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Bellini Notes



Presidents Message

Oct, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Bouna Sera,

Hard to believe summer is gone and winter is upon us. It has been a great summer and we participated in many local activities. Our name Sons of Italy is getting more and more notoriety in our community.

During the Chico Concourse d'Elegance on September 11th at Butte Creek Country Club our sister lodge, Paridiso joined us for a friendly Bocce Ball game. This is the second year in a row we have been asked to participate in this very classy car show.

Thank you to Joe Tessaro and all the Paridiso players for a great fun afternoon.

This years Chico Palio was another fun day. Chaired by Yvette Sanfilippo We sold meatball sandwiches and hot dogs along with soda and water. In just a few hours we raised \$500.00 which was all donated to the Chico Palio organization.

Special thanks goes to Steve Soldavani for taking the job as head cook and Yvette for continuing on the tradition of chairperson for this event.

Last but not least, our 13th ANNUAL WESTERN FOUNDATION NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SONS OF ITALY GOLF CLASSIC has come and gone. With 106 players and 150 fdinner, I would say this was extremely successful. Our lodge received great publicity as adds ran three times a week in the ER and in every Sunday's paper for one month prior. Some of you might have seen my smiling face on the local news station which ran Monday night and Tuesday morning. I do not

have enough thank yous left for our brother Ken Mackey for running all over town for several days and bringing in several new tee sponsors. Roy and Elmer as always great job, our newest member Pat Hallin for all he has done with Butte Creek Country club and his sponsors and raffle prizes. And last Henry Pasquinelli for his continued support. You have just met the entire committee. Fantastic job, the best ever.

One last thank you, God, thank you for answering my prayer for holding off rain until we finished golf. It starting to rain as we all just finished and went in for dinner. *Santa Maria!*

Believe it or not, we will be getting ready for our Christmas Party for early December. Planning will start this month. If anyone is interested in being part of this great event, please let me or Bob Schneider know. See you all at our regular meeting on October 20th.

Respectfully,

President Michael Smith



October Calendar of Events

Oct 3 Golf Classic

Oct. 5 Officers Mtg

Oct 20 Gen. Mtg/Potluck/Wish You Were Here Raffle

Oct 28 Dine-Out



Lodge Officers

President Michael Smith	682-5641
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Happy Birthday

October

Sal Aiello

Sharon Bass


Yola Cecchi

Ken Mackey

Jean Prato

Ron Ricci

Elmer Silvera



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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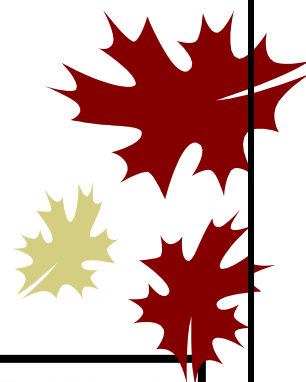
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*Please consider sending me your email address and
join the many members who already take advantage
of the above benefits!*

Thank You Roseann Bradley

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October Dine-Out

Sicilian Cafe

1020 Main St.

Friday October 28, 2011 **6:00PM**

Limited Seating & Menu

Call Roseann for Reservations 343-1050

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A member to take over the planning
of the monthly Dine-Out.

Minimal time required
Give me a call to learn details!

Roseann 343-1050

Sons Of Italy

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Membership Meeting

Membership Meeting – September 15, 2011



Meeting called to order by President Michael Smith at 7:10pm

Roll Call of Officers. Excused absences were Orator Rocky Santulli, Trustee Sal Aiello, and Trustee Ken Mackey

The Minutes from the August 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 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.

A letter from State Trustee Joy Bruno says that she plans to make an official visit In November. We hope to have new members to initiate at that meeting.

An invitation from the Milano Lodge inviting us to an event they are putting on called Cruising to Fashion 2011. It is a luncheon and fashion show aboard the Empress Hornblower in Old Sacramento on November 6, starting at 10:15am. For more information contact Jeanne Smith or the Milano Lodge directly (916) 508-6364

Newsletters were received from Paradiso and Shasta Lodges.

Committee Reports.

Financials Rita Brunelli presented bills to be paid for expenses from our Summer Picnic and the Chico Palio.

