

# **“IL GIORNALINO BASILONE”**

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF**



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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*Of all the many events and functions our Lodge enjoyed last month, there is without a doubt one which surpassed all others.*

*Those who traveled the 90+ miles to Raritan, New Jersey on September 26<sup>th</sup> know exactly what I mean. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Sgt. John Basilone Parade was an experience not to be forgotten any time soon. The warmth, genuine appreciation and kindness of everyone involved cannot be described with words – it must be experienced first hand. I cannot imagine another town or village anywhere capable of extending such a warm welcome to everyone who came to honor their hometown hero. It was estimated that 60,000 people either participated in the parade or watched along the route – a very fitting tribute to a true Italian-American hero. A forthcoming “Special Edition” of our newsletter will have tons of parade photos. There simply isn’t enough space in this edition!*

*Last month started on a high note as well, with about two dozen of us traveling up into the Catskill Mountains just south of Albany, for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Villa Vosilla weekend. Not only were the accommodations very nice, the entertainment wonderful and the food fantastic, but the entire Villa staff once again treated us as if we were members of their family. And our Lodge members and guests were able to watch (or actually participate in) the live airing of Sister Luisa’s WALK1370AM radio show “Italia Mia” on Sunday.*

*Our September meeting and Harvest-fest night was quite enjoyable too with a full house, wonderful Culture presentation, lots of goodies and two raffle winners. We also welcomed our newest Lodge officer, Brother Bob Donato, who was elected by acclamation to fill the Master of Ceremonies position. Congratulations Bob!*

*The weather cooperated nicely on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Fall Yard Sale. It is heartwarming to see so many members pitching in to help and, at the same time, having a real good time spending the day together. We sold almost everything, made a \$700+ profit, accepted several new member applications and then enjoyed a delicious meal afterward courtesy of Sister Madeline ("Contessa") Brewster. A big thank you to Sister Dottie Curto as well, for allowing us to use her home for the Yard Sale, and to each and every one of you who pitched in to help. Mille Grazie!*

*Six of us visited our neighbors at the Marconi Lodge in Islip on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> to participate in and support their free wine tasting event. We tried six varieties of the new OSIA line of wines, perhaps tasting a few of the varieties more than once - or twice! (Patricia drove.) Our presence was definitely noticed and appreciated.*

*Please pay attention to the Lodge calendar this month, as there are many things happening during Italian Culture & Heritage Month. Our meeting this coming Monday is our Apple-fest and will be fun, so please try to come – or at least stop by to say hello.*

*Finally, our condolences go out to Lodge Brother Leigh McGunnigle and the Vosilla family on the loss of Natalina Vosilla, and to Brother Arthur Fuccillo on the loss of his wife, Concetta.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Cliff*

**NEXT MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM**  
**MEETING STARTS 7:15 PM**  
**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES(\*) 8:30 – 10 PM**  
**(\*) APPLE-FEST**

**ACAMPORA RECREATION CENTER**  
**39 MONTAUK HIGHWAY**  
**BLUE POINT, NY**

## **CULTURE PRESENTATION:**

*PATRICIA SUMMERS, CHAIRPERSON*

**October is Italian Culture & Heritage Month across the U.S. In addition, OSIA has asked that we focus on the contributions of Italian and Italian American women throughout history.**

**Please join us at the October meeting and help pay tribute to them and share stories about the super women in our families.**

**Remember: "Behind every great man there is a woman."**

**After all, while Michelangelo and Leonardo worked, Mamma was cleaning, making fresh pasta, ironing, tending the garden, sewing, etc., all without electricity!**

### **"PROVERB OF THE MONTH"**

*(FROM OUR CULTURE CHAIR, PATRICIA SUMMERS)*

*LA FORZA DEL DESTINO!*

***"Chi ha da esser impiccato  
non sara mai annegato."***

***("He who is born to be hanged will never be drowned.")***

*Although Italians are very spiritual and follow the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding free will and responsibility for one's own actions, almost all feel strongly about the role fate plays in our lives.*

*In Italian literature, cinema, opera, and folklore there is always the element of the power of destiny.*

*E qual'e il Suo destino?*

*(What are you destined to do?)*

# POOL PARTY! ~ AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>



OUR BANNER CAME ALONG (AS ALWAYS!)



