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Message From Your State President

MARK VAONA

BUSY SUMMER—AND FALL ON THE HORIZON!

What a whirlwind of a summer it's been! It kicked off with a Mediterranean cruise alongside a wonderful group of 16 travel companions, taking in the sights of Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, and Greece. Turkey was a first-time stop, and let's just say the "Genuine Fake Watch" stores made for a memorable—and amusing—cultural discovery. Italy, as always, was a treat to revisit; it's a country that never loses its charm no matter how many times you return.

The trip brought some unforgettable personal news too: the night before departure, word came that our son had gotten engaged! A perfect way to set off on an adventure with something wonderful to celebrate the whole way through.

Fresh off the ship, it was straight into National Plenary in San Francisco—a great chance to reconnect with everyone after a summer of travel.

Looking ahead, September brings our Grand Council Meeting in Reno, where we'll be honoring Past State President **Barbara Wisniewski** with a special celebration dinner. Then in October, it's back to San Francisco—this time for the Columbus Day Parade.

Closer to home, our building has a new tenant renting the upstairs unit, and we've completed some work to properly separate the two living spaces. Now we're hoping to find the right tenant for the downstairs unit soon.

Here's to a summer full of travel, family milestones, and good company—with plenty more ahead this fall! ■

Message From Your Vice President, Northern Dist.

MARK ROSSI

Greetings from the Northern District, I hope everyone had a safe Labor Day holiday and enjoyed the long weekend. We celebrate Labor Day in America to honor the achievements and contributions of American workers. Labor Day is also the unofficial end of summer—for those of us a bit older, the Tuesday after the holiday was always the first day of school. As we move into the fall months, many Lodges host events to celebrate Italian American Heritage Month in October, recognizing the contributions Italians have made and continue to make to our great country.

OSDIA National held their August Plenary in San Francisco on August 14 and 15. I was able to attend Saturday's meeting. The first meeting of the day was the Sons of Italy Foundation meeting, for which I serve as a non-voting resource member. The sessions after lunch were primarily reports from the National Vice Presidents on the committees they oversee. Of particular interest to me was the structure National uses to manage committees through each Vice President, the work done to standardize new member packets, the efforts of **Dan Kaestle** on the Lodge Formation Committee, and the preliminary work completed regarding Corporate Memberships.

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Message From Your Vice President, Central Dist.

TINA SPARLIN

Good day all, I hope your August weather has been gentle with you. It has been warm in my area and I am looking forward to the temperature cooling as September rounds the corner.

Recently I have had the opportunity to visit some of my area Lodge meetings. It is so nice to see everyone and visit. Unfortunately, I heard a couple of comments that concern me. One comment is that there are a few members who feel that their Lodges want the group to spend what remaining money they have and then fold the chapter. Another is we are holding out until our big anniversary and then we will fold. These comments tell me that we are no longer trying to recruit new members and have given up. My question is, why? I do not feel that everyone in the Lodge is just waiting to close. I understand that in any organization, there are people who do the work and people who sit back and let others work. Sometimes it just requires "the ask". Many people do not want to be the chair of a project because they feel like they will be on their own and they won't be able to do it alone. But they are more than happy to work hard on something within a team to share the load. Then there are people who take on too much and become overwhelmed and get burned out. This is where membership

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Message From Your Vice President, Southern Dist.

PAUL FINAZZO

It has been relatively quiet in the Southern District since the State Convention last June. Many Lodges (including mine) have been dark during the hot summer months. However, this is about to change as many Lodges are gearing up for fun activities in September and the coming fall months.

The busiest day for me will be on September 12, when the Italian American Civic Association will be holding their 1st Annual Picnic. **John Orsini**, President of the Fratellanza Garibaldina Lodge #1627 is helping with the Bocce Tournament. Several Southern Lodges are scheduled to attend the picnic including La Costa dei Fiori #2424 and their President **Toni Ragone McMahan** and I am hoping this is a chance for the Lodges in the San Diego County to recruit new members. It should be a fun day to get together and make new friends.

