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CARNEVALE AND THE BIG BANG THEORY



Left - Dr. John C. Mather, Senior Project Scientist, James Webb Space Telescope, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, presents on *The History of the Universe* at the March 30, 2014 general Society meeting.

Upper Right - The adorable children of Carnevale 2014 (from left, Cristina & Annalisa Russo, granddaughters of AMHS member Elisa DiClemente; Alessandra Barsi (Geppetto), Hailey Lenhart (a Disney princess), and Matteo Brewer (Arlecchino).

Lower Right - Father Ezio Marchetto with Barbara Friedman and Peter Bell (AMHS Board Member), winners of the "Best Couple" prize (dressed as Ippolita Torelli and Baldassare Castiglione) at Carnevale 2014. (photo for March 30 meeting, courtesy of Sam Yothers; photos for Carnevale, courtesy of Jon Fleming Photography).

NEXT SOCIETY EVENT: Sunday, June 1, 2014, 1:00 p.m. **Silent Auction.** See inside for details.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends/Cari Soci ed Amici,



Well, I for one am very relieved that the cold and snowy days might truly be behind us. Washington, DC is quite a lovely place in the springtime, with all of its splendor, tourists visiting monuments and museums and, of course, the famous cherry blossoms.

We had an excellent program on the *History of the Universe* on March 30 at Casa Italiana. I believe all who were present felt that our speaker, Dr. John Mather, a 2006 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics, was able to make understandable – and entertaining – a very complex subject. We were also fortunate to have with us Laura Jones, one of the 2013 AMHS/NIAF scholarship recipients, who spoke graciously of her roots and the importance of the scholarship to her. Please be sure to read more about the March 30 meeting elsewhere in the *Notiziario*.

I am very excited that for the first time in our history, we will hold a silent auction on June 1, 2014 in Casa Italiana. The purpose of the auction is to raise money for the AMHS Grant and Scholarship Fund. A dedicated committee, led by Lucio D'Andrea and Dick DiBuono, has been working hard to solicit donations from various businesses and organizations, and so far we have received some wonderful items for auction. I hope that each of you will consider making your own tax-deductible contribution to the auction, which will help to support a great cause. Be sure to read more about the auction elsewhere in the *Notiziario*.

I would like to highlight a couple of interesting opportunities. First, the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) has launched a brand-new affiliate program for Italian American organizations, including AMHS. This program will allow our members to reap the benefits of NIAF associate membership for \$25.00 per person per year. (A regular NIAF associate membership, outside of this affiliate program, is \$50.00!). I've described the program and its benefits in greater detail elsewhere in the *Notiziario*, and a membership form is contained herein for those of you who are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The rewards are great, and can only help us to further our relationship with NIAF.

Second, on Sunday, September 21, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., I hope you will join us at Holy Rosary Church/Casa Italiana for a program on the Italian legacy in the development and growth of the U.S. Marine Band. The Marine Band will give a presentation on the history of the band, and the influence of Francis Maria Scala, an immigrant from Naples who was the Band's 14th director. The program will include a performance by the Marine String Quartet. This program will be free to the

public. AMHS is proud to be a co-sponsor of this event with The Lido Civic Club of Washington, DC. (We are working to gain support of other Italian American organizations in the DC area). Additional details will follow at a later date – but please mark your calendar!

In closing, I thank each of you for your continued support. We are always open to hearing from our membership regarding programs of interest, trips that we should consider organizing, etc. Don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Executive Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the June 1 silent auction.

Cordiali saluti,
Maria D'Andrea

NEXT SOCIETY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JUNE 1, 2014 GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING: SHHH....IT'S A SILENT AUCTION!

by Dick DiBuono, AMHS Immediate Past President & Member of the Board

Come join your fellow members on Sunday, June 1 at Casa Italiana to enjoy Italian food, musical entertainment and, most importantly, to see and bid on the many wonderful items that will be arrayed on tables there for your selection. Instead of our usual general bi-monthly Society meeting with a luncheon and guest speaker, the June 1 meeting will be a Silent Auction to raise money for our Scholarship Endowment fund.

By now you all should have received and read the letter and flyer sent out to you by either email or post (for those who don't have email) announcing the auction and inviting you to attend. You were also asked to consider donating an item of value or to seek such an item from others. Now, please understand that this is not an attic or basement clearing event; the items we want to auction off should be of value and of interest to those attending the auction. Please see the flyer announcing the event elsewhere in this *Notiziario* for a list of the kinds of items we seek for the auction. So, if you possess such an item consider donating it to the Society for the auction. Alternatively, if you know a friend, businessman, store or restaurant or theater owner, artist, craftsperson, jeweler, collector, sportsman, provider of professional or trade services that could donate such items, please ask them to do so.

The event is being planned by the Society's Program Committee, which is chaired by 1st Vice President Nancy DiSanti. Actively working to make this a big success are members Lucio D'Andrea (who is serving as event chairman), Nancy DeSanti, Ennio DiTullio, John and Eileen Verna, Rocco Caniglia, and Dick DiBuono. For more information, call Lucio D'Andrea, (703) 490-3067 or Dick DiBuono, (703) 960-5981.

SAVE THE DATES

Please make sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

AMHS Society-Sponsored Events:

- ❖ June 1, 2014 – AMHS Silent Auction, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Casa Italiana;
- ❖ July 27, 2014 - AMHS general Society meeting, 1:00 p.m., Casa Italiana. Program to be determined;
- ❖ August 17, 2014 - Ferragosto Picnic, 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., grounds of the Villa Rosa Nursing Home, Mitchellville, MD;
- ❖ September 28, 2014 - AMHS general Society meeting, 1:00 p.m., Casa Italiana or Italian restaurant in Virginia or Maryland. Program to be determined; and
- ❖ November 23, 2014, AMHS general Society meeting, 1:00 p.m., Casa Italiana. Wine makers tasting.

