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# VERDI VOICE

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Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #315

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## Buon Compleanno

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Betty McGowan 8/1  
Jean Marie Donati 8/4  
Paul Etgen 8/10  
Ann Marie Massie 8/16  
Andrew Biondi 8/19  
Linwood Sykes III 8/21  
Lenora Orlandi 8/25  
Tony Peay 8/28  
Sue Gigante 8/29  
Janet DeMajo Stern 8/31

## Happy Anniversary

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Dexter & Charlotte Oliver 8/2  
Antonella & Benji Johnson 8/3  
Steven & Judy Angely 8/5  
Andrew & Jennifer Biondi 8/9  
Bernard & Norma Martin 8/21  
Chad & Lisa Hall 8/22

## President's Message

I cannot remember the last time we have had such a hot, humid weather where the majority of us have only gotten relief from sitting in the air condition. Especially for me who enjoys the summertime and warm months.

Regardless, we had a nice group at our annual Independence Day picnic with all enjoying hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salad, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and ice cream sandwiches.

The dining room looked festive with red, white, and blue decorations.

I would like to thank David Whiteside, Mike Bonelli, Jimmy Mason, Aldo Funai, Terri Wyatt, Kim Wright, Virginia Lee Bowe, Jeannie Whiteside, and Arthur Smith for making food, cooking, supplying water and cleaning to pull this event off. It does indeed take a village!

Coming up will be our Peanut and Stew fundraisers. I sent out a survey to all members and the consensus from the replies back were to go for both. I will be looking for 100% participation from Verdi members. So, this is officially the heads up for all of you. These fundraisers are for our charities among other commitments.

God Bless and God Bless the USA!

Mary Louise

## Upcoming Meetings

### August 4th

\* Cooks: The Palmisano Family & Jerry Scaglione

### September 8th

\* Cooks: The Howarth Family

### October 6th

\* Cooks: Rebecca Reynolds & Kathy Pecci

### November 3rd

\* Cooks: The Martucci Family

### December 8th

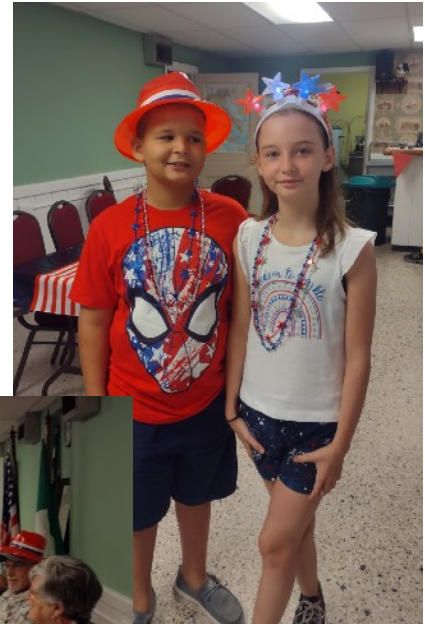
\* Cooks: GVL Officers

## Newsletter Submissions

Have an article, event, pictures or other information you'd like to share with your fellow GVL members? Please email Lisa Hall (hall547201@gmail.com) **by 15th of each month** so we can ensure your article is included in the next newsletter.



Fun for the 4th!



## TRIVIA

1. Who is August named after?
2. What was August originally called?
3. August 26 marks the ratification of which Amendment of the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote?
4. Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii erupted on August 24, 79 AD, destroying the city of Pompeii. It has erupted how many times since then?

*\*Answers can found on the last page under the recipe\**



## Leadership

### Officers 2024 - 2025

President: Mary Louise Smith  
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 Treasurer: Jean Whiteside  
 Orator: Open  
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 Guard: Joseph Betzala

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 Arthur Smith

## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Ferragosto: August 15th

Otherwise known as Assumption Day, is a national holiday across Italy. On August 15th, Christian Italians honor the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in their own way. In Siena, they celebrate with the **Palio di Siena**. In Rome, with the **Grand Ball of Ferragosto**.

Across the city centre, a DJ plays a different genre of music in each main square. From classical to Reggaeton, diverse sounds echo around the capital.

The biggest of all August festivals in Italy, Ferragosto also sounds the starting bell for summer vacations.

### Palio di Siena

This horse race, held in honor of the Virgin Mary since medieval times, takes place twice a year. Each July 2nd and August 16th, the main square of Siena becomes a racetrack for horses in the colors of 10 of Siena's 16 neighborhoods. Jockeys ride bareback around fan-shaped Piazza del Campo on a layer of dirt. The race only lasts 90 seconds.

### Grand Ball of Ferragosto

Roma comes alive for the Gran Ballo di Ferragosto, a city-wide party during which every street, square, and corner is dedicated to dancing. Imagine a big city party, in which every square, every street offers music you can dance to!



# Recipe of the Month

## SWEET BREAD (PANDOLCE)

*Receipe from the Cinque Terre Cooking School in Monterosso, Italy*

### Ingredients

- 4 cups flour
- 125gr sugar
- 125gr butter
- 1 egg + 2 yolks
- 50g raisins
- 50g candied fruits
- 50g pine nuts or almond
- Vanilla essence
- 1 small pocket of yeast
- A bit of Limoncino

### Directions

Make a mound with flour, place yeast and vanilla in mound. Make a well in center and add cold yolks and butter and kneed together. Kneed until dough is smooth, gradually add raisins, pine nuts and candied fruits. Choose your favorite form and place onto greased oven trays.

Pre-heat oven to 320 degrees and bake for about 1 hour.

### **Trivia Answers:**

1. *The Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar;*
2. *2. Sextilis, which means sixth month;*
3. *3. The 19th Amendment;*
4. *4. 42 times*