Later that day, Anaheim Lodge #2076 is planning their Casino Night at the Garden Grove Elk's Lodge. I am looking forward to meeting their members for a fun night. I don't have a lot of details at press time, but I am going to get more information at a later date.

On the third weekend of September, the State Officers will be meeting in Reno for the Third Quarter Executive Council. We will be honoring Past State

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 11	Patriot Day
Sept 18-19	Grand Council Meeting, Reno, NV A dinner will be held honoring Past State President Barbara Fumosa Wisniewski
Sept 22	First Day of Fall
Sept 24	Presidents' Zoom Meeting

Lodges with September Anniversaries:

Pugliese Lodge #1375 (101st)

Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #1441 (99th)

Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 (104th)

UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY MEETING

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 12:00 noon.

Marie Callender's Restaurant, 350 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA

Hosted by Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463
For more information, contact Marlene Romanazzi: marlene@msrcpa.com before September 9.

The United Lodges of San Joaquin Valley include: Rodolfo Valentino Lodge #1449, Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149, Hanford Lodge #1543, Roma Lodge #1573, Enrico Caruso Lodge #1463.

Continued from page 1, Mark Rossi

In mid-July, I attended the incredible Watsonville Lodge #2016 Picnic. Thank you to President **Janey Leonardich**, Lodge Trustee **Casey Clark**, and the rest of the Watsonville picnic crew for welcoming **Lori** and me. I enjoyed visiting with Past National President **Vera Girolami** and First Gent **Al**, IPSP **Arlene Nunziati**, State 2nd Vice President **Tina Sparlin**, and State Trustee **Carol Esposito** (AKA Cotton Candy). The event was held at a Grange Hall managed by the Boy Scouts in a spectacular redwood grove. President Janey has done an incredible job nurturing partnerships with different community organizations. What they are doing at the Watsonville Lodge can serve as a very useful model for other Lodges to emulate. A special shout-out goes to Past Watsonville Lodge #2016 President **Dave Delfino** and Lodge Member **Lester Pedrazzini**.

On July 28, Lori and I, along with six other Northern Solano Lodge members, joined up with the Napa Lodge #2043 and 85 of their members to attend San Francisco Giants Italian Heritage Night. The Napa leadership team arranged two buses to provide door-to-door game day transportation. The Napa team provided drinks, snacks, and, of course, baseball trivia for the ride down. We were on Bus 2, and a big shout-out goes to Napa Lodge Herald **Otto DeLeon** and Napa Lodge Treasurer **Rex Bennett** for providing our bus ride entertainment.

We held our July Presidents' Zoom meeting on Thursday the 23rd. I want to thank the returning Presidents as well as the first-timers who joined the call. One of the topics we discussed was the Grand Lodge Convention. The Presidents shared observations on what they enjoyed and areas that could be improved. The overall feedback was very positive. Everyone agreed that our host, the Sacramento Lodge #1352, did an outstanding job with theme night.

I am looking forward to our Grand Council Meeting in Reno during the third weekend of September. We will be conducting the business of the Grand Lodge, and all members are invited. At our Saturday night event, we will be honoring Past State President **Barbara Wisniewski**.

Happy Labor Day. ■

L-R: IPSP Arlene Nunziati, PSP Maria Fassio Pignati, State 1st VP Mark Rossi, and State Recording Secretary Lori Rossi at SF Giants Italian Heritage Night.

Continued from page 1, Tina Sparlin

is important. We need to recruit young people to help, teach them what they need to do, and let them pick up some of the activities.

Membership recruitment does not need to be hard. This weekend I attended an event in Fresno where Colombo-Stella Lodge #1149 had a membership drive. They hosted it at the Fresno County Historical Museum. Lodge President **Steve Barra** did a brief presentation of the history of the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy, our California OSDIA history and the Colombo-Stella Lodge history. It was a brief 30-minute presentation and answered questions that people had regarding joining the organization. There were snacks for people to enjoy before and after and it was a nice event.

