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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From all the great pictures and feedback, it sounds like our May Scholarship Meeting was a success! Thank you to Frank Mossa who presided over the May meeting in my absence. Thank you to Lori Rossi and kitchen crew for the delicious meal and Laure and the scholarship committee for the wonderful scholarship program.

Congratulations to Northern Solano Lodge Junior Member Francesca Bruno who has graduated from high school. We wish you much success as you venture off to college and begin a new life chapter. We are proud of you and will always be here to support you.

At our June meeting we will have some entertainment provided by a local line dancing group that includes one of our members. I bet you can't guess who? During the June meeting we will be conducting a new member initiation. Also, this month, we have begun our school supply drive so members can bring supplies or donations to our regular meeting. Big thanks to Charlene Ping who is chairing this event. The school selected this year is Anna Kyle, here in Fairfield.

The Grand Lodge Convention is just a few weeks away and your lodge delegates, Jerry and Shirley Firpo and I, will be heading off to Concord, California. The convention kicks off on Wednesday afternoon with a Bocce tournament as members participate to earn bragging rights. The business part of the convention starts on Thursday, June 27th. Since the convention is so close, this would be a great opportunity to come meet some of your fellow brothers & sisters from across the state and Nevada. Members are encouraged to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in June. Thank you to all of you for doing your part to keep our lodge vibrant and fun. Many hands make light work.

"Happy Father's Day to all the dads, the not yet dads, the stepdads, the moms who are dad, the adoptive dads, the granddads, and the dads who are no longer with us." Author Unknown

Mark

Buon Compleanno di Giugno

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| John Watkins | 3rd |
| Frank Mossa | 7th |
| Tim Smithson | 8th |
| Sue Petty | 11th |
| Sandra Butler | 14th |
| Bruce Du Clair | 17th |
| Ariel Hernandez | 21st |
| Katalina Hernandez | 21st |
| Annabella Rodriguez | 21st |



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| Joan McLain | 23rd |
| Shirley Firpo | 24th |
| Cameron Rossi | 25th |
| Brenda Mossa | 26th |
| Jana Houston | 28th |
| Kristal Hernandez | 28th |
| Darlene Pendleton | 30th |
| Hai Yen Scoccia | 30th |
| Anita Colombano | 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 Giugno

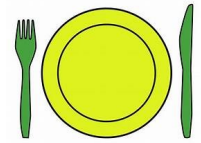
June 17th Please RSVP by June 17th for our monthly meeting so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707-365-1818 or emailing Laurretta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com.

June 18th Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391

June 20th 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.

June 24th The Book Club will meet at Brenda Mossa's home at 2 p.m. The book this month is "Collared" by David Rosenfelt. New members are welcome. For more information call Brenda 707-235-5452.

TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of June is Ellie Cheechov and Lynn Gallagher

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 were sent to Angie Caserza

David Mckenzie



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The SDOIA contact for this fundraiser is Charlene Ping. If you have any questions or need your donations picked up from your home, please feel free to contact Charlene at (707) 631-8808 or via e-mail at cmgping8@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for supporting this worthy endeavor. Please see supply list on page 5. Please help support the teachers of Anna Kyle Elementary School!

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Lynn Gallagher. Congratulations!





I was born in Shelbyville, Indiana and my family moved to Solano County in 1941. In total, I have lived in California for approximately 70 years. The time in Indiana and in military service make up the difference of my 84 years of age. I'm fifty percent Irish with some German and who knows what else. Luckily, I'm married to a pureblood Italian.

I lived in Solano County from 1941 to 1969 and 1976 to the present. I was stationed at Travis Air Force Base and that was the reason I settled in Vacaville. I like the small-town flavor and the weather. The community is friendly and I was already familiar with the area from my fond memories of growing up nearby in Vallejo and Fairfield. I'm twice retired – the first time serving 20 years in the Air Force and the second time after 20 plus years as a Special Ed teacher at Jepson Middle School. I tell my spouse, "I'm into maintaining, not creating."

In the service I was either on the West Coast or in the Pacific. As a civilian, I've travelled to Ireland, Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy. My favorite places to visit are where my children are living. Two travel destinations on my bucket list are Disneyland and the Panama Canal.

