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DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ron Pane

Ongoing events and improvements keep club active

To all of the Dante Club's Italo-Americanos and Italian immigrants: I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well and staying safe from COVID-19.

September and October were busy for the Dante Event Center. We had a great sausage feed Oct. 14, with 23 members out of the 91 attending.

Folks who attended the sausage feed were treated to a large screen in the Venetian Room and the bar so they could watch the Dodgers beat the Giants at the top of the ninth.

Among club improvements in the works are finishing the landscaping surrounding the outdoor tent and bocce area.

This will enhance the gazebo and lawn area so it's more inviting for our guests.

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Golfers Donna Miller, General Davie, Russ Tanaka, Russ Fujii and John Gouker relax at a table in the Venetian Room.

Busy October sets stage for future

Dante Event Center general manager Jennifer Peretti reports that October was one for the books.

Our new and improved event center hosted seven weddings and

saw the return of the Allied Arts Group from their summer break.

Other groups returning for their meetings included the California School Employees Association, the Sacramento Jazz

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Consider board membership as a way to give back

This is the next to last reminder about the upcoming elections for the 2022 Dante Club board of directors.

We encourage all members to consider who they want to help direct the organization next year. In October, we discussed the process, and now we'd like to better explain what serving on the board entails.

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Advisory and finance update

The advisory and finance committee met Oct. 11 to review Dante Event Center operations, the club's current financial condition and the status of facility repairs and renovations.

Event center staff provided the status report, as general manager Jennifer Peretti is on maternity leave. Overall, events in September were profitable, with bookings strong through the end of the year. No major problems occurred, and customers offered positive feedback about their event experiences.

The treasurer's report was positive for profitability but included a cautionary note about expenditure increases. The committee and, later, the board debated the benefits of accelerating the pay-down of existing loans versus augmenting the Building Legacy Fund, which is designed to ensure sufficient funds are available to maintain and update the center.

The treasurer was tasked with developing a plan and recommendations in the matter for the committee and board to consider in November.

The buildings and grounds committee reported that the addition of gutters to the back of the Magpie Preschool building is on hold until the area behind the building can be graded to ensure adequate water runoff. That work should be completed soon.

In response to a request from Ralph DiLibero, Pat Orelli reported on the feasibility of creating a 501(c)(3) corporation for the purpose of allowing contributions to the Dante Club to be tax-deductible.

After discussion, committee members decided the concept isn't appropriate for the club.

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.

We'll also try to have copies of the bylaws available at our meetings.

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UPCOMING DINNERS

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

November 8

Ladies Auxiliary Dinner

Times: 5 to 9 p.m.

Menu: Minestrone soup, caprese chicken with rigatoni and marinara sauce, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, dessert

Cost: \$18 per person

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Nov. 2.

November 15

Members Dinner and Meeting

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

Menu: Minestrone soup, caprese chicken with rigatoni and marinara sauce, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, spumoni

Cost: \$18 per member

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Nov. 9.

December 5

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: indoor dining from 4 p.m., to-go pickup 3 to 4 p.m.

Menu: Butternut squash soup, roasted green bean and corn, roasted herb-crusted pork loin with cranberry demi sauce and traditional stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, apple cobbler with spiced chantilly cream

Cost: \$15 adults, \$8 age 12 and younger

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Nov. 30.

December 13

Ladies Auxiliary Dinner

Times: 5 to 9 p.m.

Menu: Caesar salad, seasonal vegetables, chicken marsala with polenta, rolls and butter, cheesecake with raspberry sauce

Cost: \$18 per member

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Dec. 7.

December 19

Christmas Dinner

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

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

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

Reserve by midnight Tuesday, Dec. 14.



2021 Committees and Assignments

(revised 4.12.21)

COMMITTEES

ADVISORY AND FINANCE

Tom Novi, chairman; Pat Orelli, vice chairman

Members: Tom Mezzanares, Ralph DiLibero

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Ernie Tomassilli, chairman; Matt Longo, vice chairman

BYLAWS

Open, chairman; Ralph DiLibero, vice chairman

Members: Richard Battistessa, Tom Novi

ENTERTAINMENT

Richard Battistessa, chairman; Jim Dimino, vice chairman

Member: Frank Calcagno

MEMBERSHIP AND INVESTIGATION

Dan Calcagno, chairman; Bob Guidera, vice chairman

Members: Frank Calcagno, Pat Orelli

PUBLICITY

John Caselli, chairman; Tom Mezzanares, vice chairman

Member: Dan Calcagno

SCHOLARSHIP

Richard Battistessa, chairman; Jim Dimino, vice chairman

Members: Phyllis Keilholtz, Nancy Doyle

SOCIAL

Joe Porata, chairman; Tom Novi, vice chairman

Members: Pat Orelli, Mark Pedroncelli

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OUTREACH

Matt Longo, chairman; Bob Guidera, vice chairman

Members: Frank Calcagno, Ralph DiLibero, Mark Pedroncelli, Ernie Tomassilli

PERFORMANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Rich Battistessa, chairman; Ralph DiLibero, vice chairman

