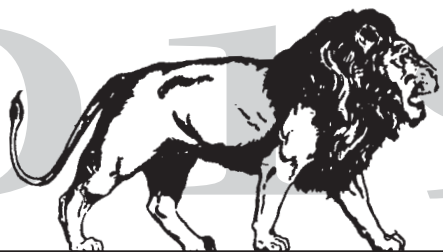


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5051 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112.
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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

2019, let's hope for a wonderful and prosperous New Year for each and every member of the Grand Lodge of CA Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. This last year, as in the previous year has been hard on our lodges and members. From the fires in Santa Rosa in 2017, Shasta/Redding in 2018 and just recently in Paradise. I would like to thank each and every one of you that have donated to these areas. Let us help our fellow members build new memories, so let us start 2019 out right!!!

Unfortunately we have a lodge that has closed, Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge No. 2011. A lot of other lodges are struggling, if your lodge needs help let your State Deputy, State Trustee or Vice President know. Membership is a key to our existence. Ask that neighbor to join, remind them you do not have to be Italian to join.

As Sister Arlene mentioned last year, she would be retiring from office manager at the grand lodge building. Filling her shoes is no easy task! I would like to thank Ray Bini and Lori Rossi and Arlene for the help in interviewing the potential employees. It gives me great pleasure to introduce, Alexis Cardenas, as our new Office Manager as of January 3rd 2019. Please introduce yourself to her when you call in, and please be patient with the office staff as we transition from Arlene, who has been there for 12+ years, to Alexis. Welcome Alexis!!!

We have started the "365" raffle once again, this year

we have lowered the purchase price to \$25.00 but we kept the amounts to win the same. Please help support the Grand Lodge with this fundraiser. Each lodge could purchase one and you would be surprised when the check comes in the mail. A number of people and lodges and "DOGS" have won multiple times

A thank you to all of the outgoing filial lodge officers, we appreciate all you have done for the past two years, but please remember to help the new officer coming in with a good transition plan. By the time you read this a number of lodges will have already installed there new officer. Thank you also to all the new officers that have stepped up to help. Congratulations.

Add to your calendar that the winter National meeting will be held in San Diego at the end of February and first weekend in March. I am hoping a lot of members from the various lodges are able to attend this event.

March grand council is also right around the corner. It will be held at the Doubletree in American Canyon.

What New Year's resolution will you make? Hopefully good health to everyone in your families including your Sons of Italy Family! Everyone's goal this year should be membership, I know I always mention this but it is amazing how easy it is to bring up the Order in conversation with friends, remember a lot of people have never heard of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America. Just ASK!

In closing I leave you with this to think about,

"The trouble with quotes on the internet is that you can never know if they are genuine" by Abe Lincoln.

Until next month

Ciao

John

News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and that the New Year will be good to all of us and that we stay healthy. I had wonderful holidays. The boys were home and that always makes it fun. I had a great Christmas with the family and Mom. I loved your comments on my Christmas cards on how Lorenzo and Emilio have grown over the years. They are no longer boys, are men now.

I attended the last Christmas party of the Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge in Fremont. They have decided to close their doors as they were unable to get any new officers for the lodge. So sorry to lose another lodge and such an active one too. I have always loved their Christmas parties. For the members who have not yet sent in their papers, please consider transferring to another lodge.

My sincere sympathy to Teresa Massetti on the loss of her husband Chuck. He was an active member and President of the Diablo Valley Lodge for many years. RIP Chuck.

Columbia Lodge had very

successful Toys for Tots drive followed by a delicious lasagna dinner prepared by new member Pete Quicici. We are so fortunate that he decided to join our lodge. Lots of toys collected for the children.

The Columbia Lodge choir performed at four retirement -convalescent homes this year and one was Atria where Mom is. They did a wonderful job this year and all the seniors thoroughly enjoyed the singing.

Well, have had two great weekends with the 49ers winning - even though we are going nowhere, always fun to win.

We have collected quite a bit of money for the Chico, Paradiso Lodge members and State President Costa personally delivered one check. Donations are still coming in and more will be donated. If you have not donated yet, there is still time. Send a check payable to the Grand Lodge of California to the office.

Well, by the time you read this, I should have retired for the second time. (this time with no pension and no benefits) I will miss talking to all of you in the office but I am still your 1st State VP for the next 6 months, so you can always contact me. It has been a wonderful 12 years at the Grand Lodge and I am sure I will miss it. (but not the 6am wakeups) I have worked with many great State Presidents, some now gone. Thank you all for being so wonderful to me the past years. I love you all.

Ciao until next year.

News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski
State 3rd Vice President



Sisters and Brothers, I am so proud to tell you that my father, Sam Fumosa, Past President of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, has been awarded the title of "President Emeritus" of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. We are all so happy that the Grand Lodge has chosen to honor him with this title. Those of you who know him, know that this is well deserved. Even if I am a little biased!

Moving on. Next month, February, is the month that we elect our California Grand Lodge Delegates to our Convention. I would ask that all Local Lodge Presidents refer to Article 57-State Delegates on page 43 of the current Grand Lodge By-Laws, Revised June 2015. This gives you information on how many delegates your Lodge is required to send to Convention. I will retype section C here to save you all some time on eligibility.

C. Eligibility for State Delegates and Alternates shall be:

1. The Local Lodge President in office at the time of the Grand Convention is a State Delegate ex officio and is included in the number of State Delegates to which each Local Lodge is entitled. The Local Lodge President who cannot attend the Grand Convention shall be substituted by the Vice President. If the Vice President is already a State Delegate, or does not have the qualifications, the President shall be substituted by the first Alternate Delegate.

