

PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO

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JANUARY 2006

PENSOGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 4 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM
Jan. 6 – Friday Dinner Dance, Club Veal Cutlet
or Roasted Chicken*, 7:15 Dinner, 8:30 Danc-
ing to the music of the Bob Gutierrez Band.
Members \$25, Guests \$30.
Jan. 10 – Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM
Jan. 10 – General Dinner Mtg., Baby Back Ribs
or Roasted Chicken*, 7:00 PM
Jan. 18 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM
Jan. 20 – Friday Luncheon, Noon, Saltimbocca
or Roasted Chicken*, \$15
Jan. 26 – Fellowship Night, Roast Pork Loin or
Roasted Chicken*, Minestrone Soup, 7 PM,
Members \$15, Guests \$20.
Feb. 1 – Board of Directors Mtg., 7:00 PM
Feb. 14 – General Dinner Mtg., 7 PM

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

SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to: Angelo Fogliani, Olga Nolfi,
Mary Colombo.

Congratulations to: Abramo and Emma Sab-
batini on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Note: Robert Parson will speak on strokes at
the February General Dinner Meeting.

By Rico Marchesin, 650.348.1249

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to Phyllis and Mike Tognotti, who
chaired a very successful Children's Christmas
Party on December 11. This year's party was at-
tended by perhaps the largest group ever, and
was a real success. Thanks also to Holly and
Rich Borghello, who assisted Phyllis and Mike
and who will be taking over this event as chair-
persons next year. Thanks to Anna Paiva, who
is always there to help, Bob Foppiano (Santa),
Christina Paiva and her face-painting friends.
Finally, a sincere thank you to Chef Norman

and his kitchen crew, and to all the servers. You
all did a tremendous job.

We look forward to a beautiful New Year's Eve
Dinner/Dance later this month. Chairpersons
Agnese and Pietro Marcheschi are hard at work
and have a fabulous evening planned for us. The
Italica Band is ready and anxious to help us
celebrate the end of this year and the beginning
of the new year.

Congratulations to the three successful candi-
dates for the Board of Directors (Angelo
Fanucchi, Elmo De Nevi, and Gary Cahalan),
the new trustee (Renato Cernobori), and the
new historian (Don Brozzo). A great big thank
you to the two departing members of the Board
of Directors (Renato Cernobori and Mario Vi-
arengo) for your long list of contributions and
accomplishments while you were on the Board.
It will be difficult to fill your shoes, and you
both will be greatly missed. Best wishes in your
future endeavors.

A sincere wish to everyone for a Merry Christ-
mas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous
New Year. Buone Feste Natalizie.

Very Respectfully, Emil Bagneschi

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON
JANUARY 20TH
SALTIMBOCCA OR
ROASTED CHICKEN
\$15
FOR RESERVATIONS
CALL 650.343.7981**

2006 OFFICERS ELECTED

As a result of a vote taken at the general dinner
meeting on December 13th, the following mem-
bers have been elected to the Board of Direc-
tors for a 3 year term: Elmo De Nevi, Gary Ca-
halan, Angelo Fanucchi.

Also elected:

Trustee, for a 3 year term: Renato Cernobori
Historian, for a 1 year term: Don Brozzo

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Spend a romantic evening with your sweetheart! Enjoy a wonderful dinner, then dance the night away to the music of the Lou Roselli Band at the Peninsula Italian American Social Club Valentine Dinner Dance. David and Karen Fanucchi are planning an extravagant evening for Saturday, February 11th, with the menu including your choice of Prime Rib or Roasted Chicken. Price is \$35 per person for members and \$40 for guests. Tickets will be issued on a first-come first-served basis. Attendance is limited to 330 people. There is a limit of 4 guests per member. This event always sells out so hurry and get your tickets. Please use the coupon on the flyer.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Cutoff date for the Installation Dinner is January 7th, with a limit of 350 people. A second installation dinner will be offered if there is sufficient demand.

Officers and Directors are requested to wear formal wear, and members and guests are requested to wear semiformal wear. The menu includes New York strip or Roasted Chicken; dinner will be served at 7 PM.

DATE ALERT! FEELING NOSTALGIC?

The committee for the Come Prima Reunion has reserved the date of March 25, 2006 for another evening of fun and follies. Please mark your calendar!

More information will be coming in the near future. If you have any questions, please call one of the following:

Angelo and Angie Fanucchi, 650.341.1577
Renato and Lubiana Cernobori, 650.341.9522

WELFARE COLUMN

Five more reasons why our club is so successful:

ADI PETROCCHI: Who has put in many years and hundreds of hours of volunteer work to maintain our club in good shape.

MARIO PATANE: Professional carpenter who is always ready to help out on projects.

MARIO VIARENGO: Board member; for any job he is give, it's done right. Volunteered to do

and oversee the electrical, plumbing, and the long time chandelier project.

LOU DiBENE and BOB GONZALES: Who have volunteered to do all of our electrical upgrades, bringing up to code all our electrical panels and much more, thus making our club safe and comfortable.

Just these five volunteers have saved the club many thousands of dollars over the years! Is there anyone else with skills and a willingness to serve this club that we all love?

John Chiappe, Welfare Chairman, 650.343.4266

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following candidates have applied for membership into the PIASC and are being presented to the General membership for their approval and acceptance on Tuesday, January 10th, 2006:

John A. Bernat (Social, Fanucchi)

David A. Balestrieri

Thomas P. Benedetti

Gerald L. Costanzo

Richard Frank Garibaldi

Giuseppe Martire

Harvey Anthony Passanisi

Jackie M. Robinson (Conci)

Joseph Balsama

Hon. Walter P. Capaccioli

Stephen Julio De Zerega

Dr. James Paul Laumond

Edward Leo Palestro

Richard D. Pizzorno

Robert John Tomasello

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

The California wine industry also owes much to the Italian founders of the industry. In 1881, the Italian Swiss Colony was founded at Asti in Sonoma county by Andrea Sbarbaro as a cooperative of Italian immigrants from the wine growing regions of Italy. The Colony soon became one of the largest producers of wine and dominated the U.S. wine market during its heyday. The founding of the Italian Swiss Colony promoted the widespread participation of Italians in the grape and wine industry. The Mondavi, Sebastiani and Gallo families later achieved success in the vineyards of the Napa, Sonoma, and Central Valleys.

