

**Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2474**  
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**January 2019**



**President's Message**



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 61<sup>st</sup> Street and ends at 44<sup>th</sup> at the 45<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Fultz 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!!!**

**Membership:** 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

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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!!!**

