



**Reserve now for the
May members and
family dinners!**

DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tom Novi

Full event schedule in store for May

Since its beginning, the Dante Club has focused on family, and the annual Easter egg hunt for the kids on April 16 was a fine example of this.

Dozens of families brought their children and grandchildren to the Dante Event Center for the fun and excitement. Egg hunts, a bounce house, Ron Fiorica's Traveling Petting Zoo, hot dogs, special drinks for the kids and complimentary beer for the adults helped make the event outstanding. Children's games and a showing of the animated movie *Encanto* added to the experience.

Dante Club and Ladies Auxiliary members contributed time and effort, as did the event center staff, to make everything possible.

The weather cooperated fully, with sprinkles holding off until the eggs were found

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The Dante Club's beloved annual Easter egg hunt April 16 featured an array of activities for young and old. In addition to egg hunting, children enjoyed a SpongeBob-themed bounce house and a goat-petting zoo, courtesy of member Ron Fiorica. A few adults even took their chances in the bounce house. Lunch in the Venetian Room wrapped up the day.

April filled with diverse events

April 16 at the Dante Event Center saw the welcome return of the annual Dante Club Easter egg hunt.

During the event, youngsters got to indulge in a SpongeBob bounce house, Ron Fiorica's goat-petting zoo and a free lunch in the Venetian Room.

Also in April we were excited to bring back the annual Valley

Industrial Claims Association crab feed, serving 505 guests. On April 15 we welcomed back the Black American Political Association of California's annual crab and shrimp feed.

Throughout the month the event center hosted more than 25 events, including crab feeds, egg hunts, memorials, birthday parties,

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Buildings and grounds

The building and the grounds have never looked better, thanks to all those who continue to work on maintaining our facility.

The Easter egg event in April was a good opportunity to get a close-up view of our progress for those who haven't seen the Dante Event Center in awhile. A good time was had by all.

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. Members are encouraged to order now for Father's Day.

Bocce update

Jim Dimino and John Rizzardo are doing a great job with the spring bocce league. Play, as always, is a challenge, and the teams are rolling along.

Members are encouraged to come out on Saturday mornings to see the action from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Watch the game, learn what it's all about, and join in the fun.

We encourage more players to participate. Play is possible virtually anytime. Call Rich Battistessa or the Dante Club office to arrange a time on the courts.

Golf tournament

The newly named Dante Club golf tourney, now the Vic Martinelli/Frank Calcagno Golf Tournament, will take place Saturday, July 9, at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, 3645 Fulton Ave. in Sacramento. The four-person scramble will start at 7:30 a.m.

The \$125-per-person fee includes green fees, a cart, balls and lunch at the club afterward. Non-golfers can purchase lunch only for \$30.

Registrations and payments must be received by June 25. Forms and sponsorship information is available [online](#) at the Dante Club website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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
Reservations closed April 23.

May 9

Auxiliary Dinner and Meeting

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

Menu: House salad, seasonal vegetables, salmon picatta, rice pilaf, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$22 per member
Reserve by midnight Saturday, April 30.

May 16

Members Dinner and Meeting

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

Menu: Caesar salad, rigatoni with marinara, seasonal vegetables, herb-roasted pork loin with Tuscan sauce, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$22 per member
Reserve by midnight Saturday, May 7.

June 5

Sunday Family Dinner

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

Menu: House salad, chicken cordon bleu, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$15 adults, \$8 children age 12 and younger
Reserve by midnight Saturday, May 28.

June 13

Auxiliary Dinner and Meeting

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

Menu: Tortellini pasta salad, Tuscan pork loin, pesto gnocchi, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$22 per member
Reserve by midnight Saturday, June 4.



Remembering a friend



On April 9 at the Dante Event Center, Dante Club members, family and guests celebrated the life of longtime club member Jim Casali.

Afternoon Italian meal: Cultural icon is a gustatory meld of art and science

By Ralph DiLibero

In Japan, the multi-courses of a main meal, or “kiseki,” are delicately served with many small plates that separate the five human tastes—sweet, salty, savory, bitter and sour.

