

June 2011

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# Bellini Notes



## Presidents Message

June 1, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Bouna Sera,

Hard to believe this is summer. I cannot remember when it rained so much. Guess we can't complain too much as the summer heat is just around the corner.

At our last meeting we were honored to initiate 7 new members to our lodge.

*Stephanie Ricci, Mary Turner, Steve and Holly Soldavini, Sal Busalacchi, Kristina Cinquini, and David Maffei.* Welcome brothers and sisters, I am sure you will enjoy your new lodge and your new family.

Your new Delegates are getting ready to head down south to convention on June 21st. As July is our month off for regular meetings, your delegates will have all the information from convention to present to you at the August meeting.

Speaking of August, make sure you put on your calendar our Sons of Italy members, friends and family picnic in Durham Park on Sunday August 14th.

It's a blast.

Our 29th Anniversary Dinner will

have come and gone by the time you read this. I am sure this will be a wonderful anniversary party and we are already making big plans for our 30th anniversary for next year.

I wanted to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Fathers Day.

See you at the meeting on June 16th for some good food, good wine and great friends.

Respectfully,

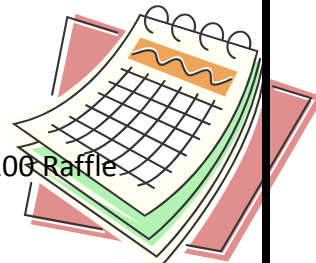
**President Michael Smith**



## June

### Calendar of Events

- June 1** Officer's Meeting
- June 4** Anniversary Dinner
- June 16** Gen. Mtg/Potluck/last \$100 Raffle
- June 19** Father's Day
- June 21** State Convention
- June 24** Dine-Out
- July** No General Mtg. No Newsletter
- July 4** Holiday



Lodge Officers		
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	Cultural Chair Wm Dantona	894-5639
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE

\*Lauri Aiello \*Ellie Azzarito

\*David Campilongo

\*Carl Capineri \*Ralph Huntsinger

\*Rocco Iannone \*Peter Merlo

\*Linda Shea

\*Bob Vanella

## JULY

\*Rita Brunelli

\*Rosanne Chiricosta

\*William Dantona

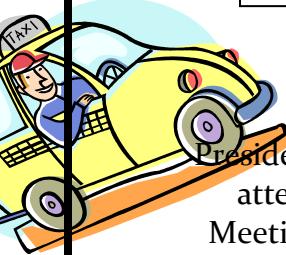
\*Franco DiLornezo

\*Catherine Lucido

\*Barbara Reil \*Lawrie Salvstein

\*Jackie Schneider \*J D Tenuta

\*Yvonne Vannoni \*Carla Velador



### 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.*

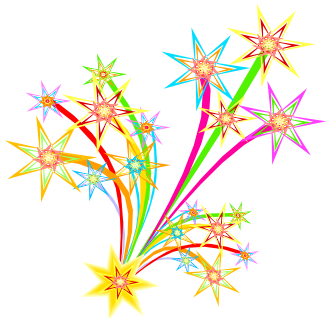
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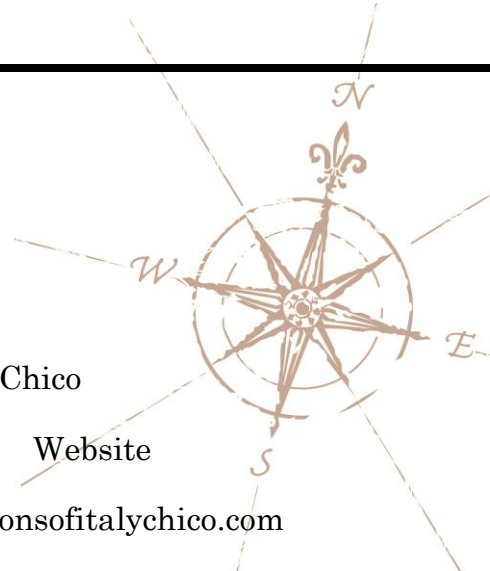
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# Sons Of Italy

## Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

### Membership Meeting



Membership Meeting – May 19, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Michael Smith at 7:20pm

Roll Call of Officers: Excused absences Historian Mary Ann Silvera, and Historian Rosanne Chiricosta

The Minutes from the April Meeting were approved as published.

New Member Applications: We received 3 new member applications from Sal Busalacchi, Kristina Cinquini, and David Maffei. Rocky Santulli motioned to accept their applications and Sal Aiello seconded the motion; the membership approved the motion.

