



May/June 2015

# AVANTI



Antonio Meucci Lodge # 213 - OSIA - White Plains, New York

**OFFICERS' MEETINGS**  
2nd WEDNESDAY  
Monthly at 8:00pm

**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
4th TUESDAY  
Monthly at 8:00pm

### Upcoming Events

**May 15:** Zumba Night  
Sist Lucy Tocci

**May 18:** Spring Bocce  
Bro. Joe Amato

**May 26:** Scholarships  
Sis. Sandy Farduchi

**May 27 – 31**  
NY State Convention

**July 26:** Italian Heritage  
Festival

Bro. Mario Cermele and  
Sis. Mary Riguzzi

**August 9:** Padre Pio  
Sis. Maria Pippo

**August 15:** Entertainment  
Night. Sis. Paola Pesaturo

**September 6:** Labor Day  
Picnic. Bro. Charlie Tota

Rent our beautiful Lodge for  
your event. Call Bro. Frank  
Tarone 914-761-3350 or Sis.  
Catherine and Bro. Lenny  
Mignini at 914-761-5289

A Message From Your

## PRESIDENT



**Mario Cermele**

My Brothers and Sisters, a thank you message:

Thank you, Thank you . Our Board transition, while still going on, has been nothing less than wonderful. To our Immediate Past President, Sister Teresa Rivero, and past board members, the Lodge, and its members, I say Thank You for your leadership and all that you have done for the past four years and as we entered and celebrated our Centennial Year. The new Board and myself pledge to you to continue this mission of great work as we enter the 101st year.

To All my Brothers and Sisters who have come forward to offer their well wishes and help to meet and plan future events or work on issues to better our Lodge, the level of volunteerism has been priceless and I take all of the above with great pride and much gratitude. I have said it privately and now publicly as President, I am surrounded by such strong viable alpha people that I would go to war with anyone of you.

Our agenda is, as it always has been, to strive for a better future and keep opening doors for the future of our children and con orgoglio remember our past. Having traveled throughout the State, I can tell you that our Lodge is respected and admired.

There are so many people to thank, I want you all to know that I am eternally grateful. I ask all of you to help. Comments, compliments, critiques, complaints, corrections are all heard and appreciated. I have urged all to take baby steps, baby steps before we jump , including myself.

In closing, to all of you, thank you for your faith, support and, contrary to popular belief, I have not moved in downstairs in the Lodge (the curtains were the wrong color).

Fraternally yours and Sempre Avanti,



Celebrating Over 150 years of  
Membership!

Help congratulate our longest members :  
BROS. RAY RICCI, CHARLES TOTA  
and SALVATORE CANTATORE



And Our Newest Member ...

Long-time member, BRO. CHARLES TOTA with our newest  
member, Sis. RACHEL FILASTO

## Antonio Meucci Lodge #213

279 Maple Avenue  
at Antonio Meucci Place  
White Plains, New York 10606  
(914) 761-9073  
www.antonio-meuccilodge.com

**Mario Cermele**

**President**

**(914) 325-1239**

**mcermele@verizon.net**

Vito Cirioni, 1st Vice Pres.

Rose Tassone, 2nd Vice Pres.

Teresa Rivero, Imm. Past President

Catherine Mignini, Orator

Cathy Monahan, Recording Sec.

Nick Cafagno, Financial Sec.

Rita Cestone, Treasurer

Annamaria Forte, Corresp. Sec.

