

August 2011

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# Bellini Notes



## Presidents Message

Aug, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Bouna Sera,

I hope everyone had a great July. Let's get caught up, Our 29th anniversary dinner was a fantastic night. We filled Angelo's Cucina Trinacria restaurant and lounge that night as we started in the new lounge and ended up with dinner and cake. We were entertained all night by Dorothy Clark of Diamond entertainment as she sang the night away.

We want to thank Angelo for his hospitality for giving up his restaurant to us for the night. Special thanks to Cathy Lucido for her kindness for donating wine for every table and two very nice decorated cakes displaying our lodge and our 29th anniversary logo. And this was all put together by our beloved Debbie Rossi acting as chairperson. Debbie, Cathy and all who helped make this evening special, Thank you.

Sons of Italy State Convention was held on June 21st, Your new delegates Jeanne and Don Smith and I attended convention. We will be discussing all we learned and make some suggestions at the next meeting in August. One of the highlights of the convention, Don, Jeanne, Roy and I came in 2nd in the Bocce ball tournament. We played Shasta in the finals. The State convention is a wonderful experience for anyone to attend.

In July, Laurie and I attended the Sacramento Lodge Bocce Ball tournament held in Sacramento. President Louie Lodi was a great host, along with Bocce Ball, we were served hot dogs and hamburgers along with sodas for only \$15.00. It was a great day. Unfortunately we did not do very well in the Bocce.

Laurie and I attended a River Cats baseball game put on by the Sacramento Lodge, It was a great showing of several lodges. We were treated to a great wine tasting prior to the game. We all were escorted onto the playing field to sing the 7th inning stretch song, take me out to the ball game, quite a show.

Well its already August and we are gearing up for the Sons of Italy Picnic.

Please invite your friends that might want to see what we are all about, remember this is for members, friends and family. Place is Durham park on August 14th. This year we will have our master chef's cook up their famous Italian Sausage sandwiches for the adults and hot dogs for the kids. Serving food at noon. It's a blast.

See you at the Picnic on the 14th and the meeting on Aug. 18th for some good food, good wine and great friends.

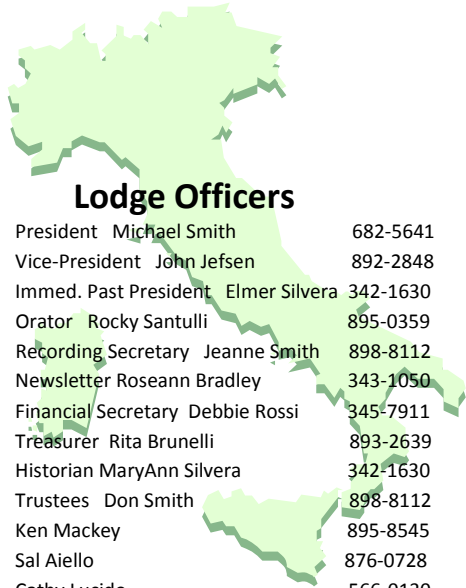
Respectfully,

**President Michael Smith**

## August Calendar of Events

- Aug. 14** Family Picnic
- Aug 18** Gen. Mtg/Potluck/Purchase \$100 Raffle Tickets
- Aug 26** Dine-Out
- Sept 7** Officers Mtg MSmith
- Sept 10** Chico Palio
- Oct 3** Golf Classic





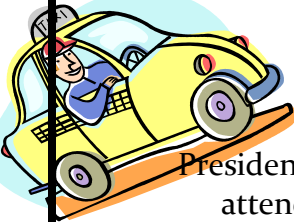
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Cultural Chair Wm Dantona	894-5639
Sunshine chair MaryAnn Silvera	342-1630



# Happy Birthday AUGUST

- \*Christopher Capineri
- \*Lou Cecchi
- \*Vincenza McDaniel
- \*Stella Ricci
- \*Rocky Santulli
- \*Roberta Savelli
- Susan Vanella
- \*Dominic Veffredo
- \*Jerry Bradley



