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DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron Pane

*Joy of memories,
accomplishments
lifts the spirits*

Buon Natale!

Everytime I hear someone say this, I think of the Nat King Cole song of the same name and my grandparents and parents using it as a joyful salutation at this celebratory time of the year.

The key word is joyful. "Buon Natale!" gives me a sense of joy. I enjoy hearing it as much as I enjoy saying it. It lifts my spirits.

As I reflect on the past two somewhat turbulent years of my Dante Club presidency, I also feel a sense of joy because of all the things we have accomplished together.

It's difficult to remember what the rechristened Dante Event Center used to look like. If there was an upside to the pandemic, it was that it gave us a window of opportunity to give our facility a greatly

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Families in Italy display elaborate nativity scenes, often adding figures of everyday people and objects to the scenes.

Michael Micciche photo

Christmas traditions alive in Italy

By Ralph DiLibero

Happily shouting in their ancient dialects, Italian Americans wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Bon Natali, a Buon Natale or a Bun Nadel.

In Italy, Christmas celebrations and traditions are ubiquitous. Children begin the season on Dec. 6, St. Nicholas Day, by writing letters containing hopeful wishes. Decorations are everywhere, and Christmas trees are set up indoors and outdoors when Christmas in Italy officially

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Members to elect 2022-2023 board this month

A first round of nominations for the 15 available positions on the 2022-2023 Dante Club board of directors was held during the November members meeting.

First-round nominees for board membership are George Procida, Dick Zarzanna, Don Agostinelli, Pat Orelli, Jim Dimino, Rich Battistessa, Frank Calcagno, Matt

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Advisory and finance update

The advisory and finance committee met Nov. 8 to review Dante Event Center operations, the Dante Club's financial condition and the status of facility repairs and renovations.

Center staff reported that October events were profitable overall. Bookings for 2021 and 2022 remain strong. Some events, such as weddings, are being booked into 2023.

No major problems were reported, and customer feedback remains positive.

The treasurer's report was positive for profitability. Committee members discussed ways that available funds could be allocated to pay down the event center's remodeling debt and to ensure that the facility is properly maintained.

The committee decided that the treasurer could redirect available funds in excess of \$90,000 to accelerate payoff of remodeling loans and to build up the Building Legacy Fund to at least \$50,000, at a rate of 50% to each category. Once the fund reaches and is maintained at \$50,000, excess available funds could be used to pay down outstanding debt.

The committee also suggested that expenditures from the fund be reported to club members in the *Dante's Inferno* newsletter each month. The board at its subsequent meeting adopted the committee's recommendations. The decision will be incorporated into the Dante Club policy manual.

The buildings and grounds committee continues to consider ways to ensure proper drainage and runoff of excess water behind the Magpie Preschool building. Gutters, downspouts and leaf filters will be installed on the building Dec 9. The committee also is working on the event tent, including adding concrete entrances.

Bylaws in print

Printed copies of the new Dante Club bylaws are at the Dante Event Center. Members can drop by and pick one up or request one at a meeting.

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UPCOMING DINNERS

Call 916-925-8230 or reserve and pay online at:
danteclub.com/members-event-calendar/

December 13

Ladies Auxiliary Dinner and Meeting

Times: 5 to 9 p.m.

Menu: Cranberry mixed green salad, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, prime rib carving station, rolls and butter, cheesecake

Cost: \$24 per person

Reserve by midnight Friday, Dec. 3.

December 19

Annual Christmas Dinner for Members and Guests

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

Menu: Raspberry mixed green salad, seasonal vegetables, penne pasta with Alfredo sauce, herb-roasted chicken with wholegrain mustard and white wine sauce, prime rib carving station, rolls and butter, cannoli

Cost: \$35 adults, \$18 ages 12 and younger

Entertainment: accordionist David Chelini

Reserve by midnight Friday, Dec. 10.

December 20

Members Dinner and Meeting

Times: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner with meeting afterward

Menu: Caesar salad, seasonal vegetables, chicken marsala with polenta, French bread dinner rolls and butter, spumoni

Cost: \$18 per member

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Dec. 14.

January 10

Ladies Auxiliary Dinner and Meeting

Times: 5 to 9 p.m.

