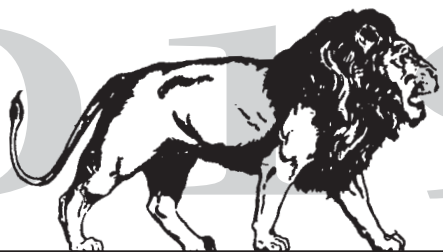


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A Message From The State President



State President
John Costa

Where has the past two years gone, Time fly's when you're having fun, or least your very busy. We unfortunately have lost a couple of lodges during the past two years, but our membership has not gone down from the end of December. This is a challenge we are facing up and down the state, as we continue to get more members we are losing a lot of members also. I have enjoyed my time as President these past two years, and I feel I have served you the members to the best of my ability. But it is not just me; you have elected other state officers to help in keeping this organization going,

May was an exceptionally busy month for me; a lot of miles have been put on my car and in the air, as I am typing this I am preparing to attend NELA in Washington DC. I am looking forward to meeting the honorees and the exceptional students that have received a national scholarship. While back east I will be able to see my daughter, son-in-law and my two grandchildren, it is so hard with them being across the United States from them. Beside NELA I was able to attend The Roma Lodge May meeting, Larry you do an excellent job running a meeting and keeping everyone informed, Congrats again on your 89th anniversary. Centinela Valley lodge had their 70th anniversary, where they honored Annette Porter a very deserving member of their lodge.

As we enter into June, a lot of planning is going on for

our Convention this year. I want to thank our office staff for all the work they are doing and especially Lynn and Lori, as your co-convention coordinators. Before you send your delegates from your lodge have them ask questions that they want answered also ask your delegates to take good notes so you will all know what is going on with your Grand Lodge. Send your delegates with questions and concerns; we want every member to be involved. If you are able to remember the convention is open to all members' not just delegates, come see your Grand Lodge work for you.

Our condolences go out to Arlene, our State First Vice President, for the loss of her mom Norma, She will be missed by her family and her Sons and Daughters of Italy family, I will always remember the comments Norma would make about the First Lady Donna Lee's shoes. She is now with Mario watching over us.

I would like to thank all the officers and committee chairs that I have worked with over the past two years. I could not have done it without all of your help. Thank you especially to Our State Recording Secretary Lori for keeping me in line with what needs to be done and when.

Those of you who are running for office at this year's convention GOOD LUCK to all of you, I know you have the Order in your heart and want to do what is best of our Future. I hope you will support me as I run for re-election.

Reminder to every lodge member, you still have half of a year to win on the 365 winner raffle tickets, a lot of large prizes still available. Buy one for your neighbor that picks up the paper when you are gone, or for a friend. Let's all help our Grand Lodge.

Membership is still a key issue for all lodges, how do we attract new members. Please bring your ideas with you to convention.

I am looking forward to seeing all the delegates at the Atlantis in Reno Nevada.

News from the Central

by Arlene Nunziati
State 1st Vice President



This was to be and is my last article as your State First Vice President. I would like to thank you all for your courtesy and love to me the past four years. I truly enjoyed visiting the lodges.

I am sorry but this month there is nothing to report as I have spent the month with my beautiful Mother who passed away May 9 and I had to cancel many trips and visitations.

Before she was taken ill, I did attend a tripe dinner prepared by the Columbia Lodge which was delicious and even Mom was able to enjoy it.

Thank you everyone and remember I am a candidate for State President and National Delegate.



News from the South

by Sadie Tamburine
State 2nd Vice President



Happy Father's Day to all the fathers!

Here it is June again and we are getting ready for the State Convention in Reno. This is the year we elect State Officers. Thank you for your support the last two years.

If possible, even though you are not a delegate, try to come to convention so that you can see the work the state officers do in your behalf.

To stimulate interest and for everyone's enjoyment my lodge, La Costa dei Fiori, started to teach and play the Italian card game Scopa after our meeting. Everyone enjoyed it. Briscola is another Italian card game that your lodges can share with members.

At our June meeting we are having our annual meatball contest. This year it will have a new twist. The contestants are making meatballs from the region of their heritage in Italy. I will let you know next month which region won.

I will be attending the National Education and Leadership Awards (NELA) in Washington, DC on Thursday May 23rd.

It is so rewarding to hear the accomplishments of these worthy students and to know that we are part of the possibilities for these students to reach their goals. This year we will again honor wounded veterans by equipping a van for a paraplegic veteran. How amazing to see their faces and hear how grateful they are for our support. It is wonderful to see where our money goes.

News from the North

by Barbara Wisniewski
State 3rd Vice President



My dear Sisters and Brothers. I know most of you are not aware but last year I was diagnosed with kidney cancer. Because of surgery and treatments, I was limited in my ability to visit with Lodges. I apologize in that should have been part of my duties as a vice-president. I am happy to announce that my recent tests came out cancer free! My strength is returning, and I'm planning to be on the road to visit many of your lodges soon.

My first trip was to the Columbia Lodge for their 75th anniversary and to honor our National President, Vera Girolami. I was, as always, impressed with Vera as the representative of our Order. I am so proud to call her "friend".

Our First Vice-President, Arlene Nunziati, did a wonderful job as Chairperson of the event. She and her committee made it an affair to remember. Thank you for a wonderful dinner and entertainment. It was such fun spending time with old friends and making new ones.

Our Convention is fast approaching and, as many of you know, this is an election year. There are several seats on the Council that have more than one person running. They will present their qualifications and past work in the Order for your consideration. We on the Council take our positions very seriously and believe that we always need to work for the Good of the Order in all decisions. Please consider that

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Happy Father's Day
to all you wonderful fathers.

Andy and Louise Pampuro
Steve and Debbie Ure





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Norma Rita (Giancoli) Marcucci

January 23, 1922- May 9, 2019



First, I wanted to thank you all for attending tonight and for all the support you have provided to our family. We very much appreciate all the love you have shared as well as the love sent from so many others that could not be here tonight.

It was approximately 2 years ago that many of us gathered for the services of my grandfather Mario. And I am sure that many of you saw my Grandmother mourning and how upset the loss had made her. I imagine you wondered as we all did if she would even last the year. So much of her life was tied to my Grandfather and for over 76 years they were one. But she was a very strong woman. A funny thing about our family was that even though grandpa was always the face and voice of the family, Grandma was the one in charge. The right hand as they say. The one who ran our ship but let Grandpa be the Captain.

I thought a lot these last couple weeks about Grandma. And a few things really jumped out to me. And it's what I wanted to share.

1) The first thing I always reflect on is that my grandmother put her family ahead of everything else. Her husband, children, grandchildren and great grand-children were her reason for being. **Family meant everything to her**, and all her kids were special to her. That's not to say she wasn't tough as nails with us all. I was ALWAYS more afraid of the wrath of Grandma versus Grandpa any day of the week. I have the bumps on my head from her broom to prove it, yet thinking back it was probably very much deserved. But as tough as she was with us, there was no bigger supporter or fighter in our corner. She loved her three children and they meant the world to her. The last week of her life as she

struggled to cope with no eating or drinking, yet she stayed with them all at her side longer than anyone expected. She was going to experience her kids one last time being there together. Constantly reminding her just how much they loved her.

And as a grandchild of hers, it was pretty clear she was ALWAYS a second mother. Never replacing your mom, but there in any way you needed. I had more meals at Grandma's than my mom ever wants to admit. And I can remember after school spending time with her at her house. It ALWAYS felt like home. She was always there for all of us. Through thick and thin.

As she got older, she mellowed a lot and loved being a great grandmother as her family grew. She loved to spoil the great grandkids more than any of us and was always pretty proud bragging about them to all her friends at Atria.

