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Dear Brothers, Sisters, Families and Friends, July 2010

Here we are coming to the end of another month. Many things are going on, World Cup Soccer,- sad to see Italy leave early – but happy to see US still in it - and of course, our own LPGA championship at Locust Hill with Americans doing very well. School is out for most, vacations are beginning, camps, picnics, summer sports, etc. We hope you all have a great summer.

As you know our Lodge is involved in several activities. Seven of us went to the Villa Roma for the State Convention. We're sorry that Joe and Annie Vazzana had to miss the trip – Joe, we know you missed your turn at afternoon cocktails, but not to worry- I had the bill sent to your home and you certainly are a generous tipper! Truly, we missed you, but the Galantes filled in admirably – Joe even won a pick up Bocce Tournament – prize was....ask Joe next time you see him. Joe and Patty tried to take a trip to the Casino – flat tire for the bus ended that! Accommodations were....let's saydifferent. The social activities were very good – even the wonderful singer Giada Valente did a great job in spite of being ill. We are very pleased that our Brothers and Sisters from Geneva invited us to sit with them at meals – we started at the farthest table away from the activities.

There was a very nice ceremony honoring IPP Nancy DiFiore Quinn. By the way, for those of you not there, our Lodge gave Nancy one of the new Sons of Italy Christmas ornaments that Sister Jen had made up. You may recall when she came to our Columbus Day Dinner Dance two years ago we gave her one of the other special ornaments.

As for the business of the Convention, first of all, join me in congratulating Brother Joe Berta on his re-election as District 8 State Trustee. Sister Susan worked very hard at the Credentials job – unfortunately she and the 5 or 6 other delegates missed much of the Convention itself – Susan, thanks for representing our Lodge so very well. I was involved in the Newsletter Award Committee. There were 14 entries and I must say it's not an easy job – Brother Joe Berta will attest to that! Next year we'll enter ours again. There was much discussion about the Web Sites - positives and negatives – I was lost with all the techie talk – but did put in my two cents worth in. Politics is politics – no different at our Convention.

Unfortunately our nominee for the CORNARO awards, Dr. Stella Plutino-Calabrese – Director of the CASA – did not win but we will renominate for next year as she surely deserves it. All those who won awards truly deserved them – it is fortunate we have so many Italian Americans deserving of these prestigious awards.

I'm sure the next issue of the Golden Lion will fill you in on the rest of the convention info. Our appreciation goes out to Chairperson Carol DiTrapani for her work in getting this Convention at a new venue to be so successful and to President Sal Lanzalotta for his leadership.

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On June 8th, several of us met with Jennifer Arbore, CPA and John Liebschutz, Attorney, for an excellent discussion on the 503(c)3 Status – pros and cons. It is a complex matter – there will be more discussion with our Board – then a presentation to the General Membership on our recommendations. Our thanks to Brother Lou DeCarolis for opening his home (and his wine) for this very worthy informational session.

For upcoming events – please see Sister Jen’s notes on the FESTA ITALIANA - and sign up to help – and certainly encourage your families and friends to attend. We all have a good time and it is a fund raiser for the Lodge. Speaking of fundraisers – I forgot to mention that your Lodge Donation to the Gift of Sight at the Convention was one of that group’s largest. The Lodge Picnic is scheduled for August 28th at the American Legion Lodge in Penfield – more info coming. I’m happy to say that Jon Seiger and his All Stars has agreed to participate in the Columbus Day Parade with our lodge again this year with his songs from Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin etc.

I hope you all are encouraging your families and friends to join our Lodge. I believe in us and I believe that our goals of promoting LIBERTY, EQUALITY, and FRATERNITY through our activities is very worthwhile. We just got a request to send out a few more applications. We should all be very proud to not only have the “Italian-American Connection” but also to be members of the oldest Italian American Organization in America. If you need any help or have any ideas please feel free to contact our MEMBERSHIP chair – Sister Jen Rubé or myself.

That also reminds me that several members have asked me recently if our newsletter can’t be sent by email to those who have it and prefer it that way. It would save money. I’m sure Sister Jen could accommodate if you want it by email. Just let her know – email her at jennajlr@aol.com so that she has your correct email address. We have also had requests for email notices of upcoming events so if you want to be added to that list please email her.

