

A few words from Il Presidente

This is my last newsletter as President. I've enjoyed serving, and if you enjoyed having me serve even half as much as I enjoyed serving, then the year has certainly been a success. At a minimum, I know my year went out with a Supreme Court Night for the ages, profiled in this newsletter, and I know the man stepping into this office – Tom Girardi – has the determination and the firepower to continue to grow this organization. Please join us on January 27 for the annual Installation Ball.

I hope to see you all there. Remember, without you, it's not much of a party!

-- President Jack Denove

Web Sites of Interest

IALA:

<http://www.iala.info>

National Italian American Bar Association:

<http://www.niaba.org>

National Italian American Foundation, Inc.:

<http://www.niaf.org>

Silvio Berlusconi – A Man of Many Words

The home country's esteemed Prime Minister is a man of many words. A good number of these are probably not appropriate for reproduction here. But some aren't so bad. Are they?

We are not a civilized country if we can read in a newspaper what a lady tells her boyfriend or husband.

If I, taking care of everyone's interests, also take care of my own, you can't talk about a conflict of interest.

In Italy I am almost seen as German for my workaholicism. Also, I am from Milan, the city where people work the hardest. Work, work, work – I am almost German.

IALA SPOTLIGHT: SUPREME COURT NIGHT!



Outgoing Chief Justice Ronald M. George and Hon. Lee S. Edmon enjoy Supreme Court Night with Conductor Gary S. Greene and other members of the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic.

The magical sounds of the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic graced the air and set the stage for a fantastic Supreme Court Night at the Casa on December 7.

Outgoing Chief Justice George was the keynote speaker, and also attending were Associate Justice Marvin Baxter, Associate Justice Ming Chin, Associate Justice Carlos Moreno, and Ninth Circuit Judge Consuelo Callahan.

Under the leadership of founder Gary Greene, the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic dazzled the crowd throughout the cocktail hour. Past President and Philharmonic member Michael Diliberto even took the microphone for some vocals at one point, demonstrating that outgoing President Denove is not the only IALA President of many talents.

In his keynote speech, Chief Justice George initially joked that after stepping down his plan was "to have no plans," but then launched into an informative and interesting speech touching on the efforts he had made during his

tenure to unify and streamline the California court system, a task he acknowledged is a work in process and facing significant financial obstacles. Along these lines, Justice George implored those in attendance to buckle down and assist the court system through tough times, and he reminded everyone that it is when times are toughest that the judicial system is needed most. An effective, functioning judicial system is a necessity, not a luxury, and we are all responsible for guarding that tradition.

IALA was also pleased to honor its 2010 Scholarship award winner, Dawn Caterina Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton is a second year student at Southwestern who received the 2010 Dean's Merit Award for Academic Excellence. She also volunteers for the Public Counsel's General Relief Advocacy Project and works for the Five Acres Boys and Girls Aid Society.

The IALA Board always seeks nominations for IALA members whose accomplishments – professional or personal, current or lifetime – merit acknowledgement in the Bollettino Spotlight. Please send submissions to dcapozzola@ebglaw.com.

Upcoming Events

January 21: Metropolitan News "Person of the Year" event honoring Jack Denove

January 27: IALA Installation Ball

For further information go to the IALA website:

www.iala.info