Guests: The persons mentioned above were our guests then were initiated this evening as well.

Initiation Ceremony: Seven new members were initiated. They are Sal Busalacchi, Kristina Cinquini, David Maffei, Stephanie Ricci, Holly Soldavini, Steve Soldavini, and Mary Turner. Sal Aiello acted as Herald during the ceremony.

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:  
Invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Milano Lodge to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 3:30pm at Scribner Bend Vineyards in the Town of Freeport. For information call Maria Zeldano 916-508-6364.

Thank you from the Catholic Ladies Relief Society for 23 lbs. of donated food.

Thank you from Mary Ann Silvera for the heartfelt support she has received from members since breaking her hip.

Thank you from Kristin Vierra for supporting her and her Girl Scout troop in their fundraising efforts to go to Europe next Spring.

We have two tickets left for the National SOI Raffle. The Grand Prize is \$10,000.00 and 10 second prizes of \$1000.00. The tickets are \$50.00 and members are welcome to buy in at a share of \$10.00 each. Please contact Jeanne Smith A.S.A.P. 898-8112/520-4022, as the deadline is June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Letter of gratitude was received from the Enloe Cancer Center for our recent donation.

Joe Simoni is running for SOI State Vice President and is asking for our support.

Italian American Museum in Los Angeles is having an event, tickets are \$65.00. Contact Michael Smith for further details.

Congratulatory letter from State President Maria Fassio on our upcoming 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Lodge.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Financials: Treasure Rita Brunelli presented one bill to be paid to State Farm for liability insurance.

Financial Secretary: Debbie Rossi updated our bank balances.

**Sunshine:** Ellie Azzarito suffered a heart attack late last month; she is taking it easy and getting her strength back.

Joe Azzarito says he may have been a little jealous of Ellie. While visiting his daughter in LA he injured himself playing basketball. He has broken facial bones, a 2-inch gash above his left eye and a laceration to his left knee. He spent 6 hours in the emergency room getting patched up!

Mary Ann Silvera is still doing physical therapy for her hip.

Henry Pasquinelli is doing better, but is on a strict diet, which he isn't real happy about.

Laurie Aiello who injured her leg is going back to work.

Laurie Smith had surgery on April 26<sup>th</sup> and is doing very well

Catherine Aiello has had kidney stones removed and is feeling much better. Her little boy, Braden was baptized last weekend.

The Di Lorenzo's granddaughter is graduating from CSUC this weekend as Biology Major.

Sal Busalacchi's grandson will be playing football at Butte College this fall.

Don and Jeanne Smith's granddaughter Kaitlin will graduate from Pleasant Valley High School on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Silvera's have 5 family members graduating from various schools this month.

**Anniversary Dinner:** Debbie Rossi and Cathy Lucido are organizing this event. The dinner is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> social hour starts at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Attire will be semi-formal. Angelo's Cuccina will be the venue for this elegant but understated party this year. We are limited to 45 people. Tickets will be available until May 27th The cost will be \$25.00 per person. There will be a singer and of course, raffle prizes. Sons of Italy Picnic: Yvonne Noerenberg is the chairperson 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.

Chico Palio: Yvette Sanfillippo is consulting with Debra Lucero on this. We are waiting to hear about food prep and cooking. The date is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be the only food at this event. Part of the proceeds will go to support the Palio.

**Dine-Out:** The dine-out for this month is at Round Table on Pillsbury on May 27th. Please let Roseann Bradley know if you plan to go. [Bradleyfam5@msn.com](mailto:Bradleyfam5@msn.com) or call her at 343-1050

New Business:

Laurie Aiello said thank you to the lodge for their support during her recovery from her recent leg injury.

Scholarships: This year the recipients were Peter Conan from Durham High School for \$1000.00

Cameron Nye from Corning High School for \$1000.00

A third scholarship of \$500.00 sponsored by Carla Murser Valador was given to Sara Cahil of Durham High School.

Shasta Lodge will present a by-law change at the State Convention at the end of June. They propose that the number of delegates required to attend the Convention which is determined by lodge membership counts be changed from one per 25 members to one per 50 members. Please let your delegates know how you would like them to vote they are Michael Smith, Don Smith and Jeanne Smith.

Bob Schneider explained a proposal that was discussed at the Officers Meeting. To start a new "Attendance Raffle", members must be present to win. We plan to start at \$25.00 and if no one claims the prize, it goes up \$5.00 for the next meeting. Laurie Aiello motioned to accept this idea and Yvette Sanfillippo seconded it. The membership was in favor. This drawing will start at the June meeting.

