

# PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO

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NOVEMBER 2005

# PENSOGRAM

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 2 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM  
Nov. 4 – Friday Dinner Dance, Chicken Scalloppine or Roast Beef, 7:15 Dinner, 8:30 Dancing to the music of the Pete Damante Band. Members \$20, Guests \$25.  
Nov. 8 – Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM  
Nov. 8 – General Dinner Mtg., Italian Pot Roast or Roasted Chicken\* and Minestrone Soup, 7:00 PM  
Nov. 16 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM  
Nov. 18 – Friday Luncheon, Noon, Braised Pork Chops, Pepper and Onions, or Roasted Chicken\*, \$15.  
Dec. 7 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM  
Dec. 13 – General Dinner Mtg., 7 PM

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

**THERE WILL BE NO  
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT IN  
NOVEMBER NOR DECEMBER**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to chairpersons Gary Cahalan and Karen and David Fanucchi and their committee for bringing us a wonderful "Rock and Roll" Dinner Dance on October 1. It was indeed an enjoyable evening, as we were treated to some very beautiful antique cars on display, a delicious dinner, and great live "oldies" music to dance the night away. Congratulations and thank you for a very successful and fun event. Thank you also to the chairpersons and their committees for the beautiful festivities on Saturday, October 8. At 11:30 A. M. chairperson Barbara Kuehn and her committee brought us a very entertaining and delightful Columbus Day Italian-American Heritage Celebration in the Old Courthouse in Redwood City. The setting for this celebration was the grand foyer of the former courthouse, with its stained glass windows and beautiful cupola. This ideal venue, perfectly complementing the wonderful singing by talented Pasquale Esposito, the songs involv-

ing audience-participation, the outstanding food spread and beverages, the VIPs engaging in a bocce tournament in beautiful "courtroom A", the awards of golden salames, the gift baskets full of Italian goodies and other prizes all contributed to a great celebration of our Italian heritage. Again, thank you very much to the many people who worked so hard on this event. A special thanks to George and Marge Lencioni, who ran the bocce tournament at the Red Morton Park in Redwood City the prior Sunday, to Leno Freschet for guiding the VIPs during their bocce tournament during the celebration, and to Kathleen Freschet, Leno's wife, for making all the gift baskets. All the proceeds from this event benefited the San Mateo County Historical Association.

The Genovese Night Dinner Dance held in the evening at the PIASC, a continuation of the Columbus Day Italian American Heritage Celebration earlier in the day, was a huge success. A big thank you to chairperson Alice and Ubaldo Siboldi and Elmo De Nevi and their committee for doing a superb job. Special thanks to Alice, Ubaldo, and Elmo for personally making the delicious ravioli filling and sauce, and to Steve Silvestrini for barbecuing the wonderful steaks.

I am pleased to report that this year's Sicilian Night Dinner Dance on November 12 is already sold out. Thank you for your wonderful support.

I encourage you to attend and participate in our nominations of officers for 2006 at the general dinner meeting on November 8. At the meeting we will accept nominations for three board positions, a trustee, and for all the other positions, the term of which is one year. I hope that many of you will consider the opportunity to become involved in the affairs of the Club, and run for a position. I ask that each person who nominates someone at the meeting tell us why he or she is nominating that individual.

Grazie, Emil Bagneschi

*Happy Thanksgiving*

## DISTINGUISHED MARINES STAMP

On the 230<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday, Thursday November 10, 2005 the U. S. Postal Service will issue 4 stamps honoring Marine heroes. One of those 4 heroes is Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone. The U. S. Postal Service will celebrate the issuance of the Distinguished Marine Stamps with a Dedication Ceremony and Stamp Unveiling, sponsored by the Marines Memorial Association, on: Thursday, November 10, 2005, from 10:00 AM to Noon, in Union Square, San Francisco.

We hope that those of you who can, will attend the celebration.

## SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to: Nick Ingravallo, Lee Marchetti, Dorothy Cevasco.  
Sympathy to: Bob Mazzei (loss of daughter), Lela Malaspina (loss of husband).

By Rico Marchesin, 650.348.1249

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

The PIASC would like to know if any member would like to receive the Pensogram over the internet instead of by mail. If interested, send your E-Mail address to Secretary George Lencioni and we will put you on the list.

Nominations will be held at the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Dinner Meeting for the year 2006 officers and three board members. Please try to attend to voice your choice of candidate.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

The cutoff date for reservations for members is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Guest reservations will be accepted after December 10<sup>th</sup> if space is still available, with a limit of 4 guests per member.

