

“IL GIORNALINO BASILONE”

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

August was another very busy and successful month for our Lodge and for our charities. We had lots of fun, tried a few different things and made some exciting plans for the months ahead.

All those who attended our last regular meeting know that the “zucchini-fest” that followed was quite nice – and most of us who were there are still feeling somewhat full! This coming meeting will be a “harvest-fest” and will likely be just as nice or better. We should all thank Brother Lenny Maddalena, whose original idea to try a “strawberry fest” back in June, seems to have taken off and flourished. Thanks Lenny!

Our first attempt at doing an East End winery visit also got excellent grades. We had quite a crowd out at Laurel Lake Vineyards, displayed our banner proudly, enjoyed a fantastic tour of the winery and vineyard as well as a wine tasting. Vineyard operator Juan Sepulveda treated us like honored guests, allowing us to virtually take over the place. Quite a few of the other winery visitors were so impressed, they joined in our karaoke fun.

A lot of hard work and effort by our VP Patricia in setting up our express bus trip to Showboat Casino yielded a nice profit for our Lodge and a very enjoyable day for all 54 members and guests who participated. There were absolutely no complaints, everyone had a fantastic time and we made a profit of \$1,370 for the Lodge. Not everyone played the slots – some of us simply enjoyed a day in Atlantic City walking the boardwalk, shopping or visiting other local sites.

Our planned family picnic for the 21st had to be cancelled because of the high health risk at Southaven Park. When Suffolk County officials called me to advise that multiple pools of mosquitoes in the park tested positive for West Nile Virus, we had no choice but to err on the side of caution. The health and well being of our members is too important to take any chances.

As most of you know, Patricia served as the Chairperson for this year's District 1 Queens' Pageant, and did a wonderful job. A major thanks to Sisters Luisa and Dottie as well, for their invaluable assistance on the Pageant Committee and at the event. Rumor has it that this was one of the best and most well run pageants in recent memory. Patricia, Luisa and Dottie always make our Lodge look good, and now also made all of District 1 shine!

A few of our members had the opportunity to attend a baseball game at the Long Island Ducks stadium in Central Islip, and checked out the possibility of a Lodge trip next Spring. More on that later, but it looks like a real good possibility.

Finally, our C&C Pool Party at Bruce and Janis' house on the 28th was fantastic. The original July 25th date had to be changed when Sister Janis sustained a leg injury only days earlier. Although Brother Bruce suffered a severe spider bite with complications the weekend before the re-scheduled event, and then had to undergo surgery only 3-days before the party, he refused to cancel it – placing all of us above his own comfort. Mille grazie Bruce – you are a true OSIA brother!

Please come to the September 13th meeting and remember that we will be holding nominations and (if necessary) a special election to fill the open position of Master or Mistress of Ceremonies.

Fraternally yours,

Cliff



NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2010

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

MEETING STARTS 7:15 PM

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES(*) 8:30 – 10 PM

(*) HARVEST-FEST

ACAMPORA RECREATION CENTER

39 MONTAUK HIGHWAY

BLUE POINT, NY



IMPORTANT NOTICE 9/13/10

**WE WILL ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR THE
'MASTER / MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES'
POSITION FORMERLY FILLED BY OUR LATE
SISTER JEAN MARAGIOGLIO.**

**TO ACCEPT A NOMINATION YOU MUST BE A
MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, BE PRESENT
AT THE MEETING AND HAVE BEEN A MEMBER
OF THIS LODGE FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS
(INITIATED ON OR BEFORE 3/13/10).**

**IF MORE THAN ONE MEMBER IS NOMINATED
FOR THIS POSITION, WE WILL HOLD A
SPECIAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHO
WILL FILL THIS VACANCY.**

CULTURE PRESENTATION:

PATRICIA SUMMERS, CHAIRPERSON

**It's not by accident that we have so many
proverbs about ancient Rome:**

"All roads lead to Rome"

"Rome wasn't built in a day"

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

**Even today, daily life everywhere is filled
with ancient Roman inventions, laws and
customs.**

**Romans invented scissors, bikinis, public toilets,
wine and oil presses, mosaics, socks - just to
name a few!**

**And the basic tenet of Roman law was
"a citizen is innocent until proven guilty".
Sound familiar?**

**Come to our next meeting and
find out why I always say,**

"There's no place like Rome!"

