



# DANTE'S INFERNO



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Rich Battistessa*

*You talk—and,  
yes, we listen*

Taking to heart the many comments and concerns that members shared at the June general meeting, the board's committees have been meeting to come up with proposals, which they'll present in September.

Many ideas have been discussed with our club manager, and we think we're moving in the right direction.

Our advisory, finance and social committees will share specifics about changes in the works.

The buildings and grounds committee continues its hard work taking care of the club's minor repairs (hopefully, nothing major will surprise us).

September's meeting will include a detailed look at our financial progress for this year. We encourage all members to attend.

We'll also have the first reading of the proposed bylaws change to raise dues in 2017.

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## Mangia Italiano to kick off celebration of our glorious past

An evening of Italian-style fun is in store Sept. 17 as the Dante Club presents Mangia Italiano, our 90th anniversary year premiere event.

The dinner-dance will include no-host cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Cheryl Tibuzzi Trio will provide live music for dancing.



Dante Club members and their wives share a convivial moment in this 1920s- to 1930s-era photograph provided by the family of Robert DeNigris.

"This promises to be a wonderful festa with great food, good music and good people," said Rich Battistessa, club president. "Everyone should put this special event on their calendars!"

The menu for the evening, dubbed "A Taste of Italy," will include antipasti, caprese insalada, bucatini Amatriciana, rack of lamb, vegetables, tiramisu and wine.

Tickets for the event are \$45 per person. Reservations can be made online at [www.danteclub.com](http://www.danteclub.com). Reservation deadline is 10 a.m. Sept. 9.

## VIVA VENETO

## City chock-full of must-see sights

Story and photos by Michael Micciche

**V**enice is a true wonder of the world and worth every minute you spend there. Make a visit, and discover the wonders for yourself. It isn't possible to see everything, but here are a few of the city's must-see sights:

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**President's Corner**

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The co-chairmen of our club's 90th anniversary celebration, Michael Micciche and John Caselli, are completing plans for the Sept. 17 Mangia Italiano dinner-dance.

Tom Novi and the social committee members have planned musical entertainment for the evening.

And for all you barbecue lovers, we'll have a third barbecue set up for the August membership event. This will allow us to cook those great steaks a little faster.

So a lot is happening at the Dante Club, and our board members are working diligently to meet members' needs and wishes.

Come out and join in the experience. We hope that it will be positive!

**NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE****Ladies Auxiliary**

To volunteer or obtain more information about the Ladies Auxiliary, call president Jill Matranga at 916-204-9409 or email at [jmatranga@surewest.net](mailto:jmatranga@surewest.net).

**Member openings**

Club members approved Tom DeCicco and John Agostinelli at the June meeting and will induct them on Sept. 19.

We have several openings, so members are encouraged to make recommendations.

Find applications at [www.danteclub.com/members.php](http://www.danteclub.com/members.php), see Joy Reinhardt in the Dante Club office or e-mail Frank Calcagno at [fscal@comcast.net](mailto:fscal@comcast.net).

**Sick list**

Longtime member Silvano Romagnessi was on his way to Italy in June and had a medical emergency while in the air.

Silvano spent his first two weeks in Italy in the hospital, but he is now recovering.

He will stay at his home there well into the rest of this year. He's expected to make a full recovery.

**Buon Natale?**

It may be August, but it's never too soon to start planning for holiday celebrations.

Office manager Joy Reinhardt says November and December dates at the club are filling up fast. She reminds people to book space early to secure the dates they want for their special events.

As always, all four rooms at the Dante Club will be decorated in full holiday cheer.



**Upcoming Events**  
To reserve and pay online, go to:  
<http://www.danteclub.com/calendar.php>

**August 13****Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament**

**Location:** Alister MacKenzie Golf Course

**See separate story on this page for more details.**

**September 6****Family Dinner**

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

**Menu:** Osso bucco over polenta with cannellini beans, vegetables, summer greens, tiramisu, wine, coffee

**Cost:** \$25 adults, \$11.50 children ages 5 to 10

**Reserve by 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Call 916-925-8230.**

**September 17****Mangia Italiano**

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

**Menu:** Antipasti, caprese insalada, bucatini Amatriciana, rack of lamb, vegetables, wine, dessert

**Cost:** \$45

**Reserve by 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Call 916-925-8230.**

**October 4****Family Dinner**

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

**Menu:** Chicken and polenta with rigatoni, vegetables, green salad, spumoni, wine, coffee

**Cost:** \$22 adults, \$11 children ages 5 to 10

**Reservation details pending.**

**REMINDER: Annual golf tournament coming soon!**

The Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 13 at Alister MacKenzie Golf Course at Haggin Oaks. Check-in time is 6:45 a.m. and shotgun start is 7:30 a.m. Cocktails, a banquet and a raffle will follow at the Dante Club beginning at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$85 for the full day or \$65 for golf only and \$25 for dinner guests. Reserve or get more details online at [www.danteclub.com](http://www.danteclub.com).

