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DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tom Novi

Business plan looks to future of Dante

Our Dante Club was established nearly a hundred years ago as a coming together of Italians, mostly immigrants, whose aim was to be a social club that would provide friendship and activities for members and their families, sustain their Italian heritage and be good citizens in their community.

The history of the Dante Club is filled with examples of how members have contributed to help others, their community and our country.

But even as we reflect on our past, our responsibility is to look to the future.

In that spirit, the board has developed for the first time a business plan designed to enhance our social experience through member activities, our Italian heritage and our citizenship responsibilities.

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Kevin Calcagno, son of beloved club member Frank Calcagno, gave a eulogy at his father's celebration of life March 18 at the Dante Event Center.

April shows strong lineup of bookings

March shaped up well for meetings and special event bookings at the Dante Club, according to general manager Jennifer Peretti.

"The Real Estate Appraisers Association returned, and we were able to welcome the Point West Rotary Partners in Leadership conference," Peretti

said. "We were also able to honor 20-year board member Frank Calcagno, who died in February, with a March memorial event attended by about 400 of his close friends and family."

The Dante Club cioppino dinner on March 19 was also a great success, with more than 200 guests attending.

April bookings are coming in strong with a couple of crab feeds, a high school prom, several weddings and the return of the Dante Club Easter Egg Hunt. More details to follow.

Peretti said that the event center is experiencing shipping delays with food vendors, as well as increased prices.

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Advisory and finance update

During a meeting in March, members of the advisory and finance committee discussed meal reservation cut-off times, after hearing Dante Event Center manager Jennifer Peretti's monthly report.

Members agreed to move cut-off times back to midnight Saturday the week before an event so the event center chef can place food orders by Monday. Peretti reported that more time is required to secure supplies and have them delivered and that costs generally are increasing.

She said a few issues with recent meals were resolved and that bookings continue strong.

Club treasurer Tom Mezzanares provided a preliminary report showing profitability for the restaurant and the club in February. Because of a March 15 tax deadline for partnerships and S-corporations, our accountant was unable to present January financial statements to the committee in time for the meeting, which was held earlier in the month than usual.

At the request of president Tom Novi, the committee reviewed recommendations provided to the board by past president Ron Pane. Several were already implemented as a business plan. Operations and policy binder changes were being updated or created as well. The committee also will consider input from members and staff before recommendations are presented to the board.

During its meeting, the advisory and finance committee noted that the membership committee now monitors member participation, but that the treasurer will still maintain the club roster.

In addition, the buildings and grounds committee is investigating the development of a 20-year plan to fund replacement of major equipment and maintenance requirements at the Dante Event Center. Club committees will need to present budgets and request approvals for each function that is their responsibility.

The advisory and finance committee also discussed the lack of member participation as a yearslong recurring issue. Although there's room for new members to join the club, the committee thought that termination of nonparticipants would not be appropriate.

In memoriam

It is with sad hearts that we have learned of the passing of Pietro Pozzuto, a longtime and well-regarded member of the Dante Club.

Pozzuto enjoyed visiting with his friends at club meetings. He also enjoyed bowling on Wednesdays as a member of Sons in Retirement.

Another longtime Dante Club member, Michael Anthony Sanfilippo, passed on Feb. 9. A member since 1999, he joined at age 79 and died at age 102.

Sanfilippo attended many member meetings and enjoyed the long

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

April 3

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: 4 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner

Menu: House salad, meat lasagna, vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

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

Reservations are now closed.

April 11

Ladies Auxiliary Dinner and Meeting

Times: 5 to 9 p.m.

Menu: House salad, balsamic chicken with penne pasta and alfredo sauce, vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$20 per member

Reservations are now closed.

April 16

Easter Egg hunt

Times: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Menu: Hot dogs, chips, popsicles

Cost: Free for kids

Register online, for inventory reasons.

April 18

Members Dinner and Meeting

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

Menu: House salad, balsamic chicken with penne pasta and alfredo sauce, vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$22 per member

Reserve by midnight Saturday, April 9.

May 3

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: 4 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner

Menu: Caesar salad, baked ziti with meat bolognese, vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

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

Reserve by midnight Saturday, April 23.