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Happy New Year
Best wishes for a great 2019.
May all your dreams come true.
Andy and Louise Pampuro
and
Steve and Debbie Ure





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**State Third Vice President
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2. Any member who has completed an entire term as a State Delegate or as an officer of a Local Lodge previous to their nomination as a State Delegate is eligible to be elected State Delegate or Alternate. However, the member shall have attended not less than half of the meetings of the Local Lodge including excused absences, during the prior two years. However, if there is no eligible and interested candidates for a position, any Regular or Associate Local Lodge member shall be so elected. The presence at the meetings is established by the member signing the Register of the Local Lodge.

3. The Founders of the Local Lodge which has been in existence for less than one year at the time of election are eligible candidates for the Office of State Delegate and Alternate.

Please review the rest of the Article in the By-Laws so you and your Lodge can continue to have a smooth transition/continuation of service in the position of State Delegate. If you have any, questions reach out to your State Deputy, State Officer or the Grand Lodge Office.

Thank you for all you do to keep our Order strong.

Till next month
Fraternally
Barbara

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA

December 2018

Worthy State Officers,

Columbia Lodge, Cornelia Vita-Nuova and William Paca Lodges will host a combined installation of new officers on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the Peninsula Italian American Social Club, 100 North B Street, San Mateo.

We hope that you will join us and meet the new officers of these lodges.

Festivities will start at 3:00 pm and dinner will be served following the installation ceremonies around 4:30pm. Price will be \$40.00 each and will include salad, pasta, a choice of Chicken Piccata, Salmon, or Veal Parmigiana, ice cream and coffee/tea.

Please mail a check made payable to the United Lodges of San Mateo County to Maria Pignati, 268 Delmar Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, prior to January 7, 2019.

Thank you,
Arlene Nunziati

NAME: _____Lodge: _____

Chicken Piccata _____Salmon _____Veal Parmigiana _____

Check amount enclosed: _____Number of persons: _____



IMPORTANT NOTICE
FROM THE OFFICE

The new system is working very nicely but I find that we still need a lot of phone numbers and emails. Please forward this information to the Grand Lodge office so that our records can be updated and complete.

Financial Secretaries: Please make sure that the beneficiaries are up to date on regular members! Make sure that applications are completely filled out.

Thank you.



Become a Sponsor of Il Leone!

Wishing All of You a Happy New Year
From Past Grand Lodge Queen
Mary Lucido 2016-2018



SAVE THE DATE

Columbia Lodge #1940 75th Anniversary
&
Honoring National President
Vera Ferrara Girolami

Saturday evening, April 6, 2019

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street
San Mateo

No Host cocktails 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Nov. 16-30

16	\$25.00	Susan Cahan
17	\$25.00	Pat Galli
18	\$25.00	Alan Spano
19	\$25.00	Sean Dankowski
20	\$25.00	Susan Nudo
21	\$25.00	Kristin Ridste
22	\$25.00	Morey Gann
23	\$25.00	Lawne Salvestrin
24	\$25.00	Judie Buldo
25	\$25.00	Lorenzo & Emilio Nunziati
26	\$25.00	Joy Bruno
27	\$25.00	Marilyn Vecchio
28	\$25.00	Lizzy Simon
29	\$25.00	Saddleback Valley Lodge
30	\$50.00	Michaelynn Minicucci

Dec. 1-15

1	\$25.00	Pamela Buldo
2	\$25.00	Brian Caminada
3	\$25.00	Frank Cuellar
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7	\$25.00	Julian Danzo
8	\$25.00	Paul Polo
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10	\$25.00	Watsonville Lodge
11	\$25.00	Rookie the dog c/o Louises
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Gold Country Lodge # 2507

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Tami Welch

Gold Country Lodge #2705 had our annual Christmas Dinner at Cascada's in El Dorado Hills on Sunday, December 2nd. We had a fantastic turnout and have Jim and Barbara Silveira to thank for organizing and beautifully decorating for all to enjoy. Happy New Year from our lodge to yours!!



Bill Murphy & Lynn Lawrence-Murphy (Gold Country Lodge State Deputy), Barbara Silveira, Tami Welch, Jim Silveira, Bob Matranga.



United Lodges of Southern California

Toys for Tots Christmas Party
by Rosemarie Vanderhaar

Sunday, Dec. 2nd at the Centinela Valley Lodge hall, the United Lodges had their annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party. After a brief meeting, those attending enjoyed a delicious pasta and sausage dinner served by Centinela Valley Lodge. members Annette Porter and Mark Vaona. Rounding out the menu, a dessert of spumoni ice cream wedges and Italian cookies served by Michelle Lowinger and Edithe DiGiuro. Centinela Valley lodge member Steve Guthrie was behind the bar.

President Carmine Baffo introduced MC for the Afternoon program, Gabe Domenici.. Gabe introduced our honored guests, the Marines and presenting them with the toys. Representing the Marines was Sergeant Luis Mendoza and Lance Corporal Anthony Williams. Each spoke briefly and thanked our group for the generous donation of toys.

Gabe introduced other dignitaries. State officers present were State Orator Mark Vaona. State Financial Secretary Gabe Domenici, State Treasurer Al Trentini, State Head Trustee Pauline Richmond, State Trustees, south, Manny Finazzo and Carmine Baffo. State committee chairperson, Andy Pampuro, Media and Il Leone and State Scholarship Rosemarie Vanderhaar.

Lodges attending were America, Anaheim, Centinela Valley, Desert Valley, Hacienda, Joanne Coccia, Pugliese, Saddleback Valley and West End. From the Enrico Caruso Lodge in Visalia was guest Doris Hildreth.

