



“The Roar of the Lion”

Jennifer Rubé, editor
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2009 FESTA ITALIANA

The Italian American Community Center has announced the dates for this year's Festa Italiana. Please join fellow lodge members the weekend of July 17 – 19th, 2009 as we once again set up a booth at the festival to sell Italian themed Christmas ornaments and gifts. Last year we raised over \$600 selling these items and the money was given to the lodge scholarship fund.

We will need a committee to help with preparing the items for sale, setting up the booth, selling items and tearing down the booth. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Sister Jennifer at 244-8437 for more information.

2009 SUMMER PICNIC

At the March Board Meeting it was decided that this year's Summer Picnic would be held at the home of President Joe and Nancy Rubé. Many of our lodge members attended last year's Italian Night Picnic and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There is room in the yard for plenty of tables and chairs as well as a bocce area for some friendly competition between guests.

Right now we're looking at dates in early August and RSVP notices will be sent with the June newsletter. All lodge members, friends and family are welcome. We are planning a bring-a-dish-to-pass event and once again look forward to lots of good food and fun.

Italian Proverb

Il dire è una cosa, il fare è un'altra

Saying is one thing, doing another

MAY BUS TRIP

The May 31st bus trip to Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston New York has been canceled. We're looking at future dates and different destinations for group bus tours. If you have any suggestions, please contact President Joe.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May 2009

With the devastation from the earthquakes that took place in Italy this past month, our hearts, thoughts and prayers have gone out to all. As always the Italian American community here in Rochester as well as throughout the US responded swiftly and generously. Many donations were sent at a time when most of us are having our own economic problems. Just about every Italian American organization has come up with various fundraising events. At our last general membership meeting our members chose to donate lodge funds to the cause through our state and national foundations. I know that several members also donated personally through OSIA or other organizations to which they belong. This is a remarkable example of how we come together as a huge family in support of our brothers and sisters.

Earlier this month Sister Jennifer and I attended a leadership seminar in Farmingdale Long Island at the Columbus Lodge where State President Nancy DiFiore Quinn and members of the Grand Lodge appreciatively acknowledged our presence. The Columbus Lodge members were gracious hosts and the program reinforced our desire to follow the goals and standards of our state and national lodges. Emphasis was placed on the use of our by laws in planning our activities and the need for leadership from our members in the areas of membership and fundraising. There was a discussion about the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum and their fundraising efforts for major renovations. This brought to mind our own lodge's willingness to support those charitable organizations like the Cooley's Anemia Foundation, Gift of Sight, Breast Cancer and others.

At the last general membership meeting, the members present voted in favor of raising our annual dues. There was spirited discussion in favor and against it but in the end those present at the meeting supported the raise in order to assure that our lodge stays solvent and is able to do the things we want to do as well as support our Grand and Supreme Lodges.

Our own lodge member, Ed Maruggi has published a new book and on Friday May 8th in conjunction with the IACC and Barnes

& Noble, there will be several events at B&N, some of which are fundraisers for the new library at the IACC where Ed is a director. All our lodge members will receive flyers announcing the event and I hope you will support this cause. The event reminds me of a statement I made when I first took over as interim president in September about how I hoped that we, as an organization of members, support our own members when they have something they wish to share with us.

We will be utilizing both our website and our newsletter in this endeavor to support our members, many of whom have businesses and ventures related to the Italian American community and wish to share with us. There will be some control of what we can publish but I think you will be pleased with this opportunity. Anything you wish to have considered for the newsletter or website, please send it to Sister Jennifer Rubé.

Summer is near and our social events programs will soon be here. Hopefully many of you will step forward to make these events successful either by helping or organizing or by participating in the events themselves. We're looking forward to those already in the planning stages as well as any ideas you come up with for other activities.

