

SONS OF SICILY SAN JOSE WOMEN'S CLUB

Carte Di Donne



One of the most beautiful Baroque towns in Sicily is located near Syracuse in the southeast of the island. Noto was completely erased by an earthquake in 1693 and then rebuilt near the old location



KAREN'S CORNER



Thank you everyone who attended the festival or worked at our booth or the SOS booths. The weather was beautiful, but I don't think the event was as well attended as years past. The food and entertainment were fabulous as usual, but the best part of the weekend was getting to actually talk with so many of our members and the wonderful people who visited our booth. Looks like we even gained a few new members! Keep bringing your friends and family to our meetings and events. Guests are always welcome.

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday, September 10th at Naperdak Hall** at 770 Montague Expressway. This will be a special combined meeting with the SOS Men's Club with our schedule as follows:

- 5:30pm** – Come early and try on sample shirts (details below)
- 6:30pm** – Dinner is served
- 7:30pm** – Clubs split for respective meetings

Thank you Patti Brunetti, Lisa Chiaramonte, Gae Tina LaTorre, Jessica Trumble, Sharon Vignato & Julia Zambataro for bringing watermelon for our August meeting. And thank you to those who have supplied desserts for our other meetings. Due to a successful first few months, we are now able to purchase desserts for our meetings! And will start by purchasing the dessert for our September meeting with the SOS.

As a reminder, changes are coming to our upcoming raffles. There will be no raffle in September, as we can participate in the SOS raffle. October and November we will be making donations to the San Jose Family Shelter. And December we will have Special Christmas Baskets for raffle!



SUPPORT THE CAUSE



Please do not feel like you need to contribute to all of these causes. It seems that we have many donations going on right now. This happens partly because we are coming to that time of year where there is more of a need, and also because we have so many generous members who are passionate about many different causes.

September

Cancer Care Point – Donations of costume jewelry, hats, scarves and money donations will be collected by **Judy Taormina**
One Warm Coat–**Barbara Sunseri** and **Sharon Vignato** will be collecting coats and sweatshirts that will go to children, homeless and seniors. If you have any clean, gently used coats or sweatshirts, please bring them to the September meeting.

October

San Jose Family Shelter - We will collect \$10 board games and stuffed animals at our **October & November** meetings for the shelter instead of having a raffle. **Lynn DiSalvi** will collect the toys.

November

Family Giving Tree - **Kayla Masini** will distribute cards with gift wishes at our **November** meeting. Please then bring the gifts unwrapped to the **December** meeting.

(Hotel) Toiletries – When you return from a trip, unpack your bags, and find all those hotel toiletries, please bring them to our meetings. **Dottie Gingerelli** will be collecting them throughout the year for the homeless.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 10

Combined SOS &
Women's Club Meeting
at Naperdak Hall

Saturday, Sept. 15th

Simply Good Works
Wounded Warriors Benefit
at San Jose Elks Lodge

Sunday, Sept. 30th

Little Italy
Street Festival
at Little Italy San Jose

CULTURAL CORNER

The Legend of Sicily

There are many ancient legends about Sicily that tell of the primitive men that lived here. This legend, *The Legend of Sicily*, dates from the Byzantine rule and was born to give an explanation to the island's name, Sicily (its' ancient name was Trinacria – land of the three capes).

It tells the story of a beautiful Lebanese princess whose name was Sicily. An oracle had predicted that before she became 15 years old, she was to leave her country alone in a boat, and if she did not do so, she would end up in the jaws of the monster, "Greek-east", that would have appeared in the terrible form of the cat-monster.

To avoid this terrible fate, upon the completion of the princess' fifteenth year of age, her parents crying and desperate with pain, put her in a boat and entrusted it to the waves.

After three months adrift at sea, the poor princess, Sicily, believed that her life had come to an end, since there was no more food or water. Her boat was taken by good winds upon a gorgeous beach at the slopes of Etna – this beach consisted of lumps of lava and golden sand, full of flowers and fruits, but completely deserted and lonely. The young princess was in despair and cried until she no longer had tears.