Menu: House salad, seasonal vegetables, chicken parmesan pine pasta and Alfredo sauce, rolls and butter, vanilla ice cream and biscotti

Cost: \$20 per auxiliary member

Reserve by midnight Monday, Jan. 3.

January 17

Members Dinner and Meeting

Times: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner with meeting afterward

Menu: Caesar salad, roasted peppers and squash, spaghetti and meatballs with marinara sauce, rolls and butter, vanilla ice cream and biscotti

Cost: \$18 per member

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Jan. 11.

LOOKING AHEAD: No Sunday dinner is scheduled for January. Our cioppino feed, a signature Dante Club event, will be held March 19, with dinner prepared by member Michael Talani and his crew.



2021 Committees and Assignments

(revised 4.12.21)

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Tom Novi, chairman; Pat Orelli, vice chairman
Members: Tom Mezzanares, Ralph DiLibero

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Bocce, Rich Battistessa
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November a busy month for delights, discussions and decisions

During our annual Ladies Auxiliary board meeting Nov. 8, we held elections and re-elected the existing board.

Continuing as board members are Debra Cattuzzo, president; Heidi Pesce Veneman and Helen Manfredi Pierson, vice presidents; Judy Farina, secretary; and Tina Lucchini Bowers and Denra Duccini Hansen, treasurers.

In addition, the current slate of trustees/callers was reconfirmed: Sandy Calcagno, Phyllis Keiholz, Mary Anne Chivaro, Nancy Doyle, Margaret Lynch, Debra Jefcoat, Susan Kasimatis, Roseann Jamison and Ann Zacharias.

Hospitality director Anna Tenderella and her crew, Linda Raridan and Diana Dionosio, will continue to decorate our tables, which they do so well.

During the meeting, these members won raffle prizes: Cathy Maffei, free December dinner; Phyllis Keiholz, set of three pumpkin

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Debra Cattuzzo

candles; Denise Franzioia, woolen shawl/scarf; Nancy Doyle, \$10 cash; Debra Duccini Hansen, olive oil and pinot vinegar set; Elsie DiBenedetto, ornate metal candle and wine bottle stand; BeBe Wright, ceramic platter; and Michelle, daughter of Marilyn Ricci, dessert wine.

Members voted for a menu and price change for our Dec. 13 dinner. The meal will now feature a prime rib carving station along with mashed potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, mixed green salad and cheesecake.

Because the addition of prime rib increases the cost from \$20 to \$24 per person, the auxiliary will cover the \$4 price difference so members can still pay \$20 each.

The meal will include entertainment by St. Francis High

School's Italian Club singing Italian Christmas carols.

During the November meeting, members discussed the fact that the Dante Club is losing money on our monthly dinners. We pay \$18 each, but the dinners cost the club about \$23 each. The auxiliary voted to start paying \$20 for dinners to help defray some of the cost.

Another issue discussed was members canceling reservations after the deadline.

At our November meeting, for example, six people called to cancel after the deadline and three members just didn't show up that evening.

We understand that issues come up, but in the future, members who cancel after the deadline or don't show up will still have to pay. If they can get someone to take their place, they won't have to pay.

Years ago, I had warned about this issue, but the problem persists, so we will start enforcing this rule.

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LADIES AUXILIARY BOARD

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Center welcomes new coordinator and a full holiday schedule

General manager Jennifer Peretti reports that November attracted 22 bookings, not including Thanksgiving, for the Dante Event Center. The month brought several weddings, vow renewal events, birthday parties and other celebrations.

"We're looking forward to a full holiday season here at the Dante Event Center and a promising 2022 and beyond," Peretti said. "I'm excited to hit the ground running now that I've returned from my maternity leave."

Peretti said she and her staff are "very excited" to welcome a new event coordinator, Annah Rose.

Annah will join the Dante Event Center team to help assist

with bookings, event coordination and marketing. She will participate in the center's ongoing efforts to push the center into the spotlight in Sacramento.

Peretti also encourages Dante Club members to offer their congratulations to Andrea Parker, a longtime Dante team member, on her promotion to banquet captain.

