

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start by giving thanks to Nick and Gina as well as Nico and the staff for the extra effort they have put in during this difficult time. Their efforts to maintain the Club and keep things open to the best of their abilities have been nothing less than spectacular.

During this “down time” of the ballroom, as we have been reporting in the newsletter and e-blasts, we have completed the “face lift” and it is elegant! This project started back in 2012 when I organized a group of 17 Club members of various skills to walk the entire facility. In attendance were Steve Balestrieri, Scott Bambacigno, John Bisordi, Michael Caniglia, Chris Di Giacomo, Roberto Lombardi, Vince Rinaldi, Joe Lauletta, Don Mancini, Leo Perini, Jad DeFanti and myself, Guido Perego. (Five members were unable to make the meeting.)

They took note of the various areas of the Club that needed attention and then we sat down to discuss priorities of what should be the first item(s) to address. The following were identified as needing attention: front of building – awning, entry – floor covering, doors, women’s bathroom – complete remodel, bar in ballroom (back bar) – façade, curtain and wall behind, gym / showers – plan, staircase – to gym if it stays downstairs, to roof, roof – cantilever with eye-beams for bocce, other.

In discussion, it was agreed that we need a design program that has continuity throughout the building. It should have a theme that features our Italian heritage and have historic elegance of product and design. Priority was agreed to be the doors, entry, bathroom and ballroom as this is where money is generated from both inside and outside events.

Vince said he would contact a designer(s) he thought appropriate to give us a start for design, colors and costing. Vince introduced us to Maurice Lombardo, an architect (and now a Club member), who gave us an initial design presentation of the ballroom free of charge. In early 2013, I presented Maurice’s renderings to the then Board of Directors and asked if they wished to support such a facelift. Al Cipollina was president and he, along with the board, said, “Let’s do

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Ciao Tutti!

Vorrei iniziare ringraziando Nick e Gina, Nico e lo staff per lo sforzo extra che hanno messo in questo momento difficile. I loro sforzi per mantenere il club e mantenere le cose aperte al meglio delle loro capacità sono stati nientemeno che spettacolari.

Durante questo “tempo morto” della sala da ballo, come abbiamo riportato nella newsletter e negli e-blast, abbiamo completato il “rifacimento” ed è elegante! Questo progetto è iniziato nel 2012, quando ho organizzato un gruppo di 17 membri del Club di varie abilità per percorrere l’intera struttura. Erano presenti Steve Balestrieri, Scott Bambacigno, John Bisordi, Michael Caniglia, Chris Di Giacomo, Roberto Lombardi, Vince Rinaldi, Joe Lauletta, Don Mancini, Leo Perini, Jad DeFanti e il sottoscritto Guido Perego. (Cinque membri non hanno potuto partecipare alla riunione.)

Hanno preso atto delle varie aree del Club che necessitavano di attenzione e poi ci siamo seduti per discutere le priorità di quello che dovrebbe essere il primo argomento da affrontare. Sono stati identificati come richiedenti attenzione: facciata dell’edificio - tenda da sole, ingresso - rivestimento del pavimento, porte, bagno delle donne - rimodellamento completo, bar nella sala da ballo (bar sul retro) - facciata, curtain e muro dietro, palestra / docce - pianta, scala - alla palestra se rimane al piano di sotto, al tetto, al tetto a sbalzo con travi per bocce, altro.

Durante la discussione, si è convenuto che abbiamo bisogno di un programma di progettazione che abbia continuità in tutto l’edificio. Dovrebbe avere un tema che rappresenti il nostro patrimonio italiano e avere un’eleganza storica di prodotto e design. La priorità è stata concordata per le porte, l’ingresso, il bagno e la sala da ballo poiché è qui che viene generato denaro da eventi sia interni che esterni.

