

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dave Geraci

Fratelli,

With winter officially behind us, we can start to look forward to some warmer weather along with more opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities and fellowship with our Sicilian brethren. We are back in full swing with all our normal summer club events. We will be resuming our annual golf tournament, Italian Festa, as well as hosting another spectacular family Picnic.



Last month's meeting went off without a hitch.

The food was amazing as always. Congratulations to all our newly elected officers. They will be installed at the April meeting, which is also ladies' night.

The crab feed was a great time for all who attended. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who made this evening possible.

As I will be stepping down as president, I know that this club will be in good hands with Jonathan Taormina at the helm. It has been an honor to serve the Sons of Sicily, as well as an opportunity to get to know so many more of you wonderful people. I would also like to thank the outgoing board for their three years of service through some extraordinary times. I look forward to assisting the new board in any way that I can.

I hope to see all of you at next month's meeting.

Grazie,

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

ludari *v.t.* To praise Nun ludari la jurnata si nun scura la sirata. *Eng. Don't praise the daylight before it is evening.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Apr 4th Officer Installations/ Ladies Night
- May 2nd Regular Meeting Night
- June 6th Male Guest Night
- July 11th Regular Meeting Night

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Alfio was born in Zafferana Etnea, Sicily and grew up in San Gregorio di Catania. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1955 and made his home in San Jose with his wife Betty of 65 years, who passed away in 2021. Alfio was a devoted member of the Sons of Sicily and a fixture in the Sfingi booth at the annual Italian Festivals. Alfio will be dearly missed and remembered for his easy smile and boundless generosity.



















If you have any news to report and want it placed in next month's newsletter, please contact me before the 15th of the month at **650-670-0777** or email me at: <u>fredguidici64@yahoo.com</u>.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Frati,

Long time brother and cook Alfio (Freddy) Zambataro passed away on March 15th at the age of 96. He will be truly missed by all.

Tom Lonero's son Angelo was awarded The Air Medal by the Commander Naval Forces. He was a first responder to fight a fire on the USS Bonhomme Richards. It is an award for heroism and meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. We are very proud of him!

Brother Luigi LoNero passed away on February 28th at the age of 81.

Frank Baronessa's mother, Antonina, passed away on February 27th at the age of 95. Please keep the Baronessa family in your prayers.

Sicilian Beaches—

Sicily's beaches are amongst its best assets. And given that this is an island, no doubt you will come across some during your visit. If you visit during the summer months you can join the hordes on these patches of sand. In fact everyone seems to make their way to the sea during July and August to the extent that the cities can seem somewhat deserted.

If you do plan to go to the beach it is important to note that while almost anything goes on the sand, Sicilians don't tend to walk back to hotels or sit in cafes or restaurants in their swimming costumes.





Beach attire, as the

word indicates, should only be worn on the beach.

If you have come to enjoy the Sicilian beaches you will be pleased to learn that there is a lot of accommodation available almost right on the sand itself, with campgrounds, B&Bs and other resorts in proliferation throughout these areas. Many of them tend to be seasonal, only and some start closing around mid September. So, if you plan to visit after this period, you should ensure that services are still available and accommodation is still open.



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Our fund raiser crab feed was a great success. Thanks to all who attended.

We're getting ready for Ladies Night and installation of our new officers on April 4th. As usual, the cost will be \$25/ guest. Our kitchen crew has planned a great meal, so please call Mike by March 30th.

RESERVATIONS FOR LADIES NIGHT

Contact: Mike Maltese (408) 972-4986 mmaltese@allenbrothers.com

Don't forget to check out our website for the most up to date information with the clubs' progress during the pandemic. Giuseppe has been very diligent in keeping the website current and fresh, so please check: <u>www.sonsofsicilysj.com</u>



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

April 4th — Installation of Officers / Ladies Night



May 2nd — Regular Meeting Night

June 6th — Male Guest Night (Call Mike Maltese)

July 11th — Regular Meeting Night

As changes occur, we'll keep you posted with updates.

Bob Scaletta — Social Events



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