



# West Shore Order Sons of Italy Lodge #2651

## July 2014 Newsletter

### Officers

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Vice-President: Joan Rottmann  
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Lillian Branca, Chris Rottmann  
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**Meetings** are held every 4th Wed. of the month at  
VFW Post 6704, 4907 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg.

### Message from the President

Brothers and Sisters,

As your president, I feel compelled to tell you the state of our organization at this time. First, I am happy to tell you we are alive and well. In the face of the organizational turmoil brought to bear last year, things are beginning to settle down. We must not let our guard down. There are forces out there that want us to fail, as we are the only lodge in our region to stay with OSIA. More and more each day we find that this was the right decision and some of the other lodges are contemplating coming back to OSIA. We have been bombarded with nasty grams because we chose to stay with OSIA which has been a beacon for Italian Americans for over 100 years. It was because of the perseverance of all of you that this was possible. Your officers have worked tirelessly to make sure that each decision was the right and just one. So to all of you, I thank you for your support. I am proud to be your president and even prouder of each one of you. In closing I say a big HOORAH!

Sam Sica  
691-6306

### Meeting Update

July - no meeting.

August 27 - Regular meeting

September 24 - Regular meeting

October 22 - Guest speaker Dan Knaub will talk about whales.

We are in need of speakers. If you know anyone with a particular hobby or field of interest that would be willing to present, please contact Sam.

### Upcoming events

**September 21:** The annual West Shore SOI picnic will be held at Shiremanstown Park. We will have people arrive between 12:00 and 1:00 and eat at 1:00 after a word of welcome from our president, Sam Sica. The cost will be \$10.00 a person for anyone 12 and older; there is no cost for children under 12. We will ask people to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Drinks, sausage, meatballs and all paper products will be furnished by the lodge. We are planning a silent auction again. If you have items to donate, please contact Dottie Sica 691-6306 or Teresa Bilger 766-6083. More information will follow in August. Last year was a great success, so we hope to have a good turnout.

**October 11 - 12:** Pennsboro Pumpkin Fest We will once again be participating in the Pumpkin Fest held in East Pennsboro Adams Ricci Park this year. This is a good time to start to think about the cookies you would like to make for the event and if you will be able to volunteer to help out at the booth. More information will be available at the August meeting. We appreciate all the helpers and cookie bakers.

**November 9**-Save the date for our first basket bingo to be held at the VFW on the Carlisle Pike in the afternoon. Plan to come out and support our fundraising event. Tickets are \$22 for 21 games. Prizes will include Longaberger Baskets and Thirty-One Bags. More details to follow.

### **Scholarships**

We are pleased to announce our two scholarship winners this year

The \$1000 John Kendrick Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Rose McNair. Lauren is the granddaughter of Maryanne and Nick Cimino. She will be attending the University of Georgia.

The \$500 WSSOI Scholarship was awarded to Katherine Thompson, niece of George & Janet Lapore. Katie will be attending Goucher College in Maryland.

Congratulations and best of luck to both of these outstanding students!

### **Fundraising**

We have several ways to raise money for our scholarships and charitable organizations. This year we have decided to support several organizations in our own community like the local food bank, a women's shelter and a military organization. Please consider helping out in one of the following areas:

#### ***Hershey Park***

We have sent out a schedule of shifts available to work Hershey Park this summer. This has been proven to be very profitable over the past years. For every hour we work, Hershey Park pays \$6 to our lodge. Our volunteers also receive a voucher for each shift worked which can be redeemed for Park tickets good for one year. If you would like more information call Joan 737-6565.

#### ***Giant Cards***

Do you shop or fill up your gas tank at Giant? Did you know that you can help us to earn

5% of the money you spend there just by using Giant Bonus cards purchased through our lodge? These cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50, \$100. They can be purchased at our regular meetings. Contact Tammie 728-3723 for more information.

### ***Basket Bingo***

This year Debbie Kendrick is organizing a Basket Bingo as another way for us to earn money for our lodge. How it works - we get sponsors to donate either money or prizes that we can use for the 21 Longaberger baskets and Thirty-One bags that we will be filling. You can help out by volunteering to ask one facility that you frequent (restaurant, hair dresser, gym, etc) for donations. Help out the day of the bingo. Or just come out to enjoy the day of games with a friend or family member. Contact Debbie 448-6117.

### **Members Update**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members: Ed and Jane Carabin, Darrell Dethlefs, Tony D'Agostino, Randy Ebersole, Guido Eramo, Janet Lapore, Sandra Perrotta, Angelo Pizzulli, Marianne Romagnoli, Joanne & Ray Waity! Benvenuto!! And a very special welcome back to Debbie Kendrick and Joseph Turri. Bentornato!!!

Please keep Tom and Mary McFiren in your thoughts prayers. Tom is undergoing cancer treatment at this time.

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