

## **The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter**

**The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on May 8, 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**

### **Agenda for the May 8, 2010 Meeting:**

- 1) Pledge of allegiance to the flag
- 2) Roll Call & Acceptance of the minutes of April 10, 2010
- 3) Annual Spring Picnic
- 4) Guest Speaker: Vito Tomasino
- 5) Adjournment

### **Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on April 10, 2010**

Present: J. Amato, R. Candeloro, M. Castranova, A. Ciricillo, G. Colella, R. Failla, J. Faulis, D. Gaglione, J. Gianni, T. Giampa, N. LaMonte, B. Liguori, D. Mencarelli, F. Pormigiano, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, D. Scuderi, V. Tomasino, J. Zingale.

- 1) E. Sagui called for order and the meeting began at 12:26pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 2) R. Failla called the role; 20 members were in attendance.
- 3) E. Sagui introduced the March 13 meeting minutes. There being neither additions nor revisions they were accepted through member motion and seconding.
- 4) M. Castranova, reports the treasury balance as \$1378.43 before clearance of the \$150.00 check to IAC for their 50 Year Anniversary Ad. Mike notes expense detail is available for inspection by any interested member.
- 5) E. Sagui opened the meeting to committee reports:
  - A) Spring Picnic - will be held on May 15th at Centennial Hills Park. Directions and other info are available in the newsletter. Reminder: running water and electric are not available. An inventory of supplies will be conducted pre-picnic. A silent auction will again be held. Any unused sausage will again be auctioned.
  - B) Italian Fair - D. Gaglione reports good turnout at the club booth. A computer allowed public access to the GOI site, shirts and hats were sold and door prizes of the Balboni book and a golf shirt were presented. Remaining inventory of shirts and hats will be available at the picnic. Marcella provided a nice letter to the club for our participation in Viva La Vita Bella 2010.
  - C) Christmas Party - site recommendations made for Carluccio's and Giuseppe's; Maggiano's was dismissed as too expensive. Other member recommendations are invited.
  - D) Hospitality/Wellness - Len DePalma was hospitalized for correction of a pacemaker fault. Surgery scheduled for today (4/10/10) and release Mon/Tues. John Faulis visited Len at the hospital.
  - E) Poker - set for Friday, April 23 at the IAC. Arrive by 6pm for dinner - play to begin at 7pm.
  - F) Program activity - a winemaking event will be held on Monday, April 19th at 7pm at the Blue Ox. The process lasts for 2 hours and each participant will receive 2-3 bottles of

wine. The fee is \$15.00 and sign up is necessary - 10 members are confirmed, 15 max. See M. Castranova. N. LaMonte is checking into arrangements for an evening baseball game - cost \$10.00-\$14.00, sign-up needed, more info to follow. D. Scuderi, looking into local fights for group attendance. Plans will be made for a dinner night at IAC.

6) F. Pormigiano notes the 50/50 drawing was won by John Amato, holder of ticket #237512 - \$27.00 went to the treasury.

7) E. Sagui called for a motion to adjourn there being no new business. John Faulis provided a second and the meeting adjourned at 1:14pm.

**CLOSING NOTE:** member's wives are invited to attend the May 15th meeting for Vito Tomasino's presentation about his piloting exploits and book.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Failla*

## *GOI May News Items:*

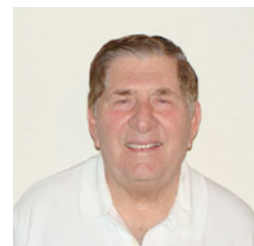
### **The President's Message**

May is the month when we celebrate Memorial Day and honor those who have risked their lives in the defense of the USA. The Grandsons of Italy also honor four American Generals of Italian Ancestry in World War II including Daniel Noce, chief of amphibian operations in Europe, ten winning the Navy Cross including Rear-Admiral Vernon Janetta, leading fighter pilot Donald Gentile flying 182 missions and Marine Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone who was awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery on Guadalcanal and killed in the battle for Iwo Jima.

Our May Meeting will feature a guest speaker, GOI member Vito Tomasino, an Air Force fighter pilot who stood alert to insure that the "Cold War" remained so and also flew over 100 missions in Vietnam, earning two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

*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.

### 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.

### 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 May. Sam's Town is located at 5111 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV89122. For further details call 800-897-8696. Enjoy a musical trip down memory lane hearing "Oldies from the 50s, 60s and 70s."

### Annual Spring Picnic

GOI's Annual Spring Picnic will take place on May 15, 2010 at Centennial Hills Park, 7101 N. Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89131. The Park is located on Buffalo Dr. & 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 the family style sharing table. There will be a nominal \$2.00 charge per person this year. Family and friends of GOI are welcome. Enjoy good food, games, raffles, auctions and musical entertainment. Driving directions and a map have been sent via email to the membership with hard copies to be available at the May Meeting.

### Guest Speaker

The May 8<sup>th</sup> GOI meeting will feature a guest speaker appearance by GOI member, Vito Tomasino, a decorated fighter pilot who flew over one hundred missions in Vietnam earning five air medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses. He is also the author of a novel entitled "Kracek" about the exploits of a fighter pilot. Check out his web site, [www.kracek.com](http://www.kracek.com) and mark your calendar for May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to bring your wife or a friend to hear Vito, feel free to do so.