Another idea for membership recruitment is to set up an information booth at an event happening in your area. Create a flyer with information about your Lodge, and maybe also have business cards available. Have people sign up for a free raffle for a basket (create one for your table). This gives you contact information for you to possibly send information to recruit members after the event. These are all ways other organizations recruit membership.

On another note, elections are coming up for offices. If you want change to this organization, I encourage you to step-up, become an officer and be the change you want to see. You do not have to run for President or another major office. Start small, become the Guard, Master or Mistress of Ceremonies or a Trustee. Start small and work your way up. ■

Continued from page 1, Paul Finazzo

President **Barbara Wisniewski**. I will be doing the best I can to be back home for my Lodge's Monthly Meeting on Sunday.

Perhaps the biggest news is the formation of the new Lodge in Henderson, Nevada. Since they will be joining the Southern District, I will be joining the Installation Ceremony. Details are few at the time of this writing, but I am looking forward to hearing from State President **Mark Vaona** on the times and places for this event. I am excited to be able to help with the installation of this new Lodge.

The three Vice Presidents are still hosting a monthly Presidents' Zoom meeting on the 4th Thursday evening each month. Please look to your emails for the meeting times and links. I hope to see as many presidents as possible on the September call. It is a great way to keep informed on the National and State happenings in our Order. ■

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ABOUT NAMI ON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS (NCHS)

By Egle Cisneros, NAMI CA
Senior Programs and Services Manager

NAMI On Campus High School (NCHS) Clubs are student-led clubs that raise mental health awareness and reduce stigma on campus through peer-led activities and education. Student Leaders will be empowered with toolkits, materials, templates, and resources to make running the club a fun and educational process. The Club is open to all students—those with mental health conditions, those with family members with a condition, or students who are interested in the field or in advocacy. It is not a support or therapy group.

The purpose of NCHS Clubs is to:

- Be supportive of students who are living with mental illness
- Provide information on school and community resources
- Encourage people to recognize early signs of mental illness
- Encourage students who are having mental health issues to get help
- Work to end the stigma that surrounds mental illness
- Create an inclusive, safe, and supportive school environment
- Let students know there is help available if they need it

If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 916-567-0163 or email us at nchs@namica.org. ■

Egle Cisneros was a presenter at the June 2026 Grand Council Convention and is available if your Lodge is interested in a presentation.

Resources and Upcoming NAMI Events

To learn about or participate in NAMIWalks, here is the link to look up locations near you and dates: https://www.namiwalks.org/home

NAMI California Annual Conference: October 8 & 9, 2026, Anaheim, CA. Registration link: https://namica.org/conference/

Mental Health Statistics across other States: https://mhanational.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/State-of-Mental-Health-2025.pdf

TWO SISTERS' SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

By Maria Fassio Pignati, Past State President
CAO Western Foundation

On Friday, July 24, **Paula Uccelli**, our 2006 Western Foundation Humanitarian Award Honoree, presented the $2,500 Pete & Paula Uccelli Foundation Scholarship to **Alessandra Hartwig** of Menlo Park, who graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School with a 4.0 GPA, at a wonderful luncheon at Dinah's Restaurant in Palo Alto. In addition, Paula's sister **Marilyn Territo**, a new donor, also presented the $2,500 Marilyn Territo Scholarship to **Makenzie Gollihar** from Pacific Grove, who graduated from Pacific Grove High School with a 4.0 GPA. Also present was Alessandra's mother **Rose Hartwig**, Makenzie's mother **Kensey Aliotti**, Past State President **Arlene Nunziati**, and yours truly.

Alessandra, who will be attending UC Berkeley as a Physics major, said her dream job is to someday work for NASA. Her Italian family roots are from Menfi/Santa Margherita di Belice in Sicily. Makenzie will attend St. Mary's College in Moraga, majoring in Kinesiology or Health Science. Her Italian roots are from Isola delle Femmine and Trabia in Sicily, and Salerno. Both young women are delightful, and we enjoyed learning about them, their families, and their future plans. In one of the happy coincidences of life, Paula and Marilyn have known members of Makenzie's family for decades, which was a big surprise for everyone and turned into a joyful reunion for them.

