

**PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN
SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO**
100 North B Street, San Mateo, California 94401

PENSOGRAM

Phone 650.343.7981 — Fax 650.343.7995
August 2006

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug.2- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Aug.4- Friday Dinner Dance, Veal Roast or Roasted Chicken* 7:15 Dinner, 8:30 dancing to the music of the Gary Pacini Band. Members \$25.00 Guests \$30.00

Aug.8- Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6 PM

Aug.8- General Dinner Mtg. Pork Scaloppine or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM

Aug.16- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Aug.18- Friday Luncheon, noon Chicken Scaloppine or Roast Beef \$15.00

Aug.24- Fellowship Night, BBQ Baby Back Ribs or BBQ Chicken* Members \$15.00 Guests \$20.00

Sept.6- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Sept.12- General Dinner Mtg. 7 PM

* Where indicated, Roasted Chicken or BBQ Chicken is available if ordered in advance

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

How about the Italian soccer team! Viva gli Azzurri! Campioni del Mondo (World Cup Champions). Just like our PIASC soccer team-champions of their league. Congratulations. We are proud of you.

I attended the Festa Italiana's "Bella Sera" wine and food tasting event at the PIASC on Friday, July 14. This event is part of Festa Italiana's series of events, which benefit developmentally challenged children and adults in San Mateo County. Those of you who did not attend "Bella Sera" missed out on a great event. From the beautiful Italian music, the festive decorations, the array of homemade and commercial wines and other beverages, the delicious food samplings from San Mateo finest restaurants, the other indoor and outdoor treats such as BBQ Italian sausage, polenta, sauce, etc., the free martini bar, the excitement of the raffle, the silent and live auctions, everything was just wonderful. As we entered the hall, on the right side, we were treated to the PIASC's (Chef Norman's) famous pasta and veal scaloppine, and as we proceeded down the side of the hall and up and around the other side, we were treated with more delicious food from San Mateo's finest food providers. In the center of the hall we tasted the different wines and other beverages that all the proud volunteers brought to the event. It was obvious that everyone enjoyed himself in this festive and fun atmosphere. The PIASC was proud to donate the facilities and some of the food for this fundraiser, as it has done for the past 21 years.

I am looking forward to another exciting Festa Italiana street fair on Sunday, July 23. It has been estimated that about 40,000 people attend this annual event, which is the largest single event held in San Mateo.

PIASC members will handle the parade, the bocce events, the cake booth, and serve spaghetti and meatballs all day long in the alley next to the Club. All funds raised go to the Festa Foundation.

This year in place of our annual Western Night, we will have the popular "Oldies" dinner-dance on Saturday, August 26 (See flyer in this Pensogram). Chaired by Gary Cahalan, this "rock and roll" event should bring back quite a few memories for many of us.

Our annual PIASC picnic at Flood Park on Sunday, August 27, will be chaired again by the incomparable, Mike Martinielli. This picnic gives us a chance to relax and enjoy a great outdoor event in a beautiful park, together with our family and friends.

Welcome to the 15 new members who joined the PIASC on Tuesday, July 11. Thank you for joining the Club and for helping us preserve our rich Italian heritage and traditions.

Sinceri Auguri a Tutti,

Emil Bagneschi

SUNSHINE

Sympathy to: Family of Ralph Lorenzi, James Marchetti, (wife Lee passed away). Pasquale Banducci (wife Oretta passed away). Ron & Bob Brugioni, their uncle Frank Gigli a member for over 30 years passed away. Mona Tura (Husband Al passed away). The PIASC apologizes to Albert Bertoli for listing him as being deceased; it was his wife Anna, who passed away.

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Garcia on being Grandparents. Adrian & Olga Nolfi on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 30, 2006

By Rico Marchesin, 650-348-1249

NEW ROSTER

Please notify the club if you have a change of address, phone number, etc. We need this information for our new roster

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON AUGUST 18th
CHICKEN SCALOPPINE OR
ROAST BEEF
\$15.00
FOR RESERVATIONS
CALL 650 343-7981**

VIVA L'ITALIA

With baritone Daniel Narducci and soprano Sandra Rubalcava

Please note that on October 13th (in San Mateo) and 14th (in Cupertino), the Peninsula Symphony presents Viva L'Italia, a festive celebration of Italian music. The concert takes place in conjunction with our Columbus Day Italian-American Heritage Celebration.

Over the course of the evening, the Peninsula Symphony, baritone Daniel Narducci, and soprano Sandra Rubalcava will cover more than one hundred years of Italian music. It is only fitting, that this concert celebrating Italy's musical heritage, showcases the work of Giacomo Puccini and Giuseppe Verdi, two great masters of Italian opera. Program highlights include Masetta's aria from Puccini's La Boheme, and selections from Verdi's beloved Aida and La Traviata.

