Artemisia Gentileschi, Italian Baroque Artist

"My illustrious lordship, I'll show you what a woman can do." -Artemisia

Gentileschi

1593 - 1656



Rosa Segale, aka Sister Blandina

1850-1941 Sister Blandina, an Italian immigrant, became a missionary in the American southwest. She wrote a book entitled "At the End of the Santa Fe Trail."





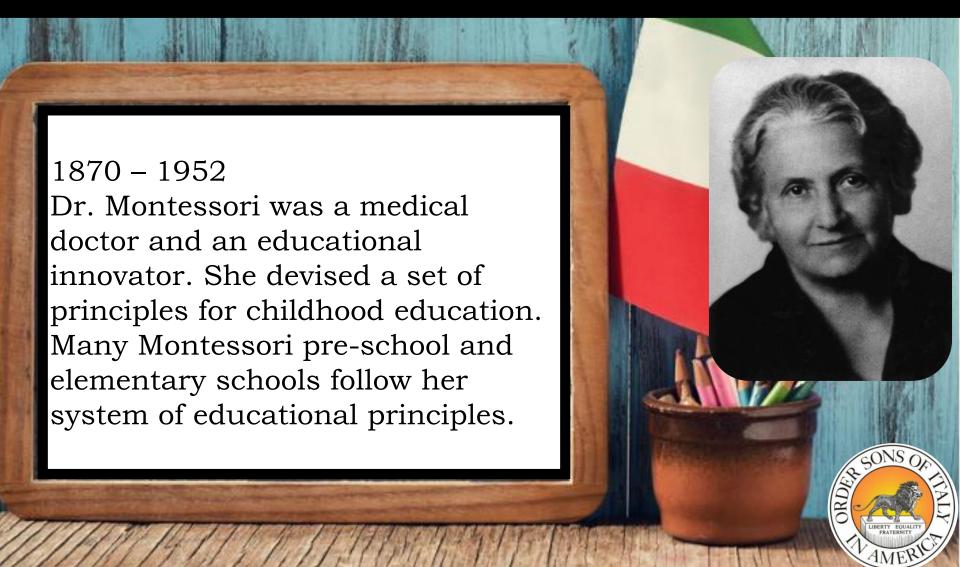
Saint Francis Cabrini, aka Mother Cabrini