Seems like I’ve gone on forever – sorry Jen – But I am proud and passionate about being a member and your President.

Our best wishes to those who have been ill or incapacitated and condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

Fraternally yours,

President, Joe Rube’

Dues, Dues, Dues are Due

It is that time of year when dues are once again due. The annual dues rate is \$50 to assist the lodge in covering it's current per capita tax, our commitment to the bereavement fund and to our general fund. Please make your check payable to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Inc. and mail to Susan Berta Treasurer 10 Debran Drive Henrietta New York 14467

FUNDRAISING

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.

If you would like to help us keep postage costs down and receive this newsletter by email in .pdf format, please contact Sister Jennifer at jennajlr@aol.com



"The Roar of the Lion"

Jennifer Rubé, editor
July 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.

Please contact Jennifer at 381-5540 or jennajlr@aol.com to sign up for volunteer time in the booth. All help is greatly appreciated!!!

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

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

This year the lodge received thirty seven applications for the two scholarships that we offer. The students who applied certainly were the cream of the crop both scholastically and in their extracurricular activities and volunteerism. It is truly a difficult job deciding who should be the recipients of our scholarships but the scholarship committee Joseph Berta, Chairperson, Hon. Philip Dattilo, Joseph DiPasquale and Susan Berta are proud to announce the following recipients.

The recipient of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 scholarship of \$1500 is Nathaniel Tisa who is a senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School. He will be attending Georgetown University in the Fall majoring in Political Science with a goal of becoming an attorney.

The recipient of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge Past Honorees Scholarship of \$1000 is Kevin Uhrmacher who is a senior at Greece Athena High School. He will be attending University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Fall majoring in Journalism and Mass Communications with the goal of working in Editing and Graphic Design.

Both of these fine scholars will be honored at our annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance in October.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN NEWS

OSIA MEMBERS NEWS

Immediate Past President, **Brother Joe Vazzana** has recently undergone surgery and is recuperating well. We send our wishes for a speedy recovery. Cards should be addressed to him at his home during recuperation.

Brother Ed Maruggi gave a great lecture on the first known Italian to settle in Rochester. He presented the biography of Father Joseph Biggio, a Roman Catholic priest to the POINTers group (Italian Genealogy) on June 12th at Casa Italiana with approximately 25 people attending.

New York State IPP Nancy DiFiore Quinn has undergone surgery and is recuperating for the next several weeks at home. Cards should be addressed to her at 80 Central Ave, Lynbrook NY 11563.

It is our sad duty to bring you news of the passing of **Brother Bene Emeritus Frank D'Andrea**, a devoted member of the Giuseppe A. Nigro Lodge # 2234, and truly dedicated to the Order Sons of Italy in America. Expressions of sympathy can be addressed to his family at 1033 Joselon Avenue, Bayshore, NY 11706.

If you know of any lodge members who are ill or could use cheering up, please let Corresponding Secretary, Sister Ann Vazzana know at 224-8907.

FACEBOOK MESSAGES

Since many of our members do not use computers we will try to post any messages that come in through Facebook or our website.

Tony DiCostanzo: Buona fortuna to our brothers and sisters in Rochester from your District VIII Deputy. To find out what's happening in Geneva, go to our website at: <http://genevasons2397.homestead.com/>. Ciao, Tony D.

Bob Taddario: hi rochester - geneva lodge prez. here bob taddario glad to be aboard

Elayne Morga: Hello Rochester. I am the President of the Vigiano Brothers Lodge #3436 in Port Jefferson. Please visit our page here on Facebook.

Angela Vasaturo DeCosimo: New Trustee from District II. Great seeing you at Convention. Will get to you one day. My home lodge is the Judge Frank A. Gulotta Lodge #2180

Martha LaPaglia Bologna: I'm a long time member of the Mario Lanza Lodge #2491, Middle Village, NY. I edit our monthly newsletter which is sent to all members, I'm a National Overseer for the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Staten Island and edited three booklets for the museum - Italian Holidays, Customs & Traditions.