Luigi DiNota, Principal Trustee

### Trustees

Tina Amato • Anna Binasco

Rita Carolini • Domenico D'Ambrosio

Flavia DiNota • Michael DiSavio

Cathy Grisanti • Lenny Mignini

Paola Pesaturo • Maria Pippo

Camille Tarone • Vito Tassone

Lucy Tocci • Nick Vaccarelli

### Ceremonial Officers

Jean Borrelli-Iardi • Mary Morra

### Sentinels

Umberto Amato • Tony DeMaria

### Arbitration Committee

Concetta Bevilacqua • Mary Borrelli

Tony Cestone • Sandy Farduchi

Charles Guastella • Domenico

Rivero

Joseph Tassone • Santina Tassone

Benedetta Vaccarelli

### Chaplain

Joe Tanzi

### Lodge Deputy

Joe Zingone

# LODGE EVENTS

## An Evening of Elegance



On Friday, April 24, the Lodge's Project 2020 committee hosted its kickoff event "An Evening of Elegance". 84 guests enjoyed wine tasting, a cigar seminar and a ballroom dancing lesson. There was also Italian music, and an assortment of food and desserts. The event brought a handsome profit to the lodge and at least 4 new member applications. Stay tuned for the next exciting Project 2020 event which will likely be a parent/child activity. The Project 2020 committee includes: Joe Amato, Nick Cafagno, Geoff Claroni, Rachel Filasto, Cathy Monahan, Santina Tassone.

## St. Joseph's Dinner Dance

St Joseph, the patron saint of Italy, is celebrated each year with a dinner dance at the lodge. On Saturday, March 14, 130 adults and children gathered at the lodge for food, fraternity and fabulous fun. A great thank you to Co-Chairs Sis. Annamaria Forte and Bro. Umberto Amato and all others who helped with this very successful event.



## Heritage Trees



Under the guidance of Sister Pamela, our centennial heritage trees will honor your family name or special event with the purchase of a leaf or cloud. Many members and their families are already represented. Call Sis. Pamela for more information. 914-980-1055

## Dancing Anyone?

Did you enjoy the ballroom dancing lesson with us at the "Evening of Elegance"? Did you miss it and want to catch up? Contact Bro. Nick at 914-239-8420 for more information.

## Vendors Wanted

Contact Sis. Paola if you are interested in a table at our upcoming Lodge Tag Sale (date to be determined). 914-358-5663

# MEMBER NEWS

Happy Anniversary! to our Brothers and Sisters:  
Tina & Tony Amato; Franca & Antonio Capicotto; Rita & Tony Cestone; Maria & Tony Pippo; Rose & Joseph Tassone.

**Congratulations!**

**Births and Marriages:**

- Sister Pamela on the birth of her new granddaughter, Vivian Danza and parents Peter and Gabriella Danza.
- Sister Patty Moore on her new grandson, Hudson.
- Brother Umberto Amato on the marriage of his granddaughter Jessica to Marcelo Berneto on April 25.

**Confirmations:**

Alex Amato, Justin Amato, Lena Buglione, Michael Huebner.

**First Holy Communions:**

Sis. Annamaria Forte's grandson Jack; Sis. Maria Pennella's daughter, Olivia; Bro. Carlo Cermele's son, Salvatore; Bro. Matteo Cermele's grandchildren, Matthew and Adriana; Sis. Teresa and Bro. Domenico Rivero's granddaughters, Ava and Marissa, Sis. Julie & Bro. Mike White's son Giancarlo; The DeMaria's granddaughter Isabella Maladro; Sis. Rose and Bro. Joe Tassone's granddaughter and Sis. Santina and Bro. Vito Tassone's daughter, Sienna.

A special Thank You to all our Brothers and Sisters who have contributed to the Lodge's spring facelift. Beautification Committee Members:

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Tina Amato     | Annamaria Forte |
| Tony Capicotto | Paola Pesaturo  |
| Rita Carolini  | Joe Tanzi       |
| Mario Cermele  | Frank Tarone    |
| Vito Cirioni   | Lucy Tocci      |

- Wishing continued recovery and good health to Bros. Frank Tarone and Ray Tocci and Sis. Paola Pesaturo.
- Happily, Sister Connie Bevilacqua is now resting comfortably at home.

