



# Le Notizie

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## Roma Lodge's Jeri Sell Tulare's Woman of the Year!

**R**oma Lodge member **Jeri Sell** was honored as the Tulare Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year. Jeri follows in the footsteps of last years winner Cathy Mederos. A large crowd of excited well-wishers packed the Heritage Complex congratulating all of the winners.

Roma Lodge was well represented with a decorated table done by Kathy Briano and numerous members of the lodge on hand to celebrate Jeri's great recognition.

Jeri was honored along with Man of the Year Tony Souza and Businesses of the Year M. Green and Company and Gainsborough Studio.

Jeri along with husband Rodney and daughter Ashley are active Roma Lodge members and outstanding citizens of the Tulare community. Jeri is the Vice-President and General Manager for Citizens Business Bank and belongs to numerous organizations in the community. Jeri is a graduate of College of the Sequoias and started working for the bank many years ago working her way up to her current position.

She gives of her time and resources to assist a variety of clubs, organizations and community groups through her countless hours of volunteering. Jeri and Rodney are always on hand at lodge functions doing whatever they can to assist the membership. **Congratulations to Jeri for being the Woman of the Year!**



**Tulare Chamber of Commerce Award Winners!**

*The Sell family: (l-r) Ashley, Jeri and Rodney celebrate Jeri's Honor!*





Part of the Roma Lodge Members at the Woman of Year Ceremonies  
 (l-r) Phillip Curti, Rodney Sell, Nancy Pitigliano, Jeri Sell, Ashley Sell, Shurene and Ken Curti, Cathy and Dennis Mederos, Karen Pedroncelli, Charlie Pitigliano and Ron Pedroncelli.



*President **Ken Curti** along with other members of the lodge enjoy the great food at the Roma Lodge table during the festivities. **Kathy Briano** decorated a table with an Italian theme for the event. The table, complete with a colander filled with fresh vegetables, homemade biscotti and other Italian treats represented the lodge and the Italian Culture.*

### ***Thanks Gidio***

Gidio Rasenti relinquished his Roma Lodge office of Guard after many years serving the lodge in this capacity. Roma Lodge members want to thank Gidio for all he has done for the lodge and wish him the best in the future.



# World Ag Expo



## Hard at It!

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 10, 11 and 12th** with our annual onion cutting on **Sunday, February 8th at 11:00 a.m. (note new start time)** at the food booth. You must attend the February 2nd 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.

## IN MEMORY

Betty Stover, sister of lodge member Joann Jones, passed away in January. Although Betty was not a lodge member she often accompanied Joann and Wilburn to many lodge events. Betty lived in Modesto and was active in many community events. Roma Lodge members send their condolences to the Stover family.

## Directory!

Final changes to the directory will be made at the February meeting.



## Taking Charge

At the January meeting the new slate of officers for Roma Lodge were installed with all the pomp and circumstance befitting of such a prestigious event. **Grand Deputy Lillia Giacomazzi** served as president for the ceremonies following the ritual and protocol set forth by the Grand Lodge. Ken Curti will serve his second term as president as well all the current officers with the exception of Nick Canata who will serve as a trustee and Ken Bertorelli will replace long time guard Gidio Rasenti.

## Members in the News!

Get well wishes to **Catherine Dutto, Joann Beecher, Marjorie Cabral and Angie Milanesio** who have had recent hospital stays in the past month.

Congratulations to **Anica (Dutto) and Mark Gentry** on the birth of their son **Aiden Mark Gentry** on January 14th.



## 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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**World Ag Expo**  
**February 10-11-12**

### *Your Roma Lodge Officers*

President	Ken Curti (740-0184)
Vice President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Nancy Pitigliano (359-1900)
Financial Sec.	Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Carole Burner (686-8419)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Charlie Pitigliano(752-4633)

### *Trustees*

Josh Pitigliano	(752-4723)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Ron Pedroncelli	(732-1591)
Nick Canata	(661-849-3555)
Michael DePaoli	(361-2345)

### *Mistress of Ceremony*

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Shurene Curti	(740-0184)

**February Meeting**  
**February 2, 2009**

**6:30 PM**

**Queen's  
Fundraiser**

**Garage  
Sale**

**Saturday, March 7th**

**Contact**

**Shurene Curti**

**If You Have Items**

**740-0184**