

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hello everyone,

The summer is winding down and the Club is as vibrant as ever. Every event this year has been spectacular: from the first ever two-day Festa Italiana, Statuto Race, Joe Scafidi Bocce Tournament, Pizza festival, Frank Clima Memorial Golf Tournament, and the list goes on and on. This is a testament to our hard-working staff who handles all of our Club events along with so many private bookings throughout the months. Do me a favor, when you see them at the Club let them know how much we appreciate their dedication.

Join me, along with the board of directors, in celebrating Italian Heritage Month starting Sunday, October 1. There will be a street closure of Stockton Street as we light the Club and the church in the Tri Colore. Keep an eye out for the many events that will be going on throughout the month. I encourage everyone to get involved and support all the events-as we do everything we can to keep North Beach Italian.

Sempre Avanti,
Manuele La Torre, SFIAC President



Our Pizza, Bagel and Beer festival enthralled the next generation and celebrated women in pizza.

Ciao a tutti,

L'estate sta finendo e il Club è più vivace che mai. Ogni evento quest'anno è stato spettacolare: dalla prima Festa Italiana di due giorni, alla Statuto Race, al Joe Scafidi Bocce Tournament, al Pizza Festival, al Frank Clima Memorial Golf Tournament, e la lista potrebbe continuare all'infinito. Questa è una testimonianza del duro lavoro del nostro staff che gestisce tutti gli eventi del nostro Club insieme a così tante prenotazioni private nel corso dei mesi. Fammi un favore, quando li vedi al Club fagli sapere quanto apprezziamo la loro dedizione.

Unisciti a me, insieme al consiglio di amministrazione, nel celebrare il Mese del Patrimonio Italiano a partire da domenica 1 ottobre. Ci sarà una chiusura stradale di Stockton Street mentre illumineremo il Club e la chiesa del Tri Colore. Tieni gli occhi aperti per i numerosi eventi che si svolgeranno durante tutto il mese. Incoraggio tutti a partecipare e a sostenere tutti gli eventi, poiché facciamo tutto il possibile per mantenere North Beach italiana.

Sempre avanti,
Manuele La Torre, SFIAC President



The Frank Clima Memorial Golf Tournament was another 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.

TWO NOV. STAGS – TUESDAY, NOV. 7 AND THURSDAY, NOV. 9

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

Menu: salad, antipasto, pasta with tomato cream, lamb shank, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, November 3.

DECEMBER STAG – TUESDAY, DEC. 5

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

Menu: salad, antipasto, beef ravioli with meat sauce, veal Milanese, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, December 2.

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. 7

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

Menu: salad, antipasto, tomato basil pasta, marinated cold crab, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$70 for members and \$80 for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, February 3.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, 10/1 - Italian Heritage Party hosted by the Heritage Parade

Tuesday, 10/3 - October Stag

Sunday, 10/8 - Italian Heritage Parade-Day Events

Tuesday, 10/17 - General Meeting

Friday, 10/20 - Corn Hole Tourn. with the Olympic Club

Tuesday, 11/7 - November Stag #1

Thursday, 11/9 - November Stag #2

Saturday, 11/18 - Tenors and Tannins

Tuesday, 11/21 - General Bylaws Meeting

Thursday, 11/23 - Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, 11/24 - Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, 12/2 - Pasquale Esposito Christmas Concert

Tuesday, 12/5 - December Stag

Saturday, 12/9 - Kids' Christmas Party

Saturday, 12/9 - Adult Christmas Party #1

Thursday, 12/14 - Christmas Cigar and Steak

Saturday, 12/16 - Adult Christmas Party #2

Tuesday, 12/19 - General Meeting

Thursday, 12/21 Club Christmas Lunch

Monday, 12/25 - Closed for Christmas

Tuesday, 12/26 - Closed for Christmas Holiday

Monday, 1/1 - Closed for New Years Eve

Thursday, 1/4 - January Stag

Thursday 1/18 - Crab Dinner (open to everyone)

Tuesday, 2/6 - February Stag

Tuesday, 3/5 - March Stag

Friday, 3/8 - Dueling Pianos

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

BY POPULAR DEMAND
TWO NOVEMBER STAGS
Lamb Shank
Tuesday, November 7
Thursday, November 9

Menu: salad, pasta with tomato cream, lamb shank, wine, coffee and dessert.
Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM
\$50 for members and \$60 for guests.
Purchase tickets by Friday, Nov 3.
www.SFIAC.org



**SEEKING
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP DECORATE THE
CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE
ON NOVEMBER 28 AT 5:30 P.M.
CONTACT CHUCK CANEPA AT 510.418-3286.**



Christmas Dinner Dances
December 9
December 16
6 p.m. Cocktails / 7 p.m. Dinner

Menu: winter salad, ravioli with meat sauce,
beef tenderloin with a jus or seafood risotto,
vegetables, wine, coffee and dessert.

