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**UPCOMING WATSONVILLE LODGE EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
Thurs., Nov. 21	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner Speaker, Meeting	Watsonville Women's Club 12 Brennan St., Watsonville
Thurs., Dec. 19	6:15 pm	Christmas Party: Annual Lodge Donations, Raffle!	Watsonville Women's Club 12 Brennan St., Watsonville

**IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE!**

OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL BE A WONDERFUL EVENT, WITH DELICIOUS, ABUNDANT FOOD, A GREAT SPEAKER, AND ENJOYABLE CAMRADERIE. OUR TRADITIONAL TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS WILL BE PROVIDED BY MONTEREY BAY CATERING. DINNERS ARE \$20 FOR MEMBERS, \$25 FOR GUESTS, WITH FREE DINNERS FOR THOSE OF OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS. REMEMBER, DIANA KEITH MUST HAVE THE COUNT BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, ALONG WITH ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. CALL HER AT 831-724-1816, OR SEND HER AN EMAIL AT [nonnid73@att.net](mailto:nonnid73@att.net)

WE HAVE ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING. MICHAEL LELLA WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT THE DANGEROUS & COURAGEOUS LIFE OF HIS FATHER, PINO LELLA, WHO WORKED WITH THE ITALIAN RESISTANCE TO SAVE ITALIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II. PINO LELLA'S STORY HAS BEEN RECORDED AS AN HISTORICAL FICTION NOVEL BY AUTHOR MARK SULLIVAN IN BENEATH A SCARLET SKY, WHICH HAS BEEN THE #1 BEST SELLER ON AMAZON FOR OVER A YEAR. MICHAEL WILL SHARE WITH US SOME OF THE BACKGROUND AND UNKNOWN DETAILS OF HIS FATHER'S HEROIC LIFE.

WE WILL HAVE A BRIEF MEETING AFTER THE PROGRAM TO CHOOSE THE RECIPIENTS OF OUR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Mon., Nov. 11: VETERAN'S DAY**
- Thurs., Nov. 21: THANKSGIVING**
- Mon., Dec. 2: START OF HANUKKAH**
- Sat., Dec. 21: 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF WINTER**
- Wed., Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS**



**FILIAL LODGE MEETINGS:**

Lodge	Event	Date	Time	Place
Monterey Lodge 2003	Business Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:00 pm	Black Bear Diner 2450 Fremont St., Seaside



**BUON COMPLEANNOS!** Buon Compleanni to our many birthday celebrants! November honorees include Lou Arbanas, Cheryl Daughenbaugh, Mary Jo Belli, Nancy Buoy and both Stan and Judy Nielsen. Remember to let Diana know when you call in your reservations that this is your free dinner month! Congratulations, brothers and sisters, and happy, happy birthdays to you all.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Brothers and Sisters,

Ciao and Happy Thanksgiving. To me the holidays begin after Halloween. But, I can't believe that the stores have forgotten Thanksgiving. Fortunately, our Lodge has not forgotten. Our menu for Thanksgiving will be the traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings.

We have a guest speaker this month, Michael Lella. He is the son of Pino Lella the main character in the book, 'Beneath A Scarlet Sky'. Pino Lella was a young man when WWII broke in Milan, Italy. His story is told from that point on to the end of the War. Pino was responsible for guiding Jews out of Italy into Switzerland and then working in the underground helping funnel information to the US troops. Michael will recall the stories Pino shared with him as he was growing up. As I read the book, so many of the experiences that Pino endured also were the same ones my mother told me.

Gina and I had the pleasure of attending the Monterey Lodge's Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser. We enjoyed their hospitality at Cream and Crumbles on Lighthouse Ave in Pacific Grove. There were quite a few raffle prizes. I won dinner for two at Aliotti's Victorian Corner.

Also, Bob and I enjoyed dinner one evening at Lago di Como, 21490 E. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz. I remember our last PV Chamber mixer and Giovanni, owner of Lago di Como, provided quite a lot of the food and also the desserts. The meal was delicious and the ambiance very Italian. Thumbs up from us!

I want to thank you for attending last month's meeting. I believe the length of the documentary was a bit long, but the information we gleaned from it was inspiring and eye-opening. Italians like so many other ethnic groups did not have an easy time when the first flush of Italians arrived and they worked hard for many years to prove themselves to be worthy citizens.

Don't forget that if you have a birthday in November, your dinner is free, so contact Diana and make your reservation early.

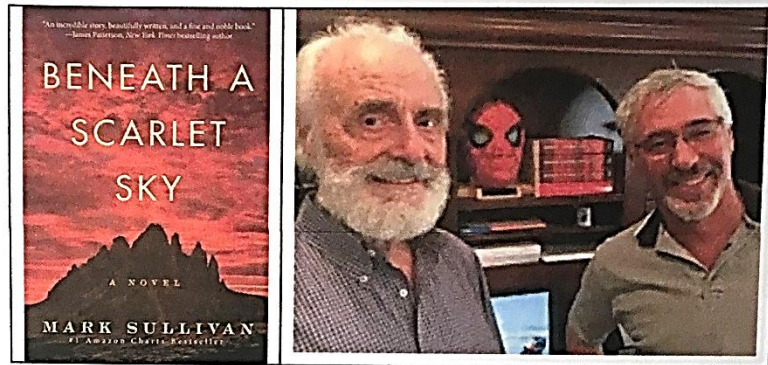
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## Michael Lella Speaker

**“Beneath A Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan is a best-selling book # 1 on Amazon for over a year, recognized as one of the top 10 historical fiction books, by the WSJ.**



Pino Lella and his son Michael

The story is about a brave young man, Pino Lella who, as an Italian teenager, Pino was risking his life helping the Catholic underground to safely escort Jews out of Italy through the Alps. Against his own wishes, he was convinced by his parents to join the Germans army for the sake of his own safety. He soon became the driver for the most influential German general in Italy spying for the Allies at great risk to his own life. Besides being an epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours, it is also a beautiful but tragic love story.

His son, Michael Lella, speaks to book clubs and organizations all over the country to give a unique perspective on the life of his father. His 50-minute presentation provides great dimension and background to the story covering some of the facts and unknown details about his father's life. There's a short Q&A period afterwards.

He's spoken to crowds of up to 300 people and has received rave reviews from attendants. He brings with him special edition hardcover books, signed by Pino. References available.

To inquire about a booking, contact: [michaellella@yahoo.com](mailto:michaellella@yahoo.com) Phone 209-480-8671 PST  
Visit his facebook page: Beneath A Scarlet Sky Discussions, Michael Lella

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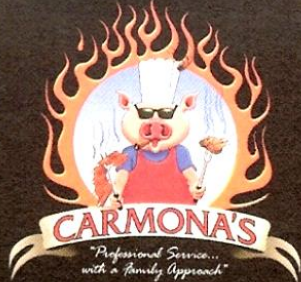
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