



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bob Guidera

Club's special events delight attendees

I am pleased to report that our annual Stag Sausage Feed was a huge success.

The event started with a little bocce for some members at 4 p.m., followed by a social hour at 6 and sausages at 7.

Jessi Moreno, our chef, prepared her usual outstanding meal.

This year we had hot and mild Italian sausages along with German brats, salad, veggies and some delicious rigatoni — not to mention our famous Dante Club rolls and dessert.

More than 100 people attended, and all seemed very pleased with the proceedings. This event has been quite a tradition at the club, and this year was the 51st for the feed.

We were joined by servers from Hooters restaurant, who handled the raffle, which is always fun. Ron Cristoni and Johnny Rosso, who were in charge, did a fine job.

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And the champion is ...



Frank Calcagno and Tom Mezzanares contemplate their next move during the Dante Club Bocce League championship games Sept. 28. Winner of the championship: Sons of Be-occes! Squadra Otto won the first game, and Sons won the second, requiring a tiebreaker. Sons members Mezzanares, Ben Racoma, Jim Brennan, Patrick Orelli and Colin Orelli will get to bask in their glory until spring, when the 2020 Dante League will begin. Club members are encouraged to gather their teams and join in the fun next year.

Umbria filled with scenic sights

By Michael Micciche

Italy's Umbria region shares much of the same rolling, scenic landscape as the neighboring region of Tuscany.

Umbria has some very interesting cities and towns worth visiting. Many you may have heard of, and others may be new to you.

Probably familiar are towns such as Perugia and Assisi. Not so familiar, perhaps, are Ascoli, Piceno, Pescara,

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The St. Francis Basilica, a popular destination in Assisi, holds the tomb of the patron saint.



NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary's October dinner included the group's annual mercato. The fun evening featured wonderful vendors and a large crowd.

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its next dinner on Monday, Nov. 11.

New members are welcome. Call Carole Stefani-Chivaro at 916-698-2036.

Club apparel

Members can purchase Dante Club-branded clothing for men, women and children. Contact Ron Cristoni at 916-457-4516 or roncristoni@aol.com.

New members

We've seen a sudden increase in membership applications. Special thanks to Joe Porata and Ron Pane for recruiting two new members each. Paul Di Quattro and Al La Rocca will be inducted into the club in January, thanks to Joe, and Jason Klier and Carlo Pane will be interviewed in November, thanks to Ron.

In addition, Chris Troughton, sponsored by Doug Troughton, and Ryan Dimino, sponsored by Carl Perricone, will be interviewed in December. Vic Massagli, sponsored by Frank Calcagno, is on the waiting list.

We encourage other members to recruit qualified candidates, which will help us alleviate our financial situation.

For more information, call Frank Calcagno at 916-515-1117.

Save pull tabs

Members are asked to collect pull tabs from aluminum cans for donation to a Ronald McDonald House program at the UC Davis Medical Center that recycles pull tabs to raise funds.

Proceeds support the Adopt-A-Family Program, which helps subsidize

lodging costs for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

New committee created

The board recently created an ad hoc committee to look at the Dante Club's performance and sustainability.

The committee will present its recommendations at each board meeting. So far, the committee has recommended taking a look at complimentary wine and beer policies, our marketing plan and website, and covering room rental fees for members, among other items.

Ron Pane is committee chairman. Other members are Richard Battistessa, Dan Calcagno, Jim Dimino and Tom Novi.

Everything Italian

We like to think the Dante Club is the best Italian club in Sacramento, but other groups may interest members, too:

- Arberesh — arbereshofsacramento.org
- Italian Cultural Society — italianculturalsociety.com
- Piemonte Reale — John Lancara, Societa Piemonte Reale, 3621 E. Lincoln Ave, Sacramento, CA 95818
- Romulus Club — John L. Boze, Romulus Club, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850, Sacramento, CA 95814

Newsletter ads proposed

While many other publications are shrinking, *Dante's Inferno* may expand.

A proposal to promote member-owned businesses with ads in the newsletter has received positive feedback.

On Page 6, see a possible layout of business card-sized ads. We'll be able to accommodate eight such ads on a page.

We're also considering a directory of business owners who prefer a listing rather than a display ad.



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

November 5

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

Menu: Citrus beet salad, rolls, pork osso bucco, gremolata, creamy polenta, sweet potato casserole

Cost: \$25 adults, \$13 children ages 5 to 10

Reserve by 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

November 10

Viva Vino, 8th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Menu: Wine and beer from local purveyors, imported meats and cheeses, hot dogs (included); Italian sausages and peppers, gelato (for purchase)

Cost: \$20 adults, \$5 children ages 5 to 10

Reserve by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6.

