

**PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN  
SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN MATEO**  
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**August 2009**

# PENSOGRAM

## IMPORTANT DATES

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Aug. 5-** Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM  
**Aug. 7-** Friday Dinner Dance, Roast Pork Loin or Roasted Chicken \* with mashed potatoes 7 PM dinner 8 to 11:30 dancing to the music of the Bob Gutierrez Band. Members \$27.00 Guests \$32.00  
**Aug. 11-** Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6 PM  
**Aug. 11-** General Dinner Mtg. Chicken Cacciatore or Roast Beef 7 PM  
**Aug. 19-** Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM  
**Aug. 21-** Friday Luncheon, noon Roast Tri Tip or Roasted Chicken\* \$18.00  
**Aug. 27-** Fellowship Night, Veal Marsala or Roasted Chicken\* Members \$17.00 Guests \$22.00  
**Sept. 2-** Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM  
**Sept. 8-** General Dinner Mtg. 7 PM  
\*Where indicated, Roasted Chicken is available if ordered in advance.

I hope July gave you a big bang for your buck!

First, let me apologize for failing to mention last month, my appreciation for the generosity of Steve Martinelli, who donated ducks for the Cacciatore Dinner we recently enjoyed.

I've always struggled to write President's Corners' that are relevant, informative and engaging on some level. That said, I do think it's important, very important in fact, to always make sure my messages keep everyone at P.I.A.S.C. informed as to how our club is running and how are Officers and Board Members, along with the various committees, are doing.

As your President for the past 18 months, I've tried to make decisions that are in the best interest of the club as a whole. So here goes! In no particular order and with a dash of random thoughts and an abundance of gratitude;

We have a club motto, "Sempre Avanti", reflected on our newly designed club pin. (I hope by now you have all received one.) Our high-powered committee (led by Andy Baldi and John Bernat), who value your opinions; are putting together ways to best serve the membership. Their work has helped us realize several changes for the better and we will continue to strive to improve. Our check-in process on meeting night has been streamlined to bring you in faster. Our beautiful hall has been dedicated to and named after past President, Ray Colombo. We made a great buy of dishware, among other things, at the Bay Meadows auction. While we're in the kitchen, let's not forget about the replacement of the ovens and stoves to better our meal preparation. More regions of Italy are being represented with special dinners and functions. (If we've missed one that you wish to organize, please let us know.) The bocce court is now a thing of beauty with a fresh coat of paint and lovely murals evoking visions of the Italian countryside. Cocktail tables at various functions have made it easier to get bar service. We have recently purchased a carpet steamer to keep clean the new carpet about to be installed through-out the club. This also enables us to clean our dining room chairs which will result in a savings of \$1,200.00 per cleaning. Through your generosity we were able to make significant contributions to worthy causes such as Mission Hospice, Italian Earthquake Relief, Wildlife Foundations and our Scholarship Fund (chaired by Rudy Bertolozzi). Starting in 2010, in appreciation of the membership, both Mothers' and Fathers' Day dinners will be free for members (and 1 guest each). There is an attendance cap on certain events to avoid overcrowding, so do keep that in mind. We had an award winning float in the San Francisco Italian Heritage Day Parade last year and special thanks to Greg Menna who once again has volunteered his vehicles for this year's (if the tradition continues) award winner!

## SUNSHINE

### Get well wishes to:

Antonio Lorenzoni, Marco Nunziati.

### Sympathy to:

Sandra Ferrari ( Loss of Husband , Anthony ).

### Congratulations to:

Sereno & Teresea Zucchiatti on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

By Rick Federighi 650 593-2574

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON  
AUGUST 21, 2009**

**ROAST TRI TIP  
OR  
ROASTED CHICKEN  
\$ 18.00  
FOR RESERVATIONS SEND  
IN  
COUPON WITH PAYMENT**

Our Officers and Board Members encourage you to continue to provide input and feedback. We sincerely appreciate the help of ALL the people behind the scenes (too numerous to name here) whose efforts continue to make this club superb. It would be wonderful to see some new and additional faces involved, so feel free to ask what you can do to help!

Sempre Avanti  
Emil Giannoni, President

Food for Thought: A mistake is evidence that someone has at least tried to do something.

P.S. The P.I.A.S.C. has joined forces with the Italian American Women's Guild for the annual picnic taking place this month. Please join us

# BOCCE NEWS

John and Roberta Bernat would like to thank the members of the 2009 Spring-Summer Bocce Ball Tournament Committee: Mario and Carmen Patane and Larry Giusto. Special thanks goes out to the following people: Andy Bacigalupi, Pietro Quilici and Paul Di Quattro for barbecuing. Stefano Quilici for helping with the setup. Dianne Bacigalupi, Carmen Patane and Dean Balestieri for serving the food. Angie and Angelo Fanucchi for buying the wine and ordering the food and also for being there to assist us in making the event successful.

Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious desserts. We are very appreciative to each and every one of you as we could not have done it without you.

The 2009 Spring-Summer Bocce Ball Tournament winners are as follows:

Tuesday Night:

**1st Place:**

John Pucci, Stefano Quilici,  
Andree Casetta and Lea Wharton.

**2nd Place:**

Mario Patane, Pietro Quilici,  
Susan Pucci and Dina Lucchesi.

**3rd Place:**

Alberto Pinochi, Miranda Zanette,  
Elena Quilici and Connie Davis.

Thursday Night:

**1st Place:**

Andy Baldi, Lavinia Antoniazzi,  
Don Brozzo and Carmela Rinaldi.

**2nd and 3rd Place teams tied:**

Mario Conti, Nella Taurian,  
Gabiella Baldocchi and Dean Balestieri.  
Sam Balestieri, Pauline Viarengo,  
Egisto Fanti and Joseph Tanzi.

We hope to see you all again in the fall for a fun and successful bocce ball tournament.

# TRIVIA

## A TRADITION THAT KEEPS ON ROLLING

Tossing or rolling objects toward a target is the oldest game known to mankind. The Egyptians, as early as 5,000 B.C., played a form of bocce with polished rocks. By around 800 B.C., the game made its way to Greece, where the Romans learned it and proceeded to introduce it throughout the empire. It was played with coconuts brought from Africa and then with hard olive wood carved into balls. It became the game of statesmen and rulers. Through the centuries bocce's participants, including the Italian Renaissance scientist Galileo, noted the game's healthful aspects. It was viewed as a way to revive the body and the mind, and once thought to have a therapeutic effect in curing rheumatism. At times bocce was also considered a negative pastime because it took away from military exercises such as archery and because it fostered gambling. For these reasons bocce was prohibited by Spanish kings and condemned by both the Republic of Venice and the Catholic church. The game survived and grew in popularity, however, owing largely to the Italian influence, with versions of bocce developed in France and Great Britain. Queen Elizabeth I and the explorer Sir Francis Drake were avid players, and George Washington built a lawn bowling court at Mount Vernon in the 1780s. In modern times, the first bocce clubs were organized in Italy, and the first Italian bocce league began with 15 teams in and around the town of Rivoli in 1947, the same year that gave rise to the annual Bocce World Championships. Rivoli, by the way, is in the heart of Italy's Piemonte region. They, along with other Italian immigrants, brought bocce to the United States where it has flourished to become, next to soccer, the most popular game in the world and another Italian-inspired claim to fame.

Source: Rick Malaspina

## MILAN TO HOST WORLD EXPO IN 2015

Milan has been chosen to host the 2015 World Expo. The theme of the event will be "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life" and is expected to bring an estimated 29 million visitors into the Northern Italian city. Milan Expo 2015 will feature an estimated 180 exhibitors hailing from 120 guest countries, 10 international organizations, 21 Italian organizations, and 30 international businesses. About 7,000 events are scheduled to take place at the expo, including discussions related to food safety, security, innovation, and cultural appreciation. For Milan's Mayor, Letizia Moratti, Milan Expo 2015 "will be a Universal Expo for the world."

Source: The National Italian American Foundation

## UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2009

<b>Aug. 23-</b>	Club Picnic
<b>Aug. 29-</b>	Oldies Night
<b>Sept. 12-</b>	Toscana Night
<b>Sept. 14-</b>	Golf Tournament
<b>Oct. 10-</b>	Genovese night / Columbus Day Celebration
<b>Nov. 14-</b>	Sicilian Night
<b>Dec. 6-</b>	Appreciation Party
<b>Dec. 13-</b>	Children's Xmas Party
<b>Dec. 31-</b>	New Years Eve Party

## BUSINESS CARD AD FOR PENSOGRAM

The PIASC is accepting business card ads for our newsletter ( Pensogram ). The Pensogram is mailed out to over 700 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

## 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.

### Officers for 2009

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	David Fanucchi
Remo Giuntoli	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](http://www.peninsulasocialclub.org)

**E-mail us at:** [peninsulaitalian@astound.net](mailto:peninsulaitalian@astound.net)

## 3rd FRIDAY LUNCHEON

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009 AND REQUEST:

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

HOW MANY: ROAST TRI TIP \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

**PIASC/IAWG PICNIC  
BLACKBERRY FARM-AUGUST 23, 2009  
10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.  
Address: 21979 San Fernando Ave. Cupertino, Ca.**

I plan on attending the picnic at Blackberry Farm on August 23rd and request:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets at \$16 each \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Guest Tickets at \$21 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (5 and younger) - Free

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (6 to 12 years) - \$6.00 each

Please indicate below choice for Children's Lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ Hamburger w/chips and drink \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Dog w/chips and drink

I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to PIASC with a self stamped envelope to: 100 North "B" Street, San Mateo, Ca. 94401

Note: Direction Map to Blackberry Farm is available at the club.

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