Perhaps the most inspiring of California's Italians was Amadeo Pietro Giannini, the "Giant of the West". Born in San Jose in 1870 of immigrant Italian parents, Giannini organized the Bank of Italy in North Beach in San Francisco in 1904 to aid his fellow Italians. His innovative

banking practices attracted large numbers of small depositors and earned him a reputation as the common man's banker. When the earthquake of 1906 destroyed much of San Francisco, Giannini dispensed loans from a plank and barrel counter on the Washington Square Wharf to help rebuild the city. The Italian section was the first to be rebuilt. Breaking new ground, he established the first statewide system of branch banks in the nation by opening branches in the Italian neighborhoods across the State. Italians provided most of his workforce. In 1930, he changed the name to Bank of America. Mr. Giannini's Italian bank soon became the largest bank in the world. Italians played a prominent role in the creation of California.

Their story is our story – their experience is our experience. Their contributions are often overlooked but the enterprise and success of these Italian pioneers is a unique legacy, one shared by all of us.

This is the fourth and final part of a four part series. Source: U. S. News

**PIASC Officers
For 2006**

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

Board Members

John Bagneschi
Rudy Bertolozzi
Gary Cahalan
John Chiappe
Elmo De Nevi
Angelo Fanucchi
David Fanucchi
Remo Giuntoli
Michael Tognotti

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	Dec. 31
Installation Dinner	Jan. 14
Valentine Dinner Dance	Feb. 11
Carnevale Night	Mar. 4
Crab Feed	Mar. 11
Come Prima Dinner Dance	Mar. 25
Scholarship Dinner Dance	Apr. 1
Mothers Day	May 7
Venetian Night	May 13
Festa dei Cacciatori	June 3
Fathers Day	June 18

Oldies Dinner Dance	Aug. 26
Club Picnic	Aug. 27
Toscana Night	Sept. 9
Golf Tournament	Sept. 11
Genovese Night/Columbus Day Celeb.	Oct. 7
Sicilian Night	Nov. 11
Workers Party	Dec. 3
Children's Xmas Party	Dec. 10
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	Dec. 31

Happy New Year

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
E-mail us at psc@sirius-mail.com

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

RENATO CERNOBORI

After joining the PSC in 1975, and after 16 years of serving on the PIASC Board, Renato has decided not to run for the board again. Beside serving on the Board, he has also been involved in the club by being chairman of several events and has been part of committees to decorate the main hall. He has also been instrumental in having the club buy a new Espresso machine, special embroidery logo caps and lapel pins, and a Christmas tree.

Renato is also a member of the Elks, San Mateo. In the past he was also a member of the Athletic Club and the Lucchesi Nel Mondo Club of San Francisco. In 1963, when Renato was new to this country, he belonged to a club called the International Club in San Francisco. He served as president of the club for one year. It was a club for foreigners to meet and socialize.

Renato Cernobori was born December 6, 1940, in a little town called Kamik near Pola in Croatia. At the time he was born the region was Italy, then it became Yugoslavia and is now Croatia. He is an only child. In 1956 the family was finally able to leave Yugoslavia. For six months they lived in a refugee camp in Laterina near Arezzo in Tuscany. Renato has an aunt who lives in Torino. His father went to visit and look for a job; after he found a job the family moved to Torino. Four years later, they received their visas to come to America. They arrived in San

Francisco on February 20, 1960. An uncle had sponsored them.

His first job was as a busboy, then he worked for a year at Ghiradelli Chocolate. From 1962 to 1984 he worked as an accomplished journeyman bookbinder. In 1984 he went to work with his mother who owned a successful embroidery business. His mother retired and he ran the shop until 1996. As the business changed, he sold the business and went back to bookbinding, and retired at 58. Renato was married in 1967 to Lubiana, has 3 daughters (Sandra, Angela, Diana), and a grandson Nathan as well as another one coming soon.

He loves to swim and exercise, is an avid bocce player and enjoys playing Pedro and Tre Sette at the PIASC. Hobbies include bookbinding (fancy journals), travel.

He is proud of being a member of the PIASC and will continue to be involved in other capacities in the future.

MARIO VIARENCO

Mario has served on the board for 6 years. During that time he was chairman of the new bathroom project, was instrumental in buying new

chairs, promoting and negotiating the purchase of the new chandelier in the main hall, installing a divider between kitchen and main hall, getting Gordon, operations manager, an office of his own, and helped with decorations. But he could not have done this without the help of the board members as well as other members of the club.

He was born in San Francisco on July 22, 1929. When he was two years old the family moved to Modesto, since his father was in farming. The family returned in 1938, then moved to Redwood City in 1948. He graduated from Mission High School, SF, in 1947.

Mario was in the US Coast Guard from 1952 to 1955. He moved to San Mateo in 1950 after marrying Pauline. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Mario was an accomplished mechanic. In 1960 he worked as an automotive mechanic, then later worked for 30 years on heavy duty construction machinery. He worked for 13 years at Piombo Construction and 17 years for Komatsu Construction.

He joined the PSC in 1949, dropped out when he went into the service, and rejoined again in 1994. Mario's hobbies are wood working, traveling, and playing bocce ball.

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