

September 2011

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Bellini Notes



Presidents Message

Sept, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Bouna Sera,

Once again the Sons of Italy family Picnic was a great success, slightly more people showed up than anticipated, we served 100 Italian sausages and 60 hot dogs along with beans, assortment of salads, cookies and watermelon. Outside of running short on the sausages, everything worked out fine. Over 100 people and at least 25 children had a great time. Thank you to Yvonne and Richard Noerenberg for chairing the picnic and Ralph Huntsinger for manning the ticket collection along with our cooks, Sal Aiello, Ken Mackey, Alan Reil and our prep cooks Roseanne Bradley, Michele Mokres and Laurie Smith.

A special Thank You goes out to Yvette Sanfilippo and her business, Bella Day Spa for donating the bounce house for the kids.

It was an honor to have president of the Shasta lodge Jim Nobili and his wife Rose join us.

Chico Palio will be held on Sept. 10th downtown Chico. We will be serving hot dogs and meatball sandwiches, soft drinks and water. Proceeds from this event will help support the Chico Palio. Thank you to Yvette Sanfilippo for chairing this event.

The 2011 Chico Concourse d'Elegance Sunday, September 11th at Butte Creek Country Club 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Vincenzo Bellini Lodge will take on Paradiso Lodge at Bocce Ball. The fun starts at noon. Open to all, no charge. Come on down and cheer on your team.

The 13th ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SONS OF ITALY GOLF CLASSIC - will be held on OCT 3RD. Since we have decided to give part of the proceeds to both local High School sports Programs, we have received tons of exposure. This is a very worthy opportunity to help raise funds for our community. Information is on our web page.

At our October meeting will start our \$100 DOLLAR RAFFLE. Thank you to Stella and Reno for sponsoring the tickets this year. Lets give it our best to sell as many tickets as we can.

See you all at our regular meeting on September 15th.

Respectfully,

President Michael Smith



September Calendar of Events

Sept. 7 Officers Meeting

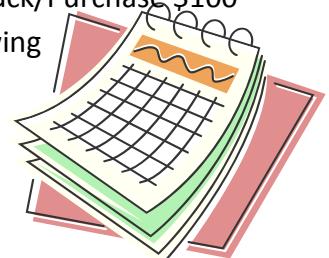
Sept. 10 Chico Palio

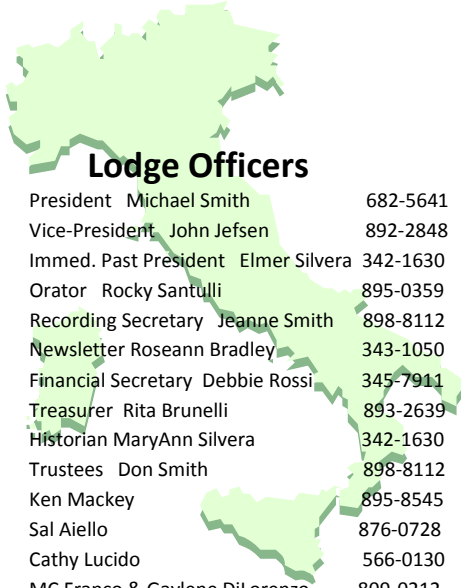
Sept. 15 Gen. Mtg/Potluck/Purchase \$100 Raffle Tickets First Drawing

Sept 30 Dine-Out

Oct 3 Golf Classic

Oct. 5 Officers Mtg





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Sunshine chair MaryAnn Silvera	342-1630



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

Joe Azzarito

Patty Nelson

Lino Ricci

Mary Ann Ryan

Jeanne Smith

Fran Tzugaris

Marie Walker Thomas

Robyn Katz



*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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This saves the club money, for both postage and paper and it is environmentally helpful.

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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September Dine-Out

Annie's Country Cafe

5522 Skyway Paradise

Friday September 30, 2011 6:30pm

We've always had a great time and a delicious meal at Annie's. Weather permitting we will sit on the outdoor patio and enjoy the fall temperatures!

For reservations call Roseann 343-1050

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Wanted!

A Member to take over the Dine-Out responsibilities. Minimal time required.