Alessandra and Makenzie, we wish you both much happiness and success in your college life, and wish you the best in all your future endeavors. We are proud of you! ■

Rose, Maria, Marilyn, Makenzie, Alessandra, Paula, Past State President Arlene Nunziati, and Kensey

WF CAO Maria, Donor Marilyn Territo, Winner Makenzie Gollihar, and Kensey Aliotti Gollihar

Rose Hartwig, Winner Alessandra Hartwig, Donor Paula Uccelli, and WF CAO Maria

NEW BEGINNINGS

by Amanda Guthrie, Anaheim Lodge #2076

I didn't realize how much leaving for college would change my relationship with the Lodge. When I originally left for California State University, Sacramento in 2022, the Anaheim Lodge was still meeting at the Woman's Civic Club of Garden Grove. During my undergrad I was only able to attend a few events.

I was living hours away, building a life of my own. It wasn't that I stopped caring about the Lodge or my Italian roots; I just wasn't there anymore. Going straight from Sacramento for my undergrad to New York City for my masters was also a massive change. However, I found out that another girl I grew up attending Lodge events with also lives in New York. Although not just in the same city, she lives only a block away from me.

Lodge #2076 members Amanda Guthrie, Francesca Lemus, and Cathy Guthrie exploring the streets of New York together!

Out of all the people that I could've ended up living near in a city of millions, we somehow ended up as neighbors. Now, we've started talking about attending local Lodges here in the city together. It feels a little strange to be reconnecting with something I had become distant from in a completely different part of the country, but it's also kind of comforting.

I am not sure as to what the future holds, but I am excited to see where this new chapter takes us. Maybe this is the beginning of finding our way back to a community we both grew up with, just in a new city and in a new stage of our lives. ■

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VIRGILIO LODGE #1586

By Ray Bini, Lodge President

Saluti tutti,

Greetings from Virgilio Lodge #1586 in Vallejo. We recently held a chicken marsala dinner at our Lodge building. We were fortunate to be able to host two of our most recent scholarship recipients who were not able to attend our regular scholarship dinner in May. They are twin sisters **Sasha** and **Luciana Carmichael**. Sasha is attending Loyola University in Chicago studying nursing. Luciana is attending the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland studying Environmental Earth Sciences. Luciana received a scholarship given by the Virgilio Lodge generously donated by the **Tarantino** family. Additionally

L-R Sasha Carmichael, Luciana Carmichael.

Luciana received a Grand Lodge Scholarship in honor of **Donna Branch** and in memory of **Josie Agosta** as well. Sasha received a scholarship donated by our Virgilio Lodge. Congratulations to both of them and their family. ■

L-R Pamela Bini Lodge Recording Secretary and State Trustee North, Sandra Carmichael, Nicole Carmichael, Tobias Carmichael, Sasha Carmichael, Carol Tarantino, Luciana Carmichael, Rosemarie Tarantino, Ray Bini Lodge President.

TIPS & TRICKS FOR RUNNING A LODGE BOOK CLUB

National OSDIA is offering a Members-only webinar on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. ET in honor of National Literacy Month. Learn from two OSDIA members about their tips and tricks for running a successful local Lodge book club and the best books and stories they have come across. **Mary Sperrazza**, is the founder of America Lodge 2245's **Il Dolce Libro Book Club** in Franklin Square, New York. Sperrazza started the club in 2021 as a way contribute to the Lodge and bring new life into it. The club has been recognized for its success and has grown to over 40 active members due to its creativity in keeping members engaged. The book club has fostered the creation of other Lodge clubs including Mah Jongg and Bocce while growing overall Lodge membership and camaraderie. Also featured will be **Carolyn Reres**, OSDIA National Trustee, Past President of the OSDIA Grand Lodge of New York, State Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, National Historian, and a loyal member of Il Dolce Libro Book Club.

