

# Sons & Daughters of Italy C.Colombo Lodge #1315



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## Lodge News

### April 11, 2018 Meeting News

#### Introductions

At the Sons & Daughters of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge #1315 (SOI) April 11, 2018 meeting, Louise Silacci, our Central State Trustee, joined us at the Antioch Senior Center. Louise reported on some highlights that are issues for this year's State convention:

- Membership has dropped below 4,000 in the state of California. In previous years, California membership was approximately 10,000 members state wide, the current membership is a huge decline.
- Three (3) lodges in California are close to losing their status:
  - Las Vegas
  - Lake County
  - San Diego
- Credentials are being issued in June.
- A Trustee is needed for the Western Foundation.
- 2018 has been declared the year of Italian food.
  - If C. Colombo Lodge #1315 has a cookbook, bring it to the Convention for display.
- Louise is also requesting a change in the college verification process for a student who is a scholarship recipient. It's expensive for the student to provide transcripts so it would be more efficient and cost effective to go on-line at the student's college website to verify their student status.
- The SOI-California have transitioned to a new membership system. The system will go live at the end of May due to some issues getting it up and running. At the meeting, it was mentioned that no one was ever aware that there was a system change. The new system will be more efficient and will produce better membership reports.
- There will no longer be just a Queen for SOI of California, it will now be a Royal Court Pageant to include a Queen or King and everyone else running will be crowned a prince or princess.

## Upcoming Events *Prossimi Eventi*

### April/aprile

11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

### May/potrebbe

9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Bunco Brunch

### June/giugno

13<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Dinner

- No regular meeting
- School Supply Drive Kick Off

28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> SOI Convention

### July/luglio

4<sup>th</sup> Parade/Antioch Fair Grounds

11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> Queen's Appreciation Dinner

### August/agosto

8<sup>th</sup> Convention Report Dinner

### September/settembre

12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> Polenta Dinner

TBA Pittsburg Seafood Festival

TBA Heart of Oakley Festival

### October/ottobre

24<sup>th</sup> Spooky Soup Night

- No regular meeting
- Toy Drive Kick Off

TBA See's Candy Fundraiser

### November/novembre

14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

- Election of Officers

TBA Cucidati Cookie Contest

TBA Christmas Cards for Veterans

### December/dicembre

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Potluck

**Please note: If you are interested in chairing or participating on a committee, please contact Edna Esposito.**

- Sale of the Grand Lodge. This issue was already voted and approved but they are bringing it back to the table for a re-vote. It's been noted that you cannot re-vote something that was already voted on and approved. Louise is asking for our Lodge's support to uphold the sale.

SOI welcomed Cathy Nelson back from her leave of absence, Cathy reminded everyone about SOI's Roberts Rules of Order:

- All members are to address our President as "Worthy President" during the monthly meetings.
- We should especially address her as "Worthy President" when there is an official officer from the State/Grand Lodge present at the monthly meetings.
- All members will be courteous and respect one another, there are no arguments during the meeting and if something warrants further discussion due to a disagreement, it should be discussed after the meeting with respectful behavior.

#### **New Members**

There were no new applications or members in April. If you have anyone interested in joining SOI, please contact Edna Esposito at (925) 779-1969

#### **New Business**

Zelda LeFrak-Belleci mentioned that Amelia Nevis wants to have a Bocce Ball court built for her Italian class at the High School. However, there is a process that must be followed which involves presenting the request to the Principal as well as meeting other required guidelines. One idea would be to bring the students to the City's Bocce Ball court and SOI members can teach them how to play the game but there are more concerns around liability that must be considered. More discussion is needed to determine if this idea can come to fruition.

Carol Esposito announced that the 2018 roster was distributed last week and asked everyone to review and let her know if there are any changes. If you notice your information is outdated or incorrect, please contact Carol at (925) 978-3956 or via email at [c\\_espo@att.net](mailto:c_espo@att.net) as soon as possible so she can update the list for redistribution.

Zelda also presented Certificates of Completion to SOI members who completed the Cucidati class.

