



Voce Sicula

1Q 2012 Edition

The purpose of the NSAF is to bring its members from different ethnic backgrounds to share the customs, food, tradition, culture and history of Sicily.

Message from the President

Joe Lucchesi

Buongiorno Amici,

I am thrilled that the Board has elected me President and I promise to make this year an eventful one.

We are planning exciting events for your enjoyment in the coming months ahead. Please look through the schedule in this newsletter for the details.

It's my wish that all of you bring your friends and family to the events and I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

Joe

Picnic Sept 18, 2011

The annual picnic this year was held at Red Morton Park in Redwood City.

We had a barbecue of sausage and chicken as well as pasta, salad and a dessert.



The cooks Tony Luciano and Kiyoshi Hamai

their friends, drinking wine and enjoying the appetizers. After a great dinner people talked over coffee or wine,



Members munching

or played Bocce Ball and (pun intended) had a ball.

Fifty members and ten children began arriving at 11:30 AM and began meeting



The food line



David Pellerito and Eugene Mirabella enjoying a bit of rest from their duties

Avellino and Benevento, two cities in the Campania region of Italy, are in an area known as "Il Sannio".

As you may recall, early last year I wrote about "I Bravi Sanniti" (based in the area around Benevento and Avellino) the name of a newly formed non-profit association of nurses, doctors and volunteer caregivers in the Campania region of Italy, who saw a need and are attempting to ameliorate the situation by bringing medical and home care assistance to disabled, elderly and home bound persons of any age, who cannot move freely or live in outlying areas and simply cannot hop a bus to the miles away facilities of the "Ospedale Civile di Benevento".

The "I Bravi Sanniti Volunteers" make house calls and provide a sort of medical version of "Meals on Wheels" (where meals are prepared and delivered by volunteers to the homebound) by bringing medical services directly to the homes of those for whom a visit to the hospital or clinic is a real hardship or in some cases a near impossibility.

The caring and compassionate licensed nurses, doctors and health aide volunteers have already begun making house calls and providing free home medical services like injections, treatments, medications and personal hygiene assistance to disabled, injured, wheelchair bound, Alzheimer, cancer and severely arthritic patients, but the need is great and any financial help that you wish to donate would be greatly appreciated and of course funds for a van would be a real blessing.

"I Bravi Sanniti" and the benevolent work these volunteer health care professionals are doing was first called to my attention by Frank Bonfiglio, founding chairman of the N.S.A.F. (National Sicilian American Foundation) based in San Francisco, California and his wife Linda Bonfiglio, a native of Benevento, Italy, who along with members of the N.S.A.F. continue to support this humanitarian project.

Frank Bonfiglio, recently gave me an update on "I Bravi Sanniti" and their officers. It is written in

Italian, but if you substitute advisor for "consigliere" you will also learn the names of the persons on the Advisory Committee: "Presidente, Maria Teresa Caporaso, Giovanni Parete (vice presidente), Antimo Caiazza (tesoriere), Salvatore Iannotti (sedia), Giorgio Carlo Nista (consigliere), Franco Santucci (consigliere), Giovanni Attanasio (consigliere), Anna Principe (consigliere), Franco Bonfiglio (consigliere), Patrizia Orso (consigliere), Antonia Voli (consigliere), Olimpia Zampetti (consigliere), Luca Mazzone (consigliere). A Salvatore Iannotti ed a Franco Bonfiglio è stato affidato l'incarico di curare il rapporto con gli italiani negli USA."

A statement of goals and purpose: "Lo scopo è quello di prestare assistenza gratuita ai propri associati, mettendo a disposizione, da subito, una serie di professionisti: medici specialisti, psicologi, biologi, sociologi, assistenti sociali, infermieri professionali ed amministrativi. L'associazione che non ha scopo di lucro, oltre ad assistere i bisognosi di cure mediche punta la sua attenzione nel sociale attraverso il dialogo per meglio conoscere nel concreto i veri disagi sociali che affliggono la popolazione Sannita ed è per questo motivo che sono state inserite le figure professionali di assistenti sociali e psicologi."

The "I Bravi Sanniti", non-profit (associazione senza scopo di lucro) is also focusing on early detection and prevention of ailments which can greatly impact quality of life and have already hosted a "Convegno" on women's health ie "Salute e Benessere-Psico della Donna" with prevention information on cancerous breasts and ovarian tumors. Therapy and support for women with breast cancer and "La prevenzione del tumore al seno" and "La prevenzione del tumore dell'apparato riproduttivo" were among the many topics discussed, followed by a question and answer session with health care professionals.

If you wish to ensure that this worthwhile endeavor continues to expand make your check payable to "I Bravi Sanniti" and send it to the attention of "I Bravi Sanniti", Via Baldassare N. 112, San Giorgio del Sannio, Benevento, Italia 83010. (Tel. 329-5465287).

Christmas 2011

On December 11 we gathered for a Christmas potluck of Sicilian foods. Many thanks to Jean Tinelli for organizing it and to the Board members who helped.



This is presented as a collage of happy faces for you to contemplate. If you were not here for

this one, please join us for the next.



See our updated web site at www.nsaf.net

2012 Upcoming Events

Crab Feed	February 4 th See Flyer
Dinner Dance	June
Picnic	August
Xmas Potluck	December

Dues

Please send in your dues

At only \$30 per single, \$50 per family for 2012, membership is a bargain. Members receive advance notices of upcoming events and club news, the privilege of a lower price on tickets to all events, preferential reservations to space limited venues and invitations to member only events. Don't miss out on the many upcoming good times. Make your check payable to: NSAF Mail it to: P.O. Box 503, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0503.

Do it now!

NSAF Board meetings are held each month. Please call to verify the location, date and time 650 548-9449. All members are invited to attend and all input is welcome.