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DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Pat Orelli

Upcoming dinner to celebrate our Italian heritage

E ven though the state of California refuses to recognize Columbus Day, Congress, at least, has proclaimed October as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. It's a time for people of Italian descent to come together to celebrate our heritage. This connection unites us as members of the Dante Club and the Women's Auxiliary.

We will celebrate the month with our Italian Heritage Dinner, with dancing, on Oct. 11. I hope everyone has made reservations as the Oct. 1 deadline may be past by the time the *Inferno* comes out.

Regretfully, my wife and I won't be able to attend the dinner this year, even though we love osso buco, as she's recovering from surgery. We

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Led by Dolores Allen, the Dante Club Singers perform at the Del Paso Country Club in 1960. A few recognizable faces are Women's Auxiliary members Jo D'Alessandro Harmon, Pia Cecchettini, Ida Giarmona and Nettie Pennisi. The group performed at a variety of Sacramento-area venues besides the country club, including the University of California at Davis and department stores.

LOOKING BACK

Members recall family-centered focus of early Dante auxiliary

By Marie Waldron Booth

he Dante Club Women's
Auxiliary, established in 1926,
has greatly contributed over
the years to the success of the Dante
Club, the Italian community and the
larger Sacramento community.

In the beginning, the group was established to help our grandmothers and mothers acclimate to American culture and customs. It has evolved over the years as our community has grown and our needs have changed. We no longer need to learn the English language or adapt to the culture. We are part of the culture.

Americans love Italy. They love its food, its people and its language. Everyone wants to be Italian! We

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

General manager's report

September marked the return of our monthly groups at the Dante Event Center, including the Dante Club and Women's Auxiliary, as well as the Sacramento Veteran Police Officers Association. We also hosted weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and other celebrations, and we participated in Christian Brothers High School's annual Christian Brothers Extravaganza, with more than 2,000 guests in attendance.

In addition, we hosted American River Healthcare's company picnic and Hiram Johnson High School's 50th anniversary event.

The return of the Dante Fall Craft Fair on Sept. 28 saw an assortment of local crafters, jewelry makers, olive oil purveyors, bakers and other vendors. We look forward to hosting it again in the future.

State Sen. Roger Niello hosted his annual Oktoberfest event again at our event center, where he met with locals over delicious beers and bites.

We're excited about the month ahead, which will include hosting our Italian Heritage Night.

We still have some availability for holiday season banquet room bookings. See Page 9 for information about requirements for personal bookings by members.

Buildings and grounds

September was once again filled with airconditioning issues. Matt Longo has taken on the task of working with all the contractors to get things sorted out. A big thanks to Matt!

Recently, our trash-hauling service accidentally hit the building and caused some damage. We're gathering quotes now, and repairs will be made soon—all paid for by the trash company.

Membership

Even though the year is winding down, the membership committee remains busy. In September, we had two interviews, one (and a half) inductions, two waiting to be inducted and one new application.

Before the members meeting, we chatted with William Sevdy, sponsored by Joe Pasquinelli, and Pete Reali

William is young and energetic—he coaches girls

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October 5

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: 4 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. seating, 5:15 p.m. first course **Menu:** Caesar salad, chicken Parmesan, penne pasta with marinara, seasonal vegetables, garlic bread, vanilla bean gelato with biscotti

Cost: \$22 adults, \$12 children age 12 and younger *Reservations are closed.*

October 11

Italian Heritage Dinner

Times: 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner and show **Menu:** Antipasto, insalata Italiano, mezza rigatoni with marinara and shaved Parmesan, osso buco with saffron risotto, rolls with butter, vanilla panna cotta with composta di frutta

Cost: \$60 per person

Reserve by midnight Wednesday, Oct. 1.

October 13

Dante Women's Auxiliary Dinner and Mercato

Time: 4:30 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. mercato, 6 p.m. dinner **Menu:** Italian chopped salad with salami, provolone, roasted peppers, olives and artichokes; chef's lasagna; roasted broccolini with garlic; herb-crusted focaccia; lemon olive oil cake with limoncello glaze **Cost:** \$25 members, \$30 guests

Reserve by Thursday, Oct. 2.

