

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had the opportunity to unwind and enjoy the holidays with their families. As we look back on 2023, I am thrilled to highlight the remarkable accomplishments and unforgettable moments that illuminated our Club throughout the year. The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club isn't just flourishing, it's ascending to new heights. These achievements are a testament to our dedicated membership, exceptional staff, and the visionary leadership of the Club.

Nearly 300 participants took part in the 102nd SFIAC Statuto Race, and we anticipate an even larger turnout in 2024 for the 103rd edition. As our longest-running event, the Statuto Race is reclaiming the glory of its past, reminiscent of the days when Amadeo Tomasini dominated the streets of San Francisco. In conjunction with the Statuto Race, the yearly Festa Italiana was a success. Two days of Italian festivities featured live bands, folk dancing, and the battle of the accordions on Sunday. The air was filled with the aroma of delicious food, lively music, and the heart-warming embrace of Italian-American community spirit.

In launching the inaugural SF Pizza, Bagel & Beer festival, in collaboration with Tony Gemignani, we welcomed the rich culinary heritage that characterizes our community. With more than twenty local pizzerias and fifteen breweries, this event established itself as one of the top-tier gatherings in North Beach for the entire year. Big thank you to Tony G. for his dedication and all of his charitable activities. He has truly become one of the pillars of North Beach and the Italian-American community. Grazie mille Tony!

The Columbus Day parade shone brightly as our very own Tony Gemignani led the procession as the Grand Marshal. It was a vibrant celebration, weaving together the rich tapestry of Italian culture and traditions. The streets came alive with the sounds of jubilant cheers and the colorful procession of floats, marching bands, and proud participants adorned in traditional attire.

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Ciao a tutti,

In genere, le persone pronunciano le abbreviazioni la prima volta che le usi, a meno che non sia ovvio. Quindi potrebbe non essere necessario aggiungere: The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club prima di menzionare per la prima volta lo SFIAC. Penso che tutti sappiano cosa significa. La tua chiamata. Tuttavia, non sapevo cosa rappresentasse SFSFL, quindi potresti voler mantenerlo. Ho anche abbinato l'abbreviazione di Conference con la sua abbreviazione.

Buon anno! Spero che tutti abbiano avuto l'opportunità di rilassarsi e godersi le vacanze con le proprie famiglie. Guardando indietro al 2023, sono entusiasta di evidenziare i risultati straordinari e i momenti indimenticabili che hanno illuminato il nostro Club durante tutto l'anno. Il San Francisco Italian Athletic Club non è solo fiorente, ma sta raggiungendo nuovi traguardi. Questi risultati testimoniano la dedizione dei nostri soci, il personale eccezionale e la leadership visionaria del Club.

Quasi 300 partecipanti hanno preso parte alla 102a SFIAC Statuto Race e prevediamo un'affluenza ancora maggiore nel 2024 per la 103a edizione. Essendo il nostro evento più longevo, la Statuto Race sta rivendicando la gloria del suo passato, che ricorda i giorni in cui Amadeo Tomasini dominava le strade di San Francisco. In concomitanza con la Corsa Statuto, l'annuale Festa Italiana è stata un successo. Due giorni di festeggiamenti italiani caratterizzati da band dal vivo, balli popolari e la battaglia delle fisarmoniche domenica. L'aria era piena del profumo del cibo delizioso, della musica vivace e del commovente abbraccio dello spirito comunitario italo-americano.

Nel lanciare il festival inaugurale SF Pizza, Bagel & Beer, in collaborazione con Tony Gemignani, abbiamo accolto con favore il ricco patrimonio culinario che caratterizza la nostra comunità. Con più di venti pizzerie locali e quindici birrifici, questo evento si è affermato come uno degli incontri di alto livello a North Beach per

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SFIAC Board members enjoy "Sinatra Night" hosted by the Cigar Company



The SFIAC Foundation's inaugural gala was a great success.

STAG DINNER

STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

All tickets for the stag must be purchased by the noted deadline. *No refunds.*

Pay with cash, check or credit card through the Club office or online at www.SFIAC.org. Call in your credit card number at **415.781.0166** or email your ticket request and seating preference to administration@SFIAC.org. **Note:** stag dinners are limited to members and their male guests.

 **JANUARY STAG – THURSDAY, JAN. 4**
No-Host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM


Menu: salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, short ribs, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and **\$55** for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, December 29.