2) **My grandmother also was an amazing wife and partner** for over 76 years with my grandfather. While my Grandfather often took all the glory and got the attention, he would always be the first to remind you that he was nothing without Norma. They met at a very young age even for those days, but grandpa knew right away he loved her and wanted her in his life. And over the years she was his rock. Making sure he was always taken care of from simple things like her amazing meals to supporting him through good and bad times with work, family, Sons of Italy or just everyday life. As they both got older, and her body became more frail, she never gave up being

there for him. No matter how tired, sick or worn she was she believed to her core that she needed to hang on for Mario. She signed up for this role as his wife and nothing would stop her from fulfilling that until the very end. It was not easy for her the last few years seeing this amazing man begin to leave her mentally, physically and emotionally. She would become frustrated and a bit depressed. Never feeling sorry for herself but hating to see the Dementia take away the man she knew so very well. But she never left his side, never gave up, and was with him to the very end.

3) **My Grandma was also a fighter.** She was pretty stubborn but aren't we all at times. What I really mean though is she was tough and like I said the rock for my grandfather and for our family. Her father was a boilermaker and grandpa always said he was the toughest guy my grandfather ever met. Let me tell you his daughter Norma was just as tough. First, you can't be meek being married to Mario Marcucci for over 76 years. She kept him in line more than any person I knew, and he loved her for it. Second, you can't break as many bones, have as many surgeries or procedures and never give up as she did. She was still mobile this past year and that was on a hip she broke the first time almost 40 years ago. When she moved to Atria for the first time in her life she had to admit to herself that Mario needed more support than she could give him. She didn't melt away coming to that realization. She didn't abandon him. She came to terms with the situation and loved him just as much even on the days he couldn't remember who she was. And then he finally left us all and she was physically without him for the first time in over 76 years. It would have been so much easier for her to let go, give up, join him, even though she had more life to live. But she didn't give up, she made new friends and found new reasons to live until the end. I don't know a tougher person than my Grandmother.

4) **My grandma also loved to live life.** I mean I can't tell you how many graduation parties I have been to where she was

doing shots of tequila. Or how many times we went to dinners and she had her Cosmo's before and during dinner. And this was still happening at the age of 97 not at 37. Or how she loved to get new clothes from Chico's or jewelry so she could always feel alive. Or get her hair or nails done. Even in the end her nail polish was looking on trend. For sure my sons were raised knowing that they had coolest great-grandmother compared to any of their friends.

5) **Finally, My Grandma had a soft loving side.** I think in this we saw more of it later in life, but it's something I think she got from her mother. I remember my NONNA slipping me dollar bills or candy when we were kids. Always sneaking something to us to make sure we never went without. Grandma did the same. NEVER wanting to be noticed, never for the gratitude or glory, but just because she wanted to make sure those special to her in her life were taken care of. If you were there for her, she was there for you. And not just family, friends and even the staff at Atria. So many of them came to visit grandma the last week to say their final good byes and telling us all such warm stories about her. Sometimes people soften with time and I think my grandma was one of them. Like my grandfa-

ther, they were raised in another time when you had to teach your children to be strong in order to battle the challenges the world throws at you. I think like my grandfather, once she felt she had done her part she was able to let go and be so much more relaxed, loving and sharing.

I was extremely lucky in my life, as was my family, to be able to experience my grandparents for so long. My sons as well got to really know their Great Grandparents and to appreciate the amazing people that they were.

But as important as it was to have my grandfather in my life, my grandma was a second mom. I don't know how many people get to have two women in their lives who would NEVER let you go without. Who both loved you more than they loved themselves. And I think I was so very lucky to have that for over 50 years.

Everyone says that my Grandma finally gets to go be with her Mario. I actually think of it a bit differently; I think he finally gets to have his Norma by his side again. Dancing with her and singing in her ear. Remembering every little detail about her and reminding her how so very lucky he is to have her. As we all were.

We love you grandma, but we know it was time for you to go. So, go enjoy that dance with grandpa, enjoy again good Italian food and that delicious Cosmo I know your sipping. Love you.



Let’s re-elect John Costa to be our
State President for another two years.



We must continue to work together
in order to continue to grow together.
John looks forward to the presidency
for 2019-2020. Let’s help him to do that.

State Third Vice President
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when you are deciding for whom to cast your vote.

We would love to see more of you in Reno. There is so much to see and do here. The Rodeo is also in town that week. Please consider coming over the mountain (or possibly visiting your own back yard) and see what we do at convention. Stay an extra day or come in early.

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

Till next month

Attention those of you who took a
Cooley’s Anemia can at the last convention. Please empty the cans and turn the monies into a check for you- to bring to this coming convention.

Thank you for your efforts.
Michael Carroll
Chairman

365 Fund Raiser - Winners

Apr. 16-30		
16	\$25.00	Annette Porter
17	\$25.00	RodolfoValentino #1449
18	\$25.00	Janey Leonardicon
19	\$25.00	Carla Lotito
20	\$25.00	Valley of the Moon
21	\$25.00	SusanScialla
22	\$25.00	Tami Welch
23	\$25.00	Brigitte Epstein
24	\$25.00	Karen Carroll
25	\$25.00	Pam Stewart
26	\$25.00	Lori Rossi
27	\$25.00	Matt Loney
28	\$25.00	Remo Nardi
29	\$25.00	Stella Ricci
30	\$50.00	Martha Hill

May 1-15		
1	\$25.00	Marco Zonni
2	\$25.00	Glen Takatlara
3	\$25.00	Chantai Fazio
4	\$25.00	Rodolfo Valentino
5	\$25.00	Michael Laird
6	\$25.00	Carmine Baffo
7	\$25.00	Sharon Dohrn
8	\$25.00	Brian Watson
9	\$25.00	Al Trentini
10	\$25.00	Lou Seibel
11	\$25.00	Dominic Santilli
12	\$200.00	Susan Scirva
13	\$25.00	Martha Hill
14	\$25.00	Loretta Reis
15	\$25.00	Stephan Cramlet

365 Winners

In last month’s issue we made a terrible error saying that someone won \$200 on the 25th of the month. This was not true. the person only won \$25. The only time the prize is bigger is as follows:

Last day of the month - \$50
Mother’s Day - \$200
Father’s Day - \$200
Christmas Day - \$200
New Year’s Day - \$200
and Columbus Day - \$500

This is it, if you see something different once in a while it is wrong.

We try our best not to make mistakes but it does happen and we do apologize if it causes any misunderstandings.



Become a Sponsor of Il Leone!

*If you want to get the job done right then vote
for
Pauline Richmond
for the position of State Vice President
of the Cental area
Also consider her for National Delegate*



*Pauline has over 43 years in the Order.
She has held the position of several State offices.
She is no stranger to helping her fellow members.
And she has put hundreds of miles on her car to
support the many lodges up and down the
coast of California.*

Garibaldi – Meucci Museum

by Joy Bruno
State Chair /National Overseerer

Giuseppe Garibaldi (1807-1882) was an Italian patriot and military leader who help free the Italians from foreign rule and unify the country. He began his military campaign to free the mainland and Sicily from foreign rule in 1848. Almost single handily, he harkened volunteers and built an army to descend on the South. In his path he left the enemy either dead or on the run. He drove all the way to the sea and prepared his voyage across and around the island which he attacked from the south.

In 1860, Garibaldi’s Thousands “red shirts” took Sicily in the name of Victor Emmanuel II of Italy. Thousands of volunteers from every city in Southern Italy and Sicily rushed to join Garibaldi’s army. Weeks before his arrival the volunteers camped on the hillsides waiting for the signal. When it came, nothing stopped the advance.

Victorious in Italy, he crossed to the mainland in August to march on Naples, where he was greeted by jubilant crowds singing the nation anthem, now known as “Garibaldi’s Hymn”. After turning over the city to Victor Emmanuel II, Garibaldi resumed a humble life on the Island of Caprera. He shunned offers from American Union to bring his army across the Atlantic and join the American civil war. He did come to America but only to give advice. However, many his followers did fight the South. The 39th Regiment, known as Garibaldi’s Red Shirts, was formed in New York and went on to help the victorious North.



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**Sacramento
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by Pam Stewart

We had another great dinner and meeting in April. Our pot luck dinner was incredible, we are so blessed to have so many outstanding cooks in our lodge and the food was so delicious! Thank you to all of our lodge members.

