

**PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN  
SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO**

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DECEMBER 2005

# PENSOGRAM

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 2 – Friday Dinner Dance, Pork Loin Roast or Roasted Chicken\*, 7:15 Dinner, 8:30 Dancing to the music of the Gary Pacini Band. Members \$20, Guests \$25.

Dec. 7 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM

Dec. 13 – Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM

Dec. 13 – General Dinner Mtg., Braised Pork Shank or Roasted Chicken\*, 7:00 PM

Dec. 16 – Friday Luncheon, Noon, Short Ribs or Roasted Chicken\*, \$15.

Dec. 21 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM

Jan. 4 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM

Jan. 10 – General Dinner Mtg., 7 PM

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

**THERE WILL BE NO  
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT IN  
DECEMBER**

## SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to: Louis Bini, Lino Carrara, Betty Davi, Alfeo Fabbri, Jim Marr, Mario Montellato

Sympathy to: John Giosso (loss of Mother), Family of Polly Mallamo, Catherine Hill (loss of Husband), Emil Giannoni (loss of Mother), Anthony De Vito (loss of Aunt).

Correction to the November issue: Sympathy to Pete Malaspina on the loss of his wife.

By Rico Marchesin, 650.348.1249

## 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.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you for electing me as President again for another year. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me. Congratulations to everyone who was elected to hold office for next year. Thank you also to the candidates who are running for the various vacant positions. Good luck to all of you. Voting will take place at the general meeting in December.

A big thank you to co-chairpersons Dr. Angelo and Mrs. Pat Cacciatore and David and Heather Cacciatore and their committee for hosting our wonderful "sold-out" Sicilian Night Dinner-Dance on Saturday, November 12. The choice of fresh flowers and decorations were outstanding, perfectly complementing the autumn color scheme for the affair. The food was very delicious and plentiful. The fact that many couples were still dancing right down to the end of the evening was a fine tribute to the outstanding music of the Italice Band. The beautiful biscotti basket on each table donated by Agostino Buonocore of La Biscotteria in Redwood City was one of the highlights of the evening and truly a pleasant surprise for the couple who won it at each table. Thank you, Agostino.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Workers Dinner on December 4, the Children's Christmas Party on December 11, and the gala New Year's Eve Party on December 31.

A great big thank you for your support throughout the year, especially to the many volunteers who spent an enormous amount of time doing what is necessary to keep the Club running. With your support in the coming year, we intend to continue to make the PIASC a very pleasant place for all to enjoy, to enjoy each other's company, good food, good times, and to celebrate our rich Italian culture.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Respectfully, Emil Bagneschi

*Buon Natale e  
Felice Anno Nuovo*

## SCHOLARSHIP

The Peninsula Social Club Foundation would like to remind everyone that they can make a tax deductible gift to the Foundation in their estate planning. Call if you have any questions. Barbara Kuehn, Esq. 650.401.2320, FAX 650.401.2321.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

Effective January 1, 2006, the price for the Friday Dinner Dance will be \$25 for members and \$30 for guests.

The Installation Dinner for the 2006 Officers will be held on Jan. 14, 2006, with a cost of \$20 per person.

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 at [georgelencioni@yahoo.com](mailto:georgelencioni@yahoo.com).

## ELECTION OF 2006 OFFICERS

Election of officers will be held at the December 13<sup>th</sup> General Dinner Meeting. All regular members in good standing and senior members will vote for the following:

### Board of Directors (3 openings):

Gary Cahalan  
Elmo De Nevi  
Anthony De Vito  
Angelo Fanucchi  
Emil Giannoni  
Achille Rodighiero

### Trustee (1 opening):

Renato Cernobori  
Larry Parenti

### Historian (1 opening):

Don Brozzo  
Adriano Undorte

Please try to attend and vote your choice!

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON  
DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
SHORT RIBS OR  
ROASTED CHICKEN  
\$15  
FOR RESERVATIONS  
CALL 650.343.7981**

## 2006 OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected by acclamation (unopposed) at the General Dinner Meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>:

President: Emil Bagneschi  
Vice President: Angelo Cacciatore  
Treasurer: Henry Bergero  
Secretary: George Lencioni  
Parliamentarian: Mario Marcucci  
Sergeants-at-Arms: Mickey Darata, Rico Marchesin, Greg Menna.

Congratulations, and success for the coming year.

## WELFARE COLUMN

Do you have any idea how many members give of their time for the betterment of your Club? Here are some who deserve recognition:

*Dino Mencarini and Elio Bernardini* – every Monday they put out the garbage, clean up the bocce courts and the patio area.

*Elmo De Nevi* – he takes care of the beautiful flowers in the patio, is a Trustee, and works on the Club menus.

*Adriano Undorte* – he restocks both bars and keeps records of usage.

*Rico Marchesin* – he is the Sunshine Chair and spends many hours sending cards to sick members, calling families, visiting patients in hospitals, and so forth.

Would you like to help? If so, call me...  
John Chiappe at 650.343.4266

## BOCCE

Winter league signup deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>. The league will start in early January. All bocce players, beginner to expert, are invited. The league is limited to the first 90 players. Red Group plays on Tuesday Night and Blue Group plays on Thursday night, with the first game at 6:30 PM and the second game at 7:30 PM.

For more information, or to sign up, call Adriano Undorte at 591.3318 or Rose Viscuso at 349.7732. Please do not call the Club.

Adriano Undorte, Bocce Chair

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

It wasn't long before Italian fishermen had established themselves in fishing villages from Eureka to Benicia, Martinez, Pittsburg, San Francisco, Monterey and Santa Cruz. By the 1880's California's waters were dominated by Italian fishermen and their graceful sailing feluccas.

By 1900, the fishing industry of California had become the second leading fishery in the nation and by 1910, eighty percent of the state's fishing business was managed by Italians. During World War II, Italian fishermen were prevented from using their fishing boats by wartime restrictions on Italian immigrants living along the coast. Across the state, the Italians also settled the states farm lands and played a prominent role in developing today's fruit, vegetable, and dairy industries in places like Marin and Sonoma counties and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys.

By the 1880's, Italians dominated the fruit and vegetable industry. The western tomato industry began in earnest when Camillo Pregno, an Italian immigrant, taught Merced farmers how to grow tomato vines on stakes as was the custom in Italy. Italian immigrant, Marco Fontana, arrived in the United States in 1859 and along with another Ligurian, Antonio Cerruti, founded the California Packing Company in 1889. Under the popular "Del Monte" label, their canneries soon became the largest food processing corporation in the world. Most of their workers were Italians.

One of the enterprising Italians who left his mark on California was Domenico Ghirardelli, who traveled through the gold mines selling chocolates and hard candies. He settled in San Francisco after the gold rush and founded the Ghirardelli Chocolate empire, with Italian immigrant labor, at the site of the present Ghirardelli Square.

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

Source: U. S. News

**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**

Children's Xmas Party	Dec. 11
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	Dec. 31
Installation Dinner	Jan. 14

**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.  
Find us at: [www.peninsulasocialclub.org](http://www.peninsulasocialclub.org)  
E-mail us at [pssc@sirius-mail.com](mailto:pssc@sirius-mail.com)

*Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year*

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