

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

PENSOGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct.2- Friday Dinner Dance, Salmon or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM dinner 8 to 11:30 dancing to the music of the George Campi Band. Members \$27.00 Guests \$32.00

Oct.7- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Oct.13- Scholarship Committee Mtg.6 PM

Oct.13- General Dinner Mtg. Saute Pork Chops with bell peppers and onions or Roasted Chicken* 7 PM

Oct.16- Friday Luncheon, noon Short Ribs or Roasted Chicken* \$18.00

Oct.21- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Oct.22- Fellowship Night, Veal Parmigiana or Roasted Chicken* Members \$17.00 Guests \$22.00

Nov.4- Board of Directors Mtg. 7 PM

Nov.10- General Dinner Mtg. 7 PM

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I know it was the biggest and it just may have been the best! Thanks to Carmen Patane and the Women's Guild for the fantastic idea of combining the picnics. Thanks to all the many others for their help in making this a special day. I can't name them all here but they are recognized elsewhere in the Pensogram .

The weather was perfect and the Blackberry Farm facilities were recently improved. From the Salami Toss to Bingo (my personal favorite) and the accordion playing to swimming, plus the good fortune that no one took me up on a "Speedo" fashion show; there was a lot to do and even more to eat. I especially enjoyed playing Pedro with Marge and George Lencioni and Mario Patane.

From there we rolled into "Oldies Night", chaired once again by the ageless Gary Cahalan. Many were wearing great duds representing the 50's and 60's and the music got us all into the swing of things. Then there were the posters of Marilyn Monroe which brought back one of my fondest childhood memories. I'm sure my closest friends have tired of this story but I'll share it with you; Well over 50 years ago I had the thrill of a lifetime being introduced by my Father to Joe DiMaggio. I was BEYOND thrilled when Joe, in turn, introduced me to Ms. Monroe. She kissed me on the cheek and called me a handsome young boy. Needless to say, I never wanted to wash my face again but Mom wasn't having it. Life is but a dream... but back to reality now and the club parking lot on Oldies Night! The cars on display were really cool and we appreciate the efforts made to get them there.

Speaking of cars, I'd like to back up a bit and mention our gratitude for the efforts of Greg Manna in regards to Festa di Italiana. He was right to call us out on wanting to close the club during the festivities. We were attempting to protect ourselves from any mishaps, but Greg was passionate about expressing his opinions to the board, who listened, and it turned out for the best.

We have called a special meeting for Monday, October 5th. There is an important topic to discuss. The opportunity to purchase the adjacent property (where the house and garage now stand) may be upon us. Please try to be there as your input is critical. We will be mailing notices shortly.

Another bit of business to attend to is the need for videographers. You need not be a pro for this fun task. In exchange for a free ticket to the function, we'd ask you to spend at least a half hour documenting the event. At the end of the year we would make copies of the DVD's available to those who desired them. Of course a copy would be kept in our archives. It would just take a few volunteers to ensure all our festivities are documented. So, to all those recently sworn in who asked how they could be of help, this is how! Just imagine the future and your descendants watching you in action, in living color. Kindly contact Angelo Fanucchi or me to offer your services. (See President Corner Page 2)

SUNSHINE

Get well wishes to:

Bruno Banti, Phillip Martinelli
Joe Lencioni

Sympathy to:

Dan Ditri (loss of Mother-in Law),
Herman Bertolini (loss of wife)

Congratulations to:

Joe and Filomena Chiorato
(Daughter Joanne Wedding)

By Rick Federighi 650 593-2574

FRIDAY LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 16,
2009
SHORT RIBS
OR
ROASTED CHICKEN
\$18.00
FOR RESERVATIONS SEND IN
COUPON WITH PAYMENT

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you get a chance to peek into the manager's office you will notice a fresh new look. There is also new carpeting throughout the club. A gigantic thank you goes to Penny and Al Lucchesi. Penny chose the carpet and paint and, as if that wasn't enough, I found Al and Penny in there on Labor Day pulling out all the furniture, cleaning and painting. They returned the next day to put it all back together! You both went above and beyond. Grazie, grazie, grazie!

Finally, congratulations to Carla Del Carlo for receiving the Grand President's Award from the Italian Catholic Federation.

I'm off to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary (because I've finally remembered one!)

Emil R Giannoni, President
Sempre Avanti

Food for thought: Don't think about the cost of doing something: think of the cost of doing nothing.

THANK YOU

Chairperson Gary Cahalan would like to thank everyone who helped out with Oldies Night.

Bill Ferguson, John Tassio, Dan DeBiagio, Karen Celentano, Bill Miller, Mary Ann Gnecco, Ray Allara, Angelo Fanucchi, Larry Giusto.

