



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

GENNAIO, 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Brothers-

I want to make sure the membership is aware that our next Regular Business Meeting will be on January 8th. Based on the New Year, we moved the meeting to this date.

It is Scholarships time again. If you have family and / or friends with graduating high school seniors with Sicilian descent that are planning on going to higher education, please steer them to our website at sonsofsicilysj.com. There you will find instructions and a copy of the Scholarship application.

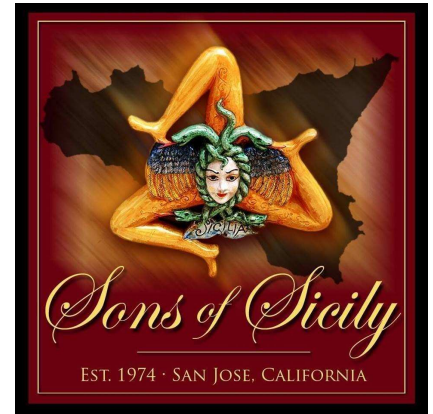


The Christmas Party was a blast. We had a great meal of appetizers, salad, veggies, pasta, salmon and PRIME RIB!!!! The Women's Club donated a number of wonderful and inventive baskets for the raffle which was a joy to watch. They also sponsored and made the cannoli's everyone enjoyed for dessert.

It is the time of year again where we start planning and selling tickets for our annual CRAB FEEDS. We plan to have two crab feeds this year, February 17th and March 16th. Get your tickets soon before they sell out. If you do not have a ticket source yet see Mike Maltese. I hope to see everyone there. As a reminder this event is not just for club members but also their friends and family.

Jon Taormina

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- January 8th
Regular Meeting Night
- February 5th
Male Guest Night
- February 17th
Crab Feed #1
- March 4th
Regular Meeting Night
- March 16th
Crab Feed #2

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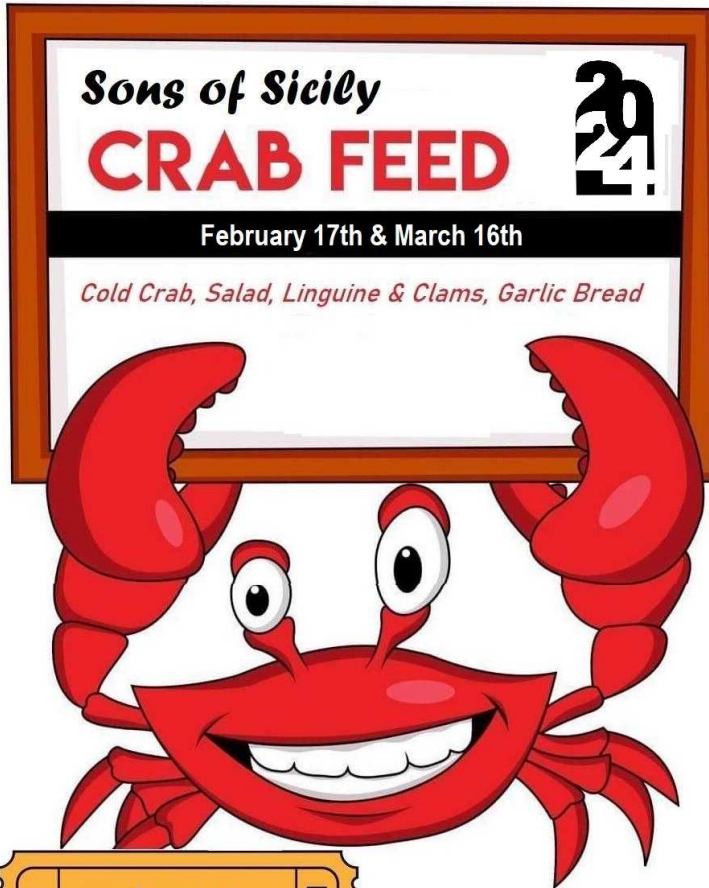
Sicilian Word Of The Month:

Jinnaru *n.m.* January

Jinnaru siccu, massaru riccu quannu dicembri metti lu lippu. Jinnaru vagnatu, burgisi consumatu.

*Eng. When January is dry, the farm manager is enriched, luxuriating in December.
When January is wet, the tenant farmer is ruined.*

LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!



No host bar 5:30 ~ 10:30
 Dinner 7:00 ~ 8:30
 Dancing 8:30 ~ 10:00

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RAFFLE 9:00 ~ 9:30

Deadline!

