

MONTHLY DINNERS

Dinner Line 510 483-6929

September 1st

Menu: **TRI-TIP**

Chef: Rich & Mike

ALL MAY ATTEND

DEADLINE: Aug. 26th

September 15th

Menu: **PORK ROLLATINI**

Chef: Joseph Sotello

Business Dinner

Members & Male Guests only

DEADLINE: Sept. 9th

October 6th

Menu: **PESTO**

Chef: Randy Brower

ALL MAY ATTEND

DEADLINE: Sept 30th

Dinners served at 7:00 PM



Buon CALENDAR

Mark your calendar and participate.

2009 CLUB OFFICERS

President: Paul Grazzini

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3rd Vice President: Jerry Stuart

Financial Secretary: Wayne Caporusso

Recording Secretary: Stan Elam

2009 CLUB DIRECTORS

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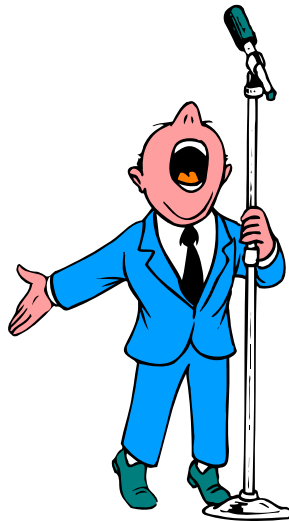


**ADMISSION
DAY**

*California,
admitted to the
Union
Sept. 9, 1850*

BY Board of Officers NOMINATIONS September 15th....

“SEPTEMBER SONG” COMING TO SEPTEMBER FAMILY DINNER



Singing a “Tribute to the Great Italian Pop Singers”, vocalists Rick Barretta and Larry Wallin, along with their three-piece band, will entertain us as we dine at our September family dinner on September 1. They are not impersonators but do the songs and styles of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darrin, Louis Prima, Tony Bennett and many other Italian singers of that genre and era.

Their classy act has appeared at the Top of the Mark in San Francisco, many country club parties and dances, Massimo Ristorante in Walnut Creek regularly, the SF Sons of Italy, and they do a number of private parties each year as well as doing shows at festivals.

This will be a first-time event at our club but there will be no increase in dinner prices and reservations are to be made on the Dinner Line in the normal manner. It promises to be a great night of nostalgia as you listen to the great music from the past. Be sure to make your reservations early so you won't miss out on these outstanding entertainers.

Ken Martin

it's time to check out

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Our Presidents Message ...

Buon Giorno a Tutti!

I have some wonderful news to announce to everyone. We received official confirmation from "Banca Caripe" that the money we raised for the victims of the earthquake in L'Aquila Italy has made it to its destination from the "Buon Tempo Club, USA".

The entire amount of \$3,000 raised by our club had gone a long way (literally) in helping our native brethren in rebuilding their home.

Here's a little history on L'Aquila:

L'Aquila is a city in central Italy, both the capital city of the Abruzzo region and of the Province of L'Aquila. It has a population of 72,948 inhabitants, but has a daily presence in the territory of 100,000 people for study, tertiary activities, jobs and tourism. Laid out within medieval walls on a hill in the wide valley of the Aterno River, it is surrounded by the Apennine Mountains, with the Gran Sasso d'Italia to the north-east.

The city's construction was begun by Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Sicily out of several already existing villages (ninety-nine, according to local tradition; see Amiternum), as a bulwark against the power of the papacy. The name of Aquila means "Eagle" in Italian. Construction was completed in 1254 under Frederick's son, Conrad IV of Germany. The name was switched to Aquila degli Abruzzi in 1861, and L'Aquila in 1939. After the death of Conrad, the city was destroyed by his brother Manfred in 1259, but soon rebuilt by Charles I of Anjou, its successor as king of Sicily. The walls were completed in 1316.

The power of L'Aquila was based on the close connection between the city and its mother-villages, which had established the city as a federation, each of them building a borough and considering it as a part of the mother-village. That is also why number 99 is so important in the architecture of L'Aquila, and a very peculiar monument, the Fountain of the 99 Spouts (*Fontana delle 99 Cannelle*), was given its name to celebrate the ancient origin of the town.

Our donation to the citizens of L'Aquila is the perfect manifestation of our adopted motto of "Sempre Avanti". By contributing to the rebuilding of such a rich and historical region, we are helping them move forward from the disaster left by the earthquake.

Today, the Buon Tempo's cause is more than just promoting the Italian culture among ourselves. We are responsible for promoting the Italian Culture in every way we can.

We do this through awarding scholarships, sponsoring Italian Language Education Programs (such as the one at Oakland Technical High School), and by helping the people in an Italian province rebuild their home town.

We are establishing ourselves as being more true to that mission than any other Italian organization in the area.