Vince Rinaldi ha detto che avrebbe contattato uno o più designer che riteneva opportuno per darci un inizio per design, colori e costi. Vince ci ha presentato Maurice Lombardo, un architetto (e ora membro del Club), che ci ha fornito gratuitamente una prima presentazione del progetto

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*North Beach celebrates Italian Heritage Month.*



*Italian Heritage Parade President Bill Mastrangelo and Chairman Steve Leveroni celebrate the conclusion of the 152nd annual parade in what has been a year like no other.*

## STAG DINNER

### STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

**All tickets for the Stag dinner must be purchased before Stag night.**

**No refunds.**

- **Pay with cash, check or credit card** through the Club office or online at [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org). Call in your credit card order: **415.781.0166** or e-mail your ticket request *and* seating preference to: [Gina@sfiac.org](mailto:Gina@sfiac.org).
- At this time, we are offering outdoor and some indoor seating (the number of allowed diners inside is in flux). In the weeks prior to each Stag, we will announce seating guidelines and capacity. Masks must be worn until further notice.
- Note: Dinner will be served at 6 PM.



**NOVEMBER STAG – Thursday, Nov 5.**  
**No-Host Cocktails~5 PM /Dinner~6 PM**

**Menu:** salad, antipasto, cheese tortellini with tomato cream, lamb shank, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and guests.

*Tickets MUST be purchased by Monday, November 2.*



**DECEMBER STAG – Tuesday, Dec. 1**  
**No-Host Cocktails~5 PM / Dinner ~ 6 PM**

**Menu:** salad, antipasto, beef ravioli with meat sauce, veal Milanese, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and guests.

*Tickets MUST be purchased by Wed., November 25.*



**JANUARY STAG – Tuesday, Jan 5.**  
**No-Host Cocktails~6 PM /Dinner~7 PM**

**Menu:** salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, short ribs, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$40** for members and **\$50** for guests.

*Tickets MUST be purchased by Wed., December 30.*

## COMING SOON

- Thursday 11/5 – November Stag
- Thursday 11/19 – Prime Rib Dinner
- Thursday 11/26 – Thanksgiving
- Tuesday 12/1 – December Stag
- Friday 12/11 - Cigar and Steak
- Tuesday 12/15 – General Meeting
- Saturday 12/19 – Christmas Party
- Thursday 12/24 –Christmas Eve - Closed
- Friday 12/25 –Christmas Day - Closed
- Tuesday 1/5 – January Stag
- Saturday 1/16 – Man of the Year Redux
- Tuesday 1/19 – General Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lamb Shank Stag Dinner Thursday, November 5

Menu: salad, tortellini with tomato cream, lamb shank, wine, coffee and dessert.  
Cocktails – 5 PM / Dinner – 6 PM  
Open outdoor and limited indoor seating will be offered.  
\$45 for members and guests.  
To go available.  
Purchase tickets by Monday, November 2.  
[www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org)



### Beef Ravioli with Meat Sauce and Veal Milanese Stag Dinner Tuesday, December 1

Menu: salad with bay shrimp, antipasto, beef ravioli with meat sauce, veal Milanese, wine, coffee and dessert.  
\$45 for members and guests.  
Please check back for time.  
Purchase tickets by Wednesday, Nov. 25  
[www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Prime Rib Dinner

Thursday, November 19

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Indoor and Outdoor seating available.

Prime rib dinner open to everyone.

#### Menu

Baked potato with sour cream, butter, chives,  
bacon bits and cheddar cheese

Creamed Spinach

Prime Rib with au jus and horseradish aioli  
\$45 inclusive

You may choose to take your dinner to go.

Full bar available.

Purchase tickets by prior Tuesday.

[www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org), [gina@sfiac.org](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) or 415.781.0166

Ring in the Holidays with

Cigars and Steaks

Friday, December 11

Join us for a night of cigars, steak, potatoes and vegetables.

Antonio will be at the Club rolling cigars.

Tables indoors and outdoors. 4:30 start with dinner at 6pm.

\$75 Dinner and 2 cigars.

