



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rich Battistessa

Successful golf event boosts scholarship fund

This year's Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament on Aug. 12 was a huge success. A big "Mille grazie!" goes out to tournament co-chairmen Ken Buono and Frank Buccola for a job well done. The Dante Club's scholarship fund is now \$6,600 richer.

Our first corporate sponsor, MacFarlane Legal Inc., donated a sizable sum to help support the golf tournament. The MacFarlanes spent the day with our golfing group, meeting participants and passing out refreshments. It was great meeting them. They're definitely good people to work with.

In addition, 60 raffle donations and 17 hole sponsors contributed to the tournament's success.

The Dante Club wants to offer thanks to our supporters and contributors for their generosity. Funds raised by

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GOLF TOURNAMENT PAR EXCELLENCE



Golfing foursome, from left, Pat Vogeli, David Fenocchio, Steve Beckman and Brian Denico take a break at the Aug. 12 tournament.

Event raises more than \$6,000 for scholarships

Hole sponsors and a corporate sponsor helped make the annual Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course a tremendous success for the Dante Club.

With the support of first-time corporate sponsor MacFarlane Legal Inc. and 17 hole sponsors, the event raised more than \$6,000 for the club's scholarship fund, which helps worthy high school graduates with their college expenses.

The Dante Club has held the tournament yearly since the 1970s to



Golfers and guests enjoy a luncheon after the tournament.

honor the memory of Vic Martinelli, longtime football and golf coach at El Camino High School. This year's event attracted 115 golfers, who attended a luncheon at the club

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Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will host its 3rd annual Mercato on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 9, at the auxiliary's monthly dinner meeting.

The event will feature a small group of vendors selling crafts, baked goods and a variety of Italian products. It will be a great opportunity to start holiday shopping.

Those interested in participating in the event may contact Karol Buccola at 916-455-4232 or karolrb55@gmail.com.

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

New members

The club will induct Gary Lukins, sponsored by Rodney Lukins, on Sept. 18.

We'll also vote on Steve de Cristoforo, sponsored by Tom Mezzanares, and we'll interview Frank Lomascola and present him for approval in September.

We have two more prospective members on the waiting list and plenty of openings.

For applications, speak to Frank Calcagno or club manager Joy Reinhardt or visit the club website.

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.

Holiday dreams?

The long, hot summer weather has made everyone think about retreating to the beach, but it isn't too soon to put 2017 wintertime holiday parties on the calendar.

Club manager Joy Reinhardt has begun taking reservations for what's sizing up to be a strong December for facilities rental at the Dante 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 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>

September 24

Mangia Italiano

Time: 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner

Menu: osso bucco with polenta, stationed antipasto, mixed greens, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, wine, biscotti, spumoni, coffee

Cost: \$45 adults, \$23 ages 5 to 12

Reservations by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20

October 3

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

Menu: arugula and sorrel salad with kumquat vinaigrette, pasta bolognese, green beans with garlic croutons, Meyer lemon semifreddo, rolls and wine

Cost: \$24 adults, \$12 ages 5 to 10

Reservations pending

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 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

Reservations pending

December 5

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

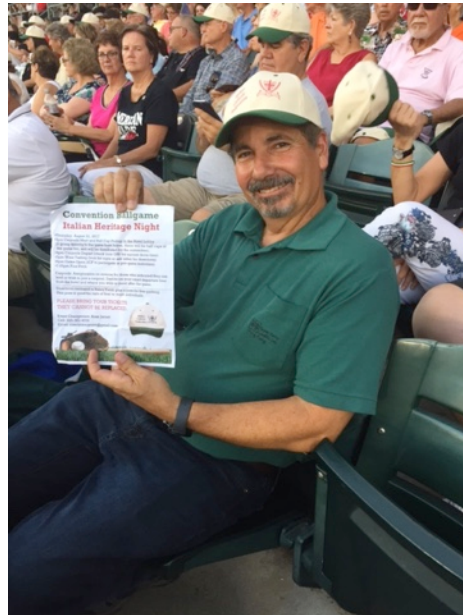
Menu: arugula with prosciutto and grilled figs, pork tenderloin over polenta, asparagus with hazelnut gremolata, poached pears, rolls, wine

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

Reservations pending



CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE



Two presidents, top left, Rich Battistessa of the Dante Club and Leonard Zasoski of the Italian Catholic Federation, hang out during Italian Heritage Night, Aug. 31 at Raley Field. Also enjoying the game were Frank Calgano and his wife, Sandy, top right; Glenn Meeks of the Italian Catholic Federation, bottom right, holding the evening's itinerary; and Dante Club members Tom Novi and Bill Giovanetti, bottom left, sitting in with Rich Battistessa.

Italians gather for evening of baseball and camaraderie

Members of the Dante Club and the Italian Catholic Federation joined thousands of other River Cats fans Aug. 31 to celebrate Italian Heritage Night at Raley Field in West Sacramento. The River Cats played against the Las Vegas 51's, beating them 8 to 7. The game also marked the opening night of the Italian Catholic Federation's annual convention.

