

**PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN  
SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO**  
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**May 2007**

# PENSOGRAM

## IMPORTANT DATES

**May 2-** Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

**May 4-** Friday Dinner Dance, Baby Back Ribs or Roasted Chicken\* 7 PM dinner, 8 to 11:30 PM dancing to the music of the George Campi Band. Members \$25.00 Guests \$30.00

**May 8-** Scholarship Committee Mtg 6 PM

**May 8-** General Dinner Mtg. Roast Leg of Lamb or Roasted Chicken\* 7 PM

**May 16-** Board of Directors Mtg 7 PM

**May 18-** Friday Luncheon, noon Chicken Scaloppine or Roast Beef \$18.00

**May 24-** Fellowship Night, Breaded Pork Chops or Roasted Chicken\* Members \$17.00 Guests \$22.00

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

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

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope you all had a good Easter. As we enter into springtime, please note the following events at the PIASC:

Saturday, April 21 - Scholarship Dinner-Dance  
Chairperson: Barbara Kuehn  
Music: Reno Di Bono Band

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day Dinner  
Co-chairpersons: Cliff Goodwine,  
Frank Benvenuto  
Music: George Campi

Saturday, May 19 - Venetian Night Dinner-Dance  
Chairpersons: Guido and Letizia Freschet  
Music: Steve Balich Band

Saturday, June 2 - Festa dei Cacciatori  
Co-chairpersons: Angelo Fanucchi,  
Remo Giuntoli  
Music: Bob Gutierrez Band

Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day Dinner  
Chairperson: Bob Costa  
Music: Pasquale Esposito Band

Please try to attend as many of these events as you can. If you do, I am sure that you will enjoy yourself. The events are for your pleasure and enjoyment.

Also, you are welcome to attend (free of charge, open seating) two events on Saturday, April 28, entitled, "Hidden Stories of World War II." The first is a conference on "Enemy Alien Restrictions and Internment" at the San Mateo Main Public Library, from 1 to 4 PM. The second event, three one-act plays on "Enemy Aliens in WWII", takes place in the Little Theatre at Hillsdale High School, 7:30 PM. See details in the April Penso-gram, or call the club for further information. The PIASC is a co-sponsor of these events.

Buona Primavera.

Respectfully,  
Emil Bagneschi

## SUNSHINE

**Get well wishes to:** Adolfo Del Carlo.

**Sympathy to:** Family of Enio Lippetti, Louis Di Bene ( loss of father in law )  
Luke Parenti ( loss of father in law )

**Congratulations to:** Luigi Comisso ( grandfather second time ), Diano & Annie Bernardini celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 4, 2007.

By Rico Marchesin 650 348-1249

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON  
MAY 18th  
CHICKEN SCALOPPINE  
OR ROAST BEEF  
\$18.00  
FOR RESERVATIONS  
CALL 650 343-7981**

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

The PIASC has just purchased white Polo shirts with the club logo embroidered on them. The sizes are M. L. XL. XXL. The price is \$25.00 They will be displayed and sold at the general dinner meeting on April 10th. If you are interested in purchasing a Polo shirt call Gordon at the club and he will have one for you to pick up.

**TICKET FOR CLUB EVENTS WILL ONLY BE SENT OUT TO MEMBERS WHO SEND A SELF STAMPED ENVELOPE. YOUR CANCELLED CHECK WILL BE YOUR CONFIRMATION.**

**WHEN A MEMBER PASSES AWAY, THE CLUB WILL MAKE A DONATION TO A CHARITY, IN MEMORY OF THAT MEMBER.**

## WELFARE

Once again Elmo De Nevi with the help from Frank De Nardi and Albert Gnecco have planted flowers in our patio for all of us to enjoy. Thanks to all of you for caring.

Our thanks to Julie Bagneschi for giving her time to teach the Italian language class for beginners.

Also a big thanks for all the members who signed up for the winter bocce league which made it one of our most successful tournaments. We congratulate Chairman Angelo Fanucchi, Mario & Carmen Patane, Don Brozzo on the computer and the many helpers for a great, enjoyable tournament.