Agriculture plays prominent role in Italy's Puglia

By Michael Micciche

Puglia, on the heel of the Italian "boot," is an area of Italy often overlooked by tourists, but it offers a vibrant culture and rich history.

Pronounced "Pulya," Puglia offers a spectacular landscape where green fields contrast with blue sea. The climate is typically Mediterranean, with hot, dry, sunny summers and mild, rainy winters. In summer, temperatures sometimes reach above 104 degrees in Lecce and Foggia.

Agriculture plays a prominent economic role in Puglia. The intensive modern industry is among the largest in Italy, producing durum wheat, tomatoes, grapes, almonds, olive oil, vegetables and fruits.

Vineyards cover a large area of Apulia, first among Italian grape-growing regions.

Four government-recognized wines are produced here: Castel del Monte Bombino Nero, Castel del Monte Nero di Troia Riserva,

Castel del Monte Rosso Riserva and Primitivo di Manduria Dolce Naturale.

Puglia has an estimated 50 million to 60 million olive trees, and the region accounts for 40% of Italy's olive oil production.

In Puglia, a nice beach is always nearby. With clear waters and a warm, dry climate on Puglia's Adriatic and Ionian Coasts, the beaches are definitely worth the trip. There are lots of

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Bookings

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In response to this, deadlines for member dinners will move up to assist with the ordering process while the delays continue.

Members are asked to note the new deadlines in our event fliers and on the website.

The Dante Event Center is booking events for 2022-2023. Members interested in hosting events should inquire about them sooner rather than later.

To host an event, the member needs to schedule an in-person meeting with either Peretti or event coordinator Annah Rose.

Available dates and rooms, the type of event, the estimated guest count, the event timing, any catering needs and other pertinent details will be discussed.

"We will then place the room and the date on hold for two weeks to allow clients time to

decide if the Dante Event Center is the best place for their event, without the date getting booked in the meantime," Peretti said. "At the end of the two weeks, if the security deposit has not been received, the event date will be released. To confirm an event, a deposit must be paid, and a contract signed and dated."

Dante Club members can rent a banquet room at a 50% discount if they're hosting a personal event for themselves, immediate family members—including a spouse, parents or children—or a personally owned business.

Members with questions about the room rental discount, can reach out to club president Tom Novi.

Booking inquiries can be sent to info@danteclub.com or members can call 916-925-8230.



Rich Battistessa, top photo, stirs a steaming pot of cioppino March 19 as part of the Saturday kitchen crew for the annual feast. Other helpers are, from left, Larry Otten, Steve Lavezzo, Michael Micciche, Michael Talani, Steve Deross, Nick Canepa, Tom Novi, Ernie Tomassilli and Alex Sarti. Thursday helpers for the event, above, are Paula Buchignani, Joe Porata, Dennis Zan, Carol and Peter Pesetti, Tom Mathews and, front, Donna Young.



2022 Committees and Assignments

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Members outdo themselves with donations in March

We had a wonderful meal of corned beef and cabbage as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day at our March 14 dinner. Laura Scarrone won a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream in the dress-up contest with her incredible leprechaun outfit, although Paula Buchignani was a close second.

We received a wonderful thank you note from Child Protective Services for our generous donations of socks, quilts and toiletries for local children removed from their homes. The donations went to the Children's Receiving Home and foster families.

Donations kept coming in for the raffle at the cioppino feed in March. I listed some names in the March *Inferno*. Here are others who made wonderful donations: Joann Questa, Rosemary Micciche, Sue Olson, Elaine

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Debra Cattuzzo

Shaedler, Eleanor Ielati, Cathis Agostinelli, Ida Remigi, Rena Zellars and Jovanne DeNigris.

I apologize if I have forgotten anyone. We appreciate everyone pitching in to help!

Some donations were made by the Tonarelli family in memory of their mother, Angie, who passed last August. Her deceased husband, Reno, was a longtime member of the Dante Club.

More sad news: Member Antoinetta Pozzuto lost her husband, Pietro, in early March. They had been married 47 years and owned Roma's Pizza for more than 38 years. Pietro was also a member of the Dante Club. Our sympathies to the family.

