

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Joe Zambataro

#### Fratelli,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you all are squeezing a bit more fun out of the last few weeks before fall sets in. Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming festivals. If you can help please sign up with one of the booth chairmen. I am also looking forward to our next business meeting, which will be a joint dinner with our Women's Club before we each have our own meetings. Remember, other than new members, this will be a members only meeting - it is not a guest night.



I will keep this brief but there is one other

comment I would like to make. I often hear loud and passionate lectures about respect. Respect is much more than a two-way street, it must be earned by the way you show respect to others. *Lu rispettu è misuratu, cu lu porta l'avi purtato.* Our recent meetings have been far more respectful, so I want to thank you and remind you of how important is to act with respect for each other.

Enjoy the rest of you summer and stay safe and well,

Grazie,

Joe

#### Sicilian Word Of The Month:

focu *n.m.* Fire, flame. Livarisi di lu focu e cadiri 'nta la braci. Eng. Out of the frying pan and into the fire. (Lit. Get out of the fire and fall into the hot coals.)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- August 25th & 26th Italian Festa w/IAHF
- September 10th Guest Meeting Night
- September 30th 3rd annual Little Italy Festa

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### Frati,

Jack and Diane LoVerde celebrated 25 years of marriage on July 31st....Auguri!

Football season is here!

If you have any news to report, please contact me before the 15th of the month if you want it

placed in next month's newsletter at 650-670-0777 or email me at <u>fredguidici64@yahoo.com</u>.

Bouna Salute a Tutti e Dio vi Benedica,

Fred

## Sicilian Vino

Sicily has more vineyards than any other region in Italy; it also grows more grapes. Granted, the vast majority of those vineyards raise grapes for marsala, the sweet and dry fortified wine (originally created by a British trader in the 18th century) that's



produced in the seaside town of the same name.

But in recent years, there's been a lot of excitement around Sicily's regular red and white wines, as producers of bulk

wines have started focusing on the quality of their own bottles. While the island's more established producers, like Tasca d'Almerita of Regaleali in central Sicily have long bottled varietals like cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay, now winemakers are calling attention to Sicily's indigenous grapes.

Probably the best-known red grape is nero d'avola, which can range in flavor from jammy and full-bodied to earthy and spicy. In the region Cerasuolo di Vittoria, nero d'avola is often blended with frappato, a fruity grape with a

sweet raspberry flavor, which can also be delicious when bottled on its own. Though grapes have grown on the volcanic slopes of Mount Etna since the fifth century b.c., there's a lot of new interest in the area. The main white variety is carricante, which is light in color but had a big, almost yeasty aroma in the bottles we tried. Etna's best-known red is nerello mascalese, which evokes the gentle fruit flavors of pinot noir (it's often blended with another indigenous grape, nerello capuccio).



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As we move towards the end of summer our events schedule still has plenty to offer.

The Festa will be on August 25th & 26th at the San Jose History Park (1650 Senter Rd, San Jose, CA 95112). As in the past we will have two booths: Italian Sausage Sandwiches and Ravioli Bowls. We have a slight change this year for the Sausage booth. Mike Maltese and I will be running the booth instead of Big Joe (he has another commitment). Dave Geraci will again be in charge of the Ravioli booth, please call either Mike or Dave if you're interested in volunteering to work either

booth (Mike 408/972-4986 or Dave 408/833-3916).

We have a joint meeting planned for the September meeting. The Women's Auxiliary will be providing dessert so please plan on attending.

The Little Italy Festa on September 30th is moving along well and Mike will coordinate volunteers for that event as well. The club will be having a sausage booth and Little Joe will also have the Sfingi booth.

An then we will be having our final guest night on October 1st so please plan to bring a potential new member to this last guest meeting of the year.



# See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order:

August 25th & 26th — Italian Festa w/IAHF. Come out and support our club.

September 10th — Joint regular meeting night with Women's Auxiliary.



- Chicken Wings
- Pasta con Sugo
- Salad

Bread & Butter

- Sausage & Meatballs
- Salad

September 30th — 3rd annual Little Italy Street Festa.

 $\label{eq:constraint} \textbf{October 1st} - \textbf{Guest meeting night. Call Mike Maltese. \$20 tickets.}$ 

November 5th — Regular meeting night at Napredak Hall

December 14th — Adult Christmas Party

December 16th — Children's Santa Party at Napredak Hall

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

Bob Scaletta— Social Events





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