\$75 members / \$85 guests

December 9
Alpha Rhythm Kings
December 16
Nino Lane Band

Purchase tickets
www.SFIAC.org or
415.781.0166



Club Christmas Lunch
Thursday, December 21
11:30 a.m. No-host Cocktails / 12:20 p.m. Lunch

Menu: Winter salad, beef ravioli, stuffed chicken
breast with porcini pan sauce, vegetables,
dessert, wine, coffee and tea.
\$10 per person
Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org / 415.781.0166



**Buon Natale
Kids' Christmas Party**
Saturday, December 9 at 11 a.m.

SFIAC members celebrate Christmas with your
family at the Kids' Christmas Party.
Enjoy food, entertainment and Christmas cheer.
Each child eight years old and under will receive
a gift. Event is complementary, but please bring
an unwrapped toy, books, batteries or athletic
gear for the SFFD Toy Program.
RSVP's open November 1.
Register online or administration@sfiac.org

**Christmas Cheer!
Steak, Cigars and Football**
Thursday, December 14
6 pm Cocktails and TNF / 7 pm Dinner

Join us for a night of cigars, Tezcazul tequila
tasting, pasta, Certified Piedmontese steak,
sides and dessert by Gio Gelati.
Antonio will be at the Club rolling cigars.
TNF on the big screen.
The event will be held in the ballroom.
MEMBERS AND THEIR MALE GUESTS
\$95 dinner and 1 cigar
\$85 without cigar
Purchase online by Friday 12/8
SFIAC.org



• SFIAC PRESENTS •

CASH PRIZES!

Inaugural
SCOPA
TOURNAMENT 2023

\$60 per duo (2 players) 4pm / October 21 (Poker Room at the Club) Cash Bar!

Napoleone Park ONLY

NAPOLETANE PLASTICATE MODLANO

SCAN for tutorial

RSVP to Jon at: ScopaSFIAC@gmail.com

Holiday Wine at Club Prices

			
Duckhorn Portfolio	Frank Family	Flowers	Neyers
Club Price	Club Price	Club Price	Club Price
Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon - \$66 <small>(Retail Price \$82)</small>	Cabernet Sauvignon - \$48 <small>(Retail Price \$62)</small>	Chardonnay - \$32 <small>(Retail Price \$42)</small>	Cabernet Sauvignon - \$54 <small>(Retail Price \$68)</small>
Duckhorn Merlot - \$44 <small>(Retail Price \$52)</small>	Pinot Noir - \$35 <small>(Retail Price \$45)</small>	Pinot Noir - \$40 <small>(Retail Price \$50)</small>	Chardonnay - \$24 <small>(Retail Price \$30)</small>
Golden Eye Pinot Noir - \$44 <small>(Retail Price \$52)</small>	Zinfandel - \$34 <small>(Retail Price \$42)</small>		Prisoner
Paradux Proprietary Red - \$40 <small>(Retail Price \$50)</small>			Club Price Red Blend - \$40 <small>(Retail Price \$50)</small>

*NO ADDITIONAL TAX! SALE OPEN TO MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS
Place order at 415-781-0166 or administration@sfiac.org

155TH ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY PARADE SFIAC ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY LUNCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

We have a full day of activities planned at the Club.


The ballroom bar is open to the public beginning at 10 A.M. Our members' bar is open to members and six guests throughout the day. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. Our parade lunch outside and in the ballroom has sold out. There are still a couple of seats available for our Parkview VIP experience. Details are in the last newsletter. Contact Gina@sfiacfoundation.org to reserve your place.

Following the Blue Angels, stay for the 49ers v Cowboys in the Members' Bar. We're having a watch party. Grab a cocktail from the bar, our rivalry is on!



