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DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron Pane

Transformation of Dante building nearly completed

We are heading toward the finish line with the remodeling of the Dante building, but more work needs to be done.

We are currently working five to seven days a week to get up and running. Members' participation would be most welcomed and appreciated.

Anyone who wants to help should call Ernie Tomassilli, chairman of our buildings and grounds committee, to schedule a volunteer time.

In the meantime, I'd like to personally thank Ernie and his crew of John Rosso, Pete Pesetti, George Procida, Tom Mezzanares, Frankie Perri, Don Agostanelli, Steve Lavazzi and Joe Porata for their hard work going above and beyond.

Members who aren't good with a hammer and can't join our team might consider a monetary contribution to the club's legacy fund. To date, we

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Dante board names new general manager

Recruitment committee picks best candidate among 31 applicants

Jennifer Peretti will take over the reins as the Dante Club's general manager, effective Tuesday, Aug. 11.

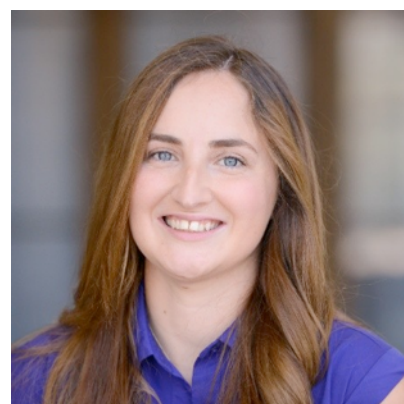
Peretti was chosen after president Ron Pane appointed a special recruitment committee to find someone to fill the position vacated by former manager Sarah Nussman.

Recruiters Matt Longo, Mark Pedroncelli and Tom Novi, led by Tom Mezzanares, sifted through 31 applications, interviewed six applicants and called references before deciding Peretti was the best choice.

The advisory committee approved the recruitment committee's recommendation of Peretti.

President Ron Pane announced the decision during a special board

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Jennifer Peretti

New hire found her passion for foods as a teen

Jennifer Peretti, originally Jennifer Erben Claudio, was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. After leaving Puerto Rico, she lived in Colorado, New York and, finally, California at the age of 8.

Peretti found her passion for foods and desserts early on. At 16, she got her first job in the food and beverage industry at a

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary hopes to hold a dinner meeting in September but will wait until the coronavirus situation has calmed down and the governor has OK'd gatherings.

The men's club members have done a wonderful job with the Dante building renovations. Auxiliary members are encouraged to drop by to see what they've accomplished. Rooms look even larger with beautiful new wood flooring, and the entryway has brick arches, like something in Italy.

Ladies Auxiliary members experiencing the virus or any other problems are asked to contact Debra Cattuzzo at cattuzzod@gmail.com or 916-442-2266. She will call to check up on them or drop by to deliver items they might need.

Cattuzzo also wants to hear of any news that members want to share in the *Inferno* newsletter, such as a new grandchild in the family or stories of what they've been doing during quarantine. See news about auxiliary co-vice-president Heidi Veneman on Page 6.

Newsletter marketing

The decision to make *Dante's Inferno* an interactive marketing vehicle for club and auxiliary members remains positive.

Members Johnny "The Barber" Waldron, Tom "Mixed Bag" Novi, Jim Relles of Relles Florist and Mark Pedroncelli of Pedroncelli Chiropractic, along with Ladies Auxiliary board member Helen Manfredi of Medic Ambulance, have all made annual advertising commitments for their businesses.

So, too, have the Italian Cemetery in Colma and Realtor Pat Vogeli. Many thanks to all.

Other members with businesses who wish to advertise may email John Caselli at Jac6652@aol.com.

Bocce postponed

Because of the recent uptick in coronavirus cases in the Sacramento region, we have postponed the start of our bocce playing season. Look for updates in the *Inferno*.