Before closing, Rosemarie Vanderhaar, chairperson, thanked everyone for coming and for the generous donation of toys.

She reminded everyone to Save the Date of Feb. 2, 2019 for the Mass Installation/ Testimonial to State Officers, South.



Crystal Therapy

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Since ancient times people have collected crystals. They believed crystals had magical powers. These rocks look like glass, and each type has an attractive color. Crystals are solids made of atoms arranged in a highly ordered microscopic structure. They were formed millions of years ago, and some are still forming today. Some are formed when molten rocks rise from deep in the earth and cool.

Because the sides of a crystal run in the same direction, light and electricity will travel through a crystal in one direction, but not in any other direction, like water can run through a pipe but not through the walls of a pipe. When crystals are stretched or squeezed they produce an electrical current that allows them to be used in radios and electrical equipment.

Quartz is a common rock crystal. Grains of sand are crystals of quartz that have been battered so the edges have worn off. The crystal ball that a fortune-teller gazes into often is made of clear quartz. The diamond is a crystal used for engagements and weddings. Birthstones and gems are cut or polished crystals.

Many people collect crystals for their beauty. Other people collect crystals for the cleansing and healing properties they are believed to bring. Crystal therapy is not a science, but certain crystals are used to treat pains and

sore body organs. Crystals are used to reduce stress and promote relaxation. They are said to balance emotions. They are used to clear negative energies from the home. And crystals are also used to facilitate mental clarity and higher awareness.

Many books are available for sale in bookshops or are on loan at libraries that explain crystal therapy. Various cultures attribute healing powers to crystal. The Chinese, for example, have traditionally favored jade. In some cases crystals may work in the same way as a placebo. Polished crystal stones are sold online, the size usually given in millimeters or inches and the weight in grams or ounces.

Some experts who practice yoga say that the human body has vital centers called chakras, and they use colored crystals to vitalize these centers. Here are the seven chakras of the human body and some stones assigned to them: Root Chakra - red jasper, Sacral Chakra - carnelian, Solar Plexus Chakra - golden quartz, Heart Chakra - green aventurine, Throat Chakra - blue aventurine, Third Eye (Brow) Chakra - amethyst, and Crown Chakra - clear quartz.

Large crystals are mounted on wooden bases and displayed attractively at home or at work to inspire us and remind us of the wonders of nature.



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Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA

by Caorle Dellaragione

It has been a very busy December. We began with a luncheon for the Telephone Retirees. Then the Children’s Christmas Party, which was ran by Junior Member Jordan Zufall. She had crafts for the kids, two face painters, a singer, lunch and a visit from Santa Claus (aka John Zufall). While we did not have as many kids as we expected, a great time was had by those in attendance.

Then that night we hosted the Redding Peace Officers Christmas Party. During their party all of us there working gathered to thank them for all they did for our community during the Carr Fire. That was followed the next Wednesday by a luncheon for Sons in Retirement and then that Saturday the Shasta County Sheriff’s Department Christmas Party.

During all that many of us were working shifts, ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Our Vice President John DiMatteo rang bells for 18 straight hours in front of one door of Wal-Mart in competition with the head of the local Salvation Army, Tim. John captured the title for most money raised in 2017, but this year Tim bested him by about \$50. John has rang bells for over 30 hours as of Dec. 18th. Thanks to all those who participated.

We held a cookie exchange at our December General Meeting after electing the final officers to fill the 2019-2021 term. We will have our installation of officers in January and will announce the officers then.

Our annual Crab Feed is coming on February 8th and 9th. Saturday is nearly sold out and Friday about half-way. This is one of our two largest events of the year so we need all hands available to help make it successful.

Our current president and president-elect will visit the Chico Vincenzo Bellini Lodge in January to present them with checks for their Camp Fire victims. We are waiting to hear about Paradise lodge. We are all praying for a fire-free 2019 with those that lost homes having time to rebuild and recuperate.

Congratulations to the youngest Zufall, Kristiana. Along with her Father, Mother, Sister and three brothers, she is now an alumni of UC Davis.

We at Shasta Lodge wish you all a wonderful new year.



Vice President John DiMatteo is ringing bells for the Salvation Army.



Rob Rose dressed like an elf for our general meeting in December.



Andrew, Blake, Kristiana, Kaitlyn, and Adam Zufall, were all Junior Members of Shasta Lodge and are all graduates of UC Davis along with their dad Ron and mother Teresa,



Members working the Redding Peace Officers Christmas Party giving a round of applause for the peace officers for their service to the community during the Carr Fire.



John Zufall (aka Santa Claus) with daughter Jordan on right and wife Becky on left.

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C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci

What a rousing success!

C. Colombo Lodge #1315 hosted the 9th annual Cucidati Contest with a record-breaking crowd in attendance. Chaired by Pam Bustos, the event included not only a “cucidati bake off”, but an array of Italian pastries for sale, musicians playing traditional folk tunes, Tarantella dancers and prizes galore for the lucky winners. Members of the Italian Clubs of both Deer Valley and Freedom High Schools worked shifts at the event held at the Antioch Senior Center. Proceeds go to support the scholarship awards given out to local graduating seniors by the lodge.

Winners of the 2018 Cucidati Contest were 1st Place: Craig and Karen Billeci; 2nd Place: Wendy Aliotti; 3rd Place: Zelda LeFrak-Belleci. Guests had the opportunity to “blind taste” all the cucidati entries and vote for their favorite cookie Walking off with the People’s Choice Award was the brother and sister duo again: Craig and Karen Billeci.



Seen stepping up to buy tickets for food and drinks at the Cucidati Contest is C. Colombo member Vince Ferrante. Making change is the chair of the event Pam Bustos working the ticket table during the Sunday afternoon event.



