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Bellini Notes



Presidents Message

Ottobre 7, 2010

Brothers and Sisters, Buona Sera,

Boy have we been busy!

On Sept 12th the Vincenzo Bellini Lodge was invited to the Concourse de Elegance Car Show at Butte Creek Country Club to participate in bocce ball. *John and Lorna Jefsen* joined me for a fun day in playing and teaching the game of Bocce ball to several interested people. We received some great publicity.

Thank you John and Lorna for being such great dignitaries to our lodge.

September 18th four of us played in the Shasta Lodge golf tournament in Redding. It was a great day and we all had a lot of fun and a great steak dinner was served at the Shasta lodge.

September 25th and 26th was the Chico Air Show where we served around 1000 tri tip and meat ball sandwiches, hot dogs, salad and fresh fruit in the flight line club. It was an honor when we were told by the air show committee that this was the best air show food they have every had. I can not thank *John Jefsen* for chairing this air show once again and all the members that worked both days in the heat, you are all priceless. It could not have happened without all of you.

That same weekend, **September 25th**, the Chico Palio was held in down town Chico. I want to thank *Yvette Sanfillippo* for chairing this event and all the members that helped out. Special congratulations to *Mya Mokres* and her friend *Kyla* for representing the Sons of Italy in the race. You did a great job and we are all very proud of both of you. Special thanks to *Michele Mokres* for helping build the Palio horse and selling trinkets.

October 2nd, *Debbie Rossi* put together a wine tasting and luncheon at NEW CLAIVEAUX WINERY IN VINA. We all had a

great time eating and drinking. Thank you to *Yvonne* for bringing her friends from Oroville, and thank you *Debbie* for chairing this event.

October 4th was the 12th Annual Northern California Western Foundation Golf Classic. We had 98 people playing and 125 for dinner. The weather was great, the food was fantastic, and everyone that came out had a great time. I can not thank the Golf committee enough for putting together another great event.

Roy Vanoni, Elmer Silvera, Ken Mackey, Pat Hallin, Henry Pasquinelli, and George Losada. Thank you all.

Special thank you to *Joe Matz* from Recology for helping sponsoring the Golf Classic again and purchasing many of the auction items.

Laurie Smith, Michele Mokres and Alaina Wakefield, for over 10 years they have given up this Monday to help us make this classic day possible. I salute all of you.

PS After 12 years, yours truly won the frozen meatball putting contest and the putting contest was filmed and played on Monday night news and Tuesday Morning News on 12 and 24. Great publicly.

Next event not too far away will be the Christmas Party. Remember this event gets sold out every year, so plan ahead.

See you at our meeting on **October 21st** for some good wine good food and good friends.

President, Michael Smith



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Happy Birthday

Sal Aiello

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Chico Palio

Our Chico Palio horse builders this year were: Mya Mokres, Reece Mokres and Nyla Stamy (Mya's friend). They "ran" the whole race and came in respectfully, with at least five runners behind them! They were the youngest runners!!! Special thanks to Michelle Mokres for coordinating the horse building.

At our booth, we were able to garner a list of 11 potential new members and sold several of our "Taste of Italy" items. Thanks to those who volunteered to be at the booth: Yvonne Noerenberg, Dominic & Roseanne Chiracosta and Michelle Mokres.

We hope to have a larger presence at the Palio next year since there will not be an Air Show. At the next meeting, our horse and pictures will be on display for those who missed out!

~Yvette Sanfilippo



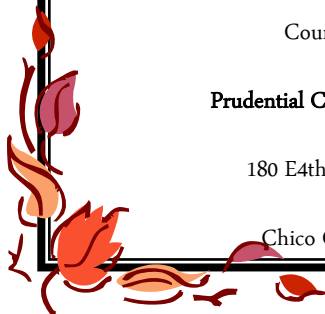
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Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Membership Meeting

Sons of Italy – Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519



Membership Meeting – September 16 2010

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

Roll Call of Officers: Excused absences noted were, Recording Secretary, Jeanne Smith; Trustee, Don Smith; Michele Mokres, Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Minutes from the August 2010 Meeting were approved as published.

New Member Application: We have no new member applications at this time

Guests: Our special guest was Jake Santulli. He was just accepted to the Vancouver Film School in Vancouver, B.C.

Financials: Financial Secretary, Debbie Rossi and Treasurer, Rita Brunelli gave us an update on our current financials.

