

June 2024 Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very sorry that I missed the meeting. I would like to thank all the members that thought of myself and my family on the passing of my brother. We all appreciated your kind words. The scholarship winners were recognized at the June meeting and Donna Potenza read all three recipient's outstanding applications and excellent essays about their Italian heritage. In attendance were Kayla Rocco and her mother, and the other two, Jamie Consigli and Anthony (A.J.) Kolb had family members representing them. Also on the agenda was the list of charities that our organization gives to. Some of our members had some questions about this. I am now speaking as the Silent Auction chairperson: we work very hard to achieve the best results for our festival's auctions and we do this to make sure we can take care of the all the charities. Please know that Janet and I feel that all the hard work pays off when we are able to give to these worthy causes. Since being a member of the Charity Committee, I have learned that we receive most of our charities from our membership, who have many causes they support. Hope you had a happy Father's Day and have a wonderful summer, as the song says, see you in September. Ciao!

– Sue Ann Baietti, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This is a reminder to everyone that if anyone would like to speak about their heritage at one of our meetings, please let Sue Ann know so she can put you on the agenda.

– Barbara Graziosi, Vice-President

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:

Some of our members came to my home on the afternoon of June 11 and we put together 40 tote bags for the J1 Italian Students who will be working in Ocean City this summer. I wish to thank Donna Potenza, Rose Madden, Maria Brown, JoAnn Topolski and Jean Delcher for volunteering to help me. I also wish to thank all those who donated items for the bags: dental kits from the a'Becket's, pens from Donna Potenza's Women's Group, travel shampoo/conditioner/soap/body wash from the Ackerson's, T-shirts from the D'Annunzio's daughter, and the beautiful embroidered canvas tote bags from one of our generous members. In addition to these items, many more were purchased to welcome the students to our country. The tote bags will be given to the Italian students attending our welcome dinner on June 27th.

– Janet Ackerson, Corresponding Secretary

NAMETAGS:

We would appreciate it if everyone would please purchase a nametag so members can be easily identified. Lodge nametags are \$13.00. To order, please see Tom Pomilla or Joe Tamberino at the monthly meeting.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

We are requesting prayers for the deceased members who have gone before us and for the recovery of all those who have been ill, had surgery or were injured, including the following: Rick Buccheri, Ray D'Antuono, Palma Devic, Lorraine Gualtieri, Paul Harman, Mike & Ethel Jacobs, John and Anna Rubino, George Ward; also, for the recently deceased and their families: Wally Watson and Anthony (Vince) Popp, Sr. If you know any member who is ill, had surgery, or recently lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo at 302-436-8208. In addition, prayer requests, with the consent of the recipient or their family, should be sent to Janet Ackerson.

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**MEMBERS CELEBRATING JUNE/JULY/AUGUST/
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** 6/3-
Stephanie Donahue; 6/6-Earlene Bradford; 6/8-Mindy Nardone;
6/12-Robert Miles; 6/15-Ken Nittoly; 6/21- Frank Orobono,
Tony Parisi; 6/23- Ray D'Antuono, Sandra McGrath; 6/25-
Lillian Miller, George Ward; 6/30-Elaine Ferguson; 7/5-
Francine Boccuti; 7/8-Dottie Pinto; 7/9-Tonya Amber,
Armando Graziosi; 7/11-Lynn Callo; 7/12- Mary Loeloff, Terry
Wright; 7/13-Marcel Vales; 7/14-Mary DeCarlo; 7/15-Eileen
Salafia; 7/16- Anthony Rinaldi; 7/18-John Rubino; 7/19-JoAnn
Topolski; 7/23-Michael Blair, Rose Leister; 7/27-Bernice
Harman, Guy DiMatteo; 7/28-Marie Grimes; 7/31- Al DiOrio;
8/2-Vicky a'Becket; 8/3-Denise Buccheri; 8/8- Judy Mays;
8/10- Barbara Mazzei; 8/15-Joseph Schwartz; 8/16-Sandra
Berry, Sharon DiMatteo, Marti Quinn, Francis Schott; 8/17-Al
D'Annunzio; 8/19-Barbara Graziosi, Olga Masciarelli; 8/20-
Gina Busby, Sharon Smith; 8/23-Grace Jenkins, Rose Madden;
8/25- Carol Snair; 8/29-Karolyn Pergola; 9/1-Elissa Mulligan;
9/7-Daniel Pironto, Mary Louise Embry; 9/8-Janice Nippes;
9/9-Caroll Aiello; 9/11-Nancy Borreggine; 9/14-Neysa
Silvestri; 9/16-Giovanni DiCarne; 9/22-Charles Poggioli; 9/24-
Lydia Schwartz, Deborah Craven; 9/25-Carrie Schwartz; 9/27-
Jean Temple; 9/30-Tony Shiflett.