Pam Bini, President of Beatrice Portinari Lodge, is stepping up to get refreshments and is being greeted by a costumed barmaid, otherwise known as Walaine Hankins, the Recording Secretary of C. Colombo Lodge.



Chair of the Cannoli Booth was Roseanne Ortland, pictured at the far right. The homemade pastries were a sell-out at the recent Cucidati Contest event hosted by C. Colombo Lodge. Assisting Roseanne were Tony Quesanda and Melanie Bruno.



Judges for the 2018 Cucidati Contest were sequestered in a private room to “blind taste” the Sicilian pastry and score al entries for appearance, taste, texture and filling. The top 3 entries in the year’s competition for THE most delicious cucidati were later announced amidst thunderous applause. Handing this arduous task were Joe Cardinale, Russ Belleci, Joe Sbranti, Arlene Nunziati and Cathy Aiello-Clark.



Winning over \$200 in the 50/50 raffle was State President John Costa. When President Bill heard that the monies from the other half were being donated to victims of the Camp Fire that are members of Paradiso Lodge #2743, he graciously added back into donation all the cash he had just won! Thank, John.



Grand Lodge dignitaries that stopped by to enjoy the food and festivities at the 9th Annual Cucidati Contest included Trustee Ray Bini, wife Pam Bini, First Lady Donna Lee Costa, State President John Costa and State First Vice President Arlene Nunziati. Pictured in costume is Joy Bruno who volunteered to help out C. Colombo Lodge by working the entry ticket table. Joy serves as Grand Lodge Chair of the Meucci Museum Committee.



The decorations led one to believe it was Thanksgiving at the Senior Center, but the mood and music was definitely Italy in Antioch! “E Compare” was the song of choice as Joe Coniglio joined band members Joe Simone and Joe Miseli to entertain the guests at the Cucidati festivities on a Sunday afternoon in November.



Members from Freedom High School’s Italian Club worked the Bake Sales Tables at the Cucidati Contest event sponsored by C. Colombo Lodge. Pictured above are Anjol Grewats, Jessica Boyle and Katie Lucido. After finishing their shift at the Bake Sale Table, the trio joined the troupe of Tarentella dancers.



BIG WINNERS ~ Chief Judge Cathy Aiello-Clark announced the winners of the cucidati bake off. A brother and sister duo walked off with the first-place prize. The team also captured the People’s Choice Award. The pictured above are Craig and Karen Billeci holding their winning check and the People’s Choice prize.

C. Colombo
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Reaching back to “the old country”, guests marked the map of Italy with a colorful pin to designated the region from which their family immigrated to the United States. Jose Mendez and Faith Montemayor, members of Deer Valley High School Italian Club, volunteered at the ancestry activity during the Cucidati Contest festivities.



It’s a family affair! Paul Belleci, chair of the Sfingi Booth, is seen tempting his godfather, John Buffo, to try some of these “Italian donuts”. Hot out of the pan and smothered in powdered sugar, the sfingi were a sell-out at the Cucidati Contest.



Paul Flores manned the pizzelle griddle at the cucidati event held at the Senior Center in Antioch. Paul made a return engagement” as chef-extraordinaire this year turning out the waffle shaped cookies made-to-order as guests lined up at his booth.

Hanford Lodge # 1543

by Jackie Giacomazzi
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Many thanks to Danny Dattola for helping to provide a “pizza party” for all to enjoy. An enthusiastic crowd of adults and children alike welcomed Santa with singing “Jingle Bells” led by Annette Nicely. Each child had a chance to sit on Santa’s lap and tell him his/her Christmas wishes, receive a gift and have pictures taken. Egg nog, punch, cookies, pie and a table full of Christmas candies finished off the event. As a special feature, pictures of our children through the past 10 years were posted on the walls of the hall. (The older kids had a great time reminiscing about the past). Thanks, also, to Tony and Louise Tesoriere, Chuck and Joyce Sant’Agata, Louise Silacci, and all the members who brought goodies for all to share. Mille grazie!!!! At the January meeting, members will be treated to a Polenta Dinner provided by the Leone and Nardini families. All are invited to attend. Installation of our newly elected officers will be on the agenda. Happy New Year to all!



SAVE THE DATE

Sacramento Lodge #1352
Annual Shrimp Feed
Saturday, November 2, 2019



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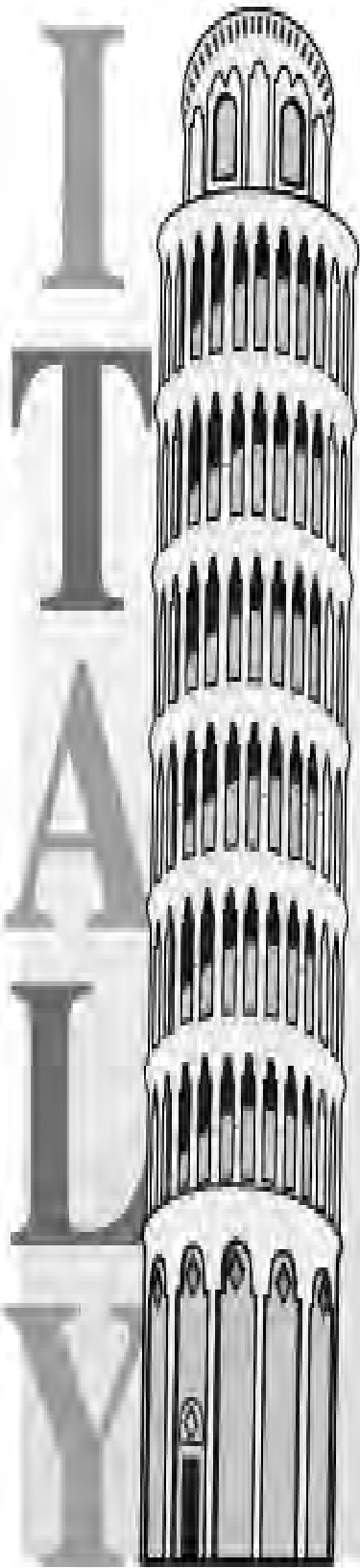
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Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge held their annual Christmas party on December 9th with over 100 members and guests present. Members and guests who attended the event were treated to a delicious Christmas dinner complete with ham, yams, rigatoni and a variety of desserts made by members. Co-chairs for the event were *Ken Curti* and *Cathy Mederos*. *Dennis Mederos* (A.K.A. Santa) treated over 35 junior members with candy stuffed stocking prepared by *Joann Beecher*. *Ben Curti*, *Charlie Pitigliano*, *Clint and Caleb Curti* helped with the cooking and cleanup chores. Lodge members also brought numerous items to be given to the *Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission*.

