



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bob Guidera

Club gears up for holiday celebrating

The 50th annual Stag Sausage Feed on Oct. 11 was once again a winner, attracting more than 100 people to this long-standing Dante Club tradition.

The event started at 4 p.m. with a little bocce outside, where some folks also enjoyed a cigar or two. We then went inside the club for drinks and bragging in the bar area. Finally, we dined on hot and mild Italian sausages and German brats with sauerkraut, along with rigatoni, salad, veggies and fancy desserts. Our usual guest helpers from Hooters restaurant did a good job with the raffle.

We must thank Ron Cristoni for his hard work organizing this annual event for us.

In November and December, we will elect our 2019 board of directors. These 17 dedicated people help run our club activities during the year, serving on the various committees that oversee and advise the full board.

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Scenes from the homeland

Photos by Michael Micciche



Dante Club member Michael Micciche, above right with a tour guide friend, recently returned from one of his annual multi-city trips to Italy. While there, he enjoyed a gondola ride on Venice's Grand Canal, wine tasting in Piemonte, the beauty of Lake Como and the lifestyle of the Italian Riviera at Rapallo. Micciche's business, Italian Journeys of Sacramento, specializes in travel planning and booking services for Italy.





NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Ladies Auxiliary

The Dante Club Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual business meeting and dinner on Nov. 12. Current board members will announce nominees for the 2019 board and discuss upcoming issues and events.

The auxiliary welcomes new ideas and is always open to recruiting new members. For general information about the group, contact Karol Reahm Buccola at 916-217-6124.

Club apparel

Members can buy Dante Club-branded clothing, including aprons and four styles of sweatshirts and polo shirts. Clothing comes in sizes for men, women and children.

To order an item, speak to Ron Cristoni during a club meeting or contact him at 916-457-4516 or roncristoni@aol.com.

New members

On Oct. 15 we inducted John Finegan, sponsored by Joe Guzzo, and Jim DeVard, sponsored by Dick Zarzana.

We also interviewed Dennis Nord, sponsored by Pietro Pozzuto. Members voted to accept him into our fine club. He will be inducted in November.

Please encourage qualified men to apply for membership, as we have several openings.

Save pull tabs

Dante Club members are asked to save the pull tabs from their aluminum cans and bring them to our club events and meetings.

We will collect the pull-tabs and donate them on behalf of the club to the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House pull-tab 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. The program helps subsidize lodging costs for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House near the medical center while their children are hospitalized.

The program collects only aluminum can tabs instead of entire cans because collection and storage of the tabs is easier and more hygienic.

And all that jazz ...

The Sacramento Jazz Cooperative has booked the Dante Club for a series of mini jazz concerts during the holiday season and into the new year.

The series will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 with the Vivian Lee Christmas Show, featuring the jazz vocalist and recording artist accompanied by Brenden Lowe on piano, Jeff Minniweather on drums and Buca Necak on bass.

Other musicians included in the series are the Jim Martinez Quartet on Jan. 14, Tammy Lynne Hall on Jan. 25 and the John Stowell Trio on Feb. 11.

Tickets for most shows are \$25 each.

For more information about the Sacramento Jazz Cooperative, visit the group's website [here](http://www.sacjazz.org).



Upcoming Events
Reserve and pay online at:
<http://www.danteclub.com/calendar.php>

December 4

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

Menu: Sicilian Christmas salad, sauteed spinach with raisins and pine nuts, twice-baked pesto mashed potatoes, Italian pork tenderloin with prosciutto and sage, rolls and butter, lemon sorbet, wine

Cost: \$28 adults, \$14 children ages 5 to 10

Reserve by 10 a.m. Nov. 30.

HOLD THESE DATES:

Dec. 16: Christmas dinner

March 2: Cioppino dinner



At the 2016 Christmas dinner, servers pass out plates of prime rib and Cornish game hens.



Kitchen workers manage steaming pots of cioppino as they prepare for the 2015 annual dinner.

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We encourage anyone with an interest in vying for a spot on the board to come forward.

The main requirements are being a member in good standing for at least two years. We appreciate members who can offer great new ideas to improve our club.

Regular club members should note that they don't have to serve on the board to participate on a committee. We encourage members to be active in our many activities throughout the year.

Our annual traditional Christmas dinner on Dec. 16 will feature a choice of prime rib or Cornish game hens with all the trimmings. The event is always popular, and this year we'll have a special treat. More details later! All I can say is that it's Italian and Christmasy. I know everyone will enjoy it.

Members thinking about holiday get-togethers for their workplaces or community organizations might want to consider holding these events at the Dante Club.

Bookings are starting to come in, so it's important to act soon to get first-choice dates.

As always, we ask our members to be on the lookout for potential new members so we can keep our club thriving.

Inviting member prospects to the Christmas dinner could be a great way to introduce them to our club and let them see us in action.

2018 DANTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**OFFICERS**

- Robert Guidera, president: robertguidera@att.net
- Bill Giovanetti, first vice president, building and grounds: wgiovanetti@comcast.net
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- 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
- Taylor's Market, Sacramento
- 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

Beer

- Blue Note Brewing Co., Woodland

Olive Oil

- Olive Mix, Sacramento
- Maltese Olive Oil, Sacramento

**DANTE'S REMINDERS****Member volunteers**

To volunteer, contact club president Bob Guidera or social chairman Tom Novi. Reach Bob at robertguidera@att.net or 916-451-1467 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. And buy raffle tickets! Donations can be made easily online at <http://www.danteclub.com/donation.html>.

Dante Club apparel

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 meeting. Cash or check required 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 is not guaranteed and depends on available space. To post news and photos on Facebook, log in to your Facebook account and search for "Dante Club."

Contact information

Recently changed your address or phone number? Alert our club treasurer, Tom Mezzanares, at 916-467-7483 or tmezzan@gmail.com.