**Come for the Parade and Blue Angels
Stay for Niners
Sunday, October 8 at 5pm**

**We'll Keep the Celebration Going
Niners v Cowboys in the Members' Bar**

Get some practice in before the Club's Cornhole Tournament

**Members' Bar
Cornhole Night
in the Basketball Court
Saturday, October 14 at 7pm**

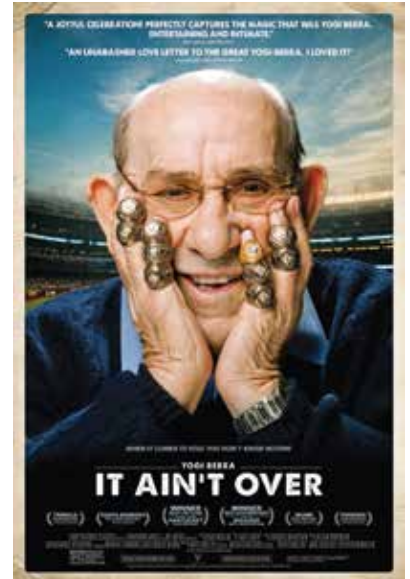
Join us for some friendly competition and good fun. Get a team together and join the fun. Cornhole is complimentary.
Contact Steve Giovannini with questions
steve.giovannini@sfiac.org

The Olympic Club Foundation and the Italian Athletic Club Foundation Present



Friday, October 20, 2023 noon to 4 p.m.
Italian Athletic Club -1630 Stockton Street
Cheer on the Teams and
Join Us for Lunch
Buffet Lunch \$35 per person
Ticket Sales:
olympicclubfoundation.org/events

All proceeds will support the Italian Athletic Club Foundation and Olympic Club Foundation. Our teams have sold out; but, we do have a wait list. For more info, contact Gina Travaglio gina@sfiacfoundation.org 415.781.0167



Let's wish Club President Manuele La Torre a happy 20th anniversary as a member of the SFIAC. He joined in November 2003 after coming to the Club with his father throughout his childhood. Manuele and Fortuna to enjoy Cigar and Prime Rib night at the Club. Saluti!

In September, we had the honor of Director Sean Mullin and Executive Producer Lindsay Berra present their film It Ain't Over, the story of Lindsay's grandfather, Yogi Berra. A great Italian American, family man and baseball legend. The film was funny, heartfelt, inspiring and a great love story. We literally laughed and cried. Make sure to watch with your family on Amazon Prime and Apple TV.



An Italian takeover! Our community of 180 came together for the SF Giants Italian heritage night. Thank you to the Italian Heritage Parade group for joining us and Paul Tonelli for assisting with the pre-party at Momo's.

SPORTS

The 2023 Frank Clima Memorial Golf Tournament made for a perfect September day. We welcomed 96 golfers and more for lunch at Crystal Springs. After a tie, the Isetta foursome of Bill Isetta, Dominic Pomilia, Mike Firenzi and Larry Gondola captured first place and the foursome of Zachary Avila, Francis DeMartini, Giuliano DeMartini and Alex Lohec came in a close second.

We would like to thank Nina Clima for keeping the tradition alive and providing enthusiasm and support year after year, Capo Isetta for sponsoring the golf balls, Jim Ervin's San Francisco Cigar for sponsoring the towels and bag tags, and David Esposito (with DeCecco) for sponsoring the pasta.



While there are too many sponsors to individually thank, I would like to thank the following: Bill Isetta and the SFIAC Foundation, Brandon Vaccaro for doing the photography and keeping people hydrated, Santino DeRose with Maven Commercial for again bringing out two foursomes, The Golf Mart, Tony's Pizza and a big shout out to Joe Laurretta at Laurretta Printing for comping the sponsor signs. Again, a big thank you to all the sponsors and players who made this event a success.

Best, Chris DiGiacomo

chris.digiacom@sfia.org

2023 FRANK CLIMA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS:

NINA CLIMA

JIM ERVIN--S.F. CIGAR CO.

BILL ISETTA--CAPO ISETTA WINERY

JIM ANDERSON

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JOHN RING--THE OLYMPIC CLUB FOUNDATION

JOHN ANTONINI--S.F. COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

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RANDY DEMARTINI--SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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LOU PINOTTI-- PINOTTI & ASSOC.

NICK FIGONE

JOE SCAFIDI BOCCE TOURNAMENT

We would like to give a huge grazie mille to Nick Errico and his team for putting on another fantastic bocce tournament. We had an all time high of 100 players for a day of bocce, lunch, and Italian family fun in the sun. Congratulazioni to the winning team of Holy Cannoli (Rory Bertiglia, Michael Bertiglia, Jack Pizza and Dave Mignoli).

We'd like to thank Nick Errico, Jay Everidge, Steven Collazo, Rory Bertiglia, Jim Anderson, John Churillo, Brandon Vaccaro and Mike Olcese for making the day a great success. Grazie mille!