Give me a call to learn more. Roseann 343-1050

Sons Of Italy

Vincenzo Bellini Lodge #2519

Membership Meeting



Membership Meeting – August 18, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Michael Smith at 7:15pm

Roll Call of Officers: Excused absences were Par President Elmer Silvera, Orator Rocky Santulli, Historian Mary Ann Silvera, Trustee Ken Mackey, Master of Ceremonies Franco Di Lorenzo and Mistress of Ceremonies Gaylene Di Lorenzo.

The Minutes from the June Meeting were approved as published.

Guests: Debbie Lucero, Sara Khalil, Rick, Lisa, and Cameron Nye.

Sara Khalil graduated from Durham High School and received the Carla Velador Scholarship. Cameron Nye graduated from Corning High School and also had received one of our scholarships. Both scholarship recipients spoke briefly about their future plans and thanked our Lodge for our support.

Ed and Michelle Syracuse

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:

Our Lodge has received an invitation to tour the Birth Defects Library Collections at the UC Davis Health Science Library on Sat, Aug 27th at 10:00am. If you'd like to attend please contact Michael Smith.

The Lodge received receipts from Western Foundation acknowledging our donations at the

Convention for Coolies Anemia and the Birth Defects Library.

Newsletters have been received from Paradiso Lodge, Shasta Lodge and St Helena Lodge.

Thank you note from The Catholic Ladies Relief Society for 18lbs of food donated in June.

Committee Reports:

Financials Rita Brunelli presented bills to be paid for expenses incurred by several individuals for our Summer Picnic.

Debbie Rossi gave us our current bank balances.

Sunshine:

Mary Ann Silvera and Elmer Silvera are recovering from some flu like symptoms.

Ellie Azzarito has been going through chemotherapy.

The 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!**

The first drawing will be at our September 15th regular meeting.

Summer Picnic: Many thanks to Yvonne and Richard Noerenberg, Sal Aiello, Ken Mackey, Yvette Sanfillippo, Michael Smith, Laurie Smith and Rosanne Bradley and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this year's picnic a whopping success. A special thanks you to Yvette Sanfillippo and Bella Day Spa for providing the bounce house for the kids to enjoy! The Italian Sausage sandwiches were outstanding as well as all the sides! We even made a little money for the coffers!

Chico Palio: Please contact Yvette Sanfillippo, 893-2231, she is currently looking for runners for the Palio Horse Race, so if you know some fast running teens please let her know ASAP! Also, if you have some time to help with building

the “horse” or would like to help with the booth please contact her. Remember there is no Airshow this year, so we need to “work” this event. We will be selling meatball sandwiches, hotdogs, soda and water. Part of the proceeds will go to support the Palio.

James from the Sicilian Café will be making the sauce for the sandwiches.

Dine-Out: The dine-out for this month is at The Italian Cottage on Friday, August 26th. The Italian Cottage owners are Lodge members! **While you’re there let them know how great it would be if they installed Bocce Courts!** Please let Jackie Schneider know if you plan to attend. chicobev@msn.com or call her at 345-1461.

Bocce Ball: Butte Creek Country Club will be the sight of the Concours d’Elegance Car Show on Sept 11, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We plan to set up temporary Bocce Ball courts and demonstrate the game to attendees. This is an effort to promote interest in the game in our community as well as have a little fun. We have challenged the Paradiso Lodge to try and win back the trophy.

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 brought in a lot of attention from the community. There will be a billboard as well as ads in the Chico Enterprise Record.

Convention: Jeanne and Don Smith each spoke about the highlights of this year’s convention. This information is also printed in our Bellini Notes.

Michael Smith made a speech at the convention about the Western Foundation Golf Classic, and State President Maria Pignati praised the Lodge for 13 years of donations to the Western Foundation.

New Business:

It was brought up to consider purchasing a “brick” as a donation to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum on Staten Island in New York. 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 was going to get more information and we will revisit this. In addition, locally, there is the Gateway Museum that we could support in the same way. This also was tabled and will be discussed further.

Michael Smith thanked Jeanne Smith for taking over the Il Leone while Mary Ann Silvera is under the weather.

Good of the Order

Raffle winners!

50/50 Raffle – Frank Scotella and John Jepsen
\$20.00 each

Stella’s \$100.00 Raffle –starts again next month!

BRAND NEW!

“Wish You We Here” Raffle \$30.00

Cathy Lucido won! She donated the money back to the Lodge to be used towards scholarships!

