

The Grandsons of Italy Newsletter

*The Next Meeting of the Grandsons of Italy will take place on February 11, 2012 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 February 11, 2012 Meeting:

- 1) Collection of 2012 Dues
- 2) Pledge of allegiance to the flag
- 3) Roll Call & Acceptance of the minutes of November 12, 2011
- 4) Committee Reports and Plans for 2012
- 5) Adjournment

Minutes of the GOI Meeting Held on January 14, 2012

Present: J. Amato, R. Candeloro, M. Castronova, A. Circillo, T. DiVietro, R. Failla, J. Faulis, T. Giampa, J. Henner, F. Pormigiano, D. Sacco, E. Sagui, D. Scuderi, V. Tomasino, J. Zingale, C. Zoppi.

1. E. Sagui called for order and the meeting opened at 12:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by D. Scuderi.
2. E. Sagui called for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting. R. Failla made a correction to the spelling of J. Gianni's name. A motion was then made by F. Pormigiano to accept as amended and second was provided by A. Circillo.
3. R. Failla called the roll; 16 members were present.
4. M. Castronova reports a total of \$1,057.18 in the checking account after the Christmas Party expenditures and \$100.00 in the savings account.
5. E. Sagui called for committee reports and general comment:
 - A) Poker night will be held on January 27 at the IAC; Arrive by 5:30 PM for dinner followed by cards.
 - B) Christmas Party - E. Sagui noted the event was generally very well received with a few concerns expressed about the food. R. Failla distributed a follow up questionnaire. Eight (8) forms were completed and returned. With 45 members/spouses in attendance, 8 responses would not qualify as a statistically valid sample. The questionnaire will again be available at the February meeting to secure more data. Response from the women who attended the event is solicited and encouraged. Take a form home and return.
 - C) Chairmen appointed for 2012: A. Circillo-Veterans Day; D. Scuderi-Picnics; R. Failla-Christmas Party with R. Candeloro, D. Sacco and M. Castronova rounding out the Christmas Party Committee.
 - D) Regular Events - E. Sagui suggests beginning in February, one day per month be set aside for a group dinner Buffet held at a movable location. Cost to be capped at \$20.00 per person. J. Henner comments on recent experience at Maggiano costing \$39.00. C. Zoppi remarks that more member participation is needed.
 - E) Member Participation –a suggestion was made that every member selects a buddy and contact him to encourage event participation. Unresolved: select or assign.
 - F) Health and Bereavement - J. Henner notes that Betty Menzacco, wife of club member Pete, is ill. A Well wishes follow-up will be made.
6. F. Pormigiano notes that the 50/50 drawing was won by the holder of ticket #021488, D. Sacco who promptly donated the winnings to the treasury -\$51.00 to the treasury.
7. E. Sagui called for a motion to adjourn. R. Candeloro so motioned with a second provided by J. Henner. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Failla

GOI February News Items:

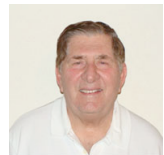
The President's Message

February is here and our thoughts turn to warmer weather, Valentine's Day and President's Day. A gradual increase in temperature each day and we begin thinking of planting the 2012 version of our flower and vegetable gardens. Valentine's Day, February 14, reminds us of the joy of giving our love ones beautiful flowers, chocolate hearts and taking them to dinner at their favorite restaurants to show them that we care and appreciate all that they do for us. President's Day, February 20, reminds us of our great American leaders George Washington and Abraham Lincoln who led us through two early wars and to victories that fortified and unified this great country so that it expanded and prospered, attracting many of our grandparents to immigrate and help to make it the global leader that it is today. They came to this country to raise their children and give them the opportunities for a better life. While doing so they brought to the USA their culture of strong family life and a willingness to work hard and honestly.

Have a pleasant and happy February.

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.

GOI Logo Shirts and Caps

Anyone interested in purchasing a GOI logo golf/polo shirt (\$18.00) or T-shirt (\$11.00), black or white, should see Dick Gaglione. GOI logo black baseball caps (\$10.00) are also available for purchase.