### NEED A RIDE?

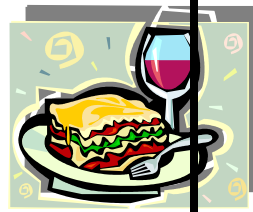
President Michael would like to see more attendance at the General Monthly Meetings. If you need a ride please give one of our 'Officers' a call. You'll find their Phone Numbers listed right here in the *Bellini Notes* Newsletter



*Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item or Donate \$1 to the Catholic Ladies Food Bank when attending the General Monthly Meeting and Potluck. And Please sign in when you arrive. Thank You!*

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## August Dine Out Italian Cottage



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## 2011 Scholarship

Awards submitted by Debbie Rossi



The following received Scholarships from the Vencenzi Bellini Lodge this year

~Cameron Nye Corning High School \$1000  
Presented by Frank Scotella

~Peter Konyn Durham Digh School. \$1000  
Presented by John Jefsen

~Saara Kahlil was awarded The Carla Muser-Velador Scholarship \$500  
Presented by John Jefsen

*\*Carla Muser-Velador is a longtime Vincenzo Bellini member. Thank you so much Carla for this generous donation to our scholarship fund!*

*The Scholarship Committee Members are;*

*Patty Nelson, Debbie Rossi, John Jefsen, Frank & Annette Scotella, Lawrie Salvistr*

"My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies, & ego."

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, gratitude, kindness, empathy, & truth.

The boy thought about it & asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?" The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."  
-Author Unknown



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# Sons Of Italy

## Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

### Membership Meeting



Membership Meeting –June 16, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Michael Smith at 7:30pm

Roll Call of Officers: Excused absences were Orator Rocky Santulli, Recording Secretary Jeanne Smith, Historian Mary Ann Silvera, Trustee Sal Aiello, Trustee Ken Mackey Master of Ceremonies Franco Di Lorenzo and Mistress of Ceremonies Gaylene Di Lorenzo.

The Minutes from the May Meeting were approved as published.

New Member Applications: There were no new member applications.

Roseann Bradley who publishes the Bellini Notes is requesting members to submit articles or stories that would be of interest in the newsletter. Roseann's email is [Bradleyfam5@msn.com](mailto:Bradleyfam5@msn.com) or call her at 343-1050.

**Please contact Roseann with your email address so she can forward the Bellini Notes directly to you. Benefits include postage savings for our Lodge, saves paper and the cost of printing, plus you get to see the Newsletter in FULL COLOR!**

#### Communications:

Thank you from Cameron Nye, one of our scholarship winners, he graduated from Corning High School. He plans to attend Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Thank you from Laurie Smith for all the get well cards and prayers during her shoulder surgery and recovery.

Joe and Ellie Azzarito also express gratitude for all their recent health problems, starting with Ellie having a heart attack and then Joe injuring himself in a fall.

Vectors sent a card signed by many of the Veterans saying thank you for our recent donation.

Durham High School sent a letter informing us that with our help they were able to provide a scholarship to every student who applied.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Financials: we have received the new budget from the finance committee.

**Sunshine:** Michael Smith's dad had a stroke recently, but seems to have come through well and will recover.

Mary Ann Silvera has fallen again, and so has suffered a setback in her recovery from hip surgery and may have fractured her tailbone. She has had a lot of pain with her ordeal. On Sunday the Chiricosta will celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations! Happy Birthday to Rocco Iannone, he is 80 years young today!

**Anniversary Dinner:** A big Thank You to Debbie Rossi and Cathy Lucido for organizing our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary Dinner! As Michael Smith said it was truly "First Class" The dinner at Angelo's Cucina was delectable. As extra special gift to attending lodge members Cathy Lucido put bottles of wine on all the tables for everyone to enjoy!