Luisa Tetrazzini



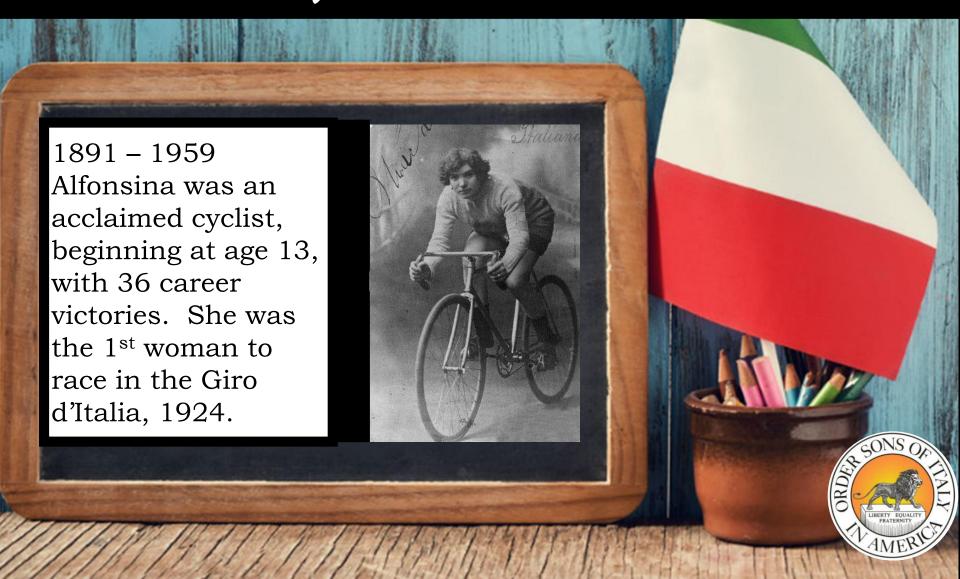
Dr. Maria Montessori



Celebrating Historical Italian Women Grazia de Ledda



Alfonsina Morini Strada



Dr. Rita Montalcini-Levy



Dr. Guiliana Cavaglieri Tesori

1921 - 2002

Dr. Tesori was from Venice; she was an organic chemist in the U.S. by 1939. She was a professor and inventor of flame retardant fiber, and she secured 125 U.S. patents.



Dr. Margherita Hack

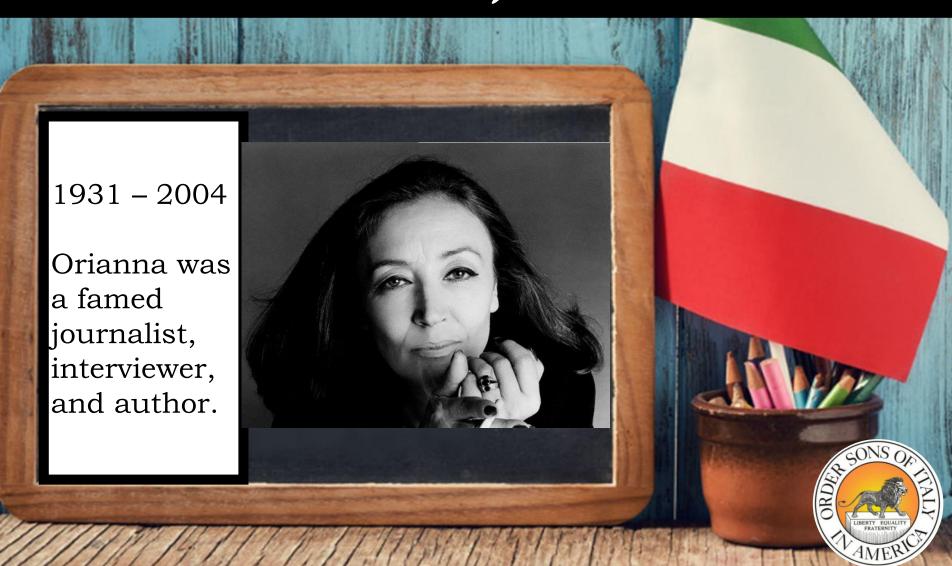
1922 - 2013

Dr. Hack was an astrophysicist and liberal activist. She was the 1st woman to administer Trieste Astronomical Observatory between 1964-1987.

