



# Le Notizie

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## 87th Anniversary Celebration!

A big crowd of Roma Lodge members were on hand to celebrate the lodge's 87th anniversary at the April meeting. Recording secretary **Giovanna DePaoli** presented members with pins and certificates for milestone membership years.



**25 Year Members**  
**Joseph Goni and Joann Jones**



**50 Year Members**  
**Dennis Burner & Carol McLafferty**



**35 Year Members**  
**Mary Louise Yribarren & Kathy Briano**



**50+ Year Members**  
**Agnes Pelous, Maryann Luis, Leroy Beecher, Ron Pedroncelli, Carole Burner, Joann Beecher, Gary Dutto, Sharan Barreto and Lilia Giacomazzi**

**May Meeting**  
**Monday, May 1st!**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Scholarship Night**

## 2017 Roma Lodge Scholarship Winners!

**Frances Della** and her committee selected the 2017 Roma Lodge Scholarship winners. There are some outstanding students and leaders in this year's group of recipients. They will be honored by the lodge at the May 1st meeting and will then be presented their certificates at scholarship ceremonies at their school.

### Sydney Reinart

Sydney Reinart is a senior at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano, California. She maintained a 4.40 cumulative grade point average and has been accepted at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara University, University of California, Irvine and Cal State Fullerton. She is deciding which university she plans to attend. Sydney wants to become biomedical engineer to help design and manufacture devices to assist those who need prosthetics to live a normal life.

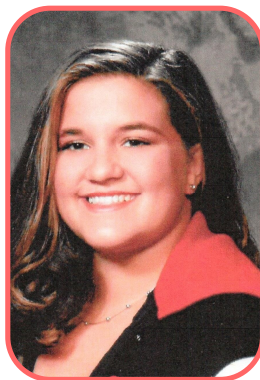
Her Italian heritage starts with her great-great grandparents who came from Italy, Vincent and Margherita Ferrero and John and Jennie Dutto. Her great grandparents were John and Anna Dutto who were long time members of Roma Lodge. Her great grandmother Anna was a 72-year member of the lodge and recently passed away. Her grandmother **Joann Beecher** has been an active member of the lodge for 63 years and grandfather **Leroy Beecher** for 54 years. Her parents are **Todd and Sherry Reinart** of Rancho Santa Margarita, California.

Sydney is also the recipient of a \$2,500 Grand Lodge scholarship.

### Chloe Cushing

Chloe Cushing is the daughter of William and Samantha Cushing and attends Tulare Western High School. She would like to attend San Jose State University majoring in socio cultural anthropology and would like to pursue a career as a museum director or history teacher.

Her Italian culture comes from her grandparents **Dawn and Gary Dutto** and her great grandparent **John and Anna Dutto** who were longtime Roma Lodge members. Chloe often showed off her talents at the Roma Lodge Christmas party talent show and served as a waitress for the annual ravioli dinner.



She is an outstanding water polo player and has maintained a 3.3 grade point average. Water polo is her favorite sport and would someday like to serve as a coach for the sport. She is also an avid swimmer spending many summers with the Tulare Sharks along with her many cousins who swam for the group. She plans to try out for the water polo team at San Jose State in the fall.

### Dayton Pitigliano

Dayton Pitigliano is the son of **Michael and Kim Pitigliano** of Tulare. He attends Tulare Union High School and has been accepted at Fresno State for the fall. He plans to major in plant and crop sciences in college. His grandparents are longtime Roma Lodge members,

### Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano.

Dayton credits his love for agriculture to his opportunity to work on his grandfather's farming operation Pitigliano Farms. He has learned a tremendous amount about farming including irrigation, tree inventory, shop and weed management and collecting and analyzing data from the operation.

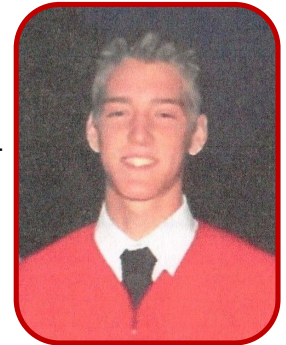
He has also been active in 4-H and FFA and assists the lodge in helping with the ravioli dinner and other activities such as the food booth at the World Ag Expo. After college, he wants to pursue a career in farm management and eventually return to the family business.