Register here by clicking this link on the digital version of Il Leone: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Members-Only-Webinar--Tips-for-Running-a-Lodge-Book-Club.html?soid=1011101596968&aid=XIvbu2d-kQYw or checking your e-mails from National or going to their website. *Registration closes on September 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.* ■

JOANNE COCCIA LODGE #2553

By Michaelynn M. Minicucci, Lodge President

May 17, 2026 was a very special day for Joanne Coccia Lodge, Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

We awarded our very first State Scholarship from Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Grand Lodge of California in memory of Manny and Veta Finazzo to a lovely young lady, **Bella Barone** (pictured above), from Palm Desert. We also had esteemed guests visiting from San Diego La Costa dei Fiori Lodge: President **Toni Ragone McMahon**, State Deputy **Salvatore Denaro**, and the legendary **Sadie Tambourine**. We are truly looking forward to many more get togethers between our Lodges and hopefully a trip down to Little Italy soon!

At the July membership meeting, I was proud to announce the names of 10 students, each receiving $2,000 scholarships for the year 2026 from the Joanne Coccia Lodge Foundation. A grand total of $20,000 to students entering college, one-time continuation scholarships, or those who are in college applying for the first time. Congratulations and continued success to all these young people. ■

Michaelynn presenting scholarship to Bella Barone.

Salvatore Denaro, Michaelynn Minicucci, Toni Ragone McMahon, and Sadie Tambourine.

2026 Lodge Scholarship Recipients

Luke Arias
Angelo Carlo
Madison Finazzo
Alexander Howell
Jacob Longoni
Olivia Ragsac
Petra Rathfelder
Nicholas Sclafani
Thomas Scruggs
Dante Zapia

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Pauline Richmond, State Treasurer, has a new e-mail address.
Please update your address book to:
rteelee4@gmail.com

Thank you!

CENTINELA LODGE #1991

HANFORD LODGE #1543

Coming up on October 24, Hanford Lodge will be holding its annual, drive-thru Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner & Sauce Sale. Enjoy homemade meatballs and sauce for $15 (dinner) and $10 (sauce). ■

SHASTA LODGE #2453

By Telly D. Vinci

Happy Paesano Days month!

I have attached the flyer below with all of the information. You can also purchase dinner tickets and register your vehicle for the car show on our website. Hope to see you there. It's always a fun weekend celebrating our heritage with good food, friends, and lots of bocce.

We participated in the Special Olympics/Disability Awareness event, running the bocce games, and also a golf game. Thank you to all of the Lodge members who came out to help with the event. We appreciate you!

Pictured below is the Wall of Donors for the new cancer center in Redding, where the Sons and Daughters of Italy Shasta Lodge #2453 plaque is proudly displayed.

I am sad to report that we lost another member of our Lodge. Although **William Tarbox** was a newer member, and also the new City of Redding City Manager, he came in so happy and thrilled to be a part of our Lodge. He will be missed.

I will end this month with a couple congratulations that are in order...

Don and **Lynn Porter** who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Also, congratulations to the **Dogali** family as they welcome a beautiful baby boy into their family.

Until next month... ■

The boys having a great time at the Special Olympics event.

The Cancer Center Wall of Donors.

Member and City Manager William Tarbox, who we lost in July.

ROMA LODGE #1573

By Larry Dutto, Lodge President

Sometimes local Lodges need to make some changes in long standing traditions of meeting dates and times to accommodate changing times. If you were expecting to see our junior members conducting our August meeting, getting their back-to-school items and enjoying a summer BBQ you will have to wait until the next edition of the IL Leone. Summer vacations, sporting activities and hot weather convinced us to postpone our August meeting to Labor Day on September 7. We held an officer meeting in lieu of our August meeting and past president, **David DePaoli** is busy putting together our 2027–2028 slate of officers for an upcoming election in November. Our tickets are printed for our annual ravioli dinner drive-thru on October 10 and we look forward to our junior member event on Labor Day. ■

GIUSEPPE VERDI LODGE #1441

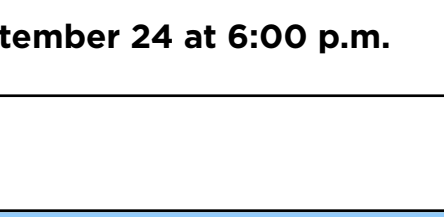
PRESIDENTS' ZOOM MEETING

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00 P.M.