 **FEBRUARY STAG – TUESDAY, FEB. 6**
No-Host Cocktails~6 PM /Dinner~7 PM

Menu: : salad, antipasto, tomato basil pasta, marinated cold crab, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$75** for members and **\$85** for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, February 2.

 **TWO MARCH STAGS – TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

No-Host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM

Menu: : salad, antipasto, rigatoni with meat sauce, chicken parmesan, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and **\$55** for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, March 1.

 **APRIL STAG – TUESDAY, APRIL 4**
No-Host Cocktails~6 PM /Dinner~7 PM

Menu: salad, antipasto, pasta with pesto, crab cioppino (crab, prawns, clams and mussels). wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$80** for members and **\$90** for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, , March 29..

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, January 1 –New Year’s Day – Closed

Thursday, January 4 - Stag Dinner

Tuesday, January 16 - General Meeting

Thursday, January 18 - Crab Dinner

Monday, January 22 - MLK Holiday - Club Closed

Tuesday, February 6 - Stag Dinner

Tuesday, February 20 - General Meeting

Tuesday, March 5 - 1st Stag Dinner

Thursday, March 7 - 2nd Stag Dinner

Friday, March 8 - 3rd Annual Dueling Pianos

Saturday, March 9 - Blackhawk Car Museum and Show (Offsite)

Saturday, March 16 - Man of the Year and Old Timer of the Year

Tuesday, March 19 - General Meeting

Thursday, March 28 - March Madness Cigar and Steak

Tuesday, April 2 - Stag Dinner

Thursday, April 25 - Rabbit Dinner

Tuesday, May 7 - Stag Dinner

Monday, May 13 High School Sports Awards

Saturday and Sunday June 1-2 - Festa and Statuto

Thursday, June 6 - Stag Dinner

Events updated in newsblasts, SFIAC.org and SFIACFOUNDATION.com





3rd Annual The Killer Dueling Pianos

Friday, March 8

6:30 PM No-Host Bar, Buffet of Heavy Appetizers and Music

7:30-10:30 PM Live Performance by the Killer Dueling Pianos

\$45 per person

SFIAC Ballroom

Tickets Available SFIAC.org and 415.781.0167



CRAB STAG

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

\$75 MEMBERS / \$85 GUESTS

WWW.SFIAC.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 16

MAN-OF-THE-YEAR

- DINNER DANCE -

HONORING
MAN OF THE YEAR
BILL ISETTA
and
OLD TIMER OF THE YEAR
LLOYD CUNEO

FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE AT SFIAC.ORG
TICKETS AVAILABLE JANUARY 15.

Parla Italiano? 

Learn Italian in the heart of San Francisco's Little Italy
In person classes at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
in partnership with Istituto Italiano Scuola

Ten-Week Session Begins January 16

- Beginner 2
- Elementary 1
- Elementary 4

 Classes are open to adults over 21-years old.
You do not need to be a SFIAC member to enroll. Discounts for members and returning students available.
Details SFIACfoundation.org



SAVE THE DATE

Cigars and Steak

Thursday, March 28

March Madness in the Ballroom

Menu TBD

See news blasts for updated details.

Tickets on sale February 1





We would like to welcome the Club's two newest honorary members Shaun Loveseth and Billy Swain of Certified Piedmontese Beef of Nebraska. Shaun and Billy have donated countless hours and their amazing product to several Cigar and Steak dinners. Certified Piedmontese provides America with the rare Italian-heritage Piedmontese beef and it is amazing. Order for your next event or as a gift. Piedmontese.com use discount code = SFIAC

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 9 BLACKHAWK MUSEUM AND CAR SHOW. DETAILS COMING SOON.



As served at the Cigar & Steak dinner

Piedmontese.com
has offered SFIAC members an exclusive
discount of 20% off your purchase
Code = SFIAC

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER FOR 2024

We would like to congratulate SFIAC Past-President Sergio Salvetti for achieving the status of Lifetime Member. He joins his father Mario who is our longest standing member of the Club at sixty-nine years. We presently have three generations of Salvettis as members.

Our members showcased their skills and passion for sports, from the Joe Scafidi Bocce Tournament to the Frank Clima Golf Tournament. The golf tournament achieved another sold-out success, while bocce was a resounding hit. Additionally, our Club soccer team had another outstanding year, making it to the playoffs in the fiercely competitive SFSFL (San Francisco Soccer Football League).

Our passion for automobiles was demonstrated in a variety of events, such as the Alfa Romeo Car Show, Canepa Motorsports Meet and Greet, and the caravan where SFIAC members proudly exhibited their cherished cars. Whether it was the timeless charm of classic Porsches, the iconic GT40, or the sleek new C8 Corvette, there was something to delight every car enthusiast. More events like these will be planned for 2024.