Grateful for our crew of volunteers.

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Antonini SF Commercial Real Estate
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Ciao a tutti i tifosi di calcio,

Let's celebrate the SFIAC soccer team for another winning 2023 SFSFL season.

Despite some mid-season struggles, the offense carried the team to a playoff spot in the second half of the season. Ultimately, the team finished in third place with a record of 9W-3L-6D after a defeat in the semi-finals to rival Olympic Club.

Off the field, the team has looked to give back to the Club for all of the support they've given us. Some highlights include being recognized at halftime at the San Jose Earthquakes game on Italian Heritage Night, volunteering at the Festa Italiana, and hosting a Poker Night Fundraiser.

As always, we'd like to thank the Club for its support, our jersey sponsor (ItalFoods/Richard Armanino), and the sporting directors (Jim Anderson and Steve Caporelli) for prioritizing and supporting the soccer team. We always strive to represent the Club with pride on the field.

Please follow us on social media (X and Instagram: @sfiac_calcio).
FORZA SFIAC!! Marco Saglimbeni & Alessandro Giannini

The Coach is In

Club member and fitness coach Greg Bianchi has offered his services to Club members.

Bring in your questions, gear or health-related questions. Coach Bianchi is here to assist you.

Club Gym/Weight Room on the 1st floor
 Second Wednesday of the month
 Noon to 1pm
 Free to all members.

Coach B will tailor your workout to any and all fitness levels.





Pizza, Bagel and Beer Festival

A resounding success for the North Beach community

On November 11, 2021, it started with a idea when the SFIAC Foundation hosted a presentation of how to kick start efforts to promote and market North Beach. Many ideas were presented by our friends at Big City, Little Italy; but, the idea to feature the star of our neighborhood Tony Gemignani, 13-time World Pizza Champion for a marque event sounded like a winner. 1 year, 9 months and 8 days later the idea for San Francisco's first Pizza Festival became a reality. With Tony's expertise, the event developed into the Pizza, Bagel and Beer festival highlighting the craftsmanship of twenty-six pizzarias, six bagel shops and twenty breweries. Vendors came from as far as Hawaii and Arizona for the SOLD OUT event. The attendees never went hungry with hearty portions of pizza and bagels offered throughout the day. Mayor London Breed, Sen. Scott Weiner and Supervisors Aaron Peskin all stopped by and praised the amazing turnout and influx of people to our local businesses. Attendees ate, drank, danced

and probably napped after what turned out to be a great day!

The event was a true partnership between Tony Gemignani and the SFIAC Foundation. The event was spearheaded by Tony and Nick Figone with a team of staff and volunteers. Tony and Nick spent countless hours to make this event happen without a hitch. We would especially like to thank Club volunteers Jeff and Gray DelBono for navigating what seemed to be (or maybe really was) dozens of SFFD permits for the event and Keely Batmale and Matt LaPortta for wrangling the dozens of volunteers. In the end, \$90,000 was raised through tickets sales for grants to community organizations, Salesian Boys and Girls Club, North Beach Business Association, Slice Out Hunger, Sts. Peter and Paul School and the SFIAC Foundation.



Stay tuned for details for 2024!





Thank you Franco and Gabriella Cirelli's Primeros Pasos for supporting the Foundation.



Wonderful to have Tony's alum Chef Laura back in North Beach



Thank you to Jeremy Fish for all he does for the community

The love of pizza brought these ladies all the way from Southern California



Our volunteers save the day (and our backs). Thanks to the many members that stayed after the General Meeting and helped assemble the 150 gift bags supplied by ItalFoods.



The next generation may be running the show sooner than expected.



Thank you to the team from Columbus Craft Meats for supporting the event and coming back to where it all started.

The SFIAC Foundation is pleased to announce The 2024 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.

History of the Program

Founded in 2000, by the generous financial support of Ambassador Peter F. Secchia, the Voyage of Discovery aims to strengthen the Italian American identity, the Italian American community and its connection with Italy including its culture and people

About the Program: The Voyage of Discovery is an educational trip that travels to NIAF’s Region of Honor, which changes every year. Explore iconic Italian cities and towns, tour ancient sites, and enjoy mouthwatering cuisine. Get up-close and personal with local culture and make memories that will last a lifetime. Each trip also includes a day of community service. While the 2024 Region of Honor has yet to be determined, the trip will kick off in Rome for the first four days of trip. Past locations include Emilia-Romagna, Abruzzo, Puglia, Campania, Sicily, Calabria, Liguria, Umbria and Tuscany.