## **Committee Meetings Riunioni Del Comitato**

**Scholarship Committee Mtg TBA**  
**Charities Committee Mtg TBA**

### **April Birthdays aprile compleanni**

2nd	Joan Facca
19th	Richard Lucido
30th	Leo Fontana

## **Member Anniversary's Membro Anniversario**

#### **April/aprile**

##### **53 Years as a member:**

Alex Fontana  
Leo Fontana

##### **41 Years as a member:**

Bette Boatman

##### **36 Years as a member:**

Nancy Rodriguez

##### **33 Years as a member:**

Mildred Peterson

##### **15 Years as a member:**

Jeanne Overton

##### **10 Years as a member:**

Isabella Navarro  
Sophia Navarro

##### **2 Years as a member:**

Phyllis Aiello-Bruno  
Janet Castillo  
Earnest Dinelli  
Sofia Lucido  
Kim Millsap

##### **1 Year as a member:**

Dennis Clarke  
Lanette Clarke

### Committee Updates

The following committees presented the results of their events:

**Charities Committee:** Carol Esposito announced the food drive started in March and goes through the end of May 2018. Please be sure to bring canned goods to the May meeting or contact Lisa Navarro at (925) 628-4629 to make arrangements for pick-up.

Join the SOI for **Mother's Day Bunco Brunch** on **Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 if purchased before May 9 and \$25 if purchased at the door. It will be held at the Antioch Senior Center, 415 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Antioch. A Catered brunch will be served along with cash prizes, raffle prizes and 50/50 raffle. For reservations, please call (925) 978-3956. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Carol Esposito at the same number.

**Sunshine Committee:** Edna asked the membership if there was anyone SOI should send a card to for a family member who may be ill or grieving. Pam Bustos requested a card be sent to her sister-in-law, Sandy Bustos, for her continued recovery. A card will be sent to Leo and Sani Fontana, who are now living in assisted living, and to Cheryl Buffo, John Buffo and Janet Castillo's cousin.

**Scholarship Committee:** Sue Coniglio reported that the dinner menu is set for the Scholarship Dinner scheduled on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. We are having antipasti and spaghetti. Paul Belleci will be doing the cooking again this year. Tickets are pre-sale only and the price for the dinner is \$10 per person. Please contact Sue Coniglio at (925) 325-5466 to purchase your tickets. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in the near future to review the applications and determine this year's Scholarship recipients.

**Queens Appreciation Dinner:** Edna announced the Queen's Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, July 21. Anyone interested in participating on the Committee, please contact Edna at [esposnca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esposnca@sbcglobal.net) or (925) 779-1969.

### Italian Saying for the Month

Noi non potremo avere perfetta vita  
senza amici.

Meaning: We can't have a perfect life  
without friends.

(This is a famous quote by the father of the Italian language, [Dante Alighieri](#). In modern Italian, it would be written as *Noi non possiamo avere una vita perfetta senza amici*. Even in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, friendship was of central importance in Italian life.)

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/italian/italian-sayings/>



### Italian Joke for the Month

*Francis and Isabella were having  
their usual battle of the sexes.*

*"Italian men are all stupid,"  
screamed Isabella*

*"Oh, yeah?" yelled her husband.*

*"I'll have you know it was an  
Italian man who invented the  
toilet seat!"*

*"And I'll have you know," said his  
wife, "it was an Italian woman  
who thought of putting  
a hole in it!"*

**Grand Lodge Prize-a-Day Drawing:** Reminder that tickets are available for the Prize-a-Day drawing through the Grand Lodge. Tickets are \$30 and can be shared. Winner's tickets are re-entered in the daily drawing. Contact Edna Esposito for tickets.

#### 2018 Calendar of Events

The 2018 upcoming events are listed in this newsletter or you can access the 2018 calendar of events on SOI's website at [www.socicolombo1315.com](http://www.socicolombo1315.com).

#### Italian Events/Cultural Corner:

SOI has been invited by the friends of **Isola della Femmine** to participate in the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on May 26, 2018** and also on a Sister-City trip scheduled in October 2019. See Carol Esposito for an application. Stockton Ports baseball team is having **Italian Heritage night on June 30, 2018** and the cost is \$10 per person.

Antioch Senior Center is hosting an **"Italian for a Day" tour on July 22, 2018**. Cost is \$112 per person and reservations are due by June 11, 2018. Includes roundtrip motor-coach transportation, a tour of Little Italy, lunch and much more.

*To add articles or information to the SOI Newsletter, please feel free to contact Pamela Bustos by email at [pamela2136@att.net](mailto:pamela2136@att.net) or call at (925) 642-8658.*

*Inspiration or Sympathy Cards, please feel free to contact: Anna Lucido at [annalucido@icloud.com](mailto:annalucido@icloud.com) or Edna Esposito at [esposnca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esposnca@sbcglobal.net) or (925) 779-1969.*