

# The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

*The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on August 8, 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 August 8, 2009 Meeting:

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of July 11, 2009**
- 2) **Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements**
- 3) **Fall Picnic, UNLV Football game, Christmas Party, Guest Speakers**
- 4) **Adjournment**

## Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on July 11, 2009

**Present:** J. Amato, C. Anderson, A. Bruges, L. Di Palma, R. Failla, D. Gaglione, J. Gianni, T. Giampa, V. Lentini, F. Pormigiano, E. Sagui, P. Scaletta, S. Sciolino, J. Zingale, C. Zuppi, Guest: C. Piermarini.

1) The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm by Ed Sagui with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The June meeting minutes were accepted and approved with no additions, deletions or revisions. R. Failla conducted a roll call of those in attendance.

3) E. Sagui notes that the Henderson picnic for this coming fall is in the planning stages. More info about date, park description and location, etc... to follow. The Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 11 at Carluccios.

4) D. Gaglione reported that the Executive Committee designated the UNLV vs Colorado State football game as a club group event. The game is on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 7pm. Those interested in attending will need to advance pay the tickets at the next club meeting on August 8, 2009. Exact price not known but under \$20.00. Arrangements for tailgating will be planned. A reminder was again given for anyone needing a personal photo for the web site. See Ed Sagui.

5) D. Gaglione made a final remembrance of Sal Rainone. A brief bio was read calling to everyone's attention Sal's history, his professional career and his club participation. Sal will always be remembered for his pleasant disposition and caring, giving ways. At the behest of the family the club will make a donation in his name to the Humane Society.

6) V. Lentini suggested that a committee is needed to develop background info on club members and publish a brief bio capsule for the website. Vito was invited to attend the next Exec. Com. meeting to discuss the prospects of chairing a committee for this purpose.

7) P. Scaletta expressed his personal feelings of embarrassment over the clubs participation at Sal Rainone viewing and burial service. Paul felt that the club did not go far enough in supporting the family's needs. Great umbrage was taken by several members who disagreed with Paul's impressions and reflected on the positive aspects of the clubs role and its member's participation.

8) D. Gaglione read part of the July 4 GOI President's message published in the Newsletter. Special reference was made to the contributions of Italian Americans in the defense of America especially during although not limited to WWII. V. Lentini related a few comical stories for the pleasure of the members.

10) The 50/50 drawing produced \$28.00 for the club. The winning ticket #236681 was held by Carl Anderson.

11) Clito Piermarini, a guest at the meeting, provided brief comment about himself. Pier is of Roman and Neapolitan heritage and is from Boston. A pianist/musician by profession he attended Northwestern University. He perfected his craft at Santa Cecilia school in Italy and by playing professionally in Rome, Capri, Naples and elsewhere in Italy. He has been in Las Vegas for 38 years and played at the Venetian for 10 years. Pier concluded his guest visit by becoming a member. Welcome Pier.

12) E. Sagui moved to adjourn at 1:30pm. J. Gianni seconded the motion and the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Failla*

# GOI July News Items:

## The President's Message

The month of August brings thoughts of hot temperatures, children out of school, trips to the beaches and lakes and hiking, swimming and boating activities. In Italy they get one month vacation which they call "holiday". As we know, the Italians know how to live. They flock to the beaches; many visit the lakes like Como, Garda, Maggiore, and even some of the many small lakes. Of course you can always cool off in the mountains of the Alps or the Dolomites. Don't forget the islands of Sardinia or Sicily, an island of mountains surrounded by water. Sounds good!!! Let's plan a trip to the land of our grandparents.

*Ciao,*

*Edward Sagui, 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. Any member who has not had his photo installed in the members link on the web site or would like their current photo retaken should speak to GOI President Ed Sagui regarding this matter.

## Fall Picnic

The Fall GOI Picnic will take place on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Paseo Vista Park, 2505 Paseo Verde Pkwy in Henderson. The picnic will be run in much the same manner as our May Picnic which was a huge success. The Picnic will include sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs, homemade foods (pasta, pizza, salads and desserts), beverages, music, bocce games and a silent auction. Family and friends are welcome. There is a \$2.00 charge per person for each attendee. Details and directions to the park will appear in the September Newsletter.

## **UNLV Football Game and Tailgating Party**

The Grandsons of Italy are planning a group outing to a UNLV football game on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 7pm. The Rebels are playing Colorado State University. Those interested should plan to make a commitment at the August meeting so we can purchase tickets in advance and all sit in the same general area. A tailgating party will also be scheduled prior to the game.

## **Christmas Party 2009**

The 2008 GOI Christmas Party will take place on Friday evening, December 11 at Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens, 1775 East Tropicana Avenue. Enjoy good Italian food and entertainment as you celebrate Christmas with your GOI family. Prices, menus and other party details will be announced at the August Meeting and will appear in the September Newsletter. So mark your calendars.