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Sons of Italy

Trieste Lodge - Hamilton

October 2009



President's Message

The first general meeting of this new term was held on September 8, and as usual it was a successful BBQ night. Thanks to Joe Mongiardi and all the other volunteers who helped cook all those steaks and sausage to perfection.

As part of the Sons of Italy – Trieste Lodge commitment to helping and assisting with the Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund. A Fish Dinner Fundraiser was held on September 19, 2009 at

our hall. The event was well attended with the nearly 170 guests being treated to the outstanding food preparation of Claudio Sciarretta. A special and heart felt thank you to event chair Br. Mario Franciosa. His commitment to assuring the success of this event is truly appreciated. On behalf of the Executive, I wish to express our appreciation to the both of you and your entire committee.

As part of the Festitalia celebrations, we held our Regional Food night on Wednesday September 30, 2009. Close to 270 people attended the evening and were treated to an outstanding evening of fine food provided by Br. Joe Mongiardi and his staff. It was wonderful that this year's dinner was brought back to our hall; the evening was filled with laughter, outstanding food, fine wine and most importantly an excellent representation of our Italian culture and history. This event was a great success because of the hard work put forth by event Chair Br. Lou Filice and MC of the evening Br. Carmine Filice along with Robert Skaljin.

Below are some of the charities that benefit from the proceeds of our events, and were presented with donations that evening. The Sons of Italy were proud to make the following cheque presentations:

Camp Trillium	\$2,000
Thalasemia Foundation	\$500
Food Share	\$1,000
Children's Wish Foundation	\$1,000
Juravinski Cancer Centre	\$7,000

I would like to thank each of you who have made contributions and attended our events, and ask for your continued support in the years to come.

I would also like congratulate Festitalia on another successful year. It was a fantastic celebration of Italian heritage and Chairman of Festitalia Dennis Concordia along with all the committee members are to be commended for a job well done. "Thank you."

On Sunday November 8 2009, we will be holding our annual Memorial Mass at All Souls Church, 21 Barton Street West. at 10:00 am. Brunch will follow at our hall.

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Next General Meeting

Tuesday,
October 13th, 2009
@ 7:00 PM

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Your attendance would be valued. **Note:** Designated seating has been arranged for the Sons of Italy, the first two pews at the front of the church have been reserved.

This year's Italian- Canadian Citizen of the Year Gala in honour of Dr. Carmelo Scime, will be held on November 21, 2009 at Liuna Gardens. Please contact event chairs Br's. Loris Pilot, Lewis Merolli, Loe Zinga or any member of the executive for tickets.

Note: For advertising in the evening's commemorative booklet contact Br. Leo Zinga.

This year's Turkey Roll is set for Friday November 27th, 2009 at the Sons of Italy Hall. You soon will be receiving your tickets in the mail, and I ask that you do your part in purchasing and selling the tickets for this most worthy annual event. **Note:** All Proceeds from this event will go directly to our charity account.

I close with my final comments at regional food night this past Wednesday, September 30th 2009.

I believe that each of us, regardless of status or position in life, have within ourselves a willingness to serve and give back. I ask that you serve and continue to serve through the Sons of Italy, get involved, enrol new members and let our Order be the vehicle in which you serve.

On behalf of the Executive I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally yours,
Ralph Vitello
President – Sons of Italy
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Sons of Italy Choir 20th Anniversary Concert CD

The Sons of Italy Choir is proud of their 20th anniversary concert CD. Some of the most beautiful and memorable Italian songs, as well as some familiar English pieces, are included in this CD. The CDs will be available at the October SOI general meeting. This will also make a great stocking stuffer for Christmas.

Please mark November 28th, 2009 on your calendar for the Sons of Italy Choir's Christmas Concert Dinner and Dance. Tickets will go on sale the first of November. They will sell out pretty fast. More detailed information will be featured in the November Newsletter.



1. That's Amore (H. Warren / J. Brooks)
2. Gli Aranci Okezzano - "Cavalleria Rusticana" (P. Mascagni)
3. Forget Domani (R. Ortolani / N. Newell)
4. You Belong To Me (P.W. King / R. Stewart / C. Price)
5. Tace il labbro - "Merry Widow" (F. Lehár) featuring **Charlene Santoni, Soprano**
6. Flying Free (D. Besig)
7. Signore delle Cime (G. De Marzi)
8. Cala Calabria (E. Perise)
9. Fiume Amaro (M. Theodorakis / S. Tuminelli)
10. Vedi le fosche Notturne - "Trovatore" (G. Verdi)
11. Italia (N. Rellano)
12. Tu che m'hai preso il cuor (F. Lehár) featuring **Charlene Santoni, Soprano**
13. O' Sole Mio (E. Di Capua) featuring **Michael Toby, Tenor**
14. Nessun Dorma - "Turandot" (G. Puccini) featuring **Michael Toby, Tenor**
15. Va Pensiero - "Nabucco" (G. Verdi)

Executive Producer, Angelo Venditti
Choir & Events Co-ordinators, Gelindo Sanmartin & Kino Nardi

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Sons of Italy Passeggiata

Friday, August 28th marked the 8th annual La Passeggiata held at Villa Italia Retirement Residence in Hamilton. Despite the cool weather and even a few showers, spirits were not dampened. The approximate 500 guests kept warm by dancing to the music of world acclaimed singer Tony Ieluzzi, along with the charismatic voices of Vinz DeRosa, Jessica Frasca, Luigi Scanga, Alyssa & Gabriel Giammaria, Joshua Clemenger and Scuola Cantorum. A heartfelt performance by the Sons of Italy Choir started the evening off with pizzazz.

The aroma of authentic Italian cuisine wafted through the air with a variety of foods donated by a select group of area merchants who have a big heart for our local seniors. Hamilton Mayor Fred Eisenberger and Councillor Terry Whitehead were both in attendance. Runners Den hosted a 5km run which attracted close to



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Upcoming Events

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

SOIFC Card Night - Saturday, November 7th, 2009 - Our Hall

Memorial Mass - Sunday, November 8th, 2009 - All Souls Church (brunch to follow at Hall)

Citizen of the Year - Saturday, November 21st, 2009 - LIUNA Gardens

Turkey Roll - Friday, November 27th, 2009 - Our Hall

Choir Christmas Concert - Saturday, November 28th, 2009 - Our Hall

Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, December 13th, 2009 - Our Hall

Senior's Christmas Flower Delivery - Wednesday, December 16th, 2009

Briscola Card Night - Friday, January 29th, 2010 - Our Hall

(Passeggiata Continued...)



75 participants of all ages. The big winner of the night was Tom Giornofelic with a free trip for two to Italy, followed by Michael Morganti who was the lucky winner of an Electric Scooter. Smiles were plentiful as at least 40 gift bags full of Unico Food products were raffled off to those who made a minimum \$25 pledge, followed by a 50/50 draw and many other prizes and gifts.

On behalf of the entire committee of volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible, Executive Director Pat Mostacci and Event Chair Frank Raso wish to extend their thanks and gratitude to our sponsors and all those who came out to show their support. A little over \$35,000 has been raised thus far. Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 by sending in your donation to 530 Upper Paradise, Hamilton, ON L9C 7W2 or by going on-line to www.canadahelps.org. All proceeds go towards Villa Italia which is owned by the Sons of Italy (Hamilton) Charitable Corporation, founded on the principles of *amore, onore e rispetto*, providing residents with a culturally sensitive European lifestyle where one can truly say, "La vita è dolce".

Sons of Italy Regional Food Night



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