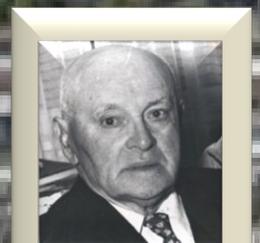
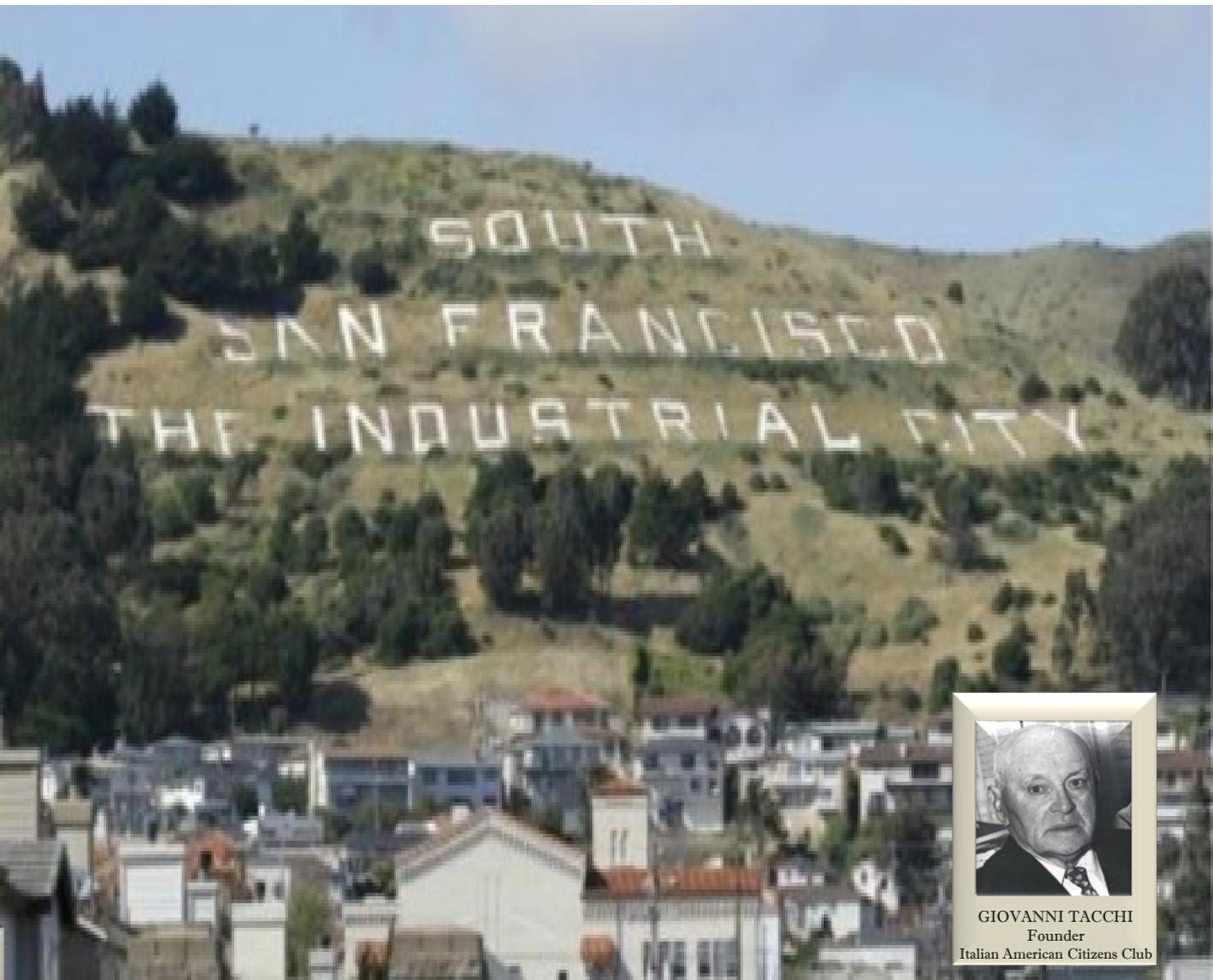


1916-2016



ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

CENTENNIAL BOOK



GIOVANNI TACCHI
Founder
Italian American Citizens Club

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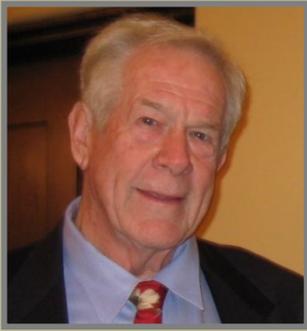


Top: Bob Strupeni, Efen Aldaz, Janae Morales
Dan Marcucci, Barbara Baxter, Chris Babcock
Jamaica Nally, Joan Daly, Mario Conti
Bottom: Chairperson Roseann Smith, Fran Murphy

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Top: Alvaro Bettucchi, Diane Green, Bill Green
Janae Morales, Karen Hornung, Mario Conti
Bottom: Rudy Bertolozzi, Chairperson Barbara Baxter, Cathy Welch
Inset: Mary Fanti



This year, we have been fortunate to have witnessed and celebrated events that were veiled in the past and in the present. The South San Francisco Italian American Citizens Club, founded on the 7th of December, 1916, has celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. I am fortunate, and humble, to have during this important historical time, been chosen as its current President. It is my duty to carry on the spirit and the memories of the past, and I'm sure you will agree, this Centennial booklet meets that specific goal. Our organization should never seem to grow old. It should always be active in thought, always

ready to adopt new ideas, always seek to enjoy the best of what is and finding the best of what will be. We should always remember that the present state of things are because of the past. The present should not be enough to satisfy us. As President, I must also be looking to the future. The golden age of our organization, was and is, not only in the past or the present, but it must also continue to be in the future. I am extending my sincere thank you and appreciation to all, that together have helped me through this important year.

As they say in Italian, "Insieme, Sempre Avanti!"

*Bill Green, President
Italian American Citizens Club*



The IACC Centennial Committee has worked very hard this year to make our 100th Anniversary a special one. We began with our Membership Dinner in August at the Basque Cultural Center with an historical exhibit. In September, we invited the South San Francisco City Workers to join us in a friendly game of Bocce and a BBQ, to thank them for their support of our Bocce courts. In October, members enjoyed an afternoon of wine, appetizers, entertainment and fun at our Festa Italiana. Also in October, we rededicated the statue of George Washington that was given to the city by the Italian American Citizens Club in 1937. Finally, we ended our 100th year on December 4th with a semi-formal Centennial Dinner Dance at the Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae, which included an evening of historical information and proclamations.



