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MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE LAURE DEVINCENZI-NICHOLS

“February: The month of love... or chocolate consumption, either works.” – Fay Collins

Hello lodge brothers and sisters. Can you believe it?? January is behind us and February is here. We are swiftly progressing into 2026 – no going back now. The board members are also swiftly progressing with plans for the lodge in 2026. Just know that you have an open invitation to attend our monthly board meeting held the first Thursday of the month at the Adult Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m.

If you attended our January lodge meeting, then you may have observed the monthly ‘informational’ slides have made a comeback. These slides, which loop continuously, serve to deliver monthly information concerning activities, clubs, and more. This may help to reduce the duration of the lodge meeting while also enabling lodge members to absorb various lodge information through repetition. It is somewhat akin to the saying... ‘History repeats itself.

For the month of February, the lodge will have a guest speaker, Madison Artau, a former Cellar Master for a small, family-owned and operated winery in the Dry Creek Valley AVA of Healdsburg, CA. Please read her information provided within the February 2026 La Voce.

FYI - a message from the Fairfield Park and Recreation Instagram account:

Save the date for a little leprechaun magic...

The Luck O’ the Irish Luncheon is coming to the Adult Recreation Center on Thursday, March 12 at 12 p.m., and you won’t want to miss this charming celebration of Irish flavors, and mischief – hosted by the always-delightful Sons and Daughters of Italy.

We will (soon) have a sign-up sheet for those who wish to volunteer their service and time to this annual, festive event.

We are excited about our February meeting – don’t hesitate to bring along a guest or two! We really want to showcase our commitment to Italian heritage and culture, our club activities, and our efforts in community outreach and fundraising. We are a lively lodge and hope to keep this spirit alive for many generations to come.

FEBRUARY

Buon Compleanno di Febbraio

Lori Rossi	1st
Lissa Hambright	3rd
Francesca Bruno	4th
Aldo Carlon	11th
Noah Rossi	15th



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 Febbraio

- Feb 5th Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the ARC Conference Room.
- Feb 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
- Feb 16th Please RSVP by Feb 16th. Please RSVP by for the monthly meeting so our kitchen crew will know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling 707- 365--1818 or email-Lauretta Graham at lgraham457@aol.com
- Feb 17th The Book Club will meet at Kay Locatelli's home at 2 p.m. The book this month is "The Story She left Behind" by Patti Callihan Henry. New members are welcome. For more information please call Kay at 707-422-2518 .
- Feb 19th Our regular lodge meeting will be held at the Adult Recreation Center starting a 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.
- Feb 24th Food Bank. For more information please contact Saskia Lembesis at 707-631-1829.
- Feb 25th Soup Night at Frank and Brenda Mossa's home starting ar 530p.m. Please bring a soup to share.
- Feb 26th Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Murrillos , 1591 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Pam Boes for more information at 707-448-7176



TABLE DECORATIONS FOR LODGE MEETINGS



The decoration team for February is Brenda Mossa and Kristina Cilia.



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.

SOUP NIGHT



Frank and Brenda Mossa will be hosting Soup Night in their home. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a soup to share. Please call Brenda at 707-399-7195 to RSVP and for more information.

CRAB FEE FUNDRAISER



Many thanks to all the wonderful members that made this fundraiser a huge success and a wonderful evening event. It truly is a group success with volunteers to cook, set up, clean up, servers, raffle donations, bar and raffle sellers, and all the little things no one sees.

MONTHLY DRAWING

The winner of the monthly free membership drawing was Roberta Martinez. Unfortunately she was not present to win.

Cheers! My name is Madison Artau and I am the Cellar Master for a small, family-owned and operated winery in the Dry Creek Valley AVA of Healdsburg, CA.

I have been working in the Sonoma County wine industry for a short while but very integrated for four years now. Working with different grape varieties have been a challenge as well as a rewarding experience.

I have had the privilege to train one on one with three (3) different wine makers who each have more than 20 years of experience in the industry, and specifically, winemaking in majestic Sonoma County.

My favorite wines are Pinot Noir and the French white wine, Sancerre.



Italian Trivia

Italy is home to the most UNESCO World Heritage Sites – over 55 sites, more than any other country.

Mount Etna is Europe's most active volcano.

Italy is home to the oldest operational university – University of Bologna, est. 1088.

Michelangelo took four (4) years to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

In Italy, there are over 600 pasta shapes to pair perfectly with specific sauces.

Italy contains the world's smallest city – Vatican City (110 acres).

Italy gave us modern banking, established in Renaissance Italy by the Medici family of Florence.

The word 'Italy' is derived from the Latin word 'vitulus' meaning 'young calf'.

Sardinia, Italy is home to where people live exceptionally long lives.

At its peak, the Roman Empire (longest running empire) covered approximately 2.3 million miles.

Venice, Italy has 471 bridges.

In Italy, the number 17 is unlucky.

Carnevale di Venezia

Of all the exciting events which occur in Italy, Carnevale di Venezia (Venice Carnival) is the world-famous annual event which occurs in Venice, Italy, typically three (3) Saturdays prior to Ash Wednesday.

This year, the Carnevale will begin on Saturday, 31 January and end on Tuesday, 17 February (Shrove Tuesday/Martedì Grasso), featuring the theme “Olympus – The Origins of the Game” to celebrate sports and mythology.

The Carnevale dates back to the 12th century. It flourished during the Renaissance as a masked, pre-Lenten festival focusing on the multiple indulgences prior to Lent. Napoleon banned the event in 1797 and then in 1979, it was revived by the Italian government to promote Venetian culture. It is known for its elaborate masks, costumes, masquerade balls, and festive atmosphere leading up to Lent.





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