



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

LUGLIO, 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Hello All-

Our June meeting, which was a Membership Drive for both the Women's Club and our club, went extremely well. We had a great turnout of almost 200 and everyone who attended enjoyed great food, fun and family. We were also able to award 9 wonderful students scholarships which are funded with the donations and hard work from both clubs. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the event go so well. Thank you to all who donated money and their time at our fundraisers to allow us to give away the \$15,000.



The Women's Club invited the Board of Directors of the Sons of Sicily to attend their Installation of Officers dinner last week and it was a blast. Thank you to the ladies for the invite and I can't wait to work with their new eager Board.

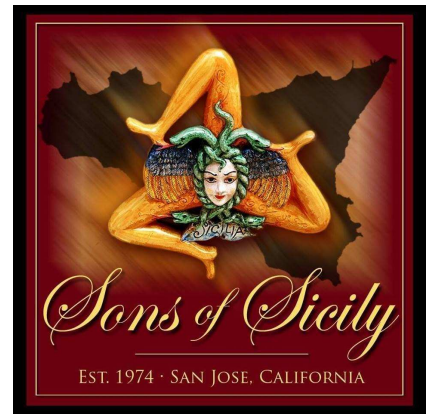
There is still time to sign up for our Annual Golf Tournament. The Tournament is scheduled for August 8th at Spring Valley Golf Course. This is a great event and I can't wait to attend. Looking forward to seeing you golfers out there. If your wife is not a big golfer, she could skip the day of chasing that little white ball around and attend the dinner and award ceremony. The cost is \$40 for just dinner - call Al Mistretta or Mike Maltese.

Our next meeting will be a Regular Business Meeting on July 11th. Please don't come on the first Monday of the month since it is the 4th of July and you will probably be eating hotdogs and watching a fireworks show. This will be the first time we will be offering meals to take home. For \$15 you will get a salad, pasta, and our wonderful entre. Please call Mike Maltese by July 4th to reserve your meal.

Thank you for your time.

Jon Taormina

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- July 11th
Regular Meeting Night
- August 1st
Male Guest Night
- August 8th
Annual Golf Tournament
- August 20th & 21st
IHAF Italian Festa

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

Libbirtà *n.f.* Liberty, freedom.

Cui di la propria libbirtà si spogghia, sempri si trova cu affannu e cu dogghia.

Eng. Who rids himself of his own freedom, always finds himself with worry and pain..



The Aiuto Foundation and Sons of Sicily
Would like to introduce the 2022 scholarship winners.

Congratulations to the following graduating honorees of 2022:



Max Serpa – Livermore High
Pacific Lutheran University



Taryn Dailey – Pioneer High
San Jose State University



Lea Manna - Raritan High, New Jersey
University of New Haven



Nikolas Brooke – Leland High
West Valley College



Ava Barba – Branham High
University of San Diego



Alex Turturici – Valley Christian High
Colorado State University



Giovanni Spatola - St. Thomas More High
Gavilan College



Anastasia Spatola - St. Thomas More High
De Anza College



Aidan Turturici - Bellarmine Prep High
Northern Arizona University

“Good luck honorees and THANK YOU for remembering your Sicilian Heritage”

Thanks to everyone who has donated or worked at our special events that make these scholarships possible.





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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: fredguidici64@yahoo.com.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Fрати

Bill Cordoni's wife, Darleen, broke her leg (femur) on April 2nd. She had surgery on April 3rd, and has been in rehab facility since the accident. Please keep her in your prayers for a fast recovery.

Please keep Frank Costa's wife in your prayers as she battles an illness.

Have a happy and safe
4th of July.

Fred



From Sicilian Accademy—Text by Ignazio Corrao

Sicilian (u sicilianu) is not a dialect but a LANGUAGE, and it is not a language that derives from Italian but, like Italian itself, derives directly from vulgar Latin. Sicilian represents the first Italian literary language, already in the first half of the thirteenth century, in the context of the Sicilian School.

UNESCO recognizes the status of "mother tongue" of the Sicilian language and classifies it among the "vulnerable" European languages. Sicilians are described as bilingual, with the difference that Sicilian is handed down in the family and on the street almost in a clandestine way (and we are often ashamed to speak it too), while Italian is imposed in schools, institutions and in any office public (and even private).

Few, especially a few Sicilians, understand that Sicilian is an extraordinary language, spoken by over 5 million people around the world, which should be studied, preserved, protected and to be deeply proud of. Instead, there has been a violent repression of pre-existing cultures and even the tendency is to pass as a hoax and ignorant the one who speaks their own language or that does not speak Italian. It seems shocking to me that Sicilian is not spoken in the Sicilian Regional Assembly (on the contrary, Sicilian deputies often speak very bad Italian in the assembly, while I have heard in Sardinia and Corsica speak their own languages in the regional assemblies (Not to mention Spain). Almost all Sicilians are able to speak and understand it, but we are essentially illiterate, unable to write or read it well because we have been basically prevented from doing so.



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Our June 6th meeting at Napredak Hall, was an opportunity to meet our scholarship winners and their families. We had a great meal and enjoyed family and friends. Our July meeting will be a regular meeting night.

Our annual golf tournament is coming up and we have 50 golfers already signed. See Al Mistretta (916/799-3716) at our next meeting to sign up your foursome. Please check out our website with more

information.: www.sonsofsicilysj.com.

Coming in late August, it's the IAHF Italian Festa (August 20 & 21).

Call Craig (408) 690-5339 or Ron Palermo (408) 425-8172 to volunteer to work on site at the San Jose History Park.



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

July 11th — Regular Meeting Night



August 1st — Male Guest Night (\$25/Guest) *Must Call Mike Maltese*

August 8th — Annual Golf Tournament *Call Mike or Al Mistretta*

August 20th & 21st — IAHF Italian Festa *Call Craig or Ron Palermo*

September 18th — Family Picnic *Get Tickets Now, Call Mike Maltese*

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

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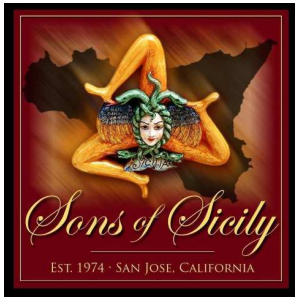
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