**The *Società Onoraria Italica* is Happy to Join the Italian Heritage and Culture Month October 2016**

**By Carlo Sclafani**

**The *Società Onoraria* *Italica* is the National Italian Honor Society for high school students in the United States. The *Società* is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Italian. The purpose of the *Società* is to give recognition to the achievement of high school students who study Italian in the United States and who have distinguished themselves in the study of the Italian language and culture. For a student to be accepted as a member in the *Società*, he or she has to have an average of A in Italian and B+ overall average in their high school studies. The Italian teacher who recommends the student has to be a member of the American Association of Teachers of Italian.**

**The *Società* was founded in 1965 by a group of New York teachers of Italian and sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Italian. Their objective was to recognize the special achievements of high school students of Italian as well as to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Ita**

**The *Società Onoraria Italica* offers scholarships to students and teachers and awards to HS students of Italian in the United States. The *Società* also sponsors workshops for teachers of Italian and supports cultural and educational activities for the purpose of promoting the study of the Italian language in tlian culture and civilization.he United States.**

**Prof. Carlo Sclafani of Westchester Community College and SUNY Distinguished Professor was the President of the *Società* from 1975 to 2012. Prof. Lucrezia Lindia of Eastchester High School has been President of the *Società*  since 2012.**

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