



# Le Notizie

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## 86th Anniversary Celebration!

Numerous members and guests were on hand to celebrate Roma Lodge's 86th anniversary at the April meeting.

Recording secretary **Giovanna DePaoli** presented special certificates to members who were celebrating milestones in lodge membership.

**Larry Dutto and Michael DePaoli** received their 25th anniversary pins and **Maryann Luis** her 50 year pin and membership certificate.

The **Chiamonte Family** did a wonderful job of preparing Italian sausage, risotto and vegetables for the anniversary meeting dinner. A big crowd of members and guest enjoyed a great meal.



### Member Milestones

Front Row, **Lilia Giacomazzi-80 years, Anna Dutto-71.** Back row **Maryann Luis-50, Larry Dutto-25, Leroy Beecher-53, Joann Beecher-62, Gary Dutto-62, Michael DePaoli-25.**



## Garage Sale!

The final fundraiser for Roma Lodge queen **Gabrielle Benedetti** was a huge success with members donating items for the sale. A lot of items were donated from a roll top antique desk to a kitchen sink!

At one count there were over 35 shoppers on hand to go through the numerous items.



It had been 10 years since the last yard sale when **Maci Daramy** was crowned Grand Lodge Queen and we will find out soon how Gabrielle did in the state competition.

We certainly want

to congratulate Gabrielle and her whole family for

supporting her during the past year with all the fundraising activities. It takes a lot of effort to sell tickets, put on money raising activities and of course lodge members to support her efforts. **Thanks to all for their support!**



**May Meeting  
Monday, May 2nd!  
6:30 p.m.  
WAE Social Hall**

## 2016 Roma Lodge Scholarship Winners!

Frances Della and her committee have once again did a remarkable job in screening applications and selecting the 2016 Roma Lodge Scholarship recipients. These outstanding young people will be recognized on May 2nd at the meeting along with their families. We hope lodge members will be there to show their support for these scholarship winners.



### Lauren Costa

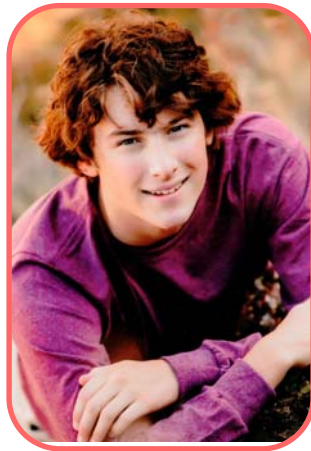
Lauren is a lodge member and is graduating from Reedley High School. Lauren is a 4-H and FFA member, plays golf and softball. She states in her application, *"My work ethic stems from my family but 4-H and FFA activities and experiences have enabled me to develop this work ethic, leadership skills, participate in community service projects, exhibit livestock and sewing at the fair and make connections with professional people in many areas of Agriculture."* Lauren is the great granddaughter of long time Roma Lodge member John and Anna Dutto and grand daughter of **Johnnie Kay and Clarence Costa**.



### Keegan Dutto

Keegan Dutto is a lodge member who lives in Oregon. In his application he states, *"Ever since I was little, I have been fascinated by rocks; this has evolved into an obsession, for at this point I cannot conceive of becoming anything other than a Geologist. I plan on attending Oregon State University this fall and majoring in Geology, and at this point my eventual goal is to work for the USGS in one of the many branches of the science such as volcanology or geomorphology."*

Keegan's parents are **Darren and Corrine Dutto** and also grandson of **Dawn and Gary Dutto** and the great grandson of long time Roma Lodge members **John and Anna Dutto**.



### Ashlyn Della

Ashlyn Della states, *"my educational goal for college is to graduate from California State University Long Beach, with a major in Pre-Psychology where I have already received acceptance. Upon achieving this goal, I will then enter and graduate from a Doctorate program so as to become a Criminal Psychologist. My ultimate plan is to work for a government organization such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation."* Ashlyn will graduate from the Harmony Magnet School.



