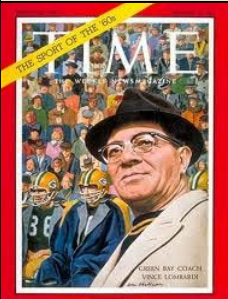




Portland Italian Businessmen's Club Newsletter

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L 'angolo della Cultura



It seems hard to believe that it's been 40 years since Vince Lombardi died. He was brought to mind by a couple of current events that carry his name (besides the Super Bowl award being named for him).

First is a Broadway show that opened in October and is based upon his biography. It came out to good reviews and is a show that husbands take their wives to see, rather than the other way around. Also, an HBO special about his life was released this month. It's

an interesting show because it uses a newly found audio interview of Lombardi. He didn't grant many interviews and usually responded to questions in very few words. This audio interview was more like a long conversation. Mixing that audio with remarks by his Green Bay players and video of key games and training sessions gives an insight into the greatness of Lombardi. It's a good story and worth seeing if you have a chance.

An amazing man, Lombardi rose from being an assistant high school coach to the college level, and from there to become the greatest NFL coach ever, taking the Green Bay Packers from last place in 1959 to five NFL championships, including the first two Super Bowls.

Vince Lombardi was born in Brooklyn of an Italian immigrant father and a first generation mother. He was brought up and remained a strict Catholic, who gave up on the idea of becoming a priest when he discovered sports (and girls) in high school. No slouch, he was a scholar (magna cum laude at Fordham), a focused and dedicated worker, strict disciplinarian and fierce competitor; all traits which made him a great leader. When it comes to sports, many Italian-Americans have achieved greatness, but none will be remembered more than Vince Lombardi.



CLUB NEWS



IBC Christmas Gala

All who attended our December 14 Christmas dinner at the Benson Hotel thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thanks to Max's friend, who is General Manager of the Benson, the appetizers and dinner were special and really terrific. The music by Mariano was wonderful and the Benson's beautiful holiday setting made it a special evening.

Besides the food and music, a highlight was Frank Genovese awarding The IBC "Man of the Year" to Emilio Barbero. Emilio was recognized for his dedication and chef's skills in making our Vendemmia vineyard event a success. Emilio donated his time and talent to produce a terrific meal and made possible our being able (in partnership with the Tuscan Assoc) to give the Scuola Italiana \$1000.

Joining us at the dinner were Beth Donnelly and Doug Feller, opera singers who have appeared at many Italian functions including the Festa Italiana, and Lucia Galizia and her husband, Roland. It was good to see charter IBC member A.J. Colasurdo, who hadn't been feeling well recently, but was able to make it at the last moment with Marie.

Our next regular IBC Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 at Port City Pasta, 333 S. State St in Lake Place Ctr, LO.
This is our first meeting of the year where we will:

- Vote for officers and board
- Review the budget for the past and coming year
- Do some initial planning for 2011
- Discuss ideas, opportunities and issues

Your attendance is important. Help us improve the IBC by attending, voicing your ideas and enjoying some great food and fellowship.

Key upcoming events

- **January 2 and 23**, Sunday 9:00: *The Italian Hour* with Lucia Galizia (and sometimes me) is on KBOO, 90.7 FM or you can listen from anywhere by streaming the show on the web at KBOO.org
- **January 19**, Wednesday 6:00 (time subject to change): First meeting of the year for the *Festa Italiana* Association in planning the 20th annual Festa.. Also on the agenda are the Comitati incorporation, joint web site status, planning for the Starlight Parade float, Columbus Day celebration

* **March 5**, Saturday: *Carnevale*, Fund raiser for the Scuola Italiana di Portland. This is the most important event of the year for the Scuola and, as in past years, the afternoon will be fun-filled for kids, followed by a dinner and silent auction for everyone in the evening....with entertainment and silent auction. If you would like to contribute a gift for the Carnevale auction or wish more information contact Bob Iannacone at 971-255-0420 or robert202@comcast.net

* **March 18**, Friday: *La nostra Città*. a day celebrating Portland 's historic Italian community with speakers, photos and much more about Italians in Portland 's past. This event is being planned and supported by the Portland chapter of UNICO. If you were a part of Portland 's Italian community and would like to contribute photos, stories etc, please contact Jo Ann Gallo (503.481.1119 - joanngallo29@yahoo.com) or Lisa Dixon (503.789.9938 - ldixon@insurancepdx.net)



Auguri di Capodanno... buon anno!

2010 has been a good year for the IBC. We moved our monthly meetings to Port City Pasta with many good meetings and speakers, have several new members, have had two successful wine events, an enjoyable bocce tournament, cigar nights, and assisted the Italian Community through IBC participation and contributions: Festa Italiana, scholarship to PSU and Scuola Italiana. Wishing you all a year filled with health, success and happiness!

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