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# DANTE'S INFERNO



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dan Calcagno*

*General manager  
moving on; new  
hire in the works*

**I** wrote last month about changes coming to the Dante Club. One that I did not predict is a change in the Dante Event Center management.

Our general manager, Jennifer Peretti, has received an offer to accept a new challenge in her professional career and decided to take the opportunity. I am happy for her (sad for me) and hope she has the same success as she has had at the Dante Club.

Jenn will be with us until April 20, so I encourage our members to chat with her the next time they're in the building.

We're reaching out to find her replacement, but at the time of my writing this column, the process is not yet complete, so I can't share

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## EGGING 'EM ON



Kids spring into action at last year's annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Dante Event Center grounds. This year's hunt, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 4, will feature hot dogs, chips, sodas, treats and a bounce house for the kids, as well as free draft beer and a no-host bar for the grown-ups.

## Proposal receives positive response at first reading

**B**ecause membership is the key to having sufficient resources in the coming years, the Dante Club has kicked off a major effort to increase its membership to the 380 maximum allowed in the bylaws.

Earlier in the year, president Dan Calcagno asked past presidents Rich Battistessa and Tom Novi to develop a plan for a membership drive. The resulting plan, approved by the president and the board, would

amend the bylaws to allow associate membership privileges to non-Italians who don't have Italian spouses but who love all things Italian and the Dante Club. This change would also increase the percentage of associate members from 15% to 33% of total club membership.

A first reading of the proposed bylaws change at the March dinner was greeted positively by many members. After a second reading at

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# NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

## General manager's report

March brought beautiful weather, great guests and lively events, including the Macchia Wine Dinner on March 24. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Dante Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, the "A Night in Vegas" event on April 17 and the Spring Craft Fair on April 26.

For the inaugural Men's Social Night on April 20, men's club members are encouraged to invite their male friends, family and neighbors to share the rich history of Italy and of the Dante Club.

At our monthly Sunday Family Dinner on May 3, we will honor local graduating high school seniors. Club members who know of someone who is graduating this year can invite the student and their family to join us for dinner. We will honor the senior by setting the table in their school colors, and we'll have a rotating display of the graduate's photos.

Starting in May, because of increasing costs for labor, food, liquor and overhead, the Sunday Family Dinner price will increase to \$29 for adults and \$16.50 for children 12 and younger. These prices include fees for reserving and paying online via credit card. Prices for cash or check payments are \$28 and \$16.

The Dante Event Center is booking events into 2028. See Page 9 for details on how members can book a room at a discounted rate.

## Bocce

Nice weather, good cigars, exceptional sandwiches and the great game of bocce — what more could we ask? Well, maybe more accurate throws.



Longtime Dante Club members who gathered at the March 21 bocce organizational meeting are, from left, Rich Battistessa, bocce comish and member since 2008; Frank Bartucco, co-comish and member since 2011; Jim Dimino, member since 2001; and Tom Mezzanares, member since 1974.

Frank Bartucco had the courts groomed for the first weekend of the season in March. Games went to seven points, and clearly there was a little rust

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UPCOMING EVENTS  
Call 916-925-8230 or reserve and pay online at:  
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Prices listed are for credit card payments online. Call club for cash and check prices.

### April 4

#### Dante Club Easter Egg Hunt

**Times:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Menu:** Hot dogs, chips, sodas, juices, popsicles, ice cream sandwiches, complimentary draft beer for adults

**Cost:** Free for members and children; no-host bar

*Reservations are closed.*

### April 12

#### Sunday Family Dinner

**Times:** 4 p.m. cocktails and to-go orders, 5 p.m. seating, 5:15 p.m. first course

**Menu:** Insalata mista, rigatoni with marinara, pork loin, zucchini and squash, spumoni with biscotti

**Cost:** \$25 adults, \$15 children 12 and younger

*Reserve by midnight Thursday, April 2.*

### April 13

#### Dante Women's Club Dinner and Meeting

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner

**Menu:** Italian salad, zucchini and squash, roasted pork loin with penne alla vodka, garlic focaccia bread sticks, chef's choice dessert

**Cost:** \$32 members, \$37 guests

*Reserve by midnight Thursday, April 2.*

### April 17

#### A Night in Vegas

**Times:** 5 to 10 p.m.

**Menu:** Vegas-style buffet, casino gaming, raffle draw and Vegas-style entertainment

**Cost:** \$50 per person; tickets include champagne at door

*Reserve by midnight Saturday, April 4.*

### April 20

#### Dante Men's Club Social Dinner and Meeting

**Times:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. brief meeting

**Menu:** Radicchio and prosciutto salad, pesto chicken with cavatappi pasta, seasonal vegetables, garlic bread, vanilla panna cotta with berry compote