October 20

Dante Members Dinner and Meeting

Times: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. meeting **Menu:** Italian chopped salad, chicken cacciatore with polenta, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, cannoli

Cost: \$25

Reserve by midnight Friday, Oct. 10.

November 2

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: 4 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. seating, 5:15 p.m. first course **Menu:** Roasted pumpkin salad with pine nuts, spinach, feta and honey balsamic dressing; roasted turkey; garlic mashed potatoes with gravy; traditional stuffing; rolls with butter; pumpkin pie with whipped cream **Cost:** \$22 adults, \$12 children age 12 and younger

Reserve by midnight Friday, Oct. 24.



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junior-varsity basketball—and is looking for another social outlet. With Joe by his side, we hope he gets to experience what he wants.

Pete lives in east Sacramento and belongs to a few other organizations, but he had never reached out to the Dante Club—until now.

The membership committee saw both men as potential assets to the club. The general membership accepted the committee's recommendations and voted yes. We hope to induct William and Pete this month.

Four applicants have been voted in but not yet inducted. Take one off that list. Nick Warren was voted in before the summer break and was present to introduce himself to those in attendance. Frank Valente, sponsored by Nick Canepa, was inducted months ago, but some membership chairman never had him come before us to say hello. That changed in September. This is where we count a half induction.

Where does that leave us?
Jay Boundy and Anthony
Giannotti plan to attend the
October meeting and will be
inducted. Paul Rosotti continues
his travels but is slated to be with
us in November.

We received an application from Sean O'Donoghue, sponsored by Andy Pennisi. He will be interviewed on Oct. 20.

We ask members to keep up their great efforts and encourage family and friends to apply to the Dante Club.

Newsletter advertising

Dante's Inferno coordinator Tom Mezzanares and the Dante Club board thank our advertisers, whose support helps defray the costs of publishing the newsletter. Anyone interested in advertising can email Tom at timezzan@gmail.com.

Legacy fund donations

The Dante Club Legacy Fund was created during the pandemic as a way for members to help the club through a difficult period.

The Dante board of directors has decided to reinvigorate the fund as one of five strategies to pay off the club's remodeling mortgage. Donations to the fund will help retire the mortgage early.

The Legacy Fund has three donation levels: platinum, \$1000 or more; gold, \$500; and silver, \$250. Donors will be recognized annually in the newsletter and at a members dinner. They'll also be honored on a plaque in the Dante Event Center.

Donations will be applied to the mortgage principal each month.

Donors should mail or deliver a check to the Dante Club (attn: treasurer) and give instructions on how the donor or a person honored by the donor should be recognized —what name should be included on the plaque and in the newsletter. Donors also may remain anonymous if they prefer.

Club apparel

The Dante Club works with Premier Graph-x to brand clothing with the club logo, including hats, T-shirts, jackets and aprons.

Members can order clothing at danteclub.shopgraphx.com or they

can contact Mark Pedroncelli at peddc@surewest.net or 916-812-6729.

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

Pull-tab program

The Ronald McDonald House near UC Davis Medical Center charges \$20 per night for parents to stay there while their children receive treatment in the hospital.

The pull-tab program helps those who can't afford the cost by accepting donations of aluminumcan pull tabs, which it then sells for cash.

The Dante Club has donated to the program since March 2018. The Women's Auxiliary also participates.

On Sept. 17, Ron Cristoni dropped off 31.7 pounds of Dante Club pull tabs at the Ronald McDonald House.

Our club and auxiliary have donated a total of 1,757.7 pounds of pull tabs.

Social

The 3rd annual golf ball drop



Ball drop ticket sales brought threeyear total proceeds to \$8,900.

raffle was held Saturday, Sept.13, as part of the Dante Club's annual golf tournament.

We sold 325 raffle tickets. Winners of the raffle were:

- Brent Seizer, first place, \$600 (ticket sold by Joe Bonnano)
- Brian Noble, second place, \$400
- Ron Fiorica, third place, \$200
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2025 Committees and Assignments

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Member: Don Agostinelli

ENHANCING OUR ITALIAN CULTURE

Ralph DiLibero, chairman Member: Rich Battistessa

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Members' accomplishments deserve a shout-out

In September, at our first dinner after summer vacation, we were surprised to find a little present at each plate. Member Florinda Fantasia apparently spent her summer making bracelets for everyone—and everyone loved



Auxiliary members gather around Florinda Fantasia to show off the bracelets she made for them.

them!
In June,
Florinda
gifted
every
member
with
necklaces
and
earrings. I
have no
idea how
she finds

time to do so, but we thank her so much for thinking of us.