While working on the committee and doing research for this booklet, we have come to appreciate and are proud of what our founders accomplished in establishing the Italian American Citizens Club. We are especially proud of the values and traditions they exhibited. On behalf of the Centennial Committee, we hope that you will find this booklet to be informative, as a tribute to those who have worked and sacrificed to make this an historical club.

Barbara Baxter, Chairperson
Centennial Committee



SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Vice Mayor Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember Liza Normandy, Mayor Mark Addiego, Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto and Councilmember Rich Garbarino



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL 2016
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MIKE FUTRELL, CITY MANAGER

Dear Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco:

On behalf of the City Council and City Staff of South San Francisco, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your 100th Anniversary as an invaluable partner to our community. Your perseverance and hard-working ethics have laid the foundation for a growing, diverse economy and continue to live on in future generations. Your commitment to sharing the Italian history with our South San Francisco community has only made us a richer, more diverse community.

I commend all the leaders, volunteers, and community supporters for not only your past achievements, but what is to come, and I look forward to many more celebrations.

We are honored to share this momentous occasion with you and we thank you for truly enriching our community!

Sincerely,

Mark Addiego, Mayor
City of South San Francisco



100 YEARS OF HISTORY

by Alvaro Bettucchi



During the latter part of the 1880s and through the early 1930s, immigration from Italy had begun to establish itself in the major American cities. Feelings of resentment began to surface towards Italians, so when the United States government established tight quotas just on Italian immigration, Italian organizations began to form and become involved in supporting their communities. Negativity was also beginning to occur in the Bay Area. Local Italians would not be hired “full time and were hired to work at lower wages without benefits. South San Francisco, known for its industries, hired Italians because they were known for their “hard working” ethics. Realizing the importance of knowing the English language and the importance of voting, classes were formed in their homes.

As an incentive for those who became citizens, on the 7th of December, 1916, they formed the Italian American Citizens Club, an organization that would seek to portray the positive image of Italians in our area. It also became a strong political club that dealt with the everyday problems confronting the community. Instead of confronting prejudice and racial slurs with protests and marches, they decided to endorse candidates that were supportive of Italian communities. Candidates for school board, city council, sheriff, judges, and county officials, would appear before the membership asking for their support. Social events were open to the community at large. They included dinners, picnics. Sponsoring of soccer teams, parades on Columbus Day and the 4th of July. Other Italian

organizations and clubs of other ethnic groups were invited to participate, showing the acceptance and the unity between the various groups in our city.

The monthly meetings, established in 1916, were initially held in the Italian language until April 1st, 1926, when English was installed. On January 6, 1927, the members voted to open their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Emigrating from a county ruled by a King, and the beginning of the rise of fascism, two important bylaws were installed; the first; “no one person would rule and the membership would vote on all items”. The President would conduct the meetings; members of the board would chair the committees, and the membership voted for approval or disapproval. The second, accepted on June of 1935, “No member of the club that is an elected public official, can have an official position in the club due to conflict of interest”. This was their way of forming an active, democratic organization, without political conflict of interest.

On July 4th, 1937, a parade with representation from throughout the Bay Area, which included a Queen, floats and musical marching bands, a marble bust of George Washington, was presented to the city of South San Francisco. It celebrated the first President of the United States, but more importantly, the fact that his grandparents had emigrated from England. Since its presentation, the statue located on front lawn of the City Hall, has continued to represent the past and current history of the Italian community of our city.

On the 7th of December 1941, the United States entered into World War II. In South San Francisco, approximately 1,019 young men and women had entered the military. Of these, 336 were Italian Americans, sons and daughters of local IACC families that continuously had sought recognition to become accepted as Americans. Eleven of these eventually paid the maximum price, never to return home. In May, of 1942, in the decisive battle of the Coral Sea, an Italian American naval aviator, born and raised in South San Francisco, became the first American national hero to return home. After the war he became a member of the IACC.



In 1953, the IACC was reorganized. Continuing to be a force in protecting the rights of Italians, it became more involved in promoting social and cultural events for its members and the community. Searching for ideas to increase its membership, the first major change came in the early 1980's. It was the acceptance of wives as members. This led to the inclusion of all ethnic groups to become members.

The second major event occurred in 1986, when the club organized a sporting event known as the “Italian American Games”. Beginning with three sports, at the height of its success it had 14 different sports. The games also contributed to the construction of six Bocce courts at the Orange Avenue Memorial Park. What many of you today do not know, is that the first Bocce court, built by the IACC was under the 300 block of Grand Avenue in the late 70's. The IACC has continued with its social events, such as dinners and picnics, including cruises to the Caribbean, Alaska, and the extremely popular group trips to Italy. On the cultural side, theatrical and musical groups from Lucca, Italy, have been invited to perform, Lucca Drive was dedicated, scholarships are awarded to graduating High School seniors that study Italian, and a “Person of the Year” award is presented at the annual Christmas Dinner.

This year, we have celebrated the Centennial of the South San Francisco Italian American Citizens Club. We acknowledge the sacrifice of an organization, whose ethnic group sought to be accepted as Americans, and with the help of other ethnic Americans, managed to become one of the most popular organizations, prior and after, World War II. The IACC was, and continues to be, an organization that helped to build the history of the city of South San Francisco. It is our hope that its future will be as positive and successful as its past, and that the IACC's future continues to be acknowledged and documented for the betterment of our members and our community.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB PRESIDENTS 1916 – 2016

On the two pages below are the photographs of the South San Francisco Italian American Citizens Club Presidents. Throughout these 100 years, we owe each and every one of them our thanks and appreciation for their guidance and dedication in maintaining the continuity of the



GIOVANNI TACCHI
Founder, 1916-1922
1925, 1930, 1953, 1954



AGUSTO GIORGI
1923-1924



PIERO MENICUCCI
1926



ALCIDE MUTTI
1927



ANGELO CANZIANI
1928-1929



GIOVANNI FONTANA
1931



BATTISTA RODONDI
1932



EUGENIO MILANI
1933



AMEDEO NOMELLINI
1934



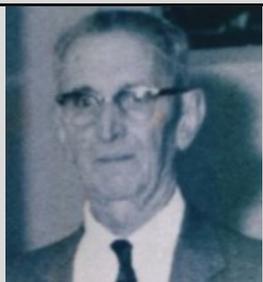
ADOLFO SANI
1935



PERSEO DA PRATO
1936



DICK MINUCCIANI
1937-1938



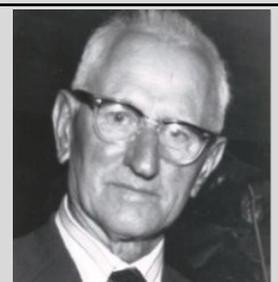
CARLO GERMANO
1939



UMBERTO LUCCHESI
1940, 1943, 1944



FRANK SPURI
1941-1942



GIOVANNI GAVA
1925, 1955, 1963, 1968,
1971, 1984

office of the president and of the IACC . At the same time, we must not ever forget the hundreds of members that gave of their time and sacrifices in volunteering and supporting our organization for so many years. All of them together, Presidents, officers and members, have allowed us to celebrate this remarkable Centennial.



