

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

### CALIFORNIA

For the first time in its history, OSIA will have a lodge in Hollywood. The **William Cannizzaro Hollywood Lodge #2809** was inaugurated in April and already has 93 members, ages 30 to 45.

Its founder and first president is **Gregg Cannizzaro**, an award-winning film and TV producer, who also organizes an annual Feast of San Gennaro in Los Angeles.

Working with OSIA's **Peter Tubiolo**, **Carl Serra** and State President **Roy Vanoni**, Gregg and his vice president, comedian **Michael Marino** have attracted Italian American actors, producers, writers and directors to the lodge.

"This lodge could give OSIA unprecedented access and visibility in Hollywood," says Gregg. *Contact him at [OSIAHollywood@aol.com](mailto:OSIAHollywood@aol.com) or see [www.sonsofitalyhollywood.com](http://www.sonsofitalyhollywood.com).*

+ photo: *Hollywood Lodge President Gregg Cannizzaro (L) and California State President Roy Vanoni. [Photo: Craig Markley]*

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Hayfield Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia has been adopted by the **International Lodge #2522**, reports lodge president **Nunzia "Nancy" Hurst**. The lodge will contribute books on Italy and Italian Americans to the school library and help expand the school's growing Italian language program.

### MASSACHUSETTS

- Congratulations to the **Grand Lodge of Massachusetts**, which celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. State President **Kevin Caira** presided over the January kick-off party at the **Watertown Lodge**, attended by 200 guests, including OSIA National President Joe Sciamè and CSJ National President Albert DeNapoli. *Contact the Grand Lodge at 617/489-5234 or email [osiama@aol.com](mailto:osiama@aol.com).*

+ photo: *(L. to R.) Kevin and Cheryl Caira with OSIA National President Joe Sciamè at the Massachusetts 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.*

### NEW YORK

- Congratulations to **Anthony Bongiovanni** and the **P. Vincent Lodge #2239** for collecting 520 signatures on petitions for a John Basilone commemorative stamp.
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caption: *This glass goblet designed by At-Large Member George Ranalli was fabricated and exhibited at the Murano Glass Museum in Venice, Italy last year. Ranalli is an award-winning architect in New York City. Contact him at 212.255.6263 or see [georgeranalli.com](http://georgeranalli.com)*

## OHIO

More than 45 high school students studying Italian spent an evening with the **Scoprimento Lodge #2599** in Columbus where they learned about OSIA scholarships, study abroad and internships.

Students also enjoyed pizza, an Italian movie and a raffle with a backpack and tee-shirt as prizes. The lodge plans to donate to the students' schools and sponsor a Columbus Day essay contest. *For tips on how to attract young people to your lodge, contact Sam Fata at [sfata@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sfata@columbus.rr.com) or 614/217 5757.*

+ **Photo:** *High school students learn about OSIA, thanks to the Scoprimento Lodge!*

## PENNSYLVANIA

- **Ivy Ridge Lodge #251** celebrated its 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary in April at a gala attended by former U.S. ambassador to Italy **Thomas Foglietta**, Consul General **Lorenzo Mott**, U.S. Congressmen **Jim Gerlach** and **Jim Greenwood** and OSIA State President **William Bucci**. The lodge has more than 500 members. Average age? 35!
- **The Ufficiale Bersaglieri Lodge #138** in Williamsport celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> year as an organized lodge and 90<sup>th</sup> year as an OSIA lodge in 2003.

## VIRGINIA

The **Italo-American Citizens Lodge #1077** in Portsmouth won the "People's Choice Cup Award" for its Italian float during the 51<sup>st</sup> International Azalea Festival in Norfolk last April. The float was in a parade representing NATO's 19 member nations, attended by thousands of spectators.

The lodge was founded in 1909 and been an OSIA lodge since 1921. A 2003 membership drive brought in 24 newcomers for a total membership of 70, reports VP **Raphael Barkley**, whose great-grandfather founded the lodge.

+**photo:** *Lodge members with Azalea Queen Rosella Caruso on their prize-winning float*

## WISCONSIN

Tips on creating a family web site come from **Joseph Podlesnik** of the **Filippo Mazzei Lodge #2763** in Milwaukee. Joe suggests dividing the family into branches; organizing the family list according to birth rank, from oldest to youngest; and assigning people to collect info on births, marriages, deaths for each person in each branch. For ideas, visit Joe's site [www.emanuelefamilly.com](http://www.emanuelefamilly.com).