PLEASE PURCHASE ONLINE BY TUESDAY 12/8



Man of the Year  
Steve Caporelli



Old Timer of the Year  
Joe Marotto

*Let's try this again...the rescheduled*

### Man of the Year and Old Timer of the Year Dinner

January 16, 2021

6 p.m. No-Host Cocktails  
and 7 p.m. Dinner

Menu: Appetizers, antipasto, salad,  
pesto pasta, penne with tomato  
basil marinara, vegetables, calamari  
steaks and lamb served family style,  
wine, coffee and dessert.

\$65 for members and \$75 for guests.

Purchase tickets at [www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org)  
or 415.781.0166.

Previously purchased tickets will apply.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT.



Celebrate the holiday season at the Club. Beginning December 3, cocktails and aperitivo Thursday to Saturday 3-8pm.  
Seating al fresco and inside (when available).  
Holiday music and entertainment.  
Weekly schedule in the news blast.



### Christmas at the Club

**Saturday, December 19: Club Christmas Party**  
We plan to host a Christmas party for our members and their guests. Due to the ever evolving guidelines for events, we are unable to provide details at this time. In early December, we plan to announce a series of Christmas events with a Sinatra and Rat Pack Christmas theme. Stay Tuned.

Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel the kids' party and lunch.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The SFIAC Board of Directors (the "Board"), along with most governing bodies serving social clubs in the Bay Area, have been unable to hold membership meetings, according to normal procedures, due to shelter-in-place orders and social distancing recommendations issued by local and state authorities.

Specifically to our Club, its Bylaws Article XV, Section I. Conflicts, Item (B):

B. Should any of the provisions or portions of these Bylaws be held unenforceable or invalid for any reasons, the remaining provisions and portions of these Bylaws shall be unaffected by such holding.

The impact of the shelter-in-place orders and social distancing recommendations issued by local and state authorities is that any Bylaw that requires in-person attendance or meetings is unenforceable. Regarding elections, the requirement that any Board of Directors candidate must have attended four (4) General Meetings (out of 11 annually) and that any Club officer candidate attend six

(6) General Meetings is unenforceable. Of course, because we cannot enforce Bylaws regarding in-person attendance, the Board continues to follow all other Bylaws not affected by the pandemic and its resulting restrictions.

Since COVID-19 has precluded the SFIAC members from attending General Meetings, the Board has unanimously decided to extend the current Board Members' and Officers' terms through the end of 2021.

While the Board has adapted well under the current conditions and continues to guide the SFIAC via videoconferencing systems and socially-distanced, small in-person meetings, we have been unable to hold General Meetings for the broader membership. Being a social organization, everything we do as a club is designed around the idea of meeting in person. The Board is looking at new ways to facilitate membership meetings and events and will start with in-person General Meetings, beginning in December, as announced in this publication.

# REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Finally, after eight years of planning, we've completed phases one and two of the masterplan. (Is it politically correct to use the term Masterplan?) LOL

The goal, as of 2015, was to make our Club one of the premier Italian clubs in the country and to return the Club to being a fraternal organization!

To kick this off, we reorganized the Board of Directors, developed special committees and formed the Foundation. These changes allowed the IABA to borrow \$1,500,000.00 and allow the Foundation to help raise additional funds for the Club's renovation. Our first task was to create a masterplan and to prioritize projects. It was decided that phase one would include renovation of the lobby and bathrooms and then the ballroom. Each project was brought to both boards for their approval. Amazingly, we made it happen!

With the support and funding from the IABA, and nods from the accountant, Luigi Pinotti, and our new CEO, Nick Figone, (aka Nicky Figs), the Capital Improvements committee, led by me and Roberto Lombardi, started phase one. This included the renovation of the lobby, bathrooms, ballroom, and most importantly, the acoustics in the ballroom. Both projects were designed by architects Maurice Lombardo (a new Club member) and Pam Lau of Taylor Lombardo Architects.

It should be noted that Maurice Lombardo discounted his fees and on a couple of occasions, he paid for some of the work out of his own pocket. Thank you Maurice. What a fantastic job they did on both projects. With the help and direction of long-time member Roberto Lombardi, working as the project manager, these projects were completed on time and on budget.