We held a short meeting to introduced guests, sang “Happy Birthday” to our April members, acknowledge Terry Corcoran and Doreen Daneri on 2 years with our lodge, and congratulated the winner of April’s “Ways and Means” drawing David Carboni. After the meeting we had a fun night of Bingo and the winners were: Terry Corcoran, Chris Campbell, Louie Lodi, Pam Tedesco, Abbie Baroni, and Tina Frey. Congratulations to everyone!

May’s Dinner and Meeting was incredible as we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with chicken, pork, and cheese enchiladas! Thank you to our president Dan Marinelli for preparing this delicious meal. Special thanks as well to Barbara Alfidi for her amazing display to commemorate Cinco de Mayo. During the meeting we recognized lodge anniversaries: Sue and Lou Botti (6 years), LaRay Macchiavelli (7 years), and Pam Tedesco (44 years). Our May’s “Ways and Means” winner was Pam Tedesco and we ended the evening with a raffle. Congratulations to our lucky winners: Terry Corcoran, Pam Stewart, Dan Marinelli, Rachael Inderbitzen, Louie Lodi, David Carboni, LaRay Macchiavelli, Evelyn Baroni, and Susan Dixon.

Upcoming events you don’t want to miss are: Our next Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be spaghetti and meatballs and everyone is welcome to attend and our annual Shrimp Feed is on Saturday, November 2.

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Commission For Social Justice

by Tony Ricevuto



For the past several years Italian-American organizations throughout the United States have been involved in defending Christopher Columbus. His historic and heroic efforts have been tarnished and criticized by his alleged treatment of Native Americans. The Commission for Social Justice; The Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America along with the Knights of Columbus and other notable Italian American organizations have defended Columbus’s actions and attempted to stop the elimination of Columbus Day by cities and state governments in order that they can honor Indigenous Native Americans in its place.

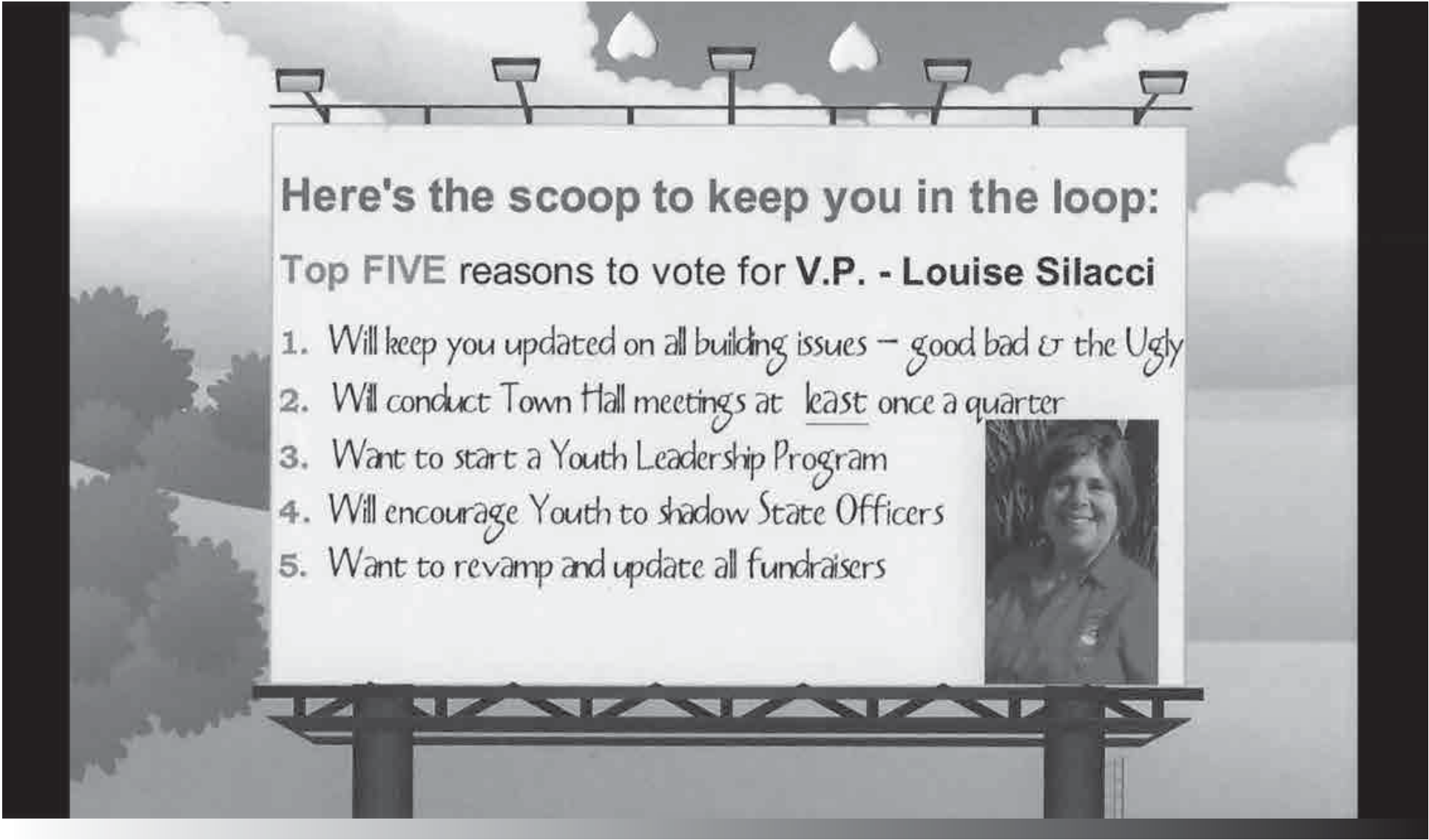
These actions by cities and states have become more of a political venture for politicians and educators in an attempt to scrutinize Columbus’s historic discoveries. They have convinced students and constituents that Columbus rampaged Native Americans. The CSJ has been defending our national treasure, Columbus. We definitely have won some of the battles but the fight continues. We need the assistance of our brothers and sisters to continue defending our national rights for Columbus Day.

A serious setback was in January 2019 when the University of Notre Dame decided to cover the Christopher Columbus murals that were painted by Italian artists Luigi Gregori and have been displayed since the 1800s. According to the president of Notre Dame, student’s alumni staff and representatives of the Native American community have long debated whether the murals should stay or go. The president wants to at least preserve the artistic works by covering them and possibly moving them to another location on campus. Unfortunately, St. Joseph County Indiana where the University is located has officially remove Columbus Day from its official holiday schedule. Many of the alumni groups along with the Italian-American organizations and the Knights of Columbus criticized University’s president’s decision.

In February 2019, Mexican Pres. Lopez Obrador asked the Spanish government and Pope Frances to apologize to indigenous Mexicans Indians for wrongs committed during the Spanish conquest of 500 years ago. The Spanish government rejected the contents of Lopez’s letter. Of course, we never heard that the Notre Dame president would take action or review any Spanish / Mexican issues involving the conquistadors who committed worst atrocities than Columbus.

The CSJ actively pursued the Mayor of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana to apologize for the lynching of 11 Italian-Americans immigrants on March 14,1891? On April 12, 2019 Mayor LaToya Cantrell made a formal apology and condemning the anti-immigrant violence in all forms. This was definitely a positive result for all Italian-Americans.

I personally wish to thank you for all the support you have provided during the past years. We definitely need to keep the CSJ active along with your support both monetarily and your participation by becoming involved actively and responding to the political and media discrimination of Italian-Americans.



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Caesare Battisti Lodge #1815
Petaluma, CA
by Louise Vicino

Greetings from Petaluma!

I missed this last meeting and was disappointed as the rib and beans dinner are one of my favorites. Heard it was delicious and that everyone enjoyed the dinner. Thanks to Ed Santedero and his crew for a delicious dinner. And thanks to some of the members who donated the desserts.

There were approximately 65 members in attendance, and our President Ernie did a great job in conducting the meeting.

Rick Branch, our Deputy, installed three new members. Welcome and congratulations to Cal Crotto, Dick Nicholls and Denice DiGirolamo.