Other Events Hosted at Casa Italiana:

- ❖ September 21, 2014 – “The Italian Legacy in the Development and Growth of the United States Marine Band”, 4:00 p.m., Casa Italiana. Presentation by United States Marine Band Historian, Gunnery Sergeant Kira Wharton and a performance by the Marine String Quartet (under the auspices of Holy Rosary Church and sponsored by AMHS, The Lido Civic Club of Washington, DC and The Lucchesi nel Mondo-Tuscany Club);
- ❖ October 18, 2014 – Famous Songs from the Festival di Sanremo, 7:00 p.m., Casa Italiana, Artistic Director Maestro Cavaliere Bruno Fusco;
- ❖ February 14, 2015 – Carnevale, Casa Italiana (co-sponsored by AMHS and the Lucchesi nel Mondo-Tuscany Club)

RECENT SOCIETY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

CARNEVALE 2014: “I PIÙ FAMOSI ITALIANI NEL MONDO”

by Maria D’Andrea



On Sunday, March 1, 2014, almost 120 members and friends of the Abruzzo and Molise Heritage Society and The Lucchesi nel Mondo-Tuscany Club donned costumes and brought the fun to Casa Italiana for the 2014 celebration of Carnevale.

The evening was full of revelry, friendship, good food, wine and dancing. There were several children in attendance, who were entertained with arts and crafts and games in the lower hall of Holy Rosary Church, but also provided those in attendance with some of the best entertainment when they were led, in dance, by Tricia Maltagliati, President of The Lucchesi Club, for the costume competition.

Father Ezio Marchetto was one of the judges for costume prizes, which were awarded to: Bill Berl, dressed as Leonardo DaVinci, who took the prize for “Most Original”; Maria D’Andrea and Sam Yothers, dressed as Francesca da Rimini and Paola Malatesta (characters from Dante’s The Divine Comedy), who took the prize for “Most Authentic”; Barbara Friedman and Peter Bell, dressed as Ippolita Torelli and Baldassare Castiglione, who took the prize for “Best Couple”; and Janel Barsi, dressed as an angel, who took the prize for “Best Overall”. The best child’s costume prize went to Matteo Brewer, who was dressed as Arlecchino. We had a lucrative 50/50 drawing, which raised money for the renovation of the Casa Italiana kitchen. AMHS and The Lucchesi Club were also able to make a bit of money from the event, which was donated to Holy Rosary Church.

AMHS is thankful to many people who dedicated their time and energy to planning this incredibly successful and fun event: from AMHS, Peter Bell, Jeff Clark, Sarah Scott, myself; and from The Lucchesi Club, Osvaldo Barsi, Karen Berl (event planner “extraordinaire”), Mariangela DiPietri, and Tricia Maltagliati.

We are also thankful to the many individuals and companies who provided their services for the evening: Piero’s Corner Ristorante Italiano for the sumptuous meal of appetizers, pasta, meat and seafood dishes; tantalizing desserts provided by Dolci Gelati (an excellent, popular dessert!), Sweet Pearlz Cheesecakes, and Sweet Reasons Cupcakes; Jon Fleming Photography; music by DJ Mike Del Borrello; prizes donated by DiPietri Contractors, Inc., the Italian Children’s Market, Mamma Lucia Restaurant, and Tony’s NY Pizza; and, of course, the wonderful decorations and table place settings and centerpieces by RSVP Events.

AMHS was so pleased with the success of the event that we have decided to join The Lucchesi Club to co-sponsor Carnevale 2015. The date has already been set – Saturday, February 14 at Casa Italiana. What better way to celebrate Valentine’s Day! So mark your calendar and join us for next year’s festivities!



MARCH 30, 2014 GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING: THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE & THE “BIG BANG”

by Joann Novello, AMHS Member

At the March 30 general society meeting, 90 AMHS members and friends met to enjoy a nice luncheon, conduct a business meeting, meet one of the 2013 AMHS/NIAF scholarships winners, and enjoy a special, unique experience: a lecture by Dr. John C. Mather, 2006 Nobel Prize winner and NASA scientist based at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Laura Jones, a senior at the University of Maryland double majoring in Italian and Spanish, talked about her experience of studying in Rome, thanks in part to her receipt of the joint scholarship. Her time in Italy not only assisted her in her study of the Italian language, but also reinforced her appreciation for her Italian heritage. It was a pleasure to hear Laura express herself so confidently and maturely.



It turns out that John Mather and his wife, Jane, are also lovers of Italy. Dr. Mather said that it is one of their favorite places to visit, and that a town in Italy sends flowers to the Nobel Prize ceremony every year. When he was eight years old, young John received a biography of Galileo from his parents. From that time on, Galileo became one of his heroes. Dr. Mather was slated to talk about the origins of the universe, but, in fact, he noted that the universe really has no beginning or end, although scientists can make coherent explanations about the foundation of galaxies, aided by the development of increasingly sophisticated telescopes. Over the years, many firmly held beliefs have been called into question by further experimentation and observation. Dr. Mather said, “One of the lovely things about science is that we can discover we are wrong.” Certainly, one of the lovely things about his lecture is that he could offer explanations in a manner comprehensible even to the unscientific mind. It was also reassuring to know that even the experts cannot offer definitive answers to many of the age-old questions about the universe, which is constantly expanding, thus constantly challenging even the greatest scientific minds.

Dr. Mather’s speech was enhanced by a power point presentation, which showed some spectacular images taken from the COBE (Cosmic Background Explorer) project --

whose findings formed the basis for the awarding of the Nobel Prize in physics -- and drawings of his current work, the James Webb Space Telescope. It was fascinating to see how this very large telescope will be folded for its delivery into space by a much smaller rocket, and then will expand like a butterfly opening its wings. With his approachable and engaging manner and the beautiful graphics, Dr. Mather enthralled the audience throughout the lecture; one could literally hear a pin drop in Casa Italiana, likely a first for an AMHS meeting!

After taking a number of questions from the floor, Dr. Mather graciously signed and inscribed copies of his book, *The Very First Light*, which a number of people purchased. In the works for a future AMHS trip is a tour of Goddard to be led by John Mather. This is certain to be another popular event.

AMHS MEMBERSHIP

by Sarah Scott, 2nd Vice President - Membership

I am pleased to announce that our 2014 membership campaign has been very successful! We are now 248 members and growing. Those who did not renew their prior membership are now on our inactive list. It is up to us all to encourage our friends to reactivate their memberships.

