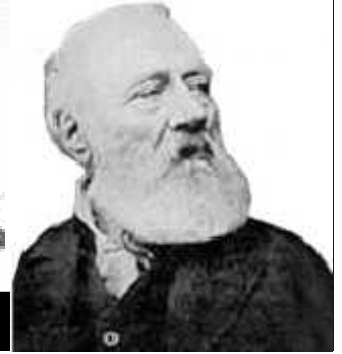


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# AVANTI

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



## Lodge Springs to Life with Early Season Events

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General Meeting
- June 29-30**  
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- July 7**  
Festival at the Kensico Dam
- July 10**  
Officers' Meeting



(Top photo) New Lodge Officers are sworn in; (Bottom Photo) Sis. Paola Pesaturo receives her Hall of Fame Recipient Award at the Davenport Club. Both events helped the Lodge brush off winter and start a new season of activity.

After a very quiet January and February, Lodge activity stepped up its pace quite a bit with two key March and April events. March saw the successful undertaking of the St. Joseph's Dinner on the 9th and the Entertainment Night of the 23rd but the main

March occurrence was the New Officer Installation that took place at the General Meeting on the 23rd. Although there was little change in the line-up with most Officers

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# A Message From Your PRESIDENT

Teresa Rivero

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Spring! I'm so glad to be back from Florida for the rest of the year and to see you all again. I may have been away but my thoughts were always with you and the Lodge.

It was nice to be back even for a little while for the Installation of our new Officers. I'd like to welcome you and say how excited I am to be your president again and I know that we will work together to make the Lodge flourish. Thank you for allowing me to serve you for another two years. It was a lovely ceremony and I'd like to thank **Sis. Catherine and Bro. Lenny Mignini, Sis. Rita and Bro. Tony Cestone and Sis. Flavia and Bro. Luigi DiNota** for coordinating it and cooking the buffet dinner afterwards. My thanks also go to the State Officers, **2nd Vice President Caroline Reres, State Orator Bob Ferrito, National Historian Lucy Codella and State Deputy Joe Zingone** for presiding over the ceremony and to **Bro. Frank Tarone** for acting as the master of ceremonies.

While I was back for the Installation, I was able to attend the **Entertainment Night** that preceded Saturday. Like always, **Sis. Flavia and Bro. Luigi DiNota** did a fantastic job and I know everyone really enjoyed the event. We all had a great time listening and dancing to the music of Don Felice and enjoying the comedy of Uncle Floyd Vivino.

Even though I did not attend, I heard many nice things about the **St. Joseph's Dinner** on March 9. I want to thank **Bro. Umberto Amato and Sis. Annamaria Forte** for doing an excellent job on this event and perpetuating this Italian-American traditional celebration. And who doesn't love the traditional St. Joseph's Day *sfinge*?

I also heard many wonderful things about the **Spring Hall of Fame Dinner Dance**, and I had the pleasure of viewing the beautiful photos taken by **Sis. Mary Morra** of the event. You can see some of these on page 5. I also spoke to our award recipient **Sis. Paola Pesaturo** and could tell by the emotion in her voice how much she enjoyed and appreciated her award. My many thanks to **Sis. Rita and Bro. Tony Cestone** for handling all the details of this dinner dance so beautifully.

With the help of my "Tesoro," (my husband, Bro. Domenico) I will be leading the bus trip to Atlantic City on May 19. I would love it if you would join us to try and take away

Donald Trump's money at the Taj Mahal. It's going to be a fun trip so please do come.

I'm really excited at the thought of the **Bocce Tournaments** starting on May 20 for the Adults and June 19 for the Children. It's a real sign of summer approaching because the activities take place outdoors. My thanks go to **Bro. Joe Amato, Bro. Lenny Mignini and Bro. Vito Cirioni** for heading up the Adult Tournament and to **Sis. Santina and Bro. Vito Tassone and Bro. Joe Amato** for doing it for the kids.

As always, our Lodge will be represented at the **NYS Annual Convention**, which will take place from May 30-June 2. Our delegates are looking forward to going and learning about new ideas and developments in the Order. We'll be sure to let you know of these when we return.