We congratulated one of our members, Helen Manfredi Pierson, who just opened her second Sentivo Vineyards and Winery



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Debra Cattuzzo

location in Fairfield. Her first winery is in Somerset in El Dorado County.

Let me brag a little about Helen, for those who don't know her: Helen is chief executive officer of Medic Ambulance. Her winery devised a special label called Stretchers and Ladders, with 15% of bottle sales (not proceeds but actual sales) donated to two organizations that offer mental health counseling to paramedics and firefighters. We can only imagine the emotional toll that first responders face every day. I think Helen's effort is an incredible act of kindness.

If something wonderful is happening to one of our members, let's celebrate it! In that spirit,

Joan Aroz did approach me after the September meeting to let me know that her grandson, Anson Aroz, has been drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers. That's certainly something to be celebrated!

Auxiliary members were busy over the summer collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We collected so many! Thanks to these members: Alyse DeFazio, Mindee Lilley, Janet Sellars, Kathryn Beltrami, Carol Pesetti, Liinda Raridan and Anna Tenderella.

It's wonderful that these members take the time to do this. The pull-tab donations help pay for accommodations for families whose children are undergoing surgery or cancer treatment at UC Davis Medical Center. They can stay at nearby Ronald McDonald House for free.

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These members were winners in our September raffle: Gloria Galvez, free dinner; Harriet LaManna, \$50 cash door prize and \$25 Leatherby's gift card; Ava Durham, teapot basket; Catherine O'Donoghue, \$20 Peet's gift card; Carole Orelli, pot of succulents; Carletta Puppo, pasta pot basket; Dian Dinosio, \$25 See's gift card; Barbara Mette, children's board games; Mindee Lilley, \$40 Scrub Boys car wash; Gloria Jane Reali, port wine basket; Darlene Ryan, \$20 Subway gift card; Nancy Mazzier, pot of succulents; and Terri Waldron, \$50 Bennett's gift card.

We're all looking forward to the annual mercato—our Italian marketplace—on Oct. 13. Many vendors will sell their wares.

Villa Biscotti will be there with many different kinds of biscotti, as well as cuccidati, or Italian-style fig cookies—my favorite. Member Gina Suine Haskell will sell her amazing frozen scones. Just throw them in the freezer, and when guests drop by, bake the scones and serve them fresh.



Banquet captain Jay Bucknell, center, shares a smile with auxiliary past president Karol Buccola, left, and member Mary Anne Chivaro at the September dinner.

Olive Mix will be back this year with its olive oils and other goodies, and other vendors will sell cannoli, handmade goods, pottery, Tupperware and home decor items

The mercato is always great fun and another way to get a jump on Christmas gift buying.

On Nov. 8, our Celebration of Biba dinner fundraiser will feature appetizers and dinner straight from the recipe books of the late Biba Caggiano, Sacramento's premier Italian chef. Each raffle basket will contain one of her recipe books, with a recipe from that book and the quality ingredients to make the recipe.

Biba's daughters will both attend to give a short presentation on their mother and her contributions to Italian food culture, not only in Sacramento but also in Italy.

Members interested in helping us plan this dinner—menu, programs, decorations—should email me. We want to make this an elegant, classy event to honor Biba!

The dinner fundraiser is open to the public. It has generated an enormous amount of interest, so we're considering a request that members get an advantage by having ticket pre-sales.

We encourage anyone who would like to donate to the Biba dinner. Options include cases of high-quality wine, gift cards to Corti Bros. for Italian items for the raffle baskets, flowers for centerpieces and other decor or even just money. All donations will help us defray the cost of putting on the event.

See you in October!

Request for information

As we mark this year's 100th anniversary of the Dante Club, we are seeking information about our history. Through December, we're featuring articles in the newsletter focusing each month on a decade of our club history, starting with the 1920s, the decade of our founding.