I have been married to the same woman for one month short of 60 years. We have three children (two girls and a boy) and nine grandchildren (five girls and four boys). With our blended family, we also add two more girls and a boy. Despite the size of our brood, there are no great grandchildren yet.

In September, I'll have been a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI) for six years. I really enjoy the Italian passion for their heritage. When an Italian meets another Italian, while initially complete strangers, within a few minutes they are somehow related. In SOI, I have been Mr. Master of Ceremonies for two years and recently joined of the Assist-a-Grad Scholarship Committee.

I enjoy watching the 49er's, Giants and Warriors on television. I only watch television, if I can record programs first, so I can skip through the commercials. I do some reading but I'm rather slow at it.

Do you know who I am?

Hint #1: I share the same first name as Barbie's boyfriend and if you saw the Barbie movie you'd know the phrase "____ only has a great day if Barbie looks at him".

Hint #2: There was a famous 1980 comedian and actor named Leo Anthony _____ Junior whose signature act was smashing a watermelon on stage with a wooden sledgehammer called the "Sledge-O-Matic". We share the same last name but he is simply known by his last name of _____.

The May Who Am I winner was Shirley Firpo identifying the mystery candidate Steve Perrando .



School Supply Drive for 2024

At the June and July Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI) meetings, we will be collecting school supplies and cash donations for the teachers of Anna Kyle Elementary School.

Last year SOI school supply donations totaled \$1,530 for Suisun Elementary School. This year another low performing Fairfield Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) school was selected. These lower performing schools are ranked in the bottom 10% of all FSUSD schools. Anna Kyle currently serves students in Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade. With nearly 750 students, the maximum class size in grades K - 3 is 25 students and grades 4 and 5 currently average about 34 students per class. Low-income families make up 87% of the student body. Demographically, 96% of the students are minorities. A significant number of those students (52%) are English Learning students. This is definitely a challenging environment for both teaching and learning!

Anna Kyle's Academic Progress is ranked 3/10. Students at Anna Kyle are making less academic progress from one grade to the next compared to students at other schools in the state. Low progress with low test scores means students are starting at a low point and are falling even farther behind their peers at other schools in the state.

Anna Kyle's Test Scores are Ranked 1/10. Test scores at this school fall far below the state average. This suggests that students at this school are likely not performing at grade level. In Math Anna Kyle's student score is 6% which is much lower than the State average of 35%. In English Anna Kyle's student score is 13% which is significantly lower than the State average of 47%. In Science Anna Kyle's student score is 6%. The State average for science is 30%. (Source: Greatschools.org) **By donating generously to Anna Kyle we help can help make inroads to narrow the gaps in academic progress.**

Here is a list of school supplies that are needed at Anna Kyle Elementary School:

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| Binder Pencil Pouches | Notebook (Composition) | Pens (Black) |
| Binders (1") | Pocket Portfolios | Pens (Blue) |
| Binders (2") | Notebook (Wide Ruled Single Subject) | Notebook (Wide Ruled Multiple Subjects) |
| Binders (3") | Paper (Card Stock) | Pens (Gel) |
| Dry Erase Markers (Black) | Paper (Construction) | Pens (Red) |
| Dry Erase Markers (Color Variety Pack) | Markers (Water based Washable variety pack) | Pens (Felt Tip) |
| Dry Erase Pockets | Paper (Poster Board) | Rulers |
| Glue sticks | Paper (Wide Ruled Binder) | Scissors (Kids Safety) |
| Hand Sanitizer | Paper Clips | Scissors (Large) |
| Highlighters | Paper towels | Sharpies (Black) |
| Hole Punch (single-hole hand) | Pencil Erasers (Large) | Sharpies (Color variety pack) |
| Hole Punch (three-hole) | Pencil Sharpener (Electric) | Stamp Sets |
| Index Cards | Pencil Top Erasers | Staplers |
| Magnets | Pencils (Mechanical) | Sticky Notes |
| Paper (Copy) | Pencils (No. 2) | Tape (clear) |