Two guests at the March dinner immediately joined the auxiliary: Joyce Bellucci and Nancy Mazzier. Joyce recently moved here from the central coast and met member Rochelle Cowen at an exercise class. Nancy was introduced to the auxiliary by her cousin, Norma Cappello. Nancy now lives in Roseville and is excited to be a member. Welcome!

Thanks to Elaine Shaedler, who brought in pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House donation program.

Thanks go to these auxiliary volunteers who worked at the cioppino feed: Donna Young, Andrea Merlino, Carol Pesetti, Paula Buchignani, Ann Zacharias, Anna Tenderella, Susan Kasimatis, Alyse DeFazio and Roseann Jamison.

We have lost seven members

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in the past couple of years and donated \$700 in their names to the Dante Club scholarship fund.

We also give an annual donation of \$1,500 to the fund.

Annual dues are now past due, as of March 31. Anyone who hasn't paid should contact me about sending in a check.

Bocce chairman Debra Duccini-Hansen spoke about bringing bocce teams back on the courts when the weather is nice, possibly at the beginning of April.

At the March meeting, Diana Dionosio's tablemates celebrated her birthday with a homemade cake and a song.

Here are raffle prize winners this month: Nancy Doyle, crystal bowl donated by Ronnie Pane; Diane Charles, free dinner; Sandy Calcagno, heart necklace and earrings; Sharon Taylor, bottle of pinot grigio; Eleanor Ielati, mini espresso French press and biscotti; Denise Franzoia, \$10 bill; Diana Dionosio, travel toiletries package; Shirley Brosseau, boa scarf made by Barbara Reali; and Peggy Alexander, iced coffee tumbler

with a \$25 Bella Bru gift card and a succulent plant donated by Ida Remigi.

In March, I reminded members that in January I had emailed them regarding changes made by the bylaws committee.

I discussed some of the major changes with the auxiliary and reminded members to email me with feedback.

We will vote on the proposed changes at the April meeting.

The April meeting also will feature a performance by the Balliamo Dancers.

President's Corner

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Examples of how we're improving our club include the addition of guest speakers at meetings, new social activities and a formal bocce committee and bocce league.

We're also bonding more closely with other Italian organizations in the area, increasing the scholarship fund to nearly \$20,000 to help our families with college expenses and working more closely with the Ladies Auxiliary.

The heart of the Dante Club, however, is our Dante Event Center, a million-dollar business that provides a financial foundation for us.

The business plan recognizes the need to better maintain and improve the event center facility and grounds. It recognizes that, in the past, for various reasons, we allowed the facility to fade.

Major remodeling and updating efforts finally occurred over the past couple of years. Through the leadership of a few and the efforts of many, we have brought the facility and grounds back to a like-new condition.

Clearly, this cycle of fade and restore is "no way to run a railroad," as a wise man once said. And make no mistake, the Dante Event Center is a business we are running for the benefit of all Dante Club members and for future generations of club members, including our children and grandchildren.

We have an outstanding event center manager in Jennifer Peretti. Through her and her staff's hard work, special event bookings and profitability have increased significantly. But we must plan better for the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our buildings and grounds.

As a result, the business plan argues for regular maintenance

of the property and funding a capital reserve to pay for repairs and maintenance.

This will help ensure that our facilities are well-maintained and used by the Dante Club members and their families for generations to come.

As we consider various strategies to build the capital reserve fund, we will call on club members to help.

Although many of us are not physically able to help rehabilitate our property, we can all contribute to the future of the Dante Club through this fundraising effort.

If members are willing to help, I would like to hear from them. Please contact me at tomnovi@aol.com.

Sincere thanks to all those who have helped so far. If we continue working together, the Dante Club will emerge stronger than ever in the coming years.

Grazie, and stay well.



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poker games after meetings.

He married Jennie Figaratto on Nov. 17, 1946, at St. Mary's Church in Sacramento. They were married for 56 years and had six children.

Sanfilippo served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Our hearts and prayers go out to his friends and family. Read his obituary [here](#).

Buildings and grounds

Volunteers gathered March 12 to erect the Dante Event Center's outdoor tent.

