



Summer 2019

AVANTI

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, OSIA • White Plains, NY

UPCOMING Events

June

- 6/12 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 6/25 General Meeting, 8pm

July

- 7/10 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 7/21 Italian Heritage Festival at Dam
- 7/23 General Meeting, 8pm

August

- 8/3 Ferrogosto Celebration
- 8/14 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 8/18 Lodge Annual Summer Picnic
- 8/27 General Meeting, 8pm

September

- 9/11 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 9/14 Entertainment Night, 7pm
- 9/24 General Meeting, 8pm

October

- 10/9 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 10/13 Wreath Ceremony & Breakfast
- 10/20 Columbus Day Dinner Dance
- 10/22 General Meeting, 8pm

November

- 11/3 Memorial Mass-OLMC Church
- 11/13 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 11/26 General Meeting, 8pm

December

- 12/6 Pocketbook Bingo
- 12/8 Children's Party
- 12/11 Officer's Meeting, 8pm
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party

A Message from your President: Antonio Amato



My Brothers and Sisters, as your new President I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Past President Mario Cermele for a very prosperous four years and to the board who served under his leadership. I look forward to working with the new board and I anticipate all of your support as we begin a new year here at the Lodge. At this time I want all of you to know our Lodge is being run with all of you in mind and if any

of you have an idea or wish to run an event we welcome your ideas and ask that you come forward and let us hear from you. Our meetings are every fourth Tuesday of each month. Please make it an extra effort to attend. My goal is to keep our motto strong Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

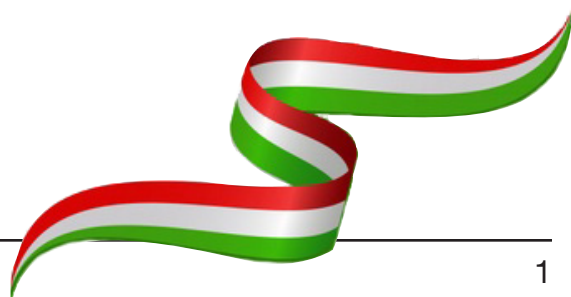
On May 28th at our general meeting Sister Rita Carolini and her committee presented our Scholarship Program, six scholarships were presented to students whose families are members of our lodge and also to a student from our neighboring school. Also that same evening we presented La Bella Lingua award from District IV. Please see the articles on the following pages with the details of this event. Our biggest event coming in July is the Italian Festa at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, under the leadership of Brother Mario Cermele, many volunteers are needed for this event in order to be a success. Also in June we will be sending several members to our State Convention.

At this time it is my honor to announce this year we will be honoring our own Brother Antonio Capicotto as Man of the Year at our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance to be held on October 21. More information will be coming soon.

We have listed the many events with the dates in this issue so that you can mark your calendar and save the dates. We welcome any news you would like to share just contact me. Our events will not be successful with out you so please I ask all of you it is very rewarding come and join us for friendship and enjoyment in the following months and volunteer it is not only good for your mind but also your soul.

First Lady Sister Tina and I send our love to you all, and I remain always, Sempre Avanti.

Antonio Amato
President





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OFFICERS 2019

Executive Board

Antonio Amato, President
Vito Cirioni, 1st Vice President
Rita Cestone, 2nd Vice President
Teresa Rivero, Immediate Past President
Catherine Mignini, Orator
Caroline Baviello, Recording Secretary
Flavia DiNota, Corresponding Secretary
Annamaria Forte, Financial Secretary
Lina Amello, Treasurer
Cathy Grisanti, Principal Trustee

Trustees

Tina Amato • Umberto Amato
Antonio Vincenzo Capicotto • Rita Carolini
Michael DiSavino • Rachel Filasto
Charles Guastella • Maria Pippo
Camille Tarone • Nick Vaccarelli

Ceremonial Officers

Tony Cestone • Mary Morra

Sentinels

Lenny Mignini • Antonio Pippo

Arbitration Committee

Sam Amello • Salvatore Battiato
Antonella Capicotto DeLia • Concetta Bevilacqua
Domenico Rivero • Joseph Tassone
Vito Tassone • Annunziata Vernillo

