



LA VOCE DEL NOSTRO CIRCOLO

SAN FRANCISCO ITALIAN ATHLETIC CLUB

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MESSAGGIO DAL VOSTRO PRESIDENTE

Working Together Into the Next Decade

It's autumn again, and my year as president is almost coming to a close. At times it has definitely been a trying experience, but leadership operates on perseverance and determination. There have always been factions and or cliques within any organization, and although this club has had its ups and its downs in the last 91 years it has always, like a phoenix, risen from the ashes.

The club has survived this long and will continue to survive indefinitely because of the determination, reasoning, focus and hard work of its administration, membership and friends. There are a great many members and friends of our club who are worth their weight in gold. A special thank you to all the women who help our men's club achieve a touch of class. These individuals volunteer and sacrifice their time, support and attend our activities and help the club flourish. God love you all.

I welcome all new members to what I believe is the greatest Italian sports club in the nation. For members new and old, the club is what you make of it. The more your ideas flow, the more the club advances. Always keep in mind that your involvement is the key to making any change you would like to see. Together we must share ideas and move our Club forward into the next decade. As Leonardo DaVinci had stated: *"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."* – (Leonardo da Vinci – Italian draftsman, Painter, Sculptor, Architect and Engineer whose genius epitomized the Renaissance humanist ideal, 1452-1519)

I am extremely content with the community awareness, of Italian heritage, culture, and friendships that our "Festa Coloniale Italiana" has brought to our community. Hopefully this new tradition will carry on through future generations, keeping the Telegraph Hill and North Beach Italian community alive and strong in cultural awareness and intertwined friendships. On Friday October 30th, 2009 at 6PM there will be a buffet dinner for those volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make this year's Festa a success.

Our soccer team under the direction of **Marco Innocenti** has won the 2nd division championship, and SFIAC is back in the sports circle. I thank you all for the hard work and determination in making our team successful.

Don't miss **Columbus Day** at the club **Sunday, October 11th**. It has always been a wonderful day. The Parade will again be great thanks to the Italian Heritage Parade President and her hard working committee. Incidentally, Queen Isabella's Court will be honored at the SFIAC Columbus Day dinner. Yes, Columbus will be there too, so don't miss out.

Also, be sure not to miss the **Halloween Costume Party** at SFIAC. This will be held on **October 24th** – the Saturday *before* Halloween. My wife Cindy, is working diligently with **Tony Holder-La Diana**, and friends, to make this a wonderful experience. **Thriller Night** will have lots of food, no host bar and great haunting music by our very own **Ronnie O**. Costumes, although not mandatory, will be judged and prizes will be given for the best costume. Come see the decorations and enjoy the weekend. Total price for all the fun is only **\$20 per person**. Purchase your tickets through the Club office or at the Club Bar. You can call in your credit card order at **415-781-0165**, ext. 1 or 2.

One of my favorite composers is **Ennio Morricone**, who is now 80 years old. On **Oct. 25, 2009**, Morricone will lead the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and the Angeles Chorale in works from his four-decade career in the movie business. This rare Los Angeles concert appearance is titled "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood", and will be Morricone's only concert appearance in the United States this year. The promoter for this great event is none other than our very own SFIAC member **Gianni Succi**. The concert will include excerpts from his numerous movie scores. Check out the details at: www.enniomorricone.com.

I had the pleasure to meet Signore **Lido Cantarutti** at SFIAC, through our administrator **Rich Baldoni-Denney**, and I am proud to know him. Lido is again – for the 33rd consecutive year – presenting six new Italian movies at the San Rafael Italian Film Festival on Saturday evenings from October 3 through November 14, 2008.

All movies will be shown in the Showcase Theater at the Marin Civic Center. There will be two screenings each Saturday night; at 5:30 and 7:45. For more details and a listing of the movies, please go to: www.italianfilm.com

— *Il vostro Presidente, Gianrico Claudio Pierucci*

SOCIAL EVENTS

Stag Dinners Scheduled

Tuesday, October 6, the menu will include salad, assorted *antipasto*, *pappardelle*, *aglio,olio*, zucchini, Parmigiano, Cross Rib of Roast Beef, vegetables, potatoes, ice cream sundae, wine and coffee. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for guests, gratuity not included. Tickets go on sale beginning at previous month General Meeting. **Tickets must be purchased by October 2.**

Tuesday, November 3, the menu will include salad, assorted *antipasto*, and *rigatoni* with sausage, Roasted Rosemary Marinated Chicken, ice cream sundae, wine and coffee. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for guests, gratuity not included. Tickets go on sale beginning at previous month General Meeting. **Tickets must be purchased by October 30.**

Tuesday, December 1, the menu will include salad, assorted *antipasto*, *bucatini all'Amatriciana*, Roast Lamb, and vegetables, chef's surprise for dessert, wine and coffee. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for guests, gratuity not included. Tickets go on sale beginning at previous month General Meeting. **Tickets must be purchased by November 27.**

Please note: All tickets for the Stag Night dinner must be paid for by 5 PM on the Friday before Stag Night.

