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Lune 2020





### **Scholarship News!**

It is our pleasure to announce several scholarship awards for 2020 totalling \$4,000. **Jenna Bosetti** and **Zoe Karch** each will receive \$1,000 scholarships from Shasta Lodge. Jenna Bosetti will be a first-year student studying Nursing and competing on the Women's Soccer team at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiania. Zoe Karch will be a third-year student studying Political Science and Music at Skidmore College in Syracuse, NY. Recently, she was accepted into the London School of Economics and Policital Science study abroad program.

Additionally, Alyssa Brown and Austin Brown each will receive \$1,000 scholarships from Shasta Lodge and in memoriam of Carmelo Brugaletta, their grandfather and lifetime member of Shasta Lodge. Alyssa Brown will be a sophomore and is studying Dance at Cal State Fullerton and performs in upperclassmen productions. Austin Brown will be a third-year student studying Economics and competing as a member of the Competitve Ski and Snowboard Team at Sacramento State. All students and their families will be invited to a General Meeting to be recognized for their scholarship.

Jeanne-Marie Carr Scholarship Committee Chair.

See Photos of recipients on Page 8

# NEW MEMBERS INITIATED IN FEBRUARY.

Seems like we have been away from the lodge for longer than 3 months.

In February we initiated 3 new members.

Nancy Wright joins us as a social member sponsored by Jim Nobili. She has two children and is a retired school secretary.

Mary Vassil joins as a regular member, her father and grandparents were Italian. She is sponsored by Charlotte Bailey. Mary is a real estate agent and anxious to help with events.

**Telly Vinci** joins us as a regular member, she is of Italian descent. Her sponsor is Frank Rose and Telly is a business owner.

Let's all welcome them and introduce ourselves when we see them at a meeting. They are now part of our Shasta Lodge family.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS JUNE

General meeting Monday, June 15th, 7PM No Potluck

> \*\*All events listed are Tentative Schedules.\*\*

AUGUST
Steak Nite
Friday, August 21st
(See page 8 ad)

SEPTEMBER
Paesano Days
Friday, September 18 &
Saturday, September 19
(see page 5)

OCTOBER
Wings of Angels
Saturday, October 17th

City of Chico Fiesta Italiano October 3rd





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### **Sunshine** Report



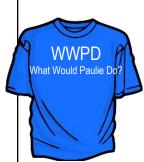
MaryEllen Maddox had sinus surgery recently and is doing well. Stephanie Checchi (Bob's wife) had back surgery. **Shirley Davis** (Leonard Duz) had parathyroid surgery recently and is doing good now.

Our friend from Wings of Angels, Donna Araiza had a complete knee replacement this week and is doing well. I heard that Johnny Ohler had hurt his leg, but don't know details.

Our condolences to the family of Ray Vasconcellos. Please see page

If you have any sunshine news, please call our "Sunshine Lady" Liz La-Marre and let her know so she can send cards, call, etc. 515-5485 or email liz\_lamarre@yahoo.com.

### PAULIE'S APPAREL



There are still a few of you who have not picked up your shirts. Thanks to all of you for your last order.

Paul Monette 351-3456

### **President Jim's** Message

Hello Sisters and Brothers of Shasta Lodge.

It has been quite some time since we have had the opportunity to meet. I hope this message finds you all well and in the best possible spirits, considering the terrible situations we are currently facing. It appears that businesses are beginning to open in our community and that soon we may be back to business as usual.

Although we have not been active as a lodge, we are still responsible for maintaining our "Home". Our finance department is still functioning at full speed. The rent, repairs and utilities don't come to a screeching halt when business comes to a stop. Financial Secretary/Immediate Past President Carole D. and Treasurer Joe are on top of the finances on a regular basis and the bills are being paid without delay. Thank your Carole and Joe!

Maintenance and repairs are part of business as usual, even if the business is temporarily unusual. The ceiling in our storage room at the northeast corner of the large hall was in disrepair and in serious need of replacing. Once the old ceiling tiles were removed, we found two of the ceiling joists had severe cracks in them and needed to be repaired to avoid any further damage to the joists and ceiling. A Big Thank You to Paul Monette, Steve Delben, Leonard Duz

and John Tasello for doing a fine job with the repair work to the joists, replacing the ceiling and the new light-

A fresh new paint job at the double door exit area at the east end of the large hall has been done as well. Thank you, John Tasello and Steve Delben, for finishing a job we started a while back and now it is completed. Also, a big thanks to John Ohler and John Tasello for keeping the weeds at bay in the yard. Several days of rain and warm days raise havoc in the vard.