Women's Auxiliary historian Marie Booth assembles the articles for us, but we need help gathering information. We ask members who, over the years, may have saved newspaper clippings, newsletters, photos or other club-related memorabilia to share them with us. They can also tell us stories and memories that aren't written down. Members willing to share can contact Marie at bmbooth@aol.com or 916-715-5756. They also can email Tom Mezzanares at tjmezzan@gmail.com.

Thanks for helping us recall and celebrate our club's many great stories and memories over a century of Italian American camaraderie and friendship.



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try to keep our Italian traditions alive in our families and in our community, and the Women's Auxiliary furthers that purpose.

From simple beginnings, the auxiliary has expanded its interests over the years into various services and endeavors, including social, charitable and educational. Auxiliary dues—\$6 a year in 1976, \$12 in 1980 and \$40 in 2025—have supported these endeavors. The women have hosted events, donated money to charities, sold raffle tickets and provided food and merchandise for prizes.

I've had the pleasure of speaking with several members who recall wonderful times at events at the Dante Club.

Linda Van Rees remembers her parents, Albert (Babe) and Bette Lovotti, and her aunt and uncle, Aldo and Bonnie Lovotti, who were all presidents over the years, attending New Year's Eve parties, dancing, enjoying good camaraderie and playing poker after meetings. She particularly remembers the Easter egg hunts when the men and women provided real dyed eggs and hid them on Easter morning for the children.

Back then, it was always about family—grandfathers, fathers, brothers and uncles in the Dante Club and grandmothers, mothers, daughters and aunts in the auxiliary—building relationships and continuing to pass our culture and traditions down through the family.

For Beverly Galli Turner, the Dante Club was basically her family's social life. They held weddings, receptions, anniversary parties and celebrations of life at the Dante Club. She fondly remembers yearly picnics in Elk Grove Park, with the pool, clubhouse and spaghetti dinners.

In the early years, Beverly remembers separate dinners with entertainment for the men and women, as we still do today. Her sister, Cheryl Galli Seaton, remembers fashion shows and the fact that they donated to many charities. Their grandmother, Emelia Galli, was an original member of the Dante auxiliary, and their aunts, Erma Waggoner and Leonora Larsen, both served as president of the auxiliary.

As I've looked through old paperwork, I'm amazed at the charities the Dante Club and auxiliary have donated to over the years. They include PBS station KVIE, the Salvation Army, Operation Santa Claus, Interfaith Council, Camp Ross Relles, Easter Seals Camp Harmon, Swing at Cancer, MS Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, and these are only a few of the many contributions we've made to organizations in the Sacramento community.

CORRECTION: In my September article, the photo caption was in error. It was actually a picture of Paolina Panattoni and Maude Matteoli cutting a cake at the 40th anniversary celebration in 1966.

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Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets to help support the Dante Club scholarship fund.

Over three years, the total raised for scholarships from the raffle is \$8,900. The Dante Club appreciates the support of everyone who has participated.

Annual dinner payments

Members can pay monthly or annually for meeting night dinners. When paying in advance, members cannot receive a refund or a credit for any dinner they don't attend, but they don't need to tell the event center if they can't attend, as they have already paid.

For reservation substitutions, members must call 916-925-8230 by noon the day of the event and give the substitute's name.

Any substitution not confirmed by noon on the day of the event can't be honored.

Bocce

Bocce season is slowly coming to an end. Our summer sessions on Saturday and Tuesday evenings have been filled with great competition and camaraderie.

As of late September, Maestri di Bocce were at the top of the list for Saturday play, and Good Fellows had a slim lead among Tuesday rollers.

Frank Bartucco, John Rizzardo and Nick Canepa have kept the courts in great shape and the schedule in place.

This year's play has attracted many new rollers. We hope more members will sample the bocce experience when we resume playing in the spring.



Golf tournament 2025: Another winner for the books

he Vic Martinelli and Frank Calcagno Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 was a big success.

Grazie millie to all members and friends of the Dante Club who participated in the event. Their generous fundraising efforts will help the club throughout the coming year.

Corporate sponsors for the tournament were Brick House restaurant, Panattoni Development, Niello BMW and Emigh Hardware. Hole sponsors were Bill and Cathy Maffei; the DeRoss family; the Andreucetti family; Henry and Maria Obana; Rhonda and John Patella; John Peretto and Frank Perri; Nocito Benefit Insurance Services, Inc.; the Joe Alameida family; Skip's Kitchen; Sons of Calabria, Aaron Patella; Vince Mastracco; the El Camino High School class of 1984; Roy Jones; Dan Calcagno; Sandy Calcagno; and John Rizzardo.

