

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on May 9, 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.

Agenda for the May 9, 2009 Meeting:

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of April 11, 2009
- 2) Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements
- 3) Spring Picnic-May 16, 2009 (See page 2)
- 4) GOI Website & Upcoming Events
- 5) Adjournment

Minutes of the GOI Meeting held on April 11, 2009

Present: J. Amato Jr., R. Candeloro, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, G. Colella, L. DePalma, R. DiThomas, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, R. Garganese, T. Giampa, F. LaDuca, V. Lentini, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, D. Scuderi, J.Zingale, C. Zoppi

- 1) The meeting began at 12:20 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the USA and acceptance and approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2009 meeting.
- 2) M. Castronova reported that the Treasury balance was \$1,166.25.
- 3) A roll call of the members was called by D. Gaglione in order to take the attendance for the meeting.
- 4) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker Night will take place on April 17 at the Italian-American Club on East Sahara. A notice of this event will be sent via email to each poker player on April 13.
- 5) E. Sagui reported that GOI's participation in the Italian Fair at the Sahara West Library was a big success. A GOI exhibit which included maps of Italy, a Photo Gallery of GOI events and members, a flyer depicting the Home page of the GOI web site, a raffle of the Balboni Book and a GOI logo shirt, a sale of Italian cookies, entertainment from GOI members Richie Di and the Highlights and Tony Prescia drew many attendees to the GOI tables.
- 6) M. Castronova reported that the date for the Christmas Party is set for December 11th at Carlucci's Tivoli Gardens. Anyone who would like to check out other venues should get prices and conditions and submit the information to Mike for discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting.
- 7) J. Faulis reported that he has the opportunity to meet with Jim Donofrio of the Italian-American Newspaper, La Voce and will craft a GOI publicity statement that indicates the Club's mission, meetings, activities and its web site. D. Gaglione offered to assist him in putting the statement together. Faulis also reported on the Annual Spring Picnic scheduled for May 16 at Rainbow Park. For details of the Picnic and directions to the Park see page 2 of the May Newsletter and Meeting Notice. A motion by F. LaDuca to invite a sketch artist to the Picnic was referred to the Executive Committee for approval. Members were also asked for donations for the silent auction which will take place at the Picnic.
- 8) D. Gaglione announced plans for a GOI group attendance at a Las Vegas 51s baseball game at Cashman Field on Saturday, May 2nd. Members should contact him for tickets for themselves and their family members for the game between the 51s and the Salt Lake City Bees. Tickets for a group of 20 will cost \$10.00 each and entitle the bearer to a reserved seat and a free baseball hat. The Grandsons of Italy name will be displayed on the Scoreboard during the game. The first 2500 attendees for this game will also receive a free T-shirt.
- 9) V. Lentini announced that the POINTers group will meet again on August 10 at Carluccio's.
- 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 1:30 PM and was followed by a celebration of Easter with coffee, lemincello and pizzelles, struffili and biscotti.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Gaglione

GOI May News Items:

The President's Message

May is upon us and for GOI it is a chance for the members and their families to bond at our Annual Spring Picnic. Homemade food barbequed at the park and prepared salads, desserts and other Italian delicacies, eaten family-style amidst the fun of music, songs, games and a silent auction will once again be one of the highlights of our social events. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Ciao,

Edward Saqui, President

GOI Web Site

Please visit our Web Site, <http://www.goilv.com/> for the latest Newsletter and Meeting Notice, a calendar of upcoming events and a photo gallery of members, officers and past events.

Annual Spring 2009 Picnic

The annual GOI Spring 2009 Picnic will take place on Saturday, May 16, at Rainbow Family Park in Las Vegas which is situated on Oakey Blvd., 0.2 mile west of Rainbow. More details will be forthcoming at the May 9th Meeting. Sausage, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, ice and water will be provided by the Club. A head count will be needed at the May meeting to assure proper food amounts. There will be a nominal \$2.00 charge per person this year. The park pavilion is reserved for the Club from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Plan on eating between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. Members bringing side dishes for family style sharing should inform John Faulis at the May meeting. Family and friends of GOI are welcome. A silent auction including two original Walt Disney lithographs donated by GOI member, Frank Cassarino, in memory of his brother, will take place during the picnic. Anyone wishing to donate any other items for this auction should notify John Faulis or Mike Castranova at the May Meeting. Directions to Rainbow Park are as follows: Driving North on Rainbow, make a left turn on Oakey and proceed about 0.2 of a mile to the entrance of the parking lot which is on the left (south) side of Oakey.

Italian Earthquake Relief Fund

GOI member, John Amato reports that a very special event will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009 in the showroom of the Orleans Hotel. This star-studded event, featuring many nationally and internationally known performers, will be held to raise funds for relief of victims of the recent tragic earthquake in central Italy. For more information on the event, he suggests visits to the following website:

www.lasvegasitalianearthquakerelieffund.com

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George Colella adds that those wishing to contribute to the Abruzzo earthquake relief fund who are unable to attend the event at the Orleans Hotel should contact the Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20008, Tel.: (202) 612-4400, Fax: (202) 518-2151 for donation details.

Social Services

GOI Social Services Information Director George Colella passes along the following: The Clark County Social Service Senior Citizens Protective Service Program (SCPS), Public Guardian Office, 515 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106 (phone #702-455-8672), provides no-cost crisis and emergency social work services to persons, 60 years of age or older in Clark County that are reported to be victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation. An investigation is initiated within three working days (within 24 hours in emergency situations) for all cases brought to the attention of the SCPS Program. GOI members who need further clarifications and explanations of the above services may call George at 702-456-8823 or 702-328-9781 (Cell).