John Chiappe Welfare Chairman

## IMMIGRANT DAY FESTIVITIES

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 pm is the day to mark your calendar to attend the various performances by seven groups represented in the immigrant day festivities. The place is the San Mateo County Historical Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City, California.

The Italians are represented by the Italian-American Women Guild singing chorale, named 'Anima e Cuore' which will perform for our enjoyment a selection of popular Italian songs.

Other performances will be exhibited by the Irish, Portuguese, Chinese, Mexican, Japanese and Filipino groups. It is going to be a fun filled afternoon with a chance to taste small plates of food representing the various Countries and the opportunity to visit the Immigrants Gallery in the Museum.

For further information contact the Museum at (650) 299-0104 or John Bagneschi (650) 345-2316.

SOCIETA DI SANTA GEMMA GALGANI  
a n d  
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C E L E B R A T E  
FESTA DI SANTA GEMMA GALGANI  
and DEGLI ANZIANI

DOMENICA, 6 MAGGIO 2007  
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2007

**La Santa Messa alle 11:45 am nella Chiesa di SS. Pietro & Paolo**

Mass at 11:45 am at Saints Peter & Paul Church-- 666 Filbert Street, San Francisco.

**Lunch dopo la Messa al San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**

Lunch to follow after Mass at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club 1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco ( across the street from Saints Peter and Paul Church )

**For Reservations Call:**

Angelina Fanucchi 650 341-1557

Kathy Spes 415 585-0961

## BOCCIE NEWS

### PIASC 2007 SPRING/SUMMER BOCCIE LEAGUE

**CO-ED TEAMS - 4 PERSON TEAM  
1 WOMAN 3 MEN OR 3 WOMEN 1 MAN  
MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM  
BEGINS MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - ENDS JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**

THE WEEK OF 6-19 THRU 23<sup>RD</sup> WILL BE A  
BYE DUE TO US BOCCIE N A T I O N A L  
BARBECUE AND FINAL PAYOFFS FOR ALL  
THE TEAMS ON SATURDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>

CASH PRICES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
TEAMS

**\$20.00 PER PLAYER - INCLUDES BARBECUE**

GUEST BARBECUE FEE - \$10.00  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
ANGELO FANUCCHI  
3721 WILSHIRE AVENUE  
SAN MATEO, CA 94403  
(650) 341-1577**

OTHER INFORMATION CONTACT  
MARIO PATANE - 650-598-9862

## WINTER BOCCE LEAGUE RESULTS

**1st PLACE:** Don Cresci, Nella Conti, Regina Bortolus, Ray Al-lara, Phil Taurian, Phyllis Tognotti.

**2nd PLACE:** Ante Buljan, Bruno Fatica, Susan Pucci, Frank Sicco, Mario Buljan, Albert Gnecco.

**3rd PLACE:** George Lencioni, Ray Tuccori, Angela Freschet, Joe Lunardi, Larry Giusto, Giuliana Pinochi.

**4th PLACE:** John Bagneschi, Luisa Funghi, Lavinia Antoniazzi, Fred Mortara, Mario Conti, Laurie Alexander.

### **Juke Box Amore By Cookie Curci**

As a writer of nostalgia, I have a passion for things and events which have faded into the past: things such as the grand old Wurlizer juke box that once held a place of honor in my Dad's 1940's soda shop, and the classic chromed Seeburg jukebox that later took center stage in the 1950's and 60's.

As the youngest child in my family, I led a charmed existence, absorbing all the sights and sounds of my family's musical tastes. When Mom and Dad pressed the buttons on the colorful jukebox, it was usually to select the big band sound backing up "the voice" of the loth century, Frank Sinatra. When my older brother, Tony, selected a tune, it was usually sung by one of the romantic Italian crooners of the day: Dean Martin (Dino Crocetti), Tony Bennett (Antonio Benedetto), Vic Damone (Vito Farrinola), Jerry Vale ( Gennaro Louis Vitaliano), Don Cornell (Luigi Valaro), Frankie Laine (Frank Paul LoVecchio).

