



# DANTE'S INFERNO



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Rich Battistessa*

### *Celebrating student winners, life members and our new paesani*

The June membership meeting was one of celebration. We honored five students, whose parents and grandparents are members of the Dante Club, by awarding them scholarships of \$1,500 each.

Congratulations are in order, and we certainly wish them the best as they start their college careers.

Also during the meeting, life member Gus Kanelos was introduced. Gus, 90, has been a member since 1973. We will celebrate our life members on a regular basis.

Speaking of members, our hardworking membership committee, chaired by Frank Calcagno, is looking to add more to our roster. With two summer barbecues coming up, now would be a great time to invite friends and family who are interested in becoming members. We'd like to suggest

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## THEY'RE ALL WINNERS!



Showing off giant replicas of their check awards are this year's Dante Club college scholarship winners, honored at the June members meeting. All smiles are, from left, Julia Viliquette, related to Joe Cerniglia; Mia Franzoia, related to Mark Franzoia; Julia Giordano, related to John Giordano; Nicholas Karnow, related to Josephine D'Alessandro; and Elaine Carlson, related to Ernie Tomasilli. Students each received a scholarship award of \$1,500 to help them with their college expenses.

## Get in the swing for the golf tourney

Why does the Dante Club present a golf tournament every year?

With our annual Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament fast approaching in August, it's good for new and longtime members alike to think about why we do it.

First, we've done the event since the 1970s to honor the memory of Vic Martinelli, longtime football and golf coach at El Camino High School.

Second, we've made the tournament our primary fundraising event for our scholarship fund. These

scholarships help kids achieve their dreams—and not just any kids, but relatives of our members.

The effort is a prime example of how we give back to our members. We also believe it helps expand our future membership. Any member whose relative has been helped by the fund should be an active participant in the tournament.

To date, we've sold 11 hole sponsorships at \$100 each, but our goal is to sell 18, and our hope is to sell even more.

Any member who plays golf

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## NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

**Ladies Auxiliary**

On June 1, the Ladies Auxiliary made its annual donation of \$1,000 to benefit the Dante Club's scholarship fund.

**New members**

We inducted Joe Porata into the club on June 19. Joe, who was active in Italian groups in the San Francisco Peninsula area, now lives in Auburn and looks forward to our Dante Club activities.

We also interviewed Gary Lukins, sponsored by loyal member Rodney Lukins. Gary is a lifetime resident of West Sacramento and part of that city's Italian community. Members approved his induction, which will occur in September.

In June, we honored life member Gus Kanelos for his many years of service. Also attending the meeting were longtime members Joe Cerniglia and Ottavio Luchini.

We have several membership openings available. Please recruit applicants who will be active participants in our activities.

To obtain member applications, go to the club website, speak to Joy Reinhardt in the office or contact Frank Calcagno at 916-515-1117 or [fscal@comcast.net](mailto:fscal@comcast.net).

**Club apparel**

Aprons and sweatshirts are among clothing items available for purchase.

We have four styles of sweatshirts and polo shirts for men, women and children.

To order items, speak to Ron Cristoni at a meeting or reach him at 916-457-4516 or [roncristoni@aol.com](mailto:roncristoni@aol.com).

**Christmas in July?**

Recent 100-degree days have everyone thinking about retreating to the beach, but it isn't too soon to calendar holiday parties for 2017.

Club manager Joy Reinhardt has begun taking reservations for what looks to be a strong December for facilities rental at the club.

If you or any family members or friends are responsible for a holiday party at a place of business, please consider the club's banquet rooms as venue options. Contact Joy via phone or e-mail. And while you're at it, spread the word by liking the Dante Club on Facebook, and share club posts with your friends.

**Social reminders**

The essence of our Dante Club is social, with our regular member and family night dinners and our many special events, such as the recent Mother's Day and Father's Day brunches.

In June, we started a fun new event: Sunday Pizza Night Dinner. Moderately priced, the dinner will be held at least quarterly. In June, it was wonderful seeing children playing games and families enjoying Giovanni's pizza.

Our ever-popular steak barbecues in July and August provide opportunities to bring spouses and friends to the Dante Club. The Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament and luncheon Aug. 12 and the Italian Night at the River Cats game Aug. 29 are just two upcoming social activities for members to enjoy.

