



Carissimi Friulani:

EFASCE di Philadelphia

Can you believe we are starting our fourth year as EFASCE di Philadelphia?

The overwhelming interest of our 170 members has been most gratifying. Four of our newest members are from the Giovannucci family, owners and operators of the Fante's Kitchen Ware store at the Italian Market on 9th Street, in Philadelphia. Also, in our quest to get the message out about the Alpini concert, we acquired eight new members.

I want to give a much overdue "thank you" to all the members who attended the Alpini Concert last October. I, for one, was very happy to see such a representation of the Friulan community. These young Alpini soldiers made many comments regarding the large number of Friulans who live in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas. We received letters from Italy thanking us for hosting them and for the kindness of all the people they met.

Our students and young adults also had a remarkable year. In July, six students went to Maniago and two young adults went to Pordenone to take part in the programs extended to us by EFASCE di Pordenone. Dante Odorico, one of our students, was

selected to give a speech, in Italian, at the 34th Convention in Sacile. Bravo Dante!

In October, our young adults, Drew Justice and Lisa Roman, attended a convention, in Toronto Canada, for young professionals. We thank Lisa and Drew for this endeavor.

Again this year EFASCE di Philadelphia offered Italian Classes at the Venetian Club. Now in our third semester, Anna Maria Murray, our teacher (maestra), makes the studying of the Italian language an interesting experience. We invite anyone to contact us for information regarding the next class.

Our website, managed by Dan Giacomelli and chaired by Sandra Cartelli, is keeping everyone informed of our events and upcoming endeavors. (www.EFASCEdiphiladelphia.net)

Our historical committee members, who were instrumental in asking for and acquiring all the Alpini memorabilia for the concert and dinner, accomplished a very interesting and memorable presentation. THANK YOU to Joe Colussi, Sandra Cartelli and Jeannie Roman.

EFASCE di Philadelphia has come a long way in a short time. We have participated in three Student Exchange Programs (2009, 2010 and 2011) in Italy. We hosted a Mostra and Spaghetti Dinner in 2010 and then welcomed the Alpini Soldiers for a concert and dinner in 2011.

Upcoming in 2012, we will have our March General Membership meeting on the third Tuesday (March 20) at 7PM at the Venetian Club. There will be elections for six directors in which a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be elected.

If you wish to nominate anyone for a directorship, please contact Anne Henry at anne_henry@merck.net, or Robert Roman @215 233 4063.

We are looking for additional members to add to EFASCE di Philadelphia committees. Anyone interested in joining our existing Committees should get in contact with anne_henry@merck.net, or call Madalena Lorenzon at 215 233 2687.

The most important part of this message is wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the directors of EFASCE di Philadelphia.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

Thank you
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Robert F. Roman
Acting President

Albino Roman
Vice President

Oh, I almost forgot! Santa is asking for dues to be sent in by the end of January 2012. Last year we had an overwhelming response before our March meeting. Please see if you can make San Nicolo happy and do it again this year.

See attached payment slip and remit to the address listed. Anyone joining after July 1, 2011 will not be asked for dues. You are good till January 2013.

EFASCE di Philadelphia **2012** Payment Slip:

General Membership \$25.00
Student Membership \$10.00

Affiliate Membership \$25.00
Benefactor/Donor \$_____

Name of Member

Please give names of family members:

Ages of Children_____

Interest in Italian Classes_____ ***yes/no***

Interest in Student Exchange_____ ***yes/no***

Students (ages 15 to 19) interested in becoming
members_____

Please remit payment and information to:

Membership Committee Chair
Robert F. Roman
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P.S. For our records, please note any change in address, phone number or email address.