

## AMHS General Society Meeting on September 23 -- Reserve Now!

Cari Amici,

**The next general meeting of the Abruzzo and Molise Heritage society will take place on Sunday, September 23, and the deadline for reservations is coming up fast.**

The meeting will be held at **1:00 p.m. at Carmine's restaurant** at 425 7th Street, N.W. in Washington's Penn Quarter neighborhood. The featured speaker will be our Immediate Past President Maria D'Andrea-Yothers who will give a presentation on the *transumanza* and *tratturi*, a phenomenon that has profoundly influenced the economy, culture, and history of Abruzzo and Molise. The *transumanza* refers to the seasonal transfer of sheep between the green pastures of the higher Apennines in Abruzzo and Molise in summer to the green plains of Puglia and Lazio in winter. The routes followed by the shepherds are known as *tratturi*. In what is sure to be an informative presentation, Maria will illuminate this pivotal aspect of our regional identity. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. **Paid reservations must be received by 12 noon on September 19; the online reservation system will close at 11:45 p.m. on September 18.** See the attached flyer for the menu and more details. Please note that wine and beer are available by individual purchase only.

There will be a short business session prior to the meal and presentation, as members of the society vote on renewal of the AMHS's affiliation with the National Italian American Foundation. The Executive Committee has recommended continuing our affiliation with NIAF, and we will vote by secret ballot, as has been done in the past.

We hope to see you there.

Cordiali saluti,  
Carmine James Spellane  
Secretary  
Abruzzo and Molise Heritage Society