



## Sons of Italy of Ocean City Lodge #2474

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### The President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

We had another amazing turnout at our April 6 meeting with 98 members and 3 guests attending. We heard exciting news about future trips and other social events from Mary Ellen Arena (be sure to check the Sons of Italy website for details). Anna Foulz arranged for an interesting presentation from Larry Noccolino, the Executive Director of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City. When the meeting adjourned, we all enjoyed sausage and meatball grinders. (Yes, the sausage and meatballs were left over from the Festival and had been frozen—thank you to all who helped warm them and make the grinders).

Speaking of the St. Joseph Festival, the Lodge owes a huge thank you to the co-chairs Sal Castorina and Tom Pergola for organizing this very successful event. They are the leaders, but the more than 100 members who volunteered were critical to the Festival's success. As was noted at the meeting, this is the fund raiser that enables us to award \$4500 in scholarships and have a charity budget of \$3500. Thank you to all who participated.

I ask you to keep the following members in your prayers: Ethel Jacobs, Frank Celeste, Irene Ruscigno, Rosemarie Corless, Sharon Lato, Mary Castorina and Diana Cowell (wife of Dr. Dan Cowell).

Other items of interest from the meeting:

**The June meeting & pot luck supper will be at 6:00 PM on the 22nd to enable the Italian students who will be here for the summer to attend.**

The Lodge purchased a First Aid kit which will be available on all Lodge sponsored trips. All travelers on Lodge sponsored trips need to submit a Liability Waiver and Contact Information form available on our website or from Mary Ellen.

Tammy Patrick from the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation will be our guest speaker at the May 4 meeting. She will talk about volunteer opportunities and the new AGH Cancer Center which is under construction in Ocean Pines.

Donna and I hope every has (had) a Joyous Easter.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

*Ciao, Vtio*

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The fees for memberships are \$38.00 per person for renewals and \$58.00 for new members (first time only). Membership renewals are past due and payable immediately, if not members will be taken off the rolls. Contact Rita Tindall, Membership Chair at (410) 208-9698 for more information and/or questions. **New Members: Carol Aikman, Robert Katz, Richard Marchesiello and Carol and Joseph Scarpetti**

### Celebrating Their Birthdays

**Those celebrating their special day in May:** May 4: John Nawn; May 5: Rita Tindall, Terry Twardesky; May 6: George Giglioli, Michael Jacobs, May 7: Lorraine Cuomo; May 8: Richard Nippes, Jo Ann Stewart; May 10: Donald Clagett; May 18: Gerard Cuomo May 19: Rosemarie Pomillia, Edward Delilo; May 21: Carol Sellers; May 22: Kathy Aquilla; May 24: Boomer Maiorano; May 27: Geraldine Rainey; May 29: Ann Hauser; May 31: Gerard DiClementi

**Ailing and Suffering:** If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery or recently has lost a loved one, please call JoAnn Ward at (302) 524-8161. Card(s) will be sent.

50/50 Winner



Wade Ferguson \$74.00

### Mary Ellen's Special Events Corner

**APRIL SOCIAL DINNER** - Our "Thank You" dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 the Touch of Italy Restaurant in Ocean City beginning at 5:30 PM Call Vito for any last minute questions.

**CHARLESTON/SAVANNAH TRIP - April 23-29, 2017.** Final payment checks were deposited. Check was sent to Tour Company for trip/balance received confirmation that it was received. Itinerary and luggage tags will be given out at April Meeting.

**ST. MICHAEL'S TRIP - June 7, 2017** Cost \$100.00 per person. Chesapeake Museum, Lunch at Crab Claw, Narrated cruise on Milles River aboard the Patriot and browse shops, East4ern Shore Brewing/Lynn Distilling and St. Michael's Winery. 13 seats available, payment due by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**CRAB FEAST - Saturday, September 9, 2017** at the Higgins Crab Feast/North Cost: \$45.00 AUCE Steamed Crabs, Steamed Shrimp, Fried Chicken, French Fries, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob & Hush Puppies/Dessert. Domestic Draft Beers/House Wine and Soft Drinks, as well as tax and gratuity included. Reservation and payment due by August 1, 2017.