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: Session 1 early-June 2024 and Session 2 mid-June 2024

Application Launch: November 1, 2023

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.

My association with the SFIAC Foundation afforded my brother Marcello and I the opportunity to take a trip of a lifetime with the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF). We experienced an itinerary full of adventure, gorgeous sightseeing and delicious cuisine. Our fourteen day trip started off in the heart of Rome where we spent a total of five days. We then traveled to Bologna in the region of Emilia-Romagna where we spent the rest of our time. We were gifted with the best tour guide who guided us through the Trevi fountain, the Colosseum, the Vatican and so much more! It was truly a memorable trip because not only did we get to see the homeland of our ancestors, but we got to learn, cherish and value our Italian heritage even more than we did before. The members that we went with started off as strangers, but are now considered our cuginas/cuginos. This was our first time traveling to Italy, and it certainly will not be our last! Thank you SFIAC Foundation and NIAF for making our Italian dreams come true!!!

-Filomina Prudente Reilly,
2023 Voyage of Discovery trip recipient





ELEVATING THE COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND HISTORY OF NORTH BEACH

Aiutaci ad onorare il nostro patrimonio italiano. Contribuisci all'eredità culturale.

Dear Club members, patrons and our North Beach community,

Thanks to you, 2023 has been our biggest year yet! The Club and its Foundation achieved our goals made in our 2022 inaugural Appeal, and then some. We successfully combined Festa Italiana and the Statuto Race into a two-day event, co-hosted the inaugural San Francisco Pizza, Bagel and Beer Festival with 13-time World Pizza Champion Tony Gemignani, and introduced five additional events in a span of twelve months. With your support, we can build on our recent success and further our vision to ensure a vibrant North Beach (Little Italy) for generations to come.

Last year's Appeal raised \$225,000 thanks to your donations (and a generous matching grant). With these donations, we have focused on our strategic goal to elevate North Beach to new heights. Our community events bring customers and support to local businesses and organizations.



WE DELIVERED ON LAST YEAR'S PROMISES

- Combined our Festa Italiana and 102nd Annual Statuto Race into San Francisco's only Italian street festival, a two-day celebration of all things Italian with music, food and dance. The television coverage generated a viewership of 639,430 people at a market value of \$146,636.
- Partnered with Tony Gemignani for the inaugural Pizza, Bagel & Beer Festival, a sold-out event. The festival brought positive national attention to North Beach and was widely praised for bringing new visitors to the neighborhood. Through ticket sales, \$90,000 was raised for several North Beach organizations.
- Sent two members of the SFIAC family experienced an Italian trip of a lifetime. NIAF's (National Italian American Foundation) "Voyage of Discovery" program affords students who have never been to Italy a two-week, all-expenses paid "backstage pass" to the sights of Rome and the region of honor, Emilia-Romagna.
- Hosted the 7th annual High School Sports Awards banquet, honoring 75 athletes and their families, as well as granting \$10,500 towards San Francisco community organizations.
- Protected our facility with a new roof partially financed by the Foundation's endowment.

AND WE ARE STILL GOING STRONG: UPCOMING EVENTS

- Corn Hole Tournament co-hosted with the Olympic Club Foundation ... OCTOBER 20
- Inaugural gala, Tenors + Tannins, featuring the New York Tenors ... NOVEMBER 18
- Concerto di Natale featuring Pasquale Esposito. An evening showcasing Christmas in North Beach with an emphasis on supporting our local restaurants and shops ... DECEMBER 2

Your support will ensure that North Beach continues as the heart of the Italian community for generations to come.

OUR FOUNDATION HAS FOSTERED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- In person, Italian language classes educate Club members and the community. Following several sold-out classes, we look forward to adding a third session this fall.
- Foundation attendance at NIAF's Italian American Future Leaders Conference in Florida facilitated connections to Italian — American organizations throughout the US. Workshops on the current state of the Italian — American experience and how best to keep the next generations engaged were enlightening and informative.
- Partnered with local high school and college Italian Language programs to foster youth involvement with the Foundation and community and offer future internship opportunities.
- Italian Heritage Month lighting of Sts. Peter and Paul with the tricolore and continued effort to feature the Italian flag within North Beach to highlight its designation as Little Italy, a destination not to be missed.
- Supported the relocation and renovation of Libre Pino, the only Italian bookstore on the West Coast.

ON THE HORIZON

- Painted crosswalk with Italian flag colors at Union and Stockton streets corner in the heart of North Beach
- Large scale sign at Piazza Pellegrini reading “Benvenuti a North Beach” welcoming the public to Little Italy
- Launching sophisticated mobile app and new website for Foundation patrons.

