

Settembre 2010

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Bellini Notes



Presidents Message

Settembre 1, 2010

Our Sons of Italy Picnic held on August 22nd at Durham Park was a great success.

Special thanks to Yvonne Noerenbergh for chairing the picnic again this year,

Can't thank Laurie Smith enough for the hours of preparing her famous baby back

ribs, they were 5 star, and Roseann Bradley for barrel cooked chickens, they were great, not to forget Yvonne's beans, everyone was talking about how good

they were. Many thanks to all the people that helped make this day a great one.

We are headed into a very fun and busy month.

We start out on Sept 12th as we were invited to the Concourse De Elegance car show at Butte Creek Country Club to participate in bocce ball. We were asked to play a few games and explain the game to non players. Great way to get some SOI exposure.

September 18th some of us will play in the Shasta Lodge golf tournament in Redding.

September 25th and 26th will be the Chico Air Show where we will be serving around 700 to 1000 tri tip sandwiches along with meat ball sandwiches, hot dogs and many other side dishes in the flight line club.

Committees are forming. If you log on to Chico air show, you will see our name on their flyer. This promises to be a fantastic two days to help raise funds for our lodge. If you

know of anyone that would like to buy a ticket, we will

have some available as soon as they are printed.

We need your help, please contact John Jefsen or myself.

That same weekend, September 25th, the Chico Palio will be held down town Chico.

A few people will be needed to man the booth. See Yvette Sanfillippo for information.

October 2nd, Debbie has put together a great day at the NEW CLAIVEAUX WINERY IN VINA. This will be a great day. Food and Fun. Call Debbie for details and watch for the flyer.

October 4th is the 12th Annual Northern California Western Foundation Golf Classic. Golf or just come for dinner. It will be a day you will not forget.

See Mike, Ken, Elmer, Pat, Henry or Roy for flyers or just call Mike Smith.

October 9th and 10th is Columbus Day Festival in Reno NV. Although we did not get enough people to sign up for the bus trip, many of us will still be going.

If that's not enough, I have been in touch with our member Brian Katz from Italian Cottage. His family has agreed to build bocce ball courts at their restaurant.

Elmer, Pat, Roy and I met with Brian a few weeks ago to check out the area. If you have any knowledge about bocce courts, drop in to the cottage any Sunday and talk with Brian.

See you at our meeting on Sept 16th for some good wine good food and good friends.

Respectfully, **President, Michael Smith**



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 11& 12** *Concours d'Elegance BCCC*
Bocce Ball Demo
- Sept 16** *General Mtg/Potluck*
- Sept 18** *Shasta Golf Tournament*
- Sept 25 & 26** *Chico Air Show Fundraisor SOI*
- Sept 25** *Chico Palio Downtown Chico*
- No Dine-Out this month**
- Oct 2** *Afternoon at the Abby*
Wine tasting trip to Vina
- Oct 4** *SOI Golf Tournament BCCC*
- Oct 7** *Officer's Mtg. Debbie Rossi*

NEWS FROM OUR 2010

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Grant Page, who is the grandson of our Lodge members Lou and Yola Cecchi, recently entered the United States Naval Academy. He has joined the Italian/American Club at the Academy.

He is excited to have a fellowship with other midshipmen whom are the same heritage and who want to bond with the Italian community in the Annapolis/Baltimore/DC area. He said they will be planning a trip to Italy and he is thinking of minoring in the Italian Language. His major is Mechanical Engineering.

We wish him all the luck and maybe someday we will have a future Sons of Italy member!

Happy Birthday

Joe Azzarito

Sebastian Iraci

Patty Nelson

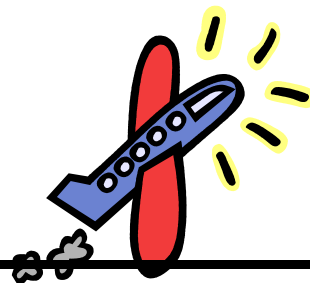
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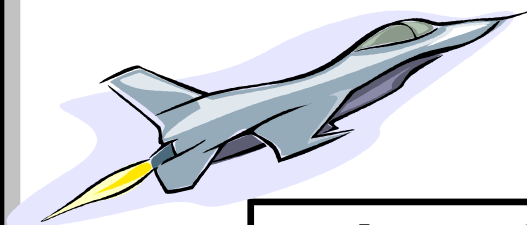
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Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Membership Meeting

Sons of Italy – Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Membership Meeting – August 19, 2010

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

Roll Call of Officers: Excused absences noted were, Past President, Elmer Silvera; Treasurer, Rita Brunelli; Historian, Mary Ann Silvera; Trustee, Ken Mackey; and Guard, Bob Schneider

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

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

Guests: One of our current Scholarship recipients, Rebecca Dennis and her mother Miriam Dennis were our guests. Rebecca had attended Durham High School and is about to begin classes at UC Davis. She expressed gratitude for her scholarship and said that she planned to pursue her education in Animal Science and hopes to become a Large Animal Veterinarian.

