



# San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

## FEBRUARY 2006

*A Taste of Italy in North Beach*

### President's Message

I hope that all my fellow members have smoothly transcended into the New Year. I had the pleasure of experiencing a wonderful New Year Gala at our Club. What a party! From the food, the music and the company, you could not have asked for a better welcome into the year 2006. Many thanks to our Social Committee for the creation and execution of such a fantastic evening. This event is a keeper!

Congratulations are in order. The 2006 Officers and Board of Directors of the SFIAC are officially elected and will serve through the calendar year. I personally want to thank **Jim Puccinelli Toland**, Election Committee Chairman and all the Election Committee members for a smooth and professional election execution. The Club Officers and Board of Directors devote tremendous time and energy as your governing body to ensure continued success of our Club. I personally want to thank each of them now for accepting the challenge of office and the effort that will be expended in continuing the long-standing SFIAC experience.

Through the month of February, I will be formulating all our committees. Your President's immediate responsibility is to organize and properly staff our Club committees. I am always looking for *many* good men. You do not have to be a Board Member to get involved, if you have an interest to in any committee and would like to assist in its work, please contact me, any Officer, Board Member, or the office. My e-mail is **SDEMO@aol.com**.

Now I'm certain you've already marked your calendar for upcoming events, but check our website, **www.sfiac.org**, call the Club, and most importantly visit your Club. It is important that you consider it an ongoing invitation to your family and friends to join you, and the rest of our Club members, in participating in our many good times. Remember that the facilities are located in none other than North Beach. This is where you will find great friends, terrific food and happy times.

*Si vediamo al Club!*

**Vostro Presidente**  
*Sergio Salvetti*



**New and former SFIAC Officers and Directors at a recent meeting: (front, from left) Bob Figone, Nick D'Angelo, Joe Scafidi. Al Cipollina, Ron Barone, (rear, from left) Sal DiGrande, Ross Devincenzi Adkins, Sergio Salvetti, Gino Cimoli, Mike Lazzari.**

### SFIAC 2006 Officers And Directors Elected

San Francisco Italian Athletic Club Election 2006 featured a lively competition between Incumbent Financial Secretary **Frank Villani** and past SFIAC President **George Bacigalupi** for the Financial Secretary position. Villani won the election. This year, for the first time, mail-in votes were allowed.

"The office of Financial Secretary is crucial to our club and I will do my best to continue to live up to that tradition," said Villani.

Running unopposed and elected by acclamation were: President **Sergio Salvetti**, First Vice President **Nick D'Angelo**, Second Vice President **Dino Ghilarducci**, and Recording Secretary **Bob Piva**. The position of Treasurer remains vacant. **Joe Bava** was elected to one of three Trustee positions. The other two remain vacant.

The 2006 SFIAC Board of Directors is comprised of 10 members with five remaining vacancies. Five Board Members were elected in 2005 and will in 2006 complete the second year of their two-year term. They are: **Gino Cimoli, Ross Devincenzi Adkins, Bob Figone, John Marotto, and Joe Scafidi**.

Newly elected Board Members are: **Rich Azzolino, Ron Barone, Sal DiGrande, Mike Lazzari, and Joe Silvestri**

Qualified nominations for all offices, Club Officers, Board of Directors, and Board of Trustees were open to the general membership at two Special Meetings on the first and second Tuesdays in January. Nominees had be present to accept or decline their nomination. This practice is set by Article VI, Section 1, B, of the Club Bylaws.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## STAG DINNER AND CLUB LUNCHEON REMINDER

All tickets for the Stag Night dinner must be PAID for by the Saturday before Stag Night. And, all tickets for the Luncheon must be PAID for by the Wednesday before the Luncheon. No exceptions.

### TICKETS CAN BE PAID BY CREDIT CARD

Pay in person or by phone: 415-781-0165 or 66.

### TICKET COLLECTION AT MEALS

Directors will collect tickets after everyone is seated. Members or guests must produce a ticket to be served. No exceptions. A list of ticket-buyers will be on hand to resolve any questions such as lost tickets, etc. If the member's name (or guest ticket number under that member's name) is not in the book, the dinner price will be collected or no meal will be served. Members shall be responsible for their guests, who must also provide a ticket for their meal. The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges that the majority of the members abide by these rules.

### DISCOUNT PARKING FOR SFIAC EVENTS

Available nearby at APM Parking, 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday, \$7.50 flat rate; Friday and Saturday \$15 flat rate; some exclusions for neighborhood festivals and events).

