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AUTUMN IN NEW YORK: SNEAK PREVIEW!

NEW YORK—The Italian Welfare League’s annual Autumn in New York Luncheon will be held this year on Saturday, October 25th at New York’s famous St. Regis Hotel, Two East 55th Street at 11:30 a.m.

The League will honor nationally syndicated financial broadcast journalist, Maria Bartiromo, as Woman of the Year. Man of the Year is critically acclaimed actor and singer, Danny Aiello.

Thirteen years ago, Maria Bartiromo became the first TV journalist to report live from the floor of the NY Stock Exchange, and in doing so, brought the inner workings of that institution into the homes of the

common masses. From her earlier broadcasts on CNBC’s “Squawk Box” to “Closing Bell” and “Wall Street Journal Report,” her programs have been rated the most popular financial news shows in America. And that’s not all! She’s authored her own best-seller, “Use the News: How to Separate the Noise from the Investment Nuggets and Make Money in Any Economy;” and has produced award-winning documentaries.

Danny Aiello’s career in over seventy stage, screen and film roles has recently taken off in a new direction: song! Best known for his role in “Do the Right Thing,” and “Moonstruck,” the Academy Award nomi-

nated actor, received high marks for his first recording of standards in 2004. “I Just Wanted to Hear the Words” went to #4 on the Billboard Traditional Album Chart.

The NY Times deemed his singing has “the bounce of his idols Bobby Darin, Frank Sinatra and Louis Prima, and the throaty lyricism of another idol, Tony Bennett.”

A Silent Auction and Live Auction will be held. Proceeds from the event go to The League’s “Nostrì Bambini” Program, which helps Italian American children who are ill or suffering from a tragic loss.



Maria Bartiromo, Woman of the Year



Danny Aiello, Man of the Year

A MUSICAL FEAST BY EMILIO VOZZOLO

In April, 2008, the League hosted a delightful dinner at the renowned social club *Tiro a Segno*, one of the oldest Italian-American organizations in the U.S., of which Giuseppe Garibaldi was a founding member.

As a largely members-only organization, *Tiro*

opened its doors to IWL out of respect for the League’s work and further honored the League with a dinner for 4 donation which was raffled off to raise money.

As a social club, among the activities offered was a shooting range. Guests

tested their marksmanship by (safely!) practicing their aim in the building’s basement.

Aaron Caruso, a talented tenor, set the atmosphere with music by performing favorite Italian and Italian-American songs.

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Four-year-old Zachary and 9-year-old Nicholas Alvino of Wanaque, NJ were recipients of hippo therapeutic gymnastics and orthodontic work.



Dear Friends,

I am happy to report our newly instituted Special Needs Fund has been successful in providing services, not covered by insurance, to well over 40 Bambini in the past ten months. The Association for Children with Down Syndrome, Helping Hands Behavioral Outreach, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and Rocking Horse Rehab have distributed donations to recipients for special needs summer camp, hippotherapy, orthotics, computers, high chairs and strollers, a bedroom set, carpeting, a treadmill, a weighted vest and airfare to seek consultations with experts. The following letter is representative of many pouring into The League's office: "Your support is enabling my son to grow as a person and to become all he can, so basically he can be like any other kid. The world needs more people like those in The League to help others in need."

Add these Bambini to the 18 others we have helped so far this year and you can see we are filling a need within the Italian American community. See you on October 25th!

Grazie tante,

Bea Tusiani, *President*

A LAST LOOK AT THE HOUSE THAT RUTH BUILT BY DANIELA MANSILLA

NEW YORK—It may have been 95 degrees at the "soon to be old" Yankee stadium on June 8th, but that did not stop the IWL and its guests from attending the New York Yankees vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game that Sunday.

Prior to the game all were invited to attend a private tour of Monument Park. Vouchers were provided for hotdogs and snacks so lunch could be enjoyed before the start of the game.

The IWL sent a few students from the Nativity Mission Center of the Lower East Side to attend the game. The Nativity is a Jesuit-run middle school for low income families that provides quality education. A few members of IWL's board donated 5 tickets to the Na-

tivity to send the students and a teacher to the game. The school chose 4 boys who had perfect attendance for the school year.

The boys were invited to lunch in the clubhouse. Some of them eagerly waved their hands with hopes of catching a ball while cheering and screaming for their favorite team players like GIAMBI, JETER and A-ROD! The game, ended with a win for the Yankees! It was a memorable event for all!

Supporters brought in donations which allowed the IWL to collect a profit of \$1185! Efforts like this make the organization a continued success! Grazie tante to all those who came out in the sweltering heat to support The League!



IWL members, guests and boys from The Nativity inside Yankee Stadium.