

# The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

*The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on January 9, 2010 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 9, 2010 Meeting:

- 1) Pledge of allegiance to the flag
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Acceptance of the minutes of November 14th 2009.
- 4) Treasury Report
- 5) Committee Reports:
  - A. Christmas Party
  - B. Programs for the year --- Nick La Monte
  - C. Volunteers for committees
- 6) Memorial Moment: Francesco Scarlata
- 7) Adjournment

## Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on November 14, 2009

Present: J. Amato, C. Anderson, A. Bruges, M. Castronova, A. Ciricello, G. Colella, L. Cordone, J. Corso, L. De Palma, R. Failla, J. Faulis, R. Garganese, J. Gianni, T. Giampa, F. La Duca, N. La Monte, V. Lentini, C. Piermarini, A. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, F. Scarlata, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi, V. Tomasino, J. Zingale, C. Zoppi, Guests: J. Prescia, B. Berger.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) E. Sagui called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Ft. Hood victims. He also announced that club newsletter copies are available, D. Gaglione is travelling and name badges are not available for today since F. Pormigiano was involved in an auto accident enroute to the Meeting.
- 3) E. Sagui, introduced the October 10 Meeting Minutes which were accepted and approved as read.
- 4) M. Castranova, reports the treasury balance as \$1,146.18 after payment for shirts and hats made available for member purchase.
- 5) R. Failla called the role; 27 members and 2 guests were in attendance.
- 6) E. Sagui opened the meeting to committee reports:
  - A) CHRISTMAS PARTY** - M. Castranova, remarks that member sign-up and payments have been slow. A reminder is made of the 12-11-09 event date at Carlucci's and the \$38.00 per person cost. J. Faulis suggests members intending to go sign up now to complete the count and pay later.
  - B) POKER** - Cards will be played Friday, Nov. 20th at the IAC. Arrive by 6:30 pm for dinner. The 2 for 1 pasta special remains in place until year end.
  - C) EVENTS** - E. Sagui notes that attendees at the Nov. 9th UNLV vs. Colorado State football game enjoyed the tailgate gathering, food and game. UNLV won!
- 7) R. Failla reviewed the Program Director Concept with the membership and distributed Group Activity: Indication of Interest Forms for completion. Completed forms were collected. Results will be tabulated, summarized and reported on by Nick La Monte at the January 9, 2010 meeting.
- 8) E. Sagui, asked C. Zoppi to comment on his recent family trip to Italy. Carlo notes extensive travel in northern Italy including Florence, Bologna and other areas with specific reference to Mondolfo where relatives reside. Carlo remarked on the beauty of the land, the food and the people. Plenty of food and wine was enjoyed with family and friends.
- 9) E. Sagui introduced guest and new member John Prescia and guest Ben Berger. John notes that he resided in Brooklyn and South Shore Long Island; he is now retired and a 30 year resident of Las Vegas. Ben is a former member of the old club. He notes how 20 years ago the group was primarily comprised of show business people. As they passed, the group became smaller and smaller. Past presidents and members were mentioned. Ben had a radio show for 5-6 years; it may be resumed. He wished his best

to the club.

10) E. Sagui calls for any other business resulted in the following:

A) G. Colella remarks: (1) members should check out the jukebox connected to the internet (2) inflation has caused prices to rise and quantities (food) to diminish (3) many area homeless - any members who wish to volunteer help, call George (4) Any social issues/problems call George at 456-8823.

B) L. Cordone comments on the old club at Ft. Apache & Sahara and the differences between then and now. Lou also remarks that the club doesn't seem to have a focus. He suggests that the club create a public service mission targeting a different aspect/group annually. He also suggests an entertainment based show to advertise and raise funds. Lou concludes: Let's make a difference in the community!

C) E. Sagui remarks on hospital/medical costs. Members raised a few health care scenarios related to costs.

11) M. Castranova notes the 50/50 drawing was won by Tony Prescia holder of ticket #23741 - \$40.00 went to the treasury.

12) E. Sagui notes that there will not be a December meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2010 - annual membership dues will be in order at that time.

13) E. Sagui called for a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Failla*

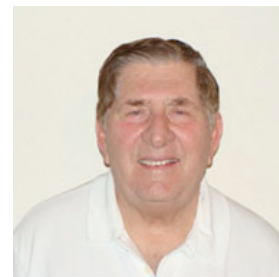
## *GOI January News Items:*

### The President's Message

**2009 was the end of the first decade of the new millennium. The Grandsons of Italy Club had a great year with activities and events that were consistent with its mission to promote a positive image of Italian-American values and traditions. Our membership exceeded 40 for the first time in many years and we are looking forward not only to increased member participation in all our events and activities but also in leadership roles as officers and committee chairs. The Executive Committee will also be unveiling a new program for GOI beginning in 2010. Please feel free to not only make suggestions but also volunteer your service to make our activities both entertaining and educational for our members and their families. Best wishes to all for a 2010 that is happy and healthy.**

*Buon Anno,*

*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. Those wishing to have their current photo changed should also see Ed Sagui.

## Bobby Liguori

GOI member, Bobby Liguori, will be crooning his songs on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at Chianti's Café, 1916 Village Center Circle in Summerlin. He also appears at Capo's Italian Cuisine, 5795 W. Tropicana Ave., Thursday through Sunday 6:30 to 10:00 PM. For details call Chianti's at 228-3330 and/or Capo's at 436-2276.

## GOI Logo Shirts and Hats

A new shipment of GOI logo golf shirts, t-shirts and baseball caps has arrived. The shirts are either black or white in a variety of sizes. The caps are black. The price of each item is: golf shirts \$17, t-shirts \$10 and caps \$10. Check them out at the January Meeting and see Dick Gaglione to purchase any of these items.

## Francesco Scarlata

GOI was saddened to hear of the passing of one of its members, Francesco Scarlata, on November 18, 2009. Frank was born on March 29, 1925 in Nicosia, Sicily, Italy and moved to Chicago in 1955. Funeral services and interment took place on November 22, 2010 at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Chicago, IL. He was an active member of GOI for several years, attending meetings, picnics and a Super Bowl party last year at the Blue Ox Tavern along with other GOI members. He loved to play Bocce and a traditional Italian card game called Briscola.