The successful renovation of the lobby and bathrooms was done by long-time members Vince Rinaldi and Tiziano Straccia of Leonardo Construction. To quote another famous Italian, John Gotti, "These guys done good for the family."

The largest and more difficult project was the ballroom renovation. The main goal was to improve the acoustics. Maurice brought in the acoustical engineer Ethan Salter. As you'll hear the next time you're in the ballroom, Ethan did a fantastic job. Nick Figone brought in Brandon Carwin to upgrade the sound system. Our thanks to both Ethan

and Brandon. The Club was looking for a sophisticated dark wood paneled room. The CIP and the IABA engaged the services of Giovanni and Nic Altamura of Altamura Construction. With the various complications that arose, if it weren't for the work of Altamura construction and Roberto Lombardi, this project would not have resulted in the great success that it did. We were able to broaden the scope of the original project to include the bar and back bar, stain the floor and paint the ceiling, and still stay generally within the budget and on time.

In addition to phase one and two, we also managed to do a partial renovation of the third floor, including painting the Park View room, hallway and stair walls, and sanding and staining the floor in the Park View room.

Keep in mind that these projects were completed during one of the toughest times this country has known. Nick Figone showed great leadership and fund-raising ability, keeping our Club open during this tough time. Throughout this process, I couldn't help thinking that the Club/family is finally going "Legit."

I want to personally thank our president, Guido Perigo, for his efforts in making sure that our ship traveled in one direction and Lou Pinotti for making sure we stayed on budget.

On behalf of all the Club members, thanks to all who made this dream come to fruition.

\*Note: All work was done by local Italians and no Italians were harmed during these projects. No contracts and contractors were sole sourced, every project was competitively bid and approved.

Any comments can be sent to my Club email at [joe.marino@sfiac.org](mailto:joe.marino@sfiac.org)

Joe Marino,  
Chair, Capital Improvements committee

# HOW TO JOIN THE SFIAC

If you want to join one of the best fraternal organizations in the nation, here's all that your friends and relatives need to do: Get a membership application at the online at [www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org). Then, forward your completed application to [gina@SFIAC.org](mailto:gina@SFIAC.org). We will arrange for a tour and meeting. After successfully completing the informal meeting, candidates will be admitted conditionally, pending approval by the board of directors. Initiation and dues' payments may be made by check or credit card at the successful conclusion of the pre-membership interview.

## NEW MEMBERS

Ciao a tutti,

It has been inspiring to see how many men wanted to join and support the Club during these uncertain times. In October, we initiated our first new members in several months. Past President Joe Marotto swore in the four of the eight new members at our stag al fresco. We anticipate our membership to grow with all the new Club improvements. Please encourage your friends and family to join the Club as we move forward. We will waive initiation fees for any family member sponsored thru December 2020. It should also be noted that if any member sponsors at least two people inducted into the Club this year, he is eligible for a free stag dinner.



*Richard Aicardi*



*Gary Arcudi*



*Giuseppe  
Ciaravino MD.*



*Dave Devencenzi*



*Grant Hajek*



*Paul Legato*



*John Vincent III*



*John Vincent IV*



*Mike Olcese gave Hunter Pence the full tour after enjoying the afternoon at the Porta Via.*

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

The contributions of Italians to local, national, and international communities is well documented but easily forgotten amidst the day-to-day focus of life. Holidays and designated periods of time, like Italian Heritage Month, remind us to celebrate our accomplishments, both historic and current, and educate those who are just learning the Italian immigrant story.

We prepared for months with exclusively new ideas since the traditional format was completely destroyed by the pandemic. We worked closely with our Italian community in new and exciting ways which has brought us all closer together. Although nothing could replace the economic stimulus of the annual parade, the series of events drove much needed business to the parade route in the form of dining and retail sales. Moreover, the community celebrated something positive and hopeful while the pandemic continues its emotional impact. Thank you to Club member Bill Mastrangelo, who served as the Italian Heritage Parade President, for an unprecedented level of creativity and collaboration this year. Our organizations are stronger thanks to Bill and no one can say we skipped this year's 152nd celebration.