Members: Jim Dimino, Pat Orelli

ASSIGNMENTS

Ladies Auxiliary liaison, Rich Battistessa

Bocce, Rich Battistessa

Check-in desk for club meetings, membership and publicity committees

Club apparel, Mark Pedroncelli

Sergeant-at-arms, John Fiorica

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A dozen vendors and prizes galore make mercato a success

Our annual mercato on Oct. 11 was a success, with a marvelous turnout and 12 vendors selling their wares.

Each vendor donated a raffle prize. We also were pleased that Dante Club member Tom Novi donated two \$25 gift cards to his wife's wonderful store, Mixed Bag, in midtown Sacramento.

The Novis also planned a special private sale, with 15% discounts for auxiliary members, at their store Oct. 28, which I'll report on in the next *Inferno*.

At the mercato, these people were lucky prize winners:

- Mary Anne Chivaro, pink Tupperware set honoring Breast Cancer Awareness month
- Nina Ciani, two bottles of sparkling wine in a basket
- Adrienne DeFazio, \$25 gift card to Vince's Italian Restaurant
- Norma Petta, two coffee cups, a plate and a pound of coffee

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Debra Cattuzzo

- Susan Formanek, \$25 gift card for Mixed Bag
- Kathy Ring, November dinner
- Gina Haskell, \$25 gift card for Mixed Bag
- Fidalmia Solander, freshwater pearl necklace
- Shirley Santiago, \$10 cash
- Jukie Whelan, children's picture charades
- Pat Derobertis, crystal necklace and earrings
- Tracy Valencia, makeup and coin purse set
- Gina Haskell's daughter, crocheted teal infinity scarf
- Marilyn Ricci's daughter, two bottles of olive and vinegar
- Laura Scarrone, crystal bracelet

We have missed our bingo and joke lady, Gloria Tomei, as

she's been home dealing with a horrible case of sciatica. Gloria, we send you good wishes and hope you return soon!

Members may have noticed on our check-in table a huge glass vase containing all the pull tabs we've collected for the Ronald McDonald House. At our October meeting, Rosemary Micciche brought in another bag of pull tabs to add to the coffers. Thank you, Rosemary!

We will soon give our collection to the Dante Club to add to their donations. Remember that in addition to donating pull tabs from beer and soda cans, members can collect tabs from aluminum cat food cans, such as Friskies cans.

We have gained three new auxiliary members this month: Tracy Diprospect Valencia, Patrice Prest and Patricia Routhier.

Welcome, all!

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Businesses and individuals who had lined up as hole sponsors for the 2021 Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament received visual recognition at a 19th-hole event Oct. 25 in lieu of the actual tournament. A severe storm on golf day forced cancellation of the tournament, planned for Ancil Hoffman Park. Instead, golfers and guests were able to gather at the Dante Event Center for the luncheon, raffle and silent auction portion of the tournament. About 95 attendees filled the event center bar and Venetian Room to enjoy a sausage luncheon and the chance to win prizes.

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Coop, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Sacramento Regional Transit.

We also hosted an Elk Grove multi-class reunion and the luncheon, raffle and silent auction portion of our Vic Martinelli Golf Tournament on Oct. 25.

Stormy weather, unfortunately, forced the cancellation of the actual tournament, but 19th-hole festivities went off without a hitch at the Dante Event Center.

Approximately 95 guests jammed the bar and Venetian Room for a peek at more than 50 raffle prizes and more than 25 silent-auction prizes.

Event chairman Rich Battistessa and his crew, including Debra Cattuzzo and 20-plus members of the Ladies Auxiliary, coordinated the event, which also featured a luncheon of sausage, peppers and onions.

Proceeds will benefit the Dante Club Scholarship Fund.

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President's Corner

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I encourage all of you to reach out and thank George Procida Jr. for his hard work to complete this project for the Dante Event Center.

Nominations for 2022 club officers will take place Nov. 15

during the general meeting, with voting on Dec. 20.

