

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

PENSOGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Oct. 1- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM
Oct. 3- Friday Dinner Dance, Pork Scalopine or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM dinner 8 to 11:30 dancing to the music of the George Campi Band. Members \$25.00 Guests \$30.00
Oct. 14- Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6 PM
Oct. 14- General Dinner Mtg. Grilled Salmon or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM
Oct. 15- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM
Oct. 17- Friday Luncheon, noon Saltimbocca or Roasted Chicken* \$18.00
Oct. 23- Fellowship Night, Lamb Shanks or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM Members \$17.00 Guests \$22.00
Nov. 5- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM
Nov. 11- General Dinner Mtg. 7 PM
* Where indicated, Roasted Chicken is available if ordered in advance.

As many of you may know, we had been shopping for some much needed dinnerware. Place settings for 400 were estimated at a heart-palpitating \$34,000.00. That got me to thinking, "What will Bay Meadows do with their supplies?" I called in February to inquire. Despite being told someone would get back to me, no one ever did. I continued to attempt to make contact. Eventually (and by chance) at the last minute I learned there would be an auction.

I gathered the troops for a bittersweet adventure at Bay Meadows Race Track. I was sad to see the demise of this historic venue, happy to have placed winning bets (I mean bids) on the items we were interested in. We were extremely fortunate to acquire nearly 500 beautiful English bone china place settings (plates, cups, saucers, glasses and many more items too numerous to mention) seeing a savings of approximately \$30,000.00!

It took the hard work of several people to pull this off. There was preliminary research and viewing, bidding, packing, loading, transporting, unloading, storage preparation, sorting and stacking to be done.

Will the following people please take a bow so we may applaud you?

Al and Penny Lucchesi, Achille and Phyllis Rodighiero, Stefano Quilici, Renato Cernobori, Gary Cahalan, Joe (the champ) Gumina, Lou Janakos, Bob Gonzales, Louis DiBene, Bob and Norma Costa, George and Marge Lencioni, Angelo Fanucchi, Joe Lencioni, Chef Norman, Manager Gordon and my wife, Lois. Thank you all so much for your input, muscles, vehicles and time!

Speaking of applauding hard work; I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank retiring board member and beverage manager, Joe Lencioni. He has worn many hats over the years, and has always been there when called upon for help. Joe has found it necessary to resign from the positions he holds with the club. We owe you much gratitude Joe, and will miss working with you. Stay well!

Food for thought: Keep a middle of the road position, and you'll get hit from both directions!

Ciao for now,
Emil R. Giannoni
President
Sempre Avanti

SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to:

Robert Costa, Gino Fanucchi,
Angelo Fanucchi, Lena Venturelli

Sympathy to:

Jasper Campagna (loss of wife), Sabatino Marradi (loss of brother), Paula Gendotti (loss of mother-law)

Congratulations to:

Guido & Letizia Freschet, Luciano & Luise Funghi on their 50th wedding anniversary!
Victor & Mary Peccolo on their 55th wedding anniversary!

By Rico Marchesin 650 348-1249

FRIDAY LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 17, 2008
SALTIMBOCCA
OR
ROASTED CHICKEN
\$ 18.00
FOR RESERVATIONS SEND IN
COUPON WITH PAYMENT

THANK YOU

To the Picnic Helpers:

Mike Martinelli, Mark Martinelli, Matt Martinelli, Dan & Lucy Ditri, Francis Benedetto, Bob & Ruth Benedetto, Chuck Hitzman, Steve Silvestrini, Mario Viarengo,

Plus many volunteers.
Chairman Mike Martinelli

Gary Cahalan, Chairman

Would like to thank everyone who helped make the Oldies Rock & Roll Dinner Dance a big success: Lois Giannoni, Larry Giusto, Paul Di Quattro, Angelo Fanucchi, Jim Celentano, Bill Miller, Bill Ferguson, Ray Alara, Bob Costa, Walt Bertollo

To the Toscana Night Helpers:

Angie Fanucchi, Alfredo & Pierina Lucchesi, Agnese Marcheschi, Lavinia Antoniazzi, Achille & Plylliss Rodighiero, Gary Cahalan, Larry Giusto, Renato Cemobori, Regina Bertolus, Don Delnevo, Bob & Norma Costa
BBQ Cooks: David Fanucchi, Paul Di Quattro
Chairman Angelo Fanucchi

TO: Margie Lencioni, Gail Firpo, John Bagneschi, Elio Bernardini, Angelo Fanucchi, Emil Giannoni, and Charlotte Conway for helping in mailing our **PENSOGRAM** month after month.
Secretary George Lencioni

MISSION OF THE PIASC

To preserve and enhance our rich Italian heritage and culture by promoting and providing social, recreational, educational, and entertainment programs and activities for our members, their families, and friends.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The PIASC is in the process of publishing a new roster. If anyone has an address or phone change, please let the club know. Thank you.