**Sons of Italy Picnic:** Yvonne Noerenberg and Sal Aiello are the chairpersons for the picnic. Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Again this year this event will be at Durham Park. We will be dining on Italian Sausage sandwiches. This is a great event to bring potential new members to. Yvonne Noerenberg is donating a bounce house for the kids to enjoy and there will be some kind of water games too!

**Chico Palio:** Please contact Yvette Sanfillippo, 893-2231, if you are available to help with the Palio.

Remember there is no Airshow this year, so we need to "work" this event. We will be the only food there. Part of the proceeds will go to support the Palio.

**Dine-Out:** The dine-out for this month is at The Graduate on June 24th. Please let Jackie Schneider know if you plan to attend. [chicobev@msn.com](mailto:chicobev@msn.com) or call her at 345-1461.

There are some problems with having the Spaghetti Feed at the Elks Lodge next year. John Jepsen, Rocky Santulli and Michael Smith will work to get these problems ironed out.

Michael Smith has been asked to act as Master of Ceremonies at the State Convention next week by the State President.

New 2011/2012 \$100.00 Raffle is being sponsored by Reno and Stella Ricci. Let's make a big effort to get those tickets sold this year! Tickets will be available at the August general meeting.

**New Business:**

**July is our off month;** there will be no Sons of Italy meeting or events.

**Italian Festival in Reno:** October 9 and 10 2011 Including bus and accommodations at the El Dorado it is \$461.00 per couple or \$377.00 for singles. Please contact Debbie Rossi ASAP if you plan to go 345-7911. It takes 40 people to fill a bus. The delegate will leave for the State Convention on Tuesday! They will come back with all the latest Sons of Italy news and information. They will have a report when we meet again in August!

**Good of the Order**

**Raffle winners!**

50/50 Raffle – Georgia Scotella and Rita Brunelli \$16.00 each

Stella's \$100.00 Raffle –Ryan Sutton

**BRAND NEW!**

**"Wish You We Here" Raffle \$25.00**

Our first not so lucky member was Jason Smith! Next month the drawing will be \$30.00!

**State Deputy Comments:**

**Elmer Silver to Shasta Lodge:** Elmer says that Delores Mackey's father was on the Italian American Magazine Relay for Life Team.

**Paisano Days** is coming up on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at

Anderson Park. Elmer will be working in the beer booth!

**Sal Aiello to Paradiso Lodge:** Sal was not present at the meeting.

**Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy:** Jim and his wife Tina had a wonderful evening at our Anniversary Dinner party. He applauds us for a job well done supporting our community over the past 29 years. September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Airshow in Redding this year. It will feature the Thunderbirds. Admission will be \$55.00 if you buy 10 tickets or more before July. After that the tickets will be \$95.00. Contact Suzanne at 221-1127. Jim says Best Wishes to our convention delegates.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary

Jackie Schneider, Trustee (notes) Thank You!



**Sunshine & Flowers**

*When you have news to share*

*Call MaryAnn 342-1630*

*Roseann and Jerry Bradley are now the proud parents of Dr.*

*Sicily Anne Bradley M.D. MPH.*

*They attended her graduation ceremony in June at Lincoln Center in N.Y. Sicily is currently doing her Residency at Syracuse Univ. Hospital.*





## Sunshine Cont.

*\*MaryAnn Silvera while recovering from health concerns has contracted a staph Infection, \* Elmer S. was bitten by a dog and had to go through a series of shots. \*Mike Smith's father has recovered well from a stroke. \*Angelo Lucido had knee surgery and is doing well. Please keep them all in your thoughts!*

**\$100 Raffle**  
**\$10 each**

**Tickets will be on sale at the August General Meeting the First Raffle will be at the September General Meeting.**

Tickets will also be available at the  
 Family Picnic  
 Or  
 Call Stella Ricci 342-1071

## Grand Lodge Convention Burbank, CA – 2011

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519 – 3 Delegates President  
Michael Smith, Trustee Donald Smith and Recording  
Secretary Jeanne Smith

### Highlights

**06/21/2011** Bocce Ball Tournament **We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> – a nice showing!** Our team was Michael Smith, Donald Smith, Roy Vanoni and Jeanne Smith

**06/22/2011** Official Morning Opening Ceremony

Il Leone – You may discontinue receiving the Il Leone by mail each month by reading it on line. Please notify Arlene Nunziatti of your email address. Save money and waste by reading online, and see it in glorious color!

