Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474 P.O. Box 4596, Ocean City, Maryland 21843-4596 www.sonsofitalyoceancity.com January 2019



<u>President's Message</u>

Sisters and Brothers,

The Lodge had another outstanding turn out for the January Assembly meeting with 108 members and 2 guests. Rita Tindall, our Membership Chair, introduced four new members. Thank you for being active members, recruiting new members, and being so generous with you time and talents. (For one thing, the wonderful desserts brought to the meetings.)

Our Christmas support of Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) was overwhelming. I joined the Castorinas in delivering the gifts to the GOLD Center and met Sandy Sipes, the Executive Director. With a very small, mostly volunteer staff, they touch the lives of hundreds of people throughout the year; and, of course, there is Ms. Pearl. I hope everyone saw the picture of her surrounded by our gifts. A special thank you to Mary Castorina and the Charity Committee for organizing the Lodge support to GOLD.

Some highlights from the meeting:

- The Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 16. Frank Tribuno, Jr., is our Chair. He is looking for volunteers to decorate the Lodge "float" and to walk/ride in the parade. The parade begins at 61st Street and ends at 44th at the 45th Street Shopping Center where the reviewing stand will be located. There will also be an Irish Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot. Participating organizations will be assigned a location and should begin to assemble no later than 11 a.m. The parade steps off at noon.
- Planning for the St. Joseph's Festival is well under way.
 As you know, many volunteers are needed to make the 9th Festival a success. I can always use help "working" the dining area (clearing tables, helping guests find seats,



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and other odd jobs that pop up on the "floor"). Drop me an email to volunteer. You may also contact Mary Ellen Arena who manages a pool of relief workers so that everyone can get a break during the day.

- Advanced planning has also started for the Lodge's 40th
 Anniversary. A Gala will be held in October 2020. Mary
 Ellen Arena is overseeing this event, and various
 subcommittees are forming. More details will be
 available at the Lodge meetings.
- SDOI Memorial Scholarship materials have been sent to the three participating local high schools. Memorial Scholarship materials are also available on our web site, sonsofitalyoceancity.com

Please pray for the Sisters and Brothers on our prayer list: Rosemary Corless, JoAnne Fimmano, George Madden, Carol Vales, John Oliverio, and Gordon Donohue. Let me know if you know of a sister or brother who should be on our prayer list.

Hope to see you at the Assembly meeting on February 7, at 7:00 p.m. Please do not arrive before 6:30. Executive Council meets at 5:30. Anna Foultz has invited a magician, Rich Bloch, to talk about and demonstrate some of the tricks of his trade.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Ciao, Vito

Club Birthdays

Those celebrating February birthdays: 2/1

George Wright; 2/4 JoAnne Fimmano, David Quillen, Dennis Patti;

2/5 Donald Rogers; 2/8 George Madden, Jr.; 2/11 Geraldine Connelly;

2/13 Ed Smith; 2/16 Peggy Nawn; 2/27 Brenda D'Antuono; 2/18 Paul

Harman, Jane Bartolomeo; 2/19 Robert Katz; 2/20 Paulette Mari;

2/22 Sal Castorina, Robert Swift; 2/24 Deborah Reda; 2/25 Wally

Watson; 2/27 Tom Piatti; 2/26 Thomas a'Becket. Happy Birthday!!!

<u>Membership</u>: Five new members joined in January. Four joined at the meeting; one mailed in the membership application. They are Giuseppe Biancaniello, Richard Buccheri, Denise Buccheri, Victoria Gargione, and Diane Liberto. Welcome !!! For information, contact

Mistresses of Ceremony

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Rita Tindall, (410) 208-9698. Reminder—Dues for 2019 should be received by February 1, 2019.

<u>Sick and Distressed</u>: If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery, or recently has lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208. Card(s) will be sent.

Nametags: We would really like everyone to buy a nametag so we can learn each others' names. Lodge nametags are \$11. Call Nick Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208 or Jim Reda (443) 664-5522 to order.

<u>Helping Hands Committee</u>: Needs new chairperson. Contact Vito Potenza if interested

Upcoming Events

January 30, 2019 Harrington Casino \$25 per person, includes \$15 free play, \$7 towards buffet lunch, and bus driver's gratuity.

February 10, 2019
Dinner at Lombardi's Restaurant
5:30 p.m.
93rd Street & Coastal Highway
(94th Street Shopping Center

Make reservations by February 3 to Janet Ackerson, 302-228-1423, or <u>janetackerson@gmail.com</u>. Our group will be seated on the side porch of the restaurant at tables seating 6-8 per table, with one check per table.

March (date TBD) Mardi Gras Dinner & Party

Spring Trip 2019 Nashville/Pigeon Forge/Memphis/ April 6-13, 2019 Asheville Trip, 8 Days/7 Nights

Trip cost is \$1,550 pp for double occupancy and \$2,000 pp for single occupancy. We will be staying at the Drury Hotel & Suites in Memphis and Nashville; Holiday Inn and Suites in Asheville; Music Road Resort in Pigeon Forge. Biltmore Estate admission and tour, phenomenal lunch buffet at Deer Park Restaurant at Biltmore Estate and self-guided Winery Tour and Tasting of 15/20 wines. Guided city tour of Nashville, Cruise aboard the General Jackson w/entertainment, Grand Ole Opry Show, Nashville Nightlife Show, visit to Andrew Jackson's Home (Hermitage) for Tour. Self-guided tour of Ryman Auditorium, along with tour of Country Music Hall of Fame and RCA Studio tour and John Cash Museum and dinner at Ted's Montana Grill, Graceland Experience Tour with Airplane Exhibit, along with dinner at King's Palace in Memphis w/Blues Entertainment, admission and self-guided tour of Titanic Museum and Smoky



Next Meeting: KofC Hall Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 5:30 p.m. -- Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. -- General Mtg.









Mountain Opry Show along with dinner at Applewood Farm Restaurant in Pigeon Forge. R/T Motor Coach Transportation...taxes and gratuities included along with driver's gratuity. Bottled water and snack bags. Deposit: \$550 pp with three (3) equal payments of \$500 pp in September/November/February. Trip balance is due by February 15, 2019. Make checks payable to Sons of Italy #2474 and mail to Mary Ellen Arena. If you are taking the insurance coverage, cost is \$69 per person, DUE BY JANUARY 30,2019. Make checks for insurance payable to Senior Excursions, Inc., and mail directly to Mary Ellen Arena.

Check out web site for all event information and to download Waiver Trip Form.

Additional 2019 Events;

April Social Dinner chaired by Bonnie Oliverio, seeking co-chair. June Day Trip—Wednesday, June 12—tentative date.

September Social Dinner chaired by Richard & Pat Marchesiello

50/50 Winner: Mary Castorina -- \$77

Editor's Note: Please pray for our troops and for our country. No newsletter in December.

Happy Valentines' Day!!!