## THANK YOU

. . . Greg Menna for your donation to the PIASC soccer team. It is well appreciated.

## THANK YOU FROM THE COLUMBUS DAY BOCCE CELEBRATION

Thanks to: Gino Gasparini of Norcal Waste Systems of San Mateo County for donating all of the food, Pete and Paula Uccelli for donating the trophy money to the San Mateo County Historical Association, Terry Anderlini for donating the prize money, Gino Gasparini Sr and John Mattia for doing the cooking, Louise Gasparini for baking the biscotti, Santi Balsama for cooking the pasta, Andy DeNardi for score keeping, John Pavan and Natale Bortolin for refereeing and Lino Carrara, Pasquale Conti, Mario Patane and Max Antoniazzi for contributing to this event.

And now the results of the tournament:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: REDWOOD CITY, Beni Giovannetti, Gianni Clemente, Lino Carrara, Alfeo Fabbri.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: LUCKY ROLLERS, Mickey Darata, Armando Baldocchi, Gabriella Baldocchi, Sam Balestieri.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: PAPARAZZI, Joe Sozzi, Anna Maria Sozzi, Phil Taurian, Joan Daly.

4<sup>th</sup> Place: CENTRAL'S, Max Antoniazzi, Lavina Antoniazzi, Angela Lari, Marino Lari.

George and Margie Lencioni, Chairpersons

## VOTING RESULTS

The following are the results of voting at the General Dinner Meeting of October 11, 2005:

1. Increase the membership dues from \$75 to \$100, effective January 1, 2006; 105 Yes, 45 No.
2. Increase the paying members from 650 to 700 members; 115 Yes, 35 No.
3. Increase the admission fee from \$250 to \$300, effective January 1, 2006; 114 Yes, 34 No.

NOTE: All three of these issues were passed. Ballots were counted by Dan Ferlizza, Joe Lencioni, Mario Marcucci.

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON  
NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
BRAISED PORK CHOPS  
PEPPER AND ONIONS OR  
ROASTED CHICKEN  
\$15  
FOR RESERVATIONS  
CALL 650.343.7981**

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

The story of the Italians in Northern California is a story of individual and collective accomplishment. They came early, lured by the discovery of gold. Attracted by the climate and resemblance to their native Italy, they stayed. Their descendants still live in the foothill towns of the Mother lode. A visit to the village of Sutter Creek in Amador County where their names are emblazoned on historic buildings or a walk through the Catholic cemetery in Calaveras County attests to the sojourn of these Italian pioneers.

They continued to arrive in great numbers during the mass migration at the turn of the century. Restrictive immigration laws in the 1920's closed the "Golden Doors". Even so, up to the 1940's they were the largest foreign born immigrant group to settle in California. The early immigrants came primarily from the northern regions of Lombardy, Tuscany and Liguria. It is estimated that sixty percent of California's Italian population is of northern Italian extraction.

The largest settlement arose by San Francisco Bay where the early Italians settle in San Francisco' North Beach District. As the stream of Italian immigration continue, the district became an Italian colony. Here they built a successful cultural and economic community and spread through the Bay Area. Many Italian families in California can trace their American roots to the North Beach Colony.

By 1859 the first Italian language newspaper in California, "L'Ecco della Patria", was published semi-weekly in San Francisco. A successor, "L'Italia", was published until 1966. Other Italian presses soon brought the news to the burgeoning Italian communities of California. As late as 1931, Italian newspapers operated in Sacramento, Stockton, Martinez and Weed. Today, the statewide weekly Italian newspaper, "L'Italo Americano", is still published in California.

The arrival of the Italians in California coincided with its early settlement by Americans. As a result, the Italians were able to play a vital role in shaping the destiny of California and its economy.

This is the second of a four part series to be presented in the Pensogram.

Source: U. S. News

## ITALIAN WINE SALES

Italy has always been known for producing fine wines, but as demand for it grows abroad, Italians are drinking less wine at home. According to the Coldiretti farmers' union, Italian wine exports last year went up 5.4% in value, with a 5% gain in EU markets and a 4.2% gain in the United States. Aggressive promotional campaigns last year caused the demand for wine to increase in China and India. The biggest market for Italian wine in Europe is Germany. Italy is once again the top foreign wine importer to the American market after having briefly been overtaken by Australia for the first time since 1974. Source: National Italian American Foundation

### 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  
Remo Giuntoli  
Michael Tognotti  
Mario Viarengo

## UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

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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