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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February has been a difficult month for Northern Solano Lodge. Our lodge has lost three members, Leo Giovannetti, Charter Member Sue Bell and Edna Barnes. We were so blessed to have these three individuals as part of our lodge family. They will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace Brothers and Sisters of Northern Solano Lodge. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

March 8th is the deadline for the Northern Solano Lodge Scholarship applications. These scholarships are for graduating high school seniors in the Northern Solano area. The applications can be found on the Assist-A-Grad website at: http://assist-a-grad.org/. Please contact Laure´ Devincenzi-Nichols if you have any questions. (760) 525-6530 or misslaureo3@gmail.com.

On March 14th, the Adult Recreation Center will hold their annual "Luck of the Irish Dinner" that is hosted by Northern Solano Lodge. This is a community service project for our Lodge that supports the Adult Recreation Center and the Senior community. Our lodge purchases the food for the event and all the proceeds go to the Adult Recreation Center. Lori will be heading up the kitchen crew that prepares the meals. If you are interested in helping at this event, please reach out to me. (209) 404-0692

Thank you to Immediate Past President Don Cradduck for stepping in for me and conducting the February Lodge meeting. We are so fortunate as a lodge to have such depth in our membership. Speaking of depth, Past President and Past Head Chef David Rico will be our guest chef for our March meeting.

A big shout out to Lauretta Graham, our lodge Financial Secretary, who has put a lot of effort into learning the new membership program and updating members' emails. We are beginning to use this new program to communicate with all of you. If you need to update your email, please contact Lauretta at (707) 365-1818 or lgraham457@aol.com. Lauretta could also provide you with "Winner Every Day" tickets.

In this month's Postcard from Italy, you will get to learn a little bit about one of the editors. I hope you enjoy.

Buon Giorno di San Patrizio e Buona Pasqua,

Mark

Buon Compleanno di Marzo

Frank Rossi 4th
Sharon Anaclierio 15th
Steven Nadeau 16th
Marguerite Boyd 17th
Priscilla Barrett 22nd



Don Raina 25th Robert Baffico 27th Anthony Housten 29th Mario Roberto 30th

Buon Anniversario

Happy Anniversary to all members who are celebrating this month. Please let Mark know about your special occasion so we can share with your Lodge Brothers and Sisters.

Attivita di Marzo

- Mar 14th The Book Club will meet at Kay Locatelli's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "Road to Gandolfo" by Robert Ludlum. New members are welcome. For more information call Kay at 707-422-2518.
- Mar 15th Out to Lunch Bunch meeting at the Dynasty Restruant, 2401 Waterman Blvd, Ste. A7 Fairfield CA at 1230 p.m. Please contact Helen Barker for more information at 707-428-6093 after March 9th.
- Mar 18th Please RSVP by Mar 18th for our monthly meeting so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by alling 707-365-1818 or emailing Lauretta Graham at Igraham457@aol.com.
- Mar 18th Card night will be at Juanita Stopponi's home at 6 p.m. For more information please contact Juanita at 707-422-1921 or email her at juanita5230@sbcglobal.com. Everyone brings food to share before we play cards. If you like to play cards, please join us for a fun evening with food, drink, and good fun.
- Mar 19th Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Mar 21st Our regular Lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm followed by a short business meeting. Don't forget to bring a raffle prize. The proceeds from the raffle offset the cost of the meal.



TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of March is Kay Locatelli and Linda Feins.

SUNSHINE

Please remember to contact Joy Bruno if you know of any member that might need to be sent a card. Call Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391 and leave a message or email her at joy.b@comcast.net.

Get Well cards to Helen Barker and Brenda Mossa
Sympathy card to the Leo Giovanetti Family

Sue Bell's brother Jim & Nancy Bell Sue Bell's Sister in Law Jackie Bell.

MAY WINNER EVERY DAY 2024 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



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Tickets are available to sell from Lauretta Graham. Please contact her by calling 707-365-1818 or e-mailing Lauretta Graham at Igraham457@aol.com.

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Mark Rossi. Unfortunately Mark was not present.

The February Who Am I winner was Lynn Gallagher identifying the mystery candidate Rose Marie Archer.

POST CARDS FROM ITALY

Cari amici, è quasi un anno che vi scriviamo e ancora non ci siamo presentate: che maleducate!!

