



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rich Battistessa

Let's lure guests and potential members with gastronomical delights

From the golf tournament banquet to the Tuesday Night dinner pork shanks and the chicken and polenta dinner, the Dante Club has received wonderful reviews for its always fabulous food. Great job, Joy! We are delighted that members and friends supporting our functions are having great experiences.

I know we sometimes preach to the choir about club activities, but I'd like to encourage more of our members to come out and take advantage of the club's great prices and high-quality meals.

When you can, invite guests to attend, too. Our attendance numbers for some of the traditional events aren't where they need to be. So this means reaching out to Dante Club members as well as Ladies Auxiliary members. We can promise fun raffles, quality food,

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Writer Michael Micciche, center, and his friends examine a map of Italy's Piedmont region over a bottle of Barbera.

Wine, truffles and Nutella among attractions of Piedmont region

By Michael Micciche

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The Piemonte, or Piedmont, region of Italy has some of Italy's most beautiful countryside vistas.

The region also offers superb wines made from the Nebbiolo grape.

We know these wines as Barolo, Barbera, Dolcetto and Barberesco.

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$100 in memory of Alice Pette-Goldie, who died in June. The donation will go toward the Dante Club's scholarship program.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets the second Monday of each month, except the summer months of July and August, for dinners and social events.

Membership is open to any woman of Italian descent or who is married to an Italian. Women interested in participating may contact president Karol Buccola at 916-217-6124, 916-455-4232 or Karolrb55@gmail.com.

New members

We inducted Gary Lukins, sponsored by Rodney Lukins, on Sept. 18.

We voted to accept Steve DeCristofaro, sponsored by Tom Mezzanares. Steve will be inducted in October. We also accepted Larry Andreccetti, sponsored by Rich Rainoldi. Applicant Frank Lomascola is on hold because of illness.

We have two on our waiting list and plenty of openings. Please obtain application forms for qualified applicants online or from club manager Joy Reinhardt or contact Frank Calcagno fscal@comcast.net or (916) 515-1117.

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.

4th quarter celebrations

The recent north winds have ushered in the 4th quarter and myriad opportunities to use the Dante Club for upcoming shindigs.

Is there a Columbus Day celebration in your future? How about a Halloween party? Thanksgiving, Christmas?

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 club manager Joy Reinhardt via phone or email.

And while you're at it, spread the word by liking the Dante Club on Facebook, and share club posts with your friends.

Also, don't forget to put the Dante Club's Christmas party on your calendar for Dec. 17. More details about the party will follow soon.



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

October 12

Stag Sausage Feed

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

Menu: hot and mild Italian sausages, Caesar salad, rigatoni, wine, rolls, spumoni, coffee

Cost: \$20 adults (men only)

Reservations required by 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9.

November 7

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

Menu: simple winter greens, grilled lamb chops with broccoli rabe pesto, caponata with Turriga, leek risotto, rolls, wine and tiramisu

Cost: \$25 adults, \$12.50 ages 5 to 10

Open to friends and family. Reservations pending.



December 5

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

Menu: arugula with prosciutto and grilled figs, pork tenderloin over polenta, asparagus with hazelnut gremolata, poached pears, rolls, wine

Cost: \$25 adults, \$12.50 ages 5 to 10

Open to friends and family. Reservations pending.

December 17

Dante Club Christmas Party

Details to follow!

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
- Maltese Olive Oil, Sacramento

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good prices and great friends. Come and enjoy!

Big thanks to George Procida and Bill Giovannetti.

Bill has put in a lot of time and effort bird-dogging all the small and large maintenance problems indicative of our older club facility. He does much of the work himself.

And George is a gem as well. George devotes extra time helping maintain the Dante Club grounds and is always ready to do special projects when we need them.

Please give both of these paesani a big thank you when you see them!

Lastly but definitely important, we need to bring in new members.

If you have friends and acquaintances, invite them to attend our functions and see if they'd be interested in joining the club.

Our sausage feed Oct. 12 could offer the perfect way to introduce them to the club.



The small Italian city of Alba is designed for easy walking so visitors can easily see the sights, including many historical buildings, such as those in this piazza. Visitors also can enjoy the city's many restaurants and businesses.

Piedmont

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The River Po flowing through the city is the site of many rowing competitions.

Torino is easy for walking around and sightseeing, and the cuisine is excellent, especially in autumn when truffles and mushrooms are plentiful.

By Italian measures of age, Torino is a relatively modern city that's well-designed, with great views of the Alps. The city hosted the 2006 Winter Olympics.

From Torino, visitors can take a short drive to the rolling hills and vineyards of the Alba and Asti areas.

Alba is a wonderful small city in the heart of the Piedmont wine region. It is the proud home of some of the best Italian truffles. Wonderful wines, including Asti spumante, are produced here.

Alba also is home to Nutella, because of the large harvests of hazelnuts in the area. In Alba you can experience a truffle hunt with trained dogs and watch them sniff and dig out the buried delicacies.



Framed by a country vista, Italian paesani relax and contemplate the meaning of life.

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Alba is surrounded by beautiful vistas spanning miles and rolling hills filled with vineyards.

The area around Alba is easy to see by car because the villages are not too far apart. The city itself is designed for walking, so visitors can enjoy the sights, including a number of historical buildings, on foot. While in Alba, don't forget to indulge in a pasta dish with fresh truffles or porcini mushrooms.

Asti, with its sparkling wines, is a short drive from Alba. Southwest of Alba, Barolo offers a spectacular interactive wine museum and opportunities to taste the town's signature wine. A day trip to Genoa and the Riviera is very doable.



The countryside around Alba is known for its beautiful vistas, with miles of rolling green hills dotted with vineyards. Visitors looking for something different to do can experience a truffle hunt, watching trained dogs sniff out the buried treasures.

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 or 916-961-4854 and Tom at tomnovi@aol.com or 916-961-6197. To explore new social events, contact Vic Brida at ybrida51@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 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. 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 Mezzaneres at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.