

**PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN
SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO**
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August 2008

PENSOGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Aug. 1- Friday Dinner Dance, Veal Parmigiana or Roasted Chicken* 7PM Dinner 8:00 to 11:30 dancing to the music of the Bob Gutierrez Band. Members \$25.00 Guests \$30.00

Aug. 6- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Aug. 12- Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6PM

Aug. 12- General Dinner Mtg. Pork Loin Roast or Roasted Chicken* 7PM

Aug. 15- Friday Luncheon, noon, Short Ribs or Roasted Chicken* \$18.00

Aug. 20- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Aug. 28- Fellowship Night, Grilled Pork Chops or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM Members \$17.00 Guests \$22.00

Sept. 3- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Sept. 9- General Dinner Mtg. 7 PM *Where indicated, Roasted Chicken is available if ordered in advance.

Here we are in mid-summer already. I hope everyone is keeping cool!

Those of you who have attended club events recently may have noticed a few improvements. The most noticeable being the refurbished wood floors. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the dedication, devotion to duty and enthusiasm of Achille Rodighiero. His contributions have had a major impact on the recent improvements. He and Renato Cernobori saw to it that we got a fair bid on the work, all the appropriate paperwork in a timely manner and an excellent outcome. The pipes in the women's bathroom have been reconfigured to prevent any more back ups. We also had major cleaning done in the kitchen. John Chiappe stayed until the work was completed in the kitchen keeping him there until midnight that night. Thank you, John! All of these projects were coordinated to take place at the same time so as not to cause too much inconvenience. It all got handled without a hitch!

Another large undertaking is the compilation of a spreadsheet of our members' areas of expertise. Judy Baldi is currently in the process of entering the names and occupations based on the research of several volunteers; Charlotte Conway, Al Alloggiamento, Robert Tomasello, Andy Baldi, Judy Baldi and me. This involved a lot of work and we really appreciate everybody's efforts. Don't be surprised if you receive a call in the future when we have a question pertaining to the field you are knowledgeable in.

SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to:

Robert Simoncini, Abramo Sabbatini,
Alfred Lunardi, Louise Funghi.

Sympathy to:

Anna Bonacchi (loss of husband, Marcello),
Ray De Antoni (loss of friend Martha Biagini).

By Rico Marchesin 650 348-1249

The Coniglio E Polenta dinner had everyone jumping for joy. A delicious meal was followed by a generous raffle benefiting the scholarship fund. A big thanks to all the attendees and contributors. The stars of the evening were Andy and Judy Baldi, who chaired the event. Gary Cahalan called the winning raffle numbers like a pro and Rudy Bertolozzi's prize descriptions were a hoot. Thanks to Angelo Fanucchi for his involvement as well. Once again the kitchen staff outdid themselves. A heartfelt thank you to Pietro Quilici, Stefano Quilici, Dave Fanucchi and our chef, Norman.

The Spring bocce tournament has come to a close. The competition was fierce but fun. We will keep you posted about the formation of the next league. I hope others will join us for this worthwhile activity.

An upcoming event to keep in mind is the Italian Heritage Night at AT&T Park on Wednesday evening, August 20th. Orders must be received by the club August 13th at the latest.

Our "Oldies" dinner dance is another event to consider. This will take place on Saturday, August 23rd.

Don't forget the annual picnic on Sunday, August 24th.

Food For Thought: Offering advice may be noble and grand, but it's not the same as a helping hand.

Well Ciao for now
Emil Giannoni, President
Fa bravo

FRIDAY LUNCHEON
AUGUST 15, 2008
SHORT RIBS
OR ROASTED CHICKEN
\$ 18.00
FOR RESERVATIONS SEND
IN
COUPON WITH PAYMENT

SOCCKER

Dear Members,

The PIASC Soccer Team is starting its season the end of September and would like to recruit yourselves, sons, grandsons, etc. that know how to play soccer and would want to join our team. The club team is in a very competitive division and is only looking for serious players. If you know of anyone that would like to play please feel free to call me, Gian Paolo Martire at (408) 460-0325 or E-Mail me at: piascsoccer@yahoo.com Ci Sentiamo!

Gian Paolo Martire

THANK YOU

The PIASC would like to thank the people who made the Rabbit & Polenta dinner a great success!

Chefs: Pietro & Stefano Quilici, David Fanucchi, Norman Wong, Paul Tufo.

Cookie Ladies: Judy Baldi, Nella Conti, Mary Uberti.

Set up group: Andy & Judy Baldi, Mario & Nella Conti, Angelo & Angie Fanucchi, Sue Bertolozzi, Maria Levy, Barbara Murray.

Decorations: Michelle Baldi Graf, Lisa Baldi Graf, Judy Baldi.

Raffle: Rudy Bertolozzi, Gary Cahalan, Judy Baldi, Barbara Murray, Maria Levy.

PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CLUB OPERATIONS

Your Board, in cooperation with a group of members, has begun an effort to identify and possibly implement, with membership approval (where required), a number of improvements in club operations. We are soliciting more members to participate in this effort to help analyze and implement improvements as well as identify new ones. The general areas or items for improvements identified so far include (1) food quality and variety of dishes served; (2) organized trips for members, their families and friends; (3) finding proper and affordable ways to upgrade both bars and kitchen or kitchen equipment; (4) increasing the number of membership events, such as additional regional dinners (Le Marche, Calabria, Lombardia, etc.) or events for children and young adults; (5) increasing club revenue from outside sales; and (6) increasing income from operations. If you have any thoughts or expertise in the above items, or just simply would like to help, please call Emil Giannoni (592-5858) or Andy Baldi (685-4862). Your help will be sincerely appreciated.

