



Le Notizie

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Just show up!

It's almost October and fall is in the air. October is also the month that Roma Lodge celebrates Italian explorer **Christopher Columbus** discovery of America.

School is back in session, baseball, soccer, football and other school and sports activities are in full swing and kids and parents activities are in full swing.

Let's not forget about DirectTV's Sunday's Ticket, where you can lay on the couch and watch game after game until you can hardly muster up enough strength to get up and walk after hours and hours of sedentary inactivity.

So now the lodge wants you to come up with a raffle prize, make a side dish and dessert, make a cake or homemade ice cream and come out to the farm show park and play bocce ball! **Really!**

The hardest part of attending the Columbus Day celebration is showing up. Once you get there it becomes an enjoyable event. The food is great, the bocce ball fun and the bounce house and slide make it a fun day for the kids. We promise to speed things up with a new schedule of events and will make sure everything is over by 3 p.m. so you can get home to enjoy the last quarter of all the football games. **Just show up. You won't be disappointed.**



102 year old Lilia Giacomazzi and Isabell Daramy will be back to enjoy this years Columbus Day Celebration.

Roma Lodge will celebrate Columbus Day on **Sunday, October 11, 2015** at the Agri-Center Park. At the **October 5th** meeting of the lodge co-chairs Michael DePaoli and Matt Watkins will solicit help in organizing the event.

Roma Lodge is inviting members of the Hanford Lodge to join us for Columbus Day festivities.

Schedule of events:

- 11:30 AM-Committee Setup/Cooking
- 12:00 PM-Registration/Bocce Team Signup
- 12:30 PM-Bocce Tournament Starts
- 1:00 PM-Lunch is Served
- 1:30 PM-Dessert Judging/Serving
- 2:00 PM-Raffle
- 2:30 PM-Bocce Championships
- 3:00 PM-Cleanup

Cost-Members Free-Guests-\$5

What the Lodge Supplies

Paper products, Italian Sausage, hotdogs, tri-tip, buns, chips, water and all the trimmings.

What to Bring

- ◆ Raffle Prize
- ◆ Additional beverages if wanted
- ◆ Side dish
- ◆ Make something for the dessert contests. Prizes will be given to the best 3 desserts.

Bounce House/Slide for the kids to have fun!



It May Take A Little Push!

Heralds Message

If you have been following educational reform lately it is all about Linked Learning, Career Pathways, Common Core and Career Technical Education. All of these new initiatives have the state throwing millions of dollars at these programs in an attempt to increase high school graduation rates, reduce dropouts and increase student success. The California budget has a surplus and therefore, as usual, the state is throwing money at education in another one of many reforms to try to improve our educational system.



Who's Next?

Unfortunately, the number of students who test into remedial mathematics and English courses in higher education continues to increase at alarming rates. The question is when the state goes broke again and the money goes away, will we be back to the same old system we have had in the past.

For the majority of young people, the goal of any educational program, elementary, secondary or higher education is to obtain the necessary skills to get a job. There seems to be a misalignment between what our educational system is doing and what employers want in their prospective employees.

Ask most employers what they want in their employees and they will say that they want someone with a good work ethic. They want people who are good team players, think on their feet, handle stressful situations and be a good communicator. These are the so called "soft skills" you don't find in most educational curriculum guides.

For those young ladies who have served as our queen they will probably tell you that the experience

greatly increased their soft skills. It prepared them to handle stressful situations, improved their public speaking, forced them to think on their feet and gave them the opportunity to meet new people and develop their skill set.

Roma Lodge is looking for a young lady to serve as the lodge queen for the Grand Lodge Queen contest this year. In my tenure as a lodge member I can't remember a time when we had several young ladies eager to be our queen. For the past several years it has been difficult to get anyone to take on the challenge to serve as the queen.

As a parent or grandparent you should take the opportunity to encourage a daughter or granddaughter to consider stepping forward and taking on the challenge of being the lodge queen. Often times you may get a response of "I don't want to do that" or "I don't have the time or want to sell tickets." We often have to give them a little push to get them to do it. Once they decide, each activity or event they take on will give them the confidence to do even more.

Miriam Hollis Poundstone

Roma Lodge member Miriam Poundstone passed away in August and lodge funeral rituals were presented by **Giovanna DePaoli** and **Kathy Briano** at a memorial service held on August 3, 2015. She was born and raised in Porterville; the daughter of Frank Hansford and Nellie Gertrude Pratt. She graduated from Porterville High School, Porterville College and USC.

She was a member of many service clubs. She was a lifelong resident of Porterville until moving to Fresno in 2010. She was a lodge member for 16 years.

Farewell Sister Miriam!



October Lodge Meeting

Roma Lodge will hold a regular lodge meeting on **Monday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.** at the farm show social hall. **Maryann Luis** has graciously agreed to serve as refreshment chair and will need help with refreshments from those having birthdays in October.

October birthdays need to bring a dessert and raffle prize for the drawing. The drawing will be for \$60 dollars, so make plans to attend. **Last months drawing for \$55 was Amber Dutto who was not present to collect her check from the lodge.**



Leslie DePaoli and Kathy Canata were big winners at last year's Columbus Day Celebration!



Reining Champs!

Last years Roma Lodge Bocce Champs were Frances Della, Ken Bertorelli, Phillip Curti and Jackie Giacomazzi. Ben Curti, tournament director, will be out early the day of the tournament with his tape measure, sledge hammer and surveying tools to put together a great tournament. Make plans to come and play or root on your favorite team. I understand there will be a lot of money being wagered on several teams.

Sunshine News!

Get well wishes goes to **Lena Briano** and **Michael Saltzman** who have been dealing with some health issues.

Condolences go to **Arlene and Randy Parreira** with the passing of Arlene's father **Alfred Sa**. Al was a regular at the annual ravioli dinner each year and enjoyed the event with his family.

Yankee Great!

As a devote New York Yankee fan it is only fitting to acknowledge the passing of Yankee great **Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra**.

Yogi played 19 seasons was an All-Star 18 times, 10 time World Series Champion, and managed both the Yankees and the New York Mets. He was the American League MVP four times.

As a catcher he caught the only perfect game in World Series history in 1956 pitched by Don Larsen.

Famous for his **Yogiisms** such as **"it ain't over till it's over"** and **"You can observe a lot by watching"** were just a couple of his great lines.

More importantly he was an Italian-American whose parents Pietro and Paolina Berra who immigrated to America from Malvaglio, Italy in 1909. His father was a bricklayer.

The Berra family is another example of how the immigrants from Italy were so instrumental in building America and became such a strong part of this country in making it great. Yogi Berra was a great New York Yankee and more importantly was a humble Italian-American who served his country during the war and contributed to the success of this great nation. May he rest in peace.





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October Meeting
Monday
October 5, 2015
6:30 PM
Maryann Luis
Refreshment Chair