Suddenly a young, handsome man appears next to her, to give her comfort and love. The young boy explained that the islanders had all died of plague, and that fate had chosen him and princess Sicily to repopulate the island with a stronger and kinder breed. Just two young and beautiful humans; things could not have turned out better, and you can imagine how happy they were. Sicily did indeed marry this young man, who was really capable and brave, with the looks of a true knight. Being now king of the entire kingdom, a kingdom filled with so many treasures and with all that that land was producing, he was glad and esteemed Sicily as the apple of his eye. Because of this, he wished to call their land Sicily, and this has been its' name ever since then.



NEW GEAR!

We are ready to order our T Shirts with our new logo! We will have size samples at our September meeting, so come early and try them on and choose from three colors. The shirts are ladies V-neck & 100% cotton. Hot water and/or Dryer could shrink up to 1".

Every shirt is \$12, no matter the size! Please make checks out to SOS WC. The club will pay the tax, and the one-time screen set up.

We have to order at least 36 shirts for this order – and subsequent orders will have to be in groups of 12. So, if you are interested, please order at our meeting on September 10. Perhaps consider ordering the shirt in several colors. We will have three beautiful colors to choose from.

If you can not be at the September meeting, please send your size and check with a friend. Orders placed at the meeting will be placed on Tuesday, September 11 and we will have them for distribution at our October meeting.

WORD OF THE MONTH

CUORE, n

La famiglia è la
patria del cuore

Family [home] is
where the heart is

JOKE OF THE MONTH

What does FIAT
stand for?

Frenzied italian at
traffic light

LOOKING TO BE A SPONSOR?

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! SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16 Gae Tina LaTorre

21 Dottie Gingerelli

29 Lynn DiSalvi

30 Lisa Chiaramonte

HEALTH AND WELNESS

Connie Esposito is recovering from knee replacement. We wish her a speedy recovery.

If **you** have any news for the membership, please contact Janet Salciccia.

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Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Judy Taormina, Vice-President presiding at 7:31pm

Call to order

Flag Salute

June minutes sent to members via mail/email, no questions. Grace Vacarro Accepted and Seconded by Mary Ellen Cancilla, seconded

Financial Report presented by Esther Zambataro. Accepted and Seconded, motion carried.

Reports

Member-At-Large, Janet Salciccia presented the ideas discussed at the July Board Meeting. Connie Esposito is doing well, Arlene Taormina was back, Barbara Sunseri was injured, but attended.

Coat and Blanket Drive – Barbara Sunseri & Sharon Vignato – called 1 place, looking for more, asked for help from members

Turkey \$ Collection- Ramona Marr – Bring \$ to meeting or gift cards for turkeys, will donate to Sacred Heart

Christmas Toy Donations- Kayla Masini- **Family Giving Tree**- Bring names with lists to hand out Nov meeting, bring unwrapped toys to Dec 10 meeting.

San Jose Family Shelter needs board games, stuffed animals. Bring \$10 toy in Oct, Nov, Lynn diSalvi will keep at her home and donate them.

Old Business

Dues are due

Festa will be Aug. 25 & 26 at the San Jose Historical Park. – need volunteers for our booth, raviolis and sausage. Passed sign up sheets around tables for sign ups.

New Business

September 10th meeting will be at Napradak 5:30, does anyone need to carpool, need a ride? Let us know. There will be shirts to try on and order with our new logo. Tshirts will be about \$10. Our club will provide sheet cakes for dessert. Eat with men and then adjourn to bar area for meeting.

Cancer Care Point –Gae Tina LaTorre- located on Samaritan Drive, need costume jewelry, scarfs, hats, \$. Provides free wigs, hats, scarves to cancer patients. Bring any donations to Sept. 10 meeting. Judy

Taormina will collect in Gae Tina's absence.

Cancer Walk – Lauren Salciccia – Oct 27 – walk or come out to support – food trucks 1.2M raised goal

Travel Toiletries Donations – bring donations to meetings. Dottie Gingerelli will collect.

Lap Blanket Project (crochet) – next year, save yarn, will teach to those who want to learn.

Thank you for bringing cut watermelons: Thank you: Patti Brunetti, Jessica Trumble, Julie Zambataro, Sharon Vignato, and Gae LaTorre.

Raffle- lots of prizes, reserved some for next raffle.

Adjourned at 8:24pm by Vice-President Judy Taormina.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Vento, Secretary