Grazie mille,

Bill Isetta and the entire Foundation Board

Bill Isetta, **PRESIDENT**

Randy Bessolo, **VICE PRESIDENT**

Tom Piro, **TREASURER**

Nick Figone, **SECRETARY**

Gina Travaglio **ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR**

Molly Leveroni

Juliana Pisani

Franco Cirelli

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Joey Elefante



Yes, I want to help preserve and support our Italian cultural heritage in SF!

- \$10,000+ — Recognition on a sponsor banner at events, on the website, in the newsletter, and on all printed material for our Annual Appeal, *plus* four tickets to our 2024 Italian Heritage Parade VIP experience
- \$5,000 — Recognition on a sponsor banner at events, on the website, in the newsletter, and on all printed material for our Annual Appeal, *plus* two tickets to our 2024 Italian Heritage Parade VIP experience
- \$1,000 — Recognition on the website, in the newsletter, and on all printed material for our Annual Appeal
- Other \$ _____ — Recognition in the newsletter regarding the Annual Appeal
- I would like to make a monthly, recurring donation of \$ _____

HOW TO PAY

Online: sfiafoundation.com

By check (payable to The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club Foundation), mailed to:
1630 Stockton Street, SF, CA 94133
c/o Inaugural Annual Appeal

Transactions should be made by December 31, 2023

For more information, email admin@sfiafoundation.org,
or call **415 781 0165**

The SFIAC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID# 23-7088977.
Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



tenors+tannins

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2023
5:30PM-10:00PM**

at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club
1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco

Wine Tasting • Elegant Meal • Silent Auction
Special Guests **JOE PISCAPO (MC)** and
THE NEW YORK TENORS

For more info and to purchase tickets, visit
SFIACFOUNDATION.COM

INAUGURAL GALA



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 Seoula

Eight-Week Session Begins October 17

- Beginner 1
- Beginner 4
- Elementary 3



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




PRESENTS

PASQUALE ESPOSITO'S Concerto di Natale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
NATIONAL SHRINE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
610 VALLEJO ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CA

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 PM CONCERT: 7:30 PM

FOR TICKETS CALL 408-528-6308
OR VISIT WWW.PASQUALEESPOSITO.COM



NATIONAL SHRINE
OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
AND THE SAN FRANCISCO ITALIAN ATHLETIC CLUB FOUNDATION

NIAF Puts the SFIAC in the Spotlight

We are honored to be featured in the National Italian American Foundation's (NIAF) current Fall issue of the Ambassador. The magazine interviewed Gina Travaglio, Foundation Director of Advancement and Club Membership Manager about "Finding Italy in San Francisco" (Page 11). The "Voyage of Discovery" trip that included Filomina and Marcello Prudente Reilly of the SFIAC is also chronicled (Page 6). NIAF is an excellent advocate for the Italian community of the United States. They offer countless programs and opportunities; including, scholarships, travel, lectures, discounts and activities. Please consider becoming a member.

Read the articles at <https://www.niaf.org/ambassador-magazine/>

Finding Italy in San Francisco



The Golden Gate Bridge and cable cars are just some of the iconic sites in San Francisco. It's a city with many neighborhoods, including a vibrant Little Italy. By 1900, the most significant number of Italian immigrants in the United States lived in California, and by 1930 there were more Italian immigrants on the Pacific Coast than in New England. Gina Travaglio, director of Advancement and Membership Manager of the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club, shares with Ambassador where to find Italy in San Francisco.

The California Gold Rush began with the discovery of gold nuggets in 1848 and sparked the most remarkable westward expansion, which included Italians. Share with us the history of Italian migration to San Francisco.

The wealth created during the Gold Rush ignited a demand for stone and marble cutters from Northern Italy to work on the mansions of the newly rich. The Mediterranean climate brought farmers and Sicilian fishermen. Several notable Italian businesses started during this time, including Chiaroletti Chocolate, Del Monte, and Sebastiani Winery. Community leader Nicola Lanzo established San Francisco's first Columbus Day Parade to celebrate Italian pride on October 19, 1909. San Francisco continues to see an influx of Italian immigrants seeking tech "gold."

Who is the most historically influential Italian American in San Francisco's history?

I would say A.P. Giannini because there is talk of building a monument or naming a major street after him, but nothing concrete at this time. A.P. Giannini, son of Italian immigrants, founded the Bank of Italy (later known as Bank of America).

