



ITALIAN TABLE TALKS / CHAPTER 12

REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

PPP Round Two, Work Culture, and Immigration Update

Date: Monday, January 18, 2021

Time: 3:00-4:00pm (EST)

Format: Zoom Webinar

Gruppo Italiano presents its original seminar series entitled, "Italian Table Talks" focusing upon various topics surrounding the *Italian Food and Restaurants for Tomorrow*. These topics deal with the real ramifications on the Italian restaurant and hospitality industry, and how these issues in turn affects the ardent cuisine enthusiasts (essentially the general public).

The seminars are aimed at professional food and hospitality operators who are in the business of promoting authentic products of Italy, as well as the general enthusiasts of the Italian culture and culinary arts. In bringing together a panel of industry experts (business and academic) and government officials, GI's aim is to lay out an informative and strategic vision to enhance the Italian food and hospitality industry, not only in New York, but in the United States.

WEBINAR TOPIC: "REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY"

Today's webinar highlights three of the most pertaining topics to rebuild the hospitality industry:

PPP round two, the vital importance of work culture, and immigration update.

The recent announcement of the government second round of stimulus package, the PPP, is the bridge to survival for the restaurant, food, and hospitality communities. **Mr. William Dahill**, Partner at Dunnington Bartholow, Miller, LLP, and an expert on Federal, State and City Financial Support will present and explain the details of the \$900 Billion stimulus package signed after months and months of Congressional negotiations. It is vitally important that restaurants, importers, distributors, and producers understand what is in the package and how to take the most advantage of its offerings.

To explore the future of the work culture, we welcome **Mr. Derrick Mashore**, Senior Vice President for Advisory and Transactions Services at CBRE. After ten months on this unthinkable pandemic and the mass exodus from the traditional workspace to Zoom and Cisco worlds, we ask ourselves: are we better off? Are we more productive,

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creative, or happy? Debatable to many. However, it is important to understand that maintenance of the work that needs to be done on the daily basis, which sometimes can be effectively done virtually, is not innovation neither creates a high performing cultural society. The physical workspace, the office, is where the strong ties and the weak ties are all in one place, and that human interaction no Facetime can replace.

To wrap up, we will touch on the subject of immigration with **Mr. Nicola Tegoni**, Partner at Dunnington Bartholow, Miller, LLP, and Gruppo Italiano Immigration Council. Sadly, millions of hospitality workers were furlough, or entirely lost their jobs, during the pandemic and were forced to returned to their countries of origin due to economic hardship. As the economy picks up again, hopefully soon, and those jobs are eventually back in the market, how can they return to the US? How can we assist to bring our workers back? Will the new administration easy the path for immigration?

Host

Gianfranco Sorrentino

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Guests

William Dahill

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Derrick Mashore

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Nicola Tegoni

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

3:00 - 3:08PM / HOST GREETINGS

Gianfranco Sorrentino, thanks sponsors, introduces today's topic and guests

3:08- 3:23PM / GREETING AND PRESENTATION ON THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

William Dahill

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3:23-3:25PM / INTRODUCTION OF MR. DERRICK MASHORE

Gianfranco Sorrentino

3:25-3:40PM / DERRICK MASHORE GREETING AND PRESENTATION ON OFFICE CULTURE

Derrick Mashore

3:40 - 3:42PM / INTRODUCTION OF NICOLA TEGONI

Gianfranco Sorrentino

3:42-3:57PM / NICOLA TEGONI GREETING AND PRESENTATION

Nicola Tegoni

3:58 - 4:15PM / Q&A SESSION

Gianfranco Sorrentino, William Dahill, Derrick Mashore and Nicola Tegoni

4:15-4:20PM / CLOSING REMARKS

Gianfranco Sorrentino, closing remarks