**Cost:** \$31 per member

*Reserve by midnight Friday, April 10. See pages 3 and 8 for more details.*

### April 26

#### Spring Craft Fair

**Times:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 entry includes door-prize entry; vendors still needed

### May 3

#### Sunday Family Dinner, Highlighting 2026 Graduating Seniors

**Times:** 4 p.m. cocktails and to-go orders, 5 p.m. seating, 5:15 p.m. first course

**Menu:** Caesar salad, baked ziti with bolognese, seasonal vegetables, focaccia breadsticks, chef's choice dessert

**Cost:** \$29 adults, \$16.50 children 12 and younger

*Reservations are open.*

### May 11

#### Dante Women's Club Dinner and Meeting

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner

**Menu:** Strawberry spinach salad, chicken scallopini, fettuccine Alfredo, roasted asparagus, garlic bread, chef's choice dessert

**Cost:** \$32 members, \$37 guests

*Reserve by midnight Thursday, April 30.*



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on those old arms.

But now the cobwebs are gone, and we're ready for bocce league play. The spring session began March 28, with league games planned for Saturdays through May 9.

The bocce committee is always looking to add players and teams. It has set up a bocce player pool to fill spots when substitutes are needed.

The committee reminds everyone that bocce is a fun way to meet other club members, get a little exercise and experience Italian culture. New players and spectators are always welcome.

**Buildings and grounds**

In March the Dante Club purchased a new three-door refrigerator to replace the old one that had quit working.

During this process, we also decided to install a new dedicated electrical line to service the new refrigerator. Thanks to Frank Perri for installing the new line.

Also, special thanks to Don Agostinelli for his help with landscaping duties around the grounds. Don has been pruning roses and shrubbery to help us keep the property looking good.

**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, \$1,000 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 monthly.

Donors should mail or deliver a check to the Dante Club (attn: treasurer) and explain how the donor or a person honored by the donor should be recognized—what name should be on the plaque and in the newsletter.

Donors may remain anonymous if they prefer.

**Pull-tab program**

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

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

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

As of March, our two clubs have donated 1,823.4 pounds of pull tabs. At the current \$1.09

exchange rate, we have raised \$1,987.50 or 99 nights for the Ronald McDonald House.

**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.

The annual payment option is a convenience for those who don't want to pay monthly.

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 event day can't be honored.

**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 in the *Inferno* in 2026 can email Tom at [tjmezzan@gmail.com](mailto:tjmezzan@gmail.com).

**Social series dinners**

The Dante Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary with special activities throughout the year.

Among plans is the new Men's Social Series that will feature four meeting-night dinners with menus

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## 2026 Committees and Assignments

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Dan Calcagno, Bill Maffei, Joe Bonanno

#### 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dan Calcagno, Rich Battistessa, Joe Porata and a crew  
of hundreds

More assignments and changes to be announced.

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# Women treated to dance o' the Irish in March

At our March meeting, we were absolutely captivated by the fast-flying feet of our special entertainers, the McKeever School of Irish Dance.

School owner Nicole McKeever brought 12 of her talented students, who delivered an energetic and delightful



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Debra Cattuzzo

performance. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the room was filled with festive spirit as tables were

decorated in green, and many members joined in by wearing green as well.

We were also pleased to introduce several new members: Theresa Olivieri, Molly Altieri, Sandy Berttacchi, Chris Gamba

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Twelve students of McKeever School of Irish Dance, accompanied by school owner Nicole McKeever, far left, specialize in the energetic, fast-footed traditional dance style of Ireland. They demonstrated their skills for the Dante Women's Club in March.



Enjoying drinks before the March Dante Women's Club dinner meeting are, from left, Julie Reardon, Suzie Rozewski, Linda Feil, Nancy Doyle, Sharon Taylor and Marianne Meade.

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Membership

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the April dinner, members in attendance will vote on it.

Several members have already said they support the bylaws change and have friends who would be great additions to the club if the change is approved.

The membership drive plan also asks Dante Women's Club members to invite their husbands to join the men's club. It encourages members to bring non-member friends to dinners and, as a welcome, offers new members a complimentary first meal.

Existing members are encouraged to consider their non-Italian friends as potential Dante Club candidates and to invite them to a members or Sunday night dinner.