Thank you Helen Mendes for your donation of a beautiful lap blanket.

There are plans to have a steak barbecue in October with a cost of \$20. Reservations will have to be made with President Ernie as there will only be room for 80 people.

The coming convention plans were discussed. President Ernie and Ron will be representing the Lodge in Reno in June.

The monthly drawing was won by Beatrice Charles.

We will have a speaker at the June 13th meeting, from the Petaluma River Initiative. Our July meeting is on the 11th.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month. Happy Fathers Day to all Dads.

Get well wishes to anyone who is ill. Say a prayer for our service people, the homeless, victims of crime and for our Country.

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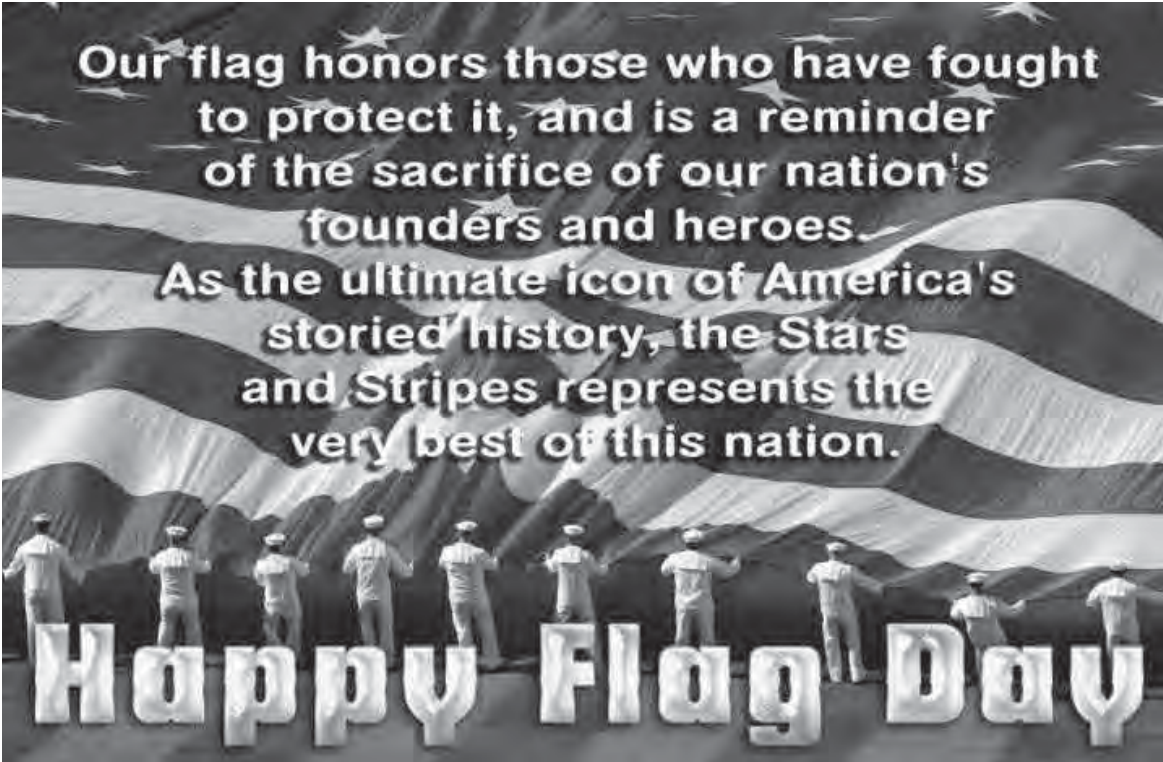
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United Lodges of San Joaquin Valley
by Jackie Giacomazzi



Members of the United Lodges of the San Joaquin Valley present check for \$10,530 to the Valley Children's Medical Genetics Clinic in Madera.



News of Western Foundation

by Roy T. Vanoni, CAO

Prepare for a unique SOI Jewelry Fundraiser to Benefit the Western Foundation

The Sons of Italy in America, Grand Lodge of California, has acquired two unique pieces of jewelry through a generous donation by the family of Ann Brightwell, deceased. Ann was a long time member of the Shasta Lodge and served as a State Deputy for several lodges in the Northern District.

The jewelry will be displayed at our Grand Convention in Reno, Nevada and will be raffled off during the convention. The money raised from the sale of these pieces will be used to benefit the programs of Western Foundation.

Although you need to see them for yourself to appreciate their beauty, we will attempt to describe them to you here so you will be ready to purchase your squares for a chance to win. Note that these pieces are not precious metals but are very good quality and quite beautiful.

The first piece is a stunning gold Lion head on a thick chain. The emerald-eyed lion, which doubles as a pin, is encrusted with multi-colored rhinestones. This sparkling gem would look terrific pinned onto a scarf, hat, or coat lapel or worn as necklace.

The second piece is a golden medallion stamped with the image of our SOI lion, which symbolizes Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. It is engraved with the commemorative mark of the Grand Lodge's "Golden Anniversary." This classic necklace is on an 18" chain and could easily be worn proudly by either a man or a woman.



Youth Committee

by Brian E. Watson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

Convention time is almost here!! and I have an exciting youth program set up for the kids. Here is a list of the activities I have for convention. I made some changes from what is in the convention packet paperwork, remember that the list is subject to change.

Thursday Afternoon & evening: The Discovery Museum and lunch
Thursday evening: Star Wars theme night with convention delegates
Star Wars attire you must bring!!

Friday Afternoon & evening: Wild Island Waterpark day with lunch at the park and dinner at the youth room upon return

Saturday Afternoon: The Nevada State Railroad Museum with train ride and lunch in Carson City
Saturday evening: Circus Circus games and poolside pizza upon return

It's not too late to support the Little Lion Program either as an individual, as a lodge, or as both. I have again set up different levels of support for the program. Those who donate over \$100 will be part of the elite Platinum level, donations up to \$100 are in the Gold level, up to \$50 donations are silver level and the bronze level is up to \$25. This is a great way to invest in our youth and the future of our organization. For those of you who were at convention and saw the looks on the faces of our youth members could see how excited they were about being a part of the order and how they want to do more with their lodges and other youth members.

I am looking forward to the FUNtastic events we have set up for the youth and I hope they are we well!