Now that it's spring, we'll be bringing **Family Pasta and Tombola Night** back with our first one on Friday, June 7. I think you all know what a great deal this is for everyone so come, eat up, and enjoy the games.

Another new event this year is the **Klondike Dinner Cruise** on June 15, headed up by **Bro. Tony Amato**. I'm looking forward to sailing around Manhattan and feasting on their delicious buffet, and I hope that you'll join us. What a great idea, Bro. Tony!

We need your help for two of our upcoming events that we put on with the help of outside vendors. The first is our **Summer Tag Sale** on June 29-30, chaired by **Sis. Paola Pesaturo**. If you know of anyone who would like to sell their items at our Lodge that weekend, please pass this information on to them. The same goes for any vendors who would like to participate at the **Italian Heritage Festival at the Kensico Dam** on Sunday, July 7, chaired by **Sis. Mary Riguzzi and Bro. Mario Cermele**. Please direct any interested vendors to the applications and guidelines now posted on the home page of our website, or have them call the chairs.

We've got much more in store so please try to participate in our events, as our chairs are working really hard for you. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Fraternally yours and Sempre Avanti,

Teresa Rivero

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## ON, ABOUT AND AROUND THE LODGE

**OFFICERS' MEETINGS** are on **WEDNESDAYS** at 8:00 pm sharp.  
(The 2nd Wednesday of every month.)

**May 8 June 12 July 10**

**GENERAL MEETINGS** are on **TUESDAYS** at 8:00 pm sharp.  
(The 4th Tuesday of every month.)

**May 28 June 25 July 23**

**Contact:** Sis. Rita Cestone, (914) 948-3608

**Sunday, May 19 7:00 am**  
**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

Come with **Pres. Teresa and Bro. Domenico Rivero** and try your luck at the Taj Mahal. The bus leaves the Lodge at 8:00 am but not before you are served a continental breakfast beginning at 7:00 am. Lunch and snacks are also provided and there will be entertainment (singing, tombola and a movie) for a big busload of fun. We'll return to the Lodge around 8:00 pm.

\$40 pp, but the casino returns \$30. RSVP please.

**Contact:** Pres. Teresa Rivero, (914) 997-7388.

**May 20-June 20 7:00 pm**  
**Adult Co-Ed Bocce Tournament**



Sign-up for our annual bocce series! Enjoy our outdoor court and the warm early summer nights (we hope!) as you test your skills against your fellow Meuccians. Teams will play either Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs. If you cannot commit to a team, sign-up to

be a sub (\$3 pp). \$20 pp; single players will be placed on a team.

**Contact:** Co-Chairperson Bro. Joe Amato, (917) 589-7443.

**June 7 6:00 pm**  
**Family Pasta & Tombola Night**

Everyone loves pasta and tombola—so bring the entire family and your friends and make your own table of ten. The little ones too young to play tombola can eat with their families and then join our special "kid-sitters" for crafts and activities. Dinner includes ziti and meatballs or linguine and clam sauce, garden salad, bread, cake and ice cream, and beverages. Door prizes too! \$20 pp. all-inclusive. Children under 5 eat free; children 6-12 eat for \$3.

**Contact:** Pres. Teresa Rivero, (914) 997-7388.

**Saturday, June 15 6:30 pm**  
**Dinner & Party Cruise out of New Rochelle**

Climb aboard the Klondike yacht for a fun sunset cruise around Manhattan. The boat leaves Fort Slocum Dock in New Rochelle (David's Island) at 7pm and returns at 12 pm. Price includes buffet dinner, wine, soda, beer, coffee and dessert, and dancing to DJ music.

\$70 pp. non-refundable; rain or shine. RSVP please by June 1.

**Contact:** Chairperson Bro. Tony Amato, (914) 328-1533.



**June 19-July 2 7:00 pm**  
**Children's Bocce Tournament**

Kids 5-14 can play just like the grown-ups, except they'll be placed on teams so that ages/abilities are leveled out. Parents and grandparents—please encourage our young ones to take part and learn our Lodge's signature sport! \$5 per child.