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the Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament go directly to the club's scholarship fund.

We'd also like to acknowledge all those people who played golf, sponsored a hole or helped in some other way at the tournament. And we ask members to please think

about the 2018 event, for which we'll soon have a date.

On another note: The Pasta Sauce Cook-off planned for September has been put on hold temporarily. I think it's still a great idea to find the hidden chefs in our club, so we will look at future months to see if we can fit it in.

The September general meeting will be a regular meeting. We hope to see a lot of our new and old members in attendance.

Please check out the list on Page 4 of our donors and sponsors, and support them whenever you can. This encourages businesses to stay involved with the Dante Club.

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



Hot times call for cool measures

The Dante Club building rooftop now sports a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit.

The upgrade is thanks to the ongoing efforts of Bill Giovanetti and his team, who've been charged with

a needed makeover of the club building and grounds. Workers installed the HVAC unit in August.

Other work at the club has included door repair and general cleanup from recent construction.



Frank Bartucco and golf tournament co-chairman Ken Buono announce winners of the many raffle prizes during the post-event luncheon.

Tournament

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afterward, along with an additional 25 guests. A raffle featured during the luncheon awarded more than 60 prizes and raised an additional \$2,400 for the scholarship fund.

The Dante Club wants to honor all the businesses and people that contributed toward the success of the tournament. If club members use any of these businesses, we ask that they thank them for supporting the golf tournament. Many of the establishments are repeat contributors.

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Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament Sponsors

Corporate sponsor

MacFarlane Legal Inc.

Hole sponsors

- Lexus of Sacramento
- Johnny's Barber Shop
- Canepa Home Inspection Services
- PriceWaterhouse Coopers LLC
- DeRoss and Sbarbaro families
- A.J. Alarcon, in memory of Ray Benedetti
- Hurtt & Hurtt LLC, CPA
- Richard Rainoldi, in memory of Charles Rainoldi
- Markenbill Automotive Engineering Inc.
- Ken Buono, for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
- Frank Calcagno, for the Calcagno family
- Mel Raption Honda
- Randy Canova, for the Canova family
- Perri Electric Inc.
- Frank Buccola and Frank Bartucco
- Emigh Ace Hardware
- Matt Longo

Raffle sponsors: Golf courses

- Campus Commons
- Lincoln Hills

- Whitney Oaks
- Ancil Hoffman
- Teal Bend
- Bing Maloney
- Woodcreek
- Morgan Creek
- Antelope Greens
- Mather
- Apple Mountain
- Wildhorse
- William Land Park
- Haggin Oaks
- Bartley Cavanaugh
- Catta Verdera
- Poppy Hills

Raffle sponsors: Restaurants

- Olive Garden
- Hot City Pizza
- Español Italian Restaurant
- Sampino's Towne Foods
- Club Pheasant
- Rubino's Ristorante
- Brasserie Capitale
- Aioli Bodega Española
- Florez Bar and Grill
- Piatti
- Aviators
- Get Sauced BBQ
- Dante Club
- Paul Martin's American Grill
- Makuni
- Serritella's Italian Restaurant

- Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant
- Skip's Kitchen
- La Rosa Blanca
- Rey Azteca Restaurant and Bar
- Clubhouse Sports Bar and Grill
- Smokey Oaks Tavern
- Chicago Fire
- Il Fornaio
- Seasons 52

Raffle sponsors: Other

- Scrub Boys Car Wash
- Lexus of Sacramento
- Pavilion Car Wash
- iFit Golf
- Bogle Winery
- Buca di Beppo
- Bank of Stockton
- Bartley Cavanaugh
- Haggin Oaks
- Classic Awards and Promotions
- Pete Olson
- Emigh Ace Hardware
- Econo Lube 'N Tune and Brakes
- Constellation Brands Wine, Carl Stunz
- Doug Troughton
- Raley's
- Costco



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 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 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 Mezzanares at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.

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Corporate sponsor MacFarlane Legal Inc. not only donated money but attended the tournament and handed out ice cream to all participants.

We thank them for the gesture, which went above and beyond our expectations.

Special mention also goes to Pavilion Car Wash, which not only gave us gift cards for our raffle but provided a gift card for each golfer for a free car wash.

This business is a great neighbor and a continued sponsor of the golf tournament.

Lastly, a special thanks goes to Ken Simas of RCO Flooring Outlet, who provided the funding so we could offer a bottle of water and a snack bar to each of the golfers.



Ernie Tomaselli, Larry Langolis, John Ridilla and Ken Newman, above, were among the 115 golfers who took part in the annual Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament at Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course on Aug. 12. Also participating in the fundraising event were, at left, members of the MacFarlane family, who attended the tournament as representatives of first-time corporate event sponsor MacFarlane Legal Inc. The family went above and beyond expectations by showing up to hand out ice cream to all participants. The tournament raised more than \$6,000 for the Dante Club scholarship fund.