The small plates also encourage an aesthetic appeal in the arrangement of the food, which typically covers only 70% of each plate.

In the United States, breakfast is considered an important meal, whether it be bacon and eggs or fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter or some other combination that is not excessively rushed.

Italy has its own epicurean design and culture for meals. With the exception of a holiday or a Christmas

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sorority formals and weddings.

We had the honor of hosting a celebration of life event for longtime member and Dante Club past president Jim Casali. We also hosted our first Jaguar Muay Thai International Kickboxing Federation tournament featuring more than 60 individual fights.

With graduation season upon us, members are encouraged to send our way anyone looking for a venue to host a graduation party. We're also preparing for the holiday season. The calendar is filling up, so anyone planning a holiday event should consider booking soon.

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 manager Jennifer 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.



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Members to be determined

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Easter Bunny and dancers enliven April dinner

Hope everyone had a happy Easter! The Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed the Balliamo Dancers at our last dinner. The dancers were wonderful to watch, and they actually enticed a large number of our members to get up and dance with them. We had so much fun.

And we had our own lifesize Easter Bunny—Laura Scarrone—who always wows us with her costumes.

Thank you to these members who brought pull-tab donations to our April dinner: Marisa Barone, Mindy Alberti Jung, Sharon Helton, Sandy Calcagno and Cathy Bertolani. We know that the Ronald McDonald House is such a great cause.

And congratulations to our raffle prize winners: Carole Orel, scarf; Linda Franzioia-Feil, crystal bowl; Laurie Cappello-Dangberg, bunny vase and kitchen towel;

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Debra Cattuzzo

Barbara Reali, pomegranate wine; and Laura Scarrone, pewter fish platter and a box of smoked salmon.

Lucky winner Marisa Barone won three prizes: a spring kitchen towel with a turquoise blue whisk and spatula, an elevated cake plate and a free dinner for next month.

Even I won the \$10 cash prize. I also dropped by Dante's Easter hunt on April 16 and saw a lot of happy egg hunters.

The bounce house and baby goats were a big hit, and the center was beautifully decorated for the event.

I would like to thank board members Heidi Venman and Debra Duccini-Hansen for

helping me stuff 350 plastic eggs with candy for the Easter hunt.

This article won't reach you until afterward, but I want to thank Linda Novi, wife of Dante president Tom Novi, for inviting auxiliary members to another special private event, "Come and Taste for Mother's Day," held April 28 at her store, Mixed Bag, in midtown Sacramento.

With the 10% discount our members receive, I'm sure I picked up some darling items.

Please welcome new auxiliary members Cheryl Decristofaro, Patty Peter and Cathy Ranieri-Zerio. Cathy was a classmate at St. Francis High School with auxiliary board members.

Our auxiliary continues to grow as people realize just how much fun we have. Bocce kicked off at 11 a.m. April 19. It will be

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weekly on that day and time, unless it rains.

Board member and coordinator Debra Duccini-Hansen said only 16 members played last year, and this year 28 are interested.

Members who don't want to play can bring a chair and a drink and watch the players. It's so much fun.

In April we discussed the bylaws. Denise Franzoia explained how the idea of honorary members began. She

told us it was supposed to be a continuous 25 years of membership starting after age 60 when most women retire. At the time, they were trying to entice people to build membership.

We don't have a problem getting members. Quite a few of our members are older than 80, and some are 90.

So the auxiliary voted to eliminate honorary membership. All members will be regular members.

The men's club recently agreed to pay \$22 for their meals,

and we were asked to do the same. Months ago, we raised the cost of our meals to \$20 after we realized the actual cost is \$23 to \$24. With inflation, the actual cost has increased as well.

We discussed raising the price to either \$22 or \$25. Members voted for \$22.

Longtime auxiliary member Voneta DeBon died April 4 at the age of 96. She enjoyed dancing, socializing and playing with her 10 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

We send our sympathy to

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President's Corner

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and everyone moved inside for fun and games.

All of this was offered at no cost to guests, as has been the Dante Club tradition for years. Very well done!