**Contact:** Co-Chairperson Sis. Santina Tassone, (914) 424-8659.

**Friday, June 21 7:00 pm**  
**Family Fun Night—Kid's Bocce Kick-off Celebration**

Bring the whole family to do some karaoke, dance and celebrate the beginning of bocce and summer! Kid friendly dinner and dessert will be provided for all. \$10 for adults; \$5 pp for kids 6 years old and older; kids 5 years old and younger are FREE.

**Contact:** Co-Chairperson Sis. Santina Tassone, (914) 424-8659.

**Sat/Sun, June 29-30 10am-6pm**  
**Summer Tag Sale**

Indoors at the Lodge. New and gently-used clothing and other items. Free entry and parking. **VENDORS NEEDED.**

Vendor Fees: \$35 per day. Table rentals available for \$10 per day.

**Contact:** Chairperson Sis. Paola Pesaturo, (914) 358-5663.

### PLEASE NOTE

- All events are held at the Lodge unless otherwise indicated.
- Members are NOT required to RSVP for general meetings. A contact number is provided in case you have questions about the meeting itself.



# SNAPSHOTS

A LOOK AT LODGE LIFE AND EVENTS IN PHOTOS



**NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION — MARCH 26** - Above Photo: **State Second Vice President Carolyn Reres** addresses the new slate of Officers at the March General Meeting when the event took place. The Officers took their oaths and pledged to serve in their positions to the best of their abilities. Top Right Inset Photo: Returning Lodge **President Teresa Riverso** is congratulated by her son, **Bro. Ralph Riverso**, and **Sis.**



**ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT — MARCH 23** - Above Photo on the Left: **Co-Chairs Sis. Flavia and Bro. Luigi Dinota** welcome the audience of about 125 people who came to enjoy the evening's festivities, which included a buffet dinner and live entertainment provided by the Don Felice band, comedian "Uncle Floyd" Vivino and a Neopolitan singer. The annual event, usually held in March, provides Lodge Members with an opportunity to sample Italian-themed music and other art forms, such as comedy and dance. Everyone had a wonderful time as evidenced by the photo on the right, where audience members were cheering the entertainers with Bro. Luigi leading the crowd in the "napkin wave."

**REMINDER: Our Lodge Scholarships will be presented at our May 28 General Meeting so please come and support our deserving recipients!**

For the latest calendar information and photos of events, check out the calendar section of our website at [www.antoniomeuccilodge.com/calendar.htm](http://www.antoniomeuccilodge.com/calendar.htm).

## SPRING DINNER DANCE HONORING SIS. PAOLA PESATURO — APRIL 14



**Clockwise from the Top Left:** Sis. Paola Pesaturo, our honoree, is flanked by event chairs Sis. Rita Cestone and Bro. Tony Cestone; Sis. Paola dances with her granddaughter Gianna, 8, and then Angelina, 9; Sis. Paola is encircled by her family members: daughter Rosamaria on the left and daughter Carmela with her husband Dave on the right, and Angelina and Gianna. Sis. Paola called the event a “blessed day that was very touching” with Sis. Rita doing “a beautiful job on everything especially the floral centerpieces.” One of the best parts of the evening for Sis. Paola was a guest appearance by Italian singer Alfio, who came by and surprised her by singing four songs in her honor. The “food was excellent” and the “service terrific” but what made it most enjoyable was “being surrounded by my extended family,” which of course are her Lodge Brothers and Sisters.

*Photo Credits: Spring Hall of Fame Dinner Dance, Sis. Mary Morra.*



# IN THE NEWS

## What's Going On With Our Members

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO Bro. Antonio and Sis. Maria Pippo** who are celebrating 46 years of wedded bliss. A very warm congratulations to you both!

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES** to the family of **Bro. Gaetano Scavone**, who passed away recently. Our thoughts and

prayers are with you.

**GET WELL WISHES TO Bro. Anthony Disotto and Bro. Tony and Sis. Terry Scatola**,

who were recently hospitalized but are recuperating at home. We hope you feel better soon!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Angela Mathisen**, granddaughter of **Bro. Aldino**

and **Sis. Maria Forcone**, who has won not one but *two* 2013 NYS Grand Lodge Scholarships. Angela has been selected to receive the Edward Innela Family Graduate Scholarship In Education and the Peter R. Zuzolo Jr. Memorial Scholarship for Science,

Engineering or Technology. The awards will be presented on June 23, 2013 at Rockland Community College in Suffern, NY. We are so proud of you, Angela!