Kicking off the festive season, our Club's children's Christmas party included 60 kids having the opportunity to visit Santa and receive their gifts. The holiday season continued to overflow with joy as our yearly Christmas parties united members and their families, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere to embrace the spirit of the season.

Our sense of community is like never before, and the SFIAC is achieving success beyond our expectations. Celebrating consecutive years of welcoming 100 new members is a clear indication of our Club's robust health. The commitment and enthusiasm of our members have established a new benchmark, proving once again that the San Francisco Italian Athletic club is the heartbeat of North Beach.

The SFIAC is set to join the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO), led by Mr. Basil Russo. Following in-depth discussions with Mr. Russo, our Club will become the first social/athletic club on the West Coast to align with the other 58 affiliated organizations in COPOMIAO. During Italian Heritage Month, Mr. Russo and 50 delegates from COPOMIAO had the privilege of a meet-and-greet with the president and the first lady at the White House. Our sincere congratulations to Mr. Russo, who was honored as a Cavaliere last October by Allegra Baistrocchi, the Consul of Italy in Detroit. Mr. Russo earned this knighthood for his significant contributions in promoting the image and culture of Italy, as well as fostering stronger ties between Italy and the Italian-American community. I have extended an invitation to Mr. Russo to visit our club and experience the essence of North Beach. For more information about the Conference of Presidents, please visit www.copomiao.org.

As we embark on a new year, let's carry forward the spirit of unity and celebration that defines the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Here's to more success and unforgettable memories in 2024!

Sempre Avanti,
Manuele La Torre, SFIAC President

l'intero anno. Un grande ringraziamento a Tony G. per la sua dedizione e tutte le sue attività di beneficenza. È davvero diventato uno dei pilastri di North Beach e della comunità italo-americana. Grazie mille Tony!

La parata del Columbus Day ha brillato brillantemente mentre il nostro Tony Gemignani guidava la processione come Gran Maresciallo. È stata una celebrazione vibrante, che ha intrecciato il ricco arazzo della cultura e delle tradizioni italiane. Le strade si animavano con i suoni degli applausi giubilanti e della colorata processione di carri allegorici, bande musicali e partecipanti orgogliosi adornati con abiti tradizionali.

I nostri membri hanno messo in mostra le loro capacità e passione per lo sport, dal Torneo di Bocce Joe Scafidi al Torneo di Golf Frank Clima. Il torneo di golf ha ottenuto un altro successo da tutto esaurito, mentre le bocce hanno riscosso un successo strepitoso. Inoltre, la nostra squadra di calcio ha avuto un altro anno eccezionale, arrivando ai playoff nella altamente competitiva SFSFL (San Francisco Soccer Football League).

La nostra passione per le automobili è stata dimostrata in una serie di eventi, come l'Alfa Romeo Car Show, il Meet and Greet di Canepa Motorsports e il caravan, dove i membri SFIAC hanno esposto con orgoglio le loro amate auto. Che si trattasse del fascino senza tempo delle Porsche classiche, dell'iconica GT40 o della nuova elegante Corvette C8, c'era qualcosa per deliziare ogni appassionato di auto. Altri eventi come questi saranno pianificati per il 2024.

Dando il via alle festività natalizie, la festa di Natale per bambini del nostro Club ha previsto che 60 bambini abbiano avuto l'opportunità di visitare Babbo Natale e ricevere i loro regali. Le festività natalizie hanno continuato a traboccare di gioia mentre le nostre feste natalizie annuali univano i membri e le loro famiglie, creando un'atmosfera calda e celebrativa per abbracciare lo spirito delle festività.

Il nostro senso di comunità non è mai stato così forte e la SFIAC sta ottenendo un successo oltre le nostre aspettative. Celebrare gli anni consecutivi in cui abbiamo accolto 100 nuovi membri è una chiara indicazione della solida salute del nostro Club. L'impegno e l'entusiasmo dei nostri soci hanno stabilito un nuovo punto di riferimento, dimostrando ancora una volta che il San Francisco Italian Athletic club è il cuore pulsante di North Beach.