"Andrea was a huge help during my maternity leave, and she truly stepped up to the plate and went to bat for the Dante Event Center, its team and our members," Peretti said. "We couldn't be more excited about her transition to a supervisory role. If you see her around the club, which you most likely will, give her a high-five for all her hard work."

Once nominations are closed, ballots will be given to all members present at the meeting for their votes.

A final tally will be presented by the end of the meeting.

Names of the newly elected Dante Club 2022-2023 board of directors, secretary and treasurer will then be published.

Vote

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Longo, Tom Novi, Bob Guidera and John Caselli.

In addition, Ron Fiorica was nominated for the position of secretary and Tom Mezzanares for the position of treasurer.

Further nominations for all positions will be accepted during the December meeting.

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needed facelift and position the club as a premier event facility in the Sacramento region. Although we experienced a few challenges, I could not have weathered the storm without the help of a supportive board and members. I've used the

football analogy before, but I could not have made it to the 4th quarter as a stand-alone quarterback.

We are where we are today because of Herculean efforts by dedicated people who shared my vision of what this club could be. Many thanks to all who were part of the team.

Ladies Auxiliary

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A bright note at the meeting, we celebrated RoseMarie Scarrone's 95th birthday. Her daughter, Laura, surprised her with a homemade chocolate cake.

Sadly, we lost three longtime members in November: Rose Carson, Marion Musso and Beverly Catchpole.

Rose and Marion, both in their 90s, had been best friends since their children attended school together at Holy Spirit. Beverly, who was almost 90, was involved in many area organizations, even volunteering at the Sacramento Railroad Museum. All three members enjoyed attending auxiliary dinners. We will miss them.

Our auxiliary is rapidly growing, with seven new members added recently. In October, we welcomed Pamela Routhier, Tracy DiProsper-Valencia, Sharon Pillado and Patrice Prest as members. Also, three people signed up on the night of our board meeting: Rochelle Cohen, Joann Questa and Antonietta Pozzuto. We welcome them all to the auxiliary.

Thanks to Fidalmia Solander for bringing in a bag of pull tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House fundraising program. Tabs are almost to the top of our collection vase! We will present them to the men's club in December.

Looking forward, I have challenged each board member to provide me with a template for how we can continue to grow.

For the incoming new board and for all future boards, a foundation is now in place to help keep the club vibrant. And that brings me joy!

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Membership committee

Three new members were inducted into the Dante Club during the November members meeting.

Aaron Patella, sponsored by his father, John, is a contract specialist for Sisler & Sisler Construction. Tom Comali, sponsored by John Rizzardo, is retired but already active in our Saturday bocce league as a member of the Italian Stallions. Todd Bonanno, sponsored by Rich Battistessa, is a financial services professional for Bulman Wealth Group.

We encourage members to greet these newcomers at club events and meetings to make them feel at home.

We also interviewed two applicants before the November meeting.

John Apostolo, sponsored by Larry Otten, is slowing his career as a pharmacist for Sutter Health. His father, Carl, was a longtime Dante Club member who joined in 1961 and remained in the club until his death in 2013.

Rick Pillado, sponsored by Frank Calcagno, and his wife recently moved to Sacramento. He was looking for an active group to join. His wife recently joined the Ladies Auxiliary. Rick has retired as an industrial pump sales engineer.

The membership committee found both men great fits for the club and submitted them for approval. They were heartily voted in by the members present. We look forward to their induction at a future members meeting.

Bocce wrap-up

The Dante Club's fall bocce league is winding down, with the Sons of Beocce and Inferno teams at the top of the competition.

As of Nov. 28, these are the standings: Sons of Beocce, 5-1; Inferno, 4-2; D Rollers, 3-3; Avanti, 3-3; Maestri di Bocce, 3-3; Italian Stallions, 3-3; Fratelli di Bocce, 2-4; and Riolo Rollers, 1-5.

Fall competition featured eight teams representing more than 35 club members and seven guest players. Our newest team, Fratelli di Bocce, led by Carl DeNegris and Bill Zellars, has proven very good.

Teams have braved the cold and damp weather but still show up to enjoy the bocce experience, with a few good cigars, lots of laughing and maybe a little grappa.