Debbie Rossi gave us our current bank balances.

Sunshine. Mary Ann Silvera is improving finally from all her recent ailments. She was even able to attend tonight's meeting! Ellie Azzarito has gone through chemotherapy and now radiation. She hopes to be able to permanently get moved to Chico within the next few months. Rocky Santulli is recovering from Knee surgery. Ralph Huntsinger recently had eye surgery to improve his vision, and is very pleased with the results. Michael Smith's family celebrated the 50-year anniversary of his mother and stepfather.

30th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Due to an incredible set of circumstances, Pat and Pam Hallin have offered to run the cost of the hall rental through their membership at Butte Creek Country Club! So we get the banquet room for free! Cathy Lucido and Jeanne Smith will be the chairpersons for this event. The date is set for May 19, 2012. The next priority is to get invitations out to dignitaries so that there is time to secure hotels rooms as this date coincides with CSUC graduation weekend. **The New 2011/2012**

\$100.00 Raffle sponsored by Reno and Stella Ricci will have it's first drawing tonight. Stella reports that so far there have been 114 tickets sold.

Chico Palio. Thanks to Yvette Sanfillippo and all her hard work organizing the Palio. We sold meatball sandwiches, hotdogs, soda and water. Our hotdog and meatball chef was new member Steve Soldavini. It was a very warm day, so thanks for all members who came to volunteer and support this effort. We managed to earn enough money to make a very nice donation to this cultural community event. Many thanks to **James Taylor** of the **Sicilian Café** for providing us with the delectable marinara sauce for

the meatball sandwiches.

Dine-Out. The dine-out for this month is at Annie's Restaurant on Skyway in Paradise (the Old Spinning Wheel) on Friday, September 30. Please let Roseann Bradley know if you are planning to go. Her email is Bradleyfam5@msn.com or call her at 343-1050.

Bocce Ball. Butte Creek Country Club was the sight of the Concours d'Elegance Car Show on Sept 11th. We had temporary Bocce Ball courts on the grass, with the idea of demonstrating the game to attendees. This is an effort to promote interest in the game in our community as well as have a little fun. In this spirit we challenged the Paradiso Lodge to try and win back the trophy, they accepted the challenge, but we prevailed. They are ready to throw down the gauntlet again, this time on their turf!

Northern California Western foundation Golf Classic.

This event will take place on October 3rd. We have decided to support the Chico Sports Boosters with proceeds from this year's Classic, which has as well as ads in the Chico Enterprise Record. Flyers have been passed out at PVHS and CHS football games. This has brought in a lot of attention from the community. Both Sports boosters will be joining us for dinner; some will even be joining in the golfing. There is a billboard The cost for the entire day's events is \$125.00 or just dinner tickets for \$30.00. There will be raffle tickets for prizes and gifts at the dinner. Also Courtesy Motors will be giving away a car to anyone getting a hole in one on the 17th hole.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. It was brought up to consider purchasing a "brick" as a donation to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum on Staten Island in New York during last month's meeting. This museum is owned and operated by the National Sons of Italy. It was mentioned that it may be having financial difficulties and could possibly close. Michael Smith contacted the museum directly to get some clarification on this. The Museum relies on the support of the public and the SOI, and recently the CFO of the museum passed away suddenly. Things

are back to normal now and a motion was made by Bob Schneider to purchase a "brick" with "SOI Vincenzo Bellini Lodge, Chico, California" carved on it for \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Elmer Silvers and approved by the membership.

Donation Advisory Committee. We are looking for two members who would be willing to help determine if requests for donations fit the basic criteria of our guidelines. John Jefsen has volunteered to chair this committee. This is a great opportunity for any member to get a little more involved and make a big impact. Please contact John Jefsen or Michael Smith if you're interested.

Christmas Party. Elmer Silvera will be in touch with someone soon at Our Divine Savior Catholic Church to set the date of our Annual Christmas Party.

New Business.

John Jefsen commented that our last month Dine-Out was downright embarrassing to him. Evidently, of all the members who signed up to attend, only 4 actually made it. The dineout was at the Italian Cottage who had the table all set for us. His point, please don't signup if you can't attend, or at least let Roseann Bradley know.