La SFIAC si unirà alla Conferenza dei Presidenti delle Maggiori Organizzazioni Italo-Americane (COPOMIAO), guidata da Basil Russo. A seguito di discussioni approfondite con il Sig. Russo, il nostro Club diventerà il primo club sociale/atletico della costa occidentale ad allinearsi con le altre 58 organizzazioni affiliate a COPOMIAO. Durante l'Italian Heritage Month, Russo e 50 delegati di COPOMIAO hanno avuto il privilegio di incontrare il presidente e la first lady alla Casa Bianca. Le nostre più sincere congratulazioni al Sig. Russo, che è stato insignito del titolo di Cavaliere lo scorso ottobre da Allegra Baistrocchi, Console d'Italia a Detroit. Il signor Russo si è guadagnato questo titolo di cavaliere per i suoi contributi significativi nel promuovere l'immagine e la cultura dell'Italia, oltre a promuovere legami più forti tra l'Italia e la comunità italo-americana. Ho esteso un invito al signor Russo a visitare il nostro club e sperimentare l'essenza di North Beach. Per ulteriori informazioni sulla Conferenza dei presidenti, visitare il sito www.copomiao.org.

Sempre avanti,
Manuele La Torre, SFIAC President

What a year!! We inducted 122 new members in 2023! From North Beach to Rhode Island, our new members have joined from near and far. As a testament to the positive direction the Club is going, several family members of long-time members have joined the Club after many visits to stag dinners and more. We are happy to welcome Mario Alioto's three sons Marc, Dominic and Anthony. We would also like to welcome Joseph Bottini who joins his father, uncle and cousin. If you have a friend or family member that would like to join the Club, now is the time. To make it easier for our far away friends and family to support the Club, we are no longer requiring new Associate members to attend a swearing in person. If the forward trajectory continues, we will have our goal of 1000 members in the coming months.

I would like to thank the Membership committee for all their hard work and organization. Michael Storer has done a great job leading the team of Gabriel Maggiotto, Steve Giovannini, Mike Olcese, Mario Flaherty, Andrew Lewman, Andrew Storer, Gabriel Benedetti, Brian Pisciotta and more.

Gina Travaglio
Membership Manager



Dominic Simons



Mario Simons



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Michael Catanzaro



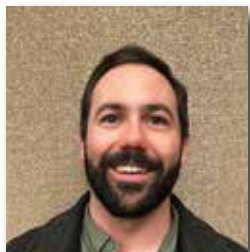
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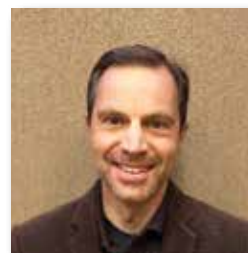
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Evan Andriola



Matthew Barron



Sergio Borgiotti



Jim Fambrini



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Richard Kos



David Lombardi



Johnny Magagnini



Tito Serafini

2024 Membership Dues

We want to thank the many members that have paid their 2024 dues. If you have yet to do so, please read below for how to complete payment.

The board of directors set 2024 dues at the following rate: regular membership is \$540 per year, associate membership \$156 and lifetime will remain \$145.

Dues were due on December 31, 2023. There is a grace period until January 31, 2024. Members who pay dues on or after February 1, 2023, will be subject to a \$40 late fee. If dues are not paid by March 1, 2023, membership cards will be deactivated and a membership reactivation fee of \$75 is required. Dues can be paid online through our new website <https://members.sfiac.org/>, calling the Club with a credit card, or mailing a check. Please make sure checks are made out to "The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club" and mail to 1630 Stockton Street., San Francisco, CA 94133. If you have any questions you make contact Keely Batmale at keely@sfiac.org.

JOIN THE SFIAC

It is the Club's goal to promote Italian culture and to bring in new members so that the SFIAC can continue to be the premier Italian men's club in the Bay Area for another 100 years and beyond.

The Membership committee wants to make the process of bringing new members into the Club as easy as possible. Here is all you need to do: Visit www.sfiac.org > Membership or scan the code, below, to get started.



The Membership committee has been hard at work on the application process and ideas to make the Club better for you. And if you see new faces at the Club, don't be afraid to introduce yourself, learn about the new member, and continue to spread Italian heritage to your fellow paisanos.

Do you need to be 100% Italian to join?

No, we just need to see that you have Italian heritage on at least one side of you family.

Do you need to have an Italian last name?

No, we have plenty of members whose Italian heritage comes from their mother's side.

Do you need to live in North Beach to join?

No, you can join regardless of where you live. Members who live more than 50 miles from the Club can opt to be Associate members.

How can I show my Italian heritage to join?

If you don't have an Italian last name, usually you can show it on a birth certificate or baptismal certificate. The membership team can help advise on what you should do if that will not work for you.

