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***Andrea Doria* Shipwreck Survivor/Author Honors the 53rd Anniversary of the Historic Event**

*Pierette Domenica Simpson, Andrea Doria-Stockholm collision survivor and author of **Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History** honors this historic occasion with notable undertakings on a local, national, and international platform.*

Novi, Michigan, July 2009—Honoring the memory of the most catastrophic collision in history between two ocean liners of July 25, 1956, is important for all the survivors of the greatest sea rescue in peace time (July 26, 1956). Pierette Domenica Simpson, shipwreck survivor and author of ***Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History*** is commemorating this important occasion with local, national, and international undertakings:

- On July 11, Simpson was a keynote speaker for the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Her talk, “From Tragedy to Triumph” was presented to ALTAFF (Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations.)
- To coincide with this event, Simpson released her historic audio CD book, ***Alive on the Andrea Doria the Greatest Sea Rescue in History***. Along with her narration are five other first-hand accounts narrated by survivors.
- On July 4-6, the author hosted and was interviewed by an Italian documentarian from Torino. Giulia Vola is on a global mission to locate piemontesi (people from the Piedmont region of Italy.)
- Simpson returned from her native Italy on June 2 with two awards: the first being “piemontesi protagonisti” for her contribution of literature and patriotism; the second was an honorary citizenship given to her by her native town.
- Simpson’s short story of gratitude is published in a new inspirational book series called ***Thank God I... Stories of Inspiration for Every Situation***.
- The author will speak about her book and do a book signing at the Ann Arbor Public Library on Monday, August 17 at 7 p.m.

Other notable facts:

- On the 50th anniversary, the author was featured on CBS “Sunday Morning” with Charles Osgood.
- ***Alive on the Andrea Doria*** is the first all-inclusive book written by a shipwreck survivor.
- The book has been endorsed nationally for use in forensic marine science.
- Simpson has collaborated in the making of two documentaries. One often aired in the US is PBS “Secrets of the Dead: *Andrea Doria*.”
- Simpson has sold world film rights to her book.

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