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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Brothers and Sisters, we have some important updates and exciting events coming up that we want to share with you.

****Meeting Change:**** Please note that our regular monthly meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 18th, due to the ARC being closed on Thursday. We encourage everyone to join us to discuss club activities and upcoming events. Lauretta will deliver our annual dues notices to all members present and mail them to those unable to attend. Please be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible.

****Community Support:**** We are thrilled to announce that our recent Annual Winner Everyday fundraiser was a resounding success! Thanks to the amazing support from our Lodge members, we raised ****\$1,385****, which will significantly contribute to our Lodge activities and community needs. Thank you to Laure and her dedicated Scholarship committee, including Riccardo Marracino, Sandy Reece, Shirley Firpo, and Ken Gallagher, for their hard work. We had the pleasure of meeting all three scholarship recipients and their families at our June Lodge meeting.

****Picnic & Bocce:**** Get ready for our Picnic at the Bocce courts on August 23rd, which will replace our regular monthly meeting. The Lodge will provide the burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. This is a great opportunity for all to play Bocce, no experience necessary. Friends and family members are invited to join us for the event.

****Columbus Dinner:**** Our annual fundraising Columbus Dinner will be held on October 18th. By popular demand, we will be serving delicious bread, salad, pasta, and shrimp. Lauretta and Angie put a tremendous amount of time into creating the many baskets we have at our fundraisers. Let's all do our part by donating raffle items, silent auction prizes, and even cash, starting now, so we can make their jobs easier.

Thank you for being a valued part of the Northern Solano Lodge.



Buon Compleanno di Giugno

Frank Mossa	7th
Tim Smithson	8th
Sue Petty	11th
Sandra Butler	14th
Bruce Du Clair	17th
Ariel Hernandez	21st
Katalina Hernandez	21st
Joan McLain	23rd



Shirley Firpo	24th
Cameron Rossi	25th
Brenda Mossa	26th
Jana Houston	28th
Kristal Hernandez	28th
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 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
- June 16th** Please RSVP by June 16th for 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** 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.
- June 20th** Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Johnny Carinos in Fairfiled at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Helen Barker for more information at 707-428-6093
- June 24th** Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- June 27th** The Book Club will meet at Kay Locatelli's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "Arsenic and Adobo" by Mia Manansa. New members are welcome. For more information please call Kay at 707-422-2518

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.

SHRIMP FEED

Sacramento Lodge #1352 is having a Shrimp Feed Saturday, October 25, 2025. Tickets are available by contacting Danny Marinelli at 916-698-2928. Tickets for the Feed are \$60.00 and includes Clam Chowder, Pasta, Shrimp, Salad and Dessert.

The May Who Am I winner was Don Cradduck identifying the mystery candidate.

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Anita Columbano. Unfortunately Anita was not present to win.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FUND RAISER

Please help support the teachers of Tolenas Academy



The Annual School Supply Drive is here!!! At the upcoming June and July Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI) meetings, we will begin collecting school supplies and cash donations for the teachers of Tolenas Academy of Music & Media. A couple weeks ago, I dropped into Tolenas Academy on a whim. I had considered this school last year and my phone messages were not returned. I met briefly with the principal and witnessed firsthand the challenging environment in this school. **I think this school really deserves our support so this year I will be matching all cash donations up to \$600!**

Last year SOI school supply donations totaled \$1,390 benefitting Anna Kyle Elementary School. This year's Fairfield Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) school is also ranked in the bottom 10% of all FSUSD schools. Statewide Tolenas Academy is ranked 5820th of 5862 schools – the bottom 1% of all elementary schools. SchoolDigger gives it 0 out of five stars. This is a really sad commentary for an American school in California. The student to teacher ratio is 24.2. The average total spent per student at Tolenas Academy is \$11,974, which is the lowest among the 20 elementary schools in the FSUSD.

Tolenas Academy currently serves approximately 535 students from kindergarten through 8th grade. The school faces significant challenges, including extremely high chronic absenteeism rates, very low test scores and wide performance gaps compared to nearby schools. The school also struggles to serve its diverse student population, with its Hispanic, English learner, and special education students performing particularly poorly. 72.6% of the students participate in the school's free/discounted lunch program. This is definitely a challenging environment for both teaching and learning! The low rating is a reflection of low student test scores which means students, already at a low point, are falling even farther behind their peers at other schools in the state.

I recently e-mailed the principal about providing a wish list of school supplies to support the teachers at Tolenas Academy in a week or two. I have not heard back yet but will follow-up next week. I hope to send a supply list out next week.

By donating generously to Tolenas Academy of Music and Media we can support the teachers and hopefully narrow the gaps in academic progress.

The SOI 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 cmg-ping8@sbcglobal.net. **Thank you all for supporting this worthy endeavor.**





WHO AM I?

It's a fun question that opens the door to a treasure trove of experiences and memories! Every month, our beloved La Voce features a heartfelt article that brings our Lodge family closer together. This isn't just a task—it's a celebration of the incredible lives we all lead, filled with unique stories waiting to be shared! From tales of adventure, like driving from Panama to the United States, to heartwarming experiences of members who have journeyed through all 50 states, and even a mom and her child who were kidnapped! Did you know one of our past members' son is a rock star? Each story adds a vibrant thread to the tapestry of our community. Imagine the enjoyment each Lodge member experiences when you share your own journey, whether it's about your family, your hobbies, the places you've traveled or a unique life experience!

Our fellow member, Charlene pours her heart into creating these articles with the participation of members, but she needs your voices to keep the magic alive. Lately, it's been more challenging to collect these priceless stories because participation is lagging or sometimes something important comes up that prevents a selected member from telling their story. We truly don't want to lose this fantastic opportunity to connect and get to know each other. Every story matters, and your unique history is what makes our Lodge so special.

So, how can you help? When Charlene contacts you, let her know you would like to be the next Who am I? Even better, call Charlene and tell her you want to tell your story this year or even next year!

P. S.: If you would prefer not to read yours at our Lodge meetings we can have it read for you. If the thought of writing or typing out your story is a deterrent, Charlene is happy to meet over a coffee to chat or just talk with you on the phone.



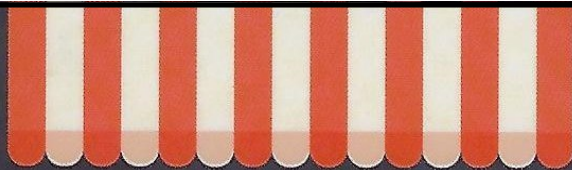
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