

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Jon Taormina

Hello Fellow Sicilians-

The San Jose Italian Festival was a success. We were able to make some money for the Scholarship fund even with the lower than normal turnout. I would like to thank all the volunteers that spent time making and serving Raviolis and Sausage Sandwiches. One of our current recipients volunteered her time for the



club which was really cool to see. Thank you to Craig Palermo and Ron Palermo for chairing both booths and doing a great job. Thank you to the group that made all the sauce beforehand. Of course, thank you to our barbeque crew who stepped up on those hot days.

Last meeting was a regular business night and we had a wonderful turnout. We had a great meal and a ton of food. Reminder to everyone to get to your doctor's and get that physical and blood work done. I am scheduled for the end of September.

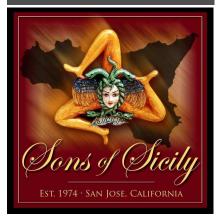
Our next meeting is a MALE Guest night. I look forward to a creative meal from our Food Services Director, Mark Taormina. I am confident he will hit the mark as usual. Please invite as many MALE guests as you would like (prospective members would be great!). Call Mike Maltese at 408-972-4986 by September 6th to let him know how many guests you will have.

Captain Taormina

Sicilian Word Of The Month: vulpi *n.f.* fox

Ogni vulpi porta amuri a la so tana. Eng. The fox brings love to its own den.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- September 11th Male Guest Night
- October 1st Little Italy Festival
- October 2nd Regular Meeting
- November 6th Male Guest Night

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Enjoy True Italian Culture in Monterey at this FREE Festival!

Free Admission!

JOIN US for the 90th Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival honoring Monterey's fishermen,

past and present. Festa is a family friendly, FREE event that shares the sights, sounds, food and culture that make the Italian experience so special. MARK your calendars now to attend this year's gathering for three days of Italian cuisine, bocce, music and fun.

September 8-10, 2023 Custom House Plaza, Downtown Monterey



Celebrate Monterey's Sicilian Italian Heritage with 3 Days of Great Entertainment, Bocce Tournament, Fun, Food and Drink at Custom House Plaza, Monterey State Historic Park!



Visit us at FestaltaliaMonterey.org for more information on our Bocce Tournament, schedule of events, and history of this great annual event.

Friday 3pm-9pm Saturday 10am-9pm Sunday 10am-6pm FEATURING Pasquale Esposito The Money Band Anthony Lane Band Tarantella Dancers SINGERS Erasmo Aiello, Dave Marzetti, Rachel Marotta Halim, Anna Marotta Halim ACCOMPANIED BY Mike Marotta Jr., Dennis Murphy, Paul Tarantino, John Beron





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: <u>fredguidici64@yahoo.com</u>.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Article from Reuters

August 14, 202310:06 AM PDT

Mount Etna eruption closes Sicily's troubled Catania airport!

CATANIA, Sicily, Aug 14 (Reuters) - Flights serving the eastern Sicilian city of Catania were halted on Monday after an eruption from nearby Mount Etna, local authorities said, bringing fresh travel woe to the crisis-plagued Italian airport. The 3,330 metre (10,925 ft) high volcano burst into action overnight, firing lava and ash high over the Mediterranean island. The lava flow subsided before dawn, but ash was still coming from one of the craters. Flights to and from Catania, a popular tourist destination, will remain suspended until 6 a.m. (0400 GMT) on Tuesday morning, the airport operator said in a statement, dashing



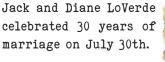
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hopes they

could resume on Monday night. Passengers were advised to check with airlines before heading to the airport on Tuesday. Incoming flights were diverted to other airports on Sicily on Monday. It is the peak of the summer holiday season in Italy where Tuesday is a public holiday. Catania Mayor Enrico Trantino banned the use of motorcycles and bicycles in the city for the next 48 hours, because many streets were covered in ash, and ordered cars to drive no faster than 30 kph (19 mph) due to the skiddy conditions. The latest cancellations at Catania airport, which attracts more arrivals than the island's capital, Palermo, came a month after a fire at a terminal building led to weeks of disruptions for passengers.



Our next meeting will be a Male guest night, Mark's working on the meal and it will be excellent! So, give Mike a call with your guests' count (\$25 ea.) by Sept. 6th.

*** Mike (408) 972-4986 ***

Both our annual golf tournament and the IAHF festa are complete. As you all know, these events are fund raisers for our Aiuto Foundation scholarships. These two events combined raised about \$10,000 which

goes toward the awards each year. Thanks to all that helped to make this happen.

Coming soon the Little Italy Festa, Sunday October 1st in downtown San Jose. Call Craig Palermo to volunteer to work on site at the downtown venue. He will be assigning work hours (9am to 7pm) and tasks. He is looking for the cleanup crew this year (last year only 4 people stayed to help do the tear down).

*** Craig (408) 690-5339 ***



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

September 11th – Male Guest Night (*Call Mike by Tuesday, September 6th*)

October 1st – Little Italy Festival (Call Craig Palermo to volunteer)

October 2nd - Regular Meeting Night

November 6th - Male Guest Night (Call Mike by Wednesday, November 1st)

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

Bob Scaletta — Social Events



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