We still have much to do, and I hope our new officers will keep the best interests of the Dante Event Center in mind as they begin their new positions.

Reminder for all members and their guests: Our annual

Christmas dinner will be Dec. 19 this year. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

This will be a wonderful way to end the year, so I hope a majority of you will attend with your families.

La fiesta di ringraziamento e' buon natale grazie mille.

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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.

Bocce wrap-up

Our bocce rollers have braved wet weather to continue the fall and winter season. Eight teams, made up of approximately 40 members and guests, participate from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. This schedule will continue through November.

The Avanti team currently leads the pack. We're happy to welcome our eighth team, Fratelli de Bocce, led by Carl DeNegris and Bill Zellars. Good luck, guys, and enjoy.

Members are welcome to join anytime. Anyone who wants to watch a match is welcome to come out any Saturday.

Membership update

After six months handling a backlog of new-member applicants on the waiting list, we are inches away from completion.

In October, we inducted six new members into the ranks of the Dante Club. They are Jason Novi and Brooks Novi, sons of Tom Novi; Geno Bartucco, sponsored by George Procida; Jim Di Pinto, sponsored by Ralph DiLibero; Louie Lodi, sponsored by Ron Pane; and Alex Orelli, grandson of Pat Orelli.

Before the meeting, we also interviewed Todd Bonanno, sponsored by Rich Battistessa.

Bonanno and Tom Comalli, sponsored by John Rizzardo, were both accepted by vote of the gathered members. They are scheduled for induction at the November members meeting.



New members inducted Oct. 18 into the Dante Club are Gino Bartucco, Brooks Novi, Jason Novi, Alex Orelli, Jim DiPinto and Louis Lodi.

Joining them will be Aaron Patella, son of John Patella, who was voted in during the September meeting but had a family event that delayed his induction by a month.

This leaves just one person on the waiting list: Robert Rossi, sponsored by Jim Relles.

Thanks to everyone for encouraging family members and friends to apply for club membership. We have plenty of room for active members.

Application forms are available on the club website, at the Dante Evert Center office or from membership committee members Robert Guidera, Frank Calcagno, Pat Orelli or Dan Calcagno.

Outreach committee

Outreach committee chairman Matt Longo is developing innovative ways to aid member communication about club activities and needs.

Members can call or text him 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.

Newsletter marketing

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

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.

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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.

Drinks policy revisited

A few years ago, the Dante Club board decided to offer half-price drinks as a benefit for members, who received cards that could be used at any Dante event. The benefit was given only to members, not to friends or family.

Last year the state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control informed our Dante Event Center manager that when reduced-price drinks are offered, they must be offered to all attendees, not just to members.

After some debate on how to implement this requirement, the board of directors recently decided to allow all attendees at all Dante Club member events, including friends and family, to partake of the half-price drink policy.

However, when the center is booked by an outside organization, which accounts for the vast majority of special events, or by a club member who hosts a personal event, attendees must pay full price for drinks.

This new policy expands the drink benefit to friends and family, is consistent with ABC regulations and provides an even greater Dante Club member benefit.

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.



Little Italy in Sacramento gains official recognition

By Ralph DiLibero

Most ethnic American immigrants settled first in specific geographic areas of large cities in the United States, where they established cultural environments that reinforced their Old World traditions.

The country's first "Little Italy" occupied 30 blocks surrounding New York's Mulberry Street,

which is concentrated into three to four blocks today.

Little Italy enclaves then spread throughout the Northeast. Among them was the North End in Boston and Federal Hill in Providence, where my grandparents first settled with my infant father still in my nonna Maria's arms.

The largest geographic Little Italy



Participating in a Little Italy recognition Oct. 9 are, from left, Bill Cerruti of the Italian Cultural Society, Romano Luchini of the Dante Club, Sacramento City Councilman Jeff Harris, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and event coordinator Fabrizio Sasso.

today encompasses the area surrounding India Street in San Diego. And the country's newest publicly pronounced Little Italy occupies an Italian American enclave in Sacramento.

Various historical Italian American enclaves in and around Sacramento have been recognized, including East Sacramento, Oak Park, Land Park,

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Board

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The club has 15 directors. At the December meeting, these 15—along with the treasurer/financial secretary and the corresponding secretary—will be elected for the coming year. The 17 then meet to elect their new board president and first and second vice presidents. Outgoing officers may be re-elected.

Before the next board of directors meeting, the president-elect will place members on one or more committees and appoint chairmen of the committees.

All board members are expected to attend monthly directors meetings on the second Monday of each month. The meetings last two to three hours. They also are expected to spend additional time on the needs of their assigned committees. The time commitment for committee work varies according to the activities of each group.

