned for the remainder of 2008.

## Singing at St. Francis

Those attending mass at St. Francis De Sales church on September 14, 2008 will be treated to the voices of GOI member Richie Di Thomas and his wife Donna in choir. Richie and Donna will continue to sing there every other Sunday at the 9:30 AM mass.

## 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) .