Dante stands for great Italian food, friendship and a love of Italian culture. To make this membership drive plan work, members' help is needed to pass the bylaws changes and to share the club's heritage with good friends as prospective members.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

First Reading

Article III

Section Two: Classes:

Current

2. Associate members: a) An associate member can be non-Italian by birth or origin, but his spouse must be the daughter of a member of the Dante Club, either deceased or living, in good standing. b) An associate member can be non-Italian by birth or origin, but his spouse must be of Italian origin and a current member of the Dante Women's Club. (Amended 5/17) c) An associate member can be non-Italian by birth or origin, but his spouse must be of Italian origin. (Amended 10/23)

Proposed addition

d) An associate member can be non-Italian by birth or origin but have a strong interest in all matters Italian and the Dante Club.

Current

e) Membership committee will record and track four associate member waiting lists. When there is an opening for an associate member, the first priority is the subsection a) list (above). If no one is on the subsection a) list, then the next priority is the subsection b) list (above). If no one is on the subsection b) list, then the opening goes to the subsection c) list (above).

Proposed addition

Finally, if no one is on the subsection c) list (above), then the opening goes to the subsection d) list (above).

Current

f. Associate members will not exceed 15% of the total membership of the Dante Club. They may enjoy all rights and privileges of membership, except they cannot be nominated or elected to office.

Change to

Associate members will not exceed 33% of the total membership of the Dante Club. They may enjoy all rights and privileges of membership, except they cannot be nominated or elected to office.

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the name of the new general manager. If the Dante's Inferno publishing deadline allows, I will include a paragraph or two at the end of this article with that news.

April will see the first of a few regional dinners to be held during the members meeting night to kick off the club's 100-year anniversary celebrations scheduled this year. To this month's dinner, I encourage members to bring friends so they can experience the camaraderie of our social meal. We're still finalizing the menu for May's meeting, but I am told to "bring

any and all." A cioppino party might be on the calendar.

Spring brings the annual raising of our tent so good-weather events have a dedicated area outside. Bocce leagues are beginning. Easter eggs are being scattered. Casino tables are being set up. In general, I hope members appreciate the range of activities we offer and discover at least one that suits their interests.

Members will see slightly higher prices at most events. I have written about Dante being a social organization but with financial responsibilities. The board has long known the gap between the cost of an event and

the fees to cover it. I hope to be more transparent about those gaps in subsequent articles.

The goal at member events is to break even or do better as often as we can. This will be my challenge: keeping everyone happy with club offerings while still accepting the new prices. This same challenge will be foremost on the new general manager's agenda.

As always, I will listen to members' thoughts and, in return, ask that they try to understand where the board and I are coming from to keep our club vibrant and flourishing. Gracie!



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(Italian name: Castagnetto) and Jennifer Escobar (with four Italian family names: Arcuri, Alessi, Chiappari and Serini).

We welcome them to the club and are so glad to have them.

March also marked the debut of our Ciao Chat Challenge. Created by Francesca Carleson, this fun icebreaker encouraged members to connect with others they hadn't met before, and it was a great success. Participants shared that they truly enjoyed the experience, which was exactly the goal of the icebreaker.

Francesca will bring new questions each month. One lucky participant wins a free dinner. March's winner was Nancy Doyle. Congratulations, Nancy.



Dante men's club board member Ron Pane and his wife, Kelly, standing, visit with a few members of the Dante Women's Club during the March dinner. Ron attended the dinner to speak about the Italian history project he's helping with, along with women's club member Marie Waldron-Booth. The project involves collecting photos and histories to honor Sacramento's Italian heritage. Seated at the table are, from left, Sarah Mistler, Angela Pane (Ron and Kelly's daughter), Amy Behr and Libby Bertacchi.

Our raffle prize winners in March were Nancy Doyle, free dinner (Ciao Chat

Challenge game); Kathryn Beltrami, free dinner (name tag); Bekee Lienert, \$50 door prize;

Adriana Zerio, Puddles Shoppe toddler activity Easter basket; Terri

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focused on different regions of Italy, exploring the heritage of our membership and fostering a spirit of community and tradition.

The inaugural dinner on April 20 will highlight dishes of Northern Italy, including pesto chicken served with cavatappi pasta.

The dinners are for male members and their guests. Meals will include a short presentation describing the regions and menu items. A short business meeting will follow dinner.

The April 20 dinner offers a great way for club members to introduce new people to the club.

For details, email Joe Porata at [jporata@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jporata@sbcglobal.net).

