

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on March 13, 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 March 13, 2010 Meeting:

- 1) Pledge of allegiance to the flag
- 2) Roll Call & Acceptance of the minutes of February 13, 2010
- 3) Treasury & Committee Reports
- 4) Italian Fair at Sahara West Library
- 5) Adjournment

Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on January 9, 2010

Present: L. Amoia, A. Bruges, F. Cassarino, M. Castronova, G. Colella, J. Corso, L. De Palma, R. Failla, D. Gaglione, J. Gianni, T. Giampa, V. Lentini, B. Liguori, F. Pormigiano, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi, V. Tomasino, J. Zingali.

Guests: P. Urbano, D. Kim

- 1) E. Sagui, called for order and the meeting began at 12:24 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) E. Sagui, noted that today's meeting would be short, in deference to our two speakers/guests from Metropolitan Insurance.
- 3) R. Failla called the roll; 20 members and 2 guests were in attendance.
- 4) E. Sagui introduced the January 9 meeting minutes. There being no comments or changes J. Corso made a motion to approve and accept as submitted. F. Pormigiano seconded the motion.
- 5) M. Castronova, reports the treasury balance as \$1,226.18 plus dues and 50/50 fees collected today.
- 6) E. Sagui, opened the meeting to committee reports:
 - A) Spring Picnic - E. Sagui notes a new location at Centennial Hills Park was inspected. The facilities were determined to be superior to others. The picnic will be held there on Saturday, May 15th.
 - B) Bocce - it was noted that team play resumes on March 3 and 4, 2010 behind the IAC.
 - C) Italian Fair - D. Gaglione indicates that the Fair will take place at the Sahara Library on March 27 between 11 A.M and 3 P.M. The Fair is planned and organized by Marcella Chiarandini under the theme "Viva La Vita Bella". Dick remarks that any member wishing to vendor should let him know and arrangements can be made to set up next to the GOI booth. There is no cost involved.
 - D) Poker - Set for Friday, 2/19/10 at the IAC. Arrive by 6 P.M. for dinner. Play goes until 10 P.M.
 - E) GOI Member of the Year Award - the committee will be run by D. Scuderi and D. Gaglione.
 - F) Wellness - thanks to J. Faulis for getting out a sympathy card to the Castronova family (Ann Casella – sister in law) and get well cards to F. Cassarino and E. Sagui.
 - G) Program Activities - noted, available wine making program is offered by Steve Berg 702-207-BEER thru Vegas Homebrew. For a charge of \$149.00 - 30 bottles are produced over 2 hours. His site or yours.
 - H) Social Programs - G. Colella notes the VA has a program for free eye exams and

- glasses program. Call the VA if interested.
- 7) F. Pormigiano notes the 50/50 drawing was won by Ed Sagui holder of ticket #237341 - \$31.00 went to the treasury.
 - 8) E. Sagui, there being no new business, called for a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded and the meeting ended at 12:38 P.M.
 - 9) Special Segment: Meeting guests Paul Urbano and Dan Kim presented financial info and identified product for members. The program was geared toward an emphasis on IRA's. Mr. Urbano is highly experienced in the insurance and financial areas. His practice includes 2000 families, half of which involve people over 65 years of age. Mr. Kim is a former IRS agent now working with Mr. Urbano. An information packet was left for member use and Mr. Urbano would gladly assist members with any needs they may have in his areas of expertise. Mr. Urbano may be contacted at 702-731-0257 X25.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Failla

GOI January News Items:

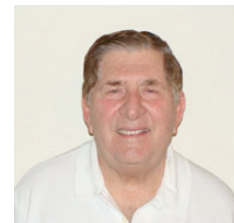
The President's Message

Somehow I feel the month of March really starts the year. The 3rd & 4th is the opening of the Bocce season for GOI teams at the Italian American Club (IAC). Our monthly meeting is on Saturday, March 13 at the Blue Ox Tavern followed by Poker Night on the 19th at the IAC. On March 27th the 3rd annual Viva La Vita Bella Italian Festival will be held at Sahara West Library. Check out the dates and details on our website and mark your calendars.

Let us not forget that March 19th is also Saint Joseph's Day. How many of you recall "The Saint Joseph's Table"? I remember it well. It was brought to the United States in the late 19th and early 20th century by Sicilian immigrants. Does this bring back some memories? In Sicily Saint Joseph is regarded by many as their patron Saint. In many Italian-American communities, thanks are given to SAN GIUSEPPE for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. Giving food to the needy is a Saint Joseph's day custom. In some communities it is traditional to wear red clothing and eat Sicilian pastries known as ZEPPOLE and SFINGE. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy Saint Joseph's Day.

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

3rd Annual Viva la Vita Bella Italian Festival

Buongiorno! Love Italian food? How about the excitement that Italian music brings? Join the Sahara West Library in celebrating Italian culture with live entertainment, movies, children activities, Italian food, and vendors. This event is free and open to the public and will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Library's Main Lobby on March 27, 2010 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Groups of All Ages (seniors, adults, teens, kids) are invited. For more information, please call 507-3631.

Annual Spring Picnic

GOI's Annual Spring Picnic will take place on May 15, 2010 at Centennial Hills Park located on Buffalo Drive & Elkhorn Rd. Mark your calendars. Sausage, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, ice and water will be provided by the Club. Members are to bring any other food and beverages for family style sharing table. There will be a nominal \$2.00 charge per person this year. Family and friends of GOI are welcome. More details and directions to the Park will be forthcoming in the April Newsletter and at the upcoming meetings.

Vegas Homebrew

All GOI members who wish to participate in a Home Wine and Beer Making Supply Event should see Mike Castronova at the March meeting for details and to sign up. The Homebrew process will be conducted by Steve Berg and will take about two hours producing 30 bottles of brewed beverages.

GOI Christmas Party

Any GOI member who is interested in attending this year's Christmas Party and would like to recommend a venue for this event, should submit the name of the site along with all direct costs to Ed Sagui at the March or April Meeting. The Christmas Party Committee will then consider each bid and select the best venue.

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.

The Nitekings

GOI member Tony Prescia reports that his singing group, The Nitekings, will be performing their brand of good old Doo Wop music in Roxy's Lounge at Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall on Tuesdays from 8:00 PM to Midnight in March. Sam's Town is located at 5111 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV 89122. For further details call 800-897- 8696. Enjoy a musical trip down memory lane hearing "Oldies from the 50s, 60s and 70s."

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.