Save pull tabs

We continue to ask Dante Club members to save the pull tabs from their aluminum cans and bring them to the club. We will donate the pull tabs to a Sacramento Ronald McDonald House program based at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

The program collects and recycles pull tabs and contributes proceeds to the Adopt-A-Family Program, which helps subsidize lodging costs for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House near the medical center while their children are hospitalized.

Advisory committee update

The Dante Club has overcome another pandemic obstacle to reopening. Initially, Sacramento County determined that our building could not reopen because it's a banquet facility.

Advisory committee chairman Tom Novi, however, was able to negotiate a compromise. If we follow county guidelines for restaurants, we can reopen when



restaurants are cleared. This requires adoption of a COVID-19 Operating Guidelines plan, which the advisory committee and the board did at recent meetings.

When our facility reopens, members will be required to wear masks until seated at tables, to social distance at the bar and to use hand sanitizers upon entry in the building. Tables will be at least 6 feet apart for social distancing.

Staff members also will use masks as they serve food and wine to members. It goes without saying that groups booking Dante also will be required to follow the guidelines.

This is the new normal now. Whatever is required and instituted at local restaurants will also happen at our facility.

With everyone's help, we shall get through this, and we will all stay safe.

Club apparel

Members can purchase Dante Club-branded aprons and four styles of sweatshirts and polo shirts.

Clothing comes in sizes for men, women and children.

To order items, email Mark Pedroncelli at peddc@surewest.net.



2020 Committees and Assignments

(revised 8.1.20)

COMMITTEES

ADVISORY AND OPERATIONS

Tom Novi, chairman; Michael Micciche, vice chairman

Members: Tom Novi, Frank Calcagno, Richard Battistessa, Mark Pedroncelli, Jim Dimino

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Ernie Tomassilli, chairman; Joe Porata, vice chairman

Members: Ron Pane, Bob Guidera, vacancy

BYLAWS

Ron Fiorica, chairman; Tom Novi, vice chairman

Members: Michael Micciche, Richard Battistessa, Ralph DiLibero

FINANCE

Tom Novi, chairman; Pat Orelli, vice chairman

Members: Tom Mezzanares, Ralph DiLibero, Dan Calcagno

INVESTIGATION

Ron Pane, chairman; Bob Guidera, vice chairman

Members: Pat Orelli, Ernie Tomassilli, Frank Calcagno

MEMBERSHIP

Dan Calcagno, chairman; Bob Guidera, vice chairman

Members: Pat Orelli, Ernie Tomassilli, Frank Calcagno

PUBLICITY

John Caselli, chairman; Tom Mezzanares, vice chairman

Member: Mark Pedroncelli, Dan Calcagno

SCHOLARSHIP

Rich Battistessa, chairman; Jim Dimino, vice chairman

Members: Joe Porata, Mike Battistessa, two Ladies Auxiliary representatives

SOCIAL

Michael Micciche, chairman; Joe Porata, vice chairman

Members: Pat Orelli, Mark Pedroncelli, Colin Orelli, vacancy, two Ladies Auxiliary representatives

PERFORMANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY (special committee)

Tom Novi, chairman; Ralph DiLibero, vice chairman

Members: Jim Dimino, Rich Battistessa, Pat Orelli

VOLUNTEERS (special committee to recruit members to assist with painting, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, social activities, internet, website and other club needs)

Ernie Tomassilli, chairman; Ron Fiorica, vice chairman

Members: Michael Micciche, Frank Calcagno, Jim Dimino

ASSIGNMENTS

Bocce: Rich Battistessa and Ladies Auxiliary

Dante Club apparel: Mark Pedroncelli

General membership meetings: John Caselli, Joe Porata, Ron Bacher

Sergeant-at-arms: John Fiorica, general meeting

Ladies Auxiliary liaison: Richard Battistessa

2020 DANTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

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- Tom Novi, first vice president:
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TRANSFORMING THE DANTE

Photos by Ernie Tomassilli,
Tom Mezzanares and
John Caselli





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McDonald's. At 17, she decided to pursue a career in the food, beverage and hospitality field by attending Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colo.

