



SOS Women's Club

Carte Di Donne

Hello ladies!

How can it be NOVEMBER already? Where has the year gone?! We hope you enjoyed Halloween and are getting ready to prepare for the holidays.

Speaking of holidays, as Lauren shared at our October meeting, we'll be participating in a holiday drive to support foster youth in Santa Clara County. Please see the list of most needed items on the next page, and an Amazon link in the email.

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 9th at Palermo at 6pm. We'll enjoy lasagna for dinner! Please RSVP to Lisa if you are planning to attend.

Don't forget! We're invited to attend the Men's Club dinner on December 17th. Information can be found on page 3. Our club will also have our own Christmas celebration on December 14th at Palermo. We'll enjoy a special dinner with friends and participate in an ornament exchange!

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Lisa, Ramona, Julie, Jessica & Lauren

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

**A GIFT FOR EVERY FOSTER
CHILD WE SERVE!**

Ages 0-10

Dolls
Weighted lap blanket
Crayons
Coloring books
Art supplies
Bath toys
Age appropriate
Legos (all ages)
Cocomelon toys
Learning toys
Books
Puzzles

Ages 11-18

Make up
Sports equipment
Hair appliances
Phone chargers
Earbuds
Adult shoes
Teenage books
Portable battery pack
Canvas/paint sets
Men's toiletry items
Body wash sets
Nail polish/perfume



Men's Christmas Dinner

- When:** Friday December 17th
No host cocktails and appetizers
from 5:30-7:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm
Dancing until 10pm
- Where:** Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose
- Who:** Open to all members of the Sons of Sicily
San Jose Women's Club and their spouses
- Cost:** \$35 per person | \$70 per couple
- RSVP:** Please let Lauren know if you will be
attending at our November meeting.
Payment **MUST** be received by
December 9th.
- Questions:** Contact Mike Maltese
408-972-4986
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Cultural Corner | Fest di San Martino

Festa di San Martino, or St. Martin’s Day, is an annual festival that takes place in Sicily every year on the 11th of November. It is held to commemorate the historical figure of Saint Martin of Tours who was known for being particularly charitable and humble during his life.

How To Roast Chestnuts

❖ *Ingredients*

- One half pound who, unpeeled, unroasted chestnuts

Preheat oven to 425. Spread chestnuts out onto a flat work surface.

Using a sharp paring knife or chef’s knife, make an X-shaped cut on the round side of each chestnut. This critical step keeps them from exploding from internal pressure when heated and makes peeling easier after roasting.

Arrange chestnuts on a baking rack placed over a baking sheet. Place baking sheet in oven and roast chestnuts until the skins have pulled back from the cuts and the nut inside as softened. At least 15-20 minutes.

Remove the nuts from the oven and pile them into a mound in tea towel. Wrap them up, squeeze hard—the chestnuts should crackle—and let them sit for a few minutes.

Pull and snap off the dark shells to reveal the yellowish white chestnuts. While peeling, make sure to also remove the papery skin between the shell and the chestnut.

Enjoy warm with a dessert wine!



Holiday Giving Drive

This year we will be supporting foster youth in Santa Clara county through Child Advocates of Silicon Valley.

Please shop this week and *try* to bring items to the November meeting. You can shop online via Amazon (link in email) and have items sent directly to the CASV offices.

If you cannot bring items to November meeting, please make arrangements with Lauren to arrange pick up/drop off of items.

Health & Welfare

If you have updates for Health & Welfare or prayer requests, please contact Lauren Salciccia: 408-410-7636
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November Birthdays

27 - Theresa Zambataro



Upcoming Events

November 9
Regular Meeting

December 14
Women's Club
Christmas Celebration

December 17
Men's Club
Christmas Dinner



Sicilian Word of the Month

Castagna | Chestnut

See the recipe for
Roasted Chestnuts on
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