

## **The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter**

**The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on January 10, 2009 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. DUES ARE IN ORDER**

### **Agenda for the January 10, 2009 Meeting:**

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of November 8, 2008
- 2) Collection of 2009 GOI Dues (\$25)
- 3) Treasury Report & Committee Assignments
- 4) Christmas Party 2008 Report (see page 2)
- 5) President's Message: Plans for 2009 (see Page 2)
- 6) GOI Website
- 7) Adjournment

### **Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on November 8, 2008**

**Present:** A. Bruges, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, G. Colella, L. DePalma, R. Failla, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, N. LaMonte, F. LaDuca, V. Lentini (Presiding), R. Matta, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, S. Rainone, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi, J. Zingale

- 1) The minutes of the October 11, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 2) D. Gaglione reported that the Treasury balance was \$2,159.55.
- 3) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on November 28 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. A notice of this event will be sent via email to each poker player on November 24.
- 4) M. Castronova announced that a few tickets for the GOI Christmas Party scheduled for December 5, 2008 at Carluccio's Tivoli Garden were still available. Details for this event including menu and entertainment were announced.
- 5) P. Scaletta prepared badges for each member with their first name prominent to be worn at each meeting. These name tags will be available at each meeting and should be picked up when members sign in for the meeting and returned at the time of adjournment.
- 6) A new batch of GOI logo t-shirts and golf shirts obtained by S. Sciolino were sold to the members. These shirts will be available for purchase at each meeting while supplies last.
- 7) D. Scuderi discussed several dates for GOI group outings to Boxing matches and Wranglers Hockey games. The matter was tabled for the January 10, 2009 meeting.
- 8) The members in attendance welcomed back F. Cassarino who had missed several meetings due to health issues.
- 9) V. Lentini in his last meeting as President expressed his appreciation to all the members for their support during his years as GOI President. He urged the members to submit suggestions for next year's GOI activities and events. Lentini then led a round of narrations of humorous stories.
- 10) The 50/50 drawing conducted by F. Pormigiano produced \$29.00 for the club treasury.
- 11) A motion to adjourn the Meeting was seconded and approved at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dick Gaglione*

### The President's Message

**GRANDSONS OF ITALY Members:**

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. 2008 has been a busy year for the Grandsons. We had a spring picnic, fall picnic, went to baseball, football and hockey games, and some of us played in a Bocce competition. The highlight of the year was our Christmas Party with entertainment. I think most important was the birth of our Web Site, where we can check out pictures of our members at events, a calendar of upcoming events for the year, a list of our officers, and our newsletters current and past. We are all happy that our membership has grown and more are taking interest in our Italian Heritage. We are looking forward to a busy year of events and special programs. See you at our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month.

Yours Truly,

Ed Sagui, President

### GOI Web Site

At the GOI Christmas Party on December 5, 2008 we announced that thanks to the work of our Web Master, Mona Sagui, our new web site was now open and will be available for 2009 and beyond. Beginning in January we will send an email to all those on our electronic Newsletter and Meeting Notice list around the first week of each month to alert all the members of the next meeting which is always on the 2nd Saturday of each month and to inform them that the monthly GOI Newsletter is available on the web site so they can read the minutes of the last meeting, see the agenda for the next meeting and be updated about future GOI events and services. The URL for this web site is <http://www.goily.com/>.

### GOI Christmas Party Program Report

On December 5, 2008 festivities began at 6:30 PM with drinks (cash bar) and appetizers (tomato, mozzarella & basil, stuffed mushrooms, fried zucchini and soup). Each attendee ordered dinner and GOI President-elect Ed Sagui greeted everyone and introduced the new officers for 2009-2010. Awards for meritorious service were presented to outgoing President Vito Lentini and to John Faulis, Dick Gaglione, Frank Pormigiano and Sal Sciolino. After dinner and while a delicious cannoli Christmas cake was served for desert. Richie DiThomas, Master of Ceremonies, led off the entertainment portion of the evening with Richie Di and the Hi Lites' "DooWop in the Desert" renditions of musical favorites from the 50s and 60s with an occasional Italian favorite tossed in. Sal Rainone accompanied them at

the piano and added a Neapolitan favorite from time to time. Lou Cordone amused everyone with his special brand of stand-up comedy leaving us all laughing. GOI-style karaoke, "Sing Along with Sal," introduced two surprise guest singers, Dan Scuderi and Paul Campanella. In short a great time was had by all. Photos from the Party are now available on the GOI web site, <http://www.goily.com/> .

### 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.

### Singing at St. Francis

Those attending mass at St. Francis De Sales church are often treated to the voices of GOI member Richie Di Thomas and his wife Donna in choir. Richie and Donna 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 the current mortgage crisis is partly responsible for the downturn in the US economy. Lou, a GOI member, offers his advice to fellow GOI members regarding this matter. If you need more information 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) .