



PARTY FAVORS

BY JIMMIE MOGLIA

I can say, with unanimous consent, that the **20th Anniversary of the Tuscan Association of Oregon on April 17, 2016** was a success. After the event, everything in retrospect seems easy. But, as the participants can testify, it was the classic cooperative organizing effort, where all contributed with their time and creativity to ensure that the Anniversary will remain in our mind as a pleasurable memory.

Of course, we were particularly pleased to have Carlo and Shirley with us. Which also gives me the occasion to thank, in print, Carlo for the generous contribution of the excellent wine.

As Carlo pointed out to me, the wine we drank (labeled *Lagone – Aia Vecchia*), comes from the Tuscan region near Bolgheri, by the sea, the “Coast of the Etruscans.” Which also happens to be, coincidentally, the geographical area mentioned in the poem *Davanti San Guido* by the Tuscan poet Giosu  Carducci – some lines of which were quoted in April’s newsletter.

The wine, experts say, “...is deep ruby with purple hues. On the nose, the wine is delicate with notes of cherry, vanilla, raw beef and herbs. On the palate, it is dry, structured and elegant with flavors of plum, ripe cherries, wild berries and a hint of spice, followed by a lengthy and smooth finish that begs for food.” Couldn’t have said it better myself...

Worth mentioning, I think, Piazza Italia’s excellent lasagnas, with pasta al pesto as a side dish, which also pleased the non-vegetarians. And the equally excellent cake, of whose selection, Audrey gets the merit. The music by the Dennis Costi Combo (also Audrey’s idea) added another good touch.

As the saying goes, the 20th Anniversary of the Tuscan Association of Oregon was “one for the books.” Thank you all for participating.

Jimmie



L'ANGOLO ITALIANO

DI CARLO ILIO MANNOCCI

E così' siamo arrivati al 20mo anniversario, traguardo che mai avrei sognato o immaginato venti anni or sono quando nel locale dedicato agli italiani di Enzo Lanzadoro si riunì un gruppetto di toscani e nacque l'Associazione Toscana dell'Oregon.

Di strada ne abbiamo fatta e risultati ne abbiamo ottenuti, appariscenti o meno. E'; stato bello ricevere via video il ringraziamento e la gratitudine di quattro studenti, tra i quali i primi due inviati in Toscana per scoprire per la prima volta la terra degli avi. Atmosfera di gioia e soddisfazione condivisa da tutti i presenti.

Un grazie a tutti gli intervenuti e uno speciale a Jimmie Moglia, Ken Kane e Audrey Perino per l'enorme lavoro svolto per assicurare il successo!. Adesso pensiamo al 2021 quando celebreremo il quarto di secolo!!!

