

“IL GIORNALINO BASILONE”

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a month! March Madness is what OSIA calls it and rightfully so.

Our own Installation Dinner was so over-the-top in every way: decorations, flowers, food, people and an absolutely perfect ceremony. As Cliff and I travel around the island representing our lodge at other Installations, so many people have gone out of their way to compliment our lodge and the obvious camaraderie that we enjoy. It's a tribute to every one of us!

And so: kudos to the entire Installation committee, chaired by Sisters Dottie Curto and Madeline Matteucci, but also to all the lodge members who came to celebrate with us on March 7. We had the best party to date and I thank you all for the hard work and dedication (and especially the desserts).

Cliff and I represented the lodge at seven other Installations and when there was a conflict (3 times!), Sister Joan, our VP, went in our stead. Brothers Bruce and Bob, and Sisters Janis L., Dottie, Angela and Margaret also attended some of the ceremonies.

March 25 was also Medal of Honor Day and Cliff and I were proud to represent the Sgt. John Basilone lodge in a beautiful ceremony in Long Beach's Town Hall. As they renamed the bridge in honor of Michael Valente, a local Medal of Honor recipient from WW I, they also spoke of Sgt. John Basilone's patriotism and valor and hung our banner right up on the stage. We were so happy to participate in such a touching tribute to our armed forces. The Marines at the ceremony were glad John Basilone was represented. (In truth, I haven't met a Marine yet who doesn't idolize John.)

Since our March newsletter had already gone to press just before Sister Jan's C and C, pictures will be included in this newsletter. I think we set a record - over 40 people attended and we had enough food for 40 more. Sister Jan and Brother Jerry were the perfect hosts and everyone had a ball.

Please remember that our lodge is sponsoring a classic Italian film at the Sayville library on Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m. Film historian and OSIA member Irene Eckert will give us background information about the making of the film and a discussion will follow. This is a chance to see a wonderful comedy ("Marriage, Italian Style" with Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroiani) as well as a membership opportunity. All are invited to bring family and friends. Admission is free.

Also, please save the date: May 11 at Connetquot library at 7 p.m., a special program will be presented on Italian genealogy. If you ever wanted to learn how to research your family roots, this is a golden opportunity. Again, our lodge has helped to arrange this so your support would be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see everyone at the April 4 meeting. We have so much to talk about and plans to be made for several events in the upcoming months. Bring your suggestions and enthusiasm and let's be off and running!

Fraternally,

Patricia



"PROVERB OF THE MONTH"

**" Meglio un uovo oggi
che la gallina domani. "**

**("Better an egg today than the
whole chicken tomorrow.")**

*The American equivalent would be "a bird in the hand
is worth two in the bush".*

Be thankful for what you actually have and enjoy today!



NEXT MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4TH , 2011

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
MEETING STARTS 7:15 PM
SOCIAL TIME 8:30 – 10 PM

ACAMPORA RECREATION CENTER
39 MONTAUK HIGHWAY
BLUE POINT, NY

REMEMBER . . .

THIS IS OUR "SPRINGFEST" MEETING !

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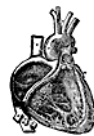
CULTURE PRESENTATION:

PATRICIA SUMMERS, CHAIRPERSON

You may have heard of Rita Levi-Montalcini who won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1986 and is the oldest living Nobel laureate (and the only one to reach her 100th birthday).

From the Middle Ages to the present, Italy has been a leader in biological research, anatomical publications, and educating women for careers in medicine.

At our meeting, let's take a look at the role that Italy has played for the last 1000 years in this field. It will make you proud!



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - 2011



OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS ARE THANKED FOR THEIR SERVICE



2011-2012 LODGE OFFICERS ARE SWORN IN

OUR NEW LODGE PRESIDENT



NATIONAL PRESIDENT JOSEPH DI TRAPANI VESTS OUR PRESIDENT



SISTER PATRICIA IS CONGRATULATED BY OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT



WORTHY PRESIDENT PATRICIA TAKES HER PLACE

THE GAVEL IS PASSED



SUPREME PRESIDENT JOE DI TRAPANI AND NYS DEPUTY JACK ABRUZZO APPLAUD AFTER PRESIDENT'S GAVEL IS PASSED TO OUR NEW LEADER PATRICIA SUMMERS. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN OUR LODGE'S HISTORY THAT A SITTING NATIONAL PRESIDENT ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AND VESTED AN INCOMING LODGE PRESIDENT!



INSTALLATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR DOTTIE CURTO PRESENTS BOUQUET OF FLOWERS TO SISTER PATRICIA, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE LODGE MEMBERSHIP

NEW LODGE OFFICERS ARE VESTED



WORTHY VICE PRESIDENT JOAN



WORTHY RECORDING SECRETARY MARGARET



WORTHY TREASURER JOE V



WORTHY PRINCIPAL TRUSTEE FRANK



WORTHY TRUSTEE NAT



WORTHY SENTINEL JOE C

A FEW OF OUR HONORED GUESTS



AND SOME PRESENTATIONS
WERE MADE AS WELL



FOLLOWED BY... THE PARTY (OF COURSE!)



JOIN US FOR A LITTLE CULTURE (& MEMBERSHIP DRIVE)
SUNDAY – APRIL 3RD – SAYVILLE LIBRARY



“MARRIAGE, ITALIAN STYLE”

Come join us at Sayville Library on Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m. to see "Marriage, Italian Style" with Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroiani.