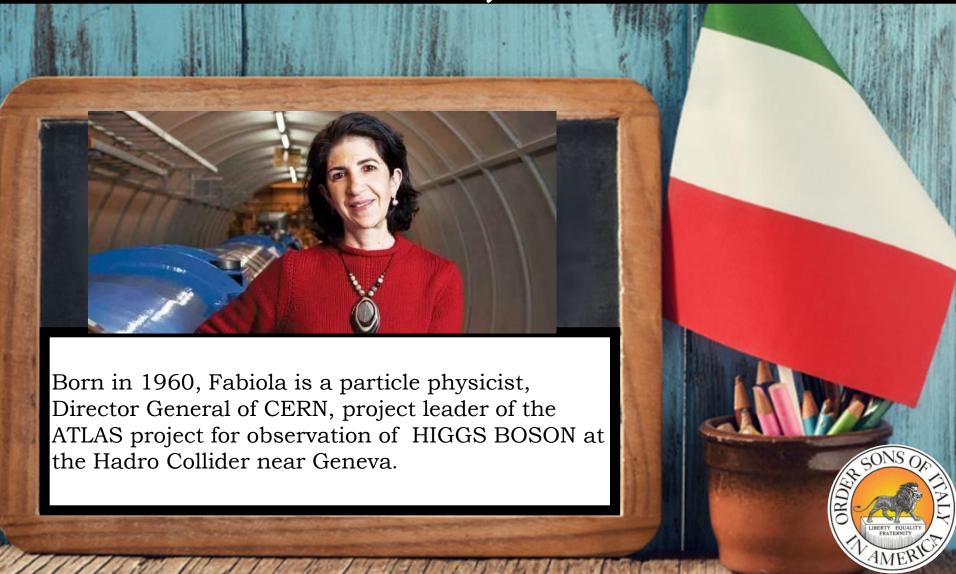




Orianna Fallaci



Celebrating Historical Italian Women Fabiola Gianotti



Samantha Christoforetti

Born in 1977,
Samantha is an
Italian, European
Space Agency (ESA)
astronaut who held the
record for a woman
with the most time in
space, and she is the
1st Italian woman in
space.



Celebrating OSDIA Women Joanne Strollo (PA)

Joanne was the **first woman** President of OSDIA (1993 – 1995) in the Order's 88-year history. In her 2-year term, she changed the national bylaws from being gender-specific, the **Grand Lodge of Colorado** was organized and installed, and we added Alzheimer's Association to our list of charity organizations. She won the Vincent Sellaro Award in 2019.



Joanne Strollo Elected National President

OSIA Choses a Woman to Lead for First Time in Organization's 88-Year History

he 24th national president of may well decide our future," she said. he Order Sons of Italy in Breakers, in Falm Beach, Fla. Inanimously elected by the 200 delerates in attendance on Aug. 28, she is the int woman in OSIA's 88-year history to named to its highest office.

In her acceptance speech, Strello ouraged OSIA leaders and members prepare for the challenges of the next tury and to be open to new ways of

We may have to refocus our soughts on the image of the 21st Italian Americans include retired St entury, if we are to be adequately per- John's University Bead Baskethall ollo told nearly 400 delegates, meni- Court Justice Antonin Scalia; Anthonelection and installation ceremonies.

negation of members may differ - in Futicello.

America (OSIA) during the 43rd Financial Services in King of Prussia, Biennial National Convention, at The Pa., Strollo has served as OSIA's national first vice president during the past two years, and the was chairwoman of the organization's National Education Committee, which oversees the prestigious National Leadership Grant Competition, as well as national mentor and internship programs.

tionally prominent honorees during the past five years and has awarded scholurships in their names. These ountanding red for those changes that the year. Coach Lou Carneseccu; the late U.S. 00 most assuredly will bring us," Rep. Silvio O. Conte. U.S. Supreme rs, dignituries, and guests attending [S. Pauci, M.D., director of the National Institute for Allerey and Infectious 'If nothing else, certainly we must. Diseases, and the 1993 bonores, enteraider that the into ears of OSIA's next tainer and philanthropist. Annette



National President Joanne L. Strolla

direct the activities of OSIA's National Office in Washington, D.C., and set the record of one half million family in ers nationwide In addition, she will

Italy Foundation and the Commission for Social Justice, the organization's anti-defamation arm.

"Jounne will be an ourstanding sational president for the Order Sons of Italy in America, and she will be a strong advocate for Italian Americans broughout the country," said Frank J. Montemuro Jr., a Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice and a past national president of OSIA, in his fornal nomination speech to the conven-

"We could not have made a better boice at this time. Women have been exerting greater influence in the upper levels of our societal institutions during he past decade, and it is only natural for OSIA to be the beneficiary of the strong

Executive Session To Be

Delegates Meet at 43rd Biennial National Convention



Vera Ferrara Girolami (CA)

