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Dear Brothers, Sisters, Families and Friends, June 2010

Here we are into June and your humble President and the Delegates you voted on are preparing for our trip to the STATE CONVENTION to be held at the Villa Roma in the Catskills June 3rd – 6th. Our own Brother Joe Berta is running for a second term as District 8 State Trustee. We also have several members going as guests to get a flavor of the Convention as well as to participate in the social activities. We will have pictures and a summary in next month's newsletter.

On Tues June 8th I, along with Sister Jennifer and anyone else interested will be attending the "seminar/discussion" organized by Brother Lou DeCarolis and the ICL on tax exempt status/501c3 organizations – there will be an accountant and a lawyer there to lead the discussions, clarify the issues, and answer questions.

Brothers Pat Sculli and Tony Palucci have set the date for our Lodge's SUMMER PICNIC (more info to follow) and hopefully you all will attend and bring your families. We also have the FESTA ITALIANA at the IACC at which we will have a booth as we did last year with several new items for sale. The arrangements for the COLUMBUS DAY DINNER DANCE are falling into place nicely. This year the event will be held at the IACC on October 15th and we have confirmed four very worthy recipients of our awards. As most of you know this and our AD BOOK are our major fundraisers for the Lodge - please not only help us to get our ads as well as planning to attend the function with family and friends.

I also would like to encourage each current member bring friends and family to join our Lodge. Increased membership brings with it new ideas and more successful functions. Over the past year we have been very successful in both areas and this has encouraged us to continue in this direction. Thanks to these, YOU have established a new scholarship and have raised money for Gift of Sight as well as the other organizations OSIA supports such as Cooley's Anemia, Coaches for Cancer, Alzheimer's and others

You will not get this newsletter till after, but I hope to see many of you at the Festa della REPUBBLICA being held June 2nd at the IACC. As President of our Lodge, I will participate in the raising of the American Flag.

The month of June brings with its warmer weather and many events including graduations, weddings, picnics, vacations and other family functions. Nancy and I wish you and your families a very enjoyable summer.

Fraternally, Joe Rubé

Add note: although there is no Board meeting this month the General Assembly meeting will be held June 10th.



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
June 2010

FESTA ITALIANA

Its that time of year again and your fellow lodge members are getting ready for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Not only do we participate in the Festa to raise money for our lodge, but we have a lot of fun while doing it.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers to help sell our merchandise in the booth. All help is GREATLY appreciated! We will have a schedule sheet at the next General Assembly meeting for people to sign up for the shifts they would like.

Festival hours this year will be:

- **Friday July 16th**
4PM – 12 Midnight
- **Saturday July 17th**
12 noon – 12 Midnight
- **Sunday July 18th**
12 noon – 7PM

The most important shifts will be from 4PM to about 10PM Friday and Saturday evenings. We'd like to have five or six people scheduled at those times so that everyone can take a break, get some of the wonderful foods and go listen to some of the entertainment.

If we can get enough people to help, we may try to set up at least the tent and tables on **Thursday** night and get the vehicles unloaded. If you're available to help that night, please let Jennifer know.

If you can't make the meeting on June 10th and would like to sign up for the Festa, please contact Jennifer at 381-5540 or jennajlr@aol.com

2010 AWARD WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the honorees for this year. They are:

Mr Joseph Capogreco

Lifetime Achievement Award

Mr Marc Iacona

Advancement of the Arts Award

Mr Peter Carpino

Man of the Year Award

Ms Roseann Migliozi – Lackey

Woman of the Year

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

At the request of the counsel for the New York State Commission for Social Justice (CSJ), Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), four MTV Executives met with leaders John Dabbene, National President Emeritus, CSJ, Andre DiMino, National President of UNICO National, and CSJ counsel Michael A. Santo at Viacom Headquarters in New York City on May 20th to discuss the concerns over the depiction of Italian Americans in the MTV "reality" show, Jersey Shore.

