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MARCH MEETING

Date: **MARCH 11, 2020**

Time: 6:00 pm

Agenda: Regular meeting and critique of 'Sweetheart Serenade' fundraiser.

Meal: **Jim's Famous Soup:** For those of you not fortunate enough to attend our 'Sweetheart Serenade', you will get a real treat. Salad and bread to round out the meal.

Officer Meeting: March 4, 2020, 5 PM at President Silacci's residence. Bring your favorite drive-through, as this dinner meeting is BYOD. (Bring your own dinner).



Starting with Stace Leoni who set the stage. As soon as you walked in the door, it was 'Amore'.



...and our wonderful entertainment for the evening was magician **Brian Cassady** and the "WonderShow" ...



[LAST MONTH MEETING MINUTES](#)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Allora! I could not be prouder of our Chair, Michael Leoni and our #1543 family. Watching them come together and pull off the most amazing 'Sweetheart Serenade' **Dinner EVER!**



Walking to your seats, you had to pass through the wonderland of raffle gifts set up by Debbie Nardini.



Now to the 'heartbeat' of our dinner, the kitchen crew and servers.... Thank you EVERYONE!





Now down to business!! Don't forget to exercise your right to vote on March 3rd.

Second most important thing to do during the month of March is to see, visit and have dinner with your #1543 family on March 11th at 6 PM. You are the glue of this organization. If not you, then who? Bring a memory, a March tradition from your family, an Italian word used frequently in your family (clean of course), to share at the meeting. Still looking for Youth Group Leader; hey, any high schoolers looking for community service hours? We could help you out in that department. I have plenty of ideas, just can't be in two places at once. Speaking of ideas, bring fresh, new, exciting dreams of where you would like to see #1543 five years from now. Let's map out our plans of what we can leave our youth, and hopefully it won't be "The Boot" type of map.

Provaci, Louise Silacci, President



[PICTURES FROM THE
SWEET HEART DINNER](#)

UNITED LODGES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Meeting: **March 8, 2020** - Hosted by Enrico Caruso Lodge of Visalia
Place: Ryan's Place, 3103 South Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277, \$20/person
Time: 11:30 A.M.

Please RSVP before March 2, 2020 to:
LARRY ROMANAZZI--559 804 9024
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MARCH FESTIVALS AND HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

(according to Google)

Festa della Donna, or International Women's Day, is celebrated **March 8** all over Italy. On this day, men bring flowers, usually yellow mimosa, to the women in their lives. Restaurants have special Festa della Donna meals and there are often small local festivals or concerts. Groups of women frequently have dinner together that evening, and some museums and sites offer free or reduced admission for women.

Saint Patrick's Day is **March 17**. Although not widely celebrated in Italy there are a few festivals, especially in Northern Italy.

Feast Day of San Giuseppe (Saint Joseph, Mary's husband), **March 19**, is also known as Father's Day in Italy. The day, which used to be a national holiday, is traditionally celebrated with bonfires and sometimes pageants with scenes from the life of Saint Joseph. Children give gifts to their fathers on San Giuseppe Day. Zeppole, a filled, doughnut-like pastry, is traditionally eaten on Saint Joseph's Day.

Festa della Primavera, a spring festival, is held in many places in Italy on **March 21**. Often the festival is centered around regional food. Spring festivals are sometimes held to coincide with Saint Joseph's Day on March 19, too. Le Giornate FAI is usually held the first weekend of spring and is sponsored by FAI, Italy's national trust. Numerous sites, including castles, palaces and archaeological sites not normally open to the public are open for a rare glimpse inside.

Caesar may have met his fate a few thousand years ago, but he's still remembered in Rome on the Ides of March, **March 15**. Cultural events are usually held in the Roman Forum near the statue of Caesar and a re-enactment of Caesar's death is held at the site of his assassination in the Torre Argentina archaeological site.

The Rome Marathon, held in late March, is a 42km run through the streets of Rome. Starting at the Roman Forum, the course passes some of Rome's most famous sites and the Vatican before ending at the Colosseum. Runners from all over the world participate. More than 30,000 casual runners participate in a shorter run that ends earlier. The city streets in Rome's historic center are closed to traffic for the event.

All things almonds are celebrated at Mandorlo in Fiore, a delightful spring festival in the Agrigento region of Sicily. The name literally means "almonds in bloom," and the festival includes culinary, artistic and cultural aspects. It's usually held the first part of March.

The Palio dei Somari, a donkey race between neighborhoods, takes place in Torrita di Siena (a medieval village near Siena in Tuscany), on Saint Joseph's Day,

March 19. The festival also includes a colorful historic parade.

SUNSHINE

By Debbie Nardini



Charles (Chuck) Sant'Agata is doing well at home following a stay in the hospital for pneumonia. He also contacted a serious infection in his blood; he is now recuperating at home. His "nurse", Joyce, is patiently wishing for a speedy recovery for him.

Charles Williams had to undergo surgery for reconstruction of his knee & is doing quite well.

Get well wishes also go out to **Ray Alvarez** who suffered a stroke recently. It was good to see Raymond at the February meeting and recovering from his stroke. Ottenere bene a tutti!!!

Michael & Stace Leoni welcomed a new granddaughter to their growing family. Blake Kennedy Wilson made her appearance on January 16, 2020 & Heather "Rusty" and Isaac Wilson are now a family of three!

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of **Pam DeRose**, Past President of the Salinas Lodge. She passed away in sleep. Our deepest condolences to Aldo DeRose for his loss. Services are planned for Saturday 22 February at 11:00 AM in the San Carlos Chapel at the San Carlos Cemetery, Fremont Street, Monterey.

COOKBOOKS

We still have cookbooks for sale at the bargain price of \$20. What a great St. Patrick's Day gift! You can wrap it in green paper, so they won't get pinched for not

having any green on. Contact Joanie, Pat, Jackie or Lulu and we will find you a book.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Attenzione!! Junior members who are graduating this year!!! Don't forget to apply for the Hanford Sons of Italy Scholarship. Fill out the application provided by your high school and ...add to it an essay entitled: What My Italian Heritage Means to Me. Our scholarships this year will be **\$1000.00**. You must be a member of our Lodge for at least four (4) years and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. We will be waiting to receive your application. Deadline is March 1. The Grand Lodge also has scholarships. Check with its website for further information.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention is being held in Concord this year at the Crown Plaza.

* Registration Day & Bocce Ball:
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

* First Ladies Luncheon:
Thursday, June 25, 2020

* Disco Night - Italian Night Fever:
Thursday, June 25, 2020

* Film Night:
Friday, June 26, 2020

* Black & White Dinner:
Saturday, June 27, 2020



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Do you know what the Italian flag stands for?



BIRTHDAYS

Gianna	Fernandez	3/3
Cara	Fernandez	3/10
Julie	Giacomazzi	3/12
Matt	Gomes	3/12
Brielle	Brewer	3/14
Luci A	Dominico	3/14
Patricia	Scialo	3/17
Jackie	Giacomazzi	3/18
Gemma	Mercurio	3/19
Tristin	Webb	3/22
Jan	Howison	3/28
Caine	Webb	3/30
Deborah	Webb	3/30

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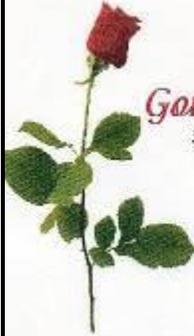
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