GREAT FOOD, GREAT DRINK . . .



GREAT FRIENDS . . . .



AND AN OVERALL WONDERFUL DAY!

## OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING



OUR NEW MASTER OF CEREMONIES BOB DONATO IS VESTED BY SISTER ANGELA DONATO



A SCRUMPTIOUS "HARVESTFEST" MEAL FOLLOWED THE MEETING



SISTER JOSEPHINE WINS THE FLOWER BASKET (DONATED BY NEWEST MEMBER PUNIM PAREKH)



AND SISTER CAROL WINS THE 50/50 POT



BROTHER TONY BUYS RAFFLE TICKET FROM SISTER CATHERINE (OUR NEW 50/50 CHAIR)



A DISPLAY OF ROMAN INVENTIONS & DISCOVERIES SUPPORTED PATRICIA'S CULTURE PRESENTATION

# OUR WEEKEND AT VILLA VOSILLA



THE WELCOME MAT WAS OUT UPON OUR ARRIVAL (AS ALWAYS)



VILLA OWNER AND LODGE BROTHER LEIGH MCGUNNIGLE (L) FINALLY RECEIVES HIS OSIA PIN FROM OUR PRESIDENT



OUR LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS SHOW OFF OUR COLORS IN THE VILLA'S MAIN DINING ROOM



WE MET MUSICIAN / SONG WRITER AND PROUD WW2 VET RIFF NORDONE TOO



WE DANCED . . .



CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARIES . . .



DANCED . . .



DANCED SOME MORE . . .



MADE SOME 50 / 50 WINNERS VERY HAPPY . . .



AND BROADCAST LIVE FROM THE VILLA WITH RADIO HOST AND LODGE SISTER LUISA POTENZA (SEATED RIGHT)

## **BROADCASTING LIVE FROM VILLA VOSILLA** **IN THE "ITALIAN" CATSKILLS**



ITALIAN-AMERICAN SINGER MORENO FRUZZETTI, BAND LEADER LINO (I LIGURI) AND LODGE SISTER LUISA POTENZA SING (AND GESTURE!) AS THEY BROADCAST RADIO SHOW "ITALIA MIA" (WALK1370AM) LIVE FROM VILLA VOSILLA



LODGE SISTER LUISA INTERVIEWS OUR PRESIDENT ON HER RADIO SHOW, WHICH AIRS EVERY SUNDAY FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM ON WALK 1370 AM



LEE MCGUNNIGLE AND DORA VOSILLA-MCGUNNIGLE, OWNERS OF VILLA VOSILLA, ARE INTERVIEWED LIVE AS OUR LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS LOOK ON

## **“MEMBER’S CORNER”**

*Feel free to submit an article, story, photo, recipe, joke, etc. for this feature.*

***This month’s feature was submitted by several Lodge members***

### **STROKE IDENTIFICATION**

During a BBQ a woman stumbled and took a little fall but then assured everyone that she was fine. They offered to call paramedics but she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. She appeared a bit shaken up but went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

The woman’s husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital. She then passed away at 6 am, having suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had anyone there known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps she would be with us today. And, some don’t die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

Neurologists say that if a stroke victim receives medical care within 3 hours they can most often totally reverse the effects of the stroke. The trick is getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and then getting the patient to a hospital within 3 hours.

### **RECOGNIZING A STROKE**

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms.

**Doctors say anyone can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:**

**S** - Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

**T** - Ask the person to **TALK** and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (coherently)

**R** - Ask him or her to **RAISE** BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call for emergency medical assistance immediately. Be certain to describe the symptoms to the 911 dispatcher.

Another potential sign of stroke involves the patient’s tongue. Ask the person to 'stick out' their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked' or goes to one side or the other, that may also be an indication of a stroke.

