

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on November 8, 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 November 8, 2008 Meeting:

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of October 11, 2008**
- 2) **Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements**
- 3) **Christmas Party 2008 (see page 2)**
- 4) **GOI Officers for 2009-2010**
- 5) **Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on October 11, 2008

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

- 1) The minutes of the September 13, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,816.55.
- 3) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on October 24 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. A notice of this event will be sent via email to each poker player on October 20.
- 4) V. Lentini announced that tickets for the GOI Christmas Party scheduled for December 5, 2008 at Carluccio's Tivoli Garden are still available. Members were asked to purchase tickets for the event by the November 8th Meeting. A maximum number of 4 tickets per member will be allowed while supplies last. (see Page 2 for details)
- 5) D. Mencarelli and L. Cordone distributed and counted the ballots for the election of officers for the 2009-2010. The new officers are: President: E. Sagui; Vice President: D. Scuderi; Treasurer: M. Castronova; Recording Secretary: R. Failla; Corresponding Secretary: D. Gaglione. P. Scaletta agreed to assist R. Failla with the taking of the Meeting minutes whenever Failla is out of town.
- 6) E. Sagui distributed maps of a meeting place for those who will be attending the UNLV Football game and tailgating party prior to the game on November 1st between UNLV and TCU. Since tickets were to be purchased during the week of October 13th, anyone wishing to attend the game were required to pay for their tickets at the conclusion of the meeting.
- 7) D. Gaglione announced that Vice President-elect D. Scuderi was not at this meeting due to the fact that he was married two weeks ago and he and his wife Sheila were on their honeymoon. A card of congratulations on their recent nuptials was circulated for each member in attendance to sign.
- 8) D. Gaglione announced that he has submitted a GOI-logo golf and T-shirt order to S. Sciolino. Anyone who wished to reserve a specific size should do so at the conclusion of the meeting.
- 9) V. Lentini led a round of narrations of humorous stories.
- 10) P. Scaletta volunteered to design name tags for use by the members at future meetings.
- 11) The 50/50 drawing conducted by F. Pormigiano produced \$44.00 for the club treasury.
- 12) 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. Festivities begin at 6:30 PM. 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 by the November Meeting while supplies last.

Christmas Party 2008 Entertainment

Richie Di Thomas, Entertainment Chairman, for the GOI Christmas Party 2008 has planned a Bonanza event featuring:

**Lou Cordone
Sal Rainone
Richie D & the Hi-Lites**

Lou will get things started by setting the mood for this enjoyable evening with his funny and witty stand-up comedy. Sal will enchant you by playing and singing those songs you remember. Just close your eyes and dream you are eating and drinking in Napoli. Finally Richie D and the Hi-Lites will take you on a trip down memory lane with their renditions of Do Wop & many other songs from the fifties and sixties. And as the evening progresses all attendees will be primed for a karaoke-styled "sing along with Sal." If you know it, Sal can play it. So be there early for some Christmas cheer, a little chit-chat and a night of family fun.

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 . The next dates for this dance and show will be on November 20, December 4 and December 18.

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 .

Singing at St. Francis

Those attending mass at St. Francis De Sales church on September 14, 2008 were 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 .