TRIVIA

Italian Americans on the Rise

Italian Americans number nearly 17 million and constitute almost 6 percent of the U.S. population, according to a new report from the U.S. Census Bureau. The study from the Bureau's new American Community Survey (ACS) reveals an increase of one million Italian Americans over the 16 million reported in the year 2000 national census. The difference is due to an increase identification of Italian Americans with their Italian roots rather than immigration from Italy.

The ACS report, based on the 2004 Census data, also reveals that the median age of today's Italian American is 34.7 years with the number of men and women nearly equal (8.3 million men; 8.5 million women). Nearly all (97%) are native-born and only 8% speak Italian at home. Almost one quarter (23.50%) are currently enrolled in college or graduate school while fully 90% of today's Italian Americans age 25 and up are high school or college graduates or higher.

The ACS is a new annual demographic survey the Census Bureau developed to replace the 2010 Census long form, also known as "the Ancestry Question." It is conducted every year so that data on Italian Americans will be available annually instead of once a decade.

Source: Italian America Magazine

Italy's Cost of Living Soars

Americans are not the only ones feeling an economic crunch this year. Italian families will spend more than 1,000 Euros (about \$1,500) more for food, utilities and fuel, according to the Italian human rights group, Codacons.

Barring government intervention, many will be "on the verge of bankruptcy" just to cover basic needs, Codacons reports. It estimates that Italians are paying \$625.00 more for food and drink, and \$250.00 more for gas and heat. Transportation would run an additional \$187.00 this year and increases are also expected in water, waste disposal, income and real estate taxes. Italy's inflation rate rose to a four-year high of 2.5% at the close of 2007, reports Review Italy, an English language journal on Italian politics, economy and sociology.

Source: Italian America Magazine

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Italian Night at AT&T Park

The Giants will have a Italian Night at AT&T Park on Wednesday August 20th 7:15 PM. For more details there will be flyers at the club if you are interested.

Photographs

The PIASC would like to know if any member has any club activities photographs for the years late 1990 through 2005 to pass them on to our office for the purpose of the 2008 Historian John Bagneschi to include them in the club album

GIFT CERTIFICATES

If you would like to honor someone with a present or token of appreciation, a PIASC Gift Certificate to one of our club events, Friday luncheon, Friday Night dinner dance, Fellowship night would be a great gift! If interested call Gordon at 650 343-7981

BUSINESS CARD AD FOR PENSOGRAM

The PIASC is accepting business card ads for our newsletter (Pensogram). The Pensogram is mailed out to over 800 members each month. The cost is \$200.00 per year for twelve (12) issues. If interested, please send your business card and make your check payable to the PIASC. and mail to:

100 North "B" Street, San Mateo, Ca. 94401
Attn: George Lencioni, Secretary

MOTTO

From the vote taken at the June 10th General Dinner Meeting. The winning Motto was.

SEMPRE AVANTI

Reservations

The Board of Directors has modified the advance reservation notice for members attending the General Dinner Meeting and for Fellowship Night to 48 Hours. If the reservation notice, phone call etc. is not sent in the 48 hour time frame, the club will have to put you on a waiting list to see if there will be enough food for everyone. We would appreciate your support.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2008

<u>Aug. 23-</u>	Oldies Dinner Dance
<u>Aug. 24-</u>	Club Picnic
<u>Sept. 8-</u>	Golf Tournament
<u>Sept. 13-</u>	Toscana Night
<u>Sept 26-</u>	Country Western Night
<u>Oct. 11-</u>	Genovese Night / Columbus Day Celebration
<u>Nov. 15-</u>	Sicilian Night
<u>Dec. 7-</u>	Workers Party
<u>Dec. 14-</u>	Children's Xmas Party
<u>Dec. 31-</u>	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Officers for 2008

President	Emil Giannoni
Vice-President	Angelo Fanucchi
Treasurer	Henry Bergero
Secretary	George Lencioni

Board Members

Andrew Baldi	Angelo Cacciatore
Gary Cahalan	Renato Cernobori
Robert Costa	Elmo De Nevi
Joe Lencioni	Achille Rodighiero
	Bert Salvato

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

3rd FRIDAY LUNCHEON

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008 AND REQUEST:

_____ # of Tickets at \$18.00 Per Person (Payable in advance).

How Many Short Ribs ? _____ How Many Roasted Chicken ? _____

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

NAME: _____

I WISH TO SIT WITH: _____

Make check payable to PIASC and mail to: 100 North B Street., San Mateo, Ca. 94401

PICNIC AUGUST 24TH

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE PICNIC AT FLOOD PARK (MENLO PARK) ON AUGUST 24th AND REQUEST:

_____ ADULT TICKETS AT \$15 _____ ADULT GUEST TICKETS \$20 EACH
_____ CHILDREN (6 TO 12 YEARS \$ 6 _____ CHILDREN (5 AND YOUNGER) - FREE
I AM ENCLOSING MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

NAME: _____

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

BRING YOUR BOCCE BALLS, SOCCER BALLS, HORSESHOES, AND OTHER MATERIAL. LETS HAVE A GREAT PICNIC THIS YEAR!

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

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