- **February Stag**  
**Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM**  
**Tuesday, February 7.** The menu will include salad, cold cuts, *pasta farfalle* with meat sauce, choice of tripe or chicken, and *chef's surprise* for dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. ***You must have a ticket to be served. Tickets on sale now!***
- **February Luncheon**  
**Cocktails ~ 11 AM / Lunch ~ Noon**  
**Friday, February 17.** The menu will include salad, cold cuts, stewed chicken and *polenta*, and chef's surprise for dessert. Cost is \$18 per person for both members and guests. **A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold by Wednesday, February 15, or the luncheon will be canceled. Tickets on sale now!**
- **March Stag**  
**Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM**  
**Tuesday, March 7.** The menu will include salad, cold cuts, *fuselli* with *pesto*, baked beef ribs with red beans, and chef's surprise for dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. ***You must have a ticket to be served. Tickets on sale February 17!***
- **March Luncheon**  
**Cocktails ~ 11 AM / Lunch ~ Noon**  
**Friday, March 17.** The menu will include salad, cold cuts, *penne pasta* with *pesto*, boiled beef and chef's surprise dessert. Cost is \$18 per person for both members and guests. **A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold by Wednesday, March 15, or the luncheon will be canceled. Tickets on sale February 27!**

## Club Functions

**Reminder:** Please try to attend your Club's functions. General Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month. Stag Dinners are held the First Tuesday of each month. Luncheons are held the Third Friday of each month.

## 2006 Calendar of Events

- February 10-26 ~ Winter Olympics via TV
- March 25 ~ Crab Feed
- April 15 ~ Italian Night
- May 20 ~ Hawaiian Night
- June 9-July 9 ~ World Cup Soccer at SFIAC
- June 24 ~ Anniversary Dinner
- August ~ Picnic
- September 16 ~ 1950s-70s Night
- October 8 ~ Columbus Day
- November 4 ~ Old Timer's Night
- December 16 ~ Christmas Party
- December 17 ~ Children's Holiday Party
- December 31 ~ New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

## Watch the Torino Olympics At Your North Beach Club

Wish you were in Torino watching the Winter Olympics with your buddies? Well, that's the Gold Medal Wish. While we can't deliver the Gold, we can provide a Silver Medal Experience: Viewing the best of Olympic coverage with an Italian audience right here in North Beach at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

So, ski, skate, sled or haul yourself into the Club February 10-26 to catch the games on our big screens. Day or night you'll be treated right!

Torino's historical ties with the Alps and its geographical position make this historic Italian city a real "capital" of the Alps. No other urban area is framed by such an incredible sweep of mountains: more than 200 miles from the Maritime Alps to the Monte Rosa. If you can't see it in person, enjoy it on TV.

## Join SFIAC's Softball Team

SFIAC is sponsoring a City of San Francisco men's slow-pitch softball team this spring and we are seeking interested Club members to sign up. The league starts the week of March 24 and our team will be playing one night a week until the end of May.

The Club will furnish the team with T-shirts and hats. Contact **Alan Parello** at [alanparello@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alanparello@sbcglobal.net) to get your name on the roster. He'll also need your address, driver's license number, and shirt size. Start your off-season conditioning program now.

## CLUB NEWS



### New Year's Eve Party was *Fantastico*

Club members and guests welcomed 2006 at 1630 Stockton Street with a fabulous dinner-dance celebration on New Year's Eve. It was a great night out and the club rocked to an awesome 8-piece live band. Members and guests received champagne, hats, and whistles.

The New Year's Eve Party, the first after a five-year hiatus, featured a hosted bar with champagne, bottled wine, *hors d'oeuvres*, deluxe salad, *pasta farfalle* with meat sauce, New York steak/lobster, veggies, dessert *ala* Victoria pastry, and coffee or tea.

Plan to ring in 2007 in North Beach. Mark your calendar now for December 31, 2006. Your guests are always welcome. Ticket prices to be announced in November.

### Invite Your Friends and Family to Join Our Club

We look forward to welcoming new members every month. Applications for membership are available at the Club bar or on our website at [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org). If any of your family, friends, or associates are considering membership, bring them down to the Club, show them around, hand them an application and begin the process of recruiting them as a new SFIAC member. Our staff is readily available at the Club every day to answer any membership inquiries.

If anyone has a question about the dues/assessments, their membership status, or want to refer a new applicant for membership, please contact Membership Chairman **Ron Barone** at 415-290-2242 or email: [ron\\_barone@hotmail.com](mailto:ron_barone@hotmail.com) or [administration@sfiac.org](mailto:administration@sfiac.org). We will make a concerted effort to respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. Thank you for your help and support with the Club's membership program.

### Newsletter Items

Send SFIAC Club-related publicity and events announcements to **John Marotto**, Publicity Committee Chairman, [jmarotto@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarotto@yahoo.com), and newsletter items and articles to **Jim Puccinelli Toland**, Editor, at [SFIAC-news@aol.com](mailto:SFIAC-news@aol.com). The Board of Directors must approve all items prior to publication.