Past Presidents

Antonio Capicotto • Mario Cermele
Teresa Rivero • Frank Tarone
Rose Tassone • Charles Tota

Chaplain

Joe Tanzi

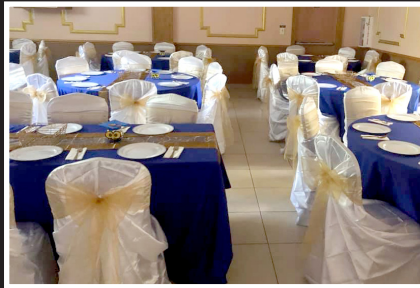
State Lodge Deputy

Cathy Lembo Lloyd

The Avanti is the official newsletter of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 and it is published Quarterly. Please submit all items for publication by the next day after the General Meeting preceding the month of publication. Contact Margherita Capicotto for all new submissions at fivecaps@optonline.net.

Let's Party!

The Lodge is available for your NEXT EVENT!
Contact Brother Mario at 325-1239 for available dates



Have an idea for an event or want to chair an event?
Let Brother Mario know! Call him at (914) 325-1239.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Bro. Michael DiSavino** on the birth of his new grandsons: twin boys Michael and Joseph born on Feb. 20, 2019. Proud parents are Rina & Michael Della Vecchia & Big Sister Ava.

Congratulations to **Bro. Vito and Sister Rosemary Cirioni** on the birth of their granddaughter Caterina born on March 7, 2019. Proud parents are Vito V. Jr. and wife Joanne.

Congratulations to **Bro. John and Sister Filomena Rubillo** on the marriage of their daughter Diane to Michael Tresca on June 15, 2019.



Congratulations to **Tony and Maria Pippo** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Happy to be together with great love and faith. May God grant them many more years together.

New President Installation

New president Brother Antonio Amato. Please welcome our new president and his slate of officers for continued success of our Lodge and our Order.

Please support our new president and attend our monthly meetings to see all of our upcoming events for this year.



Congratulations



Congratulations to our Lodge and to Sister Maria Rivero, our Lodge Editor of the Avanti Newsletter. Sister Maria Rivero puts a lot of her time into preparing our Avanti newsletters. Many thanks for her efforts!

Scholarships to Our Seniors



Rita Carolini and her committee announce the following scholarship winners for our 2019 Scholarship application process **Valentina Verde** will attend Manhattanville College in the fall **Fiorina Verde** will attend Manhattanville College in the fall **Zachery Kelly-Spadafino** will attend University of California at Berkley in the fall **Danielle Telesco** will attend University of Maryland in the fall. **Alessandra Zimmer** will attend Wake Forest University in the fall. Alessandra has also received the State of New York Grand Lodge scholarship **Thomas Minafra** will

attend Pace University in the fall. White Plains High School Senior **Stacy Santizo Cuculista** received The New York State Commission on Social Justice District IV "La Bella Lingua Award", she will attend Stony Brook University in the fall.

Congratulations to all our Scholarship winners. You make us all proud.

Scholarship committee: Sisters, Rita Carolini (chairperson), Jean Borrelli-Ilardi, Annamaria Forte, Cathy Grisanti, Camille Tarone, Lucy Tocci, and Brother Joseph Tanzi.

Lodge Renovations

The Lodge has been going thru major renovations, the bathrooms both have been redone, the roof renewed, the parking lot has been repaved, the grounds are all dressed with beautiful flowers and new flags. Hats off and a big thank you to Brother Luigi DiNota who has been the spear head for the renovations. Brother Mario Cermele wears many hats and has been involved also, to all of you brothers and sisters who have worked along with them thank you, thank you without all of you our Lodge would not look as well kept as it does.



Bocce Tournament



Thank you to Brothers Vito Cirioni, Michael DiSavino, Joseph Amato, and Mario Cermele for organizing the Bocce Tournament and to those members who worked so hard in getting the courts ready for the games. All are welcome to come and be a spectator or join in the fun.



See you on the court. Thank you to Brother Mike Clarizio and Brother Joe Rosamilia who repaired and re-surfaced our court and all the other volunteers who assisted.