Most of you may know that the Grand Lodge Convention was cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. We have been asked to make donations to the Western Foundation charities and scholarship program. You may remember that we give to them annually and we have been asked to donate again. The Council has approved a donation and the membership will vote on the amount to be donated. There is also a cost for a front parking lot repair to decide, so if you can attend please do.

Please join me and take a moment to thank our council members who have worked diligently with the care and responsibility of our lodge and business through this difficult time. Until Next Time, CIAO!

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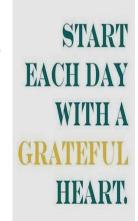
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#### Scholarships

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#### **RAY VASCONCELLOS 1934-2020**

We are sad to announce the passing of Raymond Kenneth Vasconcellos on May 3, 2020, at the age of 86.

Ray was born in San Jose on April 1, 1934, to his father, Ray K. Vasconcellos Sr, and mother, Vecentia (Jennie) Morella. He and his sister, Shirley, grew up on Singletary Avenue in the house their parents built the year they were married. His childhood was full of warm memories of large family gatherings in his parents' backyard, Sunday dinners at his grandparents' big Victorian house in Santa Clara, and playing with his many cousins from both sides of the family. He was very proud of his Portuguese and Italian heritage.

Ray graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory in 1952, then attended two years at Santa Clara University, finishing at San Jose State College in 1956. He then went on to join the US Marine Corps and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. He was assigned as a Special Weapons Ordinance Officer in Japan.

Ray then applied and was accepted to the Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida. It was there that he met his first wife. Lois Crabtree. He received his wings in 1960 and was assigned to VMF 232 at Kaneohe Bay, Oahu. flying F-8U Crusaders, the preeminent Naval jet fighter at the time. During his tour in Hawaii, his son, Michel, was born.

In 1963, Ray and his family returned to California, where he was stationed in Santa Ana. Ray transitioned to and flew the Sikorsky H-34 helicopter. During his time as a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, he was severely injured in an accident. After a long recovery, he retired from the Marines as a Captain in 1965.

Ray later was employed by the Ford Motor Company at the San Jose Assembly Plant as part of their management team. Ray divorced, then remarried in 1972 to Barbara Shockley Petersen. They relocated to a house they built at the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor.

Ray left Ford in 1982 to make another career change. He and Barbara purchased the historic Carrville Hotel in Coffee Creek. Located on 27 acres, they spent six years in the restoration of the 1918 hotel. They opened a bed-and-breakfast in 1988, and it became a five-star destination in beautiful Trinity County. After a decade as innkeepers, Ray and Barbara decided to sell Carrville Inn and embrace retirement, staying in their familiar surroundings. Ray enjoyed the quiet pace of mountain life, but kept active with duties at the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

In 2005, Ray and Barbara moved to Redding to settle into a leisurely lifestyle in the suburbs, with a milder climate. For a handful of years, they built strong bonds with many friends and neighbors, hosted housequests, and enjoyed gardening and sitting out on their lanai by the pool.

When Barbara passed away in 2009, Ray found love again and began a new chapter with Laurene Wright. They created a full life together, busy with travel and participating in social events at the Elks Club,

the Corvette Club, and the Sons of Italy (where Ray was in charge of cooking banquets for hundreds of guests). Ray also was a volunteer for the California Highway Pa-

Ray is survived by his wife, Laurene; son, Michel Vasconcellos (Stephanie); grandchildren, Andy, Malena, and Michele; stepdaughter, Lynn Knox; grandsons, Randy Knox (Kate) and Eric Knox (Summer); great grandchildren Tyler, Taylor, and Isabella; and step-daughter, Keri Dolan (Lennie).

Ray will be given a military burial at Northern California Veterans Cemetery at Igo in Shasta County, California. Due to the Covid shelter-in-place mandate, it will be unattended by guests. When restrictions are lifted, family and friends will be invited to attend a service with military honors.