Do you need to personally know a member of the Club to join?

The application requires you to have a sponsor who is a Regular or Lifetime member. You will also need to have the names of **two other Club members** to put on your application. The membership team can help you get this done.

I let my membership expire. May I re-join?

Yes, we always welcome back previous members who left in good standing. Please contact the Membership team committee to get your application back on track to re-join.

How do I get an application to join?

You can start at our website www.sfiac.org > Membership

Am I eligible to join?

You don't know until you ask. You can start at our website www.sfiac.org > Membership

Do I need to be an athlete to join?

You do not need to be an athlete to join.



INAUGURAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY THE SFIAC FOUNDATION AND THE OLYMPIC CLUB FOUNDATION

In October, we partnered with the Olympic Club Foundation (“OCF”) for our inaugural Cornhole Tournament in North Beach. Cornhole...at an Italian Club? Think of it as bocce’s Italian-American cousin. A sport you can play while holding an Aperol spritz. It turned out to be an amazing day. We would like to thank the 30+ teams that participated. A huge thanks to Hunter Pence and Mayor Breed for throwing out the first bags, USF Dons and Chicago Bulls legend Bill Cartwright for being such a great ambassador, and football greats Raymond Chester and “Swervin” Mervyn Fernandez for proudly representing Raider Nation. Thank you to Mark Castagnola and Tony George for the silent auction.

We would like to especially thank our co-hosts from the OCF John Ring and Karin Haskell for all your planning, support and working with the CA Cornhole Association. Grazie mille to our premier sponsor Brian Davis and platinum sponsors the Bus Stop, Capo Isetta Wines, Frank Cassidy and Kelly Canady Orbis Payment Services and Playstudios.

We look forward to making this an annual event. It is the perfect event for a group of friends, family or work team building. We hope to see you October 25, 2024.

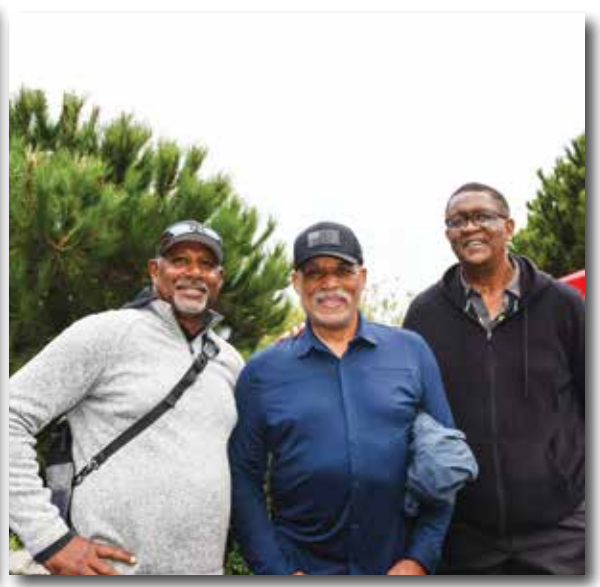
Please contact Gina Travaglio gina@sfiacfoundation.org for sponsorship opportunities.

AWARDS



<i>1st Place:</i>	<i>Woodruff Sawyer</i>
<i>2nd Place:</i>	<i>Antonini SF</i>
<i>3rd Place:</i>	<i>Alliant Insurance</i>
<i>4th Place:</i>	<i>Capo Isetta</i>
<i>Best Outfits:</i>	<i>The Corn Stars</i>
<i>Best Spectator</i>	<i>Randy DeMartini</i>
<i>Award for Originality:</i>	<i>The Cornholios</i>
<i>Most Loyal Team:</i>	<i>St. Cecilia Irish</i>
<i>Most Popular Team:</i>	<i>ICA Cristo Rey Academy</i>
<i>Best Player Until He Started Drinking:</i>	<i>Brian “The Mighty” Quinn</i>





John Antonini and his team place in the inaugural cornhole tournament

The SFIAC Foundation is pleased to announce *The Voyage of Discovery Trip of a Lifetime*

As an affiliate member of the National Italian American Foundation (“NIAF”), one student from a SFIAC “member family” is guaranteed a spot for the 2024 Voyage of Discovery.

Voyage of Discovery is a fourteen day all expense paid trip to Italy for a student between the ages of 18-23.