Inizierò io. Mi chiamo Agnese Del Gamba, nata nel 1974 ad Arezzo, dove vivo. Sono spostata con Roberto e ho due figli: David di 17 anni e Maddalena di 14 che frequentano le scuole superiori.

Dear friends, almost a year has passed and we haven't yet introduced ourselves: what a pity!

I'll will start, my name is Agnese Del Gamba, born in the 1974 in Arezzo, where I live. I'm married to a wonderful man named Roberto and I have two children: David who is 17 and Maddalena who is 14 years old, both going to High School.



Attualmente sono impiegata per l'agenzia A.R.T.I. Toscana https://arti.toscana.it/ che gestisce tutti i servizi pubblici di ricerca e offerta lavoro. E' un lavoro impegnativo anche perché al momento sono incaricata in due centri diversi, sia a contatto con gli utenti, consulenza lavoro, contatto con le aziende e attuazione tirocini, ma anche alla progettazione e gestione.

Attraverso strani percorsi di vita sono arrivata a questo incarico.

I am currently employed at the Tuscany A.R.T.I agency (https://arti.toscana.it/) which manages all public job searches and offers services. It is a demanding job, because at this moment I am in charge of two different centers, that are in contact with users, job consultants, companies who are starting internships, as well as planning and management. Through strange life paths I have arrived at this position.

Pensate che mi sono laureata in "Conservazione dei beni culturali-archeologia". Ho lavoro nelle scuole come consulente e scritto un libro per bambini sulla città di Arezzo (se siete curiosi ve ne posso spedire copie- troverete all'interno una piccola Alessandra...), lavoro alla promozione delle eccellenze culturali, storiche e culturali del nostro territorio, oltre che la promozione agricola e vitivinicola: bellissimi gli anni in cui per conoscere i prodotti che dovevo promuovere andavo per cantine e produttori ad assaggiarli!!!!

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Just think that I graduated in "Conservation of cultural heritage-archaeology". I worked in schools as a consultant and have written children book about the city of Arezzo (if you are curious I can send you copies - you will find a little Alessandra inside...), I work to promote the cultural,

historical and cultural excellences of our territory, as well as agricultural and wine promotion. These years were beautiful learning about the products I had to promote. I went to cellars and producers and sampled all of it!!!!

Ho fatto concorsi e sono entrata in enti locali come la Provincia di Arezzo con un incarico per la promozione delle Pari Opportunità e in Comuni vari.... Poi, un po' per la voglia di investire su di me, un po' per la speranza di conciliare meglio le esigenze della famiglie con le mie, per diversi anni sono stata artigiana-artista usando materiali di scarto, prevalentemente plastica www.agnesedelgamba.it .

I took part in competitions and entered local authorities such as the Province of Arezzo with a role for the promotion of equal opportunities and in various municipalities. Then, partly out of the desire to invest in myself, partly out of the hope of better reconciling the needs of families with my own, for several years I was a craftsman-artist using waste materials, mainly plastic (www.agnesedelgamba.com).

Per quanto possibile amo viaggiare ma anche solo "girellare" per paesi e borghi, visitare mostre e andare a teatro. Disegnavo, pitturavo, dipingevo. Sono curiosa. Mi piace intessere reti di persone, creare progetti. Spero di fare la mia piccola parte. Quando è nata l'idea di scrivere queste cartoline ne sono stata entusiasta.

As much as possible I love traveling but also like to just wandering around towns and villages, visiting exhibitions and going to the theatre. I like to draw, paint and I'm curious. I'm interested in networks of people and creating projects. I hope to do my small part. When the idea of writing these postcards was born I was thrilled.

Per qualsiasi cosa, curiosità, informazioni, ci siamo.

Un caro saluto

If you are curious about anything or would like information we are here for you,

Warm regards

Agnese





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY'S CORNELIA-VITA NUOVA LODGE "FUN" DRAISING

POLENTA & SAUSAGE DINNER

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

At the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club 1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco

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NO-HOST COCKTAILS at 6:00 P.M. with DINNER at 7:00 P.M.

The menu consists of Antipasto, Salad, Polenta and Sausages,
Wine, Coffee, and Dessert.

Price for this fundraiser is \$48 per person and Club space is limited to 200.

No payments will be accepted at the door – payment must be received with reservation.

Deadline for Reservations is Friday, February 23, 2024.

Please call Maria at 415-370-3956, or Linda at 415-235-5974

for information and reservations.

We hope to see you there, and thank you for supporting our Lodge!







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