Next month the drawing goes back to \$25.00!

State Deputy Comments:

Elmer Silver to Shasta Lodge: Elmer was not at the meeting.

Sal Aiello to Paradiso Lodge: Sal says that the Paradiso Lodge has been keeping busy, they had two recent fundraisers, one at Round Table and one at Chili’s.

Some of their members got to attend the River Cats game in Sacramento on Italian Night and they are going on a bus trip to Thunder Valley Casino.

He will talk to the Paradiso members at their upcoming meeting about the Bocce Ball

challenge from our Lodge!
Jim Lamana, Our State Deputy:

Jim says he can't believe how early school starts these days!

Paisano Days was great this year, they had fabulous weather. He says Paisano Days actually evolved from summer picnics they used to do. The Redding Airshow will be held this

year on September 24th and 25th. Tickets can be purchased at Costco for \$70.00.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm
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

NEW!

"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.



Chico Palio

Sat. Sept. 10, 2011 10am-4pm
Chico City Plaza

A great Italian tradition and a fundraiser for our club.

We need member volunteers to help build our horse for the race and volunteers to help at the food booth and our information booth

To sign up please call
Yvette SanFilippo 893-2231 519-2974

Annual

\$100 Raffle

\$10 each

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

Or Call Stella Ricci 342-1071

GARIBALDI-MENUCCI MUSEUM_

President Michael Smith promised to research the status of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in NY. At the General meeting last month it came up for a vote to donate money to the Museum. The decision was tabled until we learned more regarding the status of the Museum,

Below is an E-Mail Michael Smith received from the director of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum as a response to his inquiry, please read

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your email and for voting the donation of a stone.

Yes, for the Garibaldi-Meucci museum this is, as for any other non-profit, a hard financial time. No, the museum is not going to close. On one side we are reducing expenses/costs on the other hand the Walkway Project is bringing in money. Thanks to all the people in the US and in Italy who trust and support us, we are overcoming one of the most difficult time of the museum history.

Thanks for your wishes, and hopefully for your lodge stone,

Michela

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below is some info about the Museum, I urge everyone to go to the web site and see what they do.

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is owned by the National Order Sons of Italy Foundation and administered by the New York Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in America. This National Landmark is preserved as a memorial to the lives of Antonio Meucci the true inventor of the telephone and Giuseppe Garibaldi, a legendary hero who championed the unification of the Italy.

Today the museum offers historical tours, Italian language programs for all levels, school programs for K-12, permanent and temporary exhibitions, lectures and concerts. Additionally, the museum serves as a repository for Italian American Heritage and Culture program funding has been provided through the Order Sons of Italy in America; by public funds from the New

York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council; the Office of the Staten Island Borough President, Richmond County Savings Foundation; Northfield Bank Foundation, and by grants allocated by New York State Senator Diane Savino and New York City Council members Vincent Ignizio and James Oddo. The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is owned and operated by the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Thank you
Michael



Sunshine&Flowers

Nick Katz one of our Junior Members is doing double duty these days. He is on PV Highs JV Football team & plays in the band. Support him & his team this fall by attending games now thru Nov.



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MONDAY, OCT. 3, 2010

12:00 NOON

**Butte Creek Country Club
Chico, California**

\$125 entry fee includes:

*Green fees, range balls, cart, Meatball Putting Contest, Lunch
Dinner in Clubhouse following tournament.
(Extra dinners, \$30 for non-golfers)*

Practice 10:00 am

Meatball putting contest and lunch 11:00 am

Shotgun start 12:00 NOON

Dinner 5:00pm

*Proceeds benefit the many charities and programs supported by the
Chico Sons of Italy and Sons of Italy Western Foundation*

This year Chico Sons of Italy will focus on helping our local high school sports programs

For information call or e-mail:

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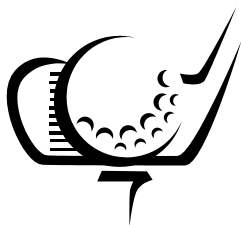
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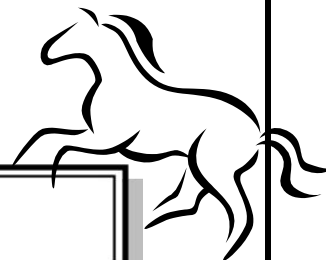
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