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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Buon estate,

How about the summer weather that we are having? So far this year the weather has been very mild and pleasant, unlike some of the other areas in the USA. Let's hope this trend continues.

Our annual picnic, scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd, is coming fast. The picnic will be in place of our regular Lodge meeting, so there will be no meeting in August. The picnic is at the Bocce Courts across from the Senior Center. An RSVP is a must, so please RSVP to Laretta Graham by August 18th (707) 365-1818. This is a friends and family friendly event and an excellent event to introduce potential members to our fantastic lodge.

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

This year's Columbus Dinner Fundraiser will be on Saturday, October 18th. The meal will be Pasta and Shrimp; the ticket cost is \$60. Ron Borelli, a well-known accordionist from the Bay Area, will be providing entertainment for the evening. Tickets will be available in early August; contact Carol Urban for tickets (707) 334-0611.

We currently are looking for raffle prizes and silent auction prizes for the Columbus Fundraiser. If you can help in this area, please contact Laretta Graham (707) 365-1818 – lgraham457@aol.com. The most important thing we can all do is sell tickets to the event. This event helps fund our community projects. If we are unable to raise funds, we will have to scale back our community giving.

Our lodge has been very fortunate with membership over the years. Our membership has ranged between 125 to 150 members. Over the last year we have really experienced a decline; we are now closer to 100 members. Bringing in new members is vital to our continued success. I still think word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract new members. Get out there and invite friends and families to our monthly dinners and events. Growing membership is the responsibility of all our members.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on Saturday, August 23rd.

Mark

Buon Compleanno di Agosto

Lillian Lewis-Marracino 4th
Riccardo Marracino 7th
Joel Feins 15th
Gary Falati 21st



Sandra Reece 21st
Linda Feins 29th
Jude Houston 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

Oct 18th Pasta and Shrimp Fundraiser Dinner

Attivita di Agosto

- Aug 8th 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
- Aug 13th Please RSVP by August 13th for Annual Gene Bruno Picnic so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707-365-1818 or emailing Lau retta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com.
- Aug 20th The Book Club will meet at Hannelore Baffico's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony. New members are welcome. For more information please call Hannelore at 707-422-9840.
- Aug 23rd Gene Bruno Picnic at the bocce courts on Harry Price Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Aug 26th Food Bank. For more information please contact Joy Bruno at 707-422-3391
- Aug 27th Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Dynasty in Fairfield on Waterman Rd. at 1230 p.m. Please contact Helen Barker for more information at 707-425-6093





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.

PASTA AND SHRIMP FUNDRAISER



The annual Columbus Pasta and Shrimp fundraiser will be held October 18th.

Volunteers will be needed to sell raffle tickets, set up and clean up. Please come ready to sign up at the next meeting. Raffle prizes are needed for the event. Please contact Laretta Graham to donate prizes.

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.

AUGUST PICNIC



Please remember to RSVP for you, your family and friends to attend the August Picnic by contacting Laretta Graham at 707-365-1818 or lgraham457@aol.com by the 13th of August.

SHRIMP AND PASTA FUNDRAISER DONATIONS

Donations are needed for the gift basket raffles. This can be an easy process and can help the lodge make profit on the event. It can be a gift you find on sale while shopping or a gift card to your favorite restaurant purchased on a night out, it will all help. You can also ask for a donation at your favorite restaurant or from a local store. The lodge has a letter for you to present to the establishment for more information. All of this can make a big difference in providing great raffle prizes. Please help. A donation letter is on page 4 to present to donor.

The July Who Am I winner was Rosemarie Archer identifying the mystery candidate Richard Barker

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Alex Hambright. Unfortunately Alex was not present to win.

Latest Update on our School Supply Drive for Tolenas Academy!

Thanks to your amazing support, we've officially exceeded the goal for every item on the Tolenas Academy Wish List! Sons and Daughters of Italy definitely went above and beyond on this school supply drive! Members contributed \$765 in cash and \$374 worth of donated supplies for the Wish List. With my dollar-for-dollar match of \$975, I had \$1,740 to spend on school supplies.

As you can see below, that money went a long way. If you could see the 30 boxes full of school supplies in my living room you'd know that there were a lot of trips to Target and Staples and several Amazon orders.

Item	Goal	Collected
Color Pencils (Packages)	192	220
Composition Notebook Secondary	192	250
Composition Notebook for K-2 Primary	150	200
Crayons (24 pieces)	150	225
Dry Erase Color Markers	100	172
Highlighters	200	300
Pocket Portfolios	325	465
Washable Markers	225	150
Regular Markers	325	375

My team of delivery helpers have a tentative date to deliver the supplies to the school on the afternoon of August 12th. I am waiting for confirmation of the date from the school principal. I'm still hoping for one or two of the fantastic bakers in the lodge to volunteer to bake a treat for the teachers. In addition, we still have \$110 available to help support the Tolenas Academy. I plan to ask the principal if she has a suggestion on how best to spend the remaining funds.

A huge shoutout to all the incredible bargain hunters from the Sons and Daughters of Italy and the financial support from so many members. Your generosity and savvy shopping makes a real difference. The students at Tolenas Academy will be so grateful for everything you're doing!

Thank you for supporting the teachers and students of Tolenas Academy.





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Dear Supporter:

Northern Solano Lodge #2534 is holding their annual Columbus Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, October 18, 2025, 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, 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 Immediate Past President,

Northern Solano Lodge #2534

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Sons and Daughters of Italy Picnic

Please join us for a day of food, bocce and fun

Members, Family and Friends welcome so be sure to ask them to join us

When: Saturday, August 23, 2025 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Bocce Courts on Harry Price Drive

(Picnic will be in place of our regular meeting)

Call Laretta to RSVP by August 13th at 707-365-1818

The Lodge will provide the burgers, hot dogs and drinks

Joy Bruno will be providing the cake to honor Gene Bruno

You are welcome to bring an appetizer or salad or chips, but if it requires refrigeration please bring it in an ice chest because this is an outdoor event.

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