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

SAN FRANCISCO **Italian** Athletic Club

# La Voce del Nostro Circolo $\infty$ July 2020



Ciao tutti! Welcome again to a slimmed down and homemade SFIAC newsletter. Our Porta Via "pop-up" with cocktails, wine, aperitivo, lasagna and ravioli dinner kits to go are going great. We have now added outdoor seating on the sidewalk and members may use the balcony (first come first served). It's been wonderful to see so many members and North Beach neighbors support the club and enjoy our food and drinks. It takes place every Thursday – Saturday 3-7:30 pm. The menu rotates weekly. Our weekly specials have included steak sandwiches, lasagna, sliders, eggplant and chicken parmigiana sandwiches and picnic packs. Porta Via is located on the Club "stoop" and open to everyone. On July 9, we are doing our Chicken Parmigiana "Stag to Go" (details on pg. 4). Please get your ticket by *Monday, July 6*. The August Stag is scheduled for August 4 and will feature lamb shank. We plan to have outdoor seating for both events and possibly some indoor seating by August (TBD).

Enjoy Tony's Pizza Napoletana! Stop by SFIAC Porta Via to purchase frozen cheese, veggie or meat lovers' pizza generously donated by Club member Tony Gemignani for \$20. Grazie mille Tony!!

We are trying to keep everyone updated with weekly email news blasts. If you do not receive our emails please email gina@SFIAC.org to be to be added. Please check our web site, Facebook and Instagram for updates about the July "Stag to Go".

### Chief Operating Officer Message

Appreciation and gratitude are more important now than ever before as we navigate the pandemic, social unrest, and the removal of Christopher Columbus. Accordingly, a heartfelt thank you to member Leo Rocco for increasing his recent donation to \$10,000 and member Vic Scafani for contributing \$2,000 to the employee relief fund. They are joined by a dozen members of II Cenacolo, who hold their weekly lecture luncheons at the SFIAC, in donating \$3,250 collectively. Pizzaiolo Tony Gemignani has doubled his frozen pizza donation after a rapid sellout of round one. Please stop by the club, call, or email about purchasing one of his delicious pies for \$20 to enjoy at home.

I also have an exciting update and ask of our community: The Italian Athletic Building Association has seized the forced closure created by the quarantine to initiate phase two of the ballroom renovation project. We are thrilled for this significant improvement project which will create a first class gathering space for our members and attract more clients to our banquet business for years to come. As shown in the attached photos, construction includes new walls and column caps, upgraded electrical, and ultimately acoustical paneling and refinished flooring.

Unfortunately, budget constraints required removal of phase three (bar area) from the current effort. Which brings me to my ask: *Would you consider making a tax-deductible donation to allow phase three to happen now while we are shut-down and the contractors are already onsite?* 

Your tax-deductible donation would allow the following to be accomplished now:

- -remove the existing carpet and replace with new hardwood flooring
- -upgraded electrical with new lighting fixtures above the ballroom bar
- -new ballroom bar ceiling
- -acoustical paneling and trim work for the walls next to the bar
- -finished mahogany carpentry for the front of the bar



The goal is a \$50,000 campaign. We know that personal financial constraints abound particularly with the uncertainty of the pandemic, but this is a unique scheduling opportunity while businesses are forced closed. Please contact me at nick.figone@sfiac.org or call 415-651-4727 with any questions. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to SFIAC Foundation. Thank you for helping us invest in the future of the SFIAC.

Stay safe, Nick Figone, COO



Cigar Night Success

Great time had by 50 members and guests Hope to see you all again soon



# July Stag Chicken Parmigiana Thursday, July 9

Menu: mixed bean salad, bread, pesto pasta and chicken parmigiana. Bottles of wine available at checkout. Pick-up between 5-6 Note: As of now, there will be limited outdoor seating available on the sidewalk. First come first served. We will update with any changes to seating policies/opportunties. \$40 per person Open to everyone.



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Dinner in minutes. We are now offering 9x9 Lasagna's to go. Feeds 4-6. \$38. Available at our Porta Via or pre-order for pick-up by emailing gina@SFIAC.org

### **CLUB CALENDAR**

July 2-3	Porta Via 3-7:30
July 4	Club Closed for Holiday
July 9	July Stag
July 9-11	Porta Via 3-7:30
July 16-18	Porta Via 3-7:30
July 23-25	Porta Via 3-7:30
July 30 – Aug 1	Porta Via 3-7:30
August 4	August Stag

We hope to add additional special events. Please check the weekly news blast and social media for updates. Porta Via is open to everyone. Stags require pre-purchase. Grazie mille!



### Lamb Shank Stag Dinner To Go Tuesday, August 4

Menu: bean salad, pasta with tomato cream and lamb shank with mashed potatoes. Pick-up between 5-6pm We hope to have outdoor seating available. (TBD) \$45 per person Purchase tickets by Friday, July 30. www.SFIAC.org





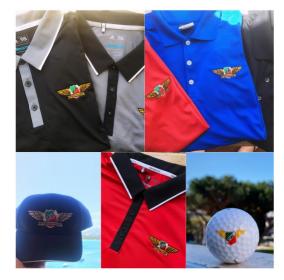
## The "Littlest Italian" Mason Bevegni

Congratulations to SFIAC member Rob and Stephanie Bevegni. Uncle Andrew will proudly tell you Mason was born the eve of June Stag and first paid the club a visit at four days old. At two weeks, he was back wearing his club gear. He's already a regular!

### SFIAC Foundation Giving Campaign Sponsor our SFIAC Employees



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SFIAC for the Golfer Nike Dri-fit (\$60, S-3XL) and Adidas Climacool (\$70, M-2XL) golf shirts. Nike Dri-fit come in black, grey, red and Italian blue. Marathon golf balls in sleeves of three for \$10.





Host Your Outdoor Event on the Balcony Overlooking Washington Square Host your private event for twenty on our balcony. Perfect location to celebrate a birthday, shower or family dinner al fresco. More photos on our Facebook and Instagram @sfiac\_events. Contact our events manager Nico Zimmerman for full details nico@SFIAC.org.



# SFIAC

Summer Míx and Match a Case Wíne Sale

# No Contact Carry Out Same or less than Costco with no lines, people or added tax. Mix and Match a Case

### Highway 12 Vineyards SFIAC Member Owned • Sonoma County

Highwayman Doxy's Charm Sparkling Rose	\$30
Highway 12 Sauvignon Blanc	\$12
Highway 12 Rose	\$13
Highwayman Trailblazer Red Blend 17'	\$34
Highwayman Proprietary Red 17'	\$38

#### The Prisoner Wines

The Prisoner 18'	\$40
cuttings cab 17'	\$32
Snitch Chardonnay	\$24
Saldo Zinfindel 18'	\$20

### The Huneeus Family of Wines

Flowers • Benton-Lane • Leviathan

Flowers Chardonnay 17'	\$28
Flowers Pinot Noir 17'	\$33
Flowers Russian River Pinot 17'	\$40
Leviathan Red Blend 17'	\$26

#### Rose and Bubbles

The Palm by Whispering Angel 18'	\$14
Justin Rose 18'	\$13
La Maschera Prosecco	\$18

#### Italian Red

Gaja Sito Moresco 16'

\$60