Fraternally,

Brother Joe Rubé, president



ITALIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **May 6, 2009**
Marian Celebration Dinner Dance
3PM – 9PM IACC (info: 594-8882)
- **May 7, 2009**
OSIA Board Meeting – 7PM – Casa
Italiana (Info: 461-1181)
- **May 8, 2009**
Italian American Community
Center Day – 4PM-8PM – Barnes &
Noble, West Ridge Road (Info: 594-
8882)
- **May 8, 2009**
Annual Spring Dance – 6PM -
Gates Amita Club (Info: 247-6661)
- **May 14, 2009**
OSIA General Assembly Meeting –
7PM – Casa Italiana (Info: 461-
1181)
- **May 17, 2009**
Caltanissetta Society Dinner to
benefit 17 year old Matthew
Bonferraro
- **May 24, 2009**
Saint Padre Pio Mass – 1PM (Info:
254-9020)
- **June 4, 2009**
Columbus Parade Benefit Lunch at
the Italian American Sport Club –
12noon (info: 464-9160)

Italian - American Resources

National Italian American Foundation
www.niaf.org

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on **Thursday May 14th, 2009** at the Casa Italiana located on the Nazareth College Campus at 4245 East Avenue. The college is located about half a mile from the Village of Pittsford on Route 96/East Avenue. Enter the campus at the entrance with the traffic light (South Campus Drive). Turn immediately into Parking Lot A on the right as you enter the campus. On the right you will note the Casa Hispana building and then the Casa Italiana building. Take the lower walk to the right of the building, which leads directly to the meeting room. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM sharp and all members are welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday wishes go out to....

Richard Santo - 5/1
Joseph Berta - 5/5
Vincenzo Buonomo – 5/6
Dr Russell Gugino - 5/7
Philip Bellini - 5/8
Mario Daniele - 5/12
Robert Dierna - 5/20
Elvah Trieste - 5/29
Adeline Cimino - 5/31

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Brother Ed Maruggi on the release of his latest book, *“Remembrances: Growing up with Italian Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers”*, a wonderful paperback book just in time for Mother’s Day. This is his third book in a series of Italian American memories. The other two books are, *“Mushrooms, Sausage and Wine: Life with an Immigrant Father”* and *“Italian Heart American Soul: An Anthology”*. All are available by contacting Brother Ed at 585-392-6737.

Congratulations go out to Brother Louis DeCarolis for his re-election to a second term as President of Rochester’s Italian Civic League. For more information on this group, please visit www.italiancivicleague.org.

Congratulations to Brother Joe Capogreco on the continued success of his radio show Carosello Italiano. Brother Joe is celebrating over 40 years as the voice of Rochester’s Italian community and can now be heard live around the world online at www.sportsradio950espn.com every Sunday morning from 8AM – 10AM. Archived broadcasts are available anytime at www.italiancarousel.net

Thank you to Sisters Ann Vazzana and Bonnie Cottone and Brothers Joe Vazzana and Ross Cottone for the wonderful Easter Party treats at the last general assembly meeting in March.

COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

This year’s Columbus Day Parade is being planned for Saturday October 10th, 2009 in downtown Rochester.

A parade committee has been formed of members from many of the different Italian American organizations in Rochester. The committee will be working on fundraising, sponsorships, marketing and award winners.



SUNSHINE CORNER

Get Well Wishes go out to:

Brother Lou Giambra - illness
Sister Susan Berta - illness
Sister Ann Vazzana – surgery

Our Sympathies go out to:

Brother Joe & Sister Ann Vazzana – passing of Ann’s sister

Brother Raymond & Sister Bessie Piarulli – passing of their daughter

Red Fidele & Family – passing of his wife



Newly Installed 2009 Lodge Officers Left to Right:

Front Row: Louis Giambra (Orator), Michael Cutillo (District Deputy), Dr. Joseph Rubé (President), Joseph Berta (State Trustee)

Middle Row: Emma Ferlise (Chaplain), Mary Ricci (Trustee), Shirley Sculli (Mistress of Ceremony), Angela Parise (Trustee), Mary Delman (Mistress of Ceremony), Patricia Galante (Trustee), Dr. Russell Gugino (Sentinel), Jennie Gugino (First Vice President), Susan Berta (Treasurer)

Back Row: Debra Cutari (Trustee), Jennifer Rubé (Recording Secretary), Joseph Vazzana (Immediate Past President), Antonio Palucci (Second Vice President), Nancy Rubé (Financial Secretary), Joseph Galante (Trustee), Ann Vazzana (Corresponding Secretary)