Although membership renewals come in every day, we are focused on 2014! Promoting AMHS activities and the benefits of membership is everyone’s job. We all know someone who would benefit from the many enjoyable activities and opportunities for fellowship that AMHS offers, so let’s get the word out.

We are all also interested in preserving our Italian heritage and your Executive Committee is broadening our appeal by planning a variety of events. There is something for all of us in the coming year. We are also using social networking and posting pictures of our events. Take some time to visit our AMHS Facebook page and hit the “Like” button to follow our updates,
<https://www.facebook.com/abruzzomolischeritagesociety>.

New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members: Sonia Alioto, Joan Marie Amatuzio, Kathryn DiGiacomo, Jonathan DiMartino, Vera Gordon, Kathlyn Nudi, Angela Pisoni, Stan Scott, and Thomas Sweeney. We should all feel free to reach out and welcome our newest members.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The following members celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in May and June. *Buon compleanno, buon anniversario e auguri!*

Birthdays

Darlene Barnsby, May 3; Joanne Fusco, Anna Marie Scavetti, May 5; Samira Badawi-Kleibrink, May 7; Dora Leo, Joan Tengler, May 9; Samuel Amatucci, Joseph Scafetta Jr., May 10; Nancy Palumbo, May 13; Amy Antonelli, May 15; Jonathan DiMartino, Victor Ferrante, Kathlyn Nudi, May 16; Robert Woolley, May 19; Peter Bell, May 20; Rocco Del Monaco, May 21; Christine Smith, May 23; Agnes De Mauro,

May 26; Vince Ciccone, May 27; Susan Amatucci, Joan Marie Amatuzio, Jim De Santis, May 28; Ennio Di Tullio, Gaspare Tirabassi, May 29; Renato Orcino, May 30; Beniamino Caniglia, June 4; Lucille Fuscillo, Janet Marmura, Anita Morton, June 6; Joseph Lupo, June 9; Albert Paolantonio, June 10; Giuseppe "Pino" Cicala, June 12; Raymond Sciannella, June 13; Liliana Ceresini, June 14; Sharon (Moran) Ferrante, June 17; Daniel Fusco, June 20; Rita Coyne, Judge Richard Marano, June 22; Christine Becaccio, Margaret Uglow, June 25; Omero Sabatini, June 26; Rita Orcino, Mary Joan Sacchetti, June 28, and Helen Free, June 30.

Anniversaries

Joseph & Amy Profit D'Amico, May 1; Frank & Joyce Del Borrello, May 10; Rev. John Di Bacco, Jr. (ordination), May 13; Mario & Carmen Ciccone, May 27; William & Karen Berl; May 29; Beniamino & Delores Caniglia, June 2; Luigi & Silvana DeLuca, Omero & Belinda Sabatini, June 3; Michael & Theda Corrado, Massimo & Rosa Mazziotti, June 4; Joe & Tina Marchegiani, June 5; Lucio & Maria Marchegiani, June 9; Mauro & Elizabeth Chiaverini, June 11; Anthony & Elodia D'Onofrio, Edward & Rita Coyne, June 25; Lucio & Edvige D'Andrea, June 27; and Dr. Raymond & Virginia Bernero, June 29.

AMHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

by Dick DiBuono, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

AMHS awards two \$4,000 scholarships annually, one to each of two students who are selected by our Scholarship Committee from a group of applicants who meet our scholarship program's criteria. The criteria and instructions for submitting an application are provided on our Society's web site. The work of developing a list of eligible applicants, which involves receiving and reviewing student applications, evaluating which ones meet our AMHS criteria, and confirming their credentials from the records of the applicants' schools and colleges, is performed for our Society by the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF,) which has a fulltime staff person to conduct this important work. Finally, our Scholarship Committee selects the winners of the two scholarships from the list of eligible applicants.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2014, Scholarship Committee chairman, Richard DiBuono, and AMHS President Maria D'Andrea met with NIAF's Director of Programs, Gabriella Mileti, to present her with our Society's contribution to the joint AMHS/NIAF scholarship program for this year. NIAF contributes the other half, \$4,000 of the program. The period for accepting scholarship applications for academic year 2014-15 recently closed on March 2.



(Maria D'Andrea & Dick DiBuono present \$4,000 check to Gabriella Mileti, center, NIAF's Director of Programs)

It is expected that our Scholarship Committee will be receiving the list of qualified candidates from NIAF in early May.

The winners should be determined before the next issue of the *Notiziario* is published. Look for an article announcing the winners in that issue.

SIAMO UNA FAMIGLIA

WELCOME VINCENT JOHN



Joann and Joe Novello are proud to announce the birth of their fifth grandchild, Vincent John, born to daughter Stephanie and son-in-law Jason on March 17, 2014. Vincent, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz. and measuring 20 inches, joins delighted four-year-old brother Dominic. Dominic assures his *nonni*, in his own words, that he is a "really good big brother, because when Vincent was crying, I brought him my toy dog that plays 'Rock A Bye Baby' and I calmed him down and he went to sleep!" *(submitted by Joann Novello).*

**MARIA D'ANDREA PROVIDES KEYNOTE ADDRESS
AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY'S
COTTON SUMMIT**



On Wednesday, March 23, 2014, Maria D'Andrea presented a keynote address at Mississippi State University's first-ever Cotton Summit. Ms. D'Andrea was invited to the University to be the School of Human Science's Charles E. Lindley Lecturer. Her keynote speech focused on her office's work to implement U.S. textile and apparel trade and domestic policy, including promotion of U.S. exports and "Made in USA", and trade policy trends and initiatives, and their potential to impact current and future global sourcing patterns.

The University was founded in the town of Starkville, Mississippi in 1878. It has a substantial program dedicated to agriculture and forestry, the state's main commodities. The University also includes a program on Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising (ATM). While at MSU, Ms. D'Andrea was able to interact with faculty and other invited guests, including domestic producers of fabrics and tailored clothing, a fashion blogger and a non-profit organization, Cotton, Inc., that promotes domestic use of cotton. (You may know Cotton, Inc. from its commercials on television, "Cotton, The Fabric of Our Lives"). Most importantly, Ms. D'Andrea was able to interact with the ATM students, to discuss their studies, their dreams and ambitions, and the prospects for work after graduation. It was enlightening and encouraging to be surrounded by so many young and eager minds that are hopeful for their future and the role they can play in U.S. apparel and textile design, fashion, and merchandising.

