

On October 29, 2014 C.A.S.IT., Inc. (Centro Attivita' Scolastiche Italiane) hosted its first "Casino Night" fundraiser at Spinelli's Function Facility in Lynnfield, MA so that students in public and private schools throughout New England can be afforded Italian language and culture in their classrooms. Guests mingled with colleagues and friends with the goal of helping students and celebrating education. Light-hearted "gaming" ranging from Black Jack to Roulette served as the backdrop for the evening. And in the spirit of all that is Italian, guests dined on cultural delicacies.

Among those in attendance for the Casino Night was the newly-appointed Consul General of Italy, Dr. Nicola DeSantis accompanied by Dr. Elisa Meldolesi, State Representative Paul Donato of Medford, State Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett and many other state wide educational leaders. One of the evening's highlights was youth driven ... Arlington High School and Musica Vesuviana Festival alumni, directed by Sabatino D'Agostino, performed for all those in attendance and wowed them. Special musical

## C.A.S.IT's First Casino Night — A Success



Friends playing Roulette, L-R: Antonietta Fierro, teacher at Revere High School, Maria Carriglio, Carriglio Construction and Lorraine Marenghi.



C.A.S.IT President M.Gioconda Motta, State Representative Paul Donato, President of Mass. School Committee Anna Maria Cugno, and Consul General of Italy in Boston Dr. Nicola De Santis.



Eliot School Teacher Ms. Houlihan, Nurse at the Eliot School Maria Zolla, Principal of the Eliot School Traci Griffith and C.A.S.IT President M. Gioconda Motta.



CASIT board member Dr. Giuseppe Giangregorio, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Consul General of Italy Boston Dr. Nicola De Santis and Educational Director at the Consulate Domenico Teker.



Domenico Susi, Comites member.



Alumni from Musica Vesuviana.

guests Spajazzy, delighted all with their jazz.

The evening was indeed an educational celebration with every detail tended to by CASIT's Adelaide Guarracino, Rosabla Schino, Angela Cristiani and CASIT's President Maria Gioconda Motta. Special thanks to the generosity of Capone Iron Corporation, Roome & Guaracino LLC, Wilmington Sons of Italy, Arco Welding Supply, Cappuccio Construction Co., Inc., Carriglio Construction Corporation, Casa Design, the Giangregorio Family, P&H Business Support Solutions LLC, Patriot Iron Corporation, the Privitera Family Charitable Foundation, Suzanne Iannella, Consul General Nicola DeSantis, Costantino Rich-ards Rizzo LLP, DePasquale Ventures, Eagle Bank, Pasciuto Properties, Ristorante Limoncello, Rucci Bardaro Falzone PC, St. Mary's School, Our Lady's Academy, Beauport Financial Services LLC, and so many others.

The mission of CASIT is to introduce, preserve, rejuvenate or broaden the study of the Italian language, with the ultimate purpose to institute Italian as a subject in the school curriculum. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Office of the Consul General of Italy in Boston, provides partial funding in order for CASIT to achieve its mission in schools. Monies raised during fundraising events such as this Casino Night are allocated to promote Italian language and culture in elementary, middle, and high schools as so many schools have been forced to eliminate foreign language courses due to budget restraints.



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