Eventually, she earned associate of science degrees in baking, pastry arts and culinary arts and a bachelor of science in food service management, with a concentration in food and beverage.

While in school, Peretti completed several internships, advancing her learning by working at various bakeries, retail stores and sports bars.

In 2014 she returned to California to work for CupKates bakery, the first cupcake food truck in the Bay Area. At CupKates, she advanced her creativity and developed further skills in recipe development, inventory and purchasing.

She also worked part time at Trilogy at the Vineyards, a community country club for people ages 55 and older, where she started as a prep cook.

Over time, she left CupKates and transitioned full time to Trilogy. She worked her way up from prep cook to line cook, pastry chef and, eventually, kitchen supervisor.

She worked under Michelin-star chef Randy Lutz, who opened her eyes to techniques and cuisines that would later impact her career.

Relocating from Antioch to Fairfield, Peretti joined the strategic initiatives department of the Culinary Institute of America.

The department was responsible for holding conferences year-round for food and beverage leaders. The conferences often featured chefs from around the world, and Peretti would help prep their demonstrations. She also worked on curriculum, planning and logistics, assisting the executive chef, managing on-call cooks and mentoring students.

While at the culinary institute, Jennifer married her longtime partner, Shaun Paul Peretti, whom she had

known since sixth grade.

Peretti eventually transitioned to Il Fiorello Olive Oil Co., assuming the role of events manager. In the position, she gained extensive knowledge of olive types, regions and oils worldwide.

She also organized and operated private events and public community events, including Lavender Days and Passport Sunday.

Peretti later moved on to the Courtyard by Marriott Vallejo Napa Valley, where she served as food and beverage manager.

In her role, she helped upgrade the quality of service, minimized costs and retrained staff to industry standards.

She worked hand-in-hand with the sales manager, marketing the hotel to attract new clients, generating ideas and planning events and meetings held at the hotel.

Peretti says she is driven in all things hospitality, food and beverage, and that she will work day in and day out to help bring the Dante into a new light.

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Tom Novi, advisory committee chairman

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Manager

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of directors meeting.

“Jennifer was clearly the most qualified,” advisory committee chairman Novi said. “She brings a myriad of experiences to the table with her education in culinary arts and experience as operations coordinator at Copia in Napa. She has the qualifications we were looking for to take the Dante Club forward.”

Members are encouraged to meet and welcome Peretti to the Dante Club family.



Quarantine inspires language rediscovery

During the pandemic, one of the Ladies Auxiliary's vice presidents, Heidi Veneman, has been busy taking free online classes at www.duolingo.com to refresh her Italian.

The website offers many different languages, including Italian, Spanish, French, German, Dutch and Arabic. Imagine coming out of the pandemic speaking a new language!

Veneman also is taking free online courses at www.hillsdale.edu, which offers courses in literature, history, politics, philosophy and religion. She's learning about World War II but also intends to take a class in children's literature.

Like so many who have been spring quarantine-cleaning, Veneman has been reviewing and organizing her family photographs.

She recently found a user-friendly website, www.mixbook.com, with photo books, scrapbooks and yearbooks designed so users can drop their photos into the spaces in the book templates. Veneman said it's much easier to use than Shutterfly books and similar sites.

"So pull out that box of assorted loose photos from under the bed and start organizing them to leave as a legacy to your children and grandchildren," she said.

President's Corner

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have raised more than \$10,600.

Either way, I encourage members to stop by anytime to see Dante's new face and to join us in keeping our Italian heritage at the forefront of the club and in our community.

Lastly, we continue our search for a new moniker for the Dante. So far, gaining the most traction is "Dante Event Center." Please submit any ideas to me via phone or email.

Pandemic puts vote on bylaws changes on hold

During the summer months, our Dante Club activities and meetings typically slow down. Because of the pandemic, however, we took a break even earlier than usual this year and therefore were unable to vote on our proposed bylaws changes.

