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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters

I write to you today humbled by the opportunity to lead the Fiorello LaGuardia Lodge #2867, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the responsibilities of me to take up the torch.

On March 15th, 2012 our lodge celebrated and held the Installation of Officers at the Old Mill Yacht Club. In attendance were approximately 60 people who came out to join us and welcome the Fiorello LaGuardia Lodge #2867, to our Community in Howard Beach. All of the delicious festivities were prepared by our Vice President, Geoffrey Duldulao and I want to give him and his family a very special thank you.

State President Thomas Lupo acted as Herald for our Installation of Officers. State Deputies and Lodge Presidents throughout the District joined our ceremony and helped to make our event a special one.

In attendance was Assemblyman Philip Goldfeder who presented a Certificate of Merit to the newly elected officers. Senator Joseph P. Addabbo also came by to congratulate us all.

As stated in my acceptance speech, my goals as my first term as President, are to make the Community aware of OSIA by becoming a positive presence here in Howard Beach and in the surrounding areas and to increase our membership. I look forward to working very closely with my newly elected officers and the membership in keeping this commitment.

Fraternally yours,
Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone
President



Pictured L. to R.: IPP William Aiello. Mistress of Ceremony Frances O. Scarantino, Sentinel Anthony Corazza, Treasurer Michael Cappello, Finan. Secy. Paula Corazza, Orator Giannina Cappello, President Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone, NY Grand Lodge Pres. Thom Lupo, Corres. Secy Julia C. Nappi, Rec. Secy. Maryann Gallucci, Trustee Joy Patron, Trustee Deana Liberatoscioli, VP Geoffrey Duldulao. Photo by Nicholas Beneduce



Upcoming Events

April 27, 2012 – 7:00pm
30th Annual Golden Lion Dinner
Garden City Hotel

April 29, 2012 – 39th Annual
State Bowling Tournament
Farmingdale Lanes. 8:30a.m.

May 12, 2012- Annual Walk
for Education & Culture –
Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
8:30a.m.

June 9, 2012 –Italian Night at
Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
7:00pm

June 10, 2012 – CSJ Solidarity
Breakfast – Verdi's of Westbury
9:30am.

2012 MEETING DATES

Our member meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month.

The following are the dates of the meetings for the year **2012:**

January	19
February	16
March	15
April	19
May	17
June	21
July	19
August	16
September	20
October	18
November	15
December	20

Buon Compleanno

March Birthdays

Paula Corazza

Calendar

Membership Meeting
@ Old Mill Yacht Club
163-15 Crossbay Blvd.
April 19th, 2012
@ 7:30p.m.



Italian Influence and Presence

by William Aiello

Perhaps we don't realize how deeply the Italian influence is in our daily lives. Italians, on both sides of the Atlantic, and Italy – have a tremendous effect in our lives. Culturally, politically, economically... every single day, someone or something Italian (or part Italian) plays a role in our lives.

As this is written, the first quarter of 2012 is not finished, but Italians have made their mark. The year was just two weeks old when Kaitlin Monte, Miss New York – who participated in the Columbus Day Parade in Howard Beach – placed as second runner-up to Miss America. Three weeks later, Madonna sang at Super Bowl Halftime. This month, "Missing", starring Ashley Judd, debuted on television.

Rick Santorum is running for president, while Chris Christie insists he is not. Governor Andrew Cuomo has made strides in taking New York's government from the most dysfunctional and the budget from both wasteful and late, to one more respectable. He is seen as a prime candidate for higher office. Bill DeBlasio is considering a run for mayor.

Last November, Cosabella, the Italian fashion outlet, opened its flagship store in Soho in Manhattan. This year, from May 10 through August 19, the Metropolitan Museum of Art will host a retrospective of Italian fashion legends Elsa Schiaparelli and Miuccia Prada.

Italy's wine industry is legendary. A short stop in a liquor store will confirm that. In 2011 its champagne sales exceeded those of France.

"Jersey Boys", the Broadway show about the very popular Rock group Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, is a tremendous success. Johnny Galecki can be seen almost nightly on "The Big Bang Theory", Joe Girardi manages the Yankees, and Steven Tyler is the judge on "American Idol". You can catch both Jimmy Kimmel and Aunt Chippy on the former's nightly talk show. Not a day goes by when a radio station doesn't play a song by Connie Francis, Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Dion, Alive and Kicking, The Beau Brummels, and, yes, The Four Seasons.

In 2009 Fiat took control of Chrysler. Presently it has a 58.5% ownership in that manufacturer. (1) Fiat's leadership is seen as principle in restoring the American automobile industry and creating jobs. Should the economy recover well, perhaps a certain amount can be credited to Fiat.

There are other Italian-Americans whose names we

hear daily. Lady Gaga, Leon Panetta, Nancy Pelosi. And for the full story, you can listen to reporter Maria Bartiromo, who was the first to report live from the New York Stock Exchange.

I know that not all the people I've mentioned draw rave reviews from Italian-Americans, especially those in the political arena. I can't give endorsements, only to say that I am aware not everyone favors the politicians I've mentioned and the offices they either hold or aspire to.

I myself don't watch "American Idol" and I can't name one song by Lady Gaga. People have asked me who Maria Bartiromo and Aunt Chippy are. What I do infer, however, is that the influence of Italians is more pervasive than we might first discern.

On the world front, the role Italy and its economy play are more palpable than is often perceived. Italy has faced severe economic problems. Its economy has vacillated from eighth to tenth largest in the world, but presently Wikipedia places it at eighth. In Europe, it has the third largest, (1) thus its role in both the European and world market is a major one. Mario Monti, an economist and academic, became Prime Minister in November 2011. Along with new President Giorgio Napolitano, they have their work cut out for them. The eyes of the world are on them and Italy more than any other country in Europe. A default in Italy will have ripple effects throughout Europe and the world.

Italians and Italy have a big effect on people and nations all over the world, and particularly right here in America.

(1) Il Giornale Italo Americano, "Fiat Expects to Break Even in 2014", pp7-9, March 15, 2012 Edition XI

Reminders

Fiorello LaGuardia Lodge Cookbook



We would like to publish a cookbook as a Lodge fund raising event, which would be composed of recipes donated by Lodge members. If each of us Brothers and Sisters of the Fiorello LaGuardia Lodge would donate three (3) of their personal and favorite recipes we would be able to accomplish this. Please bring in three (or more) of your favorite and original recipes and or submit your recipes to Paula at pcorazza@rmfpc.com.

Trivia

This word for a designer, trimmer maker or designer of women's hats is an irregular formation of the Italian city, which in the sixteenth century, was the major and most fashionable city of importation of women's finery.

Answer to February Trivia question: Anne Bancroft