This was the second face-to-face meeting set up with the MTV Executives and OSIA representatives, and the first with a UNICO representative. The leaders were also endorsed by three other nationally respected groups (National Italian American Foundation[NIAF]; National Organization of Italian American Women [NOIAW]; and the Columbus Citizens Foundation). Mr. Dabbene and Mr. DiMino expressed the angst demonstrated by tens of thousands of Italian Americans concerning the negative stereotypical depiction of their Italian ethnicity in the program, and made suggestions to help address them.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN NEWS

OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH

The Bishop has agreed to Save Our Lady of Loreto Church from being demolished. The pressure received from many groups, individuals, community leaders, politicians, etc. have collectively convinced the Diocese to change their mind.

The Diocese will not be using our development plan designed by Jeff and in my opinion, this diminishes the overall project and it won't have the same impact and the greatness we worked for. We are pushing to get as much of our development plan incorporated as possible and we need now, more than ever, for us to stay banded together until we have reached the highest possible level in our negotiation to assure a successful re-use for the Church and the Community.

Please spread the word about this achievement and that we must stay together until this is a final completed signed and sealed deal.
Signed, Charles Piazza

ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE

October 2010 marks the 34th Anniversary of the Italian Heritage and Culture Month celebration. The Board of Directors of the sponsoring organization, the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY), has decided that the 2010 theme will be: A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician.

Maria Montessori was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree. As a result of her work in psychiatry, she developed an interest in the treatment of special needs children. Her pioneering Montessori methodology continues to be utilized by educators in elementary schools throughout the world. This year's theme also provides our community to celebrate our Italian - American sisters of great accomplishment. As we move forward in recognizing Dr. Montessori, we are confident that the various organizations which have historically recognized Italian Americans during the month of October will especially think about the indelible mark women of Italian ancestry have made to society-at-large.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HISTORY

On June 1st, 1635, the ship that brought Pietro Cesare Alberti to this New World, stood at anchor in what is now New York harbor. Alberti was only hours away from his fateful decision on June 2nd, 1635, to leave the ship, come on shore and become the first Italian who would ever step onto what would become New York City. This man, born in Venice, made the decision on what was his 27th birthday, to stay and make his life here.

Find us on the web at www.sonsofitalyrochester.com or join our group on Facebook by searching "sons of Italy"

VINCENT LOMBARDI LODGE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **June 3rd – 6th, 2010** – OSIA NYS Convention at Villa Roma
- **June 10th, 2010 – 7:00PM** - Casa Italiana – OSIA General Assembly Meeting
- **June 16th, 2010** - 12Noon – IACC Luncheon (info: 594-8882)
- **July 16-18th, 2010** – Festa Italiana (info: 594-8882)
- **August 2010 (date to be announced)** – Sons of Italy Summer Picnic
- **October 15th, 2010** – 6:00PM – IACC – Sons of Italy Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance (info: 334-6641)
- **November 2010 (date to be announced)** – Sons of Italy Turkey Raffle Dinner
- **December 2010 (date to be announced)** – Sons of Italy Christmas Party

FUNDRAISING

Do you get Staples Rewards Coupons or other discounts that you don't use? If so and you would like to donate them to the lodge, please send them to Sister Jennifer Rubé (address on the membership list) or bring to the next lodge meeting. We appreciate all donations!

Your April, May and June 2010 newsletters printed at no charge because we had so many cartridges turned in for credit. Thank you to all the members who have donated their printer cartridges to help us keep printing costs down.

NEW MEMBERS

If you know of someone of Italian American descent, or someone that is married to an Italian American, that would be interested in joining our lodge, please contact President Joe at 461-1181 or Joseph.Rube@RochesterGeneral.org for membership applications.

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday June 10th, 2010 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 everyone is welcome. Please Note: the meeting room is handicapped accessible.

BIRTHDAYS

June
06/06 Mary Ricci
06/16 Eunice McCarthy
06/20 Anthony Oliveri
06/22 Matthew O'Connor
06/27 Louis DeCarolis
06/30 Edward Maruggi