



Le Notizie

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Woman of the Year!

Roma Lodge member **Cathy Mederos** was honored as the Tulare Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year. Cathy serves Roma Lodge as the Financial Secretary. Nearly 500 people attended the event at the Heritage Complex. Roma Lodge was well represented with a decorated table complete an Italian theme that featured our famous cookbook, Italian candy and home-made biscotti cookies.

Cathy was honored along with Man of the Year Paul Daley and businesses of the year Sturgeon and Beck and Lange Plumbing. Fellow Roma Lodge member **Ernie DiMatteo** was honored as part of the Sturgeon and Beck group. Ernie has been selling cars for the car dealership for over 60 years.



**Tulare Chamber Man and Woman of the Year
Paul Daley and Cathy Mederos**

Cathy Mederos exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and giving to your community. She gives of her time and resources to assist a variety of clubs, organizations and community groups through her countless hours of volunteering. Cathy serves as an officer or past officer of many different clubs and for years found herself running back and forth from the Tulare Western food booth to the Roma Lodge booth at the World Ag Expo. Cathy took time in her acceptance speech to thank her family for allowing her to take the time to give back to her community. She also praised others who have careers and still volunteer. Cathy is truly a role model of what being a volunteer is all about. **Congratulations to her for being the Woman of the Year!**



The Mederos family: (l-r) Dennis, Michael, Cathy, Melissa, Megan and Cathy's mother Lois Roco



World Ag Expo!



Will you be in the picture?

World Ag Expo is just around the corner and it is time for all Roma Lodge members to help out in our major fundraising event for the year. The show is slated for **February 12, 13 and 14th** with our annual onion cutting on Sunday, **February 10th at 10:00 a.m.** at the food booth. You must attend the February 4th meeting to get your farm show passes which will be required for getting into the grounds to cut onions.

Contact **Kathy Briano-Dutto @ 303-4171** to sign up and get your farm show passes. If you have any questions contact Kathy for all the details.

Let's Eat!

President Ken Curti will be in the kitchen for the February 4th meeting. Kenny will be making his special clam chowder for the members prior to the meeting. For those of you who are not into seafood he will also whip up his famous rigatoni supreme.

Just think another great meal from president Kenny, who will be assisted by Josh Pitigliano, will more than make up for the dues increase that we are all paying. Make sure you get your dues into Cathy Mederos ASAP.



IN MEMORY

Roma Lodge has lost one of its most dedicated members with the passing of Ida Harris. Ida has been a member of Roma Lodge since 1984 and was always willing to assist in a variety of lodge activities. Ida passed away on January 25th. Services will be held this week so members are encouraged to watch their local papers for notification of services.

Final Delivery!

If you are receiving the **Le Notizie** by email this will be your last edition by mail. If you still want to receive a mailed copy in addition to the email then notify larryd@cos.edu to keep getting the newsletter by email and through the mail.

Members in the News!

Josh Pitigliano and Chris Giannini were recognized by the American Farm Bureau for their outstanding accomplishments at the national convention in New Orleans. Josh was a finalist for the Young Farmer and Rancher of the Year and Chris for Outstanding Agribusiness Person. Another example of Roma Lodge members contributing to their communities.

Necklaces

Get your own personal Italian necklace. These great looking conversation pieces can be purchased at the next meeting of only \$8. They are great for showing that you are carrying on the Italian Culture.



Scholarships

Roma Lodge Scholarships are due on March 1st. If you would like an application contact Frances Della at 17383 Ave 184, Strathmore or by phone at 7847653



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Your Roma Lodge Officers

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Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della	(784-7653)
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Upcoming Events!

February 4th-Regular Meeting

February 10th-Cut onions and prep booth for Ag Expo

February 12-14-World Ag Expo

March 3-Regular Meeting and Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m.

April 7-Regular Meeting and Anniversary Dinner

May 5th-Regular Meeting

May 10th-Ravioli Dinner