The process went smoothly, and the tent was up in half the time it took last year.

Big thanks go to these helpers: Don Agostinelli, Jason Klier, Paul Pane, Ron Pane, Joe Porata, Daren Procida, George Procida and Ernest Tomassilli.



Volunteers erect the Dante Club's outdoor tent on March 12, preparing for the coming spring season.

Club apparel

The Dante Club is working with Julie Brown at Premier Graph-x to brand many items with our club logo, including hats, T-shirts, jackets and aprons in a wide array of colors. Members can go online to order items at 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 update

Bocce rollers are encouraged to sign up for our teams that play on Saturday mornings. Team play starts this month, but we will continually add members to teams.

The bocce courts are available most days of the week for general play. Players should call the Dante Club and reserve an hour.

For lessons or team play, call or email Jim Dimino at jkdimino@sbcglobal.net or 916-956-6691 or Rich Battistessa at drbattistessa@comcast.net or 916-961-4854.

Bocce is great exercise, a fun sport and the Italian way.

Special political guests

In the past we have welcomed candidates for public office who are friends of the Dante Club and would like to introduce themselves at our monthly members dinner.

Member Ron Pane's cousin, Josh Pane, who is running for the state Assembly—and would be our representative, if elected—and Thein Ho, who is running for Sacramento County District Attorney, would like to attend the April 18 meeting to introduce themselves.

This is a great opportunity to meet candidates for two important offices. Members are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

Josh Pane was born and raised in our district. After graduating from Sacramento High School, he attended Sacramento City College and graduated from Sacramento State University.

Because of his expertise in education, Pane was appointed in 1985 to the Sacramento County Board of Education, where he worked to make schools safer for young students.

In 1992 he opened a small lobbying practice, and a year later he joined with his wife, Donna, to represent groups such as Native American tribes, transit companies and doctors.

A list of his clients can be found on his website.

Thien Ho is an assistant chief deputy district attorney for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

As a lead prosecutor, Ho successfully prosecuted the East Area Rapist, or Golden State Killer, one of the nation's most notorious serial killers who committed 13 murders and more than 50 sexual assaults in 11 jurisdictions throughout California.

Ho currently serves in executive management in the district attorney's office and oversees the Justice and Community Relations Bureau.

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Newsletter marketing

McClatchy Insurance Agency, owned by club member Tom Mathews, is the newest advertiser in *Dante's Inferno*.

New advertisers are always welcome. Anyone interested in advertising can email John Caselli at jac6652@aol.com.

Outreach committee

The outreach committee, led by chairman Matt Longo, seeks help to improve communications about activities and events. Members can call or text Longo at 916-397-5869 with their names, email addresses and skills, such as carpentry, electrical and plumbing.

The information will be used to create email and text notifications.

Members also can give information updates to Tom Mezzanares at tmezzan@gmail.com.

Save pull tabs

Since member Ron Cristoni challenged club and auxiliary 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 the University of California, Davis, Medical Center in Sacramento.

The \$1,300 raised so far has paid for more than 60 nights of lodging.

Members can give their collections to Cristoni. They can learn more about the Ronald McDonald House Center of Northern California pull-tab program online at www.rmhcnc.org. Click "Get Involved" and scroll to "Pop Tab Program."

Guest speaker series

Our guest speaker series will continue in May featuring Scott Moak, a Sacramento Kings announcer and TV personality.

Cioppino dinner

After months of preparation, this year's cioppino dinner went off without a hitch on Saturday, March 19.

Approximately 225 guests enjoyed the annual feast prepared by Michael Talani and his crew.

When not sampling antipasto and wine for the event, board member and past president Rich Battistessa worked with his wife, Diane, and the Ladies Auxiliary to coordinate prize baskets.

Special thanks go to auxiliary members who created baskets, as well as to these others who were key to the dinner's success: Donna Young, Andrea Merlino, Carole Pessetti, Paula Buchignani, Ann Zacharias, Anna Tenderella, Susan Kasimatis, Alyse DeFazio, Roseann Jamison and Debra Cattuzzo.

Scholarship applications

The deadline for scholarship applications closed March 31. Committee meetings will be held in April to review applications, with winners announced in early May. Refer questions or concerns to Rich Battistessa.

