

LA VOCE

AGOSTO 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lori and I are on a wonderful vacation with our daughter Kristal and our two granddaughters. As most of you know, the girls are all big Disney fans. This vacation has taken us to Oahu to spend a week at the Disney property, the Aulani. The trip has been fantastic; here are a few pics for your enjoyment.



Our annual picnic is coming fast; it is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th. The picnic will be in place of our regular Lodge meeting, so there will be no meeting in August. Please RSVP to Laretta Graham by August 14th (707) 365-1818, There are more picnic details in this issue of La Voce.

Thank you for your generous support of the back-to-school supply drive. This year Charlene Ping is coordinating the event and our donations will be going to Anna Kyle School. Sounds like the lodge support, along with Charlene's matching funds, is going to be quite the windfall for the teachers and students at Anna Kyle. Great job everyone!

Big thank you to Juanita Stopponi and Jerry Firpo for suggesting the use of the Senior Center for our monthly Card Night and getting the approval from the Senior Center. Sounds like cards will now be played on the 2nd Friday of the month from 4PM to 8PM at the Senior Center. If you haven't participated in card night, this is a great time to start. Thank you to our lodge members who have hosted card night at their homes for many years!

The date of our Columbus Dinner Celebration is Saturday, October 12th. This year's meal will be Pasta and homemade Meatballs. The cost this year will be \$45. Tickets are available now, so please talk to your family and friends about attending this worthwhile event. Contact Carol Urban for tickets (707) 334-0611. We currently are looking for help securing raffle prizes and silent auction prizes. I have attached a sponsor letter that you can use with businesses when asking for a donation. If you have a raffle prize or a thought on businesses we should contact, please reach out to Laretta Graham (707) 365-1818 – lgraham457@aol.com.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our picnic on Saturday, August 17th. This is a friends and family friendly event and an excellent way to introduce potential members to our fantastic lodge.

Aloha, Mark

Buon Compleanno di Agosto

Lillian Lewis-Marrachino 4th
Riccardo Marraxino 7th
Joel Feins 15th
Gary Falati 21st
Sandra Reece 21st



Fred Belli 28th
Linda Feins 29th
Jude Husten 29th
JoAnn Beath 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.

SAVE THE DATE

October 12th– Columbus Dinner Celebration fundraiser

Attivita di Agosto

- Aug 9th** Card night will be at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center from 4 PM to 8 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.
- Aug 14th** Please RSVP by August 14th for annual picnic so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707-365-1818 or emailing Laretta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com.
- Aug 17th** Gene Bruno Annual Picnic at the Bocce Courts. The event will be from 9 AM to 1 PM with lunch at 11:30 AM. The picnic will be in lieu of our monthly meeting.
- Aug 27th** Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Aug 27th** The Book Club will meet at Hannelore Baffico's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "Astor" by Anderson Cooper . New members are welcome. For more information call Hannelore at 707-422-9840.

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.

A sympathy card was sent to Lori Rossi for the loss of her uncle Tami and Gary Dennis for the loss of her brother

COLUMBUS DINNER CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER



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GENE BRUNO ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic will be held Saturday, August 17th at the Bocce Courts. The event will be from 9 AM to 1 PM with lunch at 11:30 AM. The lodge will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, water and sodas. Members may bring snacks but nothing that needs refrigeration. Friends and family are invited.

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Joel Feins. Unfortunately Joel was not present to win.



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ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY FUNDRAISER
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Dear Supporter:

Northern Solano Lodge #2534 is holding their annual Columbus Day fundraiser on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center. We are reaching out to the business community in the hope that you will support us through a monetary donation, or donation of food goods or an item that could be used in a silent auction or raffle.

Our Lodge supports the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center, Meals on Wheels, Remember A Vet Wreath Project, Fisher House and Contra Costa Solano Food Bank. Each year, we provide three to five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Solano County High School students through the Assist-A-Grad program.

In addition, through our State Lodge, The Grand Lodge of California, we support UC Davis Alzheimer programs, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Cooley's Anemia and the Gary Sinise Foundation.

With your generous support, we will be able to continue our part in building a better community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Rossi

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President Northern Solano Lodge #2534

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Native American Guardian's Association

“United Together”

Honoring their motto “Educate, Not Eradicate”, the Native American Guardian's Association stands proudly with the Italian American community, choosing to honor their great visionary, Christopher Columbus, an “explorer” not a conqueror. He was not interested in conquest; but to discover for the first time a westerly sea route to the far east, thereby advancing trade in the world. Columbus ventured into the totally unknown, sailing out to sea, an “explorer” “putting his life on the line to find out the “truth” and to explore sea trade routes to China, India, and the gold spice islands of Asia only to land in the Caribbean Islands. Revisionists would have us believe that Columbus was the “beginning of the end” for American Indians as he was cited for the mistreatment and exploitation of American Indian people. These revisionists create the clash between the Italians and the American Indians and have sought to create [Indigenous] Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day, setting two minority groups against one another. When, in fact, the Italian and the American Indian have lived through atrocities committed against them in the “true” American History and ethnocentrism applied against both groups... collectively. With the concept of “Educate, not Eradicate” NAGA stands united with Italian Americans choosing to honor their great visionary from the past. NAGA believes in true factual history (the good, the bad, and the ugly) and not in opinion based on the mood of the landscape or distorted/falsehoods promoted through racial biases. As small-minded racists attempt to destroy what honorable visionaries create humanity itself hangs in the balance. Division, hate, and destruction accomplished through disinformation are the only tool of operation for those seeking total dominance. NAGA takes a stand against cancel culture from destroying histories and culture tied to the United States of America. This statement does not speak for all Native Americans in the United States only the 80 to 90% who understand our culture is getting canceled out by all our Indian names and images disappearing.

NAGA President/Eunice Davidson

Native American Guardian Association is a 501 C3 nonprofit organization advocating for increased education about Native Americans specially, in public educational institutions and greater recognition of Native American heritage through the high-profile venues of Sports and all public platforms.

BOCCE & PICNIC



Come join the Sons & Daughters of Italy
For a day of Bocce , Raffle, Food & Fun!!

Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024

Time: Check in 9:30 AM

Tournament Starts 10:00 AM

Lunch at Noon

Location: East Portal Park, 1120 Rodeo Way, Sacramento

Entry Fee: \$30 for Bocce & Lunch-Per Person

\$10 for Lunch Only-Per Person

For more information call

Danny Marinelli 916-698-2928

Team Name: _____ Contact# _____

Email Address: _____

Player #1 _____ Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____ Player #4 _____

Individual players are welcome. Make checks payable to:

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