



ORDER OF THE SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

West Shore Lodge #2651

May 2009

From the President

We have started a new initiative to help us with our fund raising opportunities. The Giant Card initiative is a very simple and easy way to help and support the lodge. They do not cost you anything and bring money into our coffers. (See article on page 2.)

Thanks to John Kendrick and Debbie Edmondson for making this happen!

Also, thanks to Eileen DiFonzo for getting us back working at Hershey Park!

Working at Hershey Park is another easy and fun way you can support your lodge. Just volunteer a few hours of your time, have some fun, receive a voucher to the park and help the lodge. (See article on page 2.)

Please remember to help out at our Summerdale Centennial booth. This is another great way to get exposure to our lodge, meet new people and make some money in the process.

By participating in these programs you will be helping your lodge support its charitable giving, our scholarship program, CSJ and other activities such as the Italian Earthquake Relief.

Charlie Pisano

Congratulations to Colonel Pietro Tornabene, who will be graduating from the United States Army War College on June 6th. Colonel Tornabene was the speaker at our April meeting and gave a very informative talk on the future of the Italian Military. He will be returning to Italy for a least one year and then will return to the U.S. as the Italian military attaché in Washington D.C.

La cena preparata da mia madre consisteva di due scelte: Prendere o lasciare.

See page 3 for translation

Summerdale Centennial Festival Street Fair

The village of Summerdale will be celebrating its 100 year of existence this year. To celebrate this occasion the village will hold a Festival Street Fair on Saturday, June 13th, 2009 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Our lodge has been asked us to participate in this event.

They heard all about our great homemade cookies! The Italian Club of East Pennsboro High School has agreed to join us in this event. So again I am asking for your help and support. We will need cookie's to sell, help to set up the booth, help to work the booth and help to tear down the booth. I will need all cookies in my hands by Thursday, June 11th so that they can be properly packaged. This is absolutely necessary because we do not want to handle the cookies at the event. If you can help out in any of these area's please let me know so I can plan accordingly. Charlie Pisano, 717-732-4631 or email at CPPISANO@aol.com.

Sons of Italy Meetings
4th Wednesday of each month
VFW Hall
4907 Carlisle Pike; Mechanicsburg

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Teresa Bilger, and John Kendrick
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Our club has been approved by Giant Food Stores to purchase their gift cards. This fundraiser will earn 5% for our club. Basically, for every \$100 in gift cards, our club will earn \$5. The gift cards can be purchased in any denomination and can be used to purchase food, gas at Giant stations, and merchant gift cards that are sold in the Giant stores. Our process will be to take card orders each month, order them from Giant, and distribute them to the buyers. This does not need to be limited to club members, so ask your family and friends if they shop at Giant and if they would like to support the Sons of Italy West Shore Lodge. If you get a YES on these two questions, then obtain their gift card orders.

Order cut off will be our meeting night, cards will be ordered the next day, and available for distribution within 3-5 business days.

To place your orders, contact Debbie Edmondson at 249-2094 or email jdlake@pa.net



We will be giving a free \$25 Giant Gift Card to a lucky member at our meetings! You must be present to win so don't miss out on this opportunity!



Our Lodge is again fortunate to have volunteering opportunity with the Food and Beverage Department at Hershey Entertainment and Resorts. A few notes:

Each volunteer must be able to stand for a five-hour shift in order to perform any of the following duties:

- Serving/Preparing Food
- Helping Guests
- Cleaning Patios/Food Prep Areas
- Possible Cashier Duties at some stands

Available work dates will be to be sent to all members with email addresses. This information will be sent each month as open dates become available from the Park. For info contact Fileen DiFonzo - 697-9502

The Order of the Sons of Italy in America West Shore Lodge #2651

Our Help Is Urgently Needed

Italy Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund

On April 6, 2009 Italy suffered a tremendous earthquake in the region of Abruzzi. The earthquake was centered in the city of L'Aquila but there was widespread damage to the entire region. Over 300 perished and over 1,500 were injured in the earthquake. Over 40,000 people have been affected in this disaster. In addition, many of the region's treasures were lost in the earthquake including schools, churches, and national monuments.

Please make checks payable to "Sons of Italy Foundation", earmarked for the Italian Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund

Mail to:

**Order of the Sons of Italy in America
West Shore Lodge #2651
P.O. Box 1293
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

Please do not send cash. ALL money received will be sent to the proper authorities in Italy.

Donations are tax deductible.

Diversity Day - Charlie Pisano participated in the Mechanicsburg High School Diversity Day program on April 22nd. Charlie gave a presentation to 7 classes in which over 100 students attended. His focus was on Italians contribution to the founding of America, the role Italians played in the American Revolution, and the Italians contribution the world in the arts and music. He also discussed the negative stereotyping of Italian Americans. He even had time to give the students a demonstration of Italy's favorite pastimes: bocce and scopa.

Italian Classes every Monday at the Giant Community Room in Camp Hill. Contact Joan Rottmann, 737-6565 or email her at rottmannj@verizon.net.

Translation from page 1

My mother's dinner consisted of two choices:
Take it or leave it.

--Buddy Hackett

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Please contact Christina at crgh3@yahoo.com

Next Meeting

West Shore Lodge Sons of Italy

Wednesday May 27, 2009

VFW

4907 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

Social hour begins at 6 pm

Meeting begins at 7pm

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