

Monthly Dinners

Dinner Line 510 483-6929

February 7th

Menu: **CIOPPINO**
 Chef: Rich Gorham
ALL MAY ATTEND
 DEADLINE: Feb. 1st

February 21st

Menu: Vinha D'alhos
 Chef's: Paul Grazzini
Boys Night Out Dinner
 Members & male guests only
 DEADLINE: Feb. 15th

March 6th

Menu: **Corn Beef/Cabbage**
 Chef: Joseph Sotello
ALL MAY ATTEND
 DEADLINE: Feb. 29th

Dinners served at 7:00 PM.

Buon CALENDAR Tempo

Sports Night Crab Feed
 January 27th

Anniversary Dinner
 April 3rd

Mark your calendar and participate.

2012 CLUB OFFICERS

President: Rick Martens
 1st Vice President: Joseph Sotello
 2nd Vice President: Pete Covelto
 3rd Vice President: Ken Martin
 Financial Secretary: Wayne Caporusso
 Recording Secretary: Stan Elam

2012 CLUB DIRECTORS

Mike Baldwin Roland Garshol
 Paul Grazzini Len Tallo
 Sal Attinello Jr. Past

BUON TEMPO News
 Happy Valentines
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The February 7th Family Dinner
 is **Cioppino**
 \$30- MEMBERS
 \$35- GUESTS

What are you waiting for?

Your 2012 Dues are now due and payable.

Leonard Ancona, Walt Angelo, Chris Bailey, Joe Brignole, Angelo Callari, Herm Canario, Larry Carilli, Robert Cole Jr., Gabriel Crotti, Scott Cutter, Dave Del Grande, Steve Dimick, Craig Durao, Wayne Dutchover, John Enea, John Fitzgrald, Carlos Fonseca, Nick Francone, John Frank, Roland Garshol, Vince Gigi, Anthony Giuliano, Kurt Glazier, Nelson Gomes, Jim Green, Tim Gutierrez, Kevin Hulme, William Koerlin, Joseph Lada, Ed Laudani, Bob Laundra, John Lewis, Max Martin, Anthony Maselli, Herm Mesquite, Angel Montesano, Brian Morrison, David Murawski, Les Nardine, David Oppocher, Robert Pape, Angel Parrinella, Tom Pedemonte, Cory Perin, Steven Perry, Luigi Pietrantonio, Robert Pirone, Jason Powel, Ken Scaruffi, Tim Schantin, Mike Sexton, Dale Smith, Ed Tocci, Tom Trampetti, Gary Vannucci, Rich Vannucci & Jeremy Viscuso.

Your 2012 dues are \$75.00 if received before January 31st. Dues received between February 1st and February 29th will be \$150.00. **NO dues** will be accepted after February 29th and membership terminated.

Time is running out!

www.buontempoclub.org
 Why don't you stop by sometime.

Our Presidents Message -

Many an organization's monthly President Message's are to motivate group members to be active and get involved. I do not need to say this to Buon Tempo Members, because putting their necks out and speaking their mind is what we do. It's what has driven this Club to fight under the shadow of some the larger Bay Area Italian clubs and forge our own identity. However, I have been able to attend a couple meetings of the Presidents of each of the Italian clubs and we are all in this together. Having said this, what is it that makes Buon Tempo different?

Tough economic times and apathy among our youth have memberships in most service organizations on a downward trend, as individuals become more selective on how to spend their diminishing discretionary time. Buon Tempo Club membership has held steady. Our rich Italian heritage with its fantastic food & culture, and its vibrant people are what make me proud to be Italian. For many who do not have any Italian blood by birth, Buon Tempo members all, share in the energy that this culture exudes.

Our compassion for others can be seen in our many fundraising efforts for scholarships, groups requesting assistance, or the less fortunate needing our help, but afraid to ask. Relay for Life, L'Aquila earthquake relief, children in hospice @ George Marks House, etc. are just a few of causes that our membership has embraced. In the upcoming year, we will again award scholarships to well deserving high school seniors with Italian heritage. Visit our website, www.buontempoclub.org, and click on the scholarship tab for information and an application. The upcoming Sports Night Crab & Prawn Feed, in its 53rd year, on January 27th will provide the funds to continue these worthwhile efforts; see the newsletter for ticket information. You say "I don't eat crab", become one our volunteers that help with set-up or sell raffle / drinks tickets. Give me a call (510.773.0005) if you would like to help or donate a raffle prize.

Let us not forget about those small lime green buckets that grace our tables during the family dinners; the few bucks that you generously put in there go towards various youth and sport groups in our Community. Let us show these youth groups our generosity and how proud we are of our Italian culture.

Next month, I will discuss how the "Buon Tempo Club" is getting our name out into the community.

Rick Martens

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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**

Reminder from your editor, thank you.



February
Birthday Wishes go out to:

Louis Alberti, David Blasquez,
Rudy Centoni, John DeRose, Dick
Dianda, Wayne Dutchover, Nick
Francone, Wayne Gilbert, Jim
Green, Robert Hanson, Bill Koerlin,
Louis Leardini, Frank Spinardi Jr.
& Len Tallo

Wishing you the Happiest of Birthdays.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



I would have to say that the Buon Tempo Children's Christmas Party was one for the record book this year. Not only did everyone, young and old, have a good time. but there was entertainment before and after Santa Claus made his appearance. Ginger Snap, a Christmas elf, entertained us with her magic that kept the children on the edge of their seats and made me wonder, how did she do that? Well, that's why I am a mortal and she is an elf, I guess. Then, after Santa left and everyone had a nice meal, thanks to Wayne Caporusso and Rich Gorham who prepared the feast, about a dozen kids got up on stage and started to sing, one by one, Christmas carols for everyone. They did not stop until their parents said it's time to go home. The kids had a great time and they all sounded wonderful.

