

PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO

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OCTOBER 2005

PENSOGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 5 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM
- Oct. 11 – Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM
- Oct. 11 – General Dinner Mtg., Chicken Cacciatore with Polenta or Roast Beef, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 14 – Friday Dinner Dance, Veal Cutlet a la Milanese or Roasted Chicken*, 7:15 Dinner, 8:30 Dancing to the music of the George Campi Band. Members \$20, Guests \$25.
- Oct. 19 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM
- Oct. 21 – Friday Luncheon, Noon, Salmon or Chicken Scaloppine, \$15.
- Oct. 27 – Fellowship Night, Baby Back Ribs or Roasted Chicken*, 7 PM, Members \$15, Guests \$20
- Nov. 2 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM
- Nov. 8 – General Dinner Mtg., 7 PM

* Where indicated, Chicken is available if ordered in advance.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to thank chairpersons David and Karen Fanucchi for a wonderful Western Night Dinner Dance. The performance by the square dancers added an extra touch to this wonderful event. My appreciation and thanks also to David's parents, Angelo and Angie Fanucchi, who chaired a beautiful Toscana Night Dinner Dance. The decorations were superb, the food was delicious, and the dancing music by the George Campi Band was perfect for the occasion. A job well done by all. Finally, congratulations and thank you to Dave Parenti, who chaired a very successful golf tournament and dinner on September 12. All three events were very successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

If you have not already obtained your tickets at the time you receive this Pensogram, you will only have only a few days to make arrangements to attend our Rock and Roll Dinner Dance on October 1. I am sure this event will bring back quite a few memories for some of us.

You will have a little more time to obtain your tickets for a wonderful Columbus Day Italian American Heritage Celebration at the Old Courthouse in Redwood City on October 8, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. This will be followed by our Genovese Night Dinner Dance in the evening at the PIASC, with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:00 PM, and dinner at 7:00 PM.

Look for a fabulous Sicilian Night Dinner Dance on November 12. This event is chaired by Vice President, Dr. Angelo Cacciatore and his wife, Pat. Angelo and Pat are planning a great dinner dance for your enjoyment. The band will be the popular Nino Piazza's "Italia" (formerly "New Espresso Band"). Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, antipasto, salad, pasta, your entrée with potatoes and vegetable, special dessert, bottled wine, coffee, etc. Please get your tickets early, as this event sells out quickly.

Respectfully,
Emil Bagneschi

SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to: Tullio Bertini, Elmo De Nevi, Al Ruffino, Mario Marcucci, Lino Martire, Al Tura, Adeline Coliazzi, Mavis Dianda, Gloria Simoncini.

Sympathy to: Ernie Franco (loss of wife).

By Rico Marchesin, 650.348.1249

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER DANCE
WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 14TH**

THANK YOU ...

To all of the people who helped make the annual club picnic a success: Dan and Lucy Ditri, Dominic and Francis Benedetto, Steve Silvestrini, Nick Ingravallo, Diano Bernardini, Mark Martinelli, Kevin Schumacher, Mike Martinelli. Bingo: Silvia Martinelli, Deanna Consani. (We missed you, Lou Bini.)

Mike Martinelli, Chairperson

MORE THANKS...

To all of the people who helped make Toscana Night a great success: Alberta and Don Delnevo, Pierina and Alfredo Lucchesi, Agnese Marcheschi, Lavinia Antoniazzi, Margie and George Lencioni, Julie and John Bagneschi, Egisto Fanti, Regina Bortolus, Iris Bagneschi.

Angelo and Angie Fanucchi, Chairpersons

ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will be a vote taken for an increase in the Admission Fee, Membership Dues, and raising the paying membership at the October 11, 2005, General Dinner Meeting.

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 21ST
SALMON OR
CHICKEN SCALOPPINE
\$15
FOR RESERVATIONS
CALL 650.343.7981**

NOV. 12TH SICILIAN NIGHT

Chairpersons Angelo and Pat Cacciatore invite you to attend our Annual Sicilian Night Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 12th. Music will be by the fabulous Italice Band. A great dinner is planned by Angelo and Pat. Please order your tickets early because it sells out fast! Please use the flyer in this Pensogram for reservations. Note that guest ticket requests will be honored only during the three weeks prior to the event, assuming there are unsold tickets at that time.

