



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rich Battistessa

Your feedback can help us improve

It's been a hot, steamy summer in Sacramento, and the Dante Club board of directors has come up with a few hot items of its own.

If you've been inside the club lately, you will have noticed the Privato is up for lease. Collier International Real Estate has put the venue on the market.

To create more revenue for the club, generating a consistent cash flow is imperative, so we hope we'll have a tenant in the building within a couple of months.

In addition to marketing the Privato, our club manager, Joy Reinhardt, has created an evaluation instrument that will allow clients to provide information about the club's service and quality of dining.

An evaluation tool also will be used at our general meetings and Family Night dinners, which will allow our members to give feedback and offer suggestions for improvements.

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Enjoying the Vic Martinelli tournament are, at left, event chairman Frank Buccola, Frank Bartucco, Ken Buono and Bud Warren, and, above, Sandy Calcagno, Jenny Cooper, Diane Paris and Susan Danelz.

Golf event a swinging success

The Al Manfredi foursome tied for first place Aug. 13 in the Dante Club's fun and successful annual Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament.

More than 100 golfers teed off for the event at Haggin Oaks' Alister MacKenzie Golf Course. Mixed foursomes, juniors, Dante Club Women's Auxiliary members and friends participated.

More than 54 donations helped create a spectacular raffle of prizes for those attending.

Funds raised will help support the Dante Club's scholarship fund.

A big thank-you goes to Frank Buccola, Ken Buono, Frank Calcagno, Dan Calcagno, Roy Jones, Doug Troughton, Tom Novi and Richard Rainoldi, members of our golf committee, for their super effort.

Club members and their families enjoyed a banquet after the golf tournament.

The annual golf tournament honors Vic Martinelli for his longtime membership in the Dante Club, as well as his ongoing support of young golfers in the Sacramento area.

Mangia Italiano in final planning stages

Roasted lemon and rosemary-crusted Cornish game hen, with toasted pine nut panzanella stuffing, has been added to the already mouth-watering

food lineup for our 90th anniversary dinner-dance event, Mangia Italiano, set for Sept. 17.

The event is in its final planning stages.

So in addition to antipasti, caprese insalada, vegetables, wine and dessert, diners will have a choice of bucatini Amatriciana

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We also are continuing with the proposal to raise membership dues in January. September will be the first reading of the proposed bylaws change for the dues increase.

Our treasurer, Tom Mezzenares, and the finance committee will provide information at our next three meetings to help us understand and make the best possible decision for the club.

With increases in food costs and services, repairs and maintenance of the buildings and grounds, and the need to provide a high standard of quality for our members, we believe that moving ahead with these changes is necessary.

We encourage members to attend the meetings in September, October and November to hear about the proposal, become informed and share their thoughts.

Friendship, fraternity and congeniality are the cornerstones of our Dante Club. Please be a part of what we do.

NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Ladies Auxiliary

The Dante Club Ladies Auxiliary will feature a fall theme for its dinner meeting Sept. 12.

On Oct. 10, the auxiliary will have a Columbus Day celebration featuring its second annual mercato, a small vendors' market to help members with their holiday shopping.

The Ladies Auxiliary has 175 members of various ages who are of Italian descent or married to an Italian. The women meet to dine and share their mutual interest in their Italian heritage. They also assist the men's club with events throughout the year, including helping with financial donations for the scholarship fund.

The auxiliary meets the second Monday of each month (except July and August) for themed dinner meetings. If you'd like to participate, call president Jill Matranga at (916)204-9409 or email her at jmatranga@surewest.net.

New members

The club will present Tom DeCicco, John Agostinelli, Gabe Roberson and John Klier for members' approval at the September meeting. We also will interview two more applicants that evening.

The club has plenty of openings. Members are encouraged to recommend deserving applicants.

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

In memoriam

Charlie Rainoldi, a Dante Club member since September 2009, died in mid-August. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rainoldi family.

We also keep in our prayers our Italian brethren who are digging out from the earthquakes in Amatrice.

As of late August, 292 people, mostly children, have perished. Most survivors will be forced to live in tents until January.

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

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, vegetables and choice of rack of lamb or lemon and rosemary-crusting Cornish game hen with toasted pine nut panzanella stuffing, plus wine and dessert (see Page 1 story with event update)

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.

October 13

Stag Sausage Feed

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

Cost: \$25 per person

Event chairman Vic Brida and co-chairman Ron Cristoni are planning an entertaining program.

MARK YOUR 2017 CALENDAR:

Our cioppino dinner is coming January 14. 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

- 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

Beer

- Blue Note Brewing Co., Woodland



The small picturesque fishing village of Tellaro hovers on a cliff overlooking the Gulf of La Spezia in Northern Italy.

Story and photo by Michael Micciche

Mangia Italiano

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and rack of lamb or Cornish game hens with panzanella stuffing.

The menu, dubbed “A Taste of Italy,” will likely entice diners to overindulge.

But, of course, all menu choices are low-calorie and gluten-free ... well, OK, not really.

In addition to the elegantly presented dinner, the evening will offer live music for dancing by the Cheryl Tibuzzi Trio from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., preceded by a no-host bar at 6 p.m.

The Dante Club’s Venetian Room will be transformed into an Italian-style dinner club, making this premier event the highlight of the year.

Tickets are \$45 each. Reservations for Mangia Italiano can be made at www.danteclub.com/calendar.php.

The reservation deadline is 10 a.m. Sept. 9.

Italian Riviera offers the perfect escape

The Italian Riviera has beautiful beaches, scenic sea views, great food and a lot of history.

Shaped like a horseshoe, it stretches from Nice, France, around to the Tuscan border in Italy. In between are a number of interesting towns, with Genoa in the center.

Most people have heard of the Cinque Terre, five picturesque towns hugging the seashore and cliffs of the Ligurian coast. Portofino, a retro port community, features multicolored pastel houses and shops. Nearby are the towns of Santa Margherita and Rapallo, lovely seaside areas with miles of promenade.

Pesto sauce was created here, and it’s fabulous. White wines dominate the area.

If you want city life, venture to Genoa, a historical and bustling city. Be sure to visit the modern aquarium, one of the best in the world. Try taking ferries and boat tours to get the best views of the coastline towns.

The Italian Riviera is a great place to relax and tour around at your leisure. The climate is mild throughout the year. Needless to say, the seafood is excellent and fresh. Fly into Genoa or Pisa, and take the short drive or train to the heart of the Riviera. It’s one of my favorite areas!

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>.

Club shirts and jackets

Contact Ron Cristoni at 916-457-4516 or roncristoni@aol.com or speak to him at the next members 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. 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 Mezzanara at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.



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