## ***Good of the Order***

Raffle winners!

50/50 Raffle – Henry Pasquinelli was the \$35.00 winner.

Stella's \$100.00 Raffle –Lindsay Shay

### **State Deputy Comments:**

Elmer Silver to Shasta Lodge: Elmer says that Shasta Lodge had a great turnout for their golf Tournament. Paisano Days is coming up and he will keep us informed.

Another Convention proposal will be that anyone who has ever been a delegate can run for SOI State Office, not just current delegates.

Sal Aiello to Paradiso Lodge: Sal says that they sold more sandwiches this year than ever before at Gold Nugget Days in Paradise.

There will be a fundraiser at the Round Table in Paradise for their Lodge on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. 20% of your purchase will go to that lodge.

The Sacramento River Cats is having "Italian Heritage Night" on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 200 seats reserved, tickets are \$13.00 and there will be a pre-game wine tasting for another \$10.00 per person. Louie Lodi of Sacramento Lodge is organizing this event. Please contact Samantha Bottari at 916-376-4718 or email her at [sbottari@rivercats.com](mailto:sbottari@rivercats.com) Jeanne Smith also has a copy of the flyer 898-8112.

Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy: Jim was not available to attend tonight's meeting.  
Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm  
Respectfully Submitted by:  
Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary

## June Officer Meeting Notes



Dates to put on your calendars;

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> SOI Chico Annual Family Picnic. Durham Park.

Chairperson Yvonne Noerenburg  
Sept 10 Chico Palio. SOI Chico will have a food booth. Yvette SanFillipo Chair  
More info to come.

March 25, 2012 Spaghetti Dinner  
Chaired by Rocky Santulli & Ken Mackey  
Misc Info.

Convention: We will donate to Coolies Anemia and Birth Defects this year. The delegates will try to get a list of other possible charities at the Convention.

There are two items that the delegates will vote on at Convention.

1. Shasta Lodge is proposing that the number of delegates required to attend the convention be changed from 1 per 25 members to 1 per 50 members. A motion to vote in favor was made by Rocky Santulli, seconded by Ken Mackey and approved by the Officers.
2. There is a proposal to make it possible for any Officer in good standing who has ever been a delegate be allowed to run for State Office instead of just current delegates. A motion to vote in favor was made by John Jefsen, seconded by Rocky Santulli and approved by the Officers.

Other subjects discussed;

### \$100 Raffle

Reno & Stella Ricci will sponsor the printing of the \$100 raffle tickets, we are hopeful that the tickets will be ready to sell at the June meeting.

### New raffle:

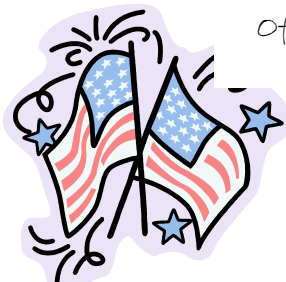
Beginning with the June 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting all attendees will have a chance to win \$25. You must be present to win. If there is not a winner the 'pot' will go up \$5. towards the next month.

Officer meeting Aug 3 Debbie Rossi's home.

## Sunshine & Flowers

When you have news to share  
Call MaryAnn 342-1630

*\*Ellie Azzarito continues to recover from a heart attack \*Joe, her husband fell while visiting his children in So Cal, but is ok with some bumps and bruises. \*Mary Ann is continuing physical therapy for her hip but has taken another fall \*Mike smith's Father suffered a stroke but is home now. \*Dick smith is at Enloe Rehabilitation Hospital. \* Tony Johnson is receiving chemotherapy for Lymphoma  
Let's keep all of these folks in our thoughts.*



# SONS OF ITALY ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC




 Sunday Aug. 14 2011

 Durham Park @ the  
Covered Pavillion

 All Members, Families  
& Friends are invited to  
attend. (potential new members too!)

 Great Fun & Food,  
Games & Prizes

(Please bring a raffle to donate)

 RSVP: Yvonne Noerenberg  
so we can have plenty of  
food for everyone!

530-589-4108 (more info at gen. mtgs. &  
Aug newsletter)



## June Dine-Out

### The Graduate

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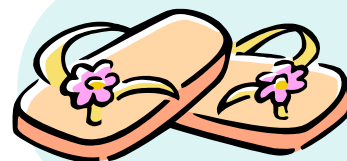
### Keeping Things Simple

Join everyone at the 'Grad' this  
month for a selection of self  
service menu items.

*We'll get back to 'finer dining' after summer!*

*No need for reservations but if you have  
questions please call Jackie Schneider at*

*345-1461*



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