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MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT DON CRADDUCK

Brothers and Sisters of Northern Solano Lodge

Our Lodge is experiencing a wonderful period of growth and community spirit! We are thrilled to welcome new members, including Gina Schneider, Patricia Sivigliano, Frank Lopez, and the Moore family, Sophia and John.

At our recent May meeting, we celebrated the achievements of our scholarship recipients, Sophia Hines and Aiden Buffa, who were honored with certificates from the Lodge, inspiring us all with their dedication and hard work. Ethan Brandi and Lucas Cilia, both from Vacaville High School, were enjoying their senior trip at Disneyland. They will receive their well-deserved recognition at our June meeting.

We are proud to have Shirley and Jerry Firpo, along with Laure De Vincenzi-Nichols, representing our Lodge at the Grand Lodge Convention in Sacramento. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of the conventions this would be a great opportunity to see what goes on. It's a short drive to Sacramento and all members are invited to attend. Please check with Shirley Firpo for more information if interested.

Our speaker at the May meeting was Shelby Sorensen from the Vacaville Museum located at 213 Buck Avenue. We are excited to announce an upcoming exhibit at the Vacaville Museum from July 24 to November 14, showcasing the rich contributions of Italian Americans—an event not to be missed! If you have any items you would like to include in this exhibit, please call Shelby at 707-447-4513. This will be a great opportunity to see the many contributions Italian Americans have made to Solano County.

As we look ahead, preparations for our Columbus Dinner on October 24th are underway, and we invite everyone to contribute baskets, new items, or cash to help create wonderful baskets by September. Lauretta and Angie put many hours creating the best baskets I have seen at any fundraiser, so let's help them out. Contact Lauretta at 707-365-1818 to arrange for your donations.

Please be sure to check your email regarding our new dues policy, which takes effect on June 1st, as we want to ensure all members feel informed and valued. Contact Lauretta at 707-365-1818 if you have any questions.

Lastly, don't forget that nominations for our 2027-2028 Board of officers will take place in October, and elections will be held in November.

Ciao, Don Cradduck

Buon Compleanno di Giugno



Frank Mossa	7th
Tim Smithson	8th
Patricia Sivigliano	12th
Sandra Butler	14th
Bruce Du Clair	17th
Ariel Hernandez	21st
Katalina Hernandez	21st
Joan McLain	23rd

Eli Bandi	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.



AUGUST 22 - GENE BRUNO ANNUAL PICNIC

Attivita di Giugno

- June 4th Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the ARC Conference Room.
- June 11th Out to Lunch Bunch will be at the Rose Garden in Vacaville. Please contact Pam Boes at 707-448-7176
- June 12th Card night will be at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center from 4 PM to 8 PM. For more information please contact Jerry Firpo at 707-678-2455 or email him at jfirpo@jps.net. 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 15th Please RSVP for the 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 23rd Food Bank. For more information please contact Saskia Lembesis at 707-631-1829.
- June 30th The Book Club will meet at Kay Locatellii's home at 1 p.m. The book this month is "The Librarian Spy" by Madeline Martin. 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 Laure Nichols, Kristina Cilia and Shirley Firpo.



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.

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR COLUMBUS DAY FUNDRAISER

Please contact Laurretta Graham at 707-365-1818 with any donations for the raffle or silent auction. Now is the time to gather the gifts so Laurretta has time to complete the beautiful baskets for the raffle. Gift cards from your favorite restaurant or store are always a good donation.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Charlene Ping is gathering school supplies for Fairview Elementary School this summer. Please see her message and school supply list on page 4.

The winner of the May monthly free membership drawing was Jerry Firpo. Congratulations Jerry.



Fairview Elementary School Supply Drive

The Annual School Supply Drive Is Here! At our upcoming June and July Sons and Daughters of Italy (SOI) meetings, I will be collecting school supplies and cash donations to support the teachers and students of Fairview Elementary School.

Fairview Elementary, part of the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, serves a student population that faces significant academic challenges. According to GreatSchools.org, the school has a rating of 2 out of 10, with a student progress score of 3 out of 10 and a test score rating of 1 out of 10 compared with other schools. Because of these challenges, I believe Fairview Elementary is especially deserving of our support. To encourage giving, I will personally match all cash donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$800. By donating generously, we can help provide teachers with much-needed classroom resources and support efforts to improve student achievement and narrow academic gaps.

According to Principal Candace Wills, Fairview Elementary currently serves approximately 605 students in Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade. The school has a dedicated team of classroom teachers, specialists, paraeducators, and support staff who work together to foster the academic and social-emotional growth of every student. The school's mascot is the Panther, and staff and students proudly promote "Panther Pride" through positive behavior, strong attendance, leadership, and academic growth.

Principal Wills notes that one of Fairview's greatest strengths is its diverse student population and strong sense of community. The school is particularly proud of the progress made this year in improving attendance, strengthening literacy and math achievement, and supporting English learners. Throughout the year, Fairview also hosts a variety of family engagement activities, including Family Literacy Nights, Movie Nights, arts programs, and community partnership events that bring families together.

Principal Wills extends her sincere appreciation to the Sons and Daughters of Italy for featuring Fairview Elementary in La Voce and for supporting the school's students and families through this school supply drive.

This year marks a first for me. Principal Wills has provided an Amazon Wish List containing specific items needed for classrooms and the student store. If you would like to purchase items directly for the school, please let me know and I will gladly send you the Amazon link or information about any specific item you wish to purchase.

Classroom Wish List

Disinfecting Wipes (80-count packs) – 12	Facial Tissue (75-count boxes) – 10
8-Piece Teacher Stamp Sets – 4	Woodstock Chimes Attention Getters – 2
Cardstock Paper (5-color assortment, 320 sheets) – 4	Glitter Clipboards with Storage – 2
Calming Corner Fidgets – 2	Calm Down Corner Fidgets – 2
Dry Erase Pockets – 4	Metal Rolling Carts – 2
Calming Corner Posters – 4	Table Spots – 2
Whiteboard Markers – 2	Pre-Sharpened Pastel Pencils – 2
Student Store Wish List	Animal Squishy Toys (24-piece package) – 6
Stress Balls (12-piece package) – 4	Mini Multicolor Pens – 2
Bulk Sunglasses (48-piece package) – 2	Bookmarks (36-piece package) – 2
Bubbles (36-piece package) – 3	Slime (24-piece package) – 4
Slime (12-piece package) – 4	Pop-Its (28-piece package) – 4
Welch's Fruit Snacks (60-count box) – 2	Variety Bulk Snack Packs (120-count) – 2

The SOI contact for this fundraiser is Charlene Ping. If you have any questions or would like to arrange for donations to be picked up from your home, please contact me at (707) 631-8808 or by email at cmgping8@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile effort and helping provide Fairview Elementary's teachers and students with the resources they need to succeed.



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Dear Supporter:

Northern Solano Lodge #2534 is holding their annual Columbus Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24, 2026, 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, 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

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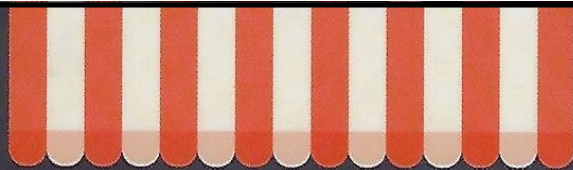
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