"PROVERB OF THE MONTH"

(FROM OUR CULTURE CHAIR, PATRICIA SUMMERS)

"Roma non fu fatta in un giorno."
("Rome wasn't built in a day")

In Other Words . . .

Have patience and everything will get done.

OUR AUGUST MEETING



AFTER OUR BUSINESS MEETING, ZUCCHINI RULED! ALL KINDS OF ZUCCHINI TREATS WERE QUICKLY DEVOURD BY OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS



NYS TRUSTEE LOU GALLO WAS A GUEST AT OUR MEETING AND DREW THE 50/50 RAFFLE



AND THE WINNER IS . . . SISTER GLORIA CUMMINGS

FIELD TRIP TO LAUREL LAKE VINEYARDS



AUGUST 4TH AT LAUREL LAKE VINEYARDS, LAUREL, NY



VINEYARD OPERATOR JUAN SEPULVEDA BEGINS OUR TOUR WITH 1ST TASTING IN THE VINEYARD . . .



ON TO THE FERMENTING ROOM AND TASTING #2



THE AGING ROOM FOLLOWED AND THEN . . .



LAST TASTING ON THE VINEYARD DECK BEFORE . . . PARTY TIME!



OTHER VINEYARD GUESTS COULDN'T HELP JOIN OUR KARAOKE FUN!



**BROTHER BOB CHECKS OUT
THE GRAPE VINES**



**SISTERS JANIS, MARGARET AND ANGELA
ENJOY THE MOMENT**



**BROTHER BRUCE COULDN'T BELIEVE
HE DRANK THE WHOLE THING**



**BROTHER LENNY DOES
HIS THING**



BROTHER NAT DIDN'T SING



... BUT SISTERS CHERYL, ROSE AND DOTTIE DID !



**AND A "LET'S EAT OUT TOGETHER" DINNER FOLLOED AT MODERN SNACK BAR DINER,
ENDING A TERRIFIC DAY !**



OUR 2010 FAMILY PICNIC!





BUON COMPLEANNO !

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

Christopher Gullo (September 3rd)
Lorraine Brauneisen (September 10th)
Sharon Wyskiel (September 12th)
Anthony De Vito Jr. (September 15th)
David Donaldson (September 16th)
William Fontaine (September 20th)
Dominick Coppola (September 22nd)
Anthony Marino (September 23rd)
Michael Marino (September 23rd)
Rosemary Fielden (September 25th)
Lana Manzella (September 28th)



B E N V E N U T I !

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Sister & Brother ...

JOSEPH SERRA

JOSEPHINE SERRA

SHOWBOAT CASINO TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY



IT WAS EASY TO FIND OUR BUS IN FRONT OF SONOMA GRILL ON SUNRISE HIGHWAY



OUR GUESTS ENJOY DONUTS, MUNCHKINS AND OTHER TREATS BEFORE BOARDING BUS



A VERY HAPPY 50/50 WINNER



NOT EVERYONE WENT TO THE CASINO . . .



SOME OF US WENT ELSEWHERE !

CHECKING OUT THE LONG ISLAND DUCKS



LODGE MEMBERS JEFF HENDEL (L) AND CRAIG CLARE (R) (FRONT), OWNERS OF AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL IN BOHEMIA, INVITED FELLOW LODGE MEMBERS / CLIENTS TO A LONG ISLAND DUCKS GAME ON THE 23RD



IT DRIZZLED A BIT, BUT THE DUCKS BEAT YORK REVOLUTION 13 TO 7



BROTHERS FRANK AND JEFF AND ...



CLIFF AND CRAIG AT THE GAME



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER

- 10TH THRU 12TH (FRIDAY-SUNDAY)– VILLA VOSILLA WEEKEND OUTING
13TH (MONDAY) – MONTHLY MEETING & SOCIAL NIGHT (HARVEST-FEST)
18TH (SATURDAY) – FALL YARD SALE @ PATCHOGUE
26TH (SUNDAY) – BASILONE PARADE @ RARITAN, NEW JERSEY
27TH (MONDAY) – FREE WINE TASTING @ MARCONI LODGE
29TH (WEDNESDAY) – MICHAEL VALENTE BRIDGE RE-NAMING (LONG BEACH)

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 1ST (MONDAY) – MONTHLY MEETNG & SOCIAL NIGHT (PUMPKIN-FEST)

DECEMBER

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

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



This completes our September Newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it!

Fraternally Yours,

Cliff Miller

(Newsletter Editor)

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