Arias and a duet from Mozart's Don Giovanni will also grace the program. Although he was not an Italian himself, Mozart wrote some of the greatest Italian language operas of all time. Two light pieces from Respighi, "Gli Uccelli" and "La Boutique Fantastique" will add to the festive quality of the concert. And what celebration of Italian music would be complete without several of the much-loved Neapolitan folk tunes: the Peninsula Symphony and Daniel Narducci will be performing "Matina", "Torna a Soriento", and "Arrivederci Roma".

Daniel Narducci, an accomplished Italian baritone and audience favorite, has traveled around the world performing with all the great opera companies. He returns to perform with the Peninsula Symphony for this special evening. Soprano Sandra Rubalcava is a local legend and prominent soloist with Opera San Jose.

Please save the date. More information on ticket availability and other details will be provided in forthcoming Pensograms.

Emil Bagneschi

WELFARE

It's been said that behind every good man there is a good woman. Such is the case of our President, Emil Bagneschi. Our club has been fortunate to have Iris Bagneschi giving countless hours behind the scene to ensure that all the events go well. Iris, a BIG THANK YOU from the Board of Directors and Officers. Continued good health to you and yours.

Respectively, John Chiappe Welfare Chairman

BOCCE NEWS

On July 15th we had the conclusion of the finals of the Summer Bocce League at the PIASC. Many thanks to: Angelo Fanucchi, Mario & Carmen Patane, Don Brozzo, George Lencioni for contributing to a very successful tournament.

Tournament results are:

First Place: George Lencioni, Margie Lencioni, Tullio Zingone.

Second Place: Angelo Cacciatore, John Clemente, Enrico Marchesin.

Third Place: Mario Viarengo, Guido Zan, Lino Carrara.

Fourth Place: Angelo Fanucchi, Regina Bortolus, Mario Patane

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

At the Fellowship Night August 24th, we will have a Western Night Menu: garlic bread, corn, beans, dessert and BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Chicken: buffet style . There will be a bar set up in the patio area to serve beer and wine. Come and enjoy this event!

ATTENTION GOLFERS

The annual golf tournament is slated for **September 11th at Poplar Creek Golf Course in San Mateo**. The tournament will be restricted to 72 players or 18 foursomes. The first foursomes will tee off at 10 am. The event will demand \$90 per person fee. This will include: 18 holes of golf, dinner at the Peninsula Italian American Social Club, tee prizes and other prizes.

If you would like a cart, it will cost \$26 for two persons. CARTS ARE LIMITED TO 25 (First Come First Served) Carts shared at \$13; Dinner Guest \$17

Please indicate with whom you will share the cart.

We will use the **Blind Bogey System**. There will be plenty of prizes and everyone will have fun.

Reservations can be made by filling out all the information that was in the July Pensogram Flyer or calling Dave at (650) 873-3624 and by writing a check **Payable to: PIASC and sending to:** Dave Parenti, 705 Palm Ave, So. San Francisco, Ca. 94080

This will be on a first come first serve basis. Any questions feel free to call Dave Parenti at (650) 873-3624. Cutoff date for reservations is, August 28th.

No reservation will be accepted without a check

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

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

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

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: peninsulaitalian@rcn.com

The Craftsman and the Gondola

The gondola became popular in the watery canals of Venice a thousand years ago. Gondolas were originally created by refugees escaping barbarians who were pillaging their towns along the Po River Valley. However, in today's society it has become a major tourist attraction - taking romantic gondola rides while listening to Italian love songs.

The gondola's odd and irregular shape is molded perfectly for maneuvering through the narrow water passageways of Venice. The 35-foot foot long boat, weighs about 1,000 pounds. However, the gondolier uses the same effort to row the gondola with or without passengers. Its distinct feature, the hull, enables the boat to float high off the water and allows the gondolier greater efficiency in handling. The forcola, or oar post, allows the gondolier to manipulate the gondola with ease. Every contour and surface of the forcola has a purpose in which the oar can pivot various maneuvers-- one for motion, one for power, turning left/right, slowing down, and rowing backwards.

A retired gondola maker, Daniele Bonaldo, taught an American man the craftsmanship of gondola-making. Bonaldo was retiring after 50 years and had no sons to whom to pass on his trade. The student built a gondola in eleven months, which he sailed down the Grand Canal, and then sold it to a couple in New England who run a gondola ride business. As long as there are people out there like the American student and master builders like Bonaldo, this skill will survive.

Source: The National Italian American Foundation

PICNIC—AUGUST 27th

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE PICNIC AT FLOOD PARK (MENLO PARK) ON AUGUST 27th AND REQUEST:

_____ Adult tickets at \$14 each

_____ Adult Guest Tickets \$18 each

_____ Children (6 to 12 years) at \$6 each

_____ Children (5 and younger) - Free

I AM ENCLOSING MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

**Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to speed up the return of your tickets and mail to:
PIASC, 100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401**

**BRING YOUR BOCCE BALLS, SOCCER BALLS, HORSESHOES, AND OTHER GAME MATERIAL
—LET'S HAVE A GREAT TIME AT THE PICNIC THIS YEAR!**

**P.S.—WE WILL HAVE A DESSERT TABLE AND WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE LADIES
BRING ING SOME SWEETS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.**

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