The Dante Club's annual awarding of college scholarships to deserving high school seniors is scheduled for our May 16 members dinner.

This is a great event each year that recognizes our best and brightest students as they move into the next stage of their academic careers. Please plan to attend and applaud our future generation of leaders.

Last month I wrote about our need to fully fund ongoing maintenance and development of the facility through our Building Capital Improvement Fund. We need to ensure a robust future for the property. The board has

identified several strategies designed to build up and maintain the fund, with support from both the event center and the members. Plans include conducting a capital reserve study to provide a good idea of how much funding we will need in the future. We hope to have this done by June.

In the past, the Dante Club has welcomed political candidates to attend member dinners to meet members and share their views. In April, Josh Pane, candidate for the California State Assembly, and Thien Ho, candidate for Sacramento County District Attorney, attended the monthly dinner to meet members during the social hour and talk about issues during dinner.

In May, Roger Niello, candidate for the California State Assembly, will stop by during the social hour to talk to our

members. He won't be able to address us during the dinner because of our full meeting schedule, which includes speaker Scott Moak and recognition of scholarship winners.

Although the Dante Club does not endorse political candidates, we believe that meeting candidates supports one of our founding goals—to be good citizens in the community. So please attend, meet Roger and have a healthy discussion over a glass of wine.

Lastly, I extend condolences to the Casali and DaPrato families on the loss of two of our longtime members, Jim Casali and Ed DaPrato. I ask members to please keep these families in their thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to members for the many suggestions I've received. Please contact me via email at tomnovi@aol.com to share your thoughts. Grazie, and stay well.



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Guest speaker

Our guest speaker series will continue May 16, featuring Scott Moak, a Sacramento Kings announcer and TV personality.

A veteran of social services and a trained marriage and family therapist, Moak now heads up the community investment department for the Sacramento Republic FC soccer team.

Previously, he worked for another local sports team that uses a different ball. He spent more than four years as executive director of the Sacramento Kings Foundation, leading their charitable work.

Since 2002, Moak has been yelling and screaming as the announcer for the Sacramento Kings, having spoken loudly for nearly 4.5 million people. He's recently been immortalized by the popular NBA2K video game. His voice appears in the game's 2022 version.

Moak also co-hosts a weekday entertainment and lifestyle show on TV's Fox 40 at 11 a.m. weekdays. He calls the gig "a diamond in the rough," especially because they don't make him wear makeup.

In his spare time, Moak is co-founder of a boutique consultancy with business partner Erica Rau. Their handpicked projects include work on homelessness, youth sports, food insecurity, health and wellness, and real estate.

Moak also is the father of two children—daughter Evan, 11, and son Asher, 8.

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 in the newsletter in 2022 can email John Caselli at jac6652@aol.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."

Scholarship winners

The Dante Club has awarded eight scholarships to a group of highly qualified students with outstanding grade point averages.

The committee was very impressed with the students' well-written personal essays and diverse extracurricular activities.

We will have an awards presentation May 16 after our general meeting dinner. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., with the awards presented at 8 p.m.

Parents of the scholarship winners also are invited to attend.

Applicants for membership

The membership committee interviewed three candidates before the April meeting and presented them to the members present for acceptance.

Joining Frank Crandall and Jim Dubendorf as inductees at the May 16 dinner will be Chris Mascarini and Bill Heidricks, both sponsored by the committee, and Franl Lienert, sponsored by Bob DeNigris.

We also received an application for consideration from Leroy Dal Porto, sponsored by Richard Zarzana.

This sets the application waiting list at five. All should be processed before our summer barbecues.

**Meal**

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seven-fish meal to pay homage to the seven biblical days of creation or a 13-fish meal to honor *I dodici apostoli ed Gesu*, breakfast for the average Italian is typically a quick espresso or a cappuccino and a cannolo purchased at a Italian bar while en route to work.

However, businesses generally close their doors each weekday afternoon for the most important meal of the day, during which cell phones and newspapers are all put aside.

As is said in Parma, “It is the process which makes the best cheese.”