Pam Sola, junior member activity chair, put on a wonderful talent show and Christmas program with the junior members. Roma Lodge President, *David DePaoli* and First Lady *Giovanna DePaoli* presided over the event as their last official duties prior to the installation of new officers in January.



The Vince Sola Family enjoying a great meal at the Roma Lodge Christmas Party.



Roma Lodge junior members present items to the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission brought by members to the Christmas party.



Pam Sola, junior member chair, put on a great talent show with junior members at the Christmas Party.



Santa (A.K.A. Dennis Mederos) asks Kaitlyn Pinkerton what she wants for Christmas at the Roma Lodge Party.

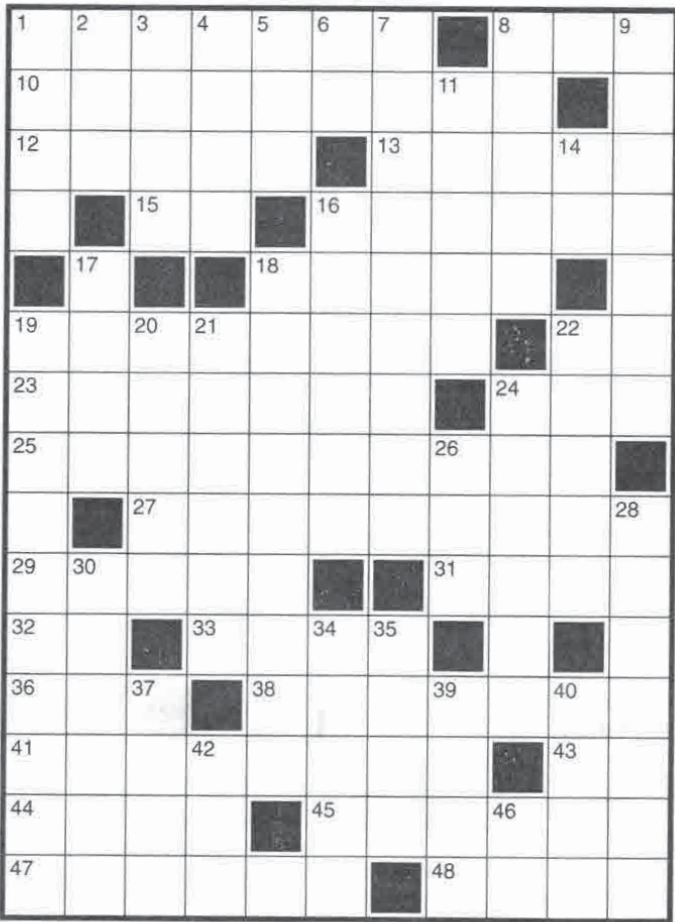
ORIZZONTALI

- 1. Marsupiale americano con coda prensile.
- 8. In precedenza.
- 10. Un tipo di traduzione.
- 12. La vittima della Corday.
- 13. Frecce.
- 15. Articolo romanesco.
- 16. Intenso desiderio.
- 18. Il nome della Lisi.
- 19. L'isola dei nuraghi.
- 22. Sigla di Cuneo.
- 23. Relativa agli uccelli.
- 24. Arto per il volo.
- 25. Proprietario del maniero.
- 27. Relativi alla s.p.a.
- 29. Risparmiatore... esagerato.
- 31. College inglese.
- 32. Pezzo degli scacchi.
- 33. Bagna Hyderabad.
- 36. Uno a Londra.
- 38. Trasparenti e delicate.
- 41. Va rispettata scrivendo.
- 43. In mezzo al mare.
- 44. Le... belve televisive.
- 45. Augurio durante il brindisi.
- 47. Tabella alla stazione.
- 48. Piccolo genio della mitologia nordica.

VERTICALI

- 1. Il regista di "Centochiodi".
- 2. Scrisse "La Maremmana".
- 3. Sacco per liquidi.
- 4. Attrice famosa.
- 5. Partita a tennis.
- 6. Un po' di urgenza.
- 7. Enorme... come un errore.
- 8. Cesta sulla schiena.

CRUCIVERBA



- 9. Aiutò Teseo a uscire dal labirinto.
- 11. Lamento.
- 14. Il giorno più breve.
- 16. Sono anche urbani.
- 17. Esce dal cratere.
- 18. Pudica.
- 19. Uno zucchero.
- 20. Zuffa con percosse e ingiurie.
- 21. Quelli di lavoro assumono dipendenti.
- 22. Elemento... in piscina.
- 24. Comune palmipede.
- 26. Dea cacciata dall'Olimpo.
- 28. La stagione fredda.
- 30. Mara della TV.
- 34. Si lancia per sport.
- 35. Zona verde nel Sahara.
- 37. Città siciliana.
- 39. Chiude il film.
- 40. Stile pittorico... ingenuo.
- 42. Segue il bis nelle numerazioni.
- 46. Antico 150.