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## CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN

Our goal is to create a first-class ballroom for our members, community and clients to enjoy for years to come.

What many of us love most about the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club is its ability to bring us together with friends and family on so many occasions. To gather with fellow members at our monthly stag, to gather for our best friend's wedding, to gather for a fundraiser event for a cause we care about. Our main ballroom allows for all of this, which is why two years ago we began to make significant improvements to it, starting with the lobby and bathrooms, in ways we had not done before.

With the recent forced closure created by the Covid-19 quarantine, we felt there was no better time to initiate phase two of the ballroom renovation project. As shown in the photos below, construction included new walls and column caps, upgraded electrical, and ultimately refinished flooring and paneling for better acoustics.

A member of the SFIAC has pledged a \$10,000 matching donation after reading that we were shy of our goal to complete phase three. This tremendous pledge doubled every dollar we raised during the month of October.

Thanks to your generosity, and the matching gift, we raised \$65,000 towards completing the project; including, phase three to refresh the bar. Additional mahogany at the back bar and enhanced lighting will complete the transformation thanks to your generosity.

Our donor has offered to extend the matching gift until we raise the next \$6,000 needed. We are so close! Donate now to complete the transformation! Thank you, Nicolas Figone, COO

### PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS OF \$500 AND ABOVE:

*Phases 2 and 3 Ballroom Campaign  
Donors as of October 26, 2020*

#### **\$5,000**

Vic Scafani

#### **\$2,000**

Bill Isetta  
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

#### **\$500**

Maxwell Amoroso  
Ross DeVincenzi-Adkins  
Tony Balistreri  
Andrew Bevegni  
Rob Bevegni  
Frank Castaldini and David Milani  
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 Loretta  
Roberto Lombardi  
John Marotto  
Mike Olcese  
John Parente  
Tim Padovese  
Chris & Rosalba Petrini  
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  
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

it.” I then asked them to open their wallets for the kick-off fund raiser and a majority of the board contributed. With Al’s blessing, I started a committee, Capital Improvements, and began to recruit members and outside consultants to accomplish our goal.

Over the next few years, there were many meetings and we involved more members such as Joe Marotto, (president 2015-16), Bill Isetta, (current Foundation president), Al Casciato (current IABA president), and Tom Piro as well as engaging an acoustical sound engineer, a musical/audio sound engineer, along with our architect to develop our best plan. When I took over as president, in 2017, I asked Joe Marino to head up the Capital Improvements committee so we could finally implement the years of planning. With Joe at the helm, we have finally succeeded in accomplishing the first four items that the original group had identified.

With great help from Roberto Lombardi and Nick Figone overseeing the project, we have succeeded in making the Club a place we all can be proud to introduce people to as well as enjoy ourselves. There is more to the story and Joe Marino would like to present this himself.

With the City opening policies on being able to “get back to normal,” the board met on this past Tuesday to discuss the many things we need to do to get the Club up a running again for all. You may find out more about these things within this newsletter and I for one am excited to see the Club more active in a normal manner, if slightly abbreviated by the Covid rules.

A most important thanks goes out to Club members Vince Rinaldi, Tiziano Straccia, Giovanni Altamura, and Nic Altamura who did the professional work on our entry, bathrooms and ballroom. I once again want to thank the many other people involved in the ballroom project but also my V.P.s, Chuck Canepa and Manule LaTorre, for their continued support. A big thanks and hug to Joe Marino who brought this project to fruition and to Nick Figone. “You’re the man!”

One last but not least, Lou Pinotti, without him none of this would have happened. His generosity, fiscal oversight as well as his business relationships have been significant in making this a success.

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

Your President, Guido Perego

della sala da ballo. All’inizio del 2013, ho presentato i rendering di Maurices all’allora Consiglio di amministrazione e ho chiesto se desideravano sostenere un simile lifting. Al Cipollina era presidente e lui insieme al consiglio ha detto “facciamolo”. Poi ho chiesto loro di aprire i loro portafogli per il fondo di avvio e la maggior parte del consiglio ha contribuito. Con la benedizione di Al, ho avviato un comitato, “Miglioramenti del capitale” e ho iniziato a reclutare membri e consulenti esterni per raggiungere il nostro obiettivo.