FORTUNATO CALEGARI
1956



GIOVANNI CORSO
1957, 1958



VICTOR BOIDO
1959-1962



JOE DE NARDI
1963-1964



ENRICO AGGIO
1964, 1969-1970



VINCENT FERRANDO
1985-1986



SERAFINO FONTANA
1987-1990



ALVARO BETTUCCHI
1991-1994, 1999-2000



NELLA CONTI
1995-1998



CAROL DELL ANGELA
2001



MARY FANTI
2002-2003



ELDA MAZZANTI
2004-2005



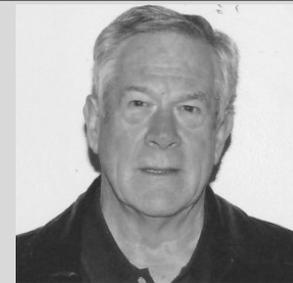
MARIO CONTI
2006-2009



GERIE DEL CARLO
2010-2011, 2014-2015



CATHY WELCH
2012-2013



BILL GREEN
2016-2017

1937 INSTALLATION of IACC OFFICERS at the FRATERNAL HALL

Top Row : Luigi Maggi, Inside Guard; Giuseppe Viani, Treasurer; Lazzaro Bettucchi, Secretary; John Tacchi, President; Mr. Ortoliva, Vice President; Angelo Guslani

Bottom Row: Paul Susa, Conductor; Pietro Baldocchi, Councilman; Agusto Giorgi, Past President; Carlo Regalia Councilman; Mr. Pisoli, Councilman; Fortunato Calegari, Councilman (Councilman = Board Member)



Ribbons worn by IACC Officers,
1936 By-Laws booklet



1939 Installation Dinner



Standing: Giuseppe Viani, Giovanni Gava, Leo Eserini, Emma Eserini, Lazzaro Bettucchi, Emilio Cortese, Mrs. Cortesi, Mr/Mrs John Oberst
Seated: Evelina Pisoli, Mr. Pisoli, Giovanni Tacchi

By-Laws
of the
ITALO-AMERICAN
CITIZEN'S CLUB
OF
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
CALIFORNIA

1936



Art. 1. This Club has the purpose to maintain a high moral standard among its Members and of fostering the general interests of our City and those in particular of the Italian element.

Art. 2. To this Club can belong any Italo-American citizen of irreproachable behavior and aiming to attain the general welfare of the commonwealth and not aiming exclusively to his own personal interest and aggrandizement.

Art. 3. This Club has the right to refuse membership to persons whose behavior is, or has been, improper. It has also the right to expel a Member who acts in such a way as to show disregard for the fundamental principles of this Club and whose only object is his personal profit.

Art. 4. It is absolutely imperative to all Members of this Club to maintain a decorous behavior during its meetings and to willingly submit to the majority's deliberations imparting, by so doing, force and prestige to the Club.

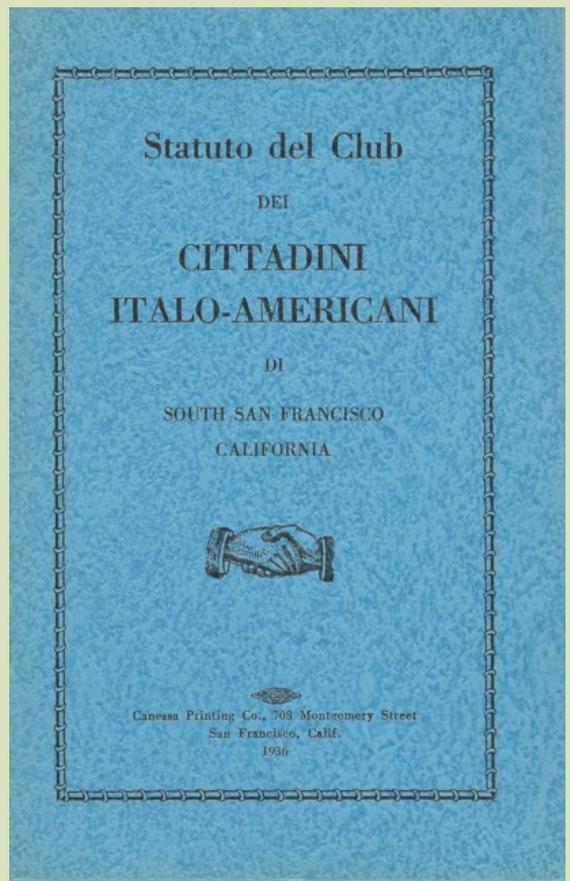
Art. 5. When circumstances require an investigation, the Club has the right to nominate a Committee of three of its Members. This Committee must be of an integrity beyond suspicion and immune of any interest and of any influence which might frustrate the purpose for which said committee has been nominated.

Art. 6. This Club has the right to choose candidates to public offices, municipal, scholastic or otherwise. The candidates chosen by this Club will have its gratuitous support but, if elected, must do their utmost to fulfill their promises and to carry out the recommendations made by this Club.

Art. 7. The candidates indorsed by this Club are entitled to hold a public meeting during the electoral campaign. This Club will solicit by mail all the Italo-American Citizens of the district. The expenses of said meeting must be paid by the candidates.

Art. 8. The candidates for a public office (County or State) who solicit the indorsement of this Club are requested to contribute an amount of money sufficient to cover the expenses necessary to foster their campaign. If a candidate is not indorsed, his contribution will be immediately returned.

Art. 9. This Club has the right to apply disciplinary measures to Members who oppose any candidate indorsed by the Club. Such measures will, according to the gravity of the offense, vary from a simple reprimand, made by the President during a public meeting, to expulsion from the Club of the offending Member.



Art. 10. If a Member has made, or is making, a campaign derogatory to the dignity and the good name of the Club he will be liable to expulsion. Action in this regard will be taken on the recommendation of a jury nominated by the President.

The expulsion must be approved by a majority of two-thirds of the Assembly.

To the Member under accusation must be granted the opportunity to defend himself either personally or by some other Member.

Art. 11. The right of voting will be granted to all Members who have paid their annual dues at least thirty days before the questions to be discussed have been submitted.

Art. 12. The nomination of the Officers of this Club will take place at the regular meeting in December. The election, and inauguration of the elected Officers, will take place at the first meeting on the following month.

