

## Heritage Report 2021

We received 13 Heritage Reports out of 111 Branches.

The ongoing pandemic of this past year has created unbelievable connection challenges.

No one ever thought we would not be meeting together and sharing family, food, laughs and tears. Being thrown into a state of hibernation, so to speak, with many not having the capabilities or know how to maneuver in an electronic world, hampered our connections. Branches reached out to members/friends by phone, email, and zoom to stay connected.

In many ways all of those connections were a part of Heritage. It is a part of who we naturally are, "our values". Heritage is about connecting our past, our families, and not forgetting the wonderful stories so many share. That's what we did over the last year-we connected, discussed, laughed and shared memories of the fun times we have had. We thought about ideas and plans for the next year....the future when we could get together again.

The Heritage committee commends every branch and all the members for not letting this situation stop us from being who we are.....Italian and proud of where we came from, our families, and where we are going.