This film won an Oscar for Best Foreign Film as well as the Golden Globe Award in 1965.

Director Vittorio de Sica created a masterpiece and the chemistry between Loren and Mastroiani is incredible.

Here's the plot: A respectable merchant rescues a girl from a bordello and brings her to his mother's house to "help" in the household. Of course, they continue their relationship but marriage is out of the question because the social differences are too great. As the years go by, Filomena (Loren) yearns for a more permanent and respectable status. She has supported her three sons long enough and wants a legitimate name for them. So how can she get Domenico (Mastroiani) to marry her? The result is a comedy with heart that addresses many issues and has become a classic among Italian films.

Film historian Irene Porco Eckert will join us for an introduction and follow-up discussion. As always, Irene will give us background on the making of the film as well as her unique insight into Italian social customs.

This film is being sponsored by our lodge as both a cultural presentation and a membership opportunity. Please try to join us.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW . . . WE HAVE LESS THAN 100 LEFT !

CHINESE AUCTION **"ITALIAN STYLE"**

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 2011

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"C&C" BRUNCH AT THE GALLAGHERS'

(2 ~ 27 ~ 11)





PATRICIA'S MOVIE PICKS



So many people ask me about good Italian films, either to see what Italy really looks like, get in the mood for an upcoming trip, or just for fun. Our libraries have dozens of Italian films, both in Italian and in English. It's a great way to learn some Italian, enjoy a great story, and revel in the beauty that is Italy.

Here are some suggestions by category to get you started:

Classics:

*"Investigation of a Citizen Above Suspicion" (taut police mystery)
"Il Postino" (based on a true friendship between exiled Pablo Neruda and his mailman)
"Cinema Paradiso" (growing up in Sicily after WW II)
"Roman Holiday" (Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck running around Rome)
"Three Coins in the Fountain"
"My House In Umbria"*

Comedies:

*"Big Deal on Madonna Street" (Can Marcello Mastroiani be any funnier?)
"Pane e Tulipani"
"Marriage, Italian Style" (Marcello and Sophia Loren - enough said)
"Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell"
"Ciao, Professore!"
"A Month By The Lake" (Vanessa Redgrave pursued around Lake Como)*

Travel and Romance:

*"Only You" (Marissa Tomei running around Italy)
"Under The Tuscan Sun"
"The Talented Mr. Ripley"
"The English Patient"
"Avanti"*

History:

*"The Agony and The Ecstasy"
"A Room with a View" (set in turn of the century Florence)
"Life Is Beautiful" (3 Academy Awards, including Best Foreign Film)
"Tea With Mussolini" (set in Florence's English community just before WW II)*

Have some fun with Italian films. Check out the scenery. Watch how and what Italians eat. Listen to the music. Focus on the furniture, artwork, and decor of the homes. Watch the interaction between adults and children. See what they do for fun.

But one caveat: be prepared to visit Italy soon. One film does it for me.



BUON COMPLEANNO !

**(HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS WHO BECOME
ONE YEAR "BETTER" THIS MONTH !)**

- Joe Terrusa (April 2nd)**
- Vincenza Vultaggio (April 3rd)**
- Adele Eleuterio (April 5th)**
- Ben Cumbo (April 6th)**
- Luisa Potenza (April 12th)**
- Linda Truglio (April 13th)**
- Kelly Rheel (April 17th)**
- Joe Serra (April 20th)**
- Carmela Cicero (April 21st)**
- Marcelle Miller (April 21st)**
- Loretta Filippelli-Kirby (April 29th)**
- Tony Baffo (April 30th)**
- Anna Mazzoli (April 30th)**



REMEMBERING SGT. JOHN BASILONE

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY – MARCH 25, 2011



GUNNERY SGT JOHN BASILONE WAS REMEMBERED DURING MEDAL OF HONOR DAY CEREMONIES AT LONG BEACH TOWN HALL ON MARCH 25TH. OUR BANNER WAS PLACED ON THE STAGE IN FRONT OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS' PHOTOS (L), FOLLOWED BY MULTI-UNIT MILITARY HONORS OUTSIDE.

~ **"NIGHT AT THE RACES"** ~
~ **PATCHOGUE K of C** ~

(3 ~ 19 ~ 11)



MORE THAN 40 LODGE MEMBERS ATTENDED



WE ROLLED THE DICE . . .



CELEBRATED A FEW MARCH BIRTHDAYS . . .



LINED THEM UP AT THE STARTING LINE . . .



RAN THE HORSES DOWN THE TRACK . . .



AND WE WON A FEW RAFFLES TOO!



YOUTH GROUP MEMBER EXCELS

Megan Brewster (granddaughter of Sister Madeline Brewster and a member of our Youth Group) won first place in the prestigious Brookhaven Laboratory Competition for bridge building.

She is a junior taking AP physics at Patchogue-Medford High School and her teacher recognized her talent and encouraged her to enter this highly competitive contest which pits the best science students against one another in an intriguing challenge each year.

Soon Megan will be going on to the next level of competition in Chicago. Tanti auguri, Megan! The lodge is so proud of you!



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This completes our April Newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it!

Fraternally Yours,

Cliff Miller

(Newsletter Editor)

God Bless & Protect Our Troops . . . Wherever They May Be!