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

- **July 1st, 2010** – 7:00PM – Casa Italiana - Sons of Italy Board Meeting (info 461-1181)
- **July 8th, 2010** – 7:00PM – Casa Italiana - Sons of Italy General Assembly Meeting (info: 461-1181)
- **July 16-18th, 2010** – Festa Italiana (info: 594-8882)
- **August 29th, 2010** – Sons of Italy Summer Picnic (info: Pat Sculli - 340-6639)
- **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

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.

BIRTHDAYS

July

07/01 Michael Maloni
07/03 Anita Militello
07/04 Antonio Palucci
07/04 Nancy Rubé
07/08 Susan Berta,
07/10 Jennifer Rubé
07/21 Elizabeth Osta
07/24 John Pilato
07/25 William Agnello
07/26 Tom Avangelista
07/27 Sharon Strati

SOUVENIR AD BOOK

We have already begun work on the 2010 souvenir ad book to be given at the annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance. This is one of our biggest fund raiser activities for the lodge and we need everyone to help us make this year's ad book bigger and better than ever. If you, one of your children or grandchildren, a relative, neighbor or friend has a business, reach out to ask if they would like to support our ad book by taking an ad. You can also take an ad to honor a loved one living or deceased or to honor someone's special occasion i.e. birthday or anniversary. If you frequent a certain merchant i.e. hair dresser, barber, tailor etc ask them if they would like to support our efforts. It is a win/win situation as we benefit from the ad donation to assist us with our scholarship fund and other charities and the ad taker has a beautiful, reasonably priced advertisement shared with the several hundred people who attend our annual dinner dance. Please contact me for an order form and cover letter or for further information - Susan Berta 585-334-6641

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next general assembly meeting will be held on Thursday July 8th, 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.

NYS OSIA CONVENTION 2010



Lodge members at the NYS OSIA Convention



Villa Roma Resort in the Catskill Mountains



Brother Joe eating the lamb's head special



President Joe giving lodge donations



2010 Officer Installation

FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA 2010



Festa della Repubblica
2010
IACC, Rochester

Sister Elizabeth Osta shares with us these wise words on the two-year anniversary of her breast cancer diagnosis.

Broken, Open

I comb the beaches of Amelia Island, bare feet dipping in brisk waters, gentle waves lapping at my toes and creeping up my ankles, looking for perfect shells, those that have survived in one piece. Whole. A fragment catches my eye, its color a vibrant fuchsia, its shape unique. I pick it up and rub my thumb and forefinger over its smooth surface, admiring its swirl of unexpected color.

After my visit with it, I bend to the sandy beach to replace this shell piece and continue on my walk, the blue skies and rolling waters calming, the breeze refreshing, the smell reminiscent of other ocean visits. But I hesitate before putting the shell down. I hold it in my palm, turning it over once again, its smooth surface warming to my touch, looking at its beauty, wondering about its journey. Isn't this what we all are ultimately, fragments of color and beauty in the mix of life? Pieces of life, weathered by wind and storms, warmed by a gentle touch, tossed about in the world's waves?

I slip the shell piece into my jacket pocket, continue my walk, pausing here for a part of sand dollar, there for a partial conch, eyes finding shells I might never have noticed, shells full of character and blooming with color and shape. There are many to choose from, many passed over by other shell seekers, those seeking the perfect, the whole.

While I still pick up some unbroken shells, more often, I gravitate to the pieces, their imagined stories irresistible, travels from the ocean floor, tossed about in the waves, adding to their character, their power. I breathe in and feel the tightness in my breast where scars still sensitive to the touch tell the tale of my own brokenness, my recent recovery from breast cancer ebbing and flowing as energy returns. As the wind blows and I continue on my way, a smile splashes my face, and a feeling of oneness fills me. I grasp a silver shard from the water's edge, a bit of oyster, and run my finger over its unexpected ridges, its perfectly formed bumps.

Elizabeth Osta

As a lodge, we donated money to Breast Cancer Research at the recent NYS OSIA Convention.