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Petaluma Sons & Daughters of Italy

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Anaheim Lodge # 2076

Anaheim, CA
by Fran D’Errico, Recording Secretary

Happy New Year, we hope that everyone made it through the holidays in good health and that 2019 will be prosperous for all the lodges and our Italian Heritage will flourish.

“SAVE THE DATE” SUNDAY - MAY 5th, 2019. ANAHEIM LODGE - 61TH ANNIVERSARY.

All lodges will be sent more information at the beginning of the year. Please remember that when you do your calendars for 2019, that you keep it in mind to save this date for the Anaheim Lodge. Members of Anaheim Lodge will also receive information regarding the Anniversary.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR AN ANAHEIM LODGE MEMBER:

Austin Aita a member and son of Charles Aita our Past President of Anaheim Lodge and nephew of Mariann Aita our current Vice President are requesting if you all can please pray for Austin. Last February he was in a horrific motor cycle accident. He lost his arm and had many broken bones throughout his body. He also suffered traumatic head trauma. Austin has been in a Long Term Care facility every since. If you can, please pray for him, and if you can please send him a card. His father and aunt read all the cards to him. Here is the address:
Austin Aita, Rm 119C
New Orange Hills
5017 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92869

“WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING”

Saturday December 15th, the Anaheim lodge hosted its Annual **“CHRISTMAS PARTY”**

We had a wonderful Italian Dinner, Prepared by Mike Gutrie, David D’Ordine & David Lavazzari. Other kitchen help included Maria Copak and Fran D’Errico. The sauce was cooked by Sherry Monaco, her mother’s receipt. All the excellent and taste cookies were provided by our lodge members, and boy did we have a huge variety to choose from. A terrific time visiting with old friends, and the arrival of Santa Claus for the young and old to enjoy. We played the annual **“Right Family Game”** which everyone always enjoys. **“Our Annual Christmas Story”** read by Elizabeth Lavez-

zari (who is home from College for the Holidays), and our past queen, and a member since she was a baby, read a Christmas Story to the children and Adults. Elizabeth has been reading a story every year since 2006 when she was 6 year old. Maria Copak our Financial Scretary, who can also crochet fantastic, made beautiful snowflakes. She makes them every year to pass out and this year she make 130 of them, see picture. Also she makes the hug pans of Biscotti for all our occasions. Thank you Maria.

WHAT WE HAVE COMING UP:

On Saturday January 12th, we will have a BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA PARTY and Bingo.

What a better way to start the year the Italian way with Pizza.

MEMBERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP AND IF YOU NEED OURS,

Remember we encourage you to attend and support our lodge... If you need a ride, call any officer and we will make arrangements for transportation. If you have Italian and non Italian friends who wish to come to our events, please bring them and see what a fun time we have and very friendly members. Our lodge has always been family oriented and we still encourage this standard in our lodge. We all want our Italian Heritage to continue for generations to come.

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE NOTE DATES LISTED BELOW IN REGARDS TO MEETINGS:

The Anaheim Lodge has a new schedule for Officers meetings and General Meetings.

OFFICERS MEETINGS: (FEB.9, APRIL 3, JUNE 5, OCT. 2, DEC. 4,) held at the home of the D’Ordines

GENERAL MEETINGS: (JAN. 9, MAR.13, MAY 1, SEPT. 5, NOV.6,) held at Mama Cozza’s Restaurant on Ball Rd in Anaheim. There will be Pizza and salad for the meetings.

OTHER INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE:

Please read the La Stella for events information and other news regarding the Lodge. The Anaheim Lodge Calendar is posted in the La Stella every month for your convince.



See the following Schedule of upcoming Dates. Mark your calendars:

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| January: | Saturday 12th Pizza & Bingo |
| February: | Saturday 9th Event |
| March: | Sunday 17th St. Joseph Table |
| April: | Saturday ? - Planning an outside function |
| May: | Sunday 5th - 61st Anniversary Dinner |
| June: | Grand Lodge Convention in Ontario, CA |
| July: | Sunday TBA Lodge Annual Picnic |
| August: | To Be Advised of Date (Annual Angels Baseball Game) |
- God Bless those servicing and protecting our country and Arrivederci until next time.**

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Rodolfo Valentino Lodge # 1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, President;
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Last Month: We celebrated our Christmas Dinner with a good showing of our membership. It was our first all-snack and hoes-d'oeuvre get together ever. We also selected our officers and board members for the coming year. We will post the names and positions in our new membership list, due out next month.

Also, the United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley (ULCSJV) met at Andiamo's Restaurant with President Charles Sant'Agata presiding. Ten of our lodge members were there to represent us; honor guests were Edward Fanucci, the Italian Consul for the Fresno area (his law office is designated as an official Italian Consulate); Miss California, Anne Marie of Hanford; and Grand Lodge representatives Pauline Richmond, Louise Silacci, and Hazel Ann Christian. Our lodge was the sponsor for the dinner. Edward provided an informative description of the functions of his office, and the door prize winner was one of our very own members. Buono Natales were liberally exchanged. Nominations for next years election were presented and accepted in preparation for the next meeting in March, 2019. All proceeds from these luncheons are contributed to the Valley Children's Hospital in Madera.

The Problem with perfection is that you cannot fix it.