POST CARDS FROM ITALY

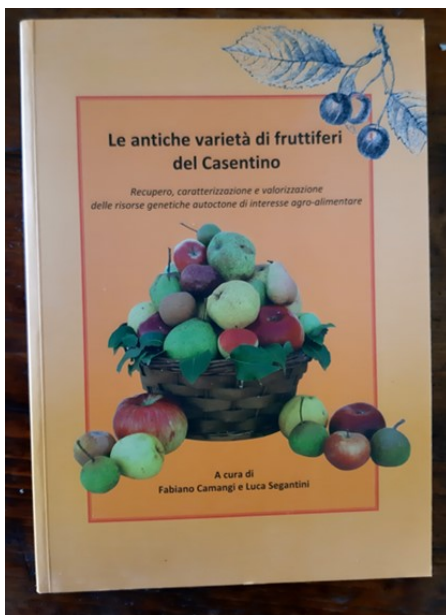
Dear friends,

May arrives with its wonderful roses. Our grandmother had many different types of roses. For many years friends would use their petals to create perfumes and color fabrics.

Cari amici, arriva maggio con le sue meravigliose rose.

La nostra nonna ne aveva di diversi tipi e i loro petali sono state per tanti anni materia per giocare con le amiche a creare profumi e colorare stoffe.

In the gardens, flowers and ornamental plants share the space with vegetable corners, because there is no better salad and tomato than the one grown and harvested in your own land. In recent decades, ancient seeds have been researched and selected, so as to leave traces of these ancient plants and above all to keep the species alive. A bit like on the Svalbard Islands, even in our territory "guardian farmers" pass on and preserve precious seeds. A cousin of ours did a very long research: from this a book was written with hundreds of ancient fruit plants found, studied and saved with their seeds. Marvelous!



Nei giardini i fiori e le piante ornamentali si dividono lo spazio con angoli di orto, perché non c'è miglior insalata e pomodoro di quello coltivato e raccolto nella propria terra.

Negli ultimi decenni si stanno ricercando e selezionando sementi antiche, così da lasciare traccia di queste antiche piante e soprattutto mantenere le specie vive.

Un po' come alle isole Svalbard anche nel nostro territorio "Agricoltori custodi" tramandano e conservano preziosi semi. Un nostro cugino ha fatto una lunghissima ricerca: da questa è stato redatto un libro con centinaia di piante da frutto antiche ritrovate, studiate e salvate con i loro semi. Meraviglioso!

Instead, what about June? On the 23rd in Turin we celebrate Saint John's Night, patron of the city. A large wooden bull is burned in one of the central squares. If it falls on the Porta Nuova side (a part of the old walls, now the train station) the year will be lucky, while if it falls on the Porta Palazzo side (where the large local market is located) it will be a challenging year.

Invece, cosa possiamo raccontarvi di giugno? Il giorno del 23 a Torino si festeggia la Notte di San Giovanni, patrono della città. Un grande toro di legno viene bruciato in una delle piazze centrali. Se cade dal lato di Porta Nuova (una parte delle vecchie mura, adesso stazione dei treni) l'anno sarà fortunato, mentre se invece cade dal lato di Porta Palazzo (dove si trova il grande mercato locale) si tratterà di un'annata sfidante.

Saint John is also celebrated in Brazil, only in this case it involves weeks of music, dance and events. In Brazil, the party is held mainly by rural farmers, including country people and hillbillies. Gli uomini si vestono come contadini con grandi cappelli di paglia e le donne indossano code di



In Brasile, la festa è praticata principalmente dagli agricoltori rurali, conosciuti come caipiras o matutos. Gli uomini si vestono come contadini con grandi cappelli di paglia e le donne indossano code di cavallo, lentiggini, denti dipinti e abiti scozzesi. I balli durante il festival coinvolgono la danza di piazza. Ad accompagnare queste danze è un genere musicale noto come forró.

We greet you by sending you in our thoughts the inebriating scent of the flowers of the Fineschi Rose Garden in Valdarno, a corner of paradise, with hundreds of different types of roses, small, large, of all colors and shapes.

A hug from Agnese and Alessandra



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