Negli anni successivi, ci sono stati molti incontri e abbiamo coinvolto più membri come Joe Marotto, (President 2015-16), Bill Isetta (current Foundation President), Al Casciato (current IABA President) e Tom Piro, oltre a coinvolgere un fonico acustico, un fonico musicale / audio, insieme al nostro architetto per sviluppare il nostro miglior piano. Quando ho assunto la presidenza nel 2017, ho chiesto a Joe Marino di guidare il Comitato per il miglioramento del capitale in modo da poter finalmente attuare gli anni di pianificazione. Con Joe al timone, siamo finalmente riusciti a realizzare i primi quattro elementi che il gruppo originale aveva identificato.

Con il grande aiuto di Roberto Lombardi e Nick Figone che supervisionano il progetto, siamo riusciti a fare del Club un luogo in cui tutti possiamo essere orgogliosi di presentare le persone e divertirci. C’è dell’altro nella storia e Joe Marino vorrebbe presentarlo lui stesso.

Con le politiche di apertura della City sulla possibilità di “tornare alla normalità”, il consiglio si è riunito lo scorso martedì per discutere le molte cose che dobbiamo fare per rimettere in piedi il Club per tutti. Puoi scoprire di più su queste cose all’interno di questa newsletter e io per primo sono entusiasta di vedere il Club più attivo in modo normale, anche se leggermente abbreviato dalle regole Covid.

Un ringraziamento molto importante va ai membri del Club Vince Rinaldi, Tiziano Straccia, Giovanni Altamura, Nic Altamura che hanno svolto il lavoro professionale sul nostro ingresso, bagni e sala da ballo. Voglio ringraziare ancora una volta le molte persone coinvolte nel progetto della sala da ballo, ma anche Chuck Canepa e Manule LaTorre dei miei V.P. per il loro continuo supporto. Un grande ringraziamento e un abbraccio a Joe Marino che ha portato a compimento questo progetto e Nick Figone, “tu sei l’uomo”!

Un ultimo ma non meno importante, Lou Pinotti, senza di lui niente di tutto questo sarebbe successo. La sua generosità, la supervisione fiscale e le sue relazioni commerciali sono state significative per renderlo un successo.

*Mi piace un bicchiere di vino ogni sera per benefici di salute. Gli altri bicchieri sono per le mie spiritose e impeccabile mosse di ballo.*

Il vostro presidente, Guido Perego

## Keep in Contact with the SFIAC

If you are not receiving the SFIAC bi-weekly emails, please update your email address with Gina Travaglio at [Gina@SFIAC.org](mailto:Gina@SFIAC.org). During these times we are constantly updating and revising our events. Please provide an email address to send future newsletters. We are frequently updating events on Facebook and [www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org). Tickets for most events are available on the SFIAC site and make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [sfitalianathleticclub](https://www.instagram.com/sfitalianathleticclub).



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2021

Membership dues are more important now than ever before to continue funding the mission of the Club. The dues are more than just subsidizing cheap drinks at the bar. They fund celebrations and promotion of Italian culture, athletics, and brotherhood. They keep our traditions and create new ones like lighting the Club, church, and park in the Tricolore. They keep the soul of our beloved North Beach Italian in the face of unrelenting change.

We acknowledge that the pandemic has affected many of you financially and not everyone is as comfortable as they were before. The same can be said of the Club as expenses continued even with cost reductions implemented. If it is easier to transition to a monthly subscription do not hesitate to ask. Our annual dues of \$420 remain the best value in town and we hope that you continue supporting this unique institution and Italian heart of the Bay Area.

Some of you may ask why renew when the Club has been “shutdown.” I think you will agree it has been far from moth-balled during the pandemic:

## Facilities

- Remodeled Grand Ballroom – Phases two and three are complete!
- Refreshed Park View room – replaced old wall paper with fresh paint and refinished hardwood floor
- Outdoor dining and cocktails with our new parklet and heat lamps.