**Have any news to share? Call Pres. Teresa Rivero at (914) 997-7388.**

## SAVE THE DATES!

We have a number of exciting events coming up so mark your calendars NOW! Although more details will be published here as we get closer to the events, feel free to call the chair(s) for more details.

### JULY 7 — HERITAGE FESTIVAL AT THE KENSICO DAM

Despite County budget cuts, the heritage series festivals will go on and our Lodge will once again take the lead for the Italian Heritage Festival. **Sis. Mary Riguzzi**, (914) 761-5358, and **Bro. Mario Cermele**, (914) 325-1239, are serving as our chairs. As always, this annual event will feature live entertainment, food, vendors and lots of family fun.



### AUGUST 4 — PADRE PIO SHRINE BUS TRIP

**Sis. Maria Pippo** will be leading a bus trip to the National Center for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. To reserve a spot, call **Sis. Flavia DiNota** at (914) 769-8987.



### SEPTEMBER 1 — LODGE PICNIC

Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale is the venue for this event according to our chair, **Bro. Charlie Tota**. You can call him at (914) 924-0347 for early details.

### SEPTEMBER 28 & 29 — COLUMBUS DAY FESTIVAL AT WPHS

The last weekend of September is when this festival will be held per event co-chair, **Sis. Paola Pesaturo**. Stay tuned for announcements regarding the live entertainment, midway and more or contact Sis. Paula at (914) 358-5663.

### OCTOBER 27 — COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE

**Sis. Flavia DiNota** has confirmed this date for our annual event; call her at (914) 769-8987 with any questions.



### Early Season Events

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retaining their positions for the 2013-2015 term, we did say goodbye to a few Members and saw others switch positions. Additionally, we welcomed a few new faces on the Arbitration Committee: first-timers **Bro. Joe Amato**, **Bro. Michael DiSavino** and **Sis. Santina Tassone** made their debut as Officers that evening.

**Pres. Teresa Rivero**, who was sworn in for her second term, stated that she is excited to work with the "new" team and is confident that everyone will work well together to further the goals of the Lodge. "Thank you for electing me to serve you," she said. "I'm very happy that I can continue as your president."

The new board began officiating immediately with the continuance of a normal General Meeting after the formal ceremonies. They then enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by **Sisters Cathy Mignini, Rita Cestone and Flavia DiNota**.

April's main event featured the bestowing of the Hall of Fame Recipient Award to **Sis. Paola Pesaturo** on the 14th. The recipient, her family members, friends and Lodge Brothers and Sisters enjoyed the wonderful food and ambience provided by the Davenport Club in New Rochelle. There was much celebratory dancing and even a surprise visit by singer Alfio. State Officers Bob Ferrito, Lucy Codella and Joe Zingone were also in attendance to help with the presentations.

According to event chairs **Sis. Rita and Tony Cestone**, the affair "was a very enjoyable and beautiful day, not only for our special recipient Sis. Paola Pesaturo but for all those who attended. It has been our pleasure for the past 10 years to co-chair this special event for our Lodge."

## REMINDERS

**2013 NYS GRAND LODGE \$100 RAFFLE**—You can win \$20,000! Please help support this yearly fundraising program. See or call **Bro. Frank Tarone**, (914) 761-3350, to purchase tickets by the May 20th deadline. The actual drawing will be held at the annual NYS convention on June 1.

**AVANTI SUBMISSIONS**—Please submit any item for publication by the day after the General Meeting preceding the month of publication. **Example:** The next issue will be the July/August issue and the General Meeting for June is June 25. The deadline for submissions is June 26.

**LODGE DUES**—If you haven't done so yet, please pay your Lodge Dues!

## WANTED: LODGE MEMORABILIA

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Documents, Records, Etc.  
to help us celebrate our  
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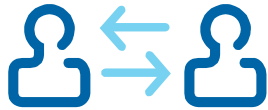
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