

## The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

*The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on October 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.*

### Agenda for the October 10, 2009 Meeting:

- 1) Acceptance of the Minutes of September 12, 2009
- 2) Treasury & Committee Reports and Announcements
- 3) UNLV Football game, Christmas Party
- 4) Guest Speakers
- 5) Adjournment

### Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on September 12, 2009

Present: J. Amato, L. Amoia, C. Anderson, A. Bruges, R. Candeloro, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, G. Colella, L. De Palma, R. Di Thomas, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, T. Giampa, J. Gianni, F. La Duca, V. Lentini, B. Liguori, F. Pormigiano, A. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi, J. Zingale. Guest: A. Circillo

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) D. Gaglione conducted a roll call of those in attendance - 24 members and 1 guests were present.
- 3) The minutes of the August 8, 2009 meeting were accepted with no additions, revisions or deletions.
- 4) M. Castronova reported that the treasury balance as of 9/12/09 was \$1,296.89.
- 5) E. Sagui announced that a group of 16 GOI members and friends will attend a UNLV football game on November 7<sup>th</sup> and will gather for a tail gate party prior to the game.
- 6) D. Scuderi announced that he was collecting \$2.00 per person for each member and friend who wish to attend the October 3, 2009 Picnic at Paseo Vista Park in Henderson, NV. D. Gaglione indicated that he would send a reminder with driving directions to each member on the email list via a GOI Newsbriefs by late September.
- 7) M. Castronova reminded the membership that the Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 11th at 6:30pm at Carluccios. The cost will be \$38.00 per person.
- 8) Guest, Al Circillo, was welcomed as a new member. Al was born and bred in the Syracuse (Auburn) area of upstate New York. His Mom was also born there and his Dad emigrated there from Abruzzi, Italy. He spent a career in the U.S. Army achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is now retired and living in Las Vegas.
- 9) E. Sagui announced that GOI Poker night will be held on Friday, September 25th at the IAC.
- 10) V. Lentini, Speaker Committee Chair, reported that he was looking into the possibility of bringing some guest speakers to future GOI Meetings. He was considering a chiropractor and a financial consultant. G. Colella suggested a doctor whose specialty was acupuncture.
- 15) The 50/50 drawing produced \$42 for the GOI Treasury.
- 17) V. Lentini provided several jokes/humorous stories for the benefit of the membership.
- 18) E. Sagui called for a motion to adjourn which was seconded and the meeting ended at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dick Gaglione*

# *GOI October News Items:*

## The President's Message

In October we celebrate Columbus Day to commemorate the exploits of a fiery, redheaded explorer from Genoa, Italy, Cristoforo Columbo who with his mutinous crew guided a fleet of three Spanish ships, the Nina, the Pinta and Santa Maria past all known lands into nothingness until they stumbled up at dawn and saw before them, thin but dead ahead, the line of unimaginable coast of this new world which we call America. Columbus was followed by John Cabot, 6 years later, sailing for England with a royal letter of patent from the King revealing his true origin behind his altered name and stating: "our well-beloved Giovanni Cabotto, citizen of Venice to sail to all parts, countries and seas of the east under our banners and ensigns." Then came Amerigo Vespucci who gave his first name to this "Mundus Novus" (New World).

These brave explorers paved the way for many of our great-grandparents, grandparents and parents who came to this country seeking a better life. God Bless them all and God Bless America.

*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 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. The menu will be available at the October and November Meetings. Please see Mike Castronova to reserve tickets for this gala event. Each member will be allowed to purchase up to four tickets while supplies last.

## **Celebration of Italy Festival of Italian Folk Music and Dance**

A Celebration of Italy Festival of Italian Folk Music and Dance will take place in Las Vegas from October 12-18. Access their web site, [www.celebrationofitaly.org](http://www.celebrationofitaly.org) , for schedule and registration details. These details will also be available at the October 10<sup>th</sup> GOI meeting.