This Month, January 21: We begin our new year, so make sure Brian has your check for your 2019 dues. January is also a Pot Luck month. And, since everyone has now had their flu shots, I won't have to remind anyone. **If you catch a cold:** stay warm and hydrated; it won't cure it, but you will feel better.

Next Months: February 18 and March 18 will be our usual meetings, with Pot Luck; bring what you can; no other details yet. April 15 will be our Spring Fest Pasta Party, so nudge your family and friends now.

Months to Come: The next ULCSJV meeting will be March 10, 2019. And, the Grand Lodge 2019 Convention will start June 26 in Reno.

Do you have comments for our lodge members? Any Historical lodge photos? Let me know at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

Teddy Roosevelt warned that an uneducated man can steal from a rail car, but an educated man can steal the entire rail company. Improve your method of stealth by applying for our Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America scholarship(s). Contact Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The Scholarship Deadlines are: for Clovis Lodge, March 31, 2018; for California State Grand Lodge: March 01, 2018; and, for National Lodge the date is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). Go to <https://www.osia.org/students/scholarships.php> for grants/tours/studies information in Italy. These are great for any student on a budget or not.

Join Us: If you have friends or family that are looking for good fellowship and a place to hang out on the third Monday of each month, invite them to join you at our meetings, 6:30 PM, at Notre Dame Hall, 333 8th Street, at DeWitt Avenue. We feature short meetings, great companionship, and superb food. Our web site is <http://rodolfovalentinolodge.com/>.



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Thank you,
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Saddleback Valley Lodge # 2566

Mission Viejo, CA
By Bernadine Liuzzi-Neil

Our Lodge has so much to be thankful for during 2018. Our membership is steadily growing and our members fill the meeting room each month to enjoy camaraderie, fun activities and scrumptious dinners. We are going to top off 2018 by making our way to Pasadena where we will help decorate a float that will proudly make its way down Colorado Blvd. during the Rose Parade.

On December 15th, we held our annual Christmas celebration. This year 57 of us celebrated with a luncheon that included great food, music by Tony Ciaramitaro, a silent auction, and an ugly sweater contest. The event began with an invocation by Louise Pampuro who thanked God that President Hank Lowinger was back celebrating with us after a long illness. Hank looked great even in his funny Christmas outfit. There was so much laughter and joking about the silly outfits we were wearing. Our contest winners were given money awards. Tony Marraccino, Al Schlappy and Bob Kelly tied for 4th place; Louise Pampuro and Andrea Pennino tied for 3rd place. Tim Herington won 2nd place and Bernie Neil was our first place winner with a sweater she decorated herself. Our thanks to President Hank and First Lady Michelle for being such excellent judges.

Of course, Italians can't get together without music. This year our Christmas sing-a-long included some

great Italian songs Faniculi Fanicula and C'e La Luna Mezz'o Mare that are not Christmas-oriented but got everyone singing, dancing and joining a congo line that snaked its way around the room ending in a circle dance that left us all exhausted.

Our silent auction was filled with wonderful items and our members bid generously. The Lodge's bank balance has gone up a bit thanks to all who participated.

Finally, special thanks must be extended to those who worked so hard to make this a special Christmas event. Kerry Herington's decorations were whimsical and very appropriate with blow up Santas, nutcrackers, and animals. The room glittered in red, green and gold. Kerry always comes through with great ideas. Pat Dito and First Lady Michelle Lowinger also volunteered a good deal of their time to help make our party a success. Our Chairperson, Bernie Neil, could not have pulled it off without them. Of course, husbands Tim Herington, Pete Dito, Hank Lowinger and Al Schlappy were such great support to their ladies cheerfully fulfilling their "Honey-do" lists especially in the set-up and clean-up departments.

Yes, we had a great year and are looking forward to an even better (Can you believe it?) 2019. Felice Capodanno from the Saddleback Valley Lodge.



Some of the workers and committee people.



President Hank and First Lady Michelle Lowinger.



Chairlady and ugly sweater winner Bernie Neil with First Lady Michelle Lowinger.



Tim and Kerry Herrington in their ugly outfits.



Winners of the ugly sweater contest. l/r Al Schlappy, Bob Kelly and Tony Marraccino.

Sacramento Lodge # 1352

Sacramento, CA
by Pam Stewart

It's already 2019 and looking back, our lodge had an amazing year with lots of fun events! Our biggest fundraiser, our Annual Shrimp Feed in October was a huge success and raised over \$3,000 for our charities! Thank you to all the members who attended, donated raffle prizes, and worked the night of the event. Immense gratitude to our President Dan Marinelli for chairing the event and our chefs Angie Smith and her son Michael Marinelli for the delicious spread of food. Special thanks to Barbara Alfidi, our Historian, for her beautiful display of Italian foods, books, dolls, records, and much more! The food was enjoyed by all, and it was an entertaining night with the raffle prizes and dancing.

Our November meeting included a Thanksgiving feast prepared by chefs Dan Marinelli, Louie Lodi, and David Carboni. Dinner was wonderful and an extra thank you to David Carboni for the cute Thanksgiving decorations and the delicious bags of biscotti he graciously gave every member to take home! The "Ways and Means" drawing winner for November was Mary Lopez and we recognized two members with anniversaries Barbara Alfidi with 39 years and David Carboni with 43 years. We held a fun raffle and I even won a prize! The rest of the raffle prize winners were: Shelia Marinelli, Chris Campbell, Susan Dixon, Doran Daneri, Angie Smith, Rachel Inderbitzen, Evelyn Baroni, Blondie Lodi, and LaRay Macchiavelli. We ended the evening with elections for our lodge 2019 officers. Congratulations to everyone elected!

