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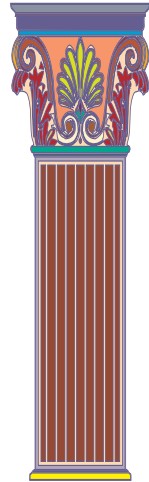
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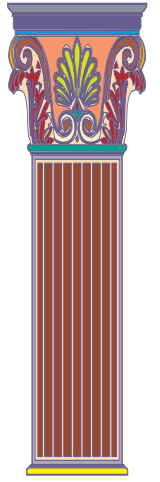
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 7:00 to 8:00 PM,
dinner to follow.

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
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PRICE: \$135 PER PERSON, \$115.00 to sponsor a Judge

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SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 5 ETHICS CLE
"ETHICS 2011: SCAMS, SCHEMES AND RULES TO
KEEP CLEAN!"

PRESENTED BY: RICHARD GRAYSON, ESQ.
Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The Columbus Citizens Foundation – 8 East 69th Street, NY, NY
Attendees receive 2 CLE Credits in Ethics. RSVP (212) 661-1661, ext. 106
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Members/Friends*: Dinner & Credits: \$100.00
Non-Members: \$150.00

*** If your dues are not current, you will be charged the Non-Member rate for attendance at the CLE Dinner Program.**
ó Don't Miss This Informative CLE Program! ó
PLEASE RSVP

Please join us at our October meeting as we welcome back Richard Grayson for his provocative yet practical lecture on legal ethics. For nearly 30 years, Richard has been defending attorneys and judges in disciplinary investigations and prosecutions throughout New York State. He has been individually certified by the NYS CLE Board, and has delivered over 150 CLE ethics programs to attorneys and judges. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Discipline and a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers. As you may glean from the title of his program, Richard is a creative and humorous lecturer, who truly enjoys sharing his experience with his colleagues so that they may avoid needing his services! So please come out and get those much needed ethics credits while enjoying a glass of wine and some pasta with your friends.

The Columbian Lawyers Association has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited Provider of Continuing Legal Education in the State of New York (Recertification application pending). Any participant in a CLE Program sponsored by the Columbian Lawyers Association, First Judicial Department, who has an authentic financial hardship may request, in writing, accompanied by proper documentation and a sworn statement under oath, a Hardship Tuition Reduction of 20%. All CLE programs are nontransitional unless otherwise indicated.

President's Message

As Summer comes to a close and our busy season approaches, I warmly welcome each of you back into the fold of the Columbian Lawyers Association. Hopefully, despite being recently taken by “storm”, each of you had a chance to re-charge your batteries and find some quality time in which to enjoy your friends and families.

As usual, Autumn holds in store a number of great events for Columbian Lawyers, beginning with Judges' Night on September 14 . If th you are not one of the many who have already RSVP'd, I strongly encourage you to do so. Based on the judicial responses so far, we expect to have Italian-American jurists in attendance from just about every realm of our local judiciary, including Judges from each borough and from Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties. As anyone who has attended this event in the past knows, Judges' Night provides a great opportunity to socialize with both Judges and colleagues in a warm and convivial setting.

Our next Autumn event is the Columbus Day Parade and luncheon on October 10th. I encourage each of you to show our strength by marching with us, and would strongly suggest that if you have children, you bring them along for the fun!

Sincerely yours,
Joseph R. DeMatteo
President

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Feast of San Gennaro

Little Italy

For more information go to www.sangenarro.org

September 15th-25th, 11:30 AM to 11:30 PM

Italian Welfare League of New York

Annual Autumn in New York Luncheon

Metropolitan Club

October 22, 2011

For details go to www.italianwelfareleague.org

National Organization of Italian American Women

International Conference: Italian American Women in Tradition and Transition

Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers

September 30 - October 1, 2011

For details contact Clarisa Caprio at 212-642-2003 or at noiaw@noiaw.org

Cultural Corner

By Matthew Grieco

Rare for New York, we recently experienced a minor earthquake and a more serious hurricane. Coincidentally, August was the month of one of the most famous natural disasters in history, the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius on August 24, 79 A.D. At that time, Rome ruled the world and Titus (son of Vespasian) was Emperor; Titus would later inaugurate the Flavian Amphitheater, known to us as the Colosseum, with gladiatorial games.

An earthquake in 62 A.D. caused significant damage in the Vesuvian area, but the eruption of 79 A.D. obliterated the towns of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabiae, and the smaller settlements of Boscoreale and Oplontis; they would remain hidden, but preserved by hardened volcanic ash, until excavations began in the early 1700s.

According to tradition, the area was founded by Hercules (hence the name Herculaneum). Out of the mythological mists emerge an indigenous people, the Oscans, whose habitations and artifacts date to at least the 7th century B.C. Greek colonists later arrived; Neapolis (Naples) is Greek for “New City.” The vicinity, fertile, boasting magnificent harbors, and strategically located, was fought over by Greeks, Samnites, Etruscans (who live on in the name Tuscany), and the ultimately victorious Romans.

By 79 A.D. Pompeii was a thriving seaside town and resort, with a population of about 20,000. Among the thousands of victims claimed by the thermal shock, toxic fumes, pelting pumice stones, and collapsing buildings was the famed Pliny the Elder, whose encyclopedic Natural History would enlighten his own and future ages. Commander of the nearby naval base, he died during the rescue operation. His death, and the volcanic event, were recorded by his nephew, Pliny the Younger, whose collection of Letters remains an historical, cultural, and literary trove. To this day, volcanologists refer to large, rapidly expanding volcanic clouds (picture Mt. St. Helens) as “Plinian.”

Following the Roman era cataclysm, Vesuvius has erupted a number of times, most recently in 1944. It is the only active volcano on the European mainland.

NOTICE

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