Celebrating USDIA Women

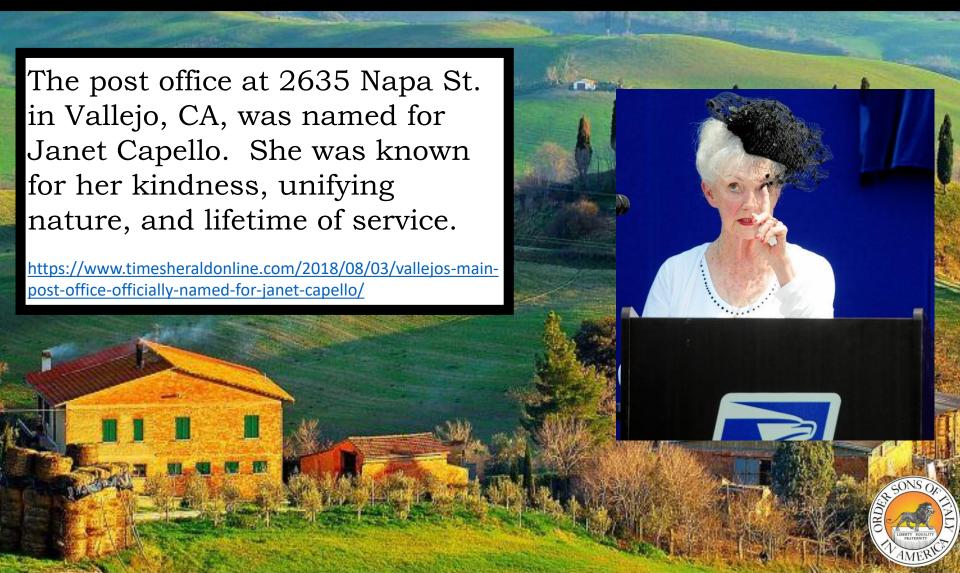




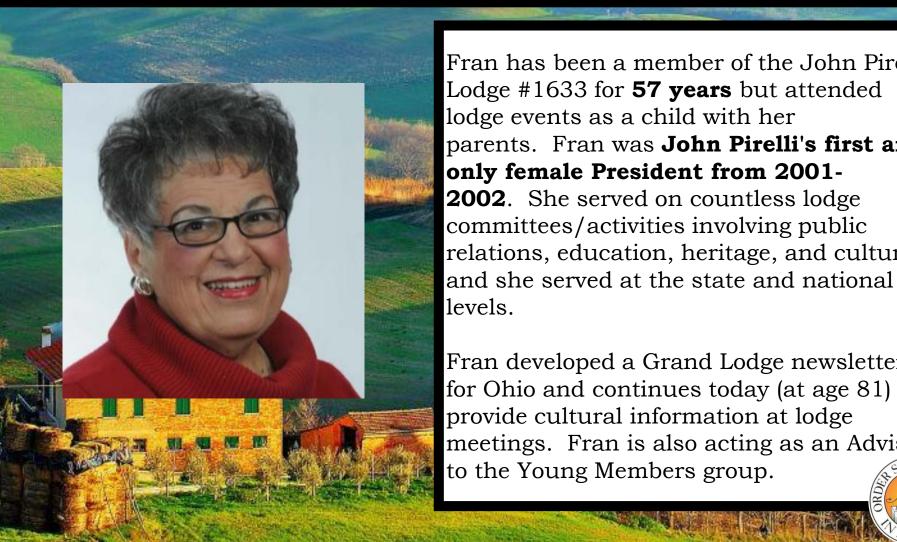
Nancy DiFiore Zuinn (MY)



Janet Capello (CA)



Fran Franchina (074)



Fran has been a member of the John Pirelli Lodge #1633 for **57 years** but attended lodge events as a child with her parents. Fran was **John Pirelli's first and** only female President from 2001-**2002**. She served on countless lodge committees/activities involving public relations, education, heritage, and culture,

Fran developed a Grand Lodge newsletter for Ohio and continues today (at age 81) to provide cultural information at lodge meetings. Fran is also acting as an Advisor to the Young Members group.