Bocce enthusiasts prepare to get rolling during final league play at the Dante Club.

Saturday is bocce day at the Dante Club. New league play will resume in February. We encourage all members to come out and enjoy the sport.

Outreach committee

The outreach committee, led by chairman Matt Longo, is looking for innovative ways to aid member communication about club activities and events.

Members can call or text Longo at 916-397-5869 with their names, email addresses and areas of interest and expertise, such as carpentry or cleanup.

He will compile the gathered information to create email and text notifications in the future.

Club apparel

The Dante Club has expanded its marketing opportunities. Working with Julie Brown at Premier Graph-x, we can brand many items with our club logo, including hats, T-shirts, jackets and aprons.

Members can order items online. Go to the club website or click here: danteclub.shopgraphx.com. Or contact Mark Pedroncelli at 916-812-6729 or peddc@surewest.net.

For special orders, contact Julie Brown at 916-787-0603 or julie@premieregraphx.net.

Newsletter marketing

Two companies have been added to the rapidly expanding list of newsletter advertisers: Zellars Concrete and Fondazione Properties.

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Both are owned by Bill Zellars and Robert DeNigris. Zellars is a new member and DeNigris has been a member since the 1960s. New advertisers are always welcome. If interested, email *Dante's Inferno* coordinator John Caselli at jac6652@aol.com.

Bylaws proposals defeated

At the October and November meetings, two proposed changes to the Dante Club bylaws were read to members and ultimately were defeated.

One would have raised annual dues for all members from \$100 to \$300. Four members voted yes and 82 voted no. The other would have made club membership gender-neutral, paving the way for women to join. Eleven members voted yes and 70 no.

Scholarships

We should start encouraging area high school seniors to think about applying to our Dante Club scholarship program. Applications can be found online or in the Dante Event Center office. This is our first notice of the March 31 application deadline.

Save pull tabs

Since Ron Cristoni challenged members to collect aluminum can pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, we've collected close to 1,300 pounds of pull tabs.

Proceeds help parents who can't afford to stay at the Ronald McDonald lodging place while their children are hospitalized at University of California, Davis, Medical Center in Sacramento.

The \$1,300 raised by the Dante Club has paid for more than 60 nights of lodging.

Members can give their collections to Cristoni. They also can learn more about the pull-tab program online at www.rmhcnc.org. Click Get Involved and scroll to Pop Tab Program.

Annual dues

Membership dues for 2022 are due by Jan. 31. Visit <https://danteclub.com/2022-membership-dues/> for details and an online payment option.

Legacy Building Fund

Many thanks to these members of the Dante Club and the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous contributions to the Legacy Fund in 2021, for a total of \$3,765.90, to date:

- Richard and Dianna Battistessa, \$200
- Lee Bennett, in memory of Shirley Pasquini Bennett, \$500
- John Bertoni, \$100
- Dan Calcagno, \$200
- John Caselli, \$100
- Bob DeNigris, in memory of William "Bill" Pierson, \$150
- Matthew Longo, in memory of Joseph John Longo, \$1,000
- Janet Mathews, in memory of Bonnie Stuto, \$100
- Janet Mathews, in memory of Charles Stuto, \$100
- Michael Micciche, \$100
- Ron Pane, donated food costs for board dinner, \$218.70
- Ron Pane, donated partial payment of new desk for front office, \$569.41
- Ron Pane, donated office supplies from Office Depot, \$25.96
- Patrick Piacentini, \$200
- John and Kelly Procida, \$100
- James Riolo, \$100
- Ernie Tomassilli, donated tools from Emigh Hardware, \$1.83

Another way members can give back to the Dante Club is to make it part of their estate plans, creating a legacy for themselves with a gift that helps support the club into the future.

Gifts can help us maintain the Dante Event Center as a premier venue for club activities and public events. It's a simple, meaningful way for members to have a lasting impact on their Italian heritage beyond their lifetimes.

Those who would like to make such a gift or inform us if they've already done so should email Dante Club treasurer Tom Mezzanares at tjmezzan@gmail.com.

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**Christmas**

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begins on the Day of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, celebrating the birth of Mary.