### Gabrielle Benedetti

Gabrielle Benedetti is the daughter of **Louis and Tiffani Benedetti** and attends Tulare Western High School. She plans to attend College of the Sequoias and become a veterinarian technician someday. Gabrielle has served as the Roma Lodge Queen for the past two years and was Miss California for the Grand Lodge. She is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation and active in FFA and student government.

Her Italian heritage dates back to her great grandfather Alfredo Benedetti who was born in Lucca, Italy and came to America in 1912. Her great uncle was **Louis Clarot** who was also a longtime Roma Lodge member.

Gabrielle has a love for animals and plans to major in animal science. Someday she would like to work in a zoo caring for large and exotic animals. She feels she can bring better health to these animals which in turn would bring joy to those who visit zoos and animal parks.



## New Babies!

**Emily Marie Semoes** was born on Friday, April 7th and weighed in at 6 pounds and 7 ounces. She is the daughter of **David and Melissa Semoes** and the granddaughter of **Dennis and Cathy Mederos**.



**Amelia Elvira Curti** was born on March 16th and also weighed in at 6 pounds and 7 ounces. She is the daughter of **Navin and Justin Curti** and the granddaughter of **Philip and Janis Curti**.

**Kate Dena Watkins** was born on March 22nd and weighed in at 8 pounds and 4 ounces. She is the daughter of **Melissa and Matt Watkins** and the granddaughter of **David and Giovanna DePaoli**.



## Great Food!

The **Chiaramonte Family** did an outstanding job of cooking an excellent meal for the anniversary celebration. **Frank and Joseph Goni** assisted with some excellent risotto and **Joann Beecher** with the salad to go along with the Italian sausage and all the trimmings.



Anthony M., Anthony V. and Pam Chiaramonte



## 82nd Ravioli Dinner a New Beginning!

After 80+ years you would think that the serving over 700 people a ravioli dinner would be easy. However, in a sense, we are starting all over this year.

After several years of declining numbers of diners choosing to enjoy their meal inside the TDES Hall and more take outs, the lodge has decided to do a drive through only dinner this year.

This decision will require a different approach in preparing to serve over 700 dinners through a drive through system. The new approach will require food to be ready to serve as soon as the doors open. We will not have the luxury of balancing take outs with inside diners who accept waiting a few minutes before they are served.

**Ken Curti, Charlie Pitigliano, and 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. Attend the May meeting to sign up for how you can help.

Make sure you get your tickets to sell from **Cathy Mederos** ASAP. Tickets are only \$20 per person.



## Lodge Calendar!

Do you have your Roma Lodge Calendar yet? If you do you would know that **Mary Jean Kronbetter's** birthday is April 27th or **Gary Dutto's** who is on the 28th! You would also see all the individuals and businesses that support the LeNotizie as our sponsors.

Contact **Karen Pedroncelli** at 732-1591 or get them at the next meeting. That way you will have all the Roma Lodge members birthdays each month. They are only \$8.50 each and a great value. Get your copy today!

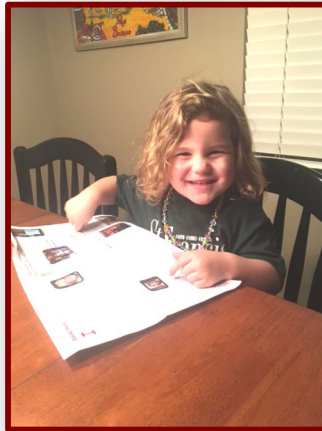




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## **I get my Italian News from the LeNotizie!**

*Isabel Daramy* gets her Italian news by reading the **LeNotizie**. If you have news for the newsletter send them to Larry Dutto at [larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com) before the 20th of each month.



### ***Your Roma Lodge Officers***

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli (730-1168)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Pam Sola (901-1781)
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Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)
Chaplain	Kathy Canata (281-5294)

### ***Trustees***

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

### ***Mistress of Ceremony***

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Toni Pinkerton	(331-3183)

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

**Meeting**  
**May 1, 2017**  
**6:30 PM-Dinner**  
**Scholarship Night**  
**Ravioli Dinner Planning Meeting**  
**Signup For**  
**Dinner Duties**  
**Drawing \$60**  
**Last Month's Drawing**  
**Aaron Dutto**  
**Who was not present.**