I missed December's Christmas Dinner celebration, but heard everyone had a great time, so I'll have more information about that next month. The final 2018, "Ways and Means" drawing winner for December was Louie Lodi. Don't forget to purchase a ticket or two for the 2019 drawings at the January meeting.

Our next Dinner and Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. It will be a fun night of pizza, salad, dessert, and BINGO!



Valley of the Moon Lodge #1959

Sonoma, CA

by Susan Antonini-member at large
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BATTER CREW

Karen Carroll and her coveted Tom and Jerry batter recipe.... with the help of new member Leslie Fuller and Pres. Paul Grant. I understand they made 6 batches...it took all afternoon...all the more to appreciate the finished product! DELICIOUS!

LESLIE FULLER...WELCOME TO SOI

Leslie's maternal Grandmother was from the hills of Teveg- gio and the paternal side Grandmother from Genoa, Nonna Favalle,which made me gather Patrick over to talk with Leslie as the last names are very similar but they are from different parts of Italy...? BACK STORY...Leslie says Brian Boitano the 1988 Olympic Gold Medal Champion figure skater is related to their family.

FORTUITOUSLY

Gary Peter dropped by and assisted our cook John Berger in cooking our Christmas meal.

Some of you may remember Gary who was Produce Manager at Lucky's for 38 years.

Gary is also Chairman of Sonoma Valley Farmers Market...THE BEST PRODUCE... FRIDAY MORNINGS.

THE DOWDALL 'S ON CHERIGIE ROAD

Gary's Great Great Grandfather was with some of the first set- tlers in Sonoma...the G. G. Grandfather played a flute and it was on display for years at the Sonoma Mission.

The Petaluma Creamery was est. in 1913 as a Co-op...Larry Pe- ter (brother of Gary) purchased it in 2002..they have the Spring Hill Label Organics...Such amazing family roots...!

MIRACLE MAN

Gary had quite an event this past year with his heart stopping several times...he is quite lucky to be alive....says Gary, "things don't bother me as much, not much else is important" "Serving others"...his motto now!

REMEMBER DUOLINGO! (a free app)

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Happy hour 5

Dinner 6

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BER LESLIE FULLER



HEAD BATTER WITH COV-
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BATTER RECIPE ...KAREN
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CRAB FEED

FEBRUARY 9, 2019



Doors Open: 5:30pm | No Host Bar & Wine Bar with Dinner to Follow

Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave., Napa, CA 94558

Open Seating: \$79 pp | \$90 pp after January 14th if available.

Reserved Seating: \$1000.00 8 tickets/wine/personal wait staff

Event Tickets are non-refundable

No tickets will be sold at the Door

For Advance Ticket Purchase: Call Marisa Miller (707)-224-5432

email: napasonsofitaly@gmail.com

Feast on crab, clam chowder, salad, and pasta followed by a

silent auction, raffle prizes, and dessert raffle.

We'll be dancing the night away with live music by Rewind!

No Outside Alcohol Permitted

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1. Purchase a Winner Every Day Raffle ticket for \$30. If your lodge does not have any, you can order some through the Grand Lodge.
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January		
Weed	#1269	1/6/24
Cesare Battisti	#1518	1/28/29
Virgilio	#1586	1/4/31
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Valejo Lodge

by Sharon Silveira

The spirit of Babbo Natale aka Santa Claus could be felt at our Saturday, December 15th Holiday Dinner. Christmas songs filled the air thanks to the amazing talent of The Spark's Sisters. Their parents, Lee & Nancy, favored us with a song or two. Such a musically gifted family. Our Kitchen Crew has amazing culinary talent and a round of applause for John Costa, Glen Rushing, Rick & Donna and Steve & Lucy Branch. They cooked up a delicious feast of roast beef and ravioli....and some of us felt as stuffed as a Christmas stocking. Kudos to our servers lead by Donna Lee Costa and including Cody Tarantino, Sean Houston, and Kaitlyn & Shelby Clemmons. At the Greeter's Table smiling and taking your money were Jessica Ray and Pamela Bini. Pouring your libations was Ray Bini and selling those sometimes lucky raffle tickets were Melanie Rushing and

Sharon Silveira. Buon Natale to all!

Our Kitchen Queens, Marlene Parr and Laverta Harris, served up an outstanding Tuesday night meeting dinner of Chicken Marsala, scalloped potatoes and green salad. They gifted everyone with cute and clever packages of Snowman Soup. Chelle Castagnola assisted in the kitchen. Come join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month--but please call in your reservation.

Bags and bags and bags of non-perishable food from our 11th Annual Holiday Food Drive were given to Faith Food Fridays and to the St. Basil's Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your participation.

Always a gratifying experience when the Vallejo Lodges visit UC Davis Alzheimer's Research offices to present the funds raised from our

yearly Wine Tasting & Silent Auction Event. This year we gathered at their Walnut Creek facility and heard about their current research and focus on brain health. Check out their website for more information. In attendance State President John Costa, State Trustee North Ray Bini, Beatrice President Pamela Bini, Rick & Donna Branch, Ruth Costa, Melanie Rushing, Patricia Rushing, Elaine Quillan, and Rick & Sharon Silveira.

Looking into the future..... Saturday, January 19th will be our Crab Feed and tickets are only \$45.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. Reservations to Pamela Bini 567-2938 or Chelle Castagnola 853-0386. Door prizes. Raffle prizes. 50/50 Board. Social Time-- 5 p.m. Dinner -- 6:30 p.m.



Virgilio Treasurer Rick Branch and Beatrice President Pamela Bini present checks to Dr. Charles DeCarli.



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