

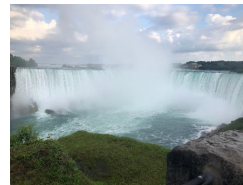


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe our summer is coming to a close; Labor Day is upon us. Lori and I love the summer-time, but we also really enjoy when we get past fire season. We live in a high fire danger area, and it is sure nice when that first rain hits. As many of you know, I have been doing some work in Canada for Jelly Belly. In August Lori traveled with me to Canada and we were able to visit Niagara Falls from the Canadian side. It was incredible! Enjoy these two pictures of American Falls and Horseshoe Falls.



What an incredible Picnic and Bocce event that the Lodge had on Saturday, August 17th. Thank you to all the members who attended and special thanks to all who helped coordinate, set up and clean up after the event. Trustee Rory Nichols was able to borrow the Marine Corp League Bud Hallam's fully equipped BBQ trailer. Rory and VP Frank Mossa took care of the cooking. Head Chef Lori Rossi bought the food and prepared all the condiments. Trustee Joy Bruno provided the wonderful cake for dessert. IPP Don Cradduck arranged for the delivery of tables and chairs. Jim Shephard, a retired guy, got up early to let us into the Fairfield Bocce Courts. And, of course, thank you to the weather Gods that provided spectacular weather!

Make sure the next time you are in the Senior Center that you check out the beautifully decorated and informative Northern Solano Lodge display case. The display case is located right across from the main hall doors. This month's theme is Ferragosto. Thank you, Trustee Joy Bruno.

Coming quickly in October is our Columbus Dinner Celebration. Tickets are a great value at \$45. Please invite your family and friends. This is a great event to show off our lodge and raise funds for the worthwhile charities that we support. The two areas of help we need right now are selling dinner tickets and securing raffle and silent auction prize donations. If you can help with a raffle or silent auction prizes, please contact Laretta Graham @ 707-365-1818 or email Lgraham457@aol.com. For dinner tickets please contact Carol Urban @ 707-334-0611 or curban44@aol.com.

The term for your current Northern Solano Lodge leadership team will be coming to an end on December 31st. We will be holding nominations for new leadership team members in October. If you have an interest in serving on the leadership team, please see me at our September meeting. The commitment is for a two-year term. The leadership team meets one evening each month.

At our September meeting we will have guest speakers, Ann and Mark Siever who own Il Fiorello Olive Oil in the Suisun Valley. I am looking forward to learning about their business and their olive oil making process. Also be on the lookout for information on this year's Christmas Wreath program which will be done on-line only. Caroline will have more information to share. Mark

Buon Compleanno di Settembre

Hannelore Baffico 1st
Dolores Brown 1st
Sharon Rico 1st
Roman Marin 3rd
Jeanne Craddock 6th
Betty Victor 9th
Roy Pimentel 9th
Bill Colombano 12th



Cynthia Boykin-ferry 13th
Laina Engelhart 13th
Joan Miller 14th
Paulette DuClair 17th
Susan Holmboe 17th
Taylor Falati 17th
Joy Bruno 23rd
Loren Bruno 23rd
Gloria Terry 29th

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 Settembre

- Sept 13th** Card night will be at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center from 4 PM to 8 PM. 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.
- Sept 16th** Please RSVP by August 14th for monthly meeting 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.
- Sept 19th** Our regular lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. 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.
- Sept 20th** Out to lunch will meet at 1230 pm at Applebee's grill at the Fairfield Mall. For more information please call Helen Barker at 707-428-6093.
- Sept 24th** Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Sept 25th** The Book Club will meet at Louise Rossi's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict . New

TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for the month of September is Juanita Stopponi and Nancy Page .

Now is the time to sign up to next year's schedule to decorate the tables for the dinner and meeting. Please sign up with Juanita. She has many items in the storage locker to use for decorations.

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 get well card was sent to Ralph Petty



COLUMBUS DINNER CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER



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.

Silent Auction Items and Raffle Prizes Needed For Columbus Dinner

Our October 12 2024 Columbus Day Fundraiser is rapidly approaching.

We are in need for prizes and silent auction items. Please contact Laretta @ 707-365-1818 or email Lgraham457@aol.com if you have items to donate or bring them to our September 19th meeting.