☞ Stag tickets are: **\$20 per member, \$30 per guest.**

• **Pay with Cash, Check or Credit Card** through the Club or Club Bar. Call in your credit card order: **415-781-0165**, ext. 1 or 2.

• **All sales final and Tickets Collected at Each Meal.** Print name on back of ticket to be eligible for a door prize and to streamline bookkeeping. **No exceptions.**

• **Discount Parking Available** nearby at APM Parking, 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday), **\$7.50 flat rate**

Club Luncheon Calendar

Friday, October 16, the menu will include salad, antipasto, rigatoni con funghi, Chicken Piccata, vegetables, spumoni, wine and coffee. Cost is \$20 for members or guests. **Tickets must be purchased by October 13.**

Friday, November 20, the menu will include salad, antipasto, Pasta, Breaded Pork Cutlet, vegetables, spumoni, wine and coffee. Cost is \$20 for members or guests. **Tickets must be purchased by November 17.**

Friday, December 18, the menu will include salad, antipasto, pasta with San Marzano tomato sauce, Roast Lamb and vegetables, vanilla ice cream, Wine and coffee. Cost is \$20 for members or guests. **Tickets must be purchased by December 15.**

All tickets for the Luncheon must be paid for by the **Wednesday before the Luncheon. No exceptions.**

☞ Luncheon tickets are: **\$20 for everyone.**

Columbus Day/Italian Heritage Parade

October is a great month in North Beach and for all our terrific Club members. Can you believe Columbus Day, **October 11**, is just around the corner? Expect this year's SFIAC Celebration to be exceptional. Our Columbus Day Celebration Committee is ready for all the festivities.

Come watch the parade at the SFIAC! Participate in the North Beach Italian Heritage Day parade and celebration at the Club on **Sunday, October 11**. We are already **sold out** of the tables set up along Stockton Street for the viewing of the parade entrants, just a half block before the final reviewing and judging stand.

But there are still opportunities for you to enjoy a glass of wine and some calamari or Italian sausage and witness the parade up close and personal. Third floor seating is available with the same menu offered at **\$38 per person.**

The price includes:

- ◆ Romaine lettuce salad with Vinaigrette, croutons, and shaved Parmigiano
- ◆ Fried Calamari ◆ Penne Bolognese
- ◆ Sausage and red peppers with tomato sauce
- ◆ Carafe of wine

Table reservations are offered to members on a first-come basis, so call soon while there is still space available! Calamari and Sausage lunches and beverages are offered from 11:30 until 2:00 PM. Full bar will be offered along with soft drinks for the kids.

For tickets and additional information, call: **415-781-0165, ext. 1**, or email: events@sfiac.org

Also plan on attending the annual **Columbus Day Dinner** at the Club. The Italian community honors Christopher Columbus, the Columbus Day Queen and her court at this festive dinner in our Grand Ball Room.

The menu includes Arucola salad, Italian Antipasto, Spaghetti all'Amatriciana, Bone-in Breast of Chicken, Mushrooms, Chianti Reduction, vegetables, *Victoria's Cookies*, wine on the table. Coffee. **Cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for guests.** For children 10 and under, the menu is Chicken Nuggets and Buttered Pasta, Ice Cream, at a cost of **\$19 per child.**

You must have a ticket to be served. Tickets are on sale now! Call the Club office and make your reservations now: **415-781-0165, ext. 1**, or email: events@sfiac.org

Free Member Dinners

Members only: Enjoy a free all-you-can-eat member dinner at our General Meetings on Tuesdays: **October 20, November 17, and December 15**. Meet your Officers and Board of Directors at the meeting and learn first-hand what's happening at the Club. Don't miss this free evening of food, wine and lively socializing! *Bruno Camolese* is in the kitchen and working hard to present members with a great *mangia!* Enjoy our free all-you-can-eat dinner with salad, sourdough bread, cold cuts and pasta with meat sauce. All new members must attend four General Meetings during their first membership year.

Silver Legacy Casino Trip planned for Nov. 8th - 9th

Join us for a great overnight trip to the Silver Legacy Casino in Reno, Nevada! Departing Sunday morning and returning to San Francisco on Monday night. Cost per person: \$90 twin/double occupancy, \$110 single occupancy. Cost includes round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, quick rest stop en-route, baggage handling and overnight accommodations at the Silver Legacy.

Flyers are available at the 2nd floor Club Bar, or call *Nick D'Angelo* at 415-706-1144 or *Rich Baldoni-Denney* at 415-781-0165, ext. 2 for more information.

Make checks payable to **The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club**, and mail to: SFIAC Reno Trip, P.O. Box 330154, San Francisco, CA 94133. MasterCard and VISA also accepted.

