

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on September 12, 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 September 12, 2009 Meeting:

- 1) **Acceptance of the Minutes of August 8, 2009**
- 2) **Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements**
- 3) **Fall Picnic, UNLV Football game, Christmas Party**
- 4) **Guest Speakers**
- 5) **Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on August 8, 2009

Present: J. Amato, A. Bruges, C.B. Gallo, R. Candeloro, M. Castronova, G. Colella, J. Corso, L. De Palma, R. Failla, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, F. La Duca, N. La Monte, V. Lentini, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, A. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, C. Zoppi. Guests: B. Liguori, B. Palillo

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 12:11 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) The July Meeting Minutes were accepted and approved with no comments or changes.
- 3) R. Failla conducted a roll call of those in attendance - 22 members and 2 guests were present.
- 4) M. Castronova reported that the treasury balance as of 8-3-09 was \$1,356.89. A gift of \$100.00 from the treasury will be made to the Las Vegas Humane Society in memory of Sal Rainone.
- 5) E. Sagui opened the committee reports with confirmation that members will attend the UNLV vs. Colorado State football game on 11-7-09. Game time is 7pm and a pre-game tailgate party is planned. Ticket payment of \$20.00 per person was collected to accommodate block purchase of seats.
- 6) D. Gaglione notes that the second 2009 picnic will be held on 10-3-09 at Henderson Paseo Vista Park. The attendance fee of \$2.00 per person will be due at the September 12th meeting. Also requested is info concerning what the membership will bring for the community table. A silent auction is again planned. Anyone intending to contribute an item(s) for the auction should advise Dick at the September meeting.
- 7) M. Castronova, remarks that the Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 11th at 6:30pm at Carluccios. The cost will be \$38.00 per person. Food and entertainment will be provided. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. L. Cordone has co-ordinated appearances by Richie & the Hi Lites and Paul Campanella. The need for a piano player remains. A possibility is member Clito Piermarini.
- 8) J. Faulis notes as membership chair that a bio questionnaire format will be developed by Vito Lentini for members. Info provided is intended for inclusion on the web site with member photo. D. Gaglione reminds everyone to access the web site for club info. Dick also notes that membership dues for the remainder of the year will be \$13.00 for new members. As a point of information Team Bocce play resumes on September 2nd at the courts behind the IAC on E. Sahara. The season concludes in early December.
- 9) E. Sagui, comments that poker night will be Friday 8-21-09 at the IAC. Arrive by 6:30pm for dinner - cards afterwards until 10:30/11:00pm.

10) V. Lentini, Speaker Committee Chair, inquired about a formal Mission Statement to provide to potential speakers. D. Gaglione is providing. Vito is seeking member input on topics of interest and/or speaker suggestions.

11) D. Gaglione, remarks that Diana Faulis is recuperating at home from recent lo back surgery. Member F. Scarlotta is undergoing oxygen therapy rehabilitation at Atria Seville, 2000 N. Rampart, Las Vegas, NV 89128.

12) D. Gaglione provides update on Genealogy Open House. Judy Tobler, co-chair of the sponsoring group, informs that the Family History Jamboree will be held September 26th. Location for the event was not indicated but further info can be secured from the web site: <http://www.fncopenhouse.org>. The Jamboree will feature many outstanding speakers on topic. On a related note, J. Faulis is completing map displays of Sicily and mainland Italy for club reference/use.

13) E. Sagui, remarked on P. Scaletta's concerns expressed at the July Meeting. Although officially unconfirmed there is a belief that Paul will not be returning to the club. The Club will not decide on any officially necessary action until January 2010. Ed notes that as related to those concerns the Club is governed by its Bylaws. Where the Bylaws do not expressly address any Club business the parliamentary procedure will defer to Roberts "Rules of Order". Accordingly, R. Failla was requested to read from pgs 211 & 212, Roberts "Rules of Order" on the topic of Censure.

14) The two meeting guests, Billy Palillo and Bobby Liguori, provided brief info about themselves. Billy, born in Passaic New Jersey, served in the Navy from 1952-1956 and has lived most of his life in Florida. He operated a restaurant in Dania, Fla. and has worked for the Pembroke Pines school system in Florida and as a crossing guard in Las Vegas. Billy has a brother in Reno and considers himself a dedicated singer of Italian songs. Bobby, from Brooklyn (Bensonhurst), New York is a 13yr. resident of Las Vegas and a local entertainer. He has recently performed at Capo's (Goodfellas) on Tropicana and will be appearing at Capo's new location on W. Sahara in September. Bobby is of Sicilian and Neopolitan heritage and was a good friend of Sal Rainones who he considered a mentor.

15) The 50/50 drawing produced \$38.00 and was won by J. Faulis on Ticket#762.

16) G. Colella, alerted members to watch part time work earnings and social security with regard to tax consequences; watch out for dealer scams in the "cash for clunker" (CFC) program; praised the benefits of acupuncture as a result of his direct experience and; reminds all to call for assistance with any social services issues.

17) E. Sagui provided several jokes for the benefit of the membership.

18) E. Sagui called for a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded and meeting adjourned at 1:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Failla

GOI September News Items:

The President's Message

September is here. What do we think of? Labor Day - the end of summer, the beginning of fall. The children are back to school, another football season starts, and in Las Vegas the fall Bocce season begins. And the biggest Feast of all, started in New York on September 26, 1926---- San Gennaro. This Feast was brought from Naples, Italy. It was started in 305 A.D. when Saint Gennaro was martyred for the faith. But now September also brings something else to mind, --- yes 9/11. Almost everyone had family and/or friends affected on that tragic day for the United States. Let us give our thanks to all who participated in our recovery from this tragedy.

Cooler weather is on its way.

*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. If you have not had your photo installed in the members section of the web site, see Ed Sagui. If you wish to have the photo of you that is currently there, changed, you should also speak to Ed Sagui.

GOI Fall Picnic

The Fall GOI Picnic will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at Paseo Vista Park, 2505 Paseo Verde Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89074. 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. GOI will provide the meat, rolls and condiments for the barbecue. Attendees should bring their own beverages and any additional foods should be placed on a community table for family style dining. There is a \$2.00 charge per person for each attendee which is due at the September 12th Meeting. At this Meeting inform Dan Scuderi of the number of persons in your party and the kind of food (pasta, pizza, salads, desserts etc.) that you intend to bring for the community table. Any donations for the Silent Auction will be greatly appreciated. Driving directions to Paseo Vista Park: Proceeding East on I 215 take Exit 6 and merge onto NV-146/St. Rose Pkwy. Turn left at Paseo Verde Pkwy. Paseo Vista Park is on the right.

Guest Speakers

The GOI Executive Committee is planning to feature a guest speaker at certain General Meetings. GOI Past President Vito Lentini will be recruiting guest speakers that will present Talks of interest to our Membership. Additional details regarding speakers and the dates of their presentations will be forthcoming in our Newsletter, News Briefs and on the web site calendar.

GOI Christmas Party

The GOI Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 11th at 6:30 P.M. at Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens, 1775 East Tropicana. The cost will be \$38.00 per person. Food and entertainment will be provided. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Mark your calendars. More details will appear in the October Newsletter.