Art. 13. The regular meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month.

Art. 14. No Member holding a public or political position can be an Officer of this club.

Art. 15. All new Members must be instructed on the rules and regulations of this Club.

During the discussions both the English and the Italian languages may be used.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MONUMENT

On July 4th, 1937, a parade hosted by the Italian American Citizens Club was represented by organizations throughout the Bay Area. It included a Queen, floats and musical marching bands, plus a presentation of a marble bust of George Washington to the city of South San Francisco. The bust was to celebrate the first President of the United States, but more importantly, the fact that his grandparents had immigrated to America from England, the same as Italians from Italy. Since its presentation, the statue, located on front lawn of the City Hall, has continued to represent the past and current history of the Italian community of our city.



Queen Mary Simontacchi & President Tacchi on right

Parade Queen and Maids of Honor at City Hall

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

and unveiling of George Washington's Monument, being
presented to the City of South San Francisco on July 4, 1937

Four Days' Celebration, July 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1937

PROGRAM

Commencing Thursday, July 1, 1937, at the Fraternal Hall, South San Francisco, at 10:00 p. m. Closing of the Queen Contest and the counting of the votes. Dancing from 8:30 p. m. to 12:00 midnight. Admission Free. Everyone is invited to attend the commencement of this fine celebration.

FRIDAY—8:00 p. m.—Official preparation for the celebration.

SATURDAY—8:30 p. m.—Arrival of the Queen and the maids of honor at the Fraternal Hall. Escorted by the Reception Committee.

9:00 p. m.—Coronation of the Queen by Mayor D. W. Ratto. After the coronation ceremony dancing will be held until 1:00 a. m. Admission Free. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY A. M.—Official Reception.

1:30 p. m. sharp—Parade, followed by literary exercises in front of the City Hall. Unveiling and the dedication of the Monument to George Washington. Mrs. Irene Signarowitz will sing the Star Spangled Banner and will be accompanied by the Grammar School Band, directed by Mr. Perseo Da Prato. The ceremony will be followed by dancing at the Fraternal Hall until 6:00 p. m. Admission Free.

Master of Ceremonies—Joseph Denardi.

Speakers—D. W. Ratto, H. H. Smith, H. W. Call, H. L. Parkman.

SUNDAY EVENING—9:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m.—Grand Ball in honor of the Queen. Admission 35c, Ladies Free.

8:00 p. m.—Fireworks.

10:30 p. m.—Presentation of prizes to the winners of the best floats, best drill teams, best drum corps, and the best bands.

MONDAY EVENING—Grand Ball. Admission 35c, Ladies Free.

OFFICERS

PRESIDING OFFICER	PERSEO DA PRATO
CHAIRMAN	JOHN TACCHI
VICE-CHAIRMAN	E. BELLUOMINI
SECRETARY	G. DE NARDI
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	F. D. MINUCCIANI
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	M. MINUCCIANI
TREASURER	SILVIO NIERI

COMMITTEES

Music Committee—Perseo Da Prato, Chairman.
 Photographic Committee—James Spuri, Frank Spuri.
 Construction Committee—Carlo Germano, Chairman.
 Publicity Committee—E. Belluomini, L. Bazzari, P. Da Prato, F. D. Minucciani.
 Decoration Committee—Silvio Nieri, Mike Minucciani, F. D. Minucciani, P. Santini, E. Belluomini, S. Nieri.
 Concession Committee—Charles Guidi, Chairman, Mario Baldasseroni.
 Refreshment Committee—Frank Pistoni, Chairman, Emilio Cortesi, Ambrose Galli.
 Amusements for Children—John Tacchi, E. Belluomini.
 Program Committee—Silvio Nieri, G. De Nardi, P. Da Prato, Charles Guidi.
 Finance Committee—Frank Ghilardi, Rolando Mori, Frank Landucci.
 Sport Committee—Mike Minucciani.
 Reception Committee—Adolph Sani, Silvio Nieri, P. Da Prato, Mike Minucciani, F. D. Minucciani.
 Banquet Committee—P. Santini, J. Tacchi, James Spuri.
Officers of the Italian-American Citizens Club of South San Francisco
 F. D. Minucciani, President Angelo Canziani, Treasurer
 Luigi Gagliano, Vice-President Frank Ghilardi, Adv.
 Lazzaro Bettucchi, Secretary Frank Casagrande, Guard

Celebrating 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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unveiling of
George Washington's
monument



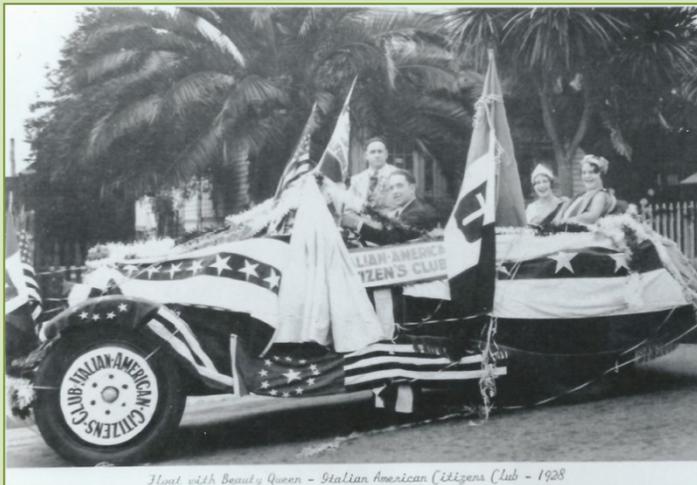
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PARADES 1920's - 1940's

IACC ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

On July 4th, 1937, to celebrate the dedication of the George Washington monument, the IACC invited the local community of So. San Francisco to participate in an Independence Day Parade. Residents and businesses decorated floats, as well as school marching bands and various organizations marched in the parade. As a result, the Parade became an annual City event for many years.



Float with Beauty Queen - Italian American Citizens Club - 1928



JULY 4, 1939 PARADE - IACC MEMBERS & BOY SCOUTS AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL



L to R

Battista Rondoni Piero Menicucci Amedeo Nomellini Eugenio Milani

Joe De Nardi
Giovanni Tacchi
Bill Borba

Lazzaro Bettucchi

Gildo Rozzi Angelo Canziani



THE IACC ITALIAN AMERICAN GAMES

Beginning in 1986 and ending in 1995, the Italian American Games became the renaissance of the IACC. Organizing a sporting event for Italians and Americans of Italian descent, three sports (Bocce, Bike Racing and Tennis) were first introduced. The event proved to be so successful that at the height of its success, 14 different sports were offered open to all ethnic groups. Teams from the Italian cities of Lucca, Florence, Perugia and Bologna participated. As a result of financial support from the city of South San Francisco and the monies derived from the games (the IACC donated \$90,000 dollars), six Bocce Courts (two of them covered) were built at the local Orange Memorial Park. Each year, at the Games dinner/dance, Hollywood celebrities such as actor Joseph Campanella, comedian singer Sonny King and others, were showcased. By 1995, the Games became so popular, that the IACC could no longer continue to manage them. During this period, the IACC membership soared to almost 500 members. Bocce was retained as the only Games sport, until 2010 on the 25th anniversary of the Games. To this day, the IACC continues to offer competitive night and day Bocce leagues to its members.