(Maria D'Andrea is a Supervisory International Trade Specialist in the Office of Textiles and Apparel at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Her portfolio includes textile and apparel trade policy trends in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Ms. D'Andrea is currently engaged in the textile and apparel trade negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which includes Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the

United States, and Vietnam; and textile and apparel negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, with the 29 Member states of the European Union).

NICK FERRANTE, SR. – REST IN PEACE

Nicola J. "Nick" Ferrante, 93, of California, MD died February 6, 2014. He was born in Castel Frentano, Italy in 1920 and immigrated to the United States at age 13. He became a U.S. citizen and served his country in World War II. After the war, Nick worked hard and eventually started his own business, Nick's Supermarket in Clinton, MD in the 1960s. The supermarket remains Nick's legacy to his family and the southern Maryland community it continues to serve. In his own words, he attributed his ambition to being self-conscious about his status as an immigrant and his lack of formal education. Nick was an amazing chef and ruthless card player. Until his final days, he was clear-minded, active, had many friends and a story for all. Nick was a member of AMHS since its founding in 2000. The family of Nick Ferrante encourages our members to check out the Joseph C. Ferrante Foundation, which honors the life of Nick's son who passed away several years ago. To learn more, visit www.josephferrantefoundation.org (submitted by Nick's daughter Donna (Wayne) Wrenn).



The Italian-American community, especially the Circolo della Briscola, lost a cherished member with the passing of Nick Ferrante Sr. last month at the age of 93. He will be missed by his many friends and family members, including his cousin, also named Nick Ferrante.

All who knew him would agree that Nick lived the American dream through his hard work and business savvy. His friend **Omero Sabatini** recalls that Nick started out working at A. Litteri's and ended up owning several supermarkets in Clinton and elsewhere in Maryland (The one in Clinton employed 60 people). He specialized in meat and particularly sausage, even supplying sausage to the U.S. naval base in Naples. He eventually sold his businesses for a substantial sum and set up a philanthropic foundation in his son's name. His friend **Lucio D'Andrea** recalls that Nick, who was very proud of his Abruzzese roots, looked forward to spending summers in his hometown of Castel Frentano, in Chieti, and loved to tell

stories of his encounters there with friends and relatives. In fact, Lucio recalls Nick saying that the village elders there wanted him to run for *sindaco* (mayor). Nick owned several precious artifacts from his hometown, including a beautiful wrought iron ship which he displayed at Casa Italiana a couple years ago.

His friend **Joe Novello** and his wife Joann attended the funeral Mass at Holy Rosary Church held February 21. They report that the church was packed, and that it was a very positive celebration of a life well lived. Father Ezio Marchetto spoke about how much Nick loved Holy Rosary and how he braved an ice storm to come to the church's 100th anniversary celebration in December. Nick's grandson, also named Nicholas (the son of Nick's oldest son, the late Joseph Ferrante), shared his fond memories of his grandfather, emphasizing Nick's loves: Italy; this country, especially for the opportunity it gave to those who worked hard, as Nick did; and his late wife Marie, to whom Nick was very devoted. He spoke of Sunday gatherings (with the emphasis on dinner) of the entire clan at the home of his grandparents, his grandfather's competitive bocce and card playing, and Nick's love of the Redskins. And the grandson noted that when he worked for his grandfather, he remembered getting fired only twice!!

Joe and Joann recall from Nick that at one time his sausage was used to make the sausage sandwiches at Yankee Stadium until he was asked to sell the sausage to them at a lower price by cheapening the ingredients, which he refused to do. Nick was also famous for his delicious *porchetta* which he would sell at the annual Ferragosto picnics to raise funds for the Abruzzo and Molise Heritage Society scholarships.

Nick's friend **Ennio DiTullio** recalls Nick as a wonderful storyteller, and one of his favorites is the one Nick told about a visit by some of President Lyndon Johnson's White House aides to one of his supermarkets to buy some food but they told the cashier they were unable to pay for it right then. The cashier was unsure what to do, so she called Nick and he told her that the President had to pay too. Somehow President Johnson heard about this and must have figured this guy had guts, so he called Nick on the phone to talk to him, and after that, the White House became Nick's customer.

Nick, we will miss you, dear friend. *Riposi in pace*

(from the March 2014 issue of Briscola News, written by AMHS 1st Vice President-Programs, Nancy DeSanti).

FUNERAL MASS FOR JOE GRANO

As you will recall, AMHS Board Member Joe Grano passed away on November 24, 2013. Holy Rosary Church held a wonderful memorial service for Joe on Sunday, January 19, 2014 (see the March issue of the *AMHS Notiziario*).

Joe's family has informed us that his funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 17764 Bennett's Valley Highway, Force PA, 15841. There will be a lunch after the service, either at the church social hall

or a local restaurant, and everyone is invited. All are welcome. In order to facilitate a number count for the lunch, anyone who plans to attend the funeral Mass should contact Maria D'Andrea, uva051985@comcast.net. *(submitted by the family of Joe Grano).*

NIAF AFFILIATE PROGRAM

by Maria D'Andrea



AMHS is extremely pleased to announce a wonderful, new opportunity for our members brought to us by the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF). NIAF has created a new affiliate program that allows members of other Italian American organizations to leverage the benefits of a national organization while still being affiliated with and involved with their respective organizations. For the price of \$25.00 per person, AMHS members will be affiliated with NIAF and will be given all of the membership benefits of a NIAF Associate Member (the cost of this membership outside of the affiliate program is \$50.00!).

This partnered affiliation will provide AMHS members with a monthly member newsletter, a membership card that includes the NIAF and AMHS logos, a yearlong subscription to *Ambassador Magazine*, access to the NIAF Member's only section on www.NIAF.org, and a NIAF member lapel pin. Members would also gain access to certain discounts to various companies partnered with NIAF.