**HYDE PARK/FINGER LAKES TRIP - October 7-13, 2017,** 7 days, 6 nights. Cost \$1200.00 PP. (Double Occupancy) - \$425.00 Single Cost. After April 15th trip will be open to non-members. Flyer to review or go to the website for trip information or let me know and I will email you a flyer. Deadline for member sign up is April 15th, 2017 with a deposit of \$500.00 per person. To date we have 35 guests signed up with deposits from 10 members. Trip will open to non-members May, 2017.

**NOVEMBER SOCIAL DINNER - Wednesday, November 1, 2017** at the Jules Fine Dining Restaurant In Ocean City in the Food Lion Shopping Center hosted by Guy & Sharon DiMatteo details will be available at future meeting.

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**LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS TRIP – December 5th & 6th, 2017...2 Days/1 Night. COST: \$225.00 pp.** Includes: Admission to Nemour's Museum/Longwood Gardens/Winterthur Museum / Dinner at restaurant in West Chester, PA, Tour of Herr's Snack Factory/ QVC Studios, Overnight stay at Microtel Inn & Suites in West Chester, PA. All taxes and gratuities (meal & driver) as well as baggage handling. See Flyer and Sign Up Sheet. Need 40 guests.

**NEW ORLEANS TRIP - April 15-22, 2018 8 Days/7 Night COST: \$1,500.00 pp. (DO) SO Cost ? Includes R/T Motor Coach**  
Transportation Accommodations: 2 stop over enroute and 5 nights at a Deluxe New Orleans Hotel, 2 Hot Breakfast at your Stop-over Accommodations, 5 Gourmet American Buffet Breakfasts at Hotel 4 Upscale Restaurant Dinners/Brunch, Steamboat Natchez Dinner Jazz Cruise, New Orleans City Tour w/step on guide and includes various points of interest, .Admissions: World War II Museum, Mardi Gras World, Guided tour of Oak Alley Plantation, Cemetery No.1, Visit to Café de Monde to enjoy their world famous beignets. Visit to local Italian favorite .Central Grocery Co. & Deli. Reservations and Deposit of \$500.00 pp. due by October 15, 2017 with trip balance due of \$1,000.00 due by February 15, 2018. See Flyer & Sign Up Sheet. We will need 40 guests.

## **St. Joseph Festival Report**

The 7th annual St. Joseph's Day Festival is history. Another big success! We had close to 1200 attendees and over 125 workers from our Lodge, family members and high school volunteers. What a great day it was. We served almost 500 plates of ravioli with meatballs or sausage and close to the same number of meatball and sausage subs. We introduced gelato and fried dough this year and both did well. We sold over 100 individual gelato cups and 175 bags of fried dough. Our raffles this year - 50/50, basket, cheer and the silent auction, brought in a record \$9400. We have added over \$11,000 to our funds ensuring we can meet our scholarship and charity goals for the year. And it all happens because of each and every one of you – lodge members who work very hard before the event and the day of the event, and lodge members who attend. We are also grateful to the many merchant contributors who supply our raffles, sponsor our entertainment and buy ads for our program. Without all of these pieces we could not be as successful as we are, but each piece is a result of the hard work of our members in calling on the merchants and following up with requests and thank you's. It truly takes a village to put on a successful Festival.

I know I also speak for Tom Pergola, my co-chair, when I say, once again, thank you to each and every one of you for your participation and diligence.

I hope each of you has a very Happy Easter and that you can enjoy it with family and friends,

Ciao,

Sal

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**Thursday, May 4, 2017, next meeting at Columbus Hall.**

**5:30 PM Executive Council Meeting and 7:00 PM General Meeting**

Guest speaker for the May is Tammy Patrick from Atlantic General Hospital she will be discussing the need for volunteers and the new Cancer Center that will be opening.

### **Special Announcements from the Sons of Italy**

The Grand Lodge is holding the State Convention to be here at Columbus Hall on June 3, 2017. We will be looking for volunteers for this event.

Memorial Mass at St. Leo's in Baltimore at 11:30 on September 10, 2017. Lunch at Chiparelli's Restaurant

Columbus Gala on October 22, 2017.

**Food Jar: Received \$59.00** A big thanks to all that contributed!

**June Meeting will be held on June 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Pot Luck dinner!**