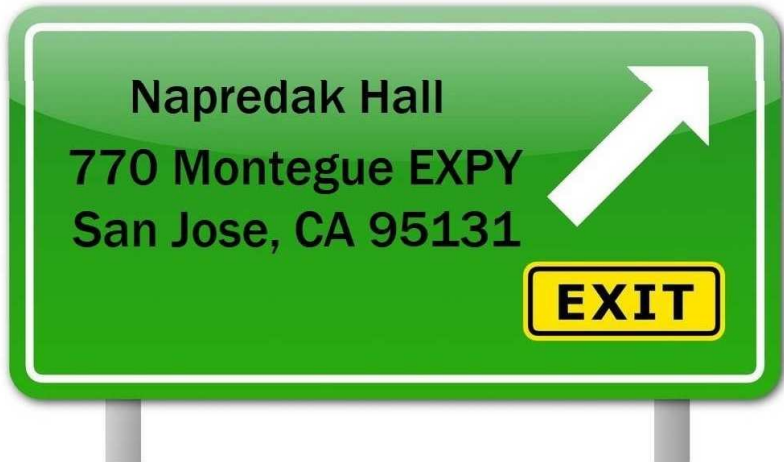
FEB 17th: 1/31/24 (or until sold out)
 MAR 16th: 2/28/24 (or until sold out)



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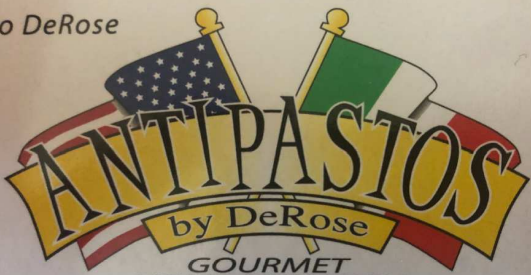
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Frati,
Hope everyone had a healthy and Merry Christmas.
Bon Annu!!

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



About Sicily - La Befana

Sorry for being repetitive each year, but I love to write about La Befana as it brings me back to my childhood in Sicily in the 60's and 70's.

La Befana is an old woman who delivers gifts to children throughout Italy on Epiphany Eve, January 5th, in a similar way to Santa Claus. In fact, growing up in Sicily, La Befana was much more popular than Santa Claus.

A popular belief is that her name derives from the Feast of Epiphany or in Italian, "La Festa dell'Epifania", celebrated on January 6th. In popular folklore, La Befana visits all the children of Italy on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany to fill their socks with candy and presents if they are good or a



lump of coal or dark candy if they are bad. In many poorer parts of Italy and in particular rural Sicily, a stick in a stocking was placed instead of coal.

Being a good housekeeper, many say she will sweep the floor before she leaves. To some the sweeping meant the sweeping away of the problems of the year. The child's family typically leaves a small glass of wine and a plate with a few morsels of food, often regional or local, for La Befana. She is usually portrayed as an old lady riding a broomstick through the air wearing a black shawl and is covered in soot because she enters the children's houses through the chimney. She is often smiling and carries a bag or hamper filled with candy, gifts, or both.



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It is time to get the New Year started. Our next meeting will be a regular club meeting on January 8th. We will also have tickets for the Crab feeds available.

Then, February 5th, we will have our first guest night of the year. You must call Mike by January 29th with the guest info. Also, we will have tickets available (whatever has not been sold) for our two scheduled crab feeds.

The first Crab Feed will be February 17th, with no host cocktails starting at 6pm and dinner to follow, then dancing and raffle to finish off the evening. As in years past NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR IS ALLOWED. It will be available for sale at the bar. Please call Mike with questions.

Call Mike-(408) 972-4986

See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

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February 5th – Male Guest Night *(Must call Mike with guest info.)*

February 17th - Crab Feed #1 *(Must contact Mike for tickets)*

March 4th - Regular Meeting Night

February 17th - Crab Feed #2 *(Must contact Mike for tickets)*

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

Bob Scaletta — Social Events

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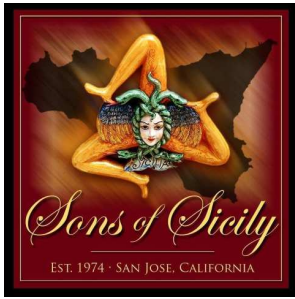
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