Celebrating OSDIA Women Grace Settecasi Campisi- Maroccia (FL)

In 1965, Grace was elected to the highest position in the state - Grand Venerable (President) of the Grand Lodge of FL - 1stwoman in OSDIA history to be elected to this position, which she held for 2 terms. In 1969, she was elected a National Trustee of OSDIA. Her passion extended to all the Italian immigrants who came to Tampa to find work. For her achievements and all she did to promote her heritage, she was awarded in 1999 by the Supreme Lodge, the **Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Award**, the highest honor of the Order, named after the founder of the Order Sons of Italy in America.



Vincenza DiLiberti (FL)



Eldora Perfilio (074)

Eldora joined OSDIA for a second time in 1997 as a member of the John Pirelli 1633 (Dayton) Lodge. She held positions at the Grand Lodge of Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Trustee (presently serving her 5th year as Trustee). She held position of **National Trustee** for 2 years and served on National Cultural and Heritage Committee. She served as a **National Delegate** 5 terms. She has taught **cooking classes** at the Dayton Lodge and was the founding member to start these classes. She Co-Chaired (with her husband Tony, currently the Grand Lodge of Ohio President) the Cultural and Heritage Festival Booth at Dayton for many years, up through 2018. She won the **Tom Folino Award** from the Grand Lodge of Ohio.



Dr. Linda Fischbach (074)

Linda joined the John Pirelli Lodge (Dayton, Ohio) in 1995. She is serving her 3rd year as **Recording Secretary** for the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Additionally, for the John Pirelli lodge, she served as the following for multiple terms: Chairwoman of Membership Committee, Mistress of Ceremonies, created and Chaired the **Deli Booth** at the Italian Fall Festa, created and continues to manage the New Member Orientation program, and continues to help manage semi-annual New Member Initiation events.



Holly Sproat (074)



Sue Lattavo (074)

Sue joined Ben V. Marconi Lodge #505 in Canton, Ohio in 1989 She is presently an Akron Lodge #685 member. At the Marconi Lodge, she served as: **VP** (2 years), **Treasurer** (2 years), co-chaired (with her husband Terry) the Festival Booth for 6 years, and chaired various committees. She served as the Grand Lodge of Ohio **Convention Co-Chair** (again with Terry) from 2003 – 2009. She has served as the **Office Manager** of the Grand Lodge from since 2012. Additionally and at the National level, she served on National Membership Committee (2 yrs), National Technology Committee (2 yrs) and served as a National Delegate 5 terms. She is currently serving a 2nd term as member of the National Sports Award Committee and serving a 5th year as Co-Chair of the National Autism Committee (with Terry). Deservingly so, she won the **Purple Aster Award** from the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Marie Montemuro DeJulio (PA)

Marie was the **first female President of the Grand Lodge of PA**, from 1993-1995. She presided during the years when PA Grand Lodge was the largest & most populous within OSDIA. She & her sister Lorraine Montemuro Fitzgerald **co-founded the 'Justice Frank J. Montemuro Jr. Lodge # 2193** in 1978. Marie went on to become a **National Trustee** for PA, & was honored by many organizations.



Catena Marie Spiritosanto (PA)

Catena was the **second female State Lodge President** elected in Pennsylvania's 100+ year history of OSDIA. She involved and publicized OSDIA within the state's community of Italian American organizations. She served as a **National CSJ Resource**, at the national level; she oversaw the board of the Garibaldi-Meucci **Museum.** She **authored** a pamphlet on 75 Notable Italian Women in History as well a current bookmark on 'Italian Women's History-Modern Period (1850 to present). Twelve of the historical women featured in this International Women's Day Project was on based on this CSJ bookmark. Catena was awarded Distinguished Italian-American of the Year in 2003 by the Columbus 500 Foundation, and was an organizer & chair of the Bucks County 'Bell' Italia **festivals** in the 1990s.