For more than 100 years, the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club has been the heartbeat of the Italian community in San Francisco. What does the club offer?

Throughout the year, our Foundation offers several public events. Our marquee event is the Festa Italiana and Stantio Footrace, held the first weekend in June to commemorate La Festa della Repubblica. It is a weekend full of live music, *torrada* lessons, a performance by the Risso Dancers, and an Italian mariouette show for the kids. The highlight is Tony Gemignani's pizza acrobatics. People love it! This year, we had an accordion feature within the festival celebrating the official instrument of San Francisco, which originated in North Beach. We feature members' products, including Capo Ietta Wines, Highway 12 Winery, Gio Gelati, and Tony Gemignani's Toscano Bakery. We received amazing local media coverage this year, and thousands of people enjoyed the weekend. We sold 1,800 Apertif spritzes! We undertook a massive remodel at the Club while we were closed for the pandemic. The complete refresh of our ballroom has brought in a new stream of customers, especially weddings. Most of our new members are under 30 years old and now that they've been members for a couple of years, they are getting their clubs and brothers to join as well. We are very fortunate to be in the heart of North Beach. You can say North Beach turned lemons into limoncello. **A**

Lighting up North Beach to celebrate Italian Heritage Month every October.

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Tony Gemignani's tossing pizza at SFIAC Foundation's Festa Italiana

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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 2023! 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. All 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 24, 2023.

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

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

This year, your Club has executed more events than ever before, not only in quantity, but in magnitude and scale. The programming is reaching newer and larger audiences, which has grown the SFIAC brand to the strongest it has even been. It's no surprise that membership is growing, events are selling out, and sponsorships are on the rise as individuals and businesses want to be associated with the SFIAC. Tax-deductible donations continue to build momentum as more and more members and community stakeholders are impressed with the positive contributions your Club and its foundation are making to our Little Italy.

The quality and success of the events is attributed, in part, to the recently renovated facility and the strategy best summarized by "If you build it, they will come" popularized in Field of Dreams. And come they have. We are on track to welcome 100 new members in 2023. New members frequently wonder how the membership dues are so low given the quality of the facility, central location, free dinners, inexpensive drinks, and level of service from staff on the phone, email, and text. Two months ago, a new roof was installed to protect the facility for current and subsequent generations. Membership dues have not kept pace with the costs associated with maintaining the facility, wages or inflation. To meet the need, we will be increasing the prices of our additional revenue streams including private banquet costs and rents. Member dues will also need to reflect our current reality.

The inaugural Pizza, Bagel, and Beer Festival was a resounding success! It featured 21 pizzerias, 18 breweries, 6 bagel shops, live entertainment, and yes, even Mayor London Breed enjoying a slice of pepperoni. Joining forces with Tony Gemignani and his Tony's Pizza Napoletana team was a first for all of us, and we couldn't be more appreciative of the collaborative, positive, and generous approach Tony brings.

The Yogi Berra documentary screening filled the ballroom with 160 spectators who laughed and cried during the film which chronicled this Italian-American icon and the legacy he left on America's pastime. Lindsay Berra, producer and granddaughter, flew in from New Jersey and was joined by director Sean Mullin for a lively Q&A session. This unforgettable night was a perfect fit blending athletics and Italian-American culture; thank you Joey Rappa and Randy DeMartini for bringing this to our venue.

In an effort to accommodate increased SFIAC demand for the Italian Heritage parade, we will now include a bleacher viewing section on Filbert Street. These bleachers will be reserved for lunch ticket holders inside the ballroom. A free 49ers'/Cowboys' viewing party will follow the parade with a 5 p.m. kickoff.

The Tenors & Tannins' gala dinner, featuring the NY Tenors with Daniel Rodriguez, will be emceed by Joe Piscopo on November 18. The wine and vocals will be flowing that evening in equal parts! Consider purchasing a ticket to this incredible evening as well as the Concerto di Natale on December 2 featuring Pasquale Esposito. Two incredible concerts with varied offerings for varied budgets.

- Nick Figone, COO

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We are having another record year and we're on pace to induct over 100 members in 2023! Our Membership team led by Michael Storer, Gabriel Maggiotto and Steve Giovannini is killing it! It takes a great team to make this work. Thanks to everyone for assisting with the tours, intake and member induction. If you have a friend or family member looking to join us, have them send an inquiry from the Membership QR code.



Lifetime member Chris Petrini is proud to have his sons Alibrando and Francesco join him as members of the Club.