GAMES COMMITTEE 1988



Top L-R: John Morasco, Mario Conti, Serafino Fontana, Basil Cavalleri, Enrico Aggio, Bruno Mori, Ray Angeli, Harold Teani, Elio Raugi
Bottom L-R: Lou Matteucci, Alvaro Bettucchi, Gloria Galeotti, Cristiana Bettucchi



Italian Consul General Roberto Rossi
 Queen Karen Bonanno, Mike DeVincenzi
 IACC President Vincent Fernando, Alvaro Bettucchi



Italian-American Games ribbon cutting.

Richard Ng, Pat Morasco, Nella Conti, John Morasco

BIKE RACES 1987 - DIGNITARIES

L-R: Unknown, Mr. Ampola,
 Mayor Gus Nicolopoulos, Mayor Jack Drago,
 Ed Guglielmetti, SSF President, Sons of Italy,
 Roger Buschetti, SF Italian TV Personality,
 Alvaro Bettucchi, Chairman Italian Games



Senator Quinton Kopp proclaiming the opening of the 1989 games.



Hat, shirt, ribbon, and medal given to participants of Italian American Games.

ITALIAN AMERICAN GAMES SPORTS

The Italian American Games competed for nine years. At the height of its existence, over 1,500 athletes took part in these sports every year.



BIKE RACING

BILLIARDS



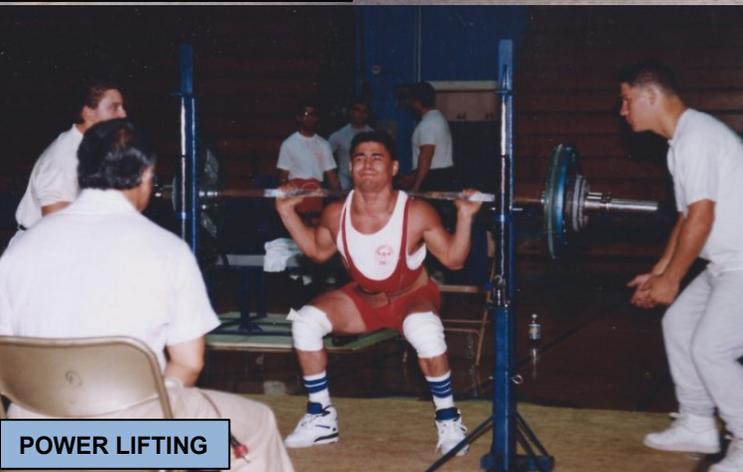
BOWLING

LONG DISTANCE RUNNING

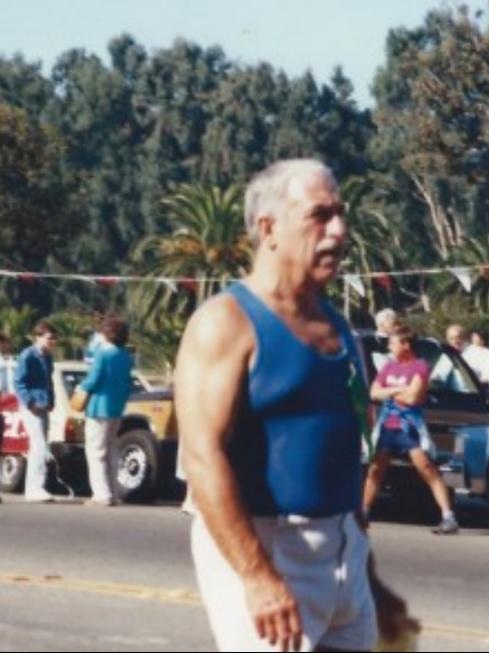


TRAP SHOOTING

POWER LIFTING



BOCCE



RUNNING Vince Raffello pictured



GOLF



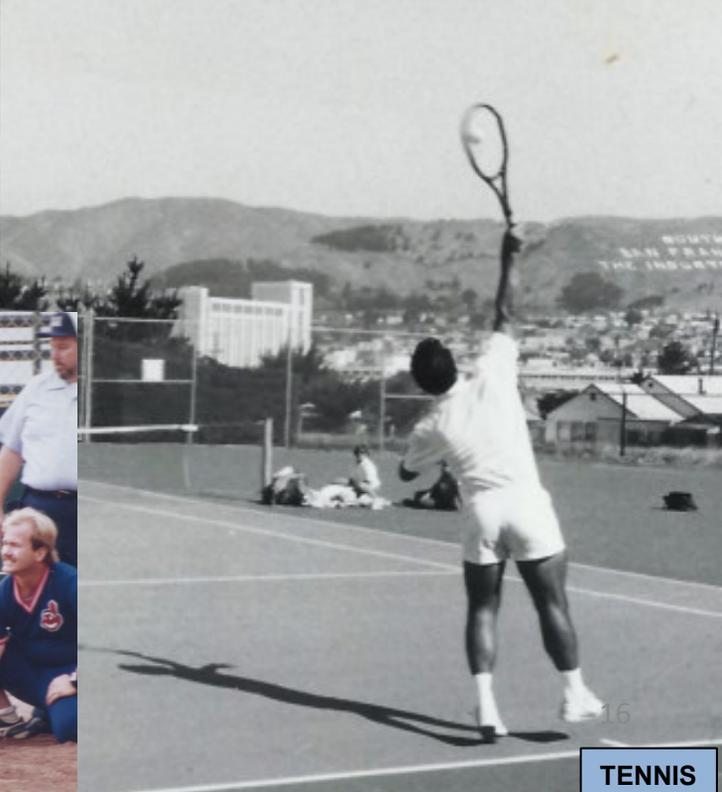
SWIMMING



VOLLEYBALL



BASEBALL



TENNIS

MEMORIES FROM THE ITALIAN AMERICAN GAMES



Mike Pizzo, Giuseppe Battaglini, Marco Nunziati
Vince Raffello, Steve DeVincenzi

1992: Egisto Fanti, Mary Fanti,
Catherin Raugi, Elio Raugi

Leandro Pretari, Mary Ann Aggio



Alessandro Bettucchi, Sharif Mostafa

Gloria Galeotti, Claudia Bettucchi,
Susan Kroll, Alessandro Bettucchi

Harold Teani - salami throw contest



Back: Elio Ravgi, Aldo Luzzardi, Agostino Fignoni
Front: Emiglio Mangini

Back: Lee DaPrato, Roberta Armanino
Front: Maria Pretari, Isolia Pretari, Maria Baldi