CHARITY COMMITTEE:

Thank you again to our SDOI brothers and sisters. You have made it possible for us to contribute \$8,800 in donations to 28 different charities. At this time, we have a balance of \$1200 remaining for any emergency expenditures through year end. Tom Pergola has posted our 2024 budget and a list of our charities and donations to each on our website. Have a great summer!

– Judy Zanetti, Chairperson

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE:

If you need any help with picking up groceries, a ride to appointments, a meal, or, if you wish to join this committee to help others, please contact Jude DeLucco, Chairperson.

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Editor's note: please send me any changes to your contact information. Thanks!

NEXT MEETING:

**Knights of Columbus Hall
99th St. & Coastal Hwy
Thursday
September 5, 2024**

**5:30 p.m. Executive Council
7:00 p.m. General Meeting**

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Scholarship awardees were presented at the June meeting. This year, all three are from Stephen Decatur High School. They are: Kayla Rocco, who will attend the University of Maryland; Jamie Consigli, who will attend the University of Maryland; Anthony (A.J.) Kolb, who will attend Towson University.

– Donna Potenza, Chairperson

SOCIAL EVENTS:

May – The SDOI Night at the Shorebirds Game was a fun evening of good food, socialization and great weather, despite the threat of thunderstorms all day. We were able to get the game played, unfortunately, not a positive for Delmarva Shorebirds.

June Event - Italian Students' Welcome Party: Thursday, June 27, 2024 – Doors open at 5:30 for check in and students will arrive at 6:00 pm. The dinner following will be catered by Mio Fratello. Reservation list is full, but will take names for wait list, if cancellations occur.

June Event– “**Lights Out**” **Frankie Valli & Four Seasons Tribute Show**, Saturday, June 29, 2024 @ 3:00 PM at the Milton Theatre in Milton, DE. Event is sold out. Contact Mary Ellen if you are unable to go as we have members on the wait list. Dinner following the show will be at Iron Hill Brewing Company in Rehoboth Beach, DE. @ 5:30 PM. Reservations required. Deadline was June 15, 2024.

September – Crab & Shrimp Feast - Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 PM at Higgins Crab House/North - COST: \$55.00 PP. AUCE Menu. See Flyer on website. Reservations and payment due August 1, 2024, and there is a reservation Signup sheet.

October Social Dinner - TBD

Christmas Show Trip – Thursday, December 12, 2024 - “Joy to The World” Show at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. TRIP COST: \$165.00 pp. Dinner following the show will be at Carrabba’s Italian Grill. **TRIP IS SOLD OUT – wait list available.** Final payment was due by June 15, 2024, with checks payable to: SONS OF ITALY OCEAN CITY.

Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 15, 2024, beginning at 5:00 pm at the Grand Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Further information for this event will be provided at the September meeting.

– Mary Ellen Arena, Chairperson

OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY HISTORICAL HERITAGE:

Each month, some of the accomplishments of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy throughout our organization's existence will be posted in the newsletter.

“It was the Order that built and maintained orphanages for Italian children in America left homeless.”

“It was the Order that protected the injustice of labeling Italians in America as “authentic enemy aliens” during World War II and on October 12, 1942, in Philadelphia, United States Attorney General Biddle issued a communication announcing the abolition of the shameful title of “enemy aliens” with respect to Italians living in America.”

From: *The Order Sons of Italy in America 100th Anniversary Centennial Journal: The Century of Progress 1905-2005*

Janet Ackerson, Corresponding Secretary

