

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

Phone 650.343.7981 — Fax 650.343.7995  
**November 2006**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Nov. 1** - Board of Directors Mtg. 7PM

**Nov. 3** - Friday Dinner Dance, Chicken Scaloppini or Roast Beef, 7:15 dinner, 8:30 dancing to the music of the Pete Damante Band, Members \$25.00  
Guests \$30.00

**Nov. 14** - Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6 PM

**Nov. 14** - General Dinner Mtg. Baby Back Ribs or Roasted Chicken\* 7PM

**Nov. 15** - Board of Directors Mtg. 7PM

**Nov. 17** - Friday Luncheon, noon, Pork Loin Roast or Roasted Chicken\*

**Dec. 6** - Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

**Dec. 12** - General Dinner Mtg. 7 PM

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

**NOTE: There will be NO FELLOWSHIP NIGHT  
IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On October 7 the PIASC held its Columbus Day Italian-American Heritage Celebration at the old courthouse in Redwood City. The event was a huge success. At the same time it raised a significant amount of funds to help Louis F. Dematteis produce a one hour film on Italian immigration to San Mateo County and the ordeals and accomplishments of the Italian American community in the county during the last century. I thank P. Terry Anderlini for the wonderful job he did when he stepped in as acting chairman of this event. I would also like to thank the entire committee for all their hard work on this event. Special thanks to all the donors for the food, drinks, and prizes for the raffle. In addition, I personally want to thank the committee for honoring me at the event and for presenting me with a beautiful plaque, inscribed as follows: "In grateful appreciation, admiration and respect for all your hard work, dedication and devotion to our Italian American Community of San Mateo County and the Columbus Day Festivities" .....October 7, 2006.

Later in the evening we enjoyed a wonderful Genovese Night Dinner-Dance at the PIASC, chaired by Alice and Dave Siboldi and Elmo DeNevi. Thank you Alice, Dave, and Elmo for all your hard work and for the tremendous job. Thanks to you, the event was "sold-out". We all enjoyed the music of the Peninsula Youth Symphony, the sumptuous dinner (especially the delicious ravioli made by Alice), and the dancing afterwards. The highlight of the evening was when tenor Pasquale Esposito made a brief appearance during the intermission and belted out three of our favorite songs, including "Nessun Dorma", receiving a standing ovation at the conclusion.

On October 13 many of us attended a beautiful evening of music and song at the Peninsula Symphony's "Viva L'Italia" concert, featuring the dynamic opera duo, Daniel Narducci and Sandra Rubalcava. You may have seen the raving review this program received in the San Mateo County Times. We are proud that the PIASC was instrumental in raising the needed funds for the Peninsula Symphony to bring Daniel Narducci from the East Coast to perform in this concert.

On November 11 the PIASC will hold its annual Sicilian Night Dinner-Dance, chaired by Romolo and Angela Cappello. This event, with dancing music by the Italice Band, is traditionally a "sell-out", and we encourage everyone who plans to attend to obtain their tickets as soon as possible.

We would very much appreciate your attendance and participation in the nomination of officers for 2007 at the general dinner meeting on November 14. At the meeting we will accept nominations for three board of directors positions, a trustee, and all the other officer positions. I hope that many of you will consider the opportunity to become involved in the affairs of the Club, and run for a position. If you are nominating someone, please be prepared to state why you are nominating that individual.

Respectfully,  
Emil Bagneschi

## SUNSHINE

**Get well wishes to:** Frank Baldanzi, Rudy Bertolozzi, Demo Giulianetti, Antonetta Bet, Regina Bortolus, Rose Viscuso.

**Sympathy to:** Rita Buchignani (loss of husband, Charles), Emilio Colombo (loss of wife, Mary Rita), Lottie Catalli (loss of husband, Anthony)

**Congratulations to:** David Cacciatore, Birth of Son, Roman, Grandfather, Angelo Cacciatore.

**By Rico Marchesin, 650-348-1249**

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON  
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OR  
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# NEW YEAR'S EVE

The cutoff date for reservations for members is December 11th. Guest reservations will be accepted after December 11th if space is still available, with a limit of 4 guests per member.

# THANK YOU FROM THE COLUMBUS DAY BOCCE CELEBRATION

Thanks to: Gino Gasparini of Norcal Waste Systems of San Mateo County for donating the food, Paula Uccelli and Terry Anderlini for donating the prize money, Gino Gasparini Sr., John Mania and Santi Balsama for doing the cooking, Andy DeNardi for score keeping, John Pavan and Natale Bortolin for refereeing and Lino Carrara, Pasquale Conti, Max Antoniazzi for contributing to this event.