In Memory of Frank Tarone



Frank Tarone of Valhalla, New York passed away at his residence on Monday, February 4, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. A native of Monteleone Di Puglia (Foggia) Italia, Frank was the only son of Michele and the late Angela Tarone. His sister Carmela and himself were fortunate in having a loving Stepmother Maria who together with their father raised them in a traditional nurturing “Italian” environment. As a young boy Frank spent four years in a teaching monastery studying Latin, Greek, French and Italian with the Pardi Barnabiti Order near Rome. At the age of sixteen, he immigrated to America with his father and enrolled in night school to study English and worked during the day as an apprentice within his multi-generational business.

In 1958, together with his father and his cousin, they pooled their resources to open a lawn mower business, In October 2018, Frank celebrated 60 years as the sole proprietor of Central Mowers in White Plains, Servicing local gardeners, landscapers and fellow homeowners. He was a long time member of the NY Turf and Landscape Association and served as the Chairman of their Conference Group for many years, in the interest of maintaining his Italian heritage, Frank joined the Order Sons of Italy in America Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 in 1978. Over the past 40 years, he has been a very active dedicated Lodge member. Frank was elected President in 1986, and re-elected by acclamation of the general membership in 1992, using his tenure as

President, Frank accomplished many of his objectives that helped enhance the Lodge’s prestige within the community of White Plains. One objective that Frank was intent on during his administration was to finish paying off the Antonio Meucci’s bonds, and mortgage. That was successfully done in 1990 and all the Lodge members participated in the ceremony of the “burning of the bonds”.

Frank has held many positions on the Executive Board of the Lodge, as well as served as President of the White Plains Columbus Day Parade and Chairman/Co-Chairman of the Journal for the Annual Columbus Dinner Dance. In 1994 he received the Westchester Community College’s Italian Clubs Leadership Award. Also, in 1994 he was unanimously chosen by his Lodge to receive the B. Albert Rosselli Citizenship Award for his lifelong dedication and service to the community. In March 2009, he was recognized by County Executive Andrew Spano for his hard work and dedication as President of the White Plains Columbus Day Parade and Chairman of the Line of March, and most recently on October 21, 2018, he was recognized along with other Past-Presidents of the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 by the Grand Lodge of New York for his untiring efforts and devotion to the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Frank is survived by his wife Camille Tarone, and is the proud father to daughter Angela Kupferschmid (Mark) , son Michael Tarone (Marie) and grandchildren Elena Tarone, Luke, Lauren and Ryan Kupferschmid, sister Carmela Aldorasi (John), and brother-in-law Philip Buffalino (Jennifer). Frank is also a loving Uncle to Johnny, Steven, and David (Tasha) Aldorasi, Michael Gaull, Angelina and Rocky Buffalino. In addition, he is a devoted and loving Uncle to many other “nieces” and “nephews” who lovingly called him Uncle Frank or Pop Pop. Frank is also a loving cousin to many and always cherished his relationships with his extended “family” as well as all so many devoted friends and Brothers and Sisters from the Orders Sons of Italy.

Events Calendar

July 21 - Italian Heritage Festival at the Dam Come celebrate being Italian. Volunteers needed.

Contact: Mario Cermele 914-325-1239.

August 3 - Ferrogosto Celebration at the Lodge \$40 members / \$45 non members.

Contact: Umberto Amato 914-907-8755 & Dominick D'Ambrosio 914-948-2630.

August 18 - Lodge Annual Summer Picnic 12:00 - all day event, Ridge Road Park, Field #1, Hartsdale, NY.

Contact: Charlie Tota 914-924-0347 & Nick Vaccarelli 914-424-8345.

September 14 - Entertainment Night 7pm at the Lodge Italian Singer and Italian Comedian.

Contact: Caroline Baviello 914-769-0204.

October 13 - Wreath Ceremony and Breakfast Tibbets Park, White Plains.

Contact: Rose Tassone 914-949-9472 & Pamela Danza: 914-980-1055.

October 20 - Columbus Day Dinner Dance "Man of the Year"

Antonio L. Capicotto. Surf Club, New Rochelle, NY. 3-8:00 pm Cocktail Hour, Open Bar, Dinner and Dancing.