Thank you, Laretta



I was born in Albany, California on September 9, 1941. Interestingly, a cousin of mine was born nine hours later. My family heritage is three fourths Portuguese and a quarter Spanish. My family history in Fairfield goes back a long way. My grandfather used to own the land that is now the parking lot for the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center. In 1948, my family bought ten acres of land that you might remember as the “Sullivan School Hill”. We had several thousand chickens along with cows, sheep and pigs. Many of your families may have bought eggs from us. We sold the ranch to the City of Fairfield in 1964. We were allowed to stay there until 1968 when the City of Fairfield was ready to take ownership.

While the ranch was producing all those eggs, I graduated from Armijo High School in 1960. A couple years later I started working in landscape maintenance for the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department. I worked there for 36½ years. By the time I retired in 1999, I was responsible for maintaining 180 acres of landscape every week.

My first wife and I had a son and a daughter. My second wife and I had a son. My children have blessed me with 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren and are not done yet. I am very proud of my second wife who was a Captain in the Air Force, stationed at Travis Air Force Base. She was the WAC squadron leader at Travis during the 1971 riots. After leaving the Air Force she became a music teacher here in Fairfield.

Several years after my second wife died I moved to Vacaville with my lady who is also a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI). I joined the SOI in 2009 when they allowed people like me to join. My friend, Bill Columbano, sponsored me to become a member. We are also members of the Fairfield Bocce Federation where I am a team captain, the Moose, Sons in Retirement, Native Sons of the Golden West and many other organizations. If you’ve ever noticed pop tabs being collected at the monthly SOI meetings, those who know me know that I collect them for Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento to help raise funds for sick children and their families.

We also enjoy keeping old family traditions alive. Among those traditions are making sausage with many of you and curing our own green olives the way our grandparents did.

Do you know who I am?

Hint #1: My first name is the same as a famous 1950s cowboy, ____ Rogers, whose signature song was “Happy Trails”.

Hint #2: My last name is similar to the name of the red thing they stuff in green cocktail olives.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Ann & Mark Sievers, owners of IL Fiorello Olive Oil Company, will be guest speakers at our September 19th lodge meeting. Come and enjoy comraderie among fellow lodge members AND hear about the Sievers' dedication to growing and milling the finest quality artisan making olive oil.

School Supply Drive 2024

The Sons and Daughters of Italy donated school supplies with an approximate value of \$305 and I received cash donations of \$565 for a total of \$870. With the \$500 in matching funds from yours truly, I had \$1,065 to spend on school supplies. All together Anna Kyle Elementary School received school supplies valued at \$1,373.

I spent a total of \$1,067 on 20 packages of dry erase markers, 65 dry board erasers, 4 grading stamp sets, 30 notebooks, 15 packages of pens, 12 packages of pencils, 24 packages of cap erasers, 4 packages of multipurpose paper, a package of cardstock paper and 3 Scotch Thermal Laminating machines with 10 packages of laminating pouches for the machines and I only spent \$3 over the collected amount. The donated school supplies included 7 backpack pins, 5 binder pouches, an expandable file folder, 2 packages of fasteners, 27 glue sticks, 2 novelty organizer trays, 28 pairs of children's scissors, 1 package of index cards, a package of paper, 12 packages of color pencils, 12 packages of Post It Notes, 8 pocket portfolios and 12 rolls of paper towels.

From the list above, you can see I had a lot of school supplies in my house. This year I boxed up almost all the school supplies, loaded them in the trunk of my car and took them to Anna Kyle in mid-August. All those packages of paper and laminating pouches were very heavy. I called ahead and Betty Jo Ortiz was waiting for me with a cart so I didn't have to lug them as far as I did last year. When I got down to the last \$200, I asked the school if they had any specific requests again and the answer was dry board erasers. It's been over three weeks and I'm still waiting for my order of 60 dry board erasers from Walmart. Who knew that dry board erasers are a high demand item? Hoping to get the eraser to Anna Kyle soon.

I am impressed with the generosity of the SOI members. Great job supporting the teachers of Anna Kyle Elementary School!



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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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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

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