

SONS OF SICILY SAN JOSE WOMEN'S CLUB

Carte Di Donne



ISOLA BELLA BEACH, TAORMINA, SICILY, ITALY



KAREN'S CORNER



A special thanks to those who were able to attend this month's meeting on May 14th. If you have a friend or relative who would like to visit one of our meetings, please bring them! They would need to pay the \$22 cost of dinner. Our next meeting on Monday, June 11th will be a member raffle. So, please bring in any new items for the raffle table. Raffle tickets will be 3 for \$5. All members who joined in April or May, dues need to be paid at the June 11 meeting.

Beverly Cusimano, Taylor Formico, Marina Masini, Maureen Psomas, Barbara Sunseri and Denise Vaccaro will be providing our dessert for the June meeting. And Marie Bandy will give us a brief history of the Sicilian Cart. If you have a cart, please bring it in for display that evening.

We have two new members since our last meeting. Be sure to welcome them at our next meeting and find out something about them. There might be prizes! ☺

A copy of our bylaws is not attached to this email because we will need to vote on an amendment at our next meeting. When opening an account for our club, we discovered that the bank no longer allows two signatures on a check. Therefore, we will have to vote to amend Article II, Section III; Article III, Section I (d); Article III, Section I (a) at the June meeting. After the amendments are made, everyone will receive a copy of the bylaws.

Lastly, our monthly newsletter has a great new and professional look! Thank you to Marina Masini for volunteering to produce our newsletter!





A SPECIAL THANKS!

Thank you to Kim Zambataro, Ramona Marr and Kayla Masini for volunteering at the SOS Golf Tournament. SOS generously split the profits from merchandise sales, so our volunteers earned \$400 for our club while having fun! Grazie Belle!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday,
June 11**

Monthly Meeting
at Three Flames

**Monday,
August 13**

Monthly Meeting
at Three Flames

**Sunday,
June 24th**

Family Picnic and
Scholarship Presentation
at Naperdak Hall

**August 25th
and 26th**

SJ Italian Family Festa
at Kelley Park

**Monday,
July 9th**

Monthly Meeting
at Three Flames

**Sunday,
Sept 30th**

San Jose Little Italy
Festival

SONS OF SICILY FAMILY PICNIC

Come join the family fun at the SOS Annual Picnic on June 24. Our picnic committee: Sarina Adams, Paulette Babilacqua, Madeline DiSalvi, Taylor Formico, Lauren Salciccia and Grace Vaccaro are working hard to add some fun and family events to the picnic this year.

Barbara Sunseri and Beverly Cusimano have offered to make four of their beautiful prize baskets for a raffle at the picnic. They need baskets. If you have any baskets that are even in bad shape, please bring them to the next meeting. They paint them and give them new life.



Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free.

Come and enjoy BBQ chicken, pasta, salad, garlic bread, sausage sandwiches, sno-cones, ice cream, watermelon and more!

We will have tickets for sale at our June 11 meeting. If anyone has a dinner punch remaining on her WAC punch card, SOS will honor it for the price of your picnic ticket.

CULTURAL CORNER

NATIONAL SYMBOL OF SICILY: TRINACRIA



The symbol of Sicily known as the Trinacria, or Triseklionis, said to be derived from a myth about three nymphs. They are said to have danced all around the world gathering the best fruit, stones and soil, they then threw all of it into the sea and created Sicily. This is why, they say, the island has three corners, which symbolize each foot of the nymphs.

The Trinacria has been the symbol of Sicily since the days of the Magna Graecia expansion into the Mediterranean. Yet, another myth comes from the time of King Frederick the II. It is about a boy who could swim underwater for long periods of time and was put to the test by the King. Eventually, the story goes, the boy discovered that Sicily was held up by three columns and one was about to break. The boy, Colapesce, then decided to hold the broken column on his own. Every time there is an earthquake, it is attributed to the boy being so tired from holding up the island.

The meaning of the Sicily symbol is mainly mythological but some historians have dated it back to being an old religious symbol. The Triseklion is also the symbol of the Isle of Man and many other coats of arms.

The flag officially became the symbol of Sicily in 1282 after a successful revolt by the Sicilians against Charles the I. The Sicilian version is the head of Medusa surrounded by three bent legs. The three legs bent at the knees supposedly represent the three promontories (or headlands) of Sicily. These include the Cape Pelorus (Punta del Faro) in the northeast, Cape Passero in the southeast, and Cape Lilibeo to the western end of the island. These three corners are close to the three cities of Messina, Syracuse (north of Cape Passero), and Marsala respectively. This explains the etymology of the Greek word triskeles, also referring to the three capes. The three ears or stalks of wheat symbolize the fertility of the land. The red on the flag represents Palermo and the yellow is representing the city of Corleone. These two cities were the first ones to initiate a confederation against the Angevin rule. Also, the city of Corleone was famous as an agricultural city.

SICILIAN WORD OF THE MONTH

RISPETTO,

Lu rispettu è
misuratu, cu lu porta
l'avi purtato

Respect is measured;
whoever pays it to
others, will be
respected

SICILIAN JOKE OF THE MONTH

American ship names begin
with "USS", which stands for
"United States Service."

British ship names begin with
"HMS", which stands for
"Her Majesty's Service."

So why do Italian ship names
start with "AMB"?

"Att-sa My Boat!!"

LOOKING TO ADVERTISE?

If you have a business, you can have your
business card appear in our newsletter
every month for just
\$25 a year.

Please let Karen Heverling know if you
are interested.

BUON COMPLEANNO!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Paulette Babilacqua

3 Sandra Burriesci

24 Denise Vaccaro

28 Esther Zambataro

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Carolene Giluso

4 Patricia Charlton

10 Jessica Trumble

15 Denise Vento

24 Krista Taormina

HEALTH AND WELFARE

If you have any news to report, please
contact Janet Salciccia before
Wednesday, June 20th if you want it
placed in next month's newsletter.

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