### Alexa Romanazzi

Alexa Romanazzi is graduating from Tulare Union High School and wants to become a doctor. Alexa states, *"When my Mother was diagnosed with breast cancer everything in my world stopped. When my Mother was sick I was full of fear, and angry. When she recovered I realized that it was another obstacle in my life, but one that gave clarity to what my destiny was. Her battle ignited my passion for medicine and the need to help others, knowing that I wanted to become a Pediatric Oncologist. The experience with my Mother set the path to my ultimate career goal."*



### Darian Roeber

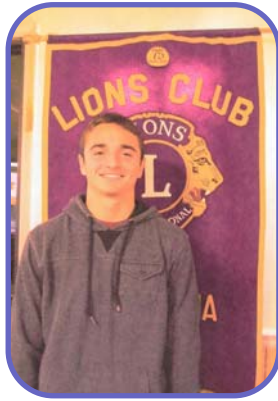
Dorian Roeber is a star water polo player from Hanford. The granddaughter of past Roma Lodge Queen Sharon Barreto she plans to attend Fresno State next fall. Dorian plans to major in biochemistry and plans to become a pharmacist some day. She was the MVP of her water polo team and an all league selection.





## Nicolas Griesbach

Nicolas Griesbach will be graduating from Tulare Western High School and attending a CSU campus to become a biologist or a biology teacher. His grandparents Pete and Rose Troiani were born in southern Italy and moved to Brooklyn, NY to give their family a better life. His grandfather worked on the docks to support his family of 5 and eventually moved to California and settled in Delhi.



## Madalyn Vieira

Madalyn Vieira will be graduating from Tulare Western High School and attending Cal Poly next fall. She will be majoring in Dairy Science with a minor in Agriculture Business Management. She is the current Tulare County Dairy Princess and has been active in all phases of FFA during her high school career.



## 81st Ravioli Dinner Set

The 80th annual Roma Lodge ravioli dinner will be **Saturday, May 7th** at the TDES Hall in Tulare. Plan to be at the May meeting to get all the details and signup to help. **Ken and Shurene Curti, Charlie Pitigliano, along with Cathy Mederos** are chairing the event this year and everyone needs to assist in keeping such a great meal and tradition for the lodge and members of the community.

Make sure you get your tickets to sell from **Cathy Mederos** ASAP. Tickets are only \$25 per person.

## Sunshine News

President **David DePaoli** on his recent surgery. At this writing it appears **Nick Serafin** is finally home after a long stay in the hospital and rehabilitation facility.

## United Lodges Meeting

United Lodges will not be honoring anyone this year at their May meeting to be held on **Sunday, May 15th** at the Enrico Caruso Hall in Visalia. However, this will be the annual fundraiser for Valley Children's Hospital so everyone is encour-

aged to attend.

Appetizers will be available at 12:30 p.m. with lunch at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and you can reserve your spot by calling Donna Grist at 768-8124.

## Bread and Water! *Herald's Message*

On May 7th Roma Lodge will hold their 81st annual Ravioli Dinner. It may be the 82nd or 84th or 79th, no one seems to know for sure, however, what is known is that it has been going on for many, many years. Granted it may not hold the pomp and circumstance it once had when we served over 1,250 people in the Elliott Auditorium at the Tulare Fair



Grounds shown above. It was one of the social events of the year and Roma Lodge members were outfitted in starched waiter attire and each and every member had

a job and you were not allowed to aimlessly walk around and do what you wanted. Things were organized down to the last ravioli!

I remember starting out at the bottom of the pecking order serving bread and water with my black pants, starched white waiter garb and my mother made sure my shoes were polished. There was no time for fun and games and if you did a good job you were promoted to serving salads or desserts. As a boy once you became old enough you were relegated to the cooking detail and if a girl you reached the pinnacle of serving main dish which was certainly a status symbol.

There were no take outs. Ravioli's were homemade, just about every member had an assignment, with chairs, co-chairs, supervisors, workers, no detail was left unattended.

If you are one of Roma Lodge's 302 or so members we will need your help on May 7th. Several members have other events they have to attend in the evening so we have several key members who need to be replaced that evening. Be at the May meeting and volunteer for whatever job you would like to do. It takes about 65 members to successful, cook, serve and cleanup after serving about 900 meals and we need everyone's help.



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### *Your Roma Lodge Officers*

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Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
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Historian	Elisabeth Curti (553-3151)
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### *Trustees*

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(635-1699)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

### *Mistress of Ceremony*

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Kathy Canata	(281-5294)

### **May Meeting Refreshment Chairs**

**Nick & Kathy Canata**

**Members having birthdays in  
May should call them and see  
how you can help and don't for-  
get your raffle prizes.**

### **Meeting**

**May 2, 2016**

**6:30 PM-Dinner**

**Scholarship Night**

**Ravioli Dinner Planning Meeting**

**Signup For**

**Dinner Duties**

**Drawing \$50**

**Last Month's Winner**

**Dominic Pitigliano**

**Was the big Winner!**