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★ APRIL 4 GENERAL MEETING ★

A CONVERSATION ON OLIVE TREES

Presented by:

Dr. Sabbia Auriti

COLUMBUS CITIZENS' FOUNDATION – 8 East 69th
Street(btw. Madison & Fifth Ave), NY, NY

Members/Friends*: Dinner & Lecture: \$100.00 *

If your dues are not current, you will be charged a new
higher rate for attendance at the General Meetings. Please
take this opportunity to pay your 2012 dues!

***PLEASE RSVP to Andrew@MaggioLaw.com**

★ Don't Miss This Informative Program! ★

SAVE THE DATE

Rapallo Award Luncheon

Waldorf Astoria Hotel

April 28 (Saturday), 2012

Judge Patricia DiMango, Honoree

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Member, Hon. Barbara Jaffe, Acting Supreme Court Justice, New York County, has declared her candidacy for Surrogate's Court, New York.

NEW GENERAL MEETING ADMISSION FEE POLICY

Dues Paying Members: \$100 (food, wine, CLE, open bar)

Attorney Guests of Dues Paying Members: \$150 (food, wine, CLE, open bar)

Non Attorney Guests of Dues Paying Members: \$100 (food, wine, open bar)

Non Dues Paying Members: \$200 (food, wine, CLE, open bar)

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends:

We had a beautiful day and a great outdoor adventure on March 11. Our foraging event was very educational, and we had a delicious pasta lunch prepared by Dr. Sabbia Auriti. To our surprise, wild edibles are extremely nutritious and delicious.

During the foraging outing, Dr. Auriti described how Italians in post-World War II Italy were compelled to forage since many of the Italian agricultural fields were veritable mine fields of unexploded munitions – too dangerous to plow or cultivate.

In furtherance of our Italian Culture Campaign, Dr. Auriti will be the guest speaker at our general meeting on April 4. Our cocktail hour will be enhanced with Dr. Auriti's imported cheeses and olive oil. For dinner, a special pasta will be served. Dr. Auriti's lecture will include a history of the olive tree and olive oil in Italian Cuisine. This general meeting is a good opportunity to introduce potential members to our organization. Please bring a fellow attorney or a friend!

Dr. Auriti will also be organizing an autumn trip to Umbria and Tuscany for the CLA First Department. The tour will take place during the height of wine and olive oil season. Dr. Auriti, "our inside man", will guide us and give us private access to many wineries and olive oil producers with whom she is affiliated.

Last but not least, The Rapallo Award Luncheon is rapidly approaching on April 28. Please visit our website, www.ColumbianLawyers.com, for ticket registration or email Co-Chairs Stephen Savva at SJSavvaPC@aol.com or Marianne Bertuna at bertunaesq@aidalalaw.com or call Danita at 718-238-9898 for details.

“VINCERE!”

Andrew Maggio Esq.

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COLUMBIAN LAWYERS FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

2012 DUES NOTICE

Please remit your check made payable to the *Columbian Lawyers Association, First Judicial Department* and forward it to *Columbian Lawyers Association, 8 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021*. To maintain membership and ensure proper crediting, dues must be paid in full and received by February 28, 2012. If your 2011 dues remain outstanding, please include same together with your current dues payment.

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- _____ \$50.00 - Attorneys admitted 1-3 years
- _____ \$100.00 - Attorneys admitted 4-10 years
- _____ \$150.00 - Attorneys admitted 10 + years
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Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Maggio, President
Marianne E. Bertuna, Financial Secretary

Cultural Corner

By Matthew V. Grieco

As we prepare for the Rapallo Award, named for one outstanding jurist and presented to another, let us take this opportunity to reflect on a highly influential, yet little credited, man of the law, Gaetano Filangieri (1753-1788). This Neapolitan's magnum opus, *The Science of Legislation* (*La Scienza Della Legislazione*) was the first to present a complete system of law as a clear and orderly science.

Among the earliest readers was Benjamin Franklin, who requested multiple copies as each volume was published. Through Franklin, many of Filangieri's ideas were communicated to the drafters of the U.S. Constitution and the early Constitutions of several States. For his part, Filangieri predicted that America would succeed in gaining independence and one day would overshadow Europe, due to her freedom, self-confidence, youthful spirit, enterprising commerce, growing population, resources, and protective vast oceans. Following the Revolution, Filangieri placed a great responsibility on the new nation: "Free citizens of independent America, you are too virtuous and too enlightened not to know that by winning the right to govern yourselves, you have contracted in the eyes of the universe the sacred duty of being wiser, more moderate, and happier than all other peoples."

Many of Filangieri's ideas, though novel at the time, have become widely accepted, such as a criminal code based on reason, with clear and precise laws, with a just proportion between crimes and punishments, and without cruelty; open accusations and trials, the right to counsel for defendants, and trial by jury of one's peers; a compulsory and free public education; freedom of the press to uncover errors and protect the people from despotism; and humane working conditions and decent wages.

He dedicated a great portion of his work to economic issues, which are still being debated today. He opposed restrictions on free trade, other than certain commercial regulations necessary to avoid anarchy, such as laws on bankruptcy and fraud, and standardization of navigation, money, and weights and measures. He advocated a flat tax, albeit on land rather than income, to reduce the cost of collection, establish precise rates that leave little room for controversy or abuse, and not overburden taxpayers, particularly the poor. While taxes are necessary to allow the government to function domestically and defend the country from outsiders, taxation should never oppress the people and should be restricted to the government's actual needs, which should also be curtailed. He qualified the last point with the suggestion that governments maintain a reserve fund, to deal with unexpected large expenses, such as natural disasters or sudden war. In addition, he opposed national debts, on the ground that interest payments were a drain on the economy and could balloon.



The Arrival



Barbara Bruno sampling some wild edibles



A lesson on barbed wire and trees



Wildman Joe Giamboi and Wildman Steve Brill



Barn Lunch



Cirino Bruno receiving Communion in the form of a wild carrot



*The Wildman instructs in full safari gear
(L to R) Dr. Sabbia Auriti, Anthony Piscionere,
Andrew Maggio, Dr. Rocco Lafaro*