Alibrando Petrini



Antonio Mankini



Charlie Phipps



Charles Dal Pozzo



Daniel Oakley



Dante DeMartini



David Mattson



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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.

The November General Membership meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, has been designated as SFIAC's annual Bylaws' meeting. During this meeting, changes to the Bylaws will be discussed and voted on. It is critical to the continued existence of the club that this extremely important meeting be conducted with the required quorum of 50 members in attendance. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It's our most important membership meeting of the year.

Submissions for Bylaws changes must be received by the bylaws chair by Monday, October 23, 2023. Bylaws proposals must be submitted in writing by this date. Any proposals received after this date will not be accepted for this year's consideration.

In effect, all Bylaws must be presented in the order described on the Bylaws' Revision Form. Updated Club bylaws and additional change forms are available for viewing and are downloadable on the SFIAC website: www.sfiac.org. Copies can also be picked up at the Club bar and/or office.

Submit your change proposals - typed, or printed in En-

glish and typo-free to Marc Libarle, Bylaws chair, at administration@sfiac.org. Please include SFIAC Bylaw in your e-mail subject line. You may also drop off change proposals in person at the Club

The following is the procedure that must be followed for each bylaw submission:

Name of member citing the bylaw.

Original bylaw must be cited by the Article and Section; it must then be typed or printed as stated in the bylaws.

Change must be typed or printed in English. Reason for change must be given.

Members will be given a copy of all changes submitted during the meeting.

Change(s) will be presented by originator before the membership at the bylaws' meeting. Members will vote yes or no or abstain for each change submitted.

Order of presentation will be based on first received.

Marc Libarle, Bylaws' Chairman

Our new membership customer relationship management (CRM) platform, private member web portal and mobile application is ready to launch in early October.



SFIAC members will be granted access to the brand new private membership web portal which will serve as a centralized online space for all things related to member information and SFIAC resources. In addition, members will be able to download a free mobile application which will be available on both the Apple App and Google Play store!

To help make all of this possible, we have partnered with Northstar, a software company that specializes in club management. Their technology comes highly recommended by local clubs in the community, including the Olympic Club.

Members will now be able to benefit from some of the following online services:

Members will receive a “welcome email” which will assign you a member number and provide instructions to access the system. We will make future announcements in news blasts and online. We also plan to host an introductory training session at a future General Meeting.

- Event Tickets and Calendar
- Member Profile
- Membership Directory
- View and Pay Dues and Fees
- Web Merchandise Store
- Direct Message and Create Groups with Other Members and much more!

We can't wait for you to experience our new membership platform and stay tuned for more details to come!

SFIAC Administration

2024 Membership Dues

Membership dues will be processed through our new online and mobile platform Northstar. Members will receive an electronic billing statement the last week of November for payment the month of December. We will continue to mail the majority of Lifetime members a billing statement.

We are working to ensure a smooth process for 2024. The Board of Directors has not set 2024 dues at this time. We will provide additional updates in the weekly news blasts.

Regards,
SFIAC Membership Team

Libreria Pino owner Joseph Carboni and Foundation Executive Director Nick Figone are pointing to the SFIAC Foundation wings adorning the new mosaic hanging in the West Coast's only Italian language bookstore. The mosaic recognizes donors that supported the huge expansion into a new location on Grant Avenue in the heart of North Beach. The SFIAC Foundation was delighted to financially support such a unique Italian business in our backyard. Our Little Italy is proud to have Libreria Pino so please support them at the corner of Grant and Union.





Thank you to Nick Errico for planning another SOLD OUT Cigar Dinner.



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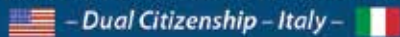


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Friday	1 p.m. to 11 p.m.	3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
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Sunday	Closed	Closed

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All events and dates are subject to change

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HERITAGE PARTY	2	3 OCT. STAG	4	5	6	7
8 HERITAGE PARADE	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 GEN MEETING	18	19	20 CORN HOLE	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 NOV STAG #1	8	9 NOV STAG #2	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 TENORS AND TANNINS
19	20	21 BYLAWS MEET.	22	23 CLOSED FOR	24 THANKSGIVING	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 PASQUALE ESPOSITO CONCERT
3	4	5 DEC STAG	6	7	8	9 KID'S, ADULT XMAS PARTY
10	11	12	13	14 CIGAR & STEAK	15	16 ADULT PARTY 2
17	18	19 GEN MEETING	20	21 XMAS LUNCH	22	23
24/31	25 CLOSED FOR	26 CHRISTMAS	27	28	29	30