Financial Secretary, Debbie Rossi gave us an update on our current financials.

Also, she issued a check to Roseann Bradley for the Newsletter and picnic supplies.

Communications: A donation of \$50.00 was received by our Lodge, from Gary and Nancy Coria in Honor of Pete Merlo's 95th Birthday.

St Helena Lodge is hosting Italian Heritage Night with the San Francisco Giants on August 28th at 7:15pm. Contact John Costa for tickets, he is the Grand lodge Trustee for the North.

The Grand Lodge CA Western Foundation

Humanitarian and Celebrities Awards Gala is taking place in Burlingame to celebrate the Grand Lodge's 85th Anniversary, on September 18th.

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

Sunshine: Rosanne Chiricosta is still experience problems after knee surgery. Mary Ann Silvera took a fall at Convention and is still recovering. Reno Ricci is currently being hospitalized.

Three members of Paradiso Lodge passed away last month.

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!

Yvonne Noerenberg – The plans are all in place for our Summer Picnic coming up this Sunday the 22nd at 11:00am. Adults are \$8.00 children 12 and under are free. Please bring items for the raffle.

The Reno Bus trip that was scheduled for October has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Debbie Rossi has arranged a Wine Tasting at New Clavaux 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.

The Chico Air Show is set for September 25th and 26th. There will also be a dinner and show on Friday night for \$10.00, contact John Jefsen for tickets.

John, the Committee Chair has things well in hand all workers are in place. 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.

Chico Palio is also on Saturday, September 25th Our lodge has approved a donation to the Chico Palio for \$250.00. Also, we will have a table with Italian Trinkets as well as participate in the horse race. 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.

The SOI Western Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, October 4th. Michael Smith is already collecting donations and tee sponsors.

Plans are underway to construct Bocce Ball courts at the Italian Cottage on the Esplanade. Do not underestimate the powers of persuasion!

Charity Committee: The Officers have reviewed the Guidelines. Any changes or suggestions will be considered at the next officer's meeting.

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

The next "Dine Out" will again be at Annie's Country Café in Paradise on Friday August 27th at 6:30pm. Let Roseann know if you plan to attend. Everyone enjoyed it so much; we're doing it again!

Convention recap: All new by-law recommendations were approved at the Convention. Here is the outline.

1. To allow the State President to serve for two consecutive two-year terms.
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.

Cathy Lucido added that it would be a wonderful experience for all members to attend the Convention. Any member is welcome to participate.

Good of the Order

Sal Aiello, Paradiso Lodge State Deputy

Sadly reported that 3 members passed away last month.

They are planning their annual Polenta dinner and Show for November.

Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy:

Shasta Lodge will be sponsoring a Tee for the Western Golf Foundation Tournament. Glad to see we have so much planned. Announced that, State Grand Lodge President, Maria Pugnatti attended Paisano Days. Expanded on by-law changes: the itinerary was sped up and allowed for break out sessions. The convention will be in Glendale next year.

50/50 Raffle – Lorna Jepsen won both drawings! Then donated her winnings back to the Lodge!

Adjourned 8:10pm Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeanne Smith, Recording Secretary

RAFFLE TIME

*Raffle Tickets for the
\$100 raffle
for the next year
are on sale now!*

*You can purchase yours at the
next General Meeting, or by
calling*

Stella Ricci 342-1071

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*September thru June you have a chance to win
\$100.*

*We also encourage you to have family and
friends purchase some. This is an important
contribution to our Scholarship fund!*

Sunshine & Flowers

**Today 9/2/10 Jerry Bradley's Mother
passed away.*

*She had been suffering from Alzheimer Disease for
many years. Although sad for the family it is a
blessing for her. We know she is in a better place.*

**A card was sent from SOI to Reno Ricci wishing
him a speedy recovery from recent surgery.*

When you have news to share

Call MaryAnn 342-1630



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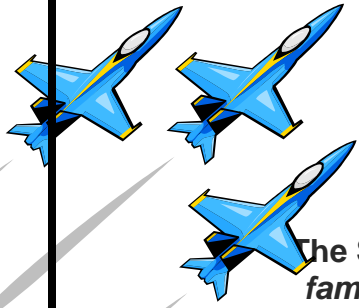
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To read a food press release about the delicious food that will be offered in the Flightline



AFTERNOON AT THE ABBEY

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Time – 10:45 am

(Meet at the Ouida Room)

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*Tour of the Monastery & Sacred Stones
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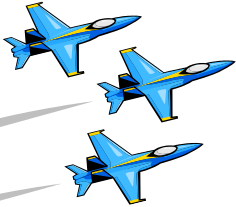
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