Eligibility:

- Must be a full-time college student at a college or university for the semester preceding the trip
- Between the ages of 18-23 at the time of travel
- Of Italian heritage
- Never previously visited Italy
- A United States citizen or a permanent resident alien
- Applicant must be a member of NIAF. \$30 student memberships are available. Membership provides access to scholarships, educational programs and events.
- For purposes of being selected for the guaranteed SFIAC slot, you must be a current SFIAC member or the child or grandchild of a SFIAC member in good standing.

What’s included:

- International roundtrip airfare, meals, accommodations, tours, admissions and transportation.

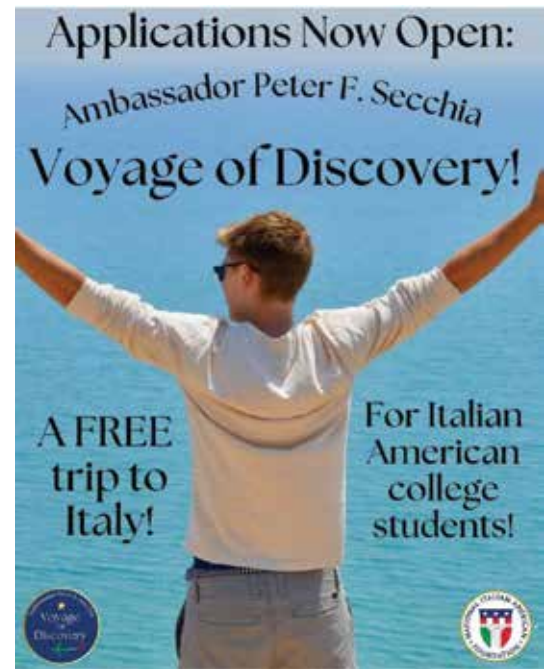
Important Dates

Trip Dates: June 2024 (2 sessions)

Application Deadline: February 2, 2024

How to Apply/Further Information: Please visit NIAF.org > programs > youth programs > voyage of discovery

Please note the SFIAC and SFIAC Foundation are not overseeing the application process or administering the program/trip.



CONCERTO DI NATALE

What a beautiful evening. The SFIAC Foundation partnered with the National Shrine St. Francis of Assisi to host a wonderful Christmas concert featuring Pasquale Esposito. It was truly a magical event. The event brought people to North Beach to celebrate the holidays and patronize our many restaurants and shops. We would like to thank Foccacia for catering the event and Richard Armanino and ItalFoods for donating the wine and panettone. We would also like to thank the Knights of St. Francis for operating the Porziuncola.



Room with a View: The Foundation's VIP reception above the parade was a great success. Guests noshed, sipped and sunned while watching the parade from the relaxed luxury of the Park View Room. Consider joining us next year October 13, 2024



We were honored to welcome NIAF President Robert Allegrini to our November stag dinner.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2024

8th Annual High School Sports Awards

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 & SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

Festa Italiana, San Francisco's only Italian street fair

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

103rd Statuto Race

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

San Francisco Pizza, Bagel, and Beer Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

Italian Heritage Parade VIP Experience

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

Cornhole Tournament with the Olympic Club Foundation

For the first time, San Francisco's Mayor London Breed hosted a reception celebrating Italian Heritage month at City Hall. The event included a proclamation presented to Consulate General Sergio Strozzi, raising the Italian tricolore over City Hall and a reception hosted by the SFIAC and Foundation President Bill Isetta's Capo Isetta. We would like to express gratitude to Supervisor Catherine Stefani for spearheading the event.



SFIAC FOUNDATION'S INAUGURAL GALA

In November, the Foundation hosted their inaugural gala featuring wine tasting from a dozen wineries, a silent auction, dinner and a performance by the New York Tenors accompanied by special guest soprano Marla Kavanaugh. It was a beautiful evening. We would like to thank our event co-chairs Sue Albritton Robbins and SFIAC Foundation Board members Joey Elefante and Molly Leveroni for all their hard work over many months.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS GALA SPONSORS



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 Molly Leveroni
 PacAgri — The Monfredini Family
 Connie and Bill Ring
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS

Gray and Jeff DelBono
 Joseph Figone
 Cherri and Steve Giovannini
 Merci Magdalena
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 Jeanne Vukosovich
 and Members of the Guardsmen

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GALA (CONT)



Support the SFIAC Foundation
We have been busy in 2023

- High School Sports Awards
- Two Day Festa
- Staturo Race
- Pizza Festival
- Parade VIP Reception
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Tenors and Tannins
- Concerto di Natale
- Tricolore Crosswalks
- Welcome to NB Signage
- Youth Teams Sponsorship

Your support makes
all this possible



Staturo 2024 Registration is Now Open
Register for the 103rd Staturo Race on June 2, 2024.
Discount for SFIAC Members code = *sfiac24*
#runningforsalami

The Foundation has had another amazing year. With the introduction of five new events and an expanded Festa Italiana, it has been an incredibly busy year. We would like to thank all of our generous donors and sponsors that have made all of this possible.