SHOWN BELOW: Those attending the general meeting on June 15th, raise their glasses to toast Ray Vasconcellos. Rest in Peace Ray, we are thinking about you.



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### News from the Redding Community Guild

#### 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Our 2020 scholarship program was very successful. We had 17 totally amazing students from Foothill High School, Shasta High School, Enterprise High School, U-Prep, UCLA and West Valley High School. They all had exemplary grades, great community service activities, motivated educational and career goals with strong values and great work ethics. Unfortunately, we were only able to award two \$1000 scholarships.

Wyatt Kane from West Valley High School will be attending Cal Poly and majoring in Bioresource Agricultural Engineering. Zoe Lin from Shasta High School will be attending Washington University in St. Louis in the College of the Arts and Sciences and will be studying for a career in medicine (Neurosurgeon) and medical research.

Congratulations to all the students who applied. It is with great pride that we honor our community and its successful students, schools and teachers.

Thank you to all who helped with the scholarship program. Rita Mandina 2020 Scholarship Chair

### **Bocce Camp for the Kids at South City Park**

Once again Redding's Recreation Department asked if we would participate in the Summer Camp activities and show the kids about the great game of bocce. We were scheduled to have 40 kids show up to the courts at 9:00. A couple of us were there around 8:00 and there were already over a dozen kids waiting.

Of course, we put them to work setting out the bocce equipment. They were enthusiastic about helping and very anxious to learn the game. We had them rolling by 8:30 as more kids and counselors arrived. Thanks to the help of Terry Alvord, Cole Anderson, Gerry Caroll, Jeanne-Marie Carr, Jim and Rose Nobili and Julie Warren we soon had all four courts filled with kids enjoying our wonderful game.

From what I could see and the reports from our crew and the counselors, bocce was a big hit with the kids. Although at times it was like herding quail, I do not know who was having more fun, us, or the kids. One 10-year boy that was in the court where I was, kept telling me "JT, I love this game, I love it". Don't be surprised to see more kids bringing their families to the courts.

Job well done, gang. John Tasello



## GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

We had a general meeting on Monday, June 15th. We had 22 total people in attendance. There were just a few items of business that needed to be taken care of. The membership voted to donate the \$800 we would have donated at convention to the same charities we donated to last year: Alzheimers \$200; Birth Defects Library at UCDavis \$100; Cancer Research\$100; American Heart Assn. Research \$100; Il Leone \$100; Italian Language and Culture \$100; and the Garibaldi Meucci Museum \$100.

We also voted to split the cost of doing repair and maintenance of the front paved parking lot with our landlords, the Redding Community Guild.

We will keep you advised if there will be a meeting in July, and the details.

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### Paesano Days 2020?

Like everyone else in the country, we are waiting to see when we can get back to normal. On June 20th we are supposed to hear from the state government what their new guidelines will be regarding the Chicom flu epidemic. Shasta County and the City of Redding will then follow up with their new rules, requirements, and recommendations. Hopefully, all restrictions will to be lifted by our scheduled dates of September 18 and 19.

From what I can see the food service/restaurant industry is still not getting back the customers that they had in the past and, of course, they are still restricted I would like to know what you are observing in that regard.

Will we still face restrictions on serving and seating people at our event in September? Will our customers still be reluctant to attend our event? We may have to plan on scaling down the bocce tournament. spaghetti dinner, food court and raffle. We will wait and see and plan accordingly. Stay safe.

John Tasello, Paesano Days Chair



### 2020 GIANTS BUS TRIP **CANCELLED**

I regret to say that our Bus Trip had to be cancelled due to the

Covid 19 shutdown of sports. I have talked to our group leader at the SF Giants organization and they are hopeful that there will be baseball in San Francisco during July and August but with no fans. At least we will be able to watch them on TV.

Let's hope we have a season next year and can plan our trip again. Unfortunately the bus company we have used has gone out of business because of Covid 19, so we are hoping to find another bus company to make the trip. Carole D. 241-4342

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Those of you who had signed up to play in the bocce leagues on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings know that the leagues

were cancelled because of Covid 19. We are not sure when they will start up again.

There is very informal bocce play on Monday mornings at 8:30AM at the courts at South City Park. So far they have used just two courts and had about a dozen players each week. You are welcome to play, you don't need a team, just show up and play with those that are there. They play from 8:30 until about 9:45AM.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Roberts at 221-0720

\*\*if you want to go and play at other times, you can check out bocce balls at the Library that will be opening this week. Call to check on their hours.