# FALL YARD SALE 2010



SET UP BEGINS AS WE HOLD OUR ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE FUNDRAISER



WE SPENT THE DAY HELPING OUR CUSTOMER-DONORS



AND SPENT A LITTLE TIME SEARCHING FOR TREASURES OURSELVES



OUR DEPENDABLE TEAM STANDS BY READY TO HELP OUR CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR THINGS . . .



ABOUT THIS WIDE . . .



ABOUT THIS HIGH . . .



AND ABOUT THIS LONG !



A DELICIOUS FEAST FOLLOWED A DAY OF HARD WORK, COURTESY OF SISTER MADELINE (aka "CONTESSA")



AND THAT, MY SISTERS & BROTHERS, WAS THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF OUR YARD SALE!

**INTRODUCING . . .**  
**“LEONE D’ORO” (“GOLDEN LION”)**  
**SONS OF ITALY WINE**



ON SEPTEMBER 27 WE WERE INVITED TO THE MARCONI LODGE  
TO SAMPLE 6 VARIETIES OF THE NEW “LEONE D’ORO” WINE



STATE TRUSTEE JOE VALLONE POURS A SAMPLE



... AND THEN POURS ANOTHER



## **BUON COMPLEANNO !**

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

**Carl Bergamini ( October 3<sup>rd</sup> )**  
**Jean Eilbert ( October 4<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Stephanie Stalter ( October 4<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Nancy Lutus ( October 5<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Catherine Ametta ( October 6<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Henry Lemanis ( October 8<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Megan Brewster ( October 9<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Joan Tasoglu ( October 9<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Gerald Gallagher ( October 10<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Madeline Franco ( October 12<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Robert Lamonica ( October 13<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Josephine Barranca ( October 15<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Aldo Picchiello ( October 17<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Vito Giambanco ( October 18<sup>th</sup> )**  
**Purnima Parekh ( October 23<sup>rd</sup> )**  
**Carol Salvo ( October 23<sup>rd</sup> )**



# **B E N V E N U T I !**

***A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Sisters & Brothers ...***

***Gerald Gallagher  
Purnima Parekh  
John Primerano  
Frank Soranno***



***R E S T I N P E A C E***

***CONCETTA "CONNIE" FUCCILLO***

***NATALINA VOSILLA***



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **OCTOBER**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> (FRIDAY) – ITALIAN LUNCHEON @ VILLA LOMBARDI  
2<sup>ND</sup> (SATURDAY) – PATCHOGUE VILLAGE ST.LIBERATA PARADE & FEAST  
4<sup>TH</sup> (MONDAY) – MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL NIGHT ( APPLE-FEST )  
10<sup>TH</sup> (SUNDAY) – COLUMBUS DAY PARADE @ HUNTINGTON  
13<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY) – “MARCONI WAY” STREET RE-NAMING CEREMONY  
17<sup>TH</sup> (SUNDAY) – LODGE COMEDY NIGHT @ McGUIRE’S ( BOHEMIA )  
24<sup>TH</sup> (SUNDAY) – FREE MOVIE “DIVORCE ITALIAN STYLE” (SAYVILLE LIBRARY)  
ALL MONTH – LODGE DISPLAYS IN SAYVILLE & CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> (MONDAY) – MONTHLY MEETNG & SOCIAL NIGHT ( PUMPKIN-FEST )  
2<sup>ND</sup> (TUESDAY) – ELECTION DAY - - - PLEASE VOTE!

### **DECEMBER**

- 6<sup>TH</sup> (MONDAY) – MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL NIGHT ( COOKIE SWAP )  
9<sup>TH</sup> (THURSDAY) – CHRISTMAS PARTY (SONOMA GRILL)  
18<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY) – CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP @ BORDERS BOOKS

**NOTE: THIS IS A PARTIAL LISTING ONLY. MORE FUNCTIONS WILL BE ADDED**



***This completes our October Newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it!***

**Fraternally Yours,**

*Cliff Miller*  
( Newsletter Editor )

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