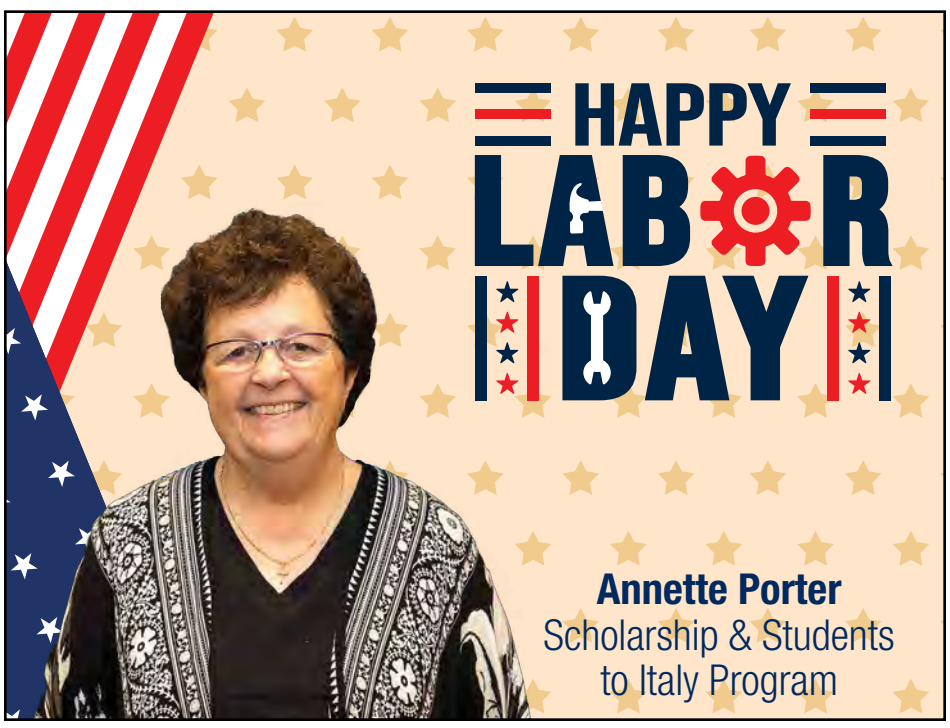
Join other Lodge Presidents to discuss varying topics relevant to you and your Lodge. Past topics have included iMembersDB and increasing membership.

Tune in for National and Grand Lodge updates, questions and answers, new ideas, and maybe a fresh perspective about shared issues faced by all the Lodges.

For more information and to get the Zoom link, contact **Mark Rossi** at mercatoman1@gmail.com or (209) 404-0692. ■



The next meeting is September 24 at 6:00 p.m.



CRISTOFORO COLOMBO LODGE #1534

By Maria Nelson, Lodge Historian

The Cristoforo Columbo Lodge #1534 in Reno, Nevada hopes you are enjoying the summer months, going on vacations, or maybe just relaxing.

In January, our guest speakers were **Kaley** and **Susan** from the Organ Donation in Reno. What an interesting talk they gave us. We highlighted one of our newer members, **Elizabeth Conti**. Our Historian asks new members to send a picture and information about themselves so all our members can learn a little about them.

In February we initiated some new members. **Mark Vaona**, Grand Lodge President, was with us to help with initiation. We initiated **Alfred Antonini**, **Monte Morris**, **Nick Cresci**, **Donna Rotolo**, **Natalie Rotolo**, **Elizabeth Conti**, **Dennis Nizzi**, **Kevin Crowe**, and **Dianne Baxter**.

