

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on February 14, 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 January 10, 2009
- 2) Collection of 2009 GOI Dues (\$25)
- 3) Treasury Report & Committee Assignments
- 4) GOI Website & Upcoming Events
- 5) Adjournment

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on November 8, 2008

Present: J. Amato Jr, L. Amoia, R. Camillo, M. Castronova, L. DePalma, R. Failla, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, E. Gurner, N. LaMonte, V. Lentini, F. Pormigiano, S. Rainone, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi. **Guest:** Bruno

- 1) The newly elected Executive Staff was introduced to the membership by D. Gaglione.
- 2) The meeting opened at 12:25pm. The minutes of the November 8, 2008 meeting were accepted and approved.
- 3) E. Sagui notes the web site is ready for use and references its contents. It currently includes past items, pictures, Christmas Party photos and an annual calendar. D. Gaglione remarked on access directions and hyperlink. Staff is now working on future event dates for calendar entry. Dick volunteers to help anyone with use instructions and asks that the site be used.
- 4) Treasurer's report: previous balance was \$2,275.55. After expenses for the Christmas Party (\$1,350.00), web site fees (\$60.00), shirts (\$372.00), Office Max supplies (\$43.40) and misc. expense (\$75.40). The current balance is \$374.75 plus membership dues collected at the meeting.
- 5) Staff distributed the Christmas Party agenda to those who were unable to attend. D. Gaglione commented about the quality of the entertainment provided by members, guest Paul Campanella's singing and the vocal debut of Dan Scuderi.
- 6) D. Scuderi, events chairman, is projecting poker and other event data for calendar entry. Dan referenced hockey game date plans and the process for meeting at the arena between 6:30 and 6:45pm in advance of the games. Discussion from the floor followed and dates were decided. Selected were Friday, January 30; Tuesday, February 10 and Friday, March 13 for 7:30pm games. Check the web calendar for verification, changes, and cancellations. Dan is also looking into boxing dates for the calendar.
- 7) D. Gaglione notes that baseball games can also be scheduled for Cashman Field but tickets need to be bought in advance. Dick will report in February for April games; commitments will be needed.
- 8) F. Pormigiano presided over the 50/50 drawing which resulted in \$42.00 for the club and \$42.00 for winner T. Giampa.
- 9) V. Lentini notes there is a theater society which performs locally and he will secure information on dates, prices, locations and report for possible inclusion on the events calendar.
- 10) J. Faulis will continue to chair the membership committee. E. Sagui notes M. Castronova will continue to chair the Christmas Party Committee and asks if anyone wants to assist, contact Mike. A suggestion for hall rental and a pot luck approach was generally dismissed as not sufficiently special for the occasion.
- 11) A budget committee meeting will be scheduled to review funding for events. J. Faulis is coordinating picnic locations and dates with an emphasis on more comfortable weather than recently experienced.

12) E. Sagui announced that the Blue Ox will again be hosting a super bowl party. Let Dick Gaglione know if interested in attending so a group can be formed. Drinks will have to be purchased but free food is available at half time. Dick asks that club members support the Blue Ox just as they support the club. Also noted that the IAC will be hosting a super bowl party. Dick will send an e-mail around on the subject.

13) M. Castronova offered free masonry work to the membership, call if interested. George Colella advises that Senior Dimensions in connection with medicare offers a free YMCA membership at the Meadows Mall.

14) D. Gaglione expressed his appreciation to the membership for the service award and inscribed words received at the Christmas Party. A service award was presented to J. Faulis who was unable to attend the party.

15) A visitor to the club introduced himself as Bruno, shared information about himself and noted that he was from Catania, Sicily by way of Chicago. He currently resides in Las Vegas.

16) A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved at 1:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Failla

GOI February News Items:

The President's Message

February 14th is the date of the Grandsons of Italy meeting. It is also Valentine's Day. We show our sweethearts, mothers, wives, daughters and family our love for them. February could be classified as the month of love. In Italy every night they gather in the Piazza to talk and show their love. Who knows better than the Italians

about *amore for la famiglia*. It is shown throughout the year and every

Sunday when they gather at *nonna's* to eat, drink and show their affection. So

let us remember all our family and friends and also those that have departed.

Ciao,

Edward Sagui, President

GOI Web Site

Thanks to our Web Master, Mona Sagui, our Web Site, <http://www.goilv.com/> is now accessible to our members and friends. Please visit the site for the latest Newsletter

and Meeting Notice, a calendar of upcoming events and a photo gallery of past events. An email will be sent to all those on our electronic Newsletter and Meeting Notice list one week prior to the monthly meeting 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.

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 .