Our annual appeal has been a resounding success. As of December 20, 2023, we raised over \$150,000 in a short two month period. While our annual appeal will close on December 31, 2023, it is not too late to support our endeavors. Please considering sponsoring one of our many events; including, the High School Sports Awards, Festa Italiana, Statuto Race, Pizza, Bagel and Beer festival, Cornhole and more.

The Foundation supports highlighting our Italian Culture and revitalizing our beloved North Beach. While Little Italys across the country are dying ours is thriving and we are literally painting it green, white and red. We have painted the crosswalks at Union and Stockton streets in the tricolore, installed a new “Benvenuti a North Beach Little Italy” sign at Piazza Pellegrini and painted many poles in the tricolore. Our numerous events have brought tens of thousands of people to North Beach to support the shops, restaurants, cafes and more. We are now offering three in person Italian classes and all have consistently sold out. Our Festa’s “kids’ corner” introduces young Italians to the language, dance and music of our community. Our High School Sports awards (the Heismans of the San Francisco high school sports community) recognizes the best of SF Public and private schools and offers support to their programs and Salesian sports programs. Our Club hosts numerous Italian cultural presentations, films and concerts throughout the year including Beppe Gambetta, Pasquale Esposito, “Yogi Berra It Ain’t Over” and “Potentially Dangerous”.

This is all made possible with your help. We accept personal and business donations of all scale. We are a registered 501(c)(3); so, please consider if your employer has a matching program.

Please join our 2024 Festa sponsors Capo Isetta Winery, Orbis Payment Solutions, Primeros Pasos and NIAF. We are currently seeking additional sponsors for our Festa Italiana and Statuto Race. Please contact Gina Travaglio gina@sfiacfoundation.org for sponsorship opportunities. Visit SFIACfoundation.org to donate.

Honoring those whose gifts to the SFIAC Foundation’s Annual Appeal have reached the following levels as of December 20, 2023:

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Richard Moresco	Gerry & Jim Sangiacomo	\$500+	Cherri and Steve Giovannini
		Al Cipollina	Anne and Bill Mastrangelo
		Danilo Cosenza	

The Italian Heritage Parade was another day to remember. Perfect skies, the tricolore waving and a great celebration of all things Italian. Save the date October 13, 2024.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last year was full of inaugural events which challenged our staff, volunteers, and leadership to be bold as we navigated new waters. The results were excellent. The plan this year is to re-launch the ships. But this time, with charts in hand, it should be smoother sailing. The partnerships we created are stronger and we hope to welcome new entrants to the SFIAC family. Please contact the office if your business or non-profit would be interested in learning more about all our endeavors.

I'd like to thank Vice President Chuck Canepa and his wife, Denise, for their dedication to the kids' Christmas party and member Joe Forte for his pizza donation once again this year. Be sure to visit Pasquale's Pizza in the Inner Sunset for a delicious meal.

The holiday season is particularly taxing on our office and events staff with seven member events alone in December, in addition to dues renewal season. They work hard all year long, but particularly grueling starting in October. Make a New Year's resolution to practice kindness and patience with the office staff. Adding 122 new members in 2023 means there are that many more phone calls, emails, text messages, and special requests. We are doing our very best and ask that you do the same.

- Nick Figone, Executive Director

SFIAC Soccer

The SFIAC soccer team will begin the regular season in early March. We are extremely lucky to have, as co-captains, Alessandro Giannini and Marco Saglimbeni-as they are passionate about the SFIAC and the game of soccer. Our team plays in the San Francisco Soccer Football League (SFSFL) at the Premier level. The team plays at its highest level when it feels the energy from its fans and supporters. Please attend games as often as you can. The complete schedule can be found on the league website, SFSFL.com.

Thank you to our sponsors, Italfoods and De Cecco pasta. About the SFSFL. Recognized as the oldest soccer club in the United States, the SFSFL was established in 1902. Teams with Italian roots, concentrated in the North Beach area of the city, made a significant contribution to the development of soccer with their dazzling combination of style and skill that served to challenge for the first time the old British style of "push and run" soccer.