So go to the Dante website or call Joy to sign up for these events.



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

**August 1****Family Night Dinner**

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner  
**Menu:** Caprese salad; veal chop with roasted chanterelles and garlic, radish and Campari; penne with toasted pinenuts and spumoni  
**Cost:** \$24 adults, \$12 ages 5 to 10  
**Reservations are pending.**

**August 12****Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Location:** Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course, 8301 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento  
**Time:** 7 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. shotgun start, 2 p.m. bar opens, 2:30 p.m. lunch  
**Costs:** \$85 golf, lunch, awards; \$20 lunch only; \$20 each additional lunch guest; \$100 hole sponsorships for businesses, individuals (sponsor signs displayed at each hole)  
**Pay by cash or check:** Call Ken Buono at 916-955-9413 or Frank Buccola at 916-606-4026.  
**Pay by credit card:** Go to club website or call 916-925-8230.

**August 31****Italian Heritage Night at River Cats vs. Las Vegas Game**

**Location:** Raley Field, 400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento  
**Time:** 5 p.m. wine tasting, 7:05 p.m. game time  
**Cost:** \$19  
**Highlights:** pregame Italian folk dancing, scoreboard recognition for Dante Club, \$2 Miller Lites  
**Reserve via club website by July 15.**

**September 5****Family Night Dinner**

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner  
**Menu:** pork shank with farro, braised cannellini beans, heirloom tomato and onion salad, seasonal vegetables, hazelnut cake  
**Cost:** \$24 adults, \$12 ages 5 to 10  
**Reservations are pending.**



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that if you know people who would be solid members, please reach out and sponsor them.

Applications are available on the Dante Club website and through the office.

A reminder about the September meeting: This will be our Pasta Sauce Cook-Off event. Entry forms will soon be available online and in the office.

Event chairman Michael Talani is ready to answer any questions you might have. Contestants will prepare their best sauces on the Dante Club grounds, and members and special judges will determine the winners.

We also will have our regular dinner as part of the event. The agenda, however, will be written and distributed, so you will still receive all of the committee reports.

Our bylaws will be set aside for this event meeting. Look for more information in the August *Inferno*.

Members of the Ladies Auxillary and the Dante Club who think they have winning sauce recipes are invited to participate as contestants. "Iron Chef" Michael Talani will accept all challengers. Should be a great event!

Most of all, please remember that you all are a big part of the Dante Club, and we urge you to come out and be involved in our events.

We've inducted many new members in the past several months and have more to come. Come out and meet our new paesani!



Member Frank Perri, second from left, takes a break with friends and fellow golfers during the 2015 Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament at Alister MacKenzie Golf Course in Haggin Oaks.

**Golf**

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should organize one or more teams to participate in the tournament. If you don't play golf but have friends who do, encourage them to participate.

Registration can be done online through the club website or members can submit entry forms and payments to club manager Joy Reinhardt.

Our goal is to have a full field of 144 people. We request sign-ups by July 26.

The Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 12 at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course, 8301 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento.

Start time is 8 a.m., and golfers should check in by 7 a.m.

The tournament price of \$85 includes lunch afterward at the Dante Club.

Members and spouses who don't play golf can attend the lunch and



The 2016 tournament featured golfing foursome Sandy Calcagno, Jenny Cooper, Diane Paris and Susan Danelz.

be a part of the raffle. Lunch-only attendees pay \$20.

The event committee has obtained many great raffle gifts but can always use more.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the beginning of the lunch.

For questions about the tournament, email Frank Buccola at [frankiebuccola@gmail.com](mailto:frankiebuccola@gmail.com) or Ken Buono at [Kenbuono@aol.com](mailto:Kenbuono@aol.com).

The club needs the help and support of members for this event.

We hope to raise more money than ever before so we can help more kids.



## 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
- Maltese Olive Oil, Sacramento

## 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>.

### Dante Club apparel

If you'd like to purchase club shirts or other specialty clothing items, contact Ron Cristoni at 916-457-4516 or [roncristoni@aol.com](mailto:roncristoni@aol.com) or speak to him at a members meeting. You must present cash or a check to place an order.

### 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 available 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).