Excerpt from Lita De La Guardia Blog:

The 99th Santa Lucía Festival was a momentous occasion in Omaha, Nebraska, filled with cherished recognitions. Liz Troia was named the 99th Santa Lucía Queen, showcasing the rich Sicilian and Italian heritage in our community. Mayor Jean Stothert received the Honorary President of the Year award for her dedicated work. Carmelita De La Guardia's cabaret-style singing and Nick Cimino's genealogical research captivated the crowd. We explored the significance of Santa Lucía, indulged in delicious Sicilian and Italian cuisine, emphasized the importance of unity, and revealed plans for the upcoming 100th-year celebration.
Santa Lucía holds a special place in the hearts of the Sicilian and Italian community. The festival symbolizes the enduring spirit, strength, and devotion of our community.

The festival is a gastronomic delight featuring Sicilian and Italian cuisine. Mostaccioli and Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers, Pizza, Cannoli, Tiramisu, and Gelato are among the delectable dishes. The festival also includes vibrant music, captivating performances, and a parade that showcases our Sicilian/Italian culture.

The Santa Lucía Festival promotes unity and togetherness. It brings Sicilians, Italians, and individuals passionate about diverse cultures together. Shared experiences foster understanding and strengthen community bonds.

The 100th-year celebration promises grandeur, nostalgia, and a renewed appreciation for our rich history and vibrant culture. Plans are underway for a painted Fiat 500 by artist Lita De La Guardia, serving as a mascot for the festival.

The Santa Lucía Festival is a testament to our enduring spirit. Join us for the 100th-year celebration and be part of this historic milestone, celebrating our cherished tradition.

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