Pop tunes stayed on the jukebox a long time in those days, long enough for music fans to memorize the button keys of our favorite songs. To this day, I can still recall B-6, Dino's "That's Amore" and C-4, Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night". Other jukebox buttons gave us the teenage singing idols of the day, which, nine times out of 10, were young Italian American singers from South Philadelphia: There was "Venus" by Frankie Avalon (Frank Avelone), "Wild One" by Bobby Rydell ( Roberto Ridarelli), "Turn Me Loose" by Fabian ( Fabian Forte), "Mack The Knife" by Bobby Darin (Robert Cossotto), "Big Girls Don't Cry" by Frankie Valli and "At The Hop" by Joey Dee (Joseph Di Nicola).

The music scene of the 1950's brought a Renaissance of Italian American singers. These singers and their songs flirted for the teenage boys when they didn't have the courage to speak. At other times, these singers made musical love to us as our fancies took flight at their tender words and phrases.

Source: Italian Cultural Society

### **Get to Know a Stranger**

In his autobiographical novel, "A Stranger in the Barrio: Memoir of a Tampa Sicilian," Frank Urso tells his experience of growing up Italian American in Hispanic-dominated Ybor City, in the Tampa Bay area. It is an uplifting story about a boy rolling with the punches while his family rolls cigars.

Sicilian-American protagonist Franchito lives among Hispanics in the cigar-making district bordering "colored town."

His family doesn't celebrate Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July, and he practices pronouncing the words "water" and "bathroom" to survive his first day in school. His family has a grueling existence, living in a house infested with roaches, rats, and termites. But for those in the *barrio*, America does not exist. Franchito's *barrio*, rather, is dominated by Hispanics. He is a minority among minorities.

A son of immigrants, Urso had an early childhood much like Franchito's. He lived in a cold-water duplex without heat or air-conditioning. Until the age of fourteen he shared a bedroom with his grandmother. It was from her that he learned about Sicily. After graduating from Our Lady of Perpetual Hope, Urso left the *barrio* when a friend convinced him to attend the University of Tampa. From there he went on to medical school at the University of Miami, where he earned his degree with honors in 1962.

He turned to writing after retiring from his career as a medical doctor in 1992. After taking courses at a local community college in Tucson, Ariz., Urso began writing about what he knew best: growing up as an Italian American. Source: The National Italian American Foundation

## **UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS**

May 13	Mother's Day Dinner
May 19	Venetian Night
June 2	Festa dei Cacciatori
June 17	Father's Day Dinner
Aug. 25	Oldies Dinner Dance
Aug. 26	Club Picnic
Sept 8	Toscana Night
Sept 10	Golf Tournament
Oct. 6	Genovese Night / Columbus Day Celebration
Nov. 10	Sicilian Night
Dec. 2	Workers Party
Dec. 9	Children's Xmas Party
Dec. 31	New Years Eve Dinner Dance

### **Officers for 2007**

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

### **Board Members**

John Bagneschi	Rudy Bertolozzi
Gary Cahalan	John Chiappe
Robert Costa	Elmo De Nevi
Angelo Fanucchi	Emil Giannoni
	Joe Lencioni

## **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:** [peninsulaitalian@rcn.com](mailto:peninsulaitalian@rcn.com)

# MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AT THE PIASC ON SUNDAY MAY 13TH AND REQUEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets at \$30.00                      \_\_\_\_\_ Members Wife/Mother N/C  
\_\_\_\_\_ Child Ticket (13 to 18 years) at \$16    \_\_\_\_\_ Child under 6 N/C    \_\_\_\_\_ Child Ticket (6 to 12 years) at \$8

How many Tri-Tip Roast \_\_\_\_\_                      How Many Chicken Scaloppini \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ I WISH TO SIT WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to P.I.A.S.C. and mail to: 100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401**

# 3rd FRIDAY LUNCHEON

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2007 AND REQUEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Tickets at \$18.00 Per Person (Payable in advance).                      Make Check Payable to P.I.A.S.C.

How many Chicken Scaloppini ? \_\_\_\_\_                      How Many Roasted Beef? \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ I WISH TO SIT WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

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