

Sharon DiMatteo
2017 Distinguished Citizens of the Year

Due to hazardous weather condition forcing the postponement of the January 2018 General Meeting, the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SDOI) of Ocean City announced its 2018 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award winner, Sharon DiMatteo, at the February General Meeting. Sharon has demonstrated a commitment of service to family, friends and neighbors and through her work with two Maryland Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodges, Harford County Lodge #2464 and the Ocean City Lodge #2474, as well as, the Catholic Ladies Service Organization associated with the BelAir (Maryland) Knights of Columbus Lodge #4714. Sharon's contributions are many and varied; she:

- Is currently the Secretary for both the Harford County Sons of Italy Lodge and the Catholic Ladies Service Organization;
- Has donated her time and talents to a variety of other charitable activities for the Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center (Perryville, Maryland) and the homeless in the Baltimore Area;
- The Catholic Ladies Service Organization in Harford County has previously recognized her as one of the 'Ladies of the Year';
- Has researched and provided monthly information to the SDOI Ocean City Lodge members through the 'Good of the Order' for the last two (2) years -- providing observations about the historical and positive achievements of the Italian community and the Sons of Italy Organization;
- Has served as the hostess for the Ocean City SDOI's *la festa annuale di San Giuseppe* (annual St. Joseph's Day Festival);
- Is the chairperson for the *la festa annuale di San Giuseppe* hall decorations;
- Has picked up some of the Italian specialty food items and Italian decorations from Baltimore for *la festa annuale di San Giuseppe*;
- Has hosted several visiting Italian students in her home here on the Eastern Shore during the last several summers;
- Finds time to give willingly of herself to help Lodge members and friends.



Pictured Left to Right: Vincent 'Vinnie' Mollicone (SDOI of OC Vice President), Sharon DiMatteo, Vito Potenza (SDOI of OC President)

Congratulations to Sharon DiMatteo.
The Lodge is proud of your accomplishments.