The importance of these changes cannot be stressed enough. Please keep them in mind during our break as we will surely vote on them as soon as we're able to meet again.

Here are the proposed bylaws changes:

Nonsubstantive, semi-technical

- changing the word "shall" to "may"
- renumbering certain agenda items
- combining position titles financial secretary and treasurer to treasurer/financial secretary

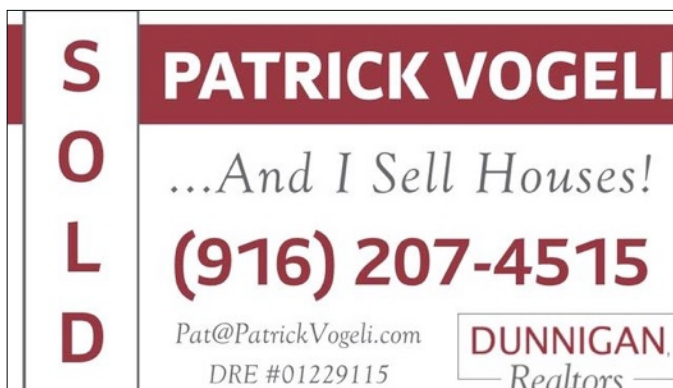
Substantive

- combining advisory and finance committees and their duties, and membership and investigating committees and their duties
- changing the membership of certain committees
- shortening the bylaws amendment process from three to two months by voting in the second month
- reducing the bylaws amendment vote requirement from two-thirds of those present to a majority of those present
- increasing terms of the board of directors from one to two years
- having club officers assume their duties at the time of election
- adding duties to the role of recording secretary
- changing the term "club room" to "Dante Club facility"

For questions or concerns, call Ron Pane at 916-798-0111 or email him at repane@icloud.com.



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jac6652@aol.com or 916-217-6482.



Dante Club Legacy Building Fund

These members of the Dante Club and the Ladies Auxiliary have contributed to our building fund since January, for a total of \$10,607.23 to date. Many thanks to everyone for their continued support:

- Don Agostinelli, \$250
- Anonymous, \$300
- Lee Bennet, in memory of Shirley Bennet, \$150
- John Bertoni, \$200
- Frank Calcagno, \$100
- Kyle Calcagno, \$100
- Randy Canova, \$150
- John Caselli, \$101
- Beverly Catchpool, \$100
- Debra Cattuzzo, \$500
- Kenneth Cemo, \$25
- Ron Cristoni, \$250
- Jim Dimino, \$100
- Nancy Doyle, \$100
- Ron Fiorica, \$100
- Joseph Guzzo, \$250
- Vince Heater, \$100
- J.A. Kaminski, \$100
- Richard Kinzel, \$200
- Fran Koscheski, \$500
- Bill Maffei, \$200
- Thomas Matranga, \$100
- Tom Mezzanares, \$100
- Michael Micciche, \$100
- Tom Novi, \$100
- J. Paul Pane Jr., \$250
- Ron Pane, \$3,012.71
- Vito Parisi, \$200
- Donald Pasquini, \$150
- Peter and Carol Pesetti, \$200
- Joe Porata, \$250
- Peter and Linda Raridan, \$100
- Jim Relles, \$100
- Tom Relles, \$100
- John Rosso, \$768.52
- Elaine Panattoni Schaedler, \$500
- John Skinner, \$100
- Anna Tenderella, \$100
- Ernie Tomassilli, \$100
- Gloria Tomei, \$300
- Richard Zarzana, \$100

DANTE'S REMINDERS



Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact club president Ron Pane or social chairman Michael Micciche to offer your services. You can reach Ron at 916-798-0111 or repane@icloud.com. You can contact Michael at 916-550-1122 or michael.micciche@gmail.com.

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 Mark Pedroncelli at 916-812-6729 or peddc@surewest.net 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 20th 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 our club treasurer, Tom Mezzanares, at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.