And now the results of the tournament on September 30, 2006:

1st Place: FRESCHET'S PLUS 1, Leno Freschet, Guido Freschet, Norman Freschet, Matteo Canu.

2nd Place: REDWOOD CITY, John Clemente, Lino Carrara, Guido Zan, Ben Giovannetti.

3rd Place: THE BALL JUGGLERS, Angelo Fanucchi, Alfeo Fabbri, Mario Patane, Sam Balestieri.

4th Place: FOUR FRIENDS, Mario Viarengo, Pauline Viarengo, Mary Fanti, Egisto Fanti.

George and Margie Lencioni, Chairpersons

# BOUN VIAGGIO

Members that in the future are contemplating a trip to Italy or would like to read a fascinating 150 pages book on a travelers guide to Italian language and culture can call our Club to order, for any of our members, this truly interesting book describing all the aspects of modern Italy including many pictures and lots of information.

The title of the book is BUON VIAGGIO! By Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti. If you are interested in purchasing this book, reasonably priced, that we believe would be a wonderful addition to any Italian-American family, call the Club at (650) 343-7981 and we can order for you.

John Bagneschi

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**A 10% discount on the commission will go to the PSC Scholarship Foundation**

**New Italian Anti-terror Law**

An anti-terror law in Italy makes internet café managers check their clients' IDs and track the websites they visit. After Italy passed a new anti-terrorism package, authorities have ordered managers offering public communications services to make passport photocopies of every customer using the Internet, phone, or fax. "This new law creates a heavy atmosphere," says Maurizio Savoni, internet café owner who is closing his business because he says he does not want to be a "cop" anymore.

Before the law was passed, Savoni's clients were anonymous to him. Now they must be identified by first and last name. He also must document which computer they use, as well as their log-in and log-out times. Like other owners of Internet cafes, Savoni had to obtain a new public communications business license, and purchase expensive tracking software. The software saves a list of all sites visited by clients, and Internet café operators must periodically submit the list to the local police headquarters. Since the law was enacted, Savoni has seen an estimated 10 percent drop in business.

The law is part of the most extensive anti-terror package introduced in Italy since 9/11. Though the legislation also includes measures to heighten transportation security, permit DNA collection, and facilitate the detention or deportation of suspects, average Italian are feeling its effect mainly in Internet cafes. While Italy has a healthy protest culture, no major opposition to the law has emerged and most Italians seem relatively unfazed by the ruling. Italy claims that its new stance on security led to the arrest of Hussein Osman, also known as Hamdi Issac – one of the men behind the failed bombing of the London underground July 21.

**Source:** The National Italian American Foundation

**UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS**

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|---------|-----------------------------|
| 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**

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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.

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## **IMMIGRANTS DAY**

Enjoy Immigrants Day at the San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City on Saturday, November 4, noon to 4:00 PM. The dance group, LA DANZA ITALIANA, will perform at 1:00 PM. Other dances by Irish, Portuguese, Chinese, Mexican groups, along with a Japanese drum group, will also entertain. Small plates of food representing the various countries will be available. For further information, contact the Museum at (650) 299-0104 or Roland Giannini, (650) 366-8756. While you are there, be sure to visit the new Immigrants Gallery in the Museum.

## **PSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION INFORMATION**

Regarding the proposed drawing to raise funds for the Foundation, as mentioned in last month's Pensogram, you may purchase tickets at the PIASC office, beginning November 1, 2006. Checks should be made payable to, "PSC Scholarship Foundation".

## **Italian Baby Names**

How many Italian names are there currently? A recent poll counted upwards of more than 100,000 names at the Italian parents choose their children's names based on the name of a grandparent, with the father's side of the family chosen first and then the mother's. According to Lynn Nelson, author of "A Genealogist's Guide national level. But many of these names are extremely rare. Experts think there are only approximately 17,000 Italian names that appear with regular frequency. For instance, the name Antonio (Anthony in English) is derived from the Latin surname Antonius. The female form, Antonia, has several diminutive forms including Antonell, Antonietta, and Antonina.

Traditionally, to "Discovering Your Italian Ancestors," there has been a strong custom in Italy that determines how children are named, beginning with the first-born male, who is named after his paternal grandfather. The second-born male is named after his maternal grandfather, the first-born female is named after her paternal grandmother, and the second female is named after her maternal grandmother. Nelson also points out that "the subsequent children could be named after the parents, a favorite aunt or uncle, a saint, or a deceased relative."

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