Fraternally,

Brian E. Watson
Youth Committee Chair

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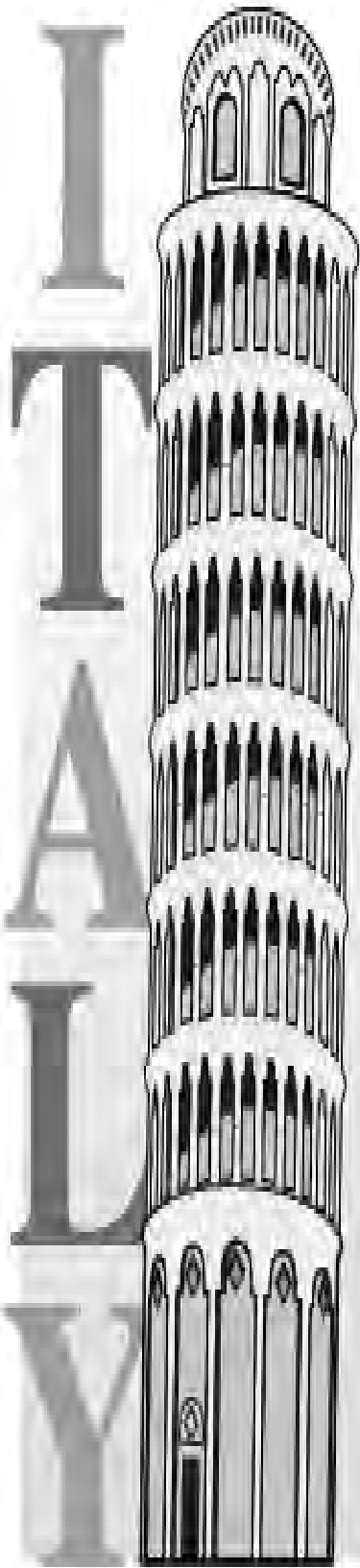
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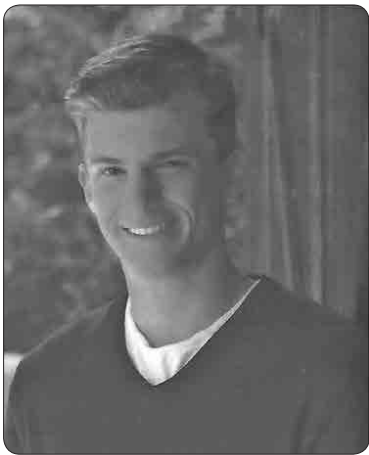
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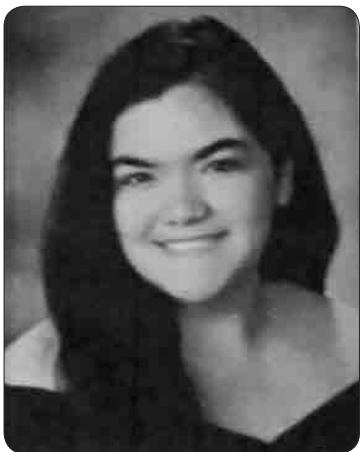
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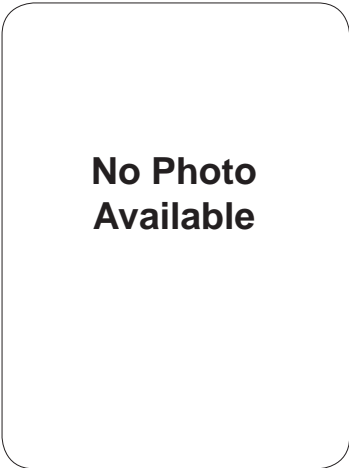
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THE QUEST

by Sharilen Harrington

EVERYONE HAS A STORY. For our family, it is the story of immigration and assimilation. A story which involves a quest to discover how we got here, and what happened before to make us who we are now.

A QUEST IS ALL ABOUT SEEKING SOMETHING IMPORTANT, AND IT OFTEN INVOLVES A JOURNEY.

Researching our family heritage can be an all-consuming challenge. If we had only asked questions of our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles; if only.

When the time finally arrives, when something deep inside demands that we uncover who these people were and where we all came from, our sources are all too often unavailable to us. For some families that have remained intact, knowing all their generations of cousins, etcetera, the questions aren't as daunting.

For some families, like ours, familial history may be spread across continents, cultures, languages, and great expanses of time, the proverbial quest to answer these questions and connect with others of our same last names can seem insurmountable.

My Mother-In-Law, 'Ethel' (Euphemia), had two sisters that married two Lucchetti brothers who immigrated to America from Italy around the late 1800's and early 1900's. They lived and worked on ranches in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. My Father's parents, who was also a Lucchetti, had immigrated to San Francisco around the same time.

Nonno was the foreman at the Buri Buri Ranch, a large vegetable farm in Colma, South of San Francisco, and eventually they settled in Mountain View. They were all farmers to the core.

In the May issue of "IL LEONE," under 'Sponsors,' there were two individuals who shared the same last name as my Mother-In-Law's maiden name, Pardini. It occurred to me that our extended Italian family couldn't be the only ones seeking information about others that we could be related to, and even from the same obscure places in Italy.

To my way of thinking, my Husband's cousins were my cousins, and not just because of our marriage. Somewhere, deep down I "just knew" that we were truly from the same place and they were connected to my grandparents.

In 1975 I told Nonna that we were planning a trip to Varese and Cavizzano. She was in disbelief and said, "No, no one has ever gone back."

I recently started planning to return to Varese Ligure, La Spezia, and specifically Cavizzano where Nonna was born and raised. But the idea that I needed to know for certain that these two families were indeed one was overwhelming. The quest was on!

As in any good story, there were tangible clues--scrawled notes taken down over 50 years ago.

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1. Tribunale regionale (sigla).

3. Professore universitario.

9. Uno come Arpagone.

11. La indossa il sub.

13. Comanda la compagnia.

16. Capo... del quartiere.

17. Lo confeziona la sarta.

18. Ha modi eccentrici.

20. Casette di passerì.

21. Mezzo di trasporto.

23. Precedeva "missa est".

24. Attrezzo agricolo.

25. In gara... al centro.

26. Portare in tavola.

28. Tra rock e roll.

30. Un fiore e un nome d'uomo.

32. Un segnale stradale.

34. Debolezza muscolare.

35. Ben chiuso.

37. Aspra al gusto.

39. Non dimentico.

40. Un no assoluto.

41. Aiuti per vati.

42. George scrittrice francese.

43. Si chiede all'esperto.

44. La madre dei mici.

45. Troppo grasso.

46. Il suo simbolo è "Li".

47. Fine di ripresa.

48. Nina della TV.

50. Missile statunitense.

51. Il cinema... con la colonna.

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5. Scuole musicali.

6. Iniz. di Machiavelli.

7. Un tipo di motore.

8. Una lettera greca.

10. Le piante dell'uva.

12. Meditabondo.

14. Fa parte della popolazione.

15. Relativo ai sogni.

19. Strumento musicale di terracotta.

21. Cambia la velocità o la tensione.

22. Tra sol e si.

24. Il nome della Ryan.

27. Misterioso... per gioco.

28. Tavola... di equilibrio.

29. Il sogno dell'insonne.

31. Porto pugliese.

33. Introduzione letteraria.

36. Bevanda alcolica.

38. Opera di Verdi.

41. La capitale del Marocco.

42. Tessuto liscio.

43. Atteggiamento studiato.

44. Si percorre in pista.

46. Prima di Angeles.

49. Como per l'A.C.I.

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On Mother’s Day weekend 2019, five members of the Joanne Coccia Lodge #2553 of Fontana, attended the Vallejo Valley Lodge annual fundraiser for UC Davis Alzheimer research at the USA World Classic Car Museum in Vallejo, California. About two hundred people attended the fundraiser.

President Paul Finazzo, Past President Manny Finazzo, Recording Secretary Michaellynn Minicucci, Trustee Anna Watts and new member Angela Turner represented the Southern California area at the event.

We participated in the silent auction and went home with many bottles of wonderful wines from around the region as well as fabulous gift baskets from the auction.

On Saturday, we also visited the Vino Godfather Winery on Mare Island. We were honored to meet the owner Frank (Gambino) Kennedy, as he shared some wonderful stories of the historical mansion where the winery and tasting room are located. He graced us with two fabulous bottles of wine to share at dinner later that evening with State President John Costa and State First Lady Donna Lee Costa.

On Sunday, this was “Mother’s Day”, our group traveled to Sonoma, California to visit the Cline Cellars Winery.



Anna Watts, Michaellynn Minicucci,
Frank (Cambino) Kennedy,
President Paul Finazzo, Manny Finazzo and
Jennifer Turner

Our members were hoping to use the tastings won by Michaellynn Minicucci the day after the fundraiser, but there were no openings for the V.I.P. tour as it was Mother’s Day. Many people had prior reservations for the special tour and event.

However, the staff was very gracious and treated our group to complimentary tasting complete with our host Ron, to educate us on the history of the winery and their extensive collection.

We were able to tour the grounds and also visit the museum of the State of California Missions.

The Cline Cellars property is also known as a Historical Landmark as the site of the last California Mission. We then made our way over to the Jacuzzi Family Vineyards and Olive Press for a taste of different wines and gourmet olive oils.

It was a fantastic trip for our group and we were so grateful for the wonderful hospitality we received from all of the wineries. It certainly was well worth the experience, the education and history we received about different wines and wineries.

Shasta Lodge # 2453

Redding, CA
by Carole Dellaragione

Greetings from Redding:

It seemed like a vacation for Shasta Lodge in May. We have not had much going on at the lodge, but we are busy in the community with other volunteering. This week, May 13-17 was Rodeo Week in Redding and on Friday the Asphalt Cowboys put on their annual Pancake breakfast drawing crowds of 9000 to 10,000. Shasta Lodge members are always there helping out at this big event for the Cowboys. And some of us are busy helping the Redding Colt 45s collegiate baseball team kick off their season. A lot of us are community volunteers with many different organizations in Redding.