Nominations, Elections for Directors

**Please note the election process may be altered after the upcoming November bylaws meeting*

It's time to select our directors for 2024! Article VI, Section 1, B, of the Club Bylaws states: "Nominations for all offices, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Club Officers, shall be open to the general membership at a special meeting on the first and second Tuesday in January. Nominees must be present to accept or decline their nomination."

As many of the board seats will be vacant and some board members cannot run again, this year's election is extremely important.

Article VI, Section 2, B of the Club's Bylaws states: "Ballots must be cast at the Club premises between the hours of 1:30 PM and 9:00 PM." For additional Bylaws election information, visit www.sfiac.org.

Your participation in nominations and elections is crucial for the Club to function. This is the one Club function that all members should attend, if only to meet the candidates. Please mail in your ballot or plan to be at the Club to vote. Category (A) and (C) members will receive a ballot in the mail – please be sure the Club office has your current mailing address! You do not need to physically cast your ballot on-site on election day, but may still do so if you like. All ballots must be filled out and received by the SFIAC on or before January 23, 2024.

Strict Voting Procedures

A. No candidate, for any office, shall solicit votes in writing and any candidate so doing shall be disqualified and his name removed from the ballot. Any and all candidates for all offices may solicit for votes prior to election day. No candidate may solicit votes on the day of the election or within 100 feet of the premises. Any candidate found violating this article would automatically be disqualified from the election

B. Mailings are sent to members and handled in the following manner to insure security and privacy:

- 1) Each member is assigned a number.
- 2) Each mailing will contain the following:
 - a. Ballot
 - b. Return envelope
 - c. Ballot envelope (a smaller return envelope with stamped number assigned per instruction #1 above.)

- 3) Each member completes ballot.
- 4) Each member submits ballot in either of the two following ways:
 - a. Member drops off in person his sealed ballot envelope with ballot enclosed into election ballot box.
 - b. Member mails sealed ballot envelope - with marked ballot enclosed - inside of pre-addressed return envelope.
- 5) At the time ballot envelopes are received, either by mail or in person at the Club, the number assigned to the member is checked off.
- 6) All sealed ballot envelopes are inserted into the election ballot box.
- 7) All ballots must be submitted and inserted into the election ballot box by 9:00 PM on election day.

IMPORTANT: Member should not have his name on ballot or on the ballot envelope for anonymous voting.

2024 Election Calendar

- Jan. 2 – Nominations of officers and directors: 7 PM
- Jan. 9 – Nominations continue, nominees speak: 7 PM
- Jan. 11– Candidate written statements due
- Jan. 12 – Written candidate statements mailed
- Jan. 16 – General Membership meeting: 7 PM
- Jan. 23 – Election polls open: 1:30PM - 9 PM
- Jan. 23 – Mail-in ballot postmark deadline

CHRISTMAS AT THE CLUB

The Club was abuzz with activity the month of December. We hosted two Club Christmas parties, Christmas Cigar and Steak, Christmas lunch and the Kids' Christmas party. We would like to express deep gratitude to Denise and Chuck Canepa for organizing the kids' party and making sure that Santa gets over 100 children the perfect gift. Grazie mille to the Canepas.



Thank you to our members for volunteering to make the Club cheery and bright in 2023.





Thank you to Jon Cerri Wilkinson and Greg Lofrano for putting on our first Scopa tournament.

SFFD Toy Program: We would like to thank everyone for their generosity this holiday season. Our guests filled over a dozen barrels of toys for donation.

President Manuele La Torre and VP Chuck Canepa share with Lloyd Cuneo that he will be honored as "Old Timer of the Year" in March.



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Raymond Moldini
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Tony Salemme

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Feb 5, 12, 19, 26
March 4, 11, 18, 25

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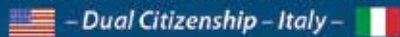


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Club and Bar Hours

	CLUB HOURS	BAR HOURS
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	1 p.m. to 11 p.m.	3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. to 10 p.m.	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Thursday	1 p.m. to 10 p.m.	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m. to 11 p.m.	3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday	1 p.m. to 11 p.m.	3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Member key cards will be activated to reflect the above hours. "Club hours" represent when the Club is open for members to work out, spend time watching TV, playing cards, work, etc. in the Members' Bar. "Bar Hours" represent when a bartender is on site to serve in the Members' Bar. Members may request special access to use the gym earlier than the posted Club hours.

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All events and dates are subject to change

January

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

February

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

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 MAR STAG 1	6	7 MAR STAG 2	8 DUELING PIANOS	9 CAR MUSEUM AND SHOW
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 MARCH MADNESS	29	30