We also would like to thank all of you that brought cars.

John Canale, Frank Alaimo, Dave Fanucchi, Ray Allara, Dean Allara, Ken Bottari, Bruce Wallace.

THANK YOU TOSCANA NIGHT

Angelo & Angie Fanucchi-Chairpersons:

Helpers: Pierina & Al Lucchesi, Lubiana & Renato Cernobori, Iris Bagneschi, Charlotte Conway, Margie Lencioni, Stefano Quilici.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

November 10, 2009 at the general dinner meeting will be the time for nominations of officers for 2010. The PIASC has many opportunities in the coming years to improve and keep the club strong. We need members who are willing to meet that goal. If you are interested in running for office please call Renato Cernobori at 650 341-9522 or Bert Salvato at 650 867-6058.

2009 PIASC Blackberry Farm Picnic

The first combined PIASC & Italian-American Women's Guild Picnic was a huge success with over 300 people in attendance. It was a fun-filled day for all of the people who attended. There were events for all ages to enjoy.

We wish to thank the Picnic Committee:

Diane & Andy Bacicalupi, Roberta & John Bernat
Angie & Angelo Fanucchi, Carmen Patane
Joycelyn Firenzi Pine, Larry Giusto Stefano Quilici
Helpers:

Sharon & Steve Ondry, Toni & Al Alloggiamento
Judy & Andy Baldi, Bea & Bob Tomasello
Lois Giannoni, Norma Costa, Miranda Zanette
Jim Spes

We are extremely thankful for the hard work of the cooks:

Frank Alaimo, Andy Bacicalupi
Bill Downing, David Fanucchi, Larry Giusto
Stefano Quilici, Benny Menconi, Tony Tomasello
Angelo Fanucchi

We also had the pleasure of being entertained by Don Cervelli and his enchanting accordion music.

TRIVIA

Not Your Grandfather's Grappa

Known as an after-dinner drink, grappa is served to help with digestion. An espresso and a shot of grappa (caffè corretto), is also enjoyed by many Italians in the morning. For many people, drinking grappa is compared to tequila; if lightning had a taste, this harsh substance would be it. Today in Italy, the distilling process for grappas has changed. According to Jacopo Poli, a fourth-generation of distiller of one of Italy's well-known grappas, "What we distill today is considered better than the grappa we drank 20 years ago." Poli added grappas with fruit infusions and experiments with different methods of aging in port and sherry barrels. The drink was originally produced in the northern Alps. Many think grappa is made with wine, but instead is prepared with grape pomace; the seeds, skins and pulp of grapes after the juice has been extracted for winemaking. Stored in an airtight container to stop the fermentation, the pomace is kept fresh and free of mold. Its flavor depends on the type and quality of the grape along with the distillation process. Additionally, Italy's wine makers including Antinori, Banfi and Michele Chiarlo created a new category of winery-branded grappas. While there are many producers of grappa, some of the well-known names include Nonino, Berta, Sibona, Nardini, Jacopo Poli and Bepi Tesolini.

Source: The National Italian American Foundation

TRIVIA

Italian Wine Tycoon Corners the Market on Low-Priced Wine

Inexpensive wine may not be for everyone, but for Fred Franzia, who recently sold the 400,000,000th bottle of Charles Shaw, it's a passionate profession. His wine is the least expensive; a bottle costs \$1.99 at Trader Joe's. Franzia's bottling plant is located in Napa Valley, California. His father emigrated from Italy in 1893 and started making wine in the Central Valley in the early 1900's. Although some critics view Charles Shaw as an insignificant beverage, Franzia's 2005 Chardonnay won a double gold medal at the 2007 California state fair and was commended by Wine Spectator Magazine. Franzia's company, Bronco, has annual revenues of more than \$500 million and sells more than 20 million cases per year, making it the fourth-largest winery in the United States.

Source: The National Italian American Foundation

SAVE A TREE-GO GREEN

The PIASC would like to reduce expenses of your club and save a tree (paper). Would you like to receive your monthly PENSOGRAM attached to an E-Mail to you instead of through the mail? If so please send an E-Mail to:

peninsulaitalian@astound.net

which will have your E-Mail addressed and in the near future we may implement this procedure if we get enough members interested.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2009

- Oct. 10-** Genovese night/ Columbus Day Celebration
- Nov. 14-** Sicilian Night
- Dec. 6-** Appreciation Party
- Dec. 13-** Children's Xmas Party
- Dec. 31-** New Years Eve Party

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

E-mail us at: peninsulaitalian@rcn.com

3rd FRIDAY LUNCHEON

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009 AND REQUEST:

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

HOW MANY: SHORT RIBS _____ 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

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