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 The Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani is recognized by the Italian government and played a role in shaping draft Italian legislation aimed at distinguishing Italian restaurants outside of Italy. GRI's efforts and constant interaction with Italian food and wine producers, Italy's regional governments, consortia and trade groups has made GRI a passionate American advocate for Italian gastronomy.
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GRI Report April Content

Message From The Chairman

We are excited to be enjoying a week in the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia this month with a magnificent itinerary supplied by the region. Next month's GRI Report will contain full coverage of this trip that will be sure to make you wish you had been there with us.

We have been diligently updating GRI membership. If you are not yet a member, sign up (See application included)! If you know an establishment that shares the same mission of promoting and educating authentic Italian food in America, please let us know. We are constantly striving to further solidify our network in order to best fuel our unified objective.

Now that we are a few months into 2007, GRI would like to hear from you! Please let us know what your thoughts are on the GRI Report. Let us know what you would like to see covered in this newsletter. Feedback from you is important to us so please send any input or requests to Jonathan LaRochelle (jlarochelle@colangelopr.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

*Tony May
 Chairman*

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GRI Welcomes...

GRI would like to extend a warm welcome to its newest corporate member, Shaw-Ross International Importers. Shaw-Ross is based in Miramar, Florida and is dedicated to importing fine Italian wines for the American consumer. We are in the planning stages of a collaboration offered exclusively to GRI member restaurants that will surely benefit your establishment. Be on the lookout in future editions of the GRI Report for further details about this collaboration.

Shaw-Ross joins these existing GRI corporate members.
 Regione Friuli-Venezia Giulia
 Podere San Luigi
 Consorzio Tutela Formaggio Asiago
 Consorzio Speck Alto Adige

GRI Activity... The GRI/Giacomo Bologna Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2007 GRI/Giacomo Bologna Scholarship. After receiving and reviewing numerous applications, scholarships were awarded to (6) talented and deserving culinary students. The 2007 winners are:
 Graham Fettig, David Soper, Randle Egbert III, Anne Mellein, Laura Hollman and Mark Wroczynski.
 Congratulations!!!

Our annual scholarship is administered in concert with the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation (NRAEF).

As recipients of the GRI/Giacomo Bologna Scholarship, they will travel to Piedmont where they will receive instruction at the Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners (ICIF), visit local food & wine producers as well as sightseeing and cultural excursions.

GRI has been investing in education since its inception through the GRI-Giacomo Bologna Scholarship Fund. Over the years we have provided countless culinary students the chance of a lifetime to visit an Italy they would otherwise never come to know.

Education is perhaps our best tool to spread our message to the coming wave of culinary professionals. We encourage all our members to help us get our message out through a grass roots level so future chefs will truly understand Italian gastronomy.

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GRI...About Us

History

Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani is a not-for-profit association founded in 1979 to increase the awareness of fine, authentic Italian cuisine and to promote its image through member restaurants, culinary scholarships, fundraising events and news media. Initially founded by a small group of influential Italian restaurateurs, GRI has grown into one of the food industry's most respected associations as a leader in codifying, clarifying and elevating the perception of Italian food and wine throughout the hospitality industry.

Mission

GRI is dedicated to fostering authentic Italian cuisine and enhancing its image in the United States through education, member restaurants and promotions. GRI strives to provide a constant flow of information about Italian cuisine to member restaurants, US press, culinary schools, importers, distributors and general consumers with a serious interest in authentic Italian food.



INSTRUCTIONS:

Please type or print all the information requested below. In addition, attach one copy of your most recent lunch and dinner menus as well as a copy of your wine list. To ensure that you reap the benefits of GRI membership, please add GRI to your mailing lists for any special events at your establishment. If you own more than one restaurant, please copy this form and provide separate information for each.

Owner/Contact Name (First, Last)	Signature	Date
Address where GRI mailings should be sent	City	State ZIP
Owner/Contact telephone or cell phone	Fax & E-mail	
Restaurant Name:		
Address:	City	State ZIP
Telephone:	Fax & E-mail:	
OTHER FEATURES: (check all that apply)		
BANQUET FACILITY	PIZZERIA	BAR Significant Wine List Private Room Available Tie or Jacket Required
SEATING CAPACITY:		Number Of Wines On Wine List:
DINING ROOM:	BANQUET/PRIVATE ROOM:	BAR
AVERAGE DINNER PRICE: (including wine & beverages) check one		ACCEPTED CREDIT CARDS: (check all that apply)
BELOW \$25	\$25 - \$40	OVER \$40
		• AMEX • VISA • MASTERCARD • DINERS CLUB
		CASH ONLY

PAYMENT METHOD: CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

Standard Membership dues are \$600.00 per restaurant for a period of one year.

Make checks payable to: Gruppo Ristoratori Italiani or insert credit card information below:

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