If you are interested in joining in this new partnership, please fill out the NIAF Affiliate Member application form, which is included in the *Notiziario*. AMHS will be responsible for collecting the names and email addresses of interested persons, as well as collecting the \$25.00 per person membership fee, which is valid for one full year, i.e., if you join NIAF as an associate member in May 2014, the membership would carry over to May 2015. Sarah Scott, AMHS 2nd Vice President-Membership, will maintain the list of names and email addresses for those persons who have joined NIAF as an associate member.

AMHS will submit your name and email address to NIAF as the membership requests are received; NIAF will invoice us for payment at a later date. NIAF will notify you when your associate membership becomes active, and will in turn send you a membership card. NIAF will be responsible for notifying you when your membership is due to expire; you will notify AMHS if you want to renew your membership. If you have any questions on this program, please contact Maria D'Andrea, uva051985@comcast.net or Sarah Scott, sara_geco@yahoo.com. To learn more about NIAF, visit www.niaf.org

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this wonderful, new opportunity.

HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR GENEALOGY

by Lana Nardella, AMHS Board Member

Lana Nardella, AMHS Board Member and Chair of the AMHS Genealogy Committee, offers the following information regarding a center in Annandale, VA that can assist with genealogical research:

Annandale Family History Center of the Church of Latter - Day Saints
3900 Howard Street
Annandale, VA 22003
Email: va_annandale@ldsmail.net

The center offers monthly workshops which are free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 p.m. The Church of Latter Day Saints has an extensive amount of information available to anyone searching family history as well as a program being offered on Civil War Research. Please visit the center's website, www.annandalefhc.org, for more information and specific scheduled workshops.

GENEALOGY SEMINAR IN CLEVELAND, OH

submitted by John Villilo, AMHS Associate Member

AMHS Associate member John Villilo asked that the following information be shared with our membership, regarding a seminar on Italian genealogy in Cleveland, OH on June 21, 2014:

Cleveland Italian Ancestry Organization (CIAO), 2014 Italian Genealogy Seminar

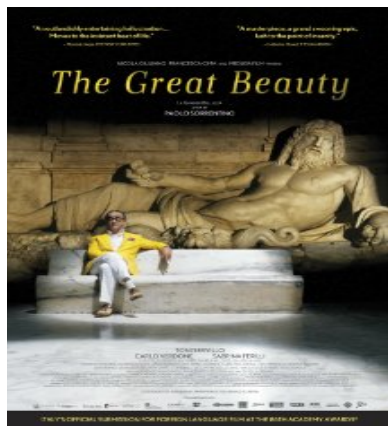
WHEN: Saturday, June 21, 2014
WHERE: Western Reserve Historical Society,
Cleveland, OH
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visit

http://www.wrhs.org/calendar/CIAO_Italian_Genealogy_Seminar for additional details including cost and registration.

ITALY CHEERS FOR OSCAR WIN

by Nancy DeSanti



For the first time in 15 years, an Italian movie won the Academy Award for best foreign language film on March 2, 2014. The news that Paolo Sorrentino's *La Grande Bellezza* ("The Great Beauty") won an Oscar was reported with banner headlines in Italian news media, and was the top story on

radio and television news, not to mention the buzz on social media. For example, a headline in one major newspaper read "The Oscars, Italy's Triumph: The Great Beauty wins as Sorrentino thanks Fellini and Maradona," referring to Sorrentino's comment that he was inspired by the famed director Federico Fellini, soccer great Diego Maradona (who played for several years for the soccer club of Sorrentino's home town squad Napoli), and Martin Scorsese.

The Academy Award is Italy's 11th Oscar but its first in 15 years since Roberto Benigni's *La Vita è Bella* ("Life Is Beautiful") won. Italy has won more than any other country, with France coming in second with nine.

The Great Beauty stars acclaimed actor Toni Servillo who portrays a celebrated writer who descends into Rome's decadent party scene while battling a crippling case of writer's block. Toni Servillo's international breakthrough roles came in 2008 as Giulio Andreotti in "Il Divo" and as Roberto's boss Franco in "Gomorra." The actor, who has lived in Caserta for many years, has also directed famous theatrical operas at the Teatro San Carlo opera house in Naples. Toni was interviewed March 23 on RAI TV upon his return from Los Angeles, and he described his meeting with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano and how he and Paolo Sorrentino were warmly received by Hollywood directors and actors. (*La Grande Belleza* was shown at Casa Italiana on March 16).

After the Oscar win was announced, Rome Mayor Ignazio Marino began planning walking tours designed to show off some of the beauty highlighted in the film. These tours around Rome began March 16 and stop at key scenes from the movie, including gardens, private buildings and historical sites.

The three routes include spots not always open to the public as well as famous sights that are visited by Toni Servillo's character. The routes include Piazza Navona, the Church of St. Agnese in Agone, the Ponte Sisto across the Tiber River, the Aventine Hill, Baths of Caracalla, Capitoline Museums and the Colosseum.

Looking ahead to next year's Academy Awards, at least one movie reviewer predicts an Oscar winner may be a movie to be directed by Angelina Jolie, based on the life of Louis Zamperini, a World War II hero and former Olympic distance runner.

Jolie has been on the talk show circuit explaining that her next movie project will be an adaptation of the book "Unbroken" by Lauren Hillenbrand's bestseller on the life of Zamperini, who Jolie notes lives in her Los Angeles neighborhood.



Zamperini, who is now 97 years old, was born in upstate New York to Italian immigrants Anthony Zamperini and Louise Dossi. The family moved to Torrance, California in 1919. Louis and his family spoke no English when they moved to California, which made him the target of bullies, and so his father taught him how to box in self-defense.

Louis had natural athletic ability and by 1934, he set a world interscholastic record for running the mile. He eventually won a place on the U.S. Olympic team in the 5,000 meters, at 19 the youngest U.S. qualifier ever in that event. Zamperini's performance during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin reportedly drew the attention of Adolph Hitler.

In 1941, Zamperini enlisted in the U.S. Army and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. While on a routine reconnaissance flight, his aircraft crashed in the Pacific Ocean. He survived 47 days in shark-infested waters until he was rescued by the Japanese, but his rescuers also became his torturers, and they put him in a series of brutal prison camps.

Zamperini, who was at first declared missing at sea, returned home to a hero's welcome. Years later, during the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan in 1998, Zamperini ran a leg in the Olympic torch relay at the age of 81.