Roberto Cavaleri



Aldo Luzzardi, Agostino Fignoni,
Emilio Mangini

ITALIAN AMERICAN GAMES XIII – 1ST PLACE
September 1998



1992: Tony Khorozian



Matteo Canu, Adriano Bellafronte

Luigi Montela, Aldo Luzardi,
Alvaro Bettucchi, Alessandro Bettucchi

MEMORIES FROM THE ITALIAN AMERICAN GAMES



1992: George & Cathy Chimenti



1992: Ray Angeli, Richard Severi, George Chimenti



Barbara & Basil Cavaliere, & Musician



San Lazzaro Bologna Bocce Team – 1992 Champs
 Enrico Malpensa, Silvano Scandellari, Mario Gregori



Egisto Fanti, Marino Lari, Lavinia Antoniazzi,
 Max Antoniazzi



1992: Dennis Rosaia



1992: John Souza, Rich Severi, Ray Angeli



IACC President Serafino Fontana



25th Italian American Bocce Games 2nd Place
 Team from Lucca Italy: Mauro Vannucci
 Giuseppe Lazzarini, Antonio Andreucci



1995 Champs: Rose Viscuso, Mario Gregori, Captain (Bologna)
 Nella Conti, Silvano Scandellari (Bologna), Alvaro Bettucchi,
 Enrico Malpersa (Bologna)

DIGNITARIES AND CELEBRITIES AT IACC FUNCTIONS OVER THE YEARS



Leandro Pretari, Lazzaro Bettucchi
Giovanni Gava, Roberto Giraltoni
At SF Airport to receive Sandro Pretini
President of Italy.



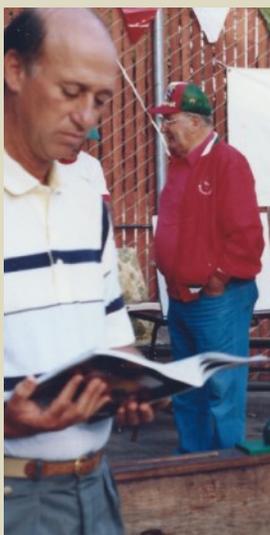
Guest of Honor at Games
Actor Joseph Campenella with Alvaro Bettucchi



Sonny King - Italian American
Hollywood Comic & Singer



Quintin Kopp & Ed DeBartolo former
owner SF 49ers



Frank Matagrano, General Mgr of
Budweiser Beer and sponsor of
the Games for all nine years.



1990 - Sandro Pertini, President of Italy
at SFO with Serafino Fontana and Lazzaro Bettucchi



Dignitaries from Lucca, Italy:
Eliana Franceschi, Senator Andrea
Mayor Mauro Favilla

Theatrical performing group "IVITCA" from Lucca, Italy



1986-2009

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB PERPETUAL TROPHY

1986 MONTE CRISTO CLUB

Emilio Mangini
Nilo Seghetti
Mario Zanassi

1987 MARTINEZ BOCCO CLUB

Gino DeTulio
Nick DeTulio
Leo Moro

1988 GIGLIO RESTAURANT

Natale Bartolin
Frank DeNardi
Lorenzo Picchi

1989 PENINSULA SOCIAL CLUB

John Chiappe
Joe Gava
Joe Zagar

1990 MONTE CRISTO CLUB

Agostino Figoni
Aido Luzardi
Emilio Mangini

1991 IACC

Angelino Scrivani
Salvatore Peluso
Sam Pretari

1992 MONTE CRISTO CLUB

Aldo Luzardi
Emilio Mangini
Mario Zanesi

1993 SSF IACC

Enrico Aggio
Evio Marcucci
Gino Nomellini
Ivan Zagar

1994 BELLMORE BOCCO CLUB

Adriano Bellafrente
Fred Filipazzi
Aldo Sugardi
Angelo Moresi

1995 SAN LAZZARO BOLOGNA, ITALY

Mario Gregori
Silvano Scandellari
Enrico Malpensa

1996 SSF IACC

Ivan Dodick
Frenco Pecavar
Peter Pecavar
Ivan Zagar

1997 SOUTH CITY CAR WASH

Giuliano Brunelli
Gino Nomellini
Enrico Pretari



1998 SSF IACC

Alvaro Bettucchi
Aido Luzardi
Alessandro Bettucchi
Luigi Montella

1999 SAN LAZZARO BOLOGNA, ITALY

Mario Gregori
Silvano Scandellari
Enrico Malpensa

2000 SOUTH CITY CAR WASH

Giuliano Brunelli
Gino Nomellini
Sam Pretari

2001 SSF IACC

Adriano Bellafrente
Marino Lari
Evio Marcucci

2002 VALLEJO BOCCO CLUB

Dick Gomez
Rick Taormina
Luca Fontana

2003 VALLEJO BOCCO CLUB

Dick Gomez
Rick Taormina
Gene Bruerer

2004 AAS IACC

Roy Bellafrente
Evio Marcucci
Laila Marcucci

2005 San Jose

Paolo Pro
Giovanni Napoli
Mike Nicosia

2006 MONTE CRISTO CLUB

Roy Bellafrente
Agostino Figoni
Carlo Torrone

2007 MONTE CRISTO CLUB

Roy Bellafrente
Agostino Figoni
Giovanni Napoli

2008 SOUTH CITY CAR WASH

Giuliano Brunelli
Marino Lari
Sam Pretari

2009 SAN JOSE

Paolo Pro
Benedetto Nicosia
Michael Nicosia
Mario Voltri

*Perpetual Trophy
Donated by Alvaro Bettucchi
Workmanship by
Egisto Fanti*

IACC BOCCE COURTS

With the financial support from the City of So. San Francisco and \$90,000 raised through the Italian American Games, Bocce courts were built at Orange Memorial Park. These courts have provided many Leagues, Tournaments and public enjoyment over the years.

Photos during construction of the courts in 1989



On September 22, 1990, South San Francisco dedicated a plaque to commemorate the opening of the Bocce Courts (plaque is located on the left of the gated entrance to the courts)

Current photos of the courts.