The process for the Italian multi-course meal honors the Japanese tradition of separating tastes by specifying the sequential order of nine separate courses, each lasting as long as 30 minutes—so diners can get hungry for the next:

- 1) **Aperitivo**
- 2) **Antipasti**
- 3) **Primi Piatti**
- 4) **Secundi Piatti**
- 5) **Insalada**
- 6) **Fruit and Cheese**
- 7) **Dolce**
- 8) **Espresso**
- 9) **Digestivo**

Aperitivo consists of tiny tastes of locally made cheeses, olives, nuts and a few crackers or

puff pastry to lightly enhance a small glass of prosecco or spritz.

Antipasti—offered before the root of the meal—features a more extensive assortment of cheeses, meats and dips.

Diners can still expect to lightly feast upon crostini, prosciutto, mortadella or salami from one table service plate while nibbling on pecorino, mozzarella or Parmigiano-Reggiano from another.

Primi Piatti is typically one small carbohydrate plate laden with a variety of pastas, polenta or risotto.

Secundi Piatti usually brings on the protein nourishment with the savory-saucy aromas of meats, fish, chicken or rabbit, balanced by a side of colorful and cool cortoni—vegetable dishes of chicory, broccoli and potatoes.

Crisp and leafy insalata is flavored with olive oil and some sort of wine vinegar.

Insalata is served to square out or finish off the main courses after the table wine also is finished—so that the vinegar does not disturb the taste of the wine.

Fruit and Cheese: To Italians, peeling the fruit equates with peeling open a discussion of what life is all about—the fresh-fruit active and aggressive period

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of life versus the aged-cheese, sage advice of elders.

Dolce, or the sweetness of desserts, follows those arguments with the fun Italian concept of La Dolce Vita. Then **Espresso** heightens the senses to make the arguments more vociferous.

Digestivo, finally, is obviously necessary to return equilibrium, a sense of calm, smiles and laughter to the table. My favorite is sambuca or ice-cold limoncello.

Supper in Italy is a piccolo pizza at 10 p.m. after a lungo passeggiata, accompanied by family or friends.

The Italian cultural day finally ends with smiles and kisses all around.

**Auxiliary**

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Voneta's family.

We also send our sympathies to the Lima family. In January, longtime Dante Club member Peter Lima died. His wife, Susan, daughters Christine and Wendy, and granddaughter Alexis are all members of the auxiliary.

Peter was a lifetime member, having joined the club in 1969. He served as a president and a board member, and he and his family were actively involved in the club.

His daughter Christine was the Easter Bunny at the egg hunt for many years. The family describes Peter as leaving a legacy of love.

At our May 9 dinner we will celebrate Mother's Day, so don't miss it.



The Balliamo Dancers entertain Ladies Auxiliary members at their April 11 meeting. The dancers were so captivating, they enticed a large number of auxiliary members to get up and dance with them.

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. You can also go to the website, danteclub.shopgraphx.com.

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.



Negroni brings back memories

The Negroni is such a great aperitif—and simple to make.

This little sipping drink is perfect before dinner.

A slice of orange or just the orange rind as a garnish can hit the spot.

Growing up, when I was of age, my dad always fixed the Italian Manhattan before Sunday dinner and on holidays. It was excellent every time.

My nonna would take my cousins and me to the pantry and pour green creme de menthe in a chiquette (shot glass) for us to have a

JUST LIKE MOM USED TO MAKE

Richard Battistessa

little taste (just one!) at our family dinners.

Happy old memories!

This is the basic recipe for a Negroni that you can adjust to your taste.

NEGRONI

Ingredients:

- Shot of good gin
- Shot of your favorite sweet vermouth
- Shot of Campari

What's so special about being Italian?

You've got to love the Italians.

If you love wine, you should know that the ancient Cretans gave Italy the name Enotria, which translates to "the land of wine."

Italy is one of the world's great wine producers, with more than 1,000 varieties of wine-producing grapes.

The northern regions of Tuscany, Piemonte, Lombardia and Veneto are major wine producers.

Wine often is served in neighborhood hostaria—wine shops that serve light tastes of food along with the drink.

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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.

In February we 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.

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