

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on July 10, 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 July 10, 2010 Meeting:

- 1) Pledge of allegiance to the flag**
- 2) Roll Call & Acceptance of the minutes of June 12, 2010**
- 3) Election of Officers**
- 4) Christmas Party and Fall Picnic**
- 5) Adjournment**

Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on June 12, 2010

Present: J. Amato, M. Castronova, A. Ciricillo, R. Failla, J. Faulis, T. Giampa, J. Ingeme, F. La Duca, N. La Monte, F. Pormigiano, T. Prescia, A. Pupa, E. Sagui, S. Sciolino, V. Tomasino, C. Zoppi. Guest: G. Faschetti

1. E. Sagui called for order and the meeting began at 12:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
2. R. Failla called the role; 17 members and 1 guest were in attendance. NOTE: lightest member turnout in recent memory.
3. E. Sagui introduced the May 8th meeting minutes. There being neither additions nor revisions a motion to accept was made by V. Tomasino and seconded by F. Pormigiano.
4. E. Sagui opened the meeting to committee/activity reports:
 - A) SPRING PICNIC: E. Sagui, reports that many favorable comments were received. Noted was the auction result which was a little less productive than prior occasions. The next picnic will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at Paseo Vista Park in Henderson. Details to follow.
 - B) POKER: Game night changed from Friday 6/18/10 to Friday 6/25/10 at the IAC. Arrive by 6 pm for dinner, play starts at 7 pm and concludes at 10 pm
 - C) FIGHT NIGHT: Two members showed on 5/21/10 - despite earlier indications of interest from several members - only to learn that the Orleans cancelled the event without notice. Next event dates are listed as 8/20/10, 10/22/10 and 11/15/10. Further info to be provided.
 - D) FOOTBALL: The UNLV game schedule is being evaluated for a group event with tailgating. Specific note made of a Thursday evening game against the Air Force Academy and a Saturday afternoon game with Wyoming. When a game decision is made a block of tickets will be purchased therefore, pre-

payment will be required.

E) BEREAVEMENT: J. Faulis expressed the Clubs condolences to J. Corso over the recent passing of his Aunt and extended get well wishes to C. Anderson over his recent illness.

F) ACTIVITIES: N. LaMonte commented on a great time at a recent wine tasting event at Giuseppe's on Durango. These tastings are held on the second Thursday of every month. All wine (one selected winery) and buffet items are available for a \$20.00 charge. The next is July 8th - all are welcome.

G) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: D. Gaglione notes some progress with La Voce to publish club related articles. V. Tomasino will be the likely subject of a first news story. E. Sagui makes mention of the late F. Scarlata's grandson attending the Air Force Academy - a matter of pride for all members of the local Italian heritage community.

H) BOCCE: Team play resumes 9/1/10; a team formation pre-meeting will take place in August at the IAC.

5. M. Castronova, reports that all club bills are paid and the treasury balance is \$1,430.26. There are 38 dues paid club members.

6. D. Gaglione, remarks that 2010 is an officer election year. According to the By-Laws a nominating committee needs to be appointed to develop a slate of nominees. At least one (1) nominee is needed to each position to approve the ballot. The election will be held in October for 2011-12 officers. Additional info forthcoming.

7. E. Sagui provided an introduction to guests(s) in attendance.

8. N. LaMonte - on behalf of the membership, extended thanks to the Executive Committee, F. Pormigiano and J. Faulis for time, effort and contribution to the club. E. Sagui followed with a comment about the clubs focus on assuring survival of the organization moving forward.

9. F. Pormigiano notes the 50/50 drawing was won by T. Prescia, holder of ticket #237809 - \$47.00 each to Tony and the treasury. J. Faulis, holder of ticket #237882 selected a bottle of wine for the winning ticket.

10. Miscellaneous - D. Gaglione notes that 1 hat and a variety of shirts remain in our depleted inventory for purchase.

11. E. Sagui called for a motion to adjourn, there being no new business. V. Tomasino so motioned with a second by A. Ciricillo and the meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Failla

GOI July News Items:

The President's Message

Each year on July 4th Americans celebrate the birth of their beloved country, USA. Our grandparents and parents adopted this country as the place where they could be free to raise their families, earn a living and worship the religion of their choice. They often had to serve this nation in order to protect the benefits that they received here from those who challenged the culture of a society in which "all people are considered equal under the law." As Italian-Americans we followed the lead of those who fought for the "birth of this nation." Among those men and women was Philip Mazzei who stepped up and came to the aid of America when it sought to declare its Independence from England. You may not have heard of him as you have heard of our famous patriots Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Franklin who crafted a constitution and handed us this wonderful way of life.

Mazzei was born Filippo Mazzei in Poggio a Caiano in Tuscany. He studied medicine in Florence and practiced it in Italy and the Middle East for several years before moving to London in 1755 to take up a mercantile career as an importer. While in London he met the Americans, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Adams of Virginia. In 1773 he led a group of Italians who came to Virginia to introduce the cultivation of vineyards, olives, and other Mediterranean fruits. Mazzei became a neighbor and friend of Thomas Jefferson and acted as an agent to purchase arms for Virginia during the American Revolutionary War. John F. Kennedy in his book, "A Nation of Immigrants," states that the great doctrine, "All men are created equal," incorporated into the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson, was paraphrased from the writing of Philip Mazzei, an Italian-born patriot. In 1980 US Post (along with Italian Post) issued a commemorative stamp to honor the 280th anniversary of Philip Mazzei's birth.

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 at Capo's Italian Cuisine, 5795 W. Tropicana Ave., Thursday through Sunday 6:30 to 10:00 PM. For details call Capo's at 436-2276.

Election of Officers

GOI Officers for 2011 will be elected in the fall of 2010 according to our Bylaws. A Slate Committee will be established by the GOI Executive Committee. The Slate Committee will submit the slate of nominees to the membership at a GOI Meeting in the fall and then call for nominations from floor. When all nominations are completed and approved, a ballot will be drawn and at the next GOI meeting, an election will take place.

Richie Di and the HiLites

GOI member, Richie Di Thomas informs us that he and his singing group, the Hi Lites have been invited to perform their brand of "Vintage Vegas" songs at a jazz festival in Pontresina, Switzerland. Pontresina is in the southern part of the country, 30 km from the Italian border and 10 minutes from St. Moritz. Best wishes to all the Hi Lites for a successful gig.

A Letter to the Las Vegas Sun

A letter to the Las Vegas Sun written by GOI Member, Al Ciricillo, appeared on the Saturday, June 26, 2010 issue of the Sun included in the Review-Journal. The letter is on page 4 of the Sun Section's editorial and letters page. Copies of the letter will be available at July 10th Meeting.

GOI Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for the annual GOI Christmas Party which will once again be held at Carluccio's Tivoli Gardens, 1775 East Tropicana Avenue. The date of this year's party is Friday, December 10th. Christmas Party Chairman, Mike Castronova, will be reporting the details of time, cost, menu and entertainment at each general meeting.

Wine Tasting at Giuseppe's

Nick La Monte, GOI Events Chairman, reports that from his personal experience the Wine Tasting Event at Giuseppe's Restaurant on June 10th was a most enjoyable experience. The buffet was very good, 3 or 4 hot dishes with many choices of sides and different deserts. Instead of finger foods he was surprised to find it to be a full buffet with free featured wine and door prizes, all for \$20.00. It was truly a festive evening.

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 July Meeting and see Dick Gaglione to purchase any of these items.