Good of the Order

Raffle winners! 50/50 Raffle – Two tickets were drawn, and Don Smith had both of them. \$10.00 each time! Stella's \$100.00 Raffle –Carmen Frangia

BRAND NEW! ~Wish You We Here' Raffle \$25.00

Tom Armisino's name was drawn, but unfortunately he was not there to collect his prize!

Next month the drawing will be \$30.00!

State Deputy Comments.

Elmer Silver to Shasta Lodge. Shasta Lodge is having a fishfry on September 17th. They are using halibut!The

Redding Airshow takes place on September 24th and 25th.The **Reno Bus trip** for Columbus Day weekend is sold out!Elmer was talking to Roy Vanoni recently

and he was telling him that the Milano Lodge is really doing great. They get a lot of participation from their membership.**Wings of Angels Spaghetti Feed** will be

October 15th. October 17th is initiation for the Shasta Lodge. Sal Aiello to Paradiso Lodge. Sal was not present at the meeting.

Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy.

Jim was not present at the meeting, so Elmer Silvera covered some things for him.

October
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month
Enloe Hospital has some Think
Pink Events Scheduled.

*Oct 13 Think Pink Healing Arts Reception
4:30 -6:00pm Enloe Regional Cancer Ctr.
265 Cohasset Rd FREE

*Oct 23 Making Strides Against Breast
Cancer 5K Walk 7:30 am registration
8:15 Walk begins Bidwell Park
One-Mile Rec Area
for more info
makingstrides.acsevents.org/chico
or 332-6745

*Oct 26 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon
Noon-1pm Enloe Conf. Ctr. 1528 Esplanade
Light Lunch, Testimonials and
A Q&A Session
FREE RSVP Required 332-7016

Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm Respectfully

Submitted by:

Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary



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

 **Chico Palio**
The Chico Palio was held last Saturday. Overall it seemed a success by the amount of people that participated and showed up for the event.

Special thanks go to our Palio horse runners, Ashley & William who are Sal & Lauri Aiello's step-grandchildren. They had a respectful finish and enjoyed themselves so much, they want to do it again! I hope to be able to get them to come to our meeting next month along with our Palio horse.

Many thanks go to our Palio horse builders. Thanks to all of you who helped cut corks in half at the Picnic, that was the kick off to building the horse. Special thanks go to my husband Dominic, who built the frame of the horse with the chicken wire and helped out through start to finish. Other horse builders were our oldest son Nick, his girlfriend Kim, Lauri Aiello and Palio horse runners Ashley & William. Thank you all so much! This year we had a food booth in conjunction with our information booth. We sold Italian meatball sandwiches garnished with Sicilian Clan's fabulous sauce--thank you Lucido family! We also served hotdogs, sodas & water. We sold out all of the food, we kept selling out of water. Laurie Smith saved us by dropping off several more cases..thank you Laurie! Thanks go to Michael and our newest member Steven for being our "chefs" all day! Thank you, Yvonne Noerenberg, Jeanne Smith, Rita Brunelli and backup Richard Noerenberg, Jackie & Bob

Schneider for printing SOI Calendars and for the EZ-Up!

Seven people signed up with interest in joining Sons of Italy.

There is already discussion for next year's Palio, with some positive changes in the works I will keep you updated. Yvette SanFilippo

*"Wish You
Were Here!"*



Raffle

Attend the monthly General Meeting and be eligible to win money from our new raffle! Must be present to win!! The 'Kitty' increases each month there is not a winner.

Annual

\$100 Raffle

\$10 each

**Tickets will be on sale at the
General Meetings**

Or Call Stella Ricci 342-1071

F Y I: It's been brought to my attention that in this month's *Italian American Magazine*, which we receive in the mail, has an interesting article on *"Confetti"*

Sunshine&Flowers

As of today MaryAnn Silvera is in the hospital.
Please keep her in your prayers

Save the Date!

The 30th Annual

Dinner Dance

scheduled for

May 19th 2012

Butte Creek Country Club

*This promises to be a very
Special Evening!*

*Mark your Calendars
now & plan to attend!*

Guests Welcome!



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