A Taste of Italy in North Beach – On Washington Square Park

SAN FRANCISCO **Italian** Athletic Club

La Voce del Nostro Circolo ∞ February 2021

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE



Hi Everyone,

Well, needless to say we are all still on "lockdown." I don't know about you but I'm getting a little tired of this! This is not stopping your board of directors from working is Jad Defanti who is heading up the Strategy Committee has been hard a work with a great group of guys working with him. They are working on both short and long term goals for members to enjoy the fullest experience of being an SFIAC member.

We as a board are continuing to meet once a month to discuss the Club's future and though not as busy as we would normally be, we are still working. With a couple of our board members moving away, I have appointed (with the board's confirmation) three new directors and a

new Sergeant of Arms. Ryan Russo, Andrew Humaydan, Joe Ostarello, and Carlo Tarrone have stepped down. Three have moved out of the area and Carlo is having health issues that prohibit his involvement. I want to thank these fine gentlemen who have donated their time and have been a big part of shaping and running the Club.

I want to welcome our new board members Bill Mastrangelo, Paul Massaro, Michael Storer and Giordano Salvetti who will be stepping in to fill these vacancies. Giordano will take the roll of Sergeant of Arms and if you recognize his last name, you should. Son of past president Sergio and grandson of Mario our longest standing member since 1952. Paul Massaro has just come back from the Seattle area and served on the board prior to his departure a couple of years ago. He hits the ground running and we are happy to have him back. Bill Mastrangelo is someone a lot of you know and is president of the Italian Heritage Parade. Michael Storer who joined about two years ago with his brother Andrew, has been very active since joining and both he and his brother have been great additions to the SFIAC family.

Bill Kerr along with Steve Caporelli, Ed Baumgarten, Jim Anderson and Merc Martinelli have been planning and working on the Statuto Race. We have hope that Covid will be dwindling down or at least to the state that an outdoor footrace may be held this summer.

I was told this was to be short, so I will stop here and allow space for other Club business to be presented. I look forward to the opportunity to see everyone again at an event where we can once again be our normal selves! You know my byline by now and these days, my wittiness and dance moves are really improving!

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.

Chief Operating Officer Message

I would like to thank the SFIAC community for its outpouring of condolences, cards, flowers, Mass offerings, and donations honoring la mia mamma, Anna Figone, who passed away before the holidays. She was no stranger to the club, having attended many events over the years, and even cooked pasta for nearly 300 people in the kitchen during the Boss of the Sauce days. She bravely battled ALS for seven years and is now reunited with my father. A proud Friulana, her first language was dialect, so don't be surprised if you see a regional dinner honoring the Friuli-Venezia Giulia later this year.

The SFIAC Foundation is proud to announce that its fundraising goal of \$70,000 was reached thanks to the following generous donors. The entire bar area is now transformed and beautifully matches the ballroom. Bill Isetta, president of the SFIAC Foundation, needs to be spotlighted for his generous donation which maximized the anonymous matching gift announced last newsletter.

Phase 3 Ballroom Campaign Donors as of February 2, 2021

\$500

\$10,000 Anonymous

\$7,000 Bill Isetta Family in memory of Anna Figone

\$5,000 Vic Scafani

\$2,000 Maurice Lombardo Joe Marotto Ralph Olcese Luigi Pinotti Leonardo Rocco

\$1,000 Jim Anderson Albert Baldocchi Scott Bambacigno Iris & Thom Bucchioni Nina Clima in memory of Frank Clima Andrew Dioli Nick Figone Lincoln Isetta Gene Lanzone Joe Marino **Bill Mastrangelo Rich Moresco** Matthew Morrone Thomas Piro Anstell Ricossa in memory of Ron Ricossa & Albert Daini Andrew Storer

Maxwell Amoroso Ross DeVincenzi-Adkins Tony Balistreri Andrew Bevegni Rob Bevegni Frank Castaldini Alberto Cipollina Franco Cirelli Brett Clyne Aldo Congi Paul J. De Martini Derek de Petra Joseph Farris Linda Grimes in memory of Frank Clima Tony Guglielmi Rick Kaluza in memory of Onorine Bersaglieri Steve and Alma Landi Joseph Lapenna Joe & Daisy Lauretta Roberto Lombardi John Marotto Paul Massaro Mike Olcese Paul Oltranti in memory of Anna Figone John Parente Tim Padovese Chris & Rosalba Petrini Jim & Marie Piccetti in memory of Anna Figone The Robert Piva Family Michael Porfido John Rigamonti Sergio Salvetti Mario Salvetti Joe Scafidi Anthony Sciortino Dian Scott in memory of Frank Clima **Ron Stansbury**

\$500 cont. Tiziano Stracchia Jean Ternullo in memory of Tom Ternullo Jeff Varacalli Bill Waste John Wilkinson

Phase 1 Capital Campaign Donors (2014)

\$2,500 Al Casciato Nick Figone Luigi Pinotti Leonardo Rocco

\$2000 Gene Lanzone

\$1500 Guido Perego

\$1000 Chuck Canepa Marc Libarle Joe Marotto Joe Scafidi



CLUB CALENDAR

February 12	Porta Via 4-8
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February 19	PV with Sam's Chowder
February 20	Porta Via 4-8
March 4	March Stag

We hope to add additional special events. Please check the weekly news blast and social media for updates. As of now, our Porta Via is open Friday and Saturday 4-8 p.m. and is open to everyone. Occasionally, we are hosting various food trucks. On February 19, experience Sam's Chowder House of Half Moon Bay in North Beach. Stags require pre-purchase.





New Members: In December, we welcomed five new members James Aicardi, Al La Rocca, Joe Porata, Marc Borgo and Jean Drageon. Welcome to the SFIAC family! Several additional applications have been approved and our next swearing in will be at the March Stag (weather permitting).



Enough of the video conversations and remote celebrations. The light is getting brighter at the end of the tunnel. It is time to plan getting back to normal with friends and family. Bring back the laughter and good times. Contact Nico Zimmerman at nico@sfiac.org for catering information and book your date.

MARCH STAG CHICKEN PARMESAN THURSDAY, MARCH 4 AL FRESCO DINING OR TO GO

It's Never too Late to Pay Your Member Dues

We want to thank all of you that have already submitted your 2021 dues and made generous donations to the Club. **2021 dues:** Regular \$420 (monthly payments available), Lifetime \$145 and Associate \$115.

2021 Dues Payments: The easiest way to pay your 2021 dues is online where event tickets are sold. Buy Tickets -- Membership Dues Renewal -- Select your membership Level (Regular, Lifetime or Associate). You may also mail a check payable to the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club to P.O. Box 330154, San Francisco, CA 94133. Recurring Payments: Regular members may sign up to pay their dues monthly. Please email Gina at gina@sfiac.org to arrange payment.

Club dues are payable now and are now past due. Please email Gina at gina@sfiac.org if you have any questions.

In Memory of our Members Who "Passed" in 2020

Lifetime Members Anthony Alioto Roy Bava Nick Damato Dominic Granelli Bob Rossi Pete San Filippo Vince Torrente John Zuffo Club Ravioli at Home Beef Ravioli is convenient and delicious \$20 for 2lbs. (frozen) Pickup at the Porta Via



Club Wine Sales

We offer many wines at a deep discount by the ½ or full case.

> The Prisoner Flowers Highway 12 Highwayman Capo and many more

Place an order with gina@SFIAC.org or stop by the Porta Via.