

SONS OF SICILY SAN JOSE WOMEN'S CLUB

Carte Di Donne



Sons of Sicily Women's Club

KAREN'S CORNER



Ladies Night

Thank you to everyone who attended Ladies Night at SOS last month. The dinner, as always, was fabulous! Everyone had a great time and we managed to surprise outgoing SOS President, "Little Joe" Zambataro during the raffle! Congratulations to the new SOS board and we look forward to working with them in mutual support for both clubs.



SOS Picnic - Last year our Women's Club injected new life into the SOS picnic. We had the cake wheel, popcorn, corn hole, and raffle baskets. This year, we are looking for a committee of ladies to take charge and continue with those successful events and/or introduce different or more activities!

We have plenty of ladies who are willing to help to execute the day, but we need a committee of creative people to plan the events. This is such a wonderful event and our club involvement makes it even better. Please think about volunteering for this committee.

Ladies Night at Napredak Hall



CULTURAL CORNER



Mother's Day in Sicily

May is the month for Mother's Day celebrations both in Sicily and in America. Celebrated as Festa della Mamma in Italy, Mother's Day is always celebrated on the second Sunday in May, the same date as in America. The first official Mother's Day celebration in Italy did not take place until 1957 in the city of Assisi. It was here that a priest, Father Otello Migliosi, from the village of Tordibetto, promoted this special day.

Mothers in Sicily are generally considered to be dominant figures regardless of whether they work outside the home or not. The Sicilian mother is basically in charge of all of facets of domestic life. Sicilians recognize their mother as the one person who is credited with holding the family together. At the same time a Sicilian mother knows that she can count on her family in times of need. She is highly respected in the Italian culture.

In Sicily, Mother's Day is not so much a commercial holiday as it is a special day to spend with mamma. Many Sicilians opt to make their mothers a breakfast and later take them out to eat lunch or dinner at a restaurant to give mamma a rest from cooking. Festa della Mamma has become the most popular day for restaurants in Sicily. Usually a gift is part of the celebration, with a focus on the family spending time together. Children bring fresh flowers (often roses) and gifts to their mothers, and there's an emphasis on writing poems as a way of showing appreciation. In schools they often write these little poesie dedicated to la mamma and bring them home.

Here is a popular choice for breakfast on Festa della Mamma:

Coffee Granita

3 cups strong, hot brewed coffee

3/4 cup sugar

2 teaspoons coffee liqueur, such as Tia Maria

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Whipped Cream



Instructions:

Combine the coffee, sugar, coffee liqueur, and vanilla and stir until the sugar dissolves. Pour the mixture into a 9 x 13-inch pan. Let the mixture cool completely to room temperature before putting it into the freezer in a shallow metal or glass dish. Place the pan in the freezer for 1 hour, until the mixture starts to become slushy around the edges. Rake the mixture with a dinner fork to break up the crystals and place the pan back in the freezer. Every 30 minutes, rake the mixture, until it is completely frozen and granular throughout. Wrap well and keep frozen for a few hours, until ready to serve. Spoon the granita into stemmed glasses and top with a dollop of whipped cream. Top with some shaved chocolate and/or ground cinnamon. Serve immediately.



CONGRATULAZIONI!

Jessica Trumble and Lauren Salciccia. Both are expecting new arrivals to their family.



Esther Zambataro, Lynn DiSalvi, and Janet Salciccia awaiting the arrival of their precious grandchildren.



Taylor Formica getting married
June 1st

Marisa Austin getting married
August 3rd.

UPCOMING *Events*

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 14 @ Palermo's
791 Auzerai Avenue

Guests will be \$30 for this celebratory dinner

We have a very special celebration planned for our 1 year anniversary of the club on the beautiful outdoor patio. Palermo's has a delicious menu planned, starting with antipasto and ending with a special dessert! The SOS Board will join us for this night of celebration, raffle prizes and member recognition.



Important Dates

May 20 - SOS Golf Tournament

July 14 - SOS Picnic

August 24 & 25 - Italian Festa

*Monday, September 9 - Women's Club/SOS
joint meeting*

October 6 - Little Italy Street Festival

December 13 - SOS Christmas Dinner Party

December 15 - Children's Party

Our 2019 Calendar of Events is attached with this newsletter. Please refer to it for the complete list of currently scheduled events for 2019.

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May Birthdays

May 3 - Sandra Burriesci

May 24 - Denise Vaccaro

May 28 - Esther Zambataro



HEALTH AND WELFARE

Thoughts and prayers for:

- Connie Russo's husband, Joe, passed away on April 8th
- Denise Vento's Stepfather, Arthur, passed away on April 8th
- Rose Sunseri recuperating from knee surgery
- Betty Zambataro dealing with some health issues

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2019

Calendar of Events

JANUARY	14th	Regular Meeting @ Palermo
FEBRUARY	9th 12th	SOS Crab Feed #1 Regular Meeting @ Palermo's. Valentine Bingo
MARCH	9th 12th	SOS Crab Feed #2 Regular Meeting @ Palermo
APRIL	1st	Ladies Night with SOS @ Napredak Hall
MAY	14th 20th	One Year Celebration @ Palermo SOS Golf Tournament
JUNE	11th	Regular Meeting @ Palermo
JULY	9th 14th	Regular Meeting @ Palermo SOS Picnic
AUGUST	13th 24th & 25th	Regular Meeting @ Palermo Italian Festa
SEPTEMBER	9th	Ladies Night with SOS @ Napredak Hall
OCTOBER	6th 8th	Little Italy Street Fair Regular Meeting @ Palermo
NOVEMBER	12th	Regular Meeting @ Palermo
DECEMBER	13th	SOS Christmas Party @ Napredak