We are also still in the midst of our Spring Bocce League although this week was our fourth rain-out. We will be going into the middle of June for the finals. Shasta Lodge has 7 or 8 teams of the 20 teams playing. So far we are all doing well, most in the middle of the pack.

On Memorial Day there will be members of Shasta Lodge presenting our wreath at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery for the memorial service. Then on May 30, the original Memorial Day, members will be presenting a wreath at the memorial service in Redding at the Veterans Grove at Turtle Bay. Some of our members will also be preparing lunch that day as part of the City of Redding’s “A” team and serving it to the veterans and guests participating in the service.

We will have our annual barbecue potluck dinner at our June meeting, along with an initiation of new members. And then of course four of us will be off to Reno for the Sons and Daughters of Italy Convention.

We wish all you fathers and grandfathers a very happy Father’s Day!

Ciao



Jean Russell, Gerry Carroll and Liz LaMarre at the Asphalt Cowboys Pancake Breakfast during Rodeo Week in Redding. Jean and Liz were volunteers.

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Hanford Lodge

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Hanford Lodge # 1543

Hanford, CA
by Jackie Giacomazzi
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Hanford Lodge President, Louise Silacci, and her husband, Chuck Draxler, rode the Amtrak to Fresno with fellow board members to hold their May board meeting.



Hanford Lodge board members pose at the Shepherd's Inn (a Basque restaurant in Fresno) before enjoying a wonderful meal and having their monthly meeting.

Joan Little, Debbie Nardini, Mycaela Leoni, Toni Natali, and Nancy Allen prepare meatballs for a meatball sale in May. Hanford Lodge members sold quarts of meatballs and also quarts of sauce as a fundraiser.



Jackie Giacomazzi, scholarship chair, poses with Ashley Waymire from Visalia and Kent Sheldon from Hanford who were both awarded the Grand Lodge scholarship in memory of Lilia Giacomazzi. Kent was also awarded the Hanford Lodge scholarship. These two Sons of Italy members were honored at the May potluck of the Hanford Lodge.

Vallejo Lodges

by Sharon Silveira

Happy...Happy....Happy 90th Birthday! On Tuesday, May 14th, the Vallejo Lodges celebrated with Fran Lemos and Robert Daprian. Wonderful to honor these two special people and hear a synopsis of their life history. The Kitchen Queens served up a special dinner that even included chocolate dipped strawberries. Cake, presents and a loud singing of Happy Birthday concluded the celebration.

Wine....Appetizers....Door Prizes....Silent Auction.... It all happened on Saturday, May 11th, at our annual fundraiser for UC Davis Alzheimer's Research. A special thank you to Buck Kamphausen for providing such an amazing venue. This event showcases the teamwork of the Vallejo Lodges---from donating wine, appetizers, door prizes, silent auction items, doing set up, clean up, asking friends and relatives to attend---the list goes on and on. Kudos to Marlene Parr, Laverta Harris and Barbara Arzio for their catering skills and the empty dishes attest to their talent. The musically incredible Sparks Sisters entertained us with a song and Dr. Dan Mungas briefly spoke on current Alzheimer's Research. Thank you to everyone for making this event a success!

What An Amazing Evening....On Sunday, April 28th, we honored our scholarship recipients. Listening to Erin Hannigan introduce each student and highlight their academic and nonacademic accomplishments made everyone want to start clapping.

Anthony Clemente, Fair-

field High School, received the Caesar Airolti Memorial Scholarship and the Henry W. Treadway Memorial Scholarship. Trevion Darden, Vacaville High School, was awarded the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 343 Scholarship. The Donald Cahan Memorial Scholarship and the Joe Agosta Memorial Scholarship were given to Ryan Koutnik, Benicia High School. Rachel McClure, also from Benicia High, received the Daniel D'Amico and Adua Pizzorno Memorial Scholarships. Stefano Menicou, Vacaville High School, was awarded the Virgilio & Beatrice Portinari Lodges Scholarship. Nicole Papadopoulos, Vacaville High School, received the Veronica Tarantino Memorial Scholarship and the Giannia & Harry Manfredi Memorial Scholarship. The Janet Capello Scholarship and the Virgilio & Beatrice Portinari Scholarship was given to Isadora Petrovsky, Vacaville Christian High School. Grand Lodge of California Scholarship donated by Virgilio Lodge in honor of John DeMello was awarded to Dominic Berardi, Rodriquez High School and Beatrice Portinari's scholarship donated in honor of Verna Mustico was awarded to Gianna Pena.

A very special evening that showcases not only the students but the generous scholarship donors and who they are honoring with their scholarship.

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Happy Birthday Fran and Robert.



Congratulations to the scholarship recipients. Photo by Lee Sparks.



C. Colombo Lodge #1315

Antioch, CA
by Zelda LeFrak-Belleci
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C. Colombo Lodge of Antioch has made a commitment to community service. Under the leadership of the Charities Committee, the membership has donated backpacks full of supplies to local schools, delivered canned food to the County Food Bank, collected coats and jackets for winter distribution, gave toys for needy children at Xmas, created handmade Christmas cards which the members brought to the bedsides of patients in the Martinez Veteran’s Hospital. Hats off to the Charities Committee: Nancy Broder, Rosemarie DiMaggio, Carol Esposito, Walaine Hankins, Lisa Belleci-Navarro and Michael Maridon.

For several years C. Colombo members have supported Relay for Life. Chaired by Katy Castro, the lodge has donated in-kind gifts with the profits of the Annual Mother’s Day Bunco Party. Individual members have participated in the 24 hour walk-a-thon to raise awareness of cancer research and provide services for survivors.

The Lodge has supported the Italian Language Program at Deer Valley High School. Teacher Amelia Nevis has been the recipient of text books, a-v materials and four-year language students were awarded distinguishing medals to wear at graduation ceremonies. During classroom visits members of C. Colombo have played Italian card games with the students (and the principal) as well as led hands-on cooking lessons to make Sicilian cucidati cookies. In March, Sra. Nevis and her “studenti” organized and after school Festa Italiano which featured food, music and games. Lodge members assisted the students who brought family and friends to enjoy the many activities. C. Colombo Lodge #1315 is proud of its Italo-American heritage. The various meeting night activities and fund-raising programs are aimed at preserving connections to the motherland, Italy. But, the commitment to being of service in the surrounding communities seems to be another reason the Lodge is growing in membership!



Deer Valley High School Italian classes hosted an Italian Festival in the late afternoon in Antioch, California. Braving the rain to help out at the event were members of C. Colombo Lodge: Lisa Paniaqua and Walaine Hankins.



During the Festa Italiano at Deer Valley High School, members of C. Colombo Lodge were often behind the scenes helping with the food preparations. Pictured above at the ladies turning out the Italian Sliders (aka mini meatball sandwiches) Katy Castro and Mary Ann Smith.



Student Maddie Fanucchi stepped in to help in the kitchen during the Festa Italiano. Chef duties were handled by Joe Coniglio while wife, Sue, and Maddie helped dish up the pasta marinara to the many families, friends and fellow students at Deer Valley High School.



Savannah Turnage helped out at the Blind Chef Booth at the Festa Italiano. After donning a paste on moustache, chef’s hat and blindfold, Logan Reyes was permitted to make his pizza. Blindfold of at last, Logan takes a look at his pizza and found the sauce almost went edge to edge on the dough, but oh that cheese!!!!!!



The popular booth at the Festa Italiano was Pin the Smile on the Mona Lisa. Samantha O’Connor was in charge of blindfolding the players and making sure no peeping was going on. Deer Valley teacher, Will Pease, was not even close!



New member Nancy Borges has jumped right into the projects sponsored by C. Colombo Lodge. Nancy, pictured on the right is working with Janet Castillo to prepare tray favors for the local convalescent care facility. Community outreach is a commitment made by members of the Loodge that include school backpacks, donations to the Food Bank and visits to the Veterans Hospital.

