

### Hello SOS ladies,

Our recent meeting at Kim's house was truly one for the books! The weather was perfect, setting the stage for a delightful evening. As we gathered in her beautiful home, it was heartwarming to see such a fantastic turnout, with everyone in high spirits. Sharing good food and great company made the evening all the more special.

I was particularly excited to share the plants with everyone, and I hope you love yours as much as I do. Every time I look at mine, it will remind me of the warmth and friendship we all share.

Thank you to everyone who made it out—it was truly a memorable gathering. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting!

#### Jessica Trumble

UPCOMING EVENTS September 13th member Dinner
meeting @ Pasta Market 6:00 October 6th Little Italy Street Festival
October 8th member Dinner Meeting @ Pasta Market 6:00

## **WOMAN'S CLUB DUES**

This is a friendly reminder that your membership dues of \$150 are now past due. Please ensure your payment is made as soon as possible. You can mail a check (payable to SOSWC) to: Denise Vento

2966 Mitton Drive

San Jose, CA 95148

If you have decided not to renew your membership for any reason, please let us know.

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of a longtime member, Arlene Taormina



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# **CELEBRATING OUR CULTUER**

Opera dei Pupi is a traditional Sicilian puppet theater that has deep roots in the island's culture and history. Originating in the early 19th century, this form of theater became especially popular in the cities of Palermo and Catania. The performances feature marionettes, known as "pupi," which are elaborately dressed and depict knights, noblemen, and legendary heroes.

The stories told in Opera dei Pupi are often based on medieval chivalric romances, particularly the tales of Charlemagne and his paladins, as well as local legends and historical events. These narratives, filled with battles, love stories, and moral lessons, reflect the values and cultural identity of Sicily.

The puppeteers, or "pupari," play a crucial role in this art form, not only manipulating the puppets but also providing the voices and



sound effects. The craftsmanship involved in creating the puppets, which can be over a meter tall and intricately detailed, is also an essential part of the tradition.

Opera dei Pupi has been recognized by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, highlighting its cultural significance. Despite the challenges of modernization, the tradition continues to be preserved and performed in Sicily, keeping a vital part of the island's heritage alive.



UPCOMING CLUB MEETING September 10th @ The Pasta Market @ 6:00 Please RSVP by Thursday September 5th to lynndisalvi@gmail.com

DINNER IS AT 6:00 -\$25 FOR MEMBER DINNER GUEST ARE WELCOME ANY TIME -PRICE FOR GUEST VARIES ON LOCATION AND MENU SELECTION