



# ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

West Shore Lodge #2651      December      2012

**President – Sam Sica**

## **A Day at the Races**

On November 16 a group of 19 members and friends met at the Penn National Race Track. It was a relaxing evening where we enjoyed a casual dinner and a chance to bet on a few winners. We all agreed that it was a fun way to spend a Friday night with good friends.

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## **November Meeting Highlights**

We have been drawing names at each meeting for winners of a Giant Bonus Card in the amount of \$25. More often than not members' names are pulled and they are not present to receive it. Besides missing out on all the camaraderie, keeping up with the lodge, some members are losing the chance to win a Giant bonus card. Don't let that happen to you! This month's draw was Carl Spataro.

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## **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on January 23, 2013 at the VFW, 4907 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Pizza and beer 6:00; meeting 7:00. Our speaker for the evening will be Renee Harlow, Fitness Director at Country Meadows. Her topic will be "Healthy for Life...Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference" Please support our speakers who generously donate their time to come out and share their knowledge and expertise.

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## **Upcoming Events:**

### **January 13, 2013 - Winterfest at Rillos Restaurant in Carlisle 4:30**

Please consider bringing a gift \$10 or under to share to continue our tradition of giving door prizes. More details about the time and menu will be provided after the holidays.

### **February 9, 2013 - Carnevale**

Mario will be mailing out flyers with details.

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## **Membership Information**

An e-mail with dues renewal info was recently sent out. Please respond as soon as possible with your dues payment. Dues are \$50 for those who joined when they were 54 years of age or younger, and \$40 for those who joined when they were 55 years of age or older.

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## **Scholarship Information**

The Order Sons of Italy in America is the largest and longest established national organization for men and women of Italian Heritage in the United States. Through its Sons of Italy Foundation and more than 700 state and local lodges, OSIA awards more than \$600,000 each year in scholarship aid. It has awarded more than \$50 million in scholarships to date to citizens of Italian descent.

On the national level, The Sons of Italy Foundation offers a number of various merit based scholarships for study here in the United States and abroad. For more information about these scholarships, please contact:

The Sons of Italy Foundation  
219 E Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Visit: [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org)  
Phone: (202) 547-2900

On the state level, the OSIA Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, through its Dante Commission on Education, will award merit based scholarships to college bound students who will complete high school at the end of this school year. The Grand Lodge also awards scholarships to grade school students who will be entering high school in the fall. For more information about these scholarships, please contact:

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania  
The Curtis Center, Suite 718  
601 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Visit: [www.sonsofitalypa.com](http://www.sonsofitalypa.com)  
Phone: (215) 592-1713

On the local level, the West Shore Lodge will offer a \$500 merit based scholarship to a high school student in this area. For more information on eligibility requirements, application forms or additional information, please contact us in writing at the above address **or you can contact Mr. Anthony Bianchi (717) 766-7390.**

*Students are advised to contact Mr. Bianchi early January to avoid missing any deadlines.*

### Still Looking for Christmas Gifts???



We have **only 3** Italian Cookbooks for the incredibly low price of \$25. *For the Love of Italian Cooking* is the official cookbook of the Sons of Italy, featuring recipes from OSIA members across the country. What a great way to pass on traditional recipes to your children and grandchildren. Don't wait! Call now. Supplies will not last!

Contact Sam Sica --- 717-691-6306

OR



Consider giving Giant Cards for a Christmas treat! Our lodge receives 5% of every dollar we purchase. It is convenient for you and a benefit to your lodge. You can purchase them in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100.

Contact: Tammie Ebersole 717-728-3823 [tammie\\_email@yahoo.com](mailto:tammie_email@yahoo.com)

***Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***

***Sam Sica and all the Officers of the West Shore Lodge***