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Daughter of Tina and Gordon Burrows, granddaughter of Bro. Anthony Russo. She will be attending Western Connecticut University majoring in Education.

**DAVID CASO** -Westlake H.S.

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Caso. He will be attending LeHigh University majoring in Engineering.

**ISABELLA FANTE** - White Plains H.S.

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ivenero Fante. She will be attending Fordham University majoring in Chemistry.

**JENNIFER R. MACCARONE** - White Plains H.S.

Daughter of Sister Denise D'Ambrosio and Robert Maccarone. She will be attending SUNY at Binghamton majoring in Liberal Arts and Science.

Congratulations to all of the winners and their families we wish you well. You are our future and our heritage. May God Bless you all as you go forward.



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*President's Message*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Wishing all of you a belated Father's Day . Summer weather has come earlier than we had hoped for, but our Lodge is ready seems that new installed thermostats in our Hall our doing a great job , thank you Brother Capicotto and your committee.

The lodge basement is in need of repair and we are planning soon to start cleaning the area, we need as much help as possible. We have competent members who can lead a group of us in bringing back our basement and our stock room to full usage, please lend a hand it will make it easier to fix and be a much cheaper expense, this way we can spend the money toward other projects . I know that we can do it.

Sister Mary Riguzzi is hard at work to finalize all details for our Big Day at The Kensico Italian Festival July 12, again this year we will have the exclusive with our sausage and pepper booth, last year we had a great turnout and great financial results, with a little from mother nature and our brothers and sisters our goal is to better last year and our show of force and unity will be admired and applauded by many, and therefore bring a more positive image to our lodge.

Bocce court soon to be available for practice games, work in progress.

Just a point of information, President Bush issues Italian Independence Day Proclamation on June 2nd 2008 since the birth of the Italian Republic is in our history books June 2nd 1946, stating that America on this day celebrates all of the contributions that those before us and now have contributed to this great land.

**PLEASE SELL ALL \$5 DOLLARS RAFFLE TICKETS GREAT PRICES.**

*Sempre Avanti*

*Your President,*

*Mario Cermele*

*Lodge Events*

*Atlantic City Day - June 28, 2009*

*Come and enjoy the fun with Sister Teresa Rivero 997-7388, trip will cost \$35 per person hotel Showboat will be giving you back \$30. Bus leaves at 8AM sharp, come for coffee and bagels at the lodge before the bus leaves.*

*Italian Heritage Festival  
July 12, 2009  
Kensico Dam Plaza*



*Volunteers are needed for our Annual Italian Festival at Kensico Dam Plaza. If you would like to help, please call Mary Riguzzi at 751-5358. See flyer for details.*

*BOCCE TOURNAMENT*

*Summer is almost upon us and the Bocce Tournament is getting ready to begin. Please call Sister Mary Morra for details and give her your name if you are planning to play. Call Mary at 668-3474 or 772-1399.*

*NEXT GENERAL MEETING*

*June 23, 2009*

### Lodge News

*Special Thank you*, to all my Brothers and Sisters, words cannot express the gratitude that I feel towards all of you for honoring my husband's memory. The show of love and warmth was so evident the evening of the pasta night fundraiser that you prepared so lovingly. You truly personified what our Lodge stands for. My children and I will be forever grateful and appreciative for all your gestures of love, kindness, support and fraternity. With love and affection **Sandy Farduchi and Family**

*Congratulations* to President Mario on the graduations of two of his daughters, Danielle from Eastchester high school and Nicole from Hofstra University. Best of luck to both girls we wish you well in your future.

*Congratulations* Sister Rita Carolini on the birth of her first grandchild **Ava Renee** born on May 15, her proud parents are Anthony and Janine, great grandma is Sister Lena Carolini, her great aunt and uncle is Brother & Sister Mike & Cathy Grisanti. Her Grandpa was our late Brother Natale Carolini. May God Bless you all.

*Congratulations* Brother and Sister John & June Colantuno, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14, many happy years.

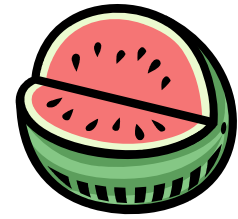
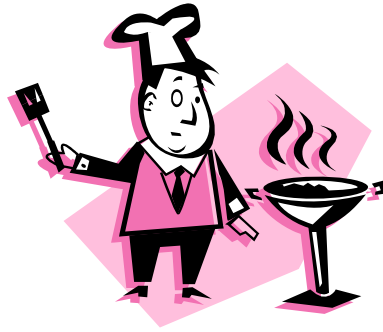
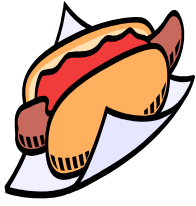
*Deepest Sympathy* Sisters Benedetta Vaccarelli & Annamaria Carreon on the loss of their aunt may she rest in peace.

### Announcement:

#### Woman of the Year Rita R. Cestone

I was deeply touched two weeks ago when I received a phone call from Sister Rose Tassone, co-chairperson of the Columbus Dinner Dance that I was chosen **Woman of the Year**. It gives me great pride and joy to be an Italian-American. I ask you all to come and celebrate with me and my family on October 25th at our annual Columbus Dinner Dance. A flyer will be forthcoming in the next Avanti. Thank you to the committee and Sister Flavia DiNota co-chairperson for such an honor I know it will be a day in my life that I shall never forget. Thank you, Thank you.

**Your Editor and Recording Secretary,  
Rita R. Cestone**



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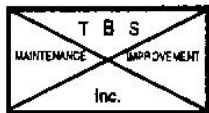
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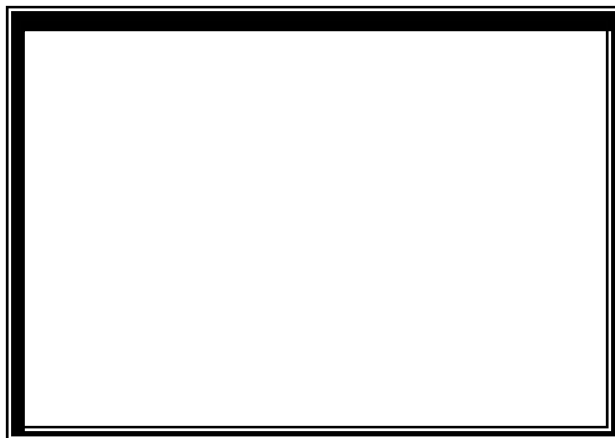
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