The festive season ends Jan. 6, the day after the folkloric midnight broomstick flight of La Befana, a good and kindly old witch who delivers treats and gifts, filling up the stockings that children have hung at the fireplace before they went to bed to celebrate Epiphany.

Festa dell'Epifania, the 12th day after Christmas, honors the three kings, *I Rei Magi*, who bestowed gifts on baby Jesus and is the official day for people to exchange gifts.

La Befana is a Christian transformation of the pagan Roman goddess Bastrina, who protected children and dressed *col vestito alla Romana*, in Roman



Michael Micciche photo

Many Italian families serve an array of fish dishes on Christmas Eve as a way to mark the Festa dei Sette Pesci.

custom, sporting an ash-crusted shawl and a head kerchief. She is said to fly on her broomstick, seeking the whereabouts of the baby Jesus while carrying a basket of gifts for the newborn king, because she is too busy with her housework and can't travel with the three kings to Bethlehem.

La Befana bestows gifts on good children. To naughty children, she brings pieces of coal made of black sugar, onions and

garlic. Hundreds of Italians dress as Befana to celebrate the holiday, especially in Urbania.

A blind Santa Lucia on her donkey finds her way to deliver gifts for children on the morning of Dec. 13.

And, of course, Father Christmas—Babbo Natale or Santa Claus—also delivers toys, piling them in a pyramid or *ceppo* before daybreak on Dec. 25.

For eight days before that date, the daily celebrated Novena heralds carolers singing and occasionally *zampognari* playing bagpipes.

Everywhere—in homes, churches and piazzas—is the *presepe* or nativity scene.

In 1025, the Church of Santa Maria del Presepe in Naples first displayed a nativity scene to

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visually depict the Christmas story.

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi popularized the event and the displaying of the presepe. It became more popular in the 16th century. Today it's a hallmark of the Christmas season, beginning Dec. 8, but the baby Jesus is not placed in the manger crib until the evening of Dec. 24.

Christmas markets with stalls displaying desserts and sweet cakes

pop up in every Italian city. The aromas of Pandoro, Camerino torrone, nougat and Neapolitan struffoli fill the air.

The evening of Dec. 24 is a spiritual event, *la Vigilia*. A daytime fast terminates with a family fish supper and panettone followed by attendance at a midnight Mass at a nearby church.

Many Italian families purchase tickets to attend the Pope's midnight Mass in Vatican City.

Those who happen to be in Cortina D'Ampezzo might try skiing down the Dolomiti while carrying a fiery torch. People eat leftovers on Dec. 26 while celebrating Santo Stefano's national holiday.

Watching the decorations come down and the Christmas markets close on a cold day in January can be sad, but looking forward to a new year always brings hope.

Felice Natale and Buona Festa!
Have a happy holiday!

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Drinks policy revisited

A few years ago, the Dante Club board decided to offer half-price drinks as a member-only benefit.

Last year the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control informed us that reduced-price drinks must be offered to all attendees, not just members.

The board recently decided to allow all attendees at member events, including friends and family, to partake of the half-price drink policy.

However, when the Dante Event Center is booked by outside organizations, which account for most of our bookings, or by a club member hosting a personal event, attendees must pay full price for drinks.

This policy is consistent with state regulations and provides an even greater member benefit.

Gobble-gobble goodies

A wooden serving tray full of Thanksgiving bounty was among prizes given away during the Dante Club's Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament luncheon and raffle in October. The custom tray included towels, place cards, napkins and a candle, all ready for some lucky prize winner's holiday table. A storm forced cancellation of the golf tournament itself, but the club's "19th hole" festivities continued for the enjoyment of all.

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

To volunteer, contact Ernie Tomassilli for anything related to buildings and grounds and Joe Porata for anything related to social events. Reach Ernie at 916-541-9507 or ca.ernest@pacbell.com and Joe at 530-887-1583 or jporata@sbcglobal.net.

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 online at <https://danteclub.com/donations/>.

Dante Club apparel

Purchase club shirts and other clothing items by contacting Mark Pedroncelli at 916-812-6729 or peddc@surewest.net or by speaking to him at a members meeting. Cash or a check is needed to place an order.

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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. Members also can post news and photos on the Dante Club's Facebook page.

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