Man-of-the-Year Dinner-Dance

We are celebrating the accomplishments of former SFIAC Director, the late Frank Clima – our **2009 Man of the Year**. The Board of Directors selected, and voted Frank in as Man of the Year at the May 12th Board meeting, with overwhelming approval. It's going to be a great tribute to Frank, so mark the calendar for **Saturday, November 14**. Hosted bar. Cocktails 6:30-7:30. Dancing to *The Steve Albini Trio* until midnight.

The menu is fabulous: Hors d'oeuvres, Deluxe Salad with Crab, Tortellini with Tomato Cream Sauce, Prime Rib, and Cappuccino Cake from Victoria Pastry. There will be wine on the table! Price is **\$60** for members or **\$120** for member and spouse or date; **\$65** for guests or **\$130** for guest couples. **\$15** for children 10 and under. Parking is **\$5** at the church. *Include the \$5 in your payment when ordering tickets.*

Send your check, payable to SFIAC, to: **Man of the Year Dinner-Dance**, SFIAC, 1630 Stockton St., San Francisco, CA 94133. You may also order tickets using VISA or MasterCard by calling: **415-781-0165**, extension 1 or 2.

The Boss of the Sauce

Nick Figone is a young professional who is a proud member of the **Fieri Club**. The Fieri Club has been helping the SFIAC for the past two years at our Festa Coloniale Italiana. They are a great group of fine young Italians, always ready to help.



On **Sunday, November 15th** from 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM the Fieri Club will be hosting the world's largest tomato sauce competition at Saints Peter and Paul Event Center. Bay Area restaurants will compete for the coveted distinction of being named **The**

Boss of the Sauce! For more information, go to: www.bossofthesauce.org/sanfrancisco.

Bylaws Meeting November 17

The November General Membership Meeting, **Tuesday, November 17**, has been designated as SFIAC's Bylaws Meeting. During this meeting, changes to the bylaws are discussed and voted on. It is critical to the continued existence of the Club that this *extremely important* meeting be conducted with the required quorum of 50 members in attendance. *Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It's our most important membership meeting of the year.* We promise an excellent, free chef's meal and free wine.

Details on how to submit prospective Bylaw changes and where to send them are available at: www.sfiac.org.

Children's Christmas Party

Look forward to celebrating the happiest time of the year at our Club at the **Children's Christmas Party, Sunday, December 6**. The fun starts at 1 pm. There will be plenty of entertainment for the kids. Full details will be available in the December Newsletter, or at the Club Office.

Please come by or call the Club to reserve a gift for your children or grandchildren 8 years and under. Santa Claus is excited to present a token of appreciation to all children who have been good all year. Hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks will be available for all. This is always a special time for our SFIAC family and friends. Be sure to come.

Club Christmas Party

It's the holiday season and we have a great night of Christmas cheer planned just for you on **Saturday, December 12** – complete with all the holiday trimmings. This is by far the event of the year. Our Annual Dinner features a hosted bar, bottled wine, hors d'oeuvres, deluxe salad, ravioli with meat sauce, New York strip roast, veggies, dessert ala *Victoria Pastry*, and coffee or tea.

Members, reserve your tickets now and pick them up after November 30. Cost is **\$60** per person. Purchase your tickets early! Santa Claus cannot wait to wish all of you a very Merry, Merry Christmas. Hosted cocktails will be served at **6:30** and dinner to follow at **7:30**. Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous *Pasquale Esposito*. Parking details in our next issue.

New Year's Eve Party

Welcome in the New Year at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club with your family and friends! We're hosting a fabulous dinner-dance celebration and this will be a great night out. SFIAC will be rocking with an awesome live group. And, you'll all get champagne, hats and whistles. **Cocktails: 6:30; Dinner 7:30.**

Our New Year's Eve Dinner features a hosted bar with champagne, bottled wine, hors d'oeuvres, deluxe crab salad, tortellini with meat sauce, New York steak/lobster, veggies, dessert ala *Victoria Pastry* and coffee or tea. Live music by *George Campi*.

Make your VISA or MasterCard reservation at **415-781-0165**, extension **1** or **2**, or at the Club Bar-but **no later than December 15** - to ensure a spot at the party.

Your guests are always welcome. Celebrate New Year's Eve in North Beach. Tickets are **\$100** per member and one member spouse or guest and **\$125** per non-member guest. Parking available to first 50 ticket purchasers for **\$10** at Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

Tables will fill fast. Book your tickets now! **Questions?** Contact the Club Office at **415-781-0165**. Or, send your check payable to SFIAC, or your VISA or MasterCard number to: **The SFIAC New Year's Party, 1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94133.**

Your Best Events are at SFIAC

SFIAC's rooms have just the right ambiance and setting for your important events. Our newly remodeled banquet hall accommodates up to 300 or 350 standing. Our 3rd floor President's Room overlooking Washington Square in the heart of North Beach seats 40 or 75+ standing. We're a great spot for wedding receptions, birthday parties, retirement parties, holiday luncheons, business meetings, large family and community events. For more information, call **Tony Holder** at **415-781-0165**, extension **1**.

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