Gold Country Lodge #2705

El Dorado Hills, CA
by Anthony Scotch (President) & Beverly Scotch (Secretary)

The Gold Country Lodge #2705 held its 5th Annual Pasta Bowl Bocce Tournament on April 28, 2019 in El Dorado Hills, CA. Over 72 people were in attendance on a beautiful spring day to vie for "The Pasta Bowl" Trophy. As the players competed in double-elimination matches, they enjoyed a generous Italian lunch of Italian Beef and Pepper sandwiches and pasta salad prepared by the Arietta family. Proceeds from this event will go to the Gold Country Lodge's Annual Scholarship Fund that benefits seniors in the El Dorado Union High School District,

Folsom area high schools and the Oak Ridge High School Italian Classes and Club. The Gold Country Lodge would like to extend a big GRAZIE! to all participants and volunteers for their work and support to make the event a huge success!

First Place team: DIVERTIRSI - Team members include Bill Carpentier, Rich Pepin, Bill Beirne and Greg Robins.

Second Place team: NEVADAPALOZZA - Team members include Penn Martin, Tom Lalli, Ralph Mesa and John Agle.



William Paca Lodge #1960

Mountain View, CA
by Peggy Ludwico

Well another month has gone by, is it just me or is time really going by like a runaway train? Our May 8th dinner of Stuffed Shells prepared by our Financial Secretary, Paul Chidichimo was delicious. Thank you Paula and your helpers, Mary Lou Cirina made a great salad and our president Gloria Ravetto provided dessert.

One of our junior members, Jimmy (okay Jim) Marengo was able to attend our dinner. He has grown about 2 feet in the last year. Talk about a runaway train, life gets busy when you're a teenager. It was great to see him, catch up with what is happening with him, and wish him luck as his high school years progress.

We are getting ready to attend the State Convention in June. William Paca Lodge will be represented by our delegates, President Gloria Ravetto and our Recording Secretary, Peggy Ludwico. We discussed the proposed by-law changes to get some input from the members. It was agreed by the members present to authorize the delegates to determine the vote after learning more about the changes at the discussion on the floor of the convention.

Roldan Vigil led the group in singing Happy Birthday to George Ravetto, the only member with a birthday in May that was present. His wife Gloria served 2 birthday cakes. One chocolate and one vanilla. George had a slice of each. Both were delicious.

Our next dinner meeting will be on June 5, 2019 (a week early due to scheduling conflicts). Peggy Ludwico (me) will be preparing a family favorite, Cavatappi pasta with mild Italian sausage and vegetables. There was some discussion and laughs about cavatappi and yes cavatappi is a corkscrew but also a pasta shaped like a corkscrew. We would love to have you join us. For more information you can contact myself or President Gloria Ravetto. Our names and numbers are listed in the Il Leone.

Well I guess that is all for this month. Keep a smile in your heart and on your face. Life is easier that way.

Sleep

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Much of our lives is spent in sleep. Sleep is an important part of life. It is not a waste of time. When we exercise or work, our muscles become tired and we feel exhausted. Our bodies then need a period of rest to repair and refresh themselves. When we sleep our hearts beat slower than when we are awake. We breathe more deeply when we are asleep.

We need sleep even if we have been inactive, and we cannot stay awake. It is said the brain becomes tired, and focused thinking is difficult. Tired people often forget things and are irritable. Every bodily activity is slowed down during sleep.

Less energy is spent on movement while sleeping so the body uses its energy to make necessary repairs. When we awaken after a good night's sleep we feel full of energy. We need to make sure we get enough sleep every night.

Babies require a lot of sleep. Children need more sleep than adults. In hot climates many people take a nap in the afternoon – "a siesta." Scientists have learned much about sleep, but they have not found a substitute for it.

Sleep is a state of unconsciousness. We don't fully sense much of what is hap-

pening around us. We fall asleep gradually. At first sleep is light; then it is deep. Depth of sleep is measured by the loudness of sound needed to awaken the sleeper.

Some people have trouble falling asleep. The medical term for the condition is insomnia. They toss and turn, and their minds are overactive. Sleep can be accompanied by unpleasant dreams. Psychologists have concluded dreams reveal various aspects of a dreamer's personality. The guilty thoughts of a bad conscience keep some persons from sleeping. Some people sleepwalk and have no memory of what they say and do at that time. The medical term for the condition is somnambulism.

Our sleeping conditions are important. A bedroom should be dark and quiet. The bed should be firm enough to give the body some support. The body should not be exposed to excessive heat or cold. The best habit for sleep is to go to bed at the same time every night. Don't go to bed overtired because it takes longer for the body to relax.

By the way, most animals sleep. The giraffe sleeps standing up. The bat hangs itself up by its hind feet to sleep. Sleep is a blessing. Buona notte!



Flaming June by Frederic Lord Leighton (1830-1896).

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Anaheim Lodge #2076

Anaheim, CA
by Fran D'Errico
Recording Secretary

As we enter into June it doesn't seem possible, but we are half way through 2019. Convention is just in a few short weeks. We are proud to say we have 3 of our junior members' graduation High School, Our Queen Meghan Guthrie, Francesca Lemus, and Alicia D'Ordine. I can remember them all running around as little tikes. Now they are all college bound.

Summer vacations are starting soon so in your travels stay safe and healthy. Time seems to fly when you are constantly busy.

"WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING"

Sunday May 5th, The Anaheim Lodge celebrated their 61th Anniversary Luncheon. It was held at the Holiday Inn Buena Park. Over 80 member and guests were present to enjoy a Sunday afternoon dinner. We were pleased and proud to honor our very own Fran D'Errico, whom has been a member for 48 years. She has held many office positions and now has been our Recording Secretary for the past 12 years. She and her Husband Carl, who is also a member for 48 years have raised their 2 sons in the Anaheim Lodge, and also have their 2 daughter-in-laws and 3 grandchildren as members. Fran has always stressed the importance of the Italian Heritage in her family.

We were honored to have at-

tending our 61st Anniversary, State 2nd Vice President, Sadie Tamburine, State Treasurer, Al Trentini, Head State Trustee Central, Pauline Richmond, State Trustee South, Manny Finazzo, Budget & Finance,, David Lavezzari, and Il Leone, Andy Pampuro.

Lodges represented were Centinela Valley #1991 Immediate Past President Annette Porter, Joanne Coccia #2553 President Paul Finazzo, Saddleback Valley #2566 President Hank Lowinger.

Our junior member Francesca Lemus, who is also the granddaughter of Joe and Carol D'Ordine, sang the National Anthem and what a beautiful voice she has. Also in attendance was our very own Anaheim Lodge Queen Meghan Guthrie, and Queen of the Centinela Valley Lodge and also Miss Italy, Marissa Lavezzari.

ANAHEIM LODGE, JR MEMBERS/YOUTH BRAG SECTION:

We at the Anaheim Lodge are very proud of the accomplishments and dedication; our youth have shown in scholastics, and extra curriculum. We know their parents and family have worked hard to be good examples for these kids.

Meagan Guthrie, Queen of the Anaheim Lodge, is finishing her last year of high school and is going to Golden

West College next year. She is going to school for American Sign Language and Deaf studies. She hopes to go into education and teach in the classroom or become a part of an administration team. After her two years at Golden West she plans on attending Cal State University Northridge where she will continue her deaf studies. She currently works at Dominic's, a small family owned Italian restaurant, and makes the best garlic bread sticks ever.

Elizabeth Lavezzari - Just finished her first year at Sacramento State. She had an internship at the State Capital with an Assembly Woman and has been asked back for the fall semester.

Marissa Lavezzari - Just made the Pacifica Dance Team for her senior year.

Natalie Lavezzari - Just had a photograph of her rabbit Zippy in the Imagination Celebration Exhibit at South Coast Plaza Crystal Court.

Brandon Capparelli - Servite Robotics team took 8th place at the World Competition in Texas.

Julianna and Isabella Capparelli - Both made Cheer at Corona High School.

