



# LA LETTERA TOSCANA

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## Dal Presidente

*Here we go again!*

by Audrey Perino  
*President*



It's fall, the rain has returned and so has the Tuscan Association of Oregon! We're back for another year of fun, food and knowledge. I'm your new president, having been elected last spring but just now taking the reins of the club as it heads into its 17th year. I will also continue in the role of treasurer.

I'm Tuscan by ancestry – my mother was born in Montecatini Terme, near Lucca and Florence. And I'm a planner and organizer by nature. As such, I see my first few months' role as president to look, with you, at our club and see what's working and what might be improved.

I hope you can make our first meeting of the fall, because we'll talk a bit about some things that are evolving (like this newsletter, which is a work-in-progress), some things that may *devolve* to what they once were (like our dues), and we'll look ahead to some of the events we have planned in the months to come. Please come join the discussion!

Ciao!

*Audrey*

### *What's happening...*

**Sunday, Oct. 28\*, 3pm at St. Philip Neri**

We'll look at the club and the year ahead, then go on a *Last Fling in Venice*.

\* we'll meet on the FOURTH Sunday this month

### *Future meeting dates...*

Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 6, Feb. 17, Mar. 17,  
Apr. 21, May 19 & perhaps a June picnic

### *We remember Flora*

As you are probably aware we lost our friend and member Flora Rigotti this summer at age 98.

When you think of Flora, what comes to mind?  
Please e-mail a thought or two to  
[OregonTuscans@gmail.com](mailto:OregonTuscans@gmail.com). We'll include some  
in a remembrance in next month's newsletter.

### *In this issue...*

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2 ... Marlene's new book

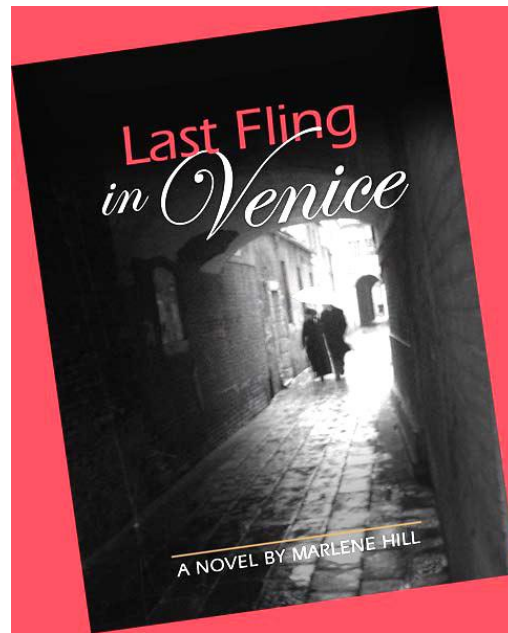
## Oct. 28: Our first fall meeting...

### ...includes a Last Fling in Venice

Nothing but work at our October meeting would make for, well, not much fun. So the agenda includes one of our own, Marlene Taevs, who's just released a new novel.

Marlene, whose nom de plume is Marlene Hill, will discuss *Last Fling in Venice* and also tell us a little about how she comes up with her stories.

She'll have a stack of books and a Sharpie, so come with your wallet and you'll go home with an autographed copy.



## Saluti Tutti!

### *La Vendemmia gets fall off to a great start*

by Joe Cavalli (far left, below)

A huge thank you to those who attended our third annual Vendemmia at Ardiri Vineyards on Sep. 30.

A fantastic Vendemmia meal was provided by Stefania Toscano, owner of Taste Unique. Ardiri owner/winemaker John Compagno (near right, above) gave us a guided tour with select barrel tastings.

Many thanks to those who volunteered their time and for the effort from the Tuscan Association and Italian Businessmen's Club, including Claude Bonfiglio (near right, below). They have made this very Italian cultural event a resounding success for three years running.