# MEMBERSHIP

## ***Mangia con Amici!***

SFIAC members and guests enjoyed salad, cold cuts, *fuselli* with *pesto*, short ribs, *panettone* for dessert, and plenty of *vino* at the Stag Dinner on January 5. Mark your calendars for the next Great Stag Dinners: Tuesday February 7 and March 7. Don't miss the fun! Bring your friends. *Mangia con Amici.*



## **Lisa's Corner**

January is considered a "slow month." Not much action after all the holiday festivities. Well, that surely was not the case at the Club. We had 20 private parties, 9 more than last year. Quite impressive! We also had two beautiful memorial lunches.

We had our first wedding of the year, celebrated 4 special birthdays and played host to 5 business meetings. Attention Club members: upstairs is a "great" place to have your business or organization's meetings. You can have a continental breakfast, lunch or dinner meeting, all in the comfort of the President's Room.

Back in action, were the guys from Cow Hollow, the nurses for UCSF, the Board of Directors from the Italian-American Community Services, and 250 employees from Service Source. We also welcomed for the first time Electrical Workers Union members from Local 6.

Our club members did a great job in booking events and referring their friends. A huge thank you to **George Moscone, Frank Rossi Sr. and Jr., John Tarantino, Jim Puccinelli Toland, Bobby Tomei and Paul and John Vigo.** While there are other venues to choose from, we are honored that you selected the club to host your event!

Stay tuned...a lot of action in February! Need a place to go for Valentine's Day? Famous singer **Carol Peters** is performing at the club at 8 PM. There will be music and dancing all for the price of \$25. For more information and tickets, call me at the club.

**Lisa Michelis**  
Event Manager  
415-781-0933

## **Message from the Financial Secretary**

### **Yearend Financial Report**

I just received the first draft of the 2005 Financial Statements. The good news is: membership income is up 4.6%, rents received are up 29.9%, new Club merchandise sales were satisfactory, bar sales are up 2.3%, Club functions are up 60%, Stag Banquets are up 6.9%, Club Banquets are up 35.5%. Member banquets are up 19.2% and our checking account balance is up 200%! Again, thanks to the cooperation and teamwork demonstrated by our President, Officers, Directors, Members, Event Planner, Office Manager, paid employees, volunteers, and guests these savings were realized.

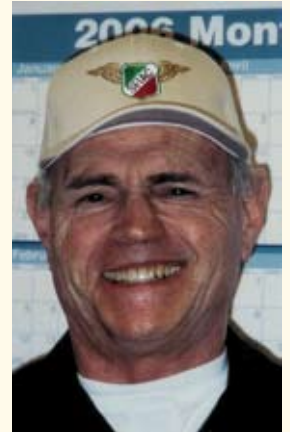
### **Chairs and Tables for Sale**

The SFIAC Board of Directors has approved the sale of 28 unique, custom chairs and 3 tables with convertible leaves that can change the tops from square to round. This beautiful furniture, in excellent condition, was originally purchased for the third floor Parkview Banquet Room. Price is negotiable depending on the quantity purchased. For more information, call 415-602-4787.

### **Club Merchandise Discounted**

All Club merchandise has been reduced in price and is available for sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the items available below, please call 415-602-4787 for rock bottom prices: T-Shirts, Nylon Fleece Pullover, Dress Shirts (Navy), Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Navy) Caps (Navy or Stone), Visors (Navy or Stone) and "Flex Fit" Caps (Navy or Stone) Be proud of your Club by wearing Club merchandise. If you are unable to come in, we will be happy to mail your order.

Ciao for now,  
**Frank Villani,**  
Financial Secretary



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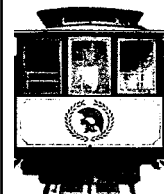
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### **Come and Get Your Free Drink Tickets**

It's time to pick up your free drink tickets now available to all Club Members who paid their dues by December 31. Tickets can be obtained from **Pam Piccinini** at the third-floor office, Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 4 PM. You can also get your tickets on Stag Night, February 7. Tickets will not be mailed. Questions? Please call Pam at 781-0165.

### **February General Meeting**

**Calling All Members • Plan to Attend the General Meeting**

*Tuesday, February 21 • 7 PM*

Meet your Board of Directors and learn first-hand what's ahead for 2006. Come early, see old friends and meet some new ones. And, enjoy a hosted light dinner and glass of wine.

Remember, all new members must attend four General Meetings during their first membership year. To become a Board Member, you must attend four meetings every year. Don't miss this free evening of food, wine and lively socializing! See you there.

*Your Board of Directors*