Indoor courts



2016 BOCCE COMMITTEE



Standing: Andy Baldi, Bill Ayoob, Mario Conti, Bob Strupeni, Tom Ricci
Seated: Bill Green, Chairperson Gene Semenza; Chris Babcock



1991 REDEDICATION OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MONUMENT

On the 75th Anniversary of the IACC, the club rededicated the George Washington Monument that was given to the City on July 4, 1937. You may recognize some of the many members who attended the celebration.



A Ed Guglielmetti, B Carlo Simoretti, C Serafino Fontana, D John Morasco, E Tony Khorozian
F Egisto Fanti, G Elide Negro, H Lou Matteucci, I Alvaro Bettucchi, J Mayor Jack Drago



SCHOLARSHIPS 1990 – PRESENT

In 1990, in an effort to support local students, the IACC began awarding scholarships to high school seniors with the following requirements:

The student must have a GPA of 3.25 or better.

Applicants may qualify if he/she is one of the following:

- Of Italian descent residing in SSF.
- A child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of an IACC member.
- Studying Italian language at an accredited high school.

Since then, the club has awarded over \$51,000.00 in scholarships to many deserving graduates.

2016 Scholarship Committee



Chairperson Karen Bettucchi, Pat Marques
Kathie Semenza, Lou Boccaleoni



1991 recipient Melissa DiTano receiving Scholarship check
L-R Mr. & Mrs. Di Tano, Melissa, family members, Gloria Galeotti

YEAR	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL
1990	Leda Girardi	SSF	2004	Christine Patene	
1991	Melissa DiTano	El Camino	2005	Michelle Cavalieri	Mercy, Burlingame
1992	Bridget Marchetti	Notre Dame, Belmont	2005	Marie Nicolopoulos	Notre Dame, Belmont
1992	Melissa Martin	El Camino	2006	David Lari	Woodside
1993	Jesse Isola	El Camino	2006	Amanda Masetti	Summit Charter, RWC
1994	<i>no applicants</i>		2007	Cristina Funghi	
1995	Dina Maria Conti	SSF	2007	Katrina Lee	SSF
1995	Vincent Smith	El Camino	2008	Jennifer Obina	SSF
1996	Robert Ferrario	Mills, Millbrae	2008	Camille Bertolozzi	Carlmont, Belmont
1997	Diana Barrett	Notre Dame, Belmont	2009	Angela Masetti	Summit Charter, RWC
1997	Gina Peradotto	SSF	2009	Benjamin Faoro	Serra, San Mateo
1998	Michael Ferriario	Mills, Millbrae	2010	Larissa Saco	SSF
1998	Danielle Fernekes	SSF	2010	Loren Chan	SSF
1999	Gina Collins	Mercy, Burlingame	2011	Rebecca Balestieri	Burlingame
1999	Jennifer Scotto	Notre Dame, Belmont	2011	Gustavo Jimenez	SSF
2000	Marcee Nannini	Burlingame	2012	Taylor Cattaneo	Mercy, Burlingame
2000	Marcella Marcheschi	Hillsdale	2012	Mary Gamey	Notre Dame, Belmont
2001	Janelle Hayes	Woodside	2013	Jessica Saisi	Burlingame
2001	Gina Scalise	Monte Vista, Danville	2013	Laura Balestieri	Burlingame
2002	Michael Scotto	Serra	2014	Brendan Simpson	Serra
2002	Brian Martinelli	El Camino	2014	Marco Ramagnoli	Serra
2003	Tina Lari	Woodside	2015	Stephanie Saisi	Burlingame
2003	Kellie Loeffler	Mills	2015	Nicole Strupeni	Mercy
2003	Lauren Petro	Presentation, San Jose	2016	Sabrina De Mesa	SSF
2004	Domenica Lamanna		2016	Melissa Chow	SSF

PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS 1992 – PRESENT

The annual "Person of the Year Award" was started in 1992. The recipients ranged from Doctors, Lawyers, Politicians as well as members of the IACC and other Italian organizations. These people were involved in the betterment of the community, leaders in whatever walk of life they chose and made a difference on a grand scale. In more recent years the award has been given mainly to deserving members of the IACC who have contributed for the good of the club.

1992	Dr. Antonio Galletto	2004	Mr. Leo Paddreddi
1993	Mr. Remo Colombo	2005	Mr. Rudy Bertolozzi
1994	Dr. Carol Hyman	2006	Mr. Egisto Fanti & Mary Fanti
1995	Dr. Pasquale Staltieri	2007	Ms. Karyl Matsumoto
1996	Mr. Gus Nicolopoulos	2008	Mrs. Nella Conti
1997	Mr. Jack Drago	2009	Mrs. Judy Baldi
1998	Mr. Sarafino Fontana	2010	Mr. Richard Garbarino
1999	Mr. Basil Cavalieri	2011	Mr. Angelo Fanucchi
2000	Mrs. Gloria Galeotti	2012	Mr. Mario Conti
2001	Mr. Alvaro Bettucchi	2013	Mr. Eugene Semenza
2002	Mr. Joe Fernekes	2014	Mr. Bill Green
2003	Mr. Richard Noftsger	2015	Mr. Harry Higuera

IACC 25+ YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP



Sue Bertolozzi
Membership Chairperson

Below are members of the Italian American Citizens Club, who have been members for 25 years or longer. We are grateful for their commitment and contribution to the IACC.



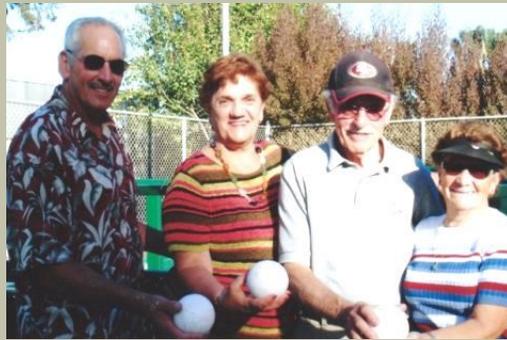
Dante Sciandri
Member since the 1930's

Enrico Aggio
Max & Lavinia Antoniazzi
Judy and Andy Baldi
Richard Bertoldi
Alvaro & Ida Bettucchi
Richard Bordi
Romolo Braschi
Gary & Joyce Cahalan
Basil Cavalieri
Ken & Patricia Colombo
Mario & Nella Conti
Joe & Betty Davi
Gino Duchi
Mario Duri

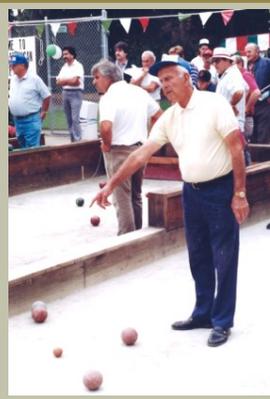
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Dewey & Italia Faoro
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Luciano Funghi
Gloria Galeotti
Wayne & Geraldine Joseph
Marino Lari
Norma Lombardi
Spiro Loukas
Laila Marcucci
Michael Meloni
David Nardini