## Amenities

- Weight Room – The weight room re-opened October 1 and is being used by members seven days per week.
- Porta Via with member pricing – Since the early days of the pandemic, we pivoted our operations to outdoor dining and have successfully offered the Members’ Bar Porta Via for eight months. From Club classics to food trucks there is a lively rotation of menu items and, of course, member discounts on cocktails.
- Wine discounts on cases – We have sold thousands of bottles of wine during the pandemic at deep discounts to our members. This is a perk of membership and available to your friends and family. We still offer free home delivery on multi-case orders!

## Events

Member Events – We are proud to say we never missed a Stag dinner keeping our tradition alive during the pandemic. Whether it was to-go in the early days or indoor/outdoor

dining this month we still offer delicious food at reasonable prices. Additionally, cigar and steak dinners continued to delight with Antonio hand rolling cigars for members. Italian Heritage Weekend – Instead of one day of events we hosted three consecutive days of festivities including a lighting ceremony, dignitary speeches, marionette shows, and pre-fix dining over seven reservation times.

## Advocacy

Your membership dues defend what is being attacked by special interest groups to remove our holiday, re-write history, and discredit the sacrifices made by the immigrants who built this city while facing discrimination themselves. Your Club is leading the creation of an Italian Cultural District for North Beach and Fisherman’s Wharf which was introduced as an ordinance at the Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2020. There will be many hearing and public comment periods which will require letters of support and advocacy to make the district a reality.

**2021 Dues Payments:** The easiest way to pay your 2021 dues is online where event tickets are sold. [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org) > Buy Tickets > Membership Dues Renewal > Select your membership Level (Regular, Lifetime or Associate) > Pay by credit card. A receipt will be emailed to you. You may also make a voluntary donation to the SFIAC Foundation, General Operating Fund or Sports Fund within the transaction.

**2021 dues:** Regular \$420 (monthly payments available), Lifetime \$145 and Associate \$115.

If you have moved but would like to continue supporting the Club, you may opt for an Associate membership. An Associate member lives more than fifty miles from the Club. Associate dues are \$115 per year. Associate members have full access to the Club; but, can not serve on the board, vote in elections or achieve Lifetime member status.

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](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) to arrange payment.

Club dues are payable now and are past due after December 31, 2020. Please email Gina at [gina@sfiac.org](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) if you have any questions.

## SFIAC RECENT EVENTS



*Everybody loves Romano! Great to see Romano and Manuele at the October stag.*



*Members Flowers, Wolfman, Hult and DePetra enjoy Cigar and Steak night. All were happy to be back at the Club. Next Cigar event is December 11.*

*Bill Mastrangelo and Rob Aicardi wrangle the North Beach scooter gang.*

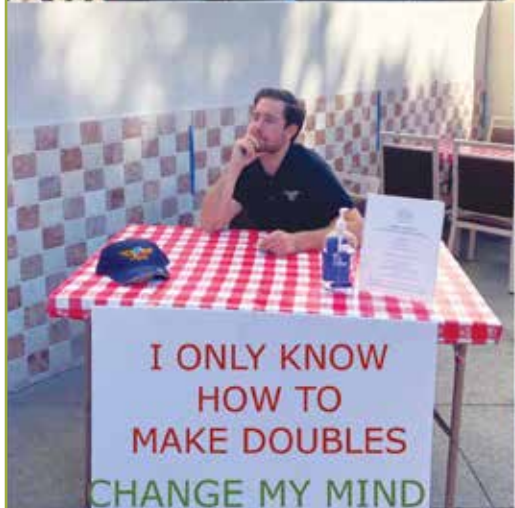


## GRAZIE MILLE!

The Club accepted two unique donations recently and would like to thank Bill Waste and Roberto Lombardi for their generosity. Bill donated two antique chairs in excellent condition gifted to Club founder Amadeo Tomassini in 1961 for his participation as a judge in a California competition. Resplendent with brass plaques they await your usage at the Members' Bar. Roberto donated a mint condition commercial meat slicer built in Italy which you may see in a future raffle!