In the intervening years, Zamperini had become a Christian inspirational speaker, and one of his favorite themes was "forgiveness." Zamperini himself returned to visit the guards who had brutalized him during the war and expressed his forgiveness. In October 2008, Zamperini was inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame in Chicago.

This true-life story sounds like a winner, doesn't it?

FROM THE REGIONAL CORNER

MONTAZZOLI, PROVINCE OF CHIETI, ABRUZZO REGION

by Nancy DeSanti & Joe Novello, AMHS Member

Translated by Romeo Sabatini, AMHS Member



The beautiful, picturesque town of Montazzoli is located about 97 kilometers from Chieti and is situated between two small rivers and a high crest. The town has approximately 1,074 inhabitants, known as Montazzolesi. (Years ago, AMHS member Joe Novello was one of them—more about that in a minute).

Visitors to the town are drawn to its natural beauty, such as the renowned sulfuric water spring on the estate of Baron Franceschelli, who allowed the population to use it since ancient times. The 15th century baronial castle was restored,

and mills and warehouses were added, although the original courtyard can still be seen.

Nearby is Monte di Lago Negro from which the Adriatic Sea on both sides can be seen (from San Benedetto del Tronto in the north as far as the Gargano peninsula in the south), with mountains in the distance all around. The scenic Monte di Lago Negro is covered by a forest of beech trees, at the bottom of which (until a few decades ago) there was a small lake with an echo effect and a small basin which people used to try to hear an echo from one bank to the other. Unfortunately, the waters of Lago Negro were drained after a ruinous landslide in 1953.

Along the road leading to Lago Negro, there is an area called Fonte Gelata with a water spring where the water is icy cold even on the hottest summer days. Near the entrance to the town is a beautiful pinewood park (La Pineta) with paths for walking and jogging. The main road leading to the old town is lined with beautiful linden (tiglio) trees and many beautiful, detached homes that were built after the 1960s. The town has an updated cemetery with a nearby church, Madonna Della Spogne, that Joe's brother Luigi helped to restore in the 1950s.

The origins of Montazzoli are said to have evolved from the population which 500 years ago lived in nearby Civita del Conte; then they moved to Montazzoli's present site, which was under the dominion of Count Azzo. The name became Monte Azzo and then Montazzoli. In the 16th century, it came under the dominion of the Di Sangro family and then passed to the countdom of Molise and the Franceschelli family. By the end of the 19th century, it was included in the province of Chieti.

Montazzoli's historical center has a few beautiful palaces with fine stone carvings; one of them (Palazzo Recchia) has been turned to the Town Hall. Among the churches worth seeing are the Church of San Silvestro Papa, the 18th century parish church (where Joe served as altar boy) and the Church of Sant'Antonio, the private chapel of the Franceschelli barons used for special occasions.

AMHS member Joe Novello has many fond memories of growing up in this beautiful town. When he visits his hometown, he says he goes to see the farmhouse where he was born, and he recalls that his parents realized early on that he wasn't cut out for farm work so they encouraged him to pursue his natural tendencies for science and math.

On a recent visit, he talked to the current mayor of the town, Ercole Del Negro, who is a fellow electrical engineer. It turns out that the mayor is the son of one of Joe's elementary school classmates, and the mayor asked Joe for ideas on how to make the town more appealing and provide more opportunities for young people. For himself, Joe said when he was a young boy of 14, he never imagined he would leave his small town and end up working at NASA on so many major space projects (tracking computer software for the Gemini and Apollo projects, special data processors for spacecrafts, the NASA Standard Spacecraft Computer (NSSC-1), instrument

electronics for Space Telescope and Space Shuttle missions, balloon and sounding rocket missions, etc).



(From left to right, Joe's cousin Nicola Novello & his wife Lena; Mayor Ercole Del Negro; Joann Novello; and Ester Mancini & her husband, Emil, in front of the restaurant La Collinetta)

In the last few years of his 40 ½ years NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, Joe worked in the same division as and had his office a few doors down from Dr. John Mather, the 2006 Nobel Prize winner in physics who also spoke at our AMHS meeting on March 30 (see related article in this *Notiziario*).

What to See

- Castle of the Franceschelli barons
- Church of San Silvestro Papa
- Church of Sant' Antonio
- Sanctuary of Madonna della Spugna
- Monte di Lago Negro
- Lago di Acquaviva
- Fonte Gelata

Important Dates

- June 4: Celebration of San Nicola, the patron saint (his feast day is actually December 6 but due to the cold and snowy weather, for many years the celebration has been held on June 4)
- July 2: Feast of Madonna della Spugna
- Second Sunday in August: Feast in the mountains near Lago Negro in honor of the Madonna del Pastore
- August 15-16: Feast of San Rocco and the Assumption

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MONTAZZOLI, PROVINCIA DI CHIETI, ABRUZZO

Montazzoli è un bellissimo e pittoresco paese a circa 97 km da Chieti, situato fra due piccoli fiumi e un'alta cima. Il paese conta circa 1074 abitanti, conosciuti come montazzolesi. (Anni fa, Joe Novello, membro della nostra società AMHS, era uno di loro – poi ve ne parleremo.)

Chi visita il paese è attratto dalla sua bellezza naturale, come le famose acque solforiche nella proprietà del Barone Franceschelli, aperte al pubblico fin dall'antichità. Il castello baronale del XV secolo è stato restaurato con l'aggiunta di un mulino e magazzini, e si può ancora vedere il cortile originale.

Nelle vicinanze si trova Monte di Lago Negro da dove si può vedere il mare Adriatico (da San Benedetto del Tronto a nord, fino alla penisola del Gargano a sud) circondato da un semicerchio di montagne. Il pittoresco Monte di Lago Negro è coperto da un faggeto, e fino ad una decina d'anni fa, in basso c'era un piccolo lago dove si poteva sentire l'eco della propria voce che rimbalzava da una sponda all'altra. Purtroppo le acque del lago furono prosciugate dopo una disastrosa frana nel 1953.