With your help, the newly formed "Sunshine Committee" will be able to gather and share lodge member news. To share your story, email [info@antoniomeuccilodge.com](mailto:info@antoniomeuccilodge.com) or call Pres. Mario Cermele or the Sunshine Committee members: Rita Cestone ; Flavia DiNota; Joe Amato; Annamaria Forte; Catherine Mignini; Teresa Rivero; Santina Tassone; Lucy Tocci; Frank Tarone; Charlie Tota

## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS


**Ad Space is Available!**  
Call Sis. Rita Cestone at 948-3608

**Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE** | **RAND REALTY**

**JO FALCONE**  
ASSOCIATE BROKER  
MANAGER

654 Columbus Ave, (Rosehill Shopping Center)  
Thornwood, N.Y. 10594  
Bus: 914-769-3584  
Cell: 914- 450-9423  
Fax: 914-769-2302  
jo.falcone@randrealty.com  
www.randrealty.com  
www.jofalcone.com

An Independently Owned and Operated Franchisee of Better Homes and Gardens' Real Estate LLC.



**SALVATORE M. DI COSTANZO, ESQ.**  
a Partner with the firm of McMillan, Constabile, Maker & Perone, LLP

**Elder Law, Estate Planning,  
Medicaid Planning (Nursing Home and Home Care),  
Asset Protection Planning, Estate Administration**

Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys  
Past Chair, Westchester County Bar Assoc. Elder Law Committee  
Executive Committee, New York State Bar Assoc. Elder Law Section



**Central Mowers, Inc.**  
Sale - Parts - Service

475 Central Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10606

FRANK TARONE

Tel: (914) 761-3350  
Fax: (914) 761-2331



[www.PlanTodayForTomorrow.com](http://www.PlanTodayForTomorrow.com)  
[www.McMillanConstabile.com](http://www.McMillanConstabile.com)

**Yorktown Heights, New York**  
2074 Crompond Road  
Yorktown Heights, New York 10598  
(914) 245-2440 Telephone  
(914) 834-0620 Facsimile

**Larchmont, New York**  
2180 Boston Post Road  
Larchmont, New York 10538  
(914) 834-3500 Telephone  
(914) 834-0620 Facsimile

e-mail: [smd@mcmplaw.com](mailto:smd@mcmplaw.com)

# AVANTI

The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213  
Order Sons of Italy in America  
279 Maple Avenue  
at Antonio Meucci Place  
White Plains, New York 10606

Reach Your Fellow Lodge  
Members With An Ad Here!



**BCG Benedict, Cafagno & Grillo**  
Insurance Service

Serving the Community Over 50 Years

11 Virginia Road  
N. White Plains, NY 10603  
(914) 683-1105 (914) 946-9300



**Hawthorne Funeral Home**

21 West Stevens Avenue  
Hawthorne, NY 10592  
(914) 769-4404

Ernest J. Carpentieri - Owner

Planning a party or event?  
Rent our beautiful Lodge!  
Call Bro. Frank Tarone  
at (914) 761-3350

(Members Only)



**AUTO ■ HOME ■ LIFE & COMMERCIAL INSURANCE**

**SCAVONE INSURANCE CENTER**

SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 45 YEARS  
470 Mamaroneck Ave. Suite 205 • White Plains, NY 10605  
Phone (914) 428-7111 • Fax 914-428-7764  
E-mail us at [joe@scavoneins.com](mailto:joe@scavoneins.com)  
Visit our new WEB Page at [www.scavoneins.com](http://www.scavoneins.com)

**WEST-FAIR OAK FLOOR CORP.**

"Hardwood Flooring Contractors"

**VITO CIRIONI, PRES.**

**(914) 761-8486**

22 High Ridge Road, East White Plains, NY 10605

Fax (914) 761-9156

FREE ESTIMATES

WEST CO. LIC#WC2122-H89



**CROWN  
HAIR DESIGN**

(914) 769-4080-81  
ROSE HILL SHOPPING CENTER  
THORNWOOD, N.Y. 10564