**Porta Via:** Have you been to the Club's Porta Via? Every Thursday to Saturday 3-8 pm, we are offering cocktails, aperitivo and a rotation of food truck al fresco. Our new parklet with heat lamps will be the perfect spot for your holiday gathering. Most days we offer our Club specialties of lasagna, steak sandwiches, arancini and more. We have also developed a great partnership with several Bay Area food trucks to offer an array of food options; Capelo's Barbeque, Satay By the Bay, Scoma's on the Square, Final Sauce, Hula Truck, Pastor Papi and more. On November 7 we'll welcome back Satay by the Bay and on November 12 Pastor Papi. Don't miss Papi's Cannoli'chata!



## ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone that made the 152nd Italian Heritage Parade so special.



*The Club was a centerpiece of the weekend long celebration.*



*Perfect night with a performance by Rene Sevieri.*



*The DiBona family celebrated with us before their big move. We'll miss you too Sabine!*



*The Club kids had a great time showing their Italian pride.*



*Thank you to the Fratello Marionettes for bringing a smile to all the kids faces.*

# While our doors were closed, SFIAC has been busy renovating!

Our renovated Ballroom has a new look, with updated sound and lighting systems, ideal for seminars and wedding receptions. We've added mahogany paneling and fabric sound boards while our wooden floors have been resurfaced to match the walls. Plus all new, comfortable chairs.



Open to the public for events and meetings with full bar and catering services available.

COVID-19 seated capacity is 120 & standing 150. Total space 2800 sq ft



Confirm your future event before November 15th using code word **BENVENUTO** and receive members special room rate. Ballroom \$1500 and Parkview \$150 with food and beverage services. Contact Nico for catering and space rental. [nico@sfiac.org](mailto:nico@sfiac.org) or 415-651-4726

Our Parkview Room overlooking Washington Square has been remodeled with resurfaced wood floors and brightly painted walls. This space has a built-in A/V system for meetings, presentations and family dinner videos. The room opens on to a balcony, with lighting at night and outdoor heaters for cooler nights.

COVID-19 seated capacity is 50 indoors + 15 outdoors= 65  
Standing capacity 70 mixed indoors/outdoors.  
Total space 1200 sq ft

*\*We follow San Francisco Department of Health COVID-19 Guidelines for indoor dining. SFIAC has invested in hospital grade disinfectant light that we run before each event to disinfect all surfaces.*

*Famiglia*  
**SFIAC** 

The club has a long history of family membership. We would like to encourage this tradition to continue. Submit an application for your father, son, grandson or brother in 2020 and we will waive the initiation fee. Accepted applications must be sworn in by April 2021 to receive the waiver. It's the perfect Christmas gift. Contact [gina@sfiac.org](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) with questions.

# SFIAC MERCHANDISE



Buy SFIAC merchandise for your family and friends this year. We have ordered many items for women, infants, toddlers and youth. New Soccer gear, Nike Dri-fit (\$60) and Adidas Climacool (\$70) golf shirts. Marathon golf balls in sleeves of three for \$10.

See facebook, Instagram and the SFIAC web site for new merchandise.



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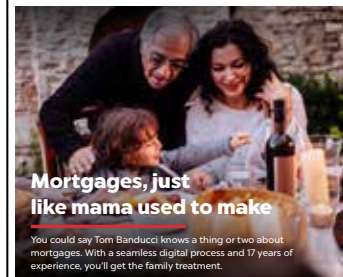


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*All events and dates are subject to change*

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 NOV STAG	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 PRIME RIB DINNER	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30			28	29	30

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 DEC STAG	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 CIGAR AND STEAK	12
13	14	15 GEN. MEETING	16	17	18	19 XMAS PARTY
20	21	22	23	24 CLUB CLOSED	25 CLUB CLOSED	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January '21

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 JAN STAG	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 MAN OF YEAR
17	18	19 GEN. MEETING	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30