Lungo la strada che porta a Lago Negro c'è un luogo chiamato Fonte Gelata con una sorgente dove l'acqua è fredda gelata anche nei giorni più caldi d'estate. Vicino l'entrata del paese c'è un bellissimo pineto (La Pineta) con sentieri per passeggiate. Al bordo della strada principale che porta al paese vecchio ci sono dei maestosi tigli e molte belle case costruite dopo gli anni sessanta. Il paese ha un cimitero restaurato di recente, con la chiesa Madonna Della Spugna, che Luigi Novello (il fratello di Joe) aiutò a restaurare negli anni cinquanta.

Si racconta che le origini di Montazzoli risalgono dalla popolazione che 500 anni fa abitava nella vicina Civita del Conte, e che si traslocò nella zona della presente Montazzoli sotto il dominio del Conte Azzo. La zona prese il nome di

Monte Azzo e poi Montazzoli. Nel XVI secolo passò sotto il dominio della famiglia Di Sangro e poi al Contado del Molise e la famiglia Franceschelli. Verso la fine del XIX secolo il paese fu aggregato alla provincia di Chieti.

Nel centro storico di Montazzoli ci sono alcuni bei palazzi con raffinati intagli nella pietra. Uno di questi, il Palazzo Recchia, oggi è il municipio. Fra le chiese da visitare, c'è la Chiesa di San Silvestro Papa del XVIII secolo, la parrocchia dove Joe faceva il chierichetto, e la Chiesa di Sant'Antonio, cappella privata dei baroni Franceschelli usata per occasioni speciali.

Joe Novello, membro del AMHS, ha molte care memorie della sua infanzia in questo bel paese. Quando è in visita al suo paese d'origine, ritorna spesso alla casa di campagna dove nacque. Ricorda come i genitori si accorsero presto che lui non era tagliato per fare l'agricoltore e lo incoraggiarono a seguire le sue tendenze verso la scienza e la matematica.

Durante una recente visita Joe incontrò il Sindaco Ercole Del Negro, un collega ingegnere elettronico, e venne a sapere che è figlio di un suo compagno di scuola. Il sindaco chiese a Joe qualche idea di come fare il paese più attraente e come aumentare le opportunità di lavoro per i giovani. Parlando di se stesso, Joe raccontò che quando aveva 14 anni non si immaginava mai che avrebbe lasciato il suo paesino per poi lavorare alla NASA in tanti importanti progetti spaziali (sviluppando il software per i progetti Gemini e Apollo, microprocessori specializzati per le navicelle spaziali, lo Standard Spacecraft Computer della NASA (NSSC-1), e strumenti elettronici per le missioni Space Telescope e Space Shuttle, e per varie sonde dell'alta atmosfera, ecc...)

Negli ultimi dei suoi 40 e più anni alla NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, Joe lavorò nello stesso gruppo e con uffici prossimi all'ufficio di Dr. John Mather, che vinse il Premio Nobel in Fisica nel 2006, e che di recente, alla riunione del AMHS il 30 marzo di quest'anno, fece una presentazione sulle ricerche che gli procurarono il premio Nobel (vedi l'articolo nel *Notiziario*).

Da visitare

- Il castello dei Baroni Franceschelli
- La chiesa di San Silvestro Papa
- La chiesa di Sant'Antonio
- Il santuario della Madonna della Spugna
- Monte di Lago Negro
- Lago di Acquaviva
- Fonte Gelata

Date Importanti

- 4 giugno: Festa di San Nicola, Santo Patrono, (il giorno del Santo è il 6 dicembre ma a causa del freddo e della neve in quel periodo, da molti anni la festa si celebra il 4 giugno)
- 2 luglio: Festa della Madonna della Spugna
- La seconda domenica d'agosto: Festa in onore della Madonna del Pastore nei monti vicino Lago Negro
- 15-16 agosto: Festa di San Rocco e l'Assunzione.

MONTEMITRO, PROVINCE OF CAMPOBASSO, MOLISE

by Nancy DeSanti & Joann Novello

Translated by Romeo Sabatini



The beautiful small town of Montemitro, located about 57 kilometers from Campobasso near the Trigno river, has a fascinating history. The town was settled by a community from Croatia in 1461 under the leadership of Giorgio Castriota Skanderberg.

Many people in the town can trace their roots back to the descendants of the people who migrated to the area during the first half of the 14th century, probably from the Dalmatia and Herzegovina regions of the eastern Adriatic Sea in what is now Croatia. The original settlers were fleeing a Turkish invasion during the time of the Ottoman Empire, and many of the town's approximately 468 inhabitants speak a Croatian dialect in addition to Italian. In fact, Montemitro is also called *Mundimitar* and—along with nearby Acquaviva Collecroce and San Felice del Molise—is still home to a community of people who speak this particular Croatian dialect, which is considered an endangered diaspora language.

The town is being studied by anthropologists and language specialists. Many of the inhabitants consider that they are both Molisani and Croatians at the same time, and they still keep alive ancient traditions such as the hand-weaving of blankets and tablecloths. The folk songs are also a rich heritage of the area.

There is also a deep devotion to the town's patron saint, Santa Lucia. However, the town does not celebrate the feast of Santa Lucia on its customary date of December 13 but rather on the first and last Fridays of May. This honors the crossing of the Adriatic Sea to Italy in the 15th century by the town's settlers who are believed to have carried a statue of Santa Lucia with them when they arrived in Italy on a Friday in May.

Every year, on the Sunday after Easter, the Festa della Cappella takes place after the Mass, when the bread and homemade sweets are blessed and distributed to all present and consumed in the meadow near a small chapel built centuries ago. The auction of the homemade cakes (*l'asta delle torte*) is surely one of the highlights of the day. Later, there is a barbecue which attracts hundreds of visitors to the

area near the chapel. Montemitro seems to be doing a good job of keep its traditions alive!!

AMHS member Joann Novello has many fond memories of her visits with her numerous relatives in Montemitro, the hometown of her mother, Claudia Cocciolillo Bagliere, whose maiden name is likely derived from the original Croatian settlers. Unlike so many Italian surnames, which can be found throughout the boot, "Cocciolillo" does not seem to appear elsewhere. Claudia can still easily converse in her first language, the Croatin dialect spoken in the three towns in Molise and taught in Montemitro's elementary school.