Communications: An invitation to the Taste of Italy in Los Angeles to be held Oct 16th.

An email was received from the Italian Consulate about a Resolution, which was passed in the US Senate on June 17th. It was an Official Apology to the Italians held prisoner in the U.S. during WWII.

Invitation to the 85th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge California Western Foundation Humanitarian and Celebrities Awards Gala to be held, September 18th in Burlingame, CA.

1st Annual Italian Festival (Festa) to be held at the Grass Valley Fairgrounds on September 18th and 19th.

Roseann Bradley who does 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

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Reno Ricci is doing better after surgery, he will be in for rehab for a few weeks.

Vincenza McDaniel is now home from the hospital after a fracture to her lower leg. She seems to be in good spirits.

Ralph Huntsinger acting as Technical Program Chair, will attend a Modeling and Simulation-

Methodology, Tool and Applications Conference in the Netherlands in June of 2011.

Stella Ricci's "\$100.00 Raffle" begins again in September! Tickets are only \$10.00 for all 10 drawings, plus even if you win once your ticket goes back in for another chance! Please tell your friends and family, this is a great way to raise funds with very little labor! Only about 100 tickets have been sold so far. Please contact Stella Ricci or Debbie Rossi for tickets.

SOI Summer Picnic: Our picnic on August 22nd was again a great success. Plenty of ribs and chicken and other delicious foods were served. There were roughly 100 hundred people in attendance. Thanks to Yvonne Noerenberg for chairing this event and to all those who worked with her to make it happen. A small profit was realized.

Concourse d'Elegance: On September 11th John and Lorna Jefsen and Michael Smith ran a Bocce Ball demonstration during this event at Butte Creek Country Club. It was well received and got some good press.

The Chico Air Show is set for September 25th and 26th, less than 2 weeks away. This is a very important opportunity for our Lodge to make up some financial ground to help offset the Spaghetti Feed that didn't do as well as expected this year. This year's show is the only big Air Show in the area and the Canadian snowbirds will be here. The Airshow will be alternating each year between Redding and Chico, so next year we will need to come up with ideas for fundraising.

Chico Palió is also on Saturday, September 25th Maya Mokres and a friend will be representing our Lodge in the "Horse Race" this year. We will also have a table with Italian Trinkets. This is great exposure for us, and hopefully, next year we will be able to have a bigger presence since there won't be the Airshow conflict.

Wine Tasting at New Clairveaux: Debbie Rossi has arranged a Wine Tasting at New Clairveaux Winery. It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 2nd at 10:45am. Please bring a potluck dish. There is a requested donation of \$10.00 per person.

We have been offered the opportunity to purchase a stone (donation) with our name on it to be included in the Abbey.

The SOI Western Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, October 4th. There are approximately 54 players so far. Michael Smith has collected \$2400.00 in donations.

Charity Committee: the Officers have approved the guidelines, put together by Dominic Chiricosta, Rita Brunelli and Roseann Bradley.

Nominations for new Lodge Officers will begin in October. Final nominations and the election will take place at our November meeting. All Officers positions are open.

There will be no Dine Out this month. (Sept)
Dominic Chiricosta announced that the Oroville State Theater will be having a program on Oct 2nd that might interest members. "Restoring and Preserving American Heritage" 6:30pm \$5.00 adults \$2.00 students free for children

No New Business Good of the Order

50/50 Raffle – Cathy Lucido. Donated her winnings back to the Lodge for Scholarships in honor of her Father and Italian Studies.

State Deputy Comments:

Elmer Silver to Shasta Lodge: Had a wonderful time at Paisano Days. He helped with the serving of lots of food and beer. State Grand Lodge President, Maria Pugnatti was in attendance.

Sal Aiello to Paradiso Lodge: They are busy planning for the Annual Polenta Dinner Show. Sal will have tickets at our November meeting.

Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy:

Shasta Lodge Golf Tour will be September 18th.

All new by-law changes will be effective January 1, 2011.

Here is the outline.

- 1.To allow the State President to serve for two consecutive two-year term.
- 2.To shorten the odd-year State Convention to three days instead of four.
- 3.To increase the amount that can be spent by a Local Lodge without prior notice to members from \$100.00 to \$250.00.

Adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary

Jackie Schneider, Trustee(Sitting in for Jeanne Smith)

RAFFLE TIME

*Raffle Tickets for the
\$100 raffle for the next year
are on sale now @ gen. meetings
OR, Call Stella Ricci 342-1071*





Sunshine & Flowers

*Rocco I was having a procedure done for back pain
Happy to hear that after surgery and recovery for
several weeks Lou Cecchi is feeling better now.*

*When you have news to share
Call MaryAnn 342-1630*

Ottobre Calendar of Events

- Oct. 4** Golf Tourney
- Oct. 7** Officer's Meeting
- Oct. 11** Columbus Day (Celebrated)
- Oct. 21** Reg. Mtg/Potluck
- Oct. 29** Dine-Out 6 PM
- Oct. 31** Halloween



Think Pink

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- *Oct.8** Live Art Dinner 6:30-9:30
Mom's Restaurant 893-3447
- *Oct 14** Think Pink Healing Art Reception
4:30-6:00pm 265 Cohasset Rd. Chico *Free
- *Oct 22** Breast Cancer Awareness
Luncheon
Noon-1:00pm Enloe Conference Ctr. *Free
Light Lunch RSVP 332-7016
- *Oct 29** Traditional Tea Party for a Cure
4:00-6:00pm Mom's Restaurant 893-3447 to
purchase tickets.

Flight Line Tent Chico Air Show 2010

Well, the air show is over, and hopefully those who helped in the Flight Line Tent have recovered. The numbers and figures are not all in yet, so I can't yet say how financially successful it was for the Chico Lodge of the SOI.

However, for those of us who participated in the show, it was a great adventure and spectacular show. First, Friday night was fun; about 37 members attended the dinner and show. We not only had good food (not as good as Saturday and Sunday, but still very good), got to see a fantastic show by the Snow Birds, enjoyed great company, did not have to do any work, and all for a very reasonable price.

Saturday and Sunday did involve some work, but we had a large crew each day and were able to relieve each other as necessary. Again, the air show was fabulous, the Snow Birds were great and the other pilots also fantastic, one landing his aircraft on the top of a mid-size truck. I must congratulate all of our members who worked at the show on the very professional and great job they did in preparing for the show, preparing the food, and then serving the food and drinks. I heard from several sources that the food served at our tent was the "best food" ever served at any air show. It is very nice to hear such compliments.

Just about all the pilots ate in our tent, including the Snow Bird pilots, and all of them were very friendly and you could meet and talk with them. Anyway, the festivities ended Sunday evening when the SOI volunteer workers were invited to attend a party at one of the air show sponsor's home. We had a good showing at the Sunday evening party. All of our members who attended whom I have talked to enjoyed the good food, refreshments, and the opportunity to mingle and talk with the pilots and the other key volunteers who worked for the air show organizers.

I am already looking forward to the air show in 2012.

John Jefsen





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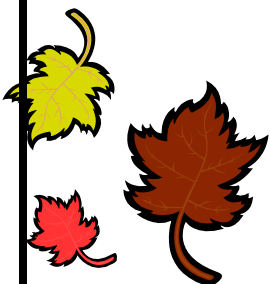
Thanks to all that worked long and hard to make this event a great success.

We had a record number of players this year and great weather!

After all these years Mike Smith won the Meatball putting contest for the first time! Go Mike!

There were an abundance of raffle prizes and auction items.

The lunch and dinner were delicious and the setting was beautiful.



Proceeds benefit the many Charities and Programs Chico Sons of Italy and Western Foundation Support.

Let's remember to support the many Sponsors who contributed to the success of this event.

More specific information will be shared at a later date.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW LODGE OFFICERS

Nominations for new Lodge Officers will be accepted at the Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 21st and Thursday, November 18th. Voting will take place immediately following final nominations at the November 18th meeting. Please spend a little time considering a nominee for any position, you can nominate yourself as well.



All prospective candidates must be members in good standing. In order to be eligible to be elected Lodge President or Lodge Vice President a member must have served an entire term, in a subordinate position on the council of any lodge. To qualify for all other offices a candidate must have been a member of the Order for at least 6 months prior to nomination. Lodge Presidents can only serve for three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms so long as there are other qualified candidates. All other Lodge Officers can be elected for unlimited terms. A listing of current Lodge Officers is published in the Bellini Notes.

Descriptions of each Officer's duties will be posted at both meetings, or please call Jeanne Smith at 898-8112 for this information.



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