Contact: Rose Tassone 914-949-9472 & Pamela Danza 914-980-1055.

November 3 - Memorial Mass

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, White Plains, NY. Contact: Rita Cestone 914-948-3608 & Pamela Danza 914-980-1055.

December 6 - Pocketbook Bingo at the Lodge.

Contact: Cathy Grisanti 914-761-2113.

December 8 - Children's Party at the Lodge.

Contact: Camille Tarone 914-946-5694.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party at the Lodge.

Contact: Teresa Rivero 914-997-7388.

COME CELEBRATE!

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019 - 12-7 PM



Join us at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla for our Annual Festa of Food, Music and Fun!

ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL AT THE DAM



Fun for the whole family!

- FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING
- ENTERTAINMENT SHOW MOBILE
- DELICIOUS ITALIAN FOOD
- ARTS & CRAFT VENDORS
- CHILDREN'S RIDES & GAMES
- DANCING and MUSIC
- ITALIAN CULTURAL EXHIBITS and MORE!

VENDORS WANTED

Contact: Chairperson Mario Cermele at (914) 325-1239 or mcermele1@verizon.net.



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This event is sponsored by Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization and the charitable arm of Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, OSIA.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
2nd Wednesday of every month at 8:00 pm	4th Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm
June 12 • July 10 • August 14 September 11 • October 9 November 13 • December 11	June 25 • July 23 August 27 • September 24 October 22 • November 26
<i>Members are NOT required to RSVP for <u>general</u> meetings.</i>	
<p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.9em;">If your phone number, address or email has changed please notify Annamaria Forte of your new contact information: 914-772-8718.</p>	

Deepest sympathy to the family of our friend **John Petito**, beloved husband of Amanda and dear brother, cousin and friend. He was a brilliant and feisty C.P.A. Who lived his life to the fullest, bringing a big laugh and an even bigger cigar everywhere went. He was a magician when doing your taxes, as long as you didn't mind his showing up at midnight. He loved Amanda beyond words. He loved Polly and Anna his babies. He loved his friends. He loved his family. And he loved his many clients, who were given the benefit of the powerful,

passionate, and proud exercise of his profession, certified public accountant.

Sincere condolences to **Sister Lydia Nioras** and family on the passing of their mother Sister Laura Costabile on February 3, 2019.

Our deepest sympathy to **Brother Salvatore DiCostanzo** and family on the passing of his mother Geraldine DiRocco. Our deepest sympathy to **Brother Steve Lembo** on the passing of his father-in-law, Joseph Monteleone.

Best wishes on a speedy recovery **Brothers Nick Puja** and **Nick Santoro**.

Get Well Wishes to both **Brother Lenny Mignini** and Sister **Catherine Mignini** hoping that they both are doing well.

Our sympathy to **Brother Antonio Capicotto, Sr. and Family** on the loss of his brother Giuseppe in Italy.

Please Join Us!

FERRAGOSTO Steak and Lobster Night



Place: Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
Date: Sat., August 3, 2019
Time: 7 pm

Reservations:
Call Umberto Amato 914-907-8755
Dominick D'Ambrosio 914-948-2630

Entertainment by
DJ Umberto



BUON
FERRAGOSTO

ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE #213 Annual Picnic



Place: Ridge Road Park Field #1
Harsdale, New York
Date: Sun., August 18, 2019
Time: 12 Noon

Reservations:
Call Charles Tota 914-924-0347
Or Nick Vaccarelli 914-424-8345

Members in good standing are FREE
Non members \$35.00 per person
Ages 10-17 \$15.00
Children under 10 FREE

Anyone wishing to donate a bottle of liquor for raffle please bring to picnic and see Camille Tarone.

Entertainment Night

Place: Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
Date: Sat. September 14th, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm

Price is \$45.00 for Members
\$50.00 Non-Members

Price Includes Food, Drinks, Dessert

Featuring the talent of
Andrea Amoruso
Musica Italiana dal vivo & Comedian

Reservations by 9/1:
Call Caroline Baviello 914-760-4095





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