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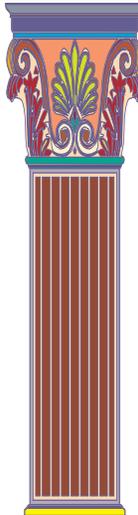
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JUDGE'S NIGHT



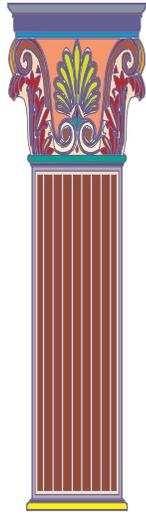
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010,
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 7:00 to 8:00 PM,
four course sit down dinner to follow.

WHERE: COLUMBUS CITIZENS' FOUNDATION, 8 EAST
69TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY, NY

WHY: SO THAT WE CAN HONOR THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JUDGE'S OF ITALIAN
AMERICAN ANCESTRY

PRICE: \$135 PER PERSON
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SAVE THESE DATES:

OCTOBER 6, 2010: EMPLOYMENT LAW CLE AT THE COLUMBUS CLUB

Management side attorney Al DeMaria, of Clifton Budd & DeMaria, and Employee/Plaintiff's attorney Anthony Mango, of Gangemi, Mango & Iacovello, will present a CLE on employment law and litigation.

OCTOBER 10, 2010: COLUMBUS DAY PARADE AND LUNCHEON

Details to follow.

NOVEMBER 3, 2010: MEDICAL-MAL CLE AT THE COLUMBUS CLUB

Details to follow.

APRIL 16, 2010: 46TH ANNUAL RAPALLO AWARD LUNCHEON

Details to follow.

President's Message

I would like to warmly welcome all of you back from what I hope was a very productive yet re-generative summer. As we enter the Fall season, each of us will no doubt be gearing up to meet the demands of our work which, somehow, always intensify in the first weeks of September. Personally, while I too will be getting back to work, I most look forward to focusing my energies on keeping our Association vital. A tremendous symbol of our vitality is our upcoming Judge's Night, where I hope to see as many of you as possible both honoring and sharing a meal with the many dedicated jurists who have risen from our ranks. If you have not already responded, please do so promptly.

Another great symbol of our vitality took place before we broke for the summer at our Annual Scholarship Fundraiser in June. Over 90 of our friends and members gathered, in addition to several of our worthy scholarship recipients, for a night of food, wine, opera and auctions. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the event Chair, Marianne Bertuna, and our Scholarship Chair, Frank Mangiatordi, not to mention the generous donations by both members and friends, the event was a great success. For those who missed it, I encourage you to make your donations to the Scholarship Fund.

In addition to these great events, we will continue presenting first rate CLE courses, at a first rate venue, with a first rate cocktail hour and dinner. As you know from our past CLE's and those announced here, our CLE Chair Richard Biaggi is working hard to deliver great programs to you.

Lastly, I urge each of you to come out with your friends and family to proudly march in this year's Columbus Day Parade, which is traditionally followed by a great lunch. In recent years, both Columbus Day and Christopher Columbus have been unfairly attacked by those who ignore both the scores of positive contributions that Italian-Americans have made to this country, and the extraordinary talent and tenacity that brought Columbus to the New World. By turning out in large numbers, as an Italian American Bar Association, we defy negative stereotypes, and show that we are a vital part of the American motif.

Ciao!

Sincerely yours,

Joseph R. DeMatteo

President

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Feast of San Gennaro
Little Italy
Mulberry Street between Canal and Houston,
Grand Street between Mott and Baxter,
Hester Street between Mott and Baxter
September 16th-26th, 11:30 AM to 11:30 PM

Concert, Gianluca Pellerito Quartet (Jazz)
Italian Cultural Institute
686 Park Avenue between 68th and 69th Streets
September 10th, 7:00 PM; reception to follow
Suggested Admission \$10
212-879-4242 ext 360

Exhibition of Emerging Italian Artists
Studio Maffei Milano
876 Broadway between 18th and 19th Streets
September 12th-October 18th
212-780-0051

Symposium
Re-Thinking Italian-American Studies
Calandra Institute
25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, between 5th and 6th
Avenues
September 10th, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
September 11th, 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM
212-642-2094

Cultural Corner

By Matthew Grieco

The Columbian Lawyers Association reconvenes in September, a celebratory month, as reflected in many local Italian festivals.

Most famous is the Feast of San Gennaro (St. Januarius), the patron saint of Naples. San Gennaro was the Bishop of Beneventum when he was arrested and condemned to death during the anti-Christian persecution of the Emperor Diocletian in about 305 A.D. The saint was first exposed to wild beasts in the amphitheater, but the animals would not attack, and laid down at his feet. An outraged (and embarrassed) magistrate then had him beheaded. Every feast day, a phial of the saint's dried blood is brought forth and, during the prayers of the congregation, the blood liquefies. The feast day itself is September 19th, although the celebrations span several days. Since 1926, the festival has been a beloved New York tradition as well, and is celebrated in numerous other cities.

Venice has the Regata Storica (Historical Regatta), a boat race on the Grand Canal, held on the first Sunday of September. Preceded by a magnificent procession of elaborately carved boats bearing people costumed in traditional dress, the event consists of a series of competitions, involving different types of boats, most notably the characteristic gondola, and various categories of contestants. The unique design and rowing style of the gondola were adaptations to lagoon navigation. A seabed of varying depths and winding canals, required a flat-bottomed and rudderless narrow boat with one long oar that could be pushed down to a shallow sea floor or quickly maneuvered; standing while rowing afforded the oarsman maximum visibility.

September 7th sees Florence's Festa della Rificolona (Festival of Paper Lanterns), a song-filled evening featuring a parade of multi-colored paper lanterns tied to sticks. According to one tradition, the event commemorates a Florentine victory over Siena, when the victorious troops returned with lanterns tied to pikes. Others believe that the lanterns imitate lights carried by farmers on the way to the city's markets.

Verona marks September 16th as the birthday of Juliet, whose house continues to draw romantics. Shakespeare experts will insist that Romeo and Juliet establishes her birthday as July 31st. However, the Bard's play was based on a novella, *Romeo e Giulietta*, written 60 years earlier by Luigi da Porto.

All of Italy shares the Vendemmia (grape harvest) in September -- a good excuse to sample some regional wines!

Announcements

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long time former member and Board Member, Patricia Cirillo.

