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Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

December 2008



President's Message

Dear Brothers,

The Sons of Italy Executive concluded with the final meeting of the year on November 17, 2008. The meeting was very productive and positive as we set forth the agenda for 2009.

On November 17, 2008, Br. Joe Mongiardi organized and hosted a special Christmas dinner at our hall for those needy families that are situated around the Sons of Italy Hall. The evening was filled with laughter, excellent food, and a

renewed sense of hope for those less fortunate. A special thank-you to Police Chief Brian Mullen and Councillor Bernie Morelli for attending, and the Sons of Italy Executive for serving.

November 22nd, 2008 was a night to remember as we honoured Marita Zaffiro as the 2008 Italian Canadian Citizen of the Year. The Gala was publicized and well attended. 310 guests were treated to an evening of fine food, and great music. In attendance were representatives from all levels of government, including Mayor of Hamilton, Fred Eisenberger and Bruno Crugnale, Vice Council of Italy.

Also in attendance paying tribute to Marita were 13 Past Presidents of The Order Sons of Italy. Marita Zaffiro is a most deserving recipient and truly an inspiration.

Congratulations to event chair Br. Loris Pilot, Br. Lewis Merolli, Br. Leo Zinga, and the selection committee for a most memorable and successful event.

Our annual Turkey Roll was held on Friday November 28, 2008. For the past 27 years Brothers Lou Serafini Sr., David Morganti and Joe Mongiardi, have chaired and organized this event which has become one of the largest fundraisers for our organization. Over the years these gentlemen have raised over \$340,000., which goes directly to our charity account and in turn, to local charities and those less fortunate in our community.

This year's Turkey Roll, as usual, was a great success and well attended, Thank You Gentlemen for your efforts and continued dedication.

As previously mentioned, our December 9th meeting will be reverting back to our **Traditional Christmas Gathering.**

- Open and Free to our members upon confirming your attendance.
- There is a cost of \$20.00 for your spouse or guest.

Br. Joe Mongiardi, will be preparing an outstanding meal for us. I ask that you please complete the enclosed Registration **confirming your attendance.**

The Children's Christmas Party is set for December 13th, 2008 at our hall.

We, the Executive, are looking forward to seeing you and the children for an afternoon of fun and excitement for our little ones.

Sons of Italy Executive 2008/2009

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Next General Meeting

**Tuesday,
December 9th, 2008
@ 7:00 PM**

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(President's Message Continued...)

Our Christmas Poinsettia delivery is scheduled for Tuesday December 17th, 2008.

We are still in need of Volunteers to deliver the Christmas Flowers. Please contact Br. Carmine Filice or Br. Mark Sebastianutti to help with this worthy opportunity to serve.

At this time I would like to thank the entire executive, committee chairmen, and members for their hard work and dedication to the Sons of Italy during 2008. The hard work and long hours that each of you have put-forth is greatly appreciated.

As we approach 2009, this Executive is filled with hope and optimism for the future, as well as an understanding that we have a responsibility to those who served and came before us.

In closing, on behalf of the executive, we wish each of you a Merry Christmas (Buon Natale) and a Happy New Year (Felice Anno Nuovo) with good health and happiness.

Fraternally yours,

Ralph Vitello

President

COMING SOON: New and Improved Sons of Italy Website!

We are getting very close to launching a new website for the SONS OF ITALY and would like to ask the general membership if they have any thoughts or ideas they would like to see within the SOI Website.

The website will have more sections added with sponsor links along with information to keep everyone up to date.

Please contact Leo Zinga direct through e-mail at leo@zingmedia.ca or calling Zing Media Inc. at 905-318-6583 with any questions or ideas.



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Photo Gallery

Citizen of the Year Gala A Huge Success



Pictured with Marita is the Sons of Italy Executive

On November 22, the Sons of Italy honoured Marita Zaffiro, as the Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year at a gala evening attended by over 300 people. Marita Zaffiro, is a native of Hamilton and owns, operates and is president and chief executive officer of Marchese Health Care. She is well known in the province's healthcare sector, as well as in southern Ontario's business and philanthropic communities, for her leadership in pharmacy practice, her entrepreneurship, and her financial and volunteer support for numerous charities. Marita is also the third generation of the Zaffiro family to be honoured as the SOI Citizen of the Year, her father and grandfather have also been recognized for their contributions to the community

This year's Gala featured speeches by politicians and dignitaries that made for a wonderful evening. Among the many dignitaries in attendance were the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Hamilton Mayor Fred Eisenberger, MPP Andrea Horvath, MPP Sophia Aggelonitis, MP David Christopherson, and many others! Loris Pilot chaired the event and should be commended for organizing an amazing evening that featured a wonderful meal, good company, live performers, and DJ music for the dance. The Sons of Italy Executive would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Marita Zaffiro on her many accomplishments and on the success of the evening in its fundraising for charity.

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Upcoming Events

For those wishing to help with the following events, please see your Executive.

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 13th, 2008 - Our Hall

Seniors Christmas Flowers Delivery- Tuesday, December 16th, 2008 - (Meet at Our Hall)

Next General Meeting - Tuesday, January 13th, 2009 - Our Hall

Card Night - Friday, January 23rd, 2009 - Our Hall

Traditional Christmas Gathering Registration

Date: Tuesday, December 9th, 2008

Place: Sons of Italy Hall

Please complete the form and call Joe Mongiardi asap with information.

Joe Mongiardi
499 King St. East, Hamilton,
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Phone: (905) 385-7845

Member Name: _____
Guest: _____
Guest: _____
Guest: _____
Guest: _____

Seniors Christmas Flower Delivery Application Form

Date: Tuesday, December 16th, 2008

Place: Sons of Italy Hall

Please complete the form and return to Sons of Italy (Christmas Flowers) as soon as possible.

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