March was one of our fun BINGO nights. There was no formal meeting, just dinner and Bingo due to our President, **Dawn Romero**, sending out a Consent Agenda prior to the meeting. Our new caterers are working out great for our meetings and we still continue to have between 70 and 80 people attending.

In April, one of our members, **Salene Pecetti**, taught us all how to order coffee in Italian. She set up a table and each of us had to come to her and ask, in Italian, what type of coffee we would like. If you didn't ask her in Italian, she sent you away. It was quite fun. Salene is, among other things, an Italian teacher, so she does presentations for us at least once a year.

Janet working on silent auction items for Festa.

Dawn and Warren calling numbers for raffle prizes at Festa.

Dawn with young kids who helped with raffle prizes at Festa.

May 2 was our Festa Primavera. Our largest fundraiser, it was the most successful one to date and we thank chair **Pam Ricci** and her hard-working committee. Tickets went on sale and almost immediately sold out and we had a large waiting list. The raffle prizes were amazing and the silent auction items were just incredible. All the guests were very generous and happy with the items they won. They also raved about the food and the service. This is a huge undertaking for our Lodge each year and many people work hard making it a success and we thank them all so very much. At our regular meeting in May, we presented **Steve Besso**, owner of Reno Vulcanizing, with the "Italian Business of the Year Award". This is something we do each year to honor one Italian business in our area.

June was scholarship month. We gave out $5,000 Academic scholarships to **Ben Monson** from AACT High School and to **Avery Struby** from Bishop Manogue High School. We also gave a $3,000 vocational scholarship to **Alissa Zamboni-Eaton**, and the $1,000 Pecetti Family Scholarship to **Bram Iovinella**. All the graduates were there to accept their scholarships.

In July we do not have a meeting and do not put out a newsletter. August is our annual picnic which we are sharing with the Sparks Lodge this year.

Thank you for reading about our Lodge. Goditi il resto dell'estate (Enjoy the rest of your summer).

Please visit our Facebook page at Reno Sons of Italy and our website for more information: www.renosonsofitaly.org. ■

Alissa Zamboni-Eaton

Ben Monson

Avery Struby

Bram Iovinella

February Initiates.

Older kids helping serve at Festa.

Dolly Sinatra Lodge 2400
ORDER Sons and Daughters of Italy IN AMERICA

THE JOE LA PORTA CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, November 16, 2026
Benefitting Sons of Italy Western Foundation

Indian Canyons Golf Resort
1097 E. Murray Canyons Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264

PLAYERS

7:00 a.m. — Registration Opens 7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. — Shotgun start, 4 Man Best Ball
$175 Per Golfer
Includes green fees, cart, and Italian Buffet

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Anniv. May 29, 1977
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Anniv. Mar. 16, 1924
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Please check your Lodge information to make sure it is all correct. Any changes or if your Lodge has an e-mail address or website that you would like to include on the list, please e-mail Alison at: sonsofitalyca@aol.com

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Anniv. Jan. 7, 1925
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By Alison Williams, Grand Lodge Office Manager

National is now providing President pins again! The "President" pin and the "Past President" pin can be ordered through the Grand Lodge office and on the most current Supply Order Form. The cost is $7.50 each. The photo to the right shows all the pins I have available in the office right now and their size relative to each other. The membership pin and the membership anniversary pins are all $6.00.

IMembersDB Update

I was alerted at convention that anyone can "apply" to our local Lodges from the National OSDIA website and their contact information flows into iMembersDB and shows up under a "Proposed Tab" on your Lodge Members screen. These leads should not be treated as an application but an inquiry about/interest in membership. These leads are not vetted so please proceed with caution to determine if these are legitimate inquiries.

I am working on getting iMembersDB to send the Lodge and myself alert e-mails when someone shows interest in your Lodge via the National website. In the meantime, I am keeping an eye out for the leads and alerting the Lodges.

I hope these leads work out for you and if they do, I will still need our actual paper application for membership with all the official Lodge signatures showing the membership has been approved by your Lodge and dues have been paid. ■

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