I thank you all for your continued support of the Buon



*September Birthday Wishes
go out to:*

Tom Anthony, Mickey Benko, Donald Biondich, Angelo Callari, Paul Chivello, Paul Grazzini, Ed Laudani, Bob Laundry, Fred Martini, Ed Mori, Joe Sanchez, Mike Sexton, Frank Sidari and Ed Tocci

Wishing you the Happiest of Birthdays.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Rich Vannucci told me that he had a mild stroke that affected one arm, he is doing therapy and working towards recovery, his biggest complaint is not being able to type too well, therefore interfering with his ability to do correspondences for the Italian cause which he calls Italianismo. Knowing Vannucci as I do, he will be back at the typewriter before long.

Jim Scott had a visit to the Hospital for cat scan and reports that he's doing fine.

Our member Emil Kern reported that his wife Dolores had a heart procedure done at Kaiser Hospital and that all went well, they are already taking half mile walks together as part of her rehabilitation therapy.

GET WELL SOON Al.

Tempo's endeavors, as we have truly demonstrated ourselves to be selfless in our promotion of our Italian heritage.

I would also like to call upon you to become advocates for the Buon Tempo Club. In order for us to continue on our mission we need to continually recruit new members to our ranks. There are no better advocates for our organization than our existing members.

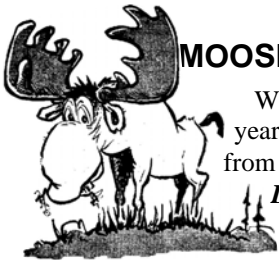
All I ask is that you talk about the club's activities with any/all your friends and associates that may not be so familiar with us. Let them know about the club's rich history, its fun atmosphere, and how much it truly cares about promoting the Italian Culture in the community. If they seem interested, then by all means invite them to join us for dinner...who knows they might be so impressed that they join the club!!!

I'm going to start pushing this more as the year draws down. I want us to prepare for a strong membership drive in the beginning of 2010. I can't stress enough how important it is that we focus on gaining new members. Without a steady influx of "new blood" our club risks becoming too small to be effective and eventually will die out all together. In addition, with new members come the seeds of new ideas and energy that allow us to move effectively into the future and not just be a "knife and fork club".

So the movement starts now! Start to promote the club like never before. Stimulate interest and let people know that there is a Italian-American Organization out there that cares about its heritage and does whatever it can to promote the Italian Culture...NOT JUST IN AMERICA BUT AROUND THE WORLD!!!

Sempre Avanti!!!

Paul Grazzini, pgrazz@sbcglobal.net



MOOSE DUES REMINDER

When you are notified by mail that your yearly Moose Dues are due and payable from **MOOSE INTERNATIONAL** ... **DO NOT PAY !!**... please forward the **entire** notice to Wayne Caporusso @ 831 Joaquin Ave., San Leandro, CA

94577 ...

Buon Tempo Club is currently paying MOOSE dues for **active** members. (minimum 6 BT Dinner attendance required, in the previous year).

Wayne Caporusso, Treasurer

FAMILY DINNER—AUGUST



Chef Paul Grazzini with crew consisting of Lindsey Durao, Mike Sexton and Scott Cutter, provided a very nice Spare Rib dinner. Your servers for the evening were the San Leandro High School Varsity Soccer Team. Our set up crew did their usual great job. Thank you.

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We need your photos in on WEBSITE, www.buontempoclub.org. If you have any photos of our club events please send them to my email @ primorick@aol.com.

I am also looking to borrow some old photos with our founding members all in it to put on the website plus any other historical photos. I can scan them digitally or you can send them to my email address.

Remember to note what the photo is about, when the event occurred and indicate the names of the individuals in the picture. **Rick Martens**

BOYS NIGHT OUT DINNER—AUGUST



Chef Len Tallo with crew consisting of Ed Matraia and Rich Vannucci provided an incredible Lasagne dinner. Our set up crew did their usual great job. Thank you.

ELECTION TIME COMING UP

Election time is coming up again. The nomination meeting will be held at the Business Dinner in September, with elections scheduled for the Business Dinner in November.

It is important that we fill a few positions. Nine positions will be open and you are more than welcome to run. The offices that are open are President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, plus **two** Director positions. If you have the desire to be an officer of the Buon Tempo, submit your name. Time is running out.

At this time we have an incomplete slate of proposed officers for the 2010 term, submit your name for a position. It takes you to make the club function properly, with fresh ideas volunteer and take part.

The Oct. 6th Family Dinner
is **Pesto**
\$15- MEMBERS
\$20- GUESTS

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FIRST PLACE: Jessica Gorham, Jeanie Scott, Ken martin & Milo Matejic

SECOND PLACE: Kathy Gorham, Anna Mae Tandi, Mike Major & Don McGue

I wish to thank all the participants who assisted me in making this tournament a very enjoyable event for another year.

Don Polastri

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