MONTEMITRO, PROVINCIA DI CAMPOBASSO, MOLISE

Montemitro, una graziosa piccola cittadina a circa 57 km da Campobasso, vicino al fiume Trigno, ha una storia affascinante. La cittadina fu fondata nel 1461 da una comunità originaria della Croazia, capeggiata da Giorgio Castriota Skanderberg.

Molti residenti della cittadina sono discendenti della gente che emigrò durante la prima metà del XV secolo, probabilmente dalle regioni della Dalmazia e Herzegovina, parte dell'attuale Croazia. Questi fuggirono da un'invasione turca ai tempi dell'Impero Ottomano, e molti dei 468 abitanti ancora parlano un dialetto croato oltre all'italiano. Infatti, Montemitro è anche conosciuta come *Mundimitar* e, insieme alle vicine Acquaviva Collecroce e San Felice del Molise, fa parte di una comunità di gente che ancora parla questo dialetto croato, un linguaggio in via di estinzione.

La cittadina è oggetto di studio da parte di antropologi e linguisti. Molti abitanti si considerano sia molisani che croati, e mantengono vive le vecchie tradizioni come il tessere a mano di coperte e tovaglie. Anche la musica folcloristica riflette la ricca tradizione della cittadina.



(Flags of the 4 contrade of Montemitro displayed at the elementary school)

C'è anche una gran devozione a Santa Lucia, patrona della cittadina. Comunque il paese non celebra la festa di Santa Lucia il giorno tradizionale del 13 dicembre, ma il primo e

l'ultimo venerdì di maggio per onorare la traversata del mare Adriatico verso l'Italia nel 15esimo secolo da parte dei coloni che, si dice, portarono con loro una statua di Santa Lucia quando arrivarono in Italia un venerdì di maggio.

Ogni anno, la domenica dopo Pasqua, c'è la *Festa della Cappella* dopo la messa, quando il pane e i dolci casalinghi sono benedetti e distribuiti ai presenti e mangiati nel prato vicino ad una cappella costruita secoli fa. *L'asta delle torte* è un altro evento favorito della giornata. Più tardi si cuoce carne alla griglia all'aperto, il che attrae centinaia di visitatori alla zona della cappella. Sembra che Montemitro sia ben capace di mantenere vive le proprie tradizioni.

La nostra Joann Novello del AMHS, ha molte belle memorie delle visite fatte ai numerosi parenti di Montemitro, dove è nata sua madre, Claudia Cocciolillo Bagliere, il cui cognome da nubile è probabilmente derivato da un cognome croato. Diversamente da molti cognomi italiani presenti in ogni parte della penisola, "Cocciolillo" si trova unicamente nella zona di Montemitro. Claudia può ancora conversare nella sua lingua nativa, il dialetto croato parlato nei tre paesi del Molise ed insegnato nella scuola elementare di Montemitro.

LUIGI DEL BIANCO, CHIEF CARVER OF MOUNT RUSHMORE

Carving a Niche for Himself; The Untold Story of Luigi Del Bianco and Mount Rushmore, author Douglas J. Gladstone's valentine to the obscure Italian American immigrant who served as chief carver of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, has been published by Bordighera Press.

Carving a Niche for Himself examines the selfless efforts of Lou Del Bianco to honor his late grandfather.

Though Rushmore sculptor and designer Gutzon Borglum's own correspondence in the Library of Congress clearly indicates that Luigi Del Bianco was the glue that held the project together, Del Bianco for some inexplicable reason has never received the credit in scholarly publications or documentaries on the creation of the memorial that many individuals believe he is deserving of.

Del Bianco died on January 20, 1969 of accelerated silicosis that was brought on, in part, by his years of not wearing a mask while working at the monument.

The book retails for \$12 per copy. To order it, call Small Press Distribution at (800) 869-7553. Or you can visit the following link:
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The auction will start at 1 pm on June 1st and will take place at the Casa Italiana, 595 Third Street, NW, Washington, D.C. For everyone's enjoyment there will be an Italian food buffet and the performance of traditional Italian music.

Your participation, both as a bidder and as a donor of an item to be auctioned, will help to assure the continued awarding of the AMHS scholarships. Please see the attached flyer for *examples* of items we seek for the auction. Items of value of a type not included on this list of examples will be gratefully accepted, too. A letter and a donor response form you can use for soliciting donations from non-member friends and business acquaintances are attached.

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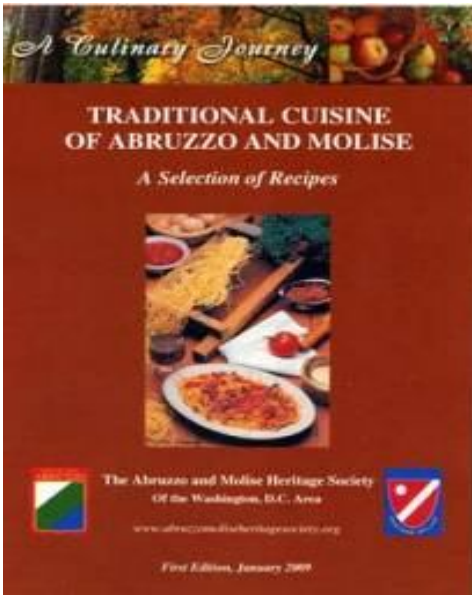
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CARNEVALE 2014, continued



A wonderful evening was had by all, including Father Marchetto! AMHS thanks Tricia Maltigliati (dressed as Calimero) for inviting us to co-sponsor Carnevale! *(photos courtesy of Jon Fleming Photography).*

THE MARCH 30, 2014 GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING



Top left – 2013 AMHS/NIAF scholarship recipient Laura Jones addresses the group. **Top right** – members of the AMHS scholarship committee (Lucio D’Andrea, Tony D’Onofrio, Dick DiBuono, Romeo Sabatini, and Ray Bernero) with Gabriella Mileti, NIAF’s Director of Programs and Laura Jones.

Center - A rapt audience listens to Dr. Mather’s presentation on *The History of the Universe*.

Bottom left – AMHS member Joe Novello and AMHS President Maria D’Andrea present Dr. Mather with a gift following his presentation. **Bottom right** – Joe and Joann Novello with Dr. John Mather and his wife, Jane. (photos courtesy of Sam Yothers).



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