December 3

Tuesday Night Dinner

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

Menu: Radicchio and plum salad with honey mustard vinaigrette; charred squash with creme fraiche, pumpkin seeds and herbs; creamy sage gnocchi; cod in tomato sauce; tiramisu

Cost: \$25 adults, \$13 children ages 5 to 10

Reserve by 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29.

HOLD THE DATE:

December 15

Dante Club Christmas Dinner
Prime rib or Cornish game hen with all the fixings. Reserve by Dec. 10. More details online.

Credit: <http://www.travelling-in-umbria.com>

A staircase separates upper and lower Perugia, home of Perugina candy, in Italy's Umbria region. Perugia is just one of many interesting Umbrian cities and towns worth visiting.

Umbria

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Todi, Montefalco, Spoleto and Gubbio. Here are a few towns worth visiting in Umbria:

Perugia

Umbria's capital and largest town, Perugia is a lively hill town with Etruscan and medieval roots. There's a lot to do and see here, and because the town is well-served by public transportation, it offers a good base for exploring other hill towns.

Perugia has a good Italian language school, a world-famous jazz festival and a chocolate festival.

Spoleto

The walled hill town of Spoleto is one of the largest in southern Umbria, with many Etruscan, Roman and medieval sites.

Above Spoleto is a medieval rocca. Spanning the deep gorge to one side of the rocca is Spoleto's most famous sight, Ponte delle Torri or Bridge of Towers.

The world-famous Festival dei due Mondi, or two worlds festival, is held in Spoleto from late June to early July.

Lake Trasimeno is one of Italy's largest lakes. Three picturesque islands can be reached

by ferry, and nice beaches surround the lake.

One of the prettiest towns is Castiglione del Lago, with a medieval center and castle by the lake. The lake was the site of a battle between Hannibal and Rome.

Montefalco

The beautiful town of Montefalco in the heart of Umbria offers ancient walls, cobbled streets, stone buildings, medieval architecture and lovely churches and cathedrals.

Across the Spoleto valley, Montefalco offers some of the best views of the scenic Umbrian landscape, and

in the town are orchards, olive groves and vineyards. The local red wine, called Montefalco, is worth sampling.

Assisi

Assisi was the hometown of St. Francis, or San Francesco, patron saint of Italy. The St. Francis Basilica holds his tomb and is a popular tourist and pilgrimage destination.

Assisi also has many churches, Roman ruins, medieval sites, museums and shops in its walled medieval center. There are good walks from town into the nearby countryside.



President's Corner

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Coming up Nov. 5, our Tuesday night dinner features pork osso bucco, a longtime favorite.

We also will have our Viva Vino and Beer event this month on Nov. 10. This is a popular event, and by doing it later in the year we are hoping for good weather.

Also in November, we'll start the nomination process for our new board of directors. These 17 people are the ones elected by members to run the club for the coming year.

We encourage any interested members to come forward or to get someone to nominate them if they'd like to participate on the board of directors.

Requirements for board participation are being a Dante Club member in good standing for at least two years and having a genuine interest in supporting the welfare of the club.

We accept nominations in November and December. The election will be held during our regular membership meeting in December.

A recently formed ad hoc committee has met several times and has come up with several recommendations that have been accepted by the board. Chairman Ron Pane will report to the general membership on the committee's work to date.

Members may recall that a proposal to create a new social member category for the club lost by only a few votes.

We discussed the idea again at the October meeting and will

hold another vote on the proposal later in the year.

Our usual holiday business at the Dante Club is starting to pick up. This is good and very welcome news, especially after a slow fall.

We're hopeful this upward business trend will continue into the New Year.

Any members looking for a place to hold a special holiday party or get-together should

consider the Dante Club. We do help members with the room rental costs.

As always, we are looking for new members. Members with someone in mind who might be a good prospect should invite them to join.

Finally, I'd like to recognize our club members who paid their 2020 dues early. Thank you so much. Andiamo avanti!



HOLIDAY PARTY AT DANTE CLUB OF SACRAMENTO

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Telephone: 916.925.8230

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We offer several menus at different price points, as well as three distinct rooms, full bar and we're centrally located.



*Limit one per company.





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
- Taylor's Market, Sacramento

- 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

2019 DANTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Robert Guidera, president: robertguidera@att.net
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DANTE'S REMINDERS



Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact club president Bob Guidera or social chairman Tom Novi to offer your services. You can reach Bob at robertguidera@att.net or 916-451-1467 and Tom at tomnovi@aol.com or 916-961-6197.

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 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.



Please patronize our paesanos

The logo for Johnny's Barber Shop features the name "Johnny's" in a stylized, cursive black font with a yellow outline, set against a yellow oval background.

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