Francesca Lemus - Had to lead roll, in Hello Dolly at Troy High School.

"UPCOMING EVENT - Please watch for the La Stella and Fliers"

June: No activities due to the Convention.

Sunday July 21st: Anaheim Lodge Annual picnic. This year will be held at Pearson Park in Anaheim. Refer to the La Stella or the fly sent to members for more details.

August Friday Night: Annual Angels Baseball game. La Stella or flyer sent to members.

MEMBERS, THIS is a REMINDER: That 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.

OTHER INFORMATION OF IMPORTANCE:

PLEASE NOTE: The General & Officers Meetings, Dates and Times have changed as of January 2019. Officers meetings held every other 1st Wednesday of month at Joe D'Ordine home, 7:00 pm. General meeting is held (after Officers meeting6:30), at 7:30 p.m. every other 1st Wednesday of the month, at Mama Cozza's Restaurant in Anaheim. (Jan 9th, March13th, May1st, Sept.4th, Nov.6th) Please refer to the La Stella or contact an officer for more information if needed on meetings.

Schedule of Upcoming Events, Dates are all set, mark your calendars:

June:	Convention in Reno, NV
July:	Sunday 21st - Lodge Picnic Pearson Park Anaheim
August:	Friday TBD - Angel Baseball Night Out
September:	Saturday 7th - Casino Night
October:	TBD planned Outing Event
November:	Saturday 2nd - Harvest Festival
December:	Saturday 14th - Annual Family Christmas Party & Dinner

God Bless those serving and protecting our country and Arrivederci until next time.



Fran D'Errico Recording Secretary and Honoree & Eva Lavezzari President Anaheim Lodge.



Meghan Guthrie Queen Anaheim Lodge & Marissa Lavezzari Queen Centinela Valley & Grand Lodge Miss Italy



Sadi Tamburine State 2nd Vice President



Fran D'Errico and Husband Carl D'Errico

Roma Lodge #1573

Tulare, CA
by Larry Dutto

Roma Lodge held its 84th annual ravioli dinner on May 11th at the TDES Hall in Tulare. For the third year in a row the dinner was strictly a drive through take out featuring ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, green beans, salad, salami, bread a stick of Swiss cheese and a biscotti cookie. Over 900 dinners were served with one customer having 28 take outs.

Ken Curti, Cathy Mederos and Charlie Pitigliano co-chaired the event marking nearly 15 years the trio has taken charge of the biggest fundraiser of the year for the lodge. Nearly 50 members assisted with cooking and serving a great meal.



(l-r) Charlie Pitigliano and Ken Curti take a break from the cooking chores at the Roma Lodge Ravioli Dinner.



(l-r) Michael DePaoli, Joseph Goni, Matt Watkins and Mike Saltzman prepare chicken for the dinner.



(l-r) Frances Della, Karen Pedroncelli, Angie DeRose, Angela McLafferty, Rose Frank and Pam Sola prepare take outs serving over 850 meals in just under two hours.



(l-r) Amanda Luis, Dawn Dutto, Maryann Luis, Gary Dutto and Joann Beecher prepare salads for the dinner.

Rita DeZorzi

1925 - 2019



Sister Rita was not only a member of our Napa Lodge for over 58 years, she was one of the pillars of our lodge as well as our community. She was always quick to smile, laugh, play a joke on you and ready to help anyone, any project or any event.

Rita held many offices through the years, President, Immediate Past President, Financial Secretary just to name a few. She was well known and loved within our community from her church, the hospital, the many clubs she belonged to and everyone she had come to know. Rita was also in charge of the holiday Tom & Jerry batter that was served throughout the years that was and still is a favorite.. Rita is rooting for her beloved San Francisco Giants right alongside her best friend Sylvia! The lodge is not the same without you, we love you and will always miss you!

Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449

Clovis, CA
by Carole Watson, President; Lou Catallo, Historian; (559) 299-2205 lcatallo@aol.com

Last Month: The United Lodges of the Central San Joaquin Valley: A presentation was made to Valley Children's Hospital, giving them our accumulated donations, which for the United Lodges, was a total of \$10,530. Included in that amount was a contribution of \$1,000 from our lodge, plus \$500 from our president, Carol Watson, and \$100 from Lou Catallo, for a total of \$1,600. The money will be used by the Medical Genetics & Metabolism Clinic of the hospital to diagnose children of extremely rare diseases to determine the best treatment course. The clinic works on childhood diseases that are not seen or treated anywhere else.

A British cookbook published a recipe for lasagna in 1390, which caused the Italians to do their own search; they found an Italian cookbook dated 1309 with an earlier recipe, which allowed the Italians bragging rights.

Also last month: Our scholarship winners, as chosen by our Scholarship Committee, are Vincent Loberta and Mathew Simpson, who will receive \$1,000 each.

It is not enough to be right; we must be effective.

This Month, Monday, June 17: Our regular monthly meeting will be pot luck;

bring your appetites. And, **The Grand Lodge 2019 Convention** will start **June 23** and continue through the week in Reno at the Atlantis Hotel. Anyone can attend.

Next Months: Have a safe and great Fourth of July; July 15 will be Pot Luck!

The most prominent civilization before Rome were the Etruscans; they dominated the northern part of Italy and taught the Romans the alphabet, created the Doric architecture. Our word for "person" derives from the Etruscans, as well as the first political structure, Republic, versus Tribe or Kingdom. The toga was also created by them. Until Rome finally decided otherwise, they paid tribute to the Etruscan Empire for their protection. The roles were later reversed. The Etruscans wrote all their documents in Latin, but, so far, historians have not been able to translate them.

Please share your comments and historical photos about our lodge history. Let me know what you have at my email address (above) and we can publish it in this column.

Scholarship season is still here! Contact our Scholarship Chair, Isabel Ronzano, at (559) 297-0851, for information on this topic. The

deadline for National Lodge is generally November to February of any year (\$500 to \$5,000 awards). See <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/>.



Valley of the Moon Lodge # 1959

Sonoma, CA
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SPECIAL 72nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER
PARTY TIME!!
Louis & Pattie from “The Showcase”
entertained us....there was
laughter, good food, wine, a
bit of dancing and singing...
cake and champagne....
What more could one ask of
life?

The four students who re-
ceived scholarships were
present as well.
*Pauline Martindale who at-
tended Sonoma High, grand
daughter to Pat and John
Bonnoitt, going to Colorado
State U. in Fort Collins.
*Shelby Murphy attended St.
Vincent de Paul High School,
grandparents Bill Murphy
our State Trustee of the North
and Lynn Laurence-Murphy
Past State President. Going
to St. Mary’s College of Cal-
ifornia.
*Bridget Vanoni, grandfather
Roy Vanoni is a Past State
President....will be attending
UC
Santa Cruz.
*Mia Vanoni, same grandfa-
ther as above, will be attend-
ing Cal State Monterey Bay.

VOLUNTEERS....
Thank you to Chris Ham-
zaeff, Patrick Favale, Marilyn
Sylvestri, Gary Peter, John &
Doreen Amaral....It takes a
village!
Helping prepare food in the
kitchen is more fun than one
should have in a given day!!

RAINY DAY BLUES....
Norm Hoglievina, who had
a twinkle in his eye when
he was telling his exaggerat-
ed stories...but always put a
smile on your face.
Our deepest Sympathy goes
out to Jan Mc Carthy for the
loss of our member Norm.
And our dear State Deputy
Gloria Garibaldi for the loss
of her sister.

THANKFUL FOR THOSE
RECOVERING from health
issues....We thank God for his
mercies in healing and giving
Peace in time of grief.

RESERVATIONS FOR OUR
DINNERS
Call Karen: 707-938-1295
Happy Hour 5PM Dinner
6PM
Third Tuesday of the Month...

NEXT TIME BRING A
FRIEND!
CIAO!



I'm an Italian American

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and from my

ancient world, I first spanned the seas of the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American. I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,

Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines.

I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now know as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A. P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

First enlisted man to win the medal of Honor in World War II,

I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries

from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the home maker and the breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I Am An Italian-American.

by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.