

## **The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter**

**The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on October 11, 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 October 11, 2008 Meeting:**

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of September 13, 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) **Adjournment**

### **Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on September 13, 2008**

**Present:** J. Amato Jr., A. Bruges, M. Castronova, L. DePalma, R. DiThomas, R. Failla, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, R. Gargarnese, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, N. LaMonte, V. Lentini (Presiding), D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, S. Rainone, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, D. Scuderi, S. Sciolino, J. Zingale

**Guests:** E. Garner

- 1) The minutes of the July 12, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,559.55.
- 3) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on September 26 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. A notice of this event will be sent via email to each poker player on September 21.
- 4) V. Lentini announced that tickets for the GOI Christmas Party scheduled for December 5, 2008 at Carluccio's Tivoli Garden are still available. 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. Mencarelli distributed copies of the slate of nominees for the election of officers for the 2009-2010 term. The slate included for President: E. Sagui; Vice President: D. Scuderi; Treasurer: M. Castronova; Recording Secretary: R. Failla; Corresponding Secretary: D. Gaglione. V. Lentini called for nominations from the memberships and only one additional nomination was added to the list, P. Scaletta for Recording Secretary. A ballot will be constructed for the October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting and an election will be conducted via secret ballot. Members at that meeting will also have the option of write-in votes for each office.
- 6) A possible UNLV Football game and tailgating party prior to the game was scheduled for the November 1<sup>st</sup> game between UNLV and TCU. Members who wish to attend the game must be prepared to pay for tickets at the October Meeting so that they may be purchased in advanced and plans to meet prior to the game may be finalized at that time.
- 7) D. Scuderi reported that the second GOI Picnic was a huge success with great food, entertainment and the warmth of a family atmosphere at the Park. The only drawback was the triple digit temperature. He also indicated that considerable amount of food was left over when members who indicated that they were coming, did not attend. However, a good time was had by all.
- 8) D. Gaglione requested that shirt sizes be submitted for those members wishing to purchase GOI logo golf shirts and T-shirts. He is preparing an order in the next two weeks.
- 9) Eugene Garner, 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 and a Stein donated by P. Scaletta was also raffled.
- 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**

The following ballot will be distributed at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting for a secret ballot election of GOI Officers for 2009-10:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee(s)</u>	<u>Write-in</u>
President:	Ed Sagui []	_____ []
Vice President:	Dan Scuderi []	_____ []
Treasurer:	Mike Castronova []	_____ []
Rec. Secretary:	Ron Failla []	_____ []
	P. Scaletta []	
Cor. Secretary:	Dick Gaglione []	_____ []

**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.

**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) . The next evening in this series will be the Fifties Big Bop Dance on October 16. Four additional dates are planned for the remainder of 2008.

## Come Back to Brooklyn

An encore performance of an original play with original music created by GOI member, Sal Rainone and enacted by the Las Vegas Experimental Theater Group will take place on October 19, 2008 at DeStefano's Old Style Las Vegas Supper Club, 3430 E. Tropicana, Suite 32, Las Vegas NV 89121, phone # 702-436-3275.

"Come Back to Brooklyn" will be presented in DeStefano's Dinner Theater format in which Dinner is served at 6:00 PM and the Show begins at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$35.00 per seat plus applicable entertainment tax and a cash bar. Gratuities are not included. See Mike Castronova at the GOI October 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting for more details and to purchase tickets.

## 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) .

## 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@peachtreelhome loans.com](mailto:lcordone@peachtreelhome loans.com) .**