At the General Dinner Meeting on October 14th, there will be nominations for an opening on the Board of Directors due to the resignation of Joe Lencioni. His remaining term will expire on December 31, 2009. Election will be held at the November 11th General Dinner Meeting.

THE PIASC IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR CLUB OFFICE. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CLUB ACTIVITIES AND HELP TO CONTINUE THE SUCCESS OF OUR ORGANIZATION IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL

ELMO DENEVI AT 650 369-5908

TRIVIA

Pigeon-feeding ban aims to preserve Venice's beauty

In May, Mayor of Venice Massimo Cacciari implemented a pigeon-feeding ban in St. Mark's Square to improve decorum and cleanliness in the city. Although to many the pigeons are an essential part of a true Venice experience, the bird's ballooning population presents a health threat to the city, in addition to causing other complications. Due to tourist feeding, approximately 20,000 birds per square kilometer inhabit the city-40 times the recommended limit. Recent studies have shown that pigeons often carry parasites and bacteria that can cause allergies and cause illness for those in close proximity to them. The city also argues that the overpopulation of pigeons damages art and architecture, as their highly acidic feces seeps into building facades, weakening the structures. Furthermore, the calcium-seeking birds peck at the city's marble presenting additional costly damage. Though the law may cause disappointment among tourists, the ban directly affects 18 licensed vendors whose income depends on selling birdseed. The city is in dispute over how to rightfully compensate these vendors for their loss of business, teetering between financial compensation and license conversion into souvenir sales. The city of Venice has also faced resistance

from animal rights who fear the ultimate result will be pigeon starvation rather than relocation. While some activists agree there are too many pigeons, they argue the city must be more humane in decreasing the population. Nevertheless, feeding pigeons in the St. Marks district is now a finable offense. The ban is an attempt to decelerate the steady erosion of monuments, mosaics, and architecture which are arguably more authentic fixtures of the floating city than the hordes of birds.

Source: National Italian American Foundation Magazine

Is Chariot Racing Making a Comeback in Rome?

Could it be time to pull out your favorite chariot driver sports tunic or your old grog mug with your favorite driver on it? How about your "Chariot Driver Trading Cards"? Well, get ready because there's talk in Rome of bringing back the city's traditional sport- not NASCAR- but, close-chariot racing. Circus Maximus was the venue back in the day, and although a variety of games were enjoyed there, chariot racing was by far the most popular. The course could accommodate twelve chariots, each drawn by a team of four horses and a driver. The sport, loved by both Romans and Greeks, was fast paced and dangerous-with minimal protection. Many crashes ended in death for competitors. We've all seen Ben Hur, right? According to an article on the website, chariot racing could return to Rome. The historical society Valis Al Maximo hopes to stage a chariot race reproducing the thrills and spills of competitive "charioteering." The event would last three days, starting on October 17-at the same period when the race took place in Roman times", explained Valis Maximo president, Franco Calo. "If possible, we hope to involve charioteers from all over the world". The initiative is still being studied by various municipal departments, but if given the go-ahead, it would be staged in October 2009, as a city-wide event. "All the main squares of the capital would be transformed into scenes from ancient Rome, using props on loan from the Cinecitta film studios", said Calo. "The efforts involved in staging such an event would be enormous. Spectacular, four-horse chariot races have already been staged in several locations over the last few years, but there is still some way to go in Rome." This is the natural place (to host such events), but it is just more complicated here".

Source: In Buona Salute Magazine

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

Oct. 11- Genovese Night / Columbus Day Celebration
Nov. 15- Sicilian Night
Dec. 7- Workers Party
Dec. 14- Children's Xmas Party
Dec. 31- 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

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3rd FRIDAY LUNCHEON

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2008 AND REQUEST:

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

HOW MANY: SALTIMBOCCA _____ OR 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

Reminder

Columbus Day Celebration, on October 11th at the San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City. The event begins at 11:30 AM and ends at 2:30 PM. There will be plenty of food and entertainment for all. You can purchase your tickets at the door

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