**Premium winery, brewery and olive oil partners****Wine**

- Balletto Vineyards, Santa Rosa
- Bella Grace Vineyards, Sutter Creek
- Carvalho Family Winery, Clarksburg
- Galvan Family Cellars, Fairfield
- Karmere Vineyards, Plymouth
- Merlo Vineyards, Redding
- Morse Wines, Fiddletown
- Pedroncelli, Geyserville

- Perry Creek Winery, Fair Play
- Sean Minor, Napa
- Secret Ravine, Loomis
- Taylor Family Vineyards, Napa
- Yorba Wines, Sutter Creek
- Young's Vineyard, Plymouth

**Beer**

- Blue Note Brewing Co., Woodland
- Hoppy Brewing Co., Sacramento

- Lost Coast Brewery, Humboldt
- Mussetter Distributing, Auburn
- Out of Bounds Brewing Co., Rocklin
- Wildcard Brewing Co., Redding

**Olive Oil**

- Olive Mix, Sacramento



## Venice

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### Doge's Palace

The Doge's Palace, or Palazzo Ducale, at San Marco Square is among Venice's most well-known buildings. A guided tour called "Secret Itinerary" will show you the part of the palace where the city's administration worked, as well as Casanova's jail and the wonderful 500-year-old roof structure.

### Bell tower of St. Mark

The current Campanile di San Marco, dating from 1912, is an exact replica of the previous tower, which collapsed in 1902. The top of the tower offers great views of Venice and the lagoon.

### Clock tower

Torre dell'Orologio in San Marco Square was closed for restoration for many years. Now the restored astronomical clock is visible. A fascinating tour of the clock mechanism and rooftop bell can be



Although San Marco Square and the Doge's Palace are among the most famous sights in Venice, the city's Grand Canal defines the city in a way that no other landmark can. More than 150 buildings, many dating from the 1200s to 1700s, line the Grand Canal, which snakes through the city for about two-and-a-half miles. It's the largest of the hundreds of canals and islands in Venice.

taken only as part of a guided tour, which must be booked in advance.

### Scuola Grande di San Rocco

A masterpiece of Tintoretto, this guild house is an exquisite example of Manierist art. Mirrors allow visitors to comfortably view and admire the detailed ceiling.

### Rialto market and bridge

Don't miss the Rialto market and bridge, or Ponte di Rialto, on San Polo, the smallest sestiere. The

Rialto market is for shoppers. A neighborhood of small shops and restaurants lies to the east, and the Rialto farmers' market lies to the west. Shopping is slightly less expensive than in the tourist-filled Piazza San Marco. The bridge has become one of Venice's most recognizable icons, with a history that spans more than 800 years. Today's Rialto Bridge, completed in 1591, replaced a wooden bridge that collapsed in 1524.

## DANTE'S REMINDERS



### Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact club president Rich Battistessa or social chairman Tom Novi to offer your services. You can reach Rich at [drbattistessa@comcast.net](mailto:drbattistessa@comcast.net) or 916-961-4854 and Tom at [tomnovi@aol.com](mailto:tomnovi@aol.com) or 916-961-6197. To explore new social events, contact Vic Brida at [vbrida51@gmail.com](mailto:vbrida51@gmail.com) or 916-588-6276.

### Donations

Donate to our scholarship or building funds in memory of a loved one or a friend to keep their legacy going. And buy raffle tickets! Donations can be made easily online at <http://www.danteclub.com/donation.html>.

### Club shirts and jackets

Contact Ron Cristoni at 916-457-4516 or [roncristoni@aol.com](mailto:roncristoni@aol.com) or speak to him at a meeting. You must present cash or a check to place an order for shirts and jackets.

### Newsletter photos and news

Submit photos and news items for *Dante's Inferno* to John Caselli at [jac6652@aol.com](mailto:jac6652@aol.com). Items must be received by the 25th of each month to be considered for the following month's newsletter. Publication depends on space and is not guaranteed. To post news and photos on Facebook, log in to your Facebook account and search for "Dante Club."

### Contact information

Have you recently changed your address or phone number? Please alert Tom Mezzanares at 916-467-7483 or [tjmezzan@gmail.com](mailto:tjmezzan@gmail.com).