



# West Shore Order Sons of Italy Lodge #2651

## Winter 2017 Newsletter

### Officers

President - Charles Pisano

Immediate Past President - Sam Sica

Vice-President: George Lapore

Recording Secretary: Betty Pisano

Financial Secretary: Tony Bianchi

Treasurer: Mary McFiren

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Meetings are held every 4th Wed. of the month



Trustees: Teresa Bilger, Bob Graci,  
Mary Urich, Joan Rottmann, Bernie Costanza  
Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA

VFW Post 6704  
4907 Carlisle

Guard: Harvey Bilger  
6:00 - Meeting 7:00

Social hour

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### President's Message

*First of all I would like to recognize all members who have renewed their dues. I also want to thank the new members who joined our organization. You took the first step. Now let us know how you would like to get involved. We have a wide range of activities and events from which to choose. For those of you who have not renewed yet please do so today. We need your support and help.*

*Charles Pisano*

## Winter Highlights

### *La Festa di La Befana*



Our La Befana celebration was held at the Giant Community Room on December 28. We had 18 children and 18 adults in attendance. After the traditional story telling about the famous good “witch” the children enjoyed pizza and snacks, made crafts and danced the Tarantella to top off the evening.

Thanks to our beloved La Befana (Ann Warnock) for making this such a fun day for our children and their families. Also thanks to Joan for sharing this ancient Italian story and to Cristina Marcellus for entertaining the children.





## *Winterfest Celebration*

Our Winterfest Celebration was held at Marcello's Restaurant on January 15. Congratulations to Joan Rottmann who was awarded the "*Sam Sica Person of the Year*" in appreciation for all she does for the lodge.

Thanks to Chris Rottmann and his committee for putting on this outstanding event.

## *Special Olympics Presentation*



Representatives from the Special Olympics spoke at our meeting in February. Thank you Ernie Christopher and Chris Rottmann for arranging to have this delightful group of athletes share their experiences with our lodge. Amy is pictured with a collection of medals she earned at Olympic events around the world! These were awarded for her expert skills in Bocce.



**“A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale...”**  
**At Carnevale, Anything Goes...**



Members of the West Shore Lodge joined with the Capitol City and Joseph P Galati Lodges for our 12th annual Carnevale celebration at the Colonial Country Club in Harrisburg. We enjoyed a tasty buffet dinner, danced to the music of “Giovanni”, and had a great time mingling with our friends.

A special THANK YOU to JoAnn Waity, Ann Warnock, and Georgeann Maguire for all the time and effort you put into preparing the beautiful baskets that we contributed for door prizes. And thank you to all who attended to make this event one of the best.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

***Scholarship Reminder***



The deadline for the West Shore Sons of Italy applications is March 15, 2017. The application form is available now, and I can email the app or send a hard copy to whomever is interested.

The scholarship is worth at least \$500, and it may be more depending on the number of applicants.

Tony Bianchi 717-766-7390

## *La Santa Messa per La Festa di San Giuseppe*

Italian Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph

**Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 3:00 PM**

**Holy Name of Jesus Church**

6150 Allentown Boulevard

Harrisburg, PA 17112

A traditional St. Joseph's Table and dinner reception will be provided after the Mass in the social hall. For more information contact Mariella Amato 278-9420

### *Lodge Elections*



We will be holding our election of new officers at our March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Anyone seeking office should contact our Nomination Committee Co-Chair Harvey Bilger, [hrbilger@hotmail.com](mailto:hrbilger@hotmail.com), 717-766-6083 prior to March 15. This does not prevent anyone from making nominations from the floor but it could save us valuable time at the meeting.

### *“Portarmi fuori alla partita di pallone!”*

That's right! It's "Take me out to the ballgame..." time once again.



**Save the date, Thursday, June 8, 2017**

*Italian Heritage Night at Harrisburg's FNB Field.*

**Harrisburg Senators versus Altoona Curve - Game time is 7 PM**

Members, family and friends of the Italian Lodges in the Harrisburg area will gather at the ballpark to celebrate our culture.

This year's celebration will include a pre-game opportunity (6:00 PM to 6:45 PM) to mingle with the folks of other lodges who share our love of Italian customs and traditions.

Italian music will be featured before and during the game.

Our seating section and Lodge logos will be displayed on the Big Video Screen.

A lucky member of the group will be selected to throw out the first pitch.

The National Anthem will be sung by someone representing our lodges. Children attending will be able to “high five” the ball players as they enter the field. Be ready to play Italian-American baseball player themed trivia.

It’s not just fun and games. The Harrisburg Senators will make a substantial contribution to a charity selected by the Lodges. The bigger the lodge attendance, the bigger the contribution!

So, come on out and bring your friends. More information on the evening will be coming soon.

Bernie Costanza

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## Membership

We would like to extend a warm *Benvenuto* to our newest lodge members:

**Glenda Geegee and Anthony Lapore**



If you have not paid your dues to date please do so today. Any member who has not paid their dues by April 1 will be removed from our roll as well as the State and National organizations. We will be charged a renewal fee for any member dues we receive after that date. Don’t let your Italian American magazine and other benefits be interrupted. Every member counts.

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## Special Shout Out



Thank you to Ralph Brown for donating a new tent for our lodge. We appreciate your generosity to our organization. It will come to good use.



**Hershey Park Volunteers**

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers who helped us to add a total of over \$1500 to our treasury last year.

Beth Bianchi

Tony Bianchi

Bernie Costanza

Linda Fleming

Marlene Gottardy

Debbie Kendrick

George Lapore

Janet Lapore

Betty Magaro

Ken Magaro

Georgeann Maguire

Luigi Merlini

Monica Malpezzi

Hattie Ogle

Betty Pisano

Charlie Pisano

Joan Rottmann

Sue Robertson

Carl Spataro

Carl Thompson

Lisa Thompson

## Giant Cards

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our Giant Gift Card efforts to raise money for our lodge. We sold \$5,000 worth of cards last year which netted \$250 for our organization. A big thank you to Tammie who has been handling the card sales for us and to Beth Bianchi for volunteering to be an alternate for Tammie.

Beth & Tony Bianchi

Tammie & Randy Ebersole

Lucia Gleichman

Bob Graci

George Lapore

Charlie & Betty Pisano

Joan Rottmann

Maria Russoli

Barb Sowers

Ray & JoAnn Waity

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“COOK LIKE AN ITALIAN” cookbook project - We’re getting there but we still need more recipes.

The last wave of recipes included a nice variety. Some folks submitted recipes shared by friends as well as favorites from old cookbooks and new celebrity chefs. Thank you to everyone. Please keep them coming.

The Easter season includes many traditional Italian dishes. Please do share. Many people recall the ingredients in dishes made by relatives and neighbors. I can work with a list of ingredients without measurements if you’re willing to be nostalgic.

For instance, since our trip to Sicily, one of my favorite breakfasts is a sliced pear or nectarine with ricotta on the side, topped with a smidgen of Nutella and finely chopped nuts.

You can bring recipes to the next SOI meeting, mail / email, or call me at

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*“Working Together to Preserve Our Heritage, Our Traditions, and Our Culture”*