For members worried that stepping up to Dante Club elections will require a change in their daily routines, consider that the club receives what it's given. Many board members have given much, and we all reap the benefits.

Directors typically give beyond just attending two meetings a month—board and general membership. So we encourage any member willing to invest extra time for the good of all to consider throwing their hat into the ring or asking a fellow member to do so.

Current directors do not all leave, as continuity is important. But it's also healthy to bring in new people with fresh ideas about our social, fiscal and structural well-being.

Members who might like to serve on the board but have questions can talk to any current board member. We strongly encourage all interested members to consider service as a board member or one of the secretaries.



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Midtown and Southside.

After the new St. Mary's Church was established in 1948, many Italian American families moved from other enclaves to be closer to the church.

Now the most prominent Italian American enclave is between J Street and Folsom Boulevard, from 48th to 59th streets. On Sept. 21, 2021, the Sacramento City Council recognized this area with an official resolution proclaiming it Little Italy.

Political and Italian American community leaders met Oct. 9 to commemorate the proclamation. Darrell Corti of Corti Bros. donated food services, and commencement speakers included

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, District 3 Sacramento City Councilman Jeff Harris and Italian Cultural Society president Bill Cerruti.

Speakers lauded the community for its commitment to traditional Italian culinary offerings, arts, crafts and games.

The Balliamo Dancers, dressed in Italian cultural styles and accompanied by tambourines, performed upbeat folk dances such as the tarantella, a frenzied dance first performed in the 15th century as a method to cure tarantula-bite victims.

Visitors to and residents of Sacramento's newly proclaimed Little Italy will recognize the area's many historical landmarks. Among them are:

- old Espanol Italian Restaurant, now housing the new Mattone Ristorante
- Johnny's Barbershop
- Stone Sisters, Italian truck-farm farmhouses that still stand along the border of East Portal Park. They were constructed with blocks of stone by Italian immigrant families that once lived near Anthony Zito's produce farm before 1946. One is at 51st and M streets.
- Italian Law Office at 49th Street and Folsom Boulevard
- Brida family's Quality Market, Velo family's Italian Importing Co., Affinito's Italian Corners and Lagormacino's Seed, at 51st Street and Folsom Boulevard
- Frank Lattini's Automotive Center at 52nd and Folsom

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- Pesce Locksmiths and Bank of Italy in America, both at 53rd Street and Folsom Boulevard
- Italian Vice Consulate Office and Nicoletti's Funeral Home at 54th Street and Folsom
- Talini's Nursery and Garden Center, formerly Stefani's Nursery, at 56th Street and Folsom Boulevard, since 1976
- Stefani family's Square Deal Restaurant at 58th Street and Folsom Boulevard

- Frank Corti's Italian Market at 59th Street and Folsom Boulevard, now run by his son, Darrell Corti
- St. Mary's Church and Giovanni Hall at 58th and M streets
- St. Mary's Elementary School and St. Francis High School
- 59th Street School
- Bocce Club in East Portal Park
- Archie Bugatto's Hardware at 56th and J streets
- Bertolani's Travel at 57th and J streets

- Mario Duchini's gas station at 57th and H streets
- Allora at 52nd Street and Folsom Boulevard

Original inhabitants of the Stone Sisters were families named Reali, Guidotti, Carli, Belluomini and Brida. Today, Little Italy is home to many well-known Italian families with names such as Defazio, Luigi, DaPrato, Pane, Waldron, Puccinelli, Stefani, Brida, Guidotti, Procida and Reali.

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Members can mark their calendars for Oct. 24, 2022, when we hope that neither a pandemic nor a storm will prevent a great day of golf at next year's tournament.



Ladies Auxiliary members Debra Cattuzzo, Karol Buccola and Carol Pessetti were among volunteers who helped organize the golf luncheon, raffle and silent auction.

"The past few months have been a sprint at the event center," Peretti said. "We look forward to the start of the holiday season and expect to have a great turnout in the following months."

Peretti said weekends at the Dante Event Center are continuing to fill up with bookings.

All weekend dates have been booked for the remainder of 2021, she said, and are slowly filling up for 2022 and 2023.

"We already have more than 20 weddings booked for 2022,"



Enjoying the indoor activities Oct. 25 are, from left, Tom Novi, Rich Battistessa, Linda Novi and Diane Battistessa.

Peretti said. "Things continue to look up for the Dante Club and the Dante Event Center. We hope to see continuing support from the public and members."

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.

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

Contact information

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