The Lyra Co. supplied balls for the entire golf group, and Valley High Country Club provided a round of golf for four.

The golf tournament brought together 104 enthusiastic golfers for a day of camaraderie and competition at the scenic Haggin Oaks Golf Course.

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Tom Novi, General Davie, Michael Battistessa and Rich Battistessa team up for the Dante Club's Vic Martinelli and Frank Calcagno Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13. The foursome were among more than 100 golfers who turned out for the annual fundraising event at Haggin Oaks Golf Course.

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will be with you in spirit.

A year from now, in October 2026, the Dante Club and the Women's Auxiliary will celebrate their 100th anniversary. I have asked the men and women to form a joint committee to plan a fantastic event.

At our last members meeting, member Ralph DiLibero gave a most interesting presentation on the evolution of the Italian flag and its colors. It's hard to believe that the flag can be traced back centuries.

Ralph has given us many great presentations on various Italian subjects. Thank you, Ralph.

It's never too early to begin urging members to consider participating a little more fully in club operations. Nominations for the next board of directors will take place at our November meeting, and the election and seating of the new board will happen at the December meeting.

I urge members to consider running for a place on the board.

I'm grateful we were able to rapidly hire a new chef. I have already been able to enjoy three excellent meals prepared at his direction. Please welcome chef Lai Saepharn to our clubhouse.



Lai Saepharn is the Dante Event Center's recently hired chef.



Want to book a personal event? Don't delay

The Dante Event Center is booking into the 2027 event season.

Any club members interested in hosting a personal event at the center should inquire as early as possible.

To host an event, a member must first schedule a meeting with general manager Jennifer Peretti or event coordinator Ashley Perham.

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

The member's desired room and date will be placed on hold for two weeks to allow time to decide if the center is the place for the event, without the date getting booked in the meantime.

At the end of the two weeks, if a security deposit has not been received, the date will be released.

To confirm an event, a deposit must be paid and a contract must be signed and dated.

Members can rent a banquet room at a 50% discount for a personal event for themselves, for family members— limited to spouses, parents and children—or for a personally owned business.

Members with questions about the discount may contact club president Pat Orelli at 916-369-2327.

For event inquiries, send an email to info@danteclub.com or call 916-925-8230.

Support our paesanos:











Golfers Sandy Calcagno, Sharon Scott, Jeanne Hoffman and Jackie Linn prepare to take on the competition at Haggin Oaks Golf Course.

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Participants showcased not only their golfing skills but also their spirit of friendship and collaboration.

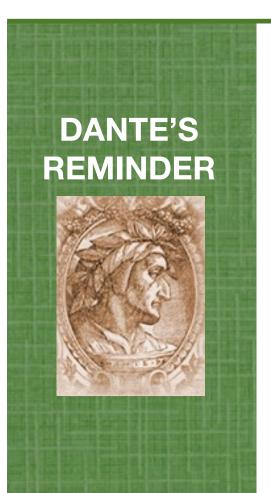
Heartfelt thanks go to the dedicated men's club members, auxiliary members and Dante Event Center staff whose support helped make the event a reality. Their efforts ensured that everything ran smoothly and allowed players to focus on enjoying their day on the golf course.

After the tournament, participants relished a delicious lunch at the event center and the opportunity to mingle with friends and discuss the day's experiences. A highly anticipated raffle featured more than 50 prizes, adding an extra layer of fun.

The day culminated with a celebration of achievements, including congratulations for the Al Manfredi foursome that emerged victorious as the tournament winner.

Golf tournament revenues will help support the Dante Club's scholarship program, as well as event center grounds maintenance and loan deferment.

Next year's golf tournament is set for Sept. 14, 2026.



Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact George Procida for anything related to buildings and grounds and Joe Porata for anything related to social events. Reach Procida at 916-455-4738 or gprocida@gplandscape.com and Porata at 530-368-7479 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

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Submit photos and news items for *Dante's Inferno* to Tom Mezzanares at timezzan@gmail.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. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, accuracy, style and length. Members also can post news and photos on the Dante Club's Facebook page.

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