

# SOGNA

*"Societa' Organizzata for Gioiesi in Nord America"*

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Dearest Friends,

Well, I did it! Born on April Fool's day in 1944, I am now 60 years old. To those of you who are not senior citizens yet, I want to say that 60 is not so bad if you stay active, take care of your health and keep on dreaming. Dreaming as a child dreams of Christmas in the month of November is probably the most effective anti-aging antidote for anyone.

### **Picnic, Saturday June 5 at the Holy Face Monastery**

Of course, regardless of your age, you must come and enjoy our annual SOGNA picnic. Starting at 12 noon or earlier, it will be more fun than ever. To begin, there will be **no admission charge** for an afternoon full of games and other activities.

The hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks are free, but, if you like, bring your favorite dish to share with the other participants. You do not have to bring any food, but if you do, call Alberto or Lou and let them know what you will be sharing with everyone.

**Wine tasting!** What a great idea Mario Torraca had. A lot of you like to make your own wine at home. I have tasted some of it and I have to say it is pretty good stuff. So why not share your creation with everyone? Here is how it will work. Bring one or two bottles each of your pride vintage: red, white, new and old, one or more. The bottles will be identified with only a number. No one will know whose wine is in the glass till the contest is over and all the votes are counted. Sounds like fun? Mario will tell you more at the picnic.

### **Dr. Antonio Rizzo and Nick D'Agosto join SOGNA as trustees.**

Both terrific men, Dr. Rizzo has been a regular at our dinners. Now as a trustee, Antonio will contribute to our organization with his expertise and organizational skills. Nick is an electrical engineer and a computer wizard who has already demonstrated his talent and boundless energy by creating our very own web site [www.gioi.com](http://www.gioi.com). You can read more about Nick on [www.dagosto.com](http://www.dagosto.com).

[www.gioi.com](http://www.gioi.com) is SOGNA and Gioi English language Web site.

Gioi.com, presented in English, compliments the Italian sites: Gioicilento.com and Comunegioi.it If you have not visited it yet, please browse through it and drop us a note in the GUEST BOOK section. You can also correspond with the individual trustees by going to ORGANIZATION. Click on the individual names and the email address will appear. Notice that we all have a gioi.com email address. All the trustees can be contacted at once by addressing your message to [trustees@gioi.com](mailto:trustees@gioi.com)

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## PICNIC SABATO, 5 GIUGNO, 2004 A HOLY FACE MONASTERY

Quest'anno il picnic incomincerà a mezzogiorno o anche prima e sarà più divertente che mai. **L'ammissione sarà gratis** per un pomeriggio pieno di giochi e altre attività

Gli hamburgers, hotdogs e bevande saranno provvedute dagli organizzatori. Se volete, v'invitiamo a portare il vostro favorito piatto potluck. Non è obbligatorio, ma se decidete di portare la vostra creazione culinaria favorita, parlate con Alberto o Gigino così che non avremo troppi piatti dello stesso tipo.

**Gara di Wine Tasting!** Questa magnifica idea è di Mario Torraca. A molti di voi piace farvi il vino a casa. Lo so, perché ho avuto l'opportunità di assaggiare alcuni esempi dei vostri vini e devo dirvi che l'ho trovati buonissimi. Allora, ha pensato Mario, perché non condividere le vostre creazioni con tutti noi? La gara funzionerà così. Portate una o due bottiglie dei vostri vini preferiti, bianchi, rossi, vecchi o recenti. Portatene uno o quanti ne volete. Le bottiglie saranno solo identificate con un numero, così che non si conosceranno gli autori prima che i voti saranno contati. Mario vi dirà di più sulle regole al picnic.

## YOUR LETTERS

*I have one letter from Luciano Di Matteo who always appreciates receiving Sogna's issues. Luciano is a physicist working for Johnson Controls in the town of Cicerale, just a few kilometers from Gioi.* SD

Mio caro Severino,  
prima di tutto voglio ringraziarti per quanto contribuisci con SOGNA a diffondere, tra i gioiesi nel mondo, le informazioni e le manifestazioni delle nostre tradizioni, facendoci sentire più vicini e anche più aperti agli altri. Il tuo continuo impegno nel portare avanti una grande iniziativa come SOGNA, mantiene vivo in tutti la consapevolezza di appartenere ad una comunità che, nata in una zona meravigliosa del Cilento, è cresciuta ormai fino

a toccare molti angoli del pianeta. Per questo invio i miei migliori auguri a te e a tutti i componenti di SOGNA. Un abbraccio.

LUCIANO DI MATTEO



Gioi-March 2004



Castello-March 2004

## THE CHANGING FACE OF GIOI.

Many of us left Gioi as emigrants in search of a better life and business opportunities. It is fascinating to discover that Gioi itself is slowly becoming the land of opportunity for people from outside of the European Union.

I visit Gioi regularly several times every year. My last visit was in March 2004 when I learned that many *extra comunitarii*, as the people from

outside the European Union are called, make Gioi their home. As of last March, *extra comunitarii* living in Gioi include two men from India working in the Buffala Farm founded and operated by Raffaele Barbato. Raffaele's business thrives with 180 heads of Buffale milked twice at day. The milk is then sold to *caseifici* (mozzarella factories), where it is turned into that delicious soft cheese from our area famous all over the world. Other guest workers include 7 Ukrainian women and one from Poland. These eight East European women are employed as caretakers of old people while earning half as much as it would cost to hire a local person to do the same work.



Muzzarella Factory three miles from Gioi

### BOYS TOWN IN GIOI.



Sign to A summer camp for boys-founded by a man from Switzerland one mile outside of Gioi.



Boys-Summer Camp

### MAYORAL ELECTION THIS JUNE.

As of March no details were available except for the date. The municipal election to be held June 12 and 13, 2004 will elect Gioi's mayor and city council. At the same time representatives for the Provincia of Salerno and European parliament will be elected. Election for the Regione Campania will be held next year, while the national elections for the government in Rome will take place in 2006.

I just called one of my contacts in Gioi to see if there is anything new on the election. Apparently not, other than the fact the candidates will be mostly the same as last time.

I HOPE YOU ALL CAN BE AT THE  
PICNIC.

VIVA GIOI AND SOGNA!



**SOGNA Picnic Barbecue June 5, 2004, 12 Noon**  
(Call or Mail Reservations before May 21, 2004)

**Holly Face Monastery**, 1697 Route 3 East, Clifton, NJ 07012--Phone: (973) 778-1177

First and Last Name:

Phone:

Address:

**No admission charge**

Optionally, bring you home made wine for the wine tasting contest

Optionally, bring your favorite potluck dish to share

Want to participate in the Wine Tasting Contest with number of bottles.....

Want to bring the following potluck dish.....

Please mail this form to **SOGNA** 24972 Hon Ave, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

You can also call **Lou D'Angelo** at (973) 389-1133, **Alberto Infante** at 201-935-4293 or other Sogna organizers.

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