### 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 place orders at [danteclub.shopgraphx.com](http://danteclub.shopgraphx.com) or contact Mark Pedroncelli at [peddc@surewest.net](mailto:peddc@surewest.net) or 916-812-6729.

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### Membership

With our 2026 membership-renewal process complete, we now stand at 202 active members and 19 lifetime members. This is

somewhat misleading as five on our lifetime list are very active.

Since Jan. 1, we have added four new members and have one on the waiting list.

Four members—Jeffery Marsalla, Vince Mastracco, Jeff Herzog and Howard Seaton—have submitted notes of resignation, citing relocation or transportation issues as the reason.

Nine members did not pay their dues by March 1 and are being dropped from the rolls. They are Joe Bonnacci, Thomas DeCicco, Stan DiOrion, Ben Parisi, Peter Jack Perinati, Howard Potter, Harold Price, Ralph Rago and David Viani.

These numbers are an improvement over last year's, when 10 members resigned and 25 did not pay dues by the deadline. Three of the 25 did request readmittance to Dante and were returned to active status.

As noted, 14 of our 19 lifetime members have not been seen around the building in awhile so we are reaching out to them to inquire about their health and invite them to come celebrate one of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

The April meeting will include a second reading of a proposed bylaws change requesting the creation of a "Friends of Dante" application category, allowing non-Italians to become associate members and raising the maximum number of associates from 15% to 33%.

See Page 8 for an excerpt from the bylaws showing the current and proposed language.

The April members dinner will allow members to bring any male friend to enjoy the meal and experience the club.

### Italian poetry reading

Dante Club members interested in a literary slice of Italian culture are invited to attend a "Poetry for Learning: An Italian Poetry Reading" event at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at California State University, Sacramento.

The event, part of the university's College of Arts and Letters' weeklong annual Festival of the Arts, will be held in the Redwood Room of the Student Union.

For the event, students enrolled in an elementary Italian language course at the college will read aloud their own poems written in Italian. The performers will be accompanied by a student researcher who will present the reading in English and offer insights into the beauty of poetry for learning.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, email Viola Ardeni, assistant professor of Italian at CSUS, at [viola.ardeni@csus.edu](mailto:viola.ardeni@csus.edu).

The university address is 6000 J St. in Sacramento.



# Want to book a personal event? Don't delay

The Dante Event Center is booking special events for the 2026-2028 event seasons. Any club members interested in hosting a personal event at the center should inquire about booking as early as possible.

To host an event, a member must first schedule a meeting with the general manager or the 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 the member time to decide if the center is the best place for their event, without the date getting booked in the meantime.

At the end of the two weeks, if confirmation and a security deposit have not been received, the date will be released to allow others the opportunity to book.

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

Dante Club 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 Dan Calcagno.

For event inquiries, send an email to [info@danteclub.com](mailto:info@danteclub.com) or call 916-925-8230.

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Rossi, \$25 See's gift card; Emily Pierucci, Italian lentil soup gift basket; Molly Altieri, \$20 Subway gift card; Ann Parson, Deeda + Coterie Salon gift basket; Sue Stevens, \$25 Bennett's gift card; Marie Booth, kids candy Easter basket; and Elaine Shaedler, tea set gift basket.

Thanks to these three members who brought in pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House program: Cathy Bertolani, Kathy Beltrami and Suzie Rozewski. We appreciate the continuing generosity and support.

We were excited to introduce Rena Zellars and Melissa

DiNigris, co-chairs of the Dante Club's upcoming 100th anniversary celebration, Festa Italia, scheduled for June 28. They shared their vision of a vibrant, family-friendly festival featuring Italian food, artisan goods and lively entertainment for all ages.

They welcome any ideas or volunteers to help make this milestone celebration special. Members who would like to get involved can contact Rena at [rena@thealystgroup.com](mailto:rena@thealystgroup.com) or Melissa at [msvetich@gmail.com](mailto:msvetich@gmail.com).

Finally, Marie Waldron-Booth and men's club board member Ron Pane presented an update on the Italian history project.

Members are encouraged to contribute family photographs and

personal histories to help preserve and celebrate our shared heritage.

These materials will become part of a curated photo exhibit to be housed at the Italian Cultural Society and featured at various events throughout Sacramento that honor Italian heritage.

Members are encouraged to participate by submitting their family stories or assisting with the collection process.

For more information or to get involved, contact Marie Booth at [bmbooth@aol.com](mailto:bmbooth@aol.com) or (916) 715-5756 or Ron Pane at [repane@icloud.com](mailto:repane@icloud.com).

I look forward to seeing everyone at our April meeting. Have a blessed Easter!

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