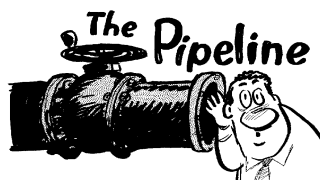
Many thanks to Joanne Attinello, Jill Baldwin, Wayne Caporusso, Rich Gorham, Bob Pike and Len Tallo for making the party possible. This was also made possible by our children and grandchildren for whom we have the party. Thank you Anthony, Katie, Khloe, Hailey, Caden, Loghan, Jason, Julianne, Nicholas, Katherine, Megan, Scott, Hannah, Colby, Paul, Valentina, Ava, Aldo, and Brianna.

P.S. Santa says see you all next year.



JJ Pacheco Sponsored by Rich Gorham

Has been added to the **BUON TEMPO** rolls in the month of January. Please make him feel welcome.



We hear that Art Pedmonte is on the road to recovery. Frank Miraglia had a short stay in the Hospital before Christmas, 2 stents, he's doing fine. Al. Pinnocci is in the Veterans Hospital getting his blood pressure stabilized. Our Financial Secretary Wayne Caporusso has had his knees replaced and looks to be recovering nicely.. Hope those of you that are under the weather get well soon also.

SUBJECT: LATE RESERVATIONS

Members.....please remember all dinner reservations and cancellations should be made by the Friday before the following Tuesday night dinners!

· While we understand things come up, and we try our best to accommodate all of our members, your timely reservations help to determine how much food needs to be ordered. Over-ordered food is wasteful (and costs us money) and under-ordered food means turning away those who call in late and/or show up at the door without a phone call.

· Plus...we want to have everyone seated with the people they want to be seated with, and those late calls make it that much more difficult to have that happen!!

Thanks so much for your cooperation (and for continuing to leave nice clear messages on the dinner line!)

Mike & Jill

Editors Note:

This is a reprint from February issue from last year, it was brought up at our last Board meeting that it's happening again so I felt a reminder was needed.



Peter's CLUB CLOTHING EMPORIUM
& raffle
1st & 3rd
Tuesday
of the month

The March 6th Family Dinner
is
Corned Beef & Cabbage
\$15- MEMBERS
\$20- GUESTS
DinnerLine 510 483-6929



RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Our annual SPORTNIGHT Crab Feed is coming up on January 27, 2012. We need Raffle prizes. Please help support this great and meaningful annual event. With the state of economy and the changes in donation limitations from corporate company's we are hoping you may know of someone who might be able to lend us a hand in getting the needed prizes. You can contact Rick Martens, Raffle Chairman, for more information.

FAMILY DINNER- JANUARY



Wow, what a crowd, what a dinner, I know that everyone at my table just raved.

We wish to thank Chef John Tandi and his crew of Rick Caula & Ed Matraia for a very nice Polenta dinner to start the new year. Our set up crew did their usual great job. Your servers for the evening were from the Castro Valley Track Team.

Thank you.

YOU'RE LATE !

Final Reminder

2012

Buon Tempo Club Membership Renewal

The Buon Tempo Club is a non-profit Italian-American organization dedicated to promote social activities as well as academic, vocational and athletic scholarships. The Club relies on your membership, donations, and your participation throughout the year at dinners and fundraisers, to provide the means for the club to provide scholarships to students of Italian heritage.

- Membership dues: \$75.00/year
- Late February 1st \$150.00/year
- Donation \$_____

Name: _____
(First & Last)

Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Phone: _____ Please contact me.

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Notice:

ROSTER UPDATE

Please update your Roster as follows:

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION

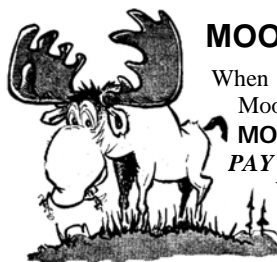
Did you know that we belong to the *I A F*. At the present time our delegates are: **Max Martin** and **Rich VAN-NUCCI**, Financial Secretary. It's my understanding they are looking for another delegate.

The *I A F* was formed in 1930, as a federation of all of the Italian Family/Social Clubs in the East Bay. The expressed purpose of focusing on the preservation and expansion of our heritage. Today, this important purpose continues—and is even more important as all too often others define who we are.

In the past huge galas were held at the Oakland Auditorium and bike races were sponsored around Lake Merritt. Today, the *I A F* continues to sponsor an elegant Columbus Day Queen event; however as times have changed so has its emphasis. Now the *I A F* is an active participant in American Italian Historical Association; it has produced a symposium on the effects of the Sopranos on our people and others; it has participated in California's' Italian/American Task Force and regularly sponsors a reception for the Italian Consul General. Expanding beyond the East Bay, it has won a number of awards at the San Francisco Columbus Day Parade for its floats. Finally it has produced several groundbreaking exhibits, among the **CON LE NOSTRE MANI**, which prominently feature a number of Buon Tempo members.

If you have a nascent urge to be an *active* member, or delegate call Rich at 510 581-9139 or Max Martin at 510 967-9753.

Rich Vannucci



MOOSE DUES

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

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

This is directed to the members of the Club who own or manage a business. We have a few that have already stepped up and I thank them for that but we are in need of greater support. Would you like to advertise in our little newsletter?

Last year it took about \$5000- to put out our newsletter. I'm just trying to offset some of the costs so I'm asking you to lend a hand and advertise at the same time.

Kindly forward to the editor (see return address), your business card and a check with the appropriate sum.

To run an ad for a month, please figure \$20-; for 6 issues, every other month, \$90- and for 12 issues, 1 year, \$120-.

Thank you, the editor.

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