Gino Nomellini
Marco Nunziati
Denis O'Halloran
Floyd Parma
Egidio & Jeannette Pigozzo
Marciana Renaldi
Joe & Gloria Sanchez
Dante Sciandri
Angelino Scrivani
Harold Teani
Roy Uccelli
Albert Verona
Rose Viscuso

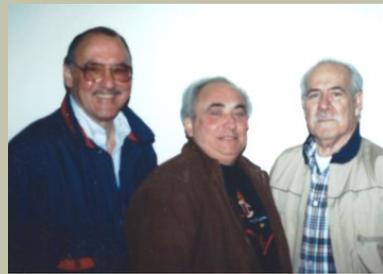
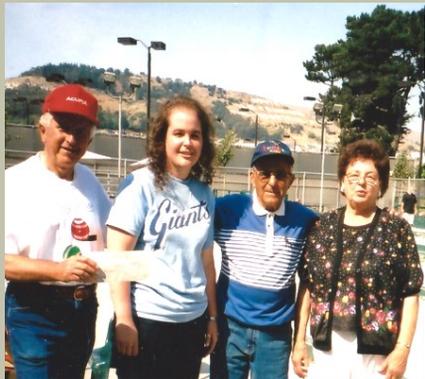
MEMORIES OF THE 80'S AND 90'S



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CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT WITH CITY WORKERS 2016

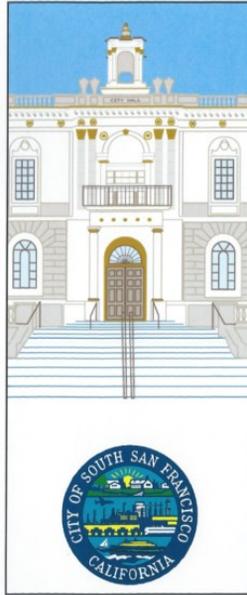
On Saturday, Sept. 17 over 70 players participated in two friendly games of Bocce. Members of the IACC and employees from So. San Francisco City Hall came together on a beautiful day to enjoy Breakfast, Bocce and a BBQ. The day was free to all participants and each player received a six-pack cooler as a gift (see photo).

The City players had such a good time that they asked if they could do it again next year!

This was just another one of our events to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

Thanks to all the members who came out to support us. Hope you had a great time!

Centennial Committee





THE HELPERS FOR THE DINNER



CENTENNIAL HISTORICAL EXHIBIT



CENTENNIAL FESTA ITALIANA Oct 14, 2016



The second annual Festa Italiana was a huge success in spite of the threat of rain. Over 122 members and guests attended and brought delightful appetizers and desserts to share, as well as socialize with friends. It truly was a fun event.

Many thanks go to the Toni Bava dancers, and Mandolin player, Bob Rizzeto, for helping make it a special day. In addition, over 22 dedicated volunteers assisted in every aspect and a big thank you goes to Diane Green (with help from Joan Vina and Cathy Welch) for the beautiful table arrangements. Thank you everyone, it would not have been so successful without you!

The Centennial Committee has planned many events to celebrate our Club's 100 year anniversary. The Festa Italiana Committee was honored to be a part of this planning and we are: Diane Green, Kate Domerofski, Linda Grassi, Helen Birkeland, Bev O'Connell, Chuck Luthy, June Wydler, Barbara Baxter, and Karen Hornung.

Pat Marques, Festa Chairperson







RAIN, TO FINISH OFF THE DAY!

GEORGE WASHINGTON MONUMENT REDEDICATION Oct. 23, 2016



Bill Green, IACC President



**Mayor Addiego, Father Mengon
Councilmember Garbarino**



Father Albert Mengon



**Toasting to Rededication,
Councilmembers
Pradeep Gupta,
Rich Garbarino,
Liza Normandy with Mayor Mark
Addiego**



CENTENNIAL DINNER at GREEN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB Dec 4, 2016



Councilman Garbarino presents from the City of SF



Bill Green, Italian Consul General Lorenzo Ortona Rudy Bertolozzi



Alvaro presents IACC history



Barbara presents from Congresswoman Jackie Speier



Plaque for Dante Sciandri, longest IACC member with Bill Green, in background former SSF Mayor Ray Green







GOLD PAGE



A special thanks to the members and friends of the IACC listed below, who through their generous donations, have made this Centennial Booklet possible.



Bill Albera
Sharon Albera
Amy Albera
Katy Morris
Gary Arbasetti (*In Memory*)
Christine B. Babcock
Dianne M. Bacigalupi (*In Memory*)
Andy Baldi
Judy Baldi
Iginio Baldi (*In Memory*)
Maria Baldi (*In Memory*)
Barbara J. Baxter
John A. Baxter (*In Memory*)
Tom Bertoldi (*In Memory*)
Rudy Bertolozzi
Suzanne Bertolozzi
Alvaro Bettucchi
Ida Bettucchi
Claudia Bettucchi
Cristiana Bettucchi-Tibbats
Alessandro Bettucchi
Karen Bettucchi
Chiara Bettucchi
Gianluca Bettucchi
Alessio Bettucchi
Lazzaro Bettucchi (*In Memory*)
Olga Bettucchi (*In Memory*)
Helen Birkeland
Terri Borowy
Mike Callero (*In Memory*)
Charlene Colombana
Germano Colombana
Ken Colombo
Quay Colombo
Mario Conti
Nella Conti
Joan Daly
John Daly (*In Memory*)
Caroline De Nardi
Raymond De Nardi
Joseph De Nardi (*In Memory*)
Louise De Nardi (*In Memory*)
Charlie Domerofski
Kate Domerofski
Leo L. Eserini (*In Memory*)
Robert T. Eserini

Egisto J. Fanti
Mary L. Fanti
Angelina Fanucchi
Angelo Fanucchi
Joe Fernekes (*In Memory*)
Serafino Fontana (*In Memory*)
Gloria Galeotti
Elaine Garbarino
Richard Garbarino
John Gava (*In Memory*)
Pat Giusto (*In Memory*)
Linda M. Grassi
Bill Green
Diane Green
Harry Higuera (*In Memory*)
Pat Marques
Maria Massimo (*In Memory*)
Nichola Massimo (*In Memory*)
Lana Mateo
Tony Mateo
Karyl Matsumoto
Dan McGough
Kay McGough
Michael Menesini
Sharon Menesini
Ray Ming (*In Memory*)
Edgardo Morales
Janae Carlsen