BARTENDERS NEEDED

The PIASC is looking for volunteers to work 4 hours at the front bar on Saturday or Sunday. If interested, call Gordon at 650.343.7981.

BOCCE WINNERS

The Annual Autumn Open Bocce Tournament, held to honor the memory of Gary Yates, was held on Sunday, September 18th, at the Gary Yates Bocce Courts, Beresford Park, San Mateo. It was a great success, with 20 Teams competing in a fantastic day of fun, food, and friendship – snacks and wine in the afternoon! Special thanks to the committee, servers of the lunch, Chef Norman, and all of the participants.

And the winners are:

1st place:

Campo di Bocce with Joe Addiego, Fran Addiego, Karen Corlett, Jim Balistreri.

2nd place:

San Mateo with Armando Baldocchi, Gabriella Baldocchi, Tullio Zigone, Charlette Conway.

3rd place:

San Mateo with Max Antoniazzi, Lavinia Antoniazzi, Marino Lari, Angela Lari.

4th place:

San Mateo with Dedee Casetta, Rose Ferree, Mario Patane, Carmen Patane.

Adriano Undorte, Chairperson.



Christopher Columbus

AMERICA WE DISCOVERED IT, WE NAMED IT, WE BUILT IT

This expression of ethnic pride is often found on T-shirts worn by Italian Americans at their cultural festivals. To Italian Americans, this is more than a statement of ethnic pride; it reflects their perception of American history and the role they have played in it. Italians have played a very important role in shaping American life since the European discovery of North America. The 500th anniversary in 1992 of the European entrance into the Americas reminds us it was an Italian from Genoa, Christopher Columbus, in the service of Spain, who was first to open the American continent for the Europeans on October 12, 1492.

Other Italian explorers of the time played a prominent role in the discovery of the "New World". Such early explorers as the Venetian brothers, Giovanni and Sebastiano Caboto laid claim to North America for England in 1497. Another Italian, Giovanni da Verrazzano, in the service of the King of France, explored the coast of Canada in 1524. In fact, even the name America is Italian, named after the Florentine cartographer Amerigo Vespucci, who explored the South American coastline in 1502. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Italians put America on the map.

Italian settlement in the United States covers more than three-and-a-half centuries and begins with the earliest settlers. The Italian presence started at Jamestown, VA, when sixteen Venetian craftsmen settled there in 1621, just one year after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The Italians have been coming ever since. Beginning in the 1880's the number of Italian immigrants coming to the United States swelled dramatically. Between 1880 and 1920, over four million Italians landed on these shores. An equal number arrived in South America during the same period. The Italians were the last large European group to arrive in the United States before the Second World War. They were also the largest single group of immigrants from Europe to come to America. In all, over six million Italian immigrants settled here, and today they are the fifth largest ancestry group in the nation. Some two million live in California.

Note: this is the first of a four-part series to be presented in the Pensogram.

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VENICE

For the millions of tourists that come to Venice every year, one of the most charming elements of the city is the lack of transportation. Traditionally, a tourist's choices for getting around include boat, gondola or foot. While this may be a great way for visitors to view the city, it is also frustrating for residents who have to get from the mainland to the islands every day. Mayor Paolo Costa thinks the way to avoid problems derived from this lack of efficient transportation is to add a subway line. Venice, whose population has declined from 175,000 to 64,000 over the past 50 years is beginning to lose its native character .

PIASC Officers For 2005

President	Emil Bagneschi
Vice-President	Angelo Cacciatore
Treasurer	Henry Bergero
Secretary	George Lencioni

Board Members

John Bagneschi
Rudy Bertolozzi
Renato Cernobori
John Chiappe
Angelo Fanucchi
David Fanucchi
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Michael Tognotti
Mario Viarengo

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

Rock & Roll Dinner Dance	Oct. 1
Genovese Night/Columbus Day Celeb.	Oct. 8
Sicilian Night	Nov. 12
Children's Xmas Party	Dec. 11
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	Dec. 31

CLUB HOURS

BAR: Tuesday thru Sunday, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, except Friday, 3:00 to 11:00 PM.

OFFICE: Tuesday thru Saturday, Noon - 5 PM
The Club is closed on Mondays.

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