Western Foundation has set up a 501.3c account for each filial lodge. In the future if someone would like to donate money to a charity, as long as it's within the confines of the IRS (a 501.c3 charity) the donor can now get a tax deduction. The Grand Lodge is absorbing all costs, including handling fees.

Article 147 that was proposed by Shasta Lodge was defeated as written. Large lodges are required to send too many delegates to the Convention, and it is expensive. On the other hand very small lodges are only required to send 1 delegate. Which is not enough. The idea now is to draw an article up capping the number of delegates required by large lodges and sending a minimum number of 2 by small lodges. This seemed to satisfy more people and will be voted on at the next convention after it goes to the Convention Resolution Committee.

**06/23/2011** Procedure we need to change: Guard/Sentinel makes sure that each member and guests sign the book as they enter the meetings. This should be an official book, at the conclusion of the meeting the book should be given to the Recording Secretary, who obtains the signature of the Lodge President. John Tedesco would like to be on our Bellini News address list. [Tedescojt@aol.com](mailto:Tedescojt@aol.com) New OSIA brochures are available. We brought some back with us, but we need to order more. There is a place to put our local lodge information. There was discussion about the Mortuary Insurance. It is \$15.00 annually for \$500.00 of insurance. New members don't seem to support it and existing members want the option to stop it without losing seniority in the SOI. Currently it is \$65.00 for Regular Members (includes insurance), \$50.00 for Associate Members and Junior Members are free to age 26, if enrolled in college. The National Grand Lodge cookbook is now available for \$25.00.

Nickolas Marinelli – Italian Genealogy and Dual Citizenship Workshops It is possible, if you are of Italian decent that you already are an Italian citizen. You can travel freely in the European union if you are. There is some effort and time involved but it could be worthwhile! Jeanne has a flyer. [Nickolas@IGDSW.com](mailto:Nickolas@IGDSW.com)  
[Nickolas@ItalianCemetery.com](mailto:Nickolas@ItalianCemetery.com)

### New Ideas to Consider

1. Get involved in Queen Contest
2. Grape Stomp
3. Support the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum with \$250.00 brick donation.
4. We can put our Lodge on Facebook.



## SONS OF ITALY ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

**Sunday Aug. 14 2011**

**11 AM** lunch served 12-2

Italian Sausage Sandwiches Hot  
Dogs + Sides + Desserts + Beverages

**\$7 adults**

6 years + under free

**Durham Park  
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All Members, Families + Friends  
are invited to attend.

**Please Invite Potential new members too!**

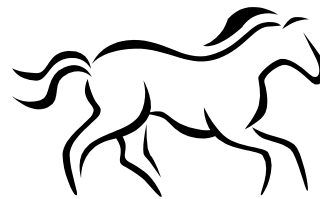
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volunteers to help at the food booth  
and our information booth

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Notes from August 4  
Officer's Meeting



\*Shast Lodge Paisano Days is  
Aug 5-6

\*Sacramento Festa Italiana  
Aug 6-7

\*Catholic Ladies relief society tanked  
us for 18 lbs of food in June

\*Golf Classic is Oct 3.

\*Spaghetti Feed is slated for  
March 25, 2012

\*Next Officer's Meeting is scheduled  
for Wed. Sept 7 @ M. Smith's home.

\*Preliminary discussion regarding  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance

News of the  
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6:00-6:30p.m. Social Hour  
6:30-7:30p.m. Potluck Dinner  
7:30-8:30p.m. Program & Meeting