### Bus trip to Reno's Great Italian Festival Columbus Day weekend October 9th - 12th CANCELLED



Due to Covid 19

The bus trip we had planned

for the Columbus Day Weekend in October has also been cancelled. As of this week most of Reno is still shutdown and Rose has been unable to contact Circus Circus about the rooms. The Bus company we have used for the Giants trips has gone out of business due to the Covid shutdown. We will be looking for a new bus company next year.

If they ElDorado continues with the Festival this year we will let you know, but it will not be an event for our lodge. Rose plans to try again next year.

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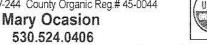
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### **GO FOR THEGREEN!!**

Since February 2007, we have had all members names in a drawing held at each general meeting.

In March, Fran Mazet's name was drawn and she was not there, did not win the \$35. In June,

If your name is drawn and you are there, you get the money, so "be there" or

miss your chance to win.

### Shasta Lodge Golf

Allen's Golf will now have Shasta Lodge golf on



Tuesday each week with tee off at 8:30AM. The cost is \$10 for 9 holes of golf plus a hot dog or beer.

### **RECYCLE PROGRAM**

John DiMatteo has been recycling our cans and bottles since August 2009. We

have raised over \$8,817.11 to date That's a great amount for 10 + years. Be sure to bring you plastic bottles and aluminum cans to the lodge to be recycles. Because of Covid 19 John has not been able to take recycles in. Please hang on to them until he is able to take again. Congrats and Thank You to John.

John is now saving the pull tabs from aluminum cans, too. These include soft drinks, pet food, etc. Please help by saving these too. They are easy to remove, just put in a small plastic bag and bring to a meeting. Also the plastic caps from water bottles to give the a school in Red Bluff for a "Buddy Bench."

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR **HELPING SUPPORT OUR NEWSLETTER AND OUR LODGE!!**

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## Chaplain's Corner

Oh how wonderful it is to be able to meet again - to be with our Sons & Daughters of Italy friends and family again. It surely brings a smile to our "masked faces"!!

What we are experiencing with the shut down, the masks, the constant hand washing, is something we have never experienced in our lifetime. And, to be truthful, it's certainly not high on my "list of enjoyable things"!! But, as we all know so well, we will get through this, and come out smiling on the other end.

Let us be thankful for each other - always.

Blessings, Charlotte





Gerry and Sharon enjoying Covid 19 Shelter in Place





Ron Zufall John Zufall 530-241-7662 Dick & Bobbie Turner, Owner/Managers



Who are those masked people? Top Right, Bob G and Jim N. had breakfast at the airport and took a "little" flight.







Our last event prior to the Stay at Home orders, was our St. Patrick's Dinner. We had a good turnout, just about 100 people. Unfortunately Enterprise Starship kids could not come due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Pat Karch came and played some Irish music for us and we still passed the hat for Enterprise Starship and collected \$463 which the lodge matched. We gave their director Alyssa Aune a check for \$926 and she was so appreciative. Because of the restrictions, the kids were unable to perform for most of their

season and earn money it takes for their travels.

Steve Delben chaired this event with lots of help in the kitchen. As always the food and beverages were Excellent. Shown right are some of the servers. Sorry, but that was the only picture I had.



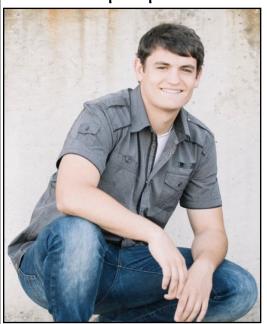




Shown left is our Junior Member Jessica Toombs. She was a graduate of the class of 2020 at Chico State University. She missed graduation due to the Covid 19 restrictions so they had a graduation party for her at her Grandma Liz LaMarre's home.

**Congratulations Jessie** 

### Scholarship Recipients 2020





Scholarship Recipients 2020: Above top -Austin Brown, bottom - Alyssa Brown. Right Zoe Karch and Jenna Bosetti.







Sons and Daughters of Italy
Steak Nite
Friday, August 21 st, 2020

Cocktails 6PM, Dinner 7PM

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