Applicants for membership

After taking a month hiatus, the membership committee interviewed Frank Crandall and Jim Dubendorf, and the general membership voted them into the Dante Club. We hope to induct them at the April 18 meeting.

Recent applicants for membership are Mike Manassero, sponsored by Dick Zarzana; Louis Vismara, sponsored by John Caselli; Chris Mascarin and Bill Hendricks, sponsored by the committee; and Frank Lienert, sponsored by Bob DeNigris. All should be cleared from the waiting list before summer.

Applications for membership are available online, from the event center office or from the membership committee.



Sinfully delicious biscotti guaranteed to break your diet

For our fourth installment, we offer this Italian favorite.

BISCOTTI

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest and juice of a whole lemon
- 1 tablespoon hazelnut syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup of chopped pecans and walnuts
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries or combination of dried cranberries & strawberries

JUST LIKE MOM USED TO MAKE

Richard Battistessa

- 12-ounce bag of good-quality white chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Whisk the flour and baking powder in a medium bowl to blend. Using an electric mixer, beat the sugar, butter, lemon zest, lemon juice, hazelnut syrup and salt in a large bowl to blend. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. Add the flour mixture and beat just until blended. Stir in half the bag of white chocolate chips, nuts or cranberries. Form the dough into a 13-inch-long,

3-inch-wide log on the prepared baking sheet. Bake until light golden, about 40 minutes. Cool for 30 minutes. Place the log on the cutting board. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut the log on a diagonal into 1/2-inch to 3/4-inch-thick slices. Arrange the biscotti, cut side down, on the baking sheet. Bake until pale golden, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a rack and cool completely. And if you're going to cheat on your diet, do it right. Dump the remaining half bag of white chocolate chips in a bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water until the chocolate melts. Dip half of the biscotti into the melted chocolate. Let them cool and serve.

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Building Capital Improvement Fund

Members of the Dante Club and the Ladies Auxiliary gave more than \$4,000 in 2021 to the recently renamed Building Capital Improvement Fund.

Many thanks to those who donated to help keep the club in good shape now and in the future.

We recently spent \$3,705 to service the kitchen fan blower, replace 60-amp breakers in the kitchen sub-panel, replace a roof air conditioning disconnect with a new 90-amp one and install a 40-amp, 240-volt coffee maker circuit.

We encourage members to consider making the Dante Club part of their estate plans.

A donation offered through a will or estate plan can help us maintain our facility as a premier venue for member and public events.

It's also a meaningful way members can have a lasting impact on their Italian heritage.

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

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beaches from which to choose.

The Romans completed Via Appia in Puglia in 190 B.C. The Greeks were eventually defeated by the Roman civilization, which would go on to define Italian culture as a whole and one of its greatest achievements, Via Appia, or Appia Way.

One of the Romans' most notable and durable engineering feats was the invention of road networks. Via Appia was one of the first and most famous road systems they ever created.

The Appia Way project, which began in Rome in 312 B.C., connects Rome to Brindisi on the



Beautiful beaches abound in the Puglia region of Italy.

southeast coast of Italy in the region now known as Puglia.

In this period of Italy's history, Brindisi was among the Roman Empire's most important cities, a strategic port used to reach other powers, such as Greece, Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean.

The engineering masterpiece can still be walked, forming a wide pathway through the history of the

country and marked by a Roman column deep in the heart of Puglia.

The rich farming heritage of Puglia is prevalent in its landscape.

The iconic white Trulli, stone hut dwellings dating back to the Middle Ages, are dotted all around. These were once used as homes for peasant farmers and others.

Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is one of the best places to experience these historical dwellings. The streets are lined with them, and many are even available for rent as tourist accommodations.

Dante Club members Michael Micciche and Ralph DiLibero alternate each month to write about Italian culture and history from a variety of perspectives.

DANTE'S REMINDERS



Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact George Procida for anything related to buildings and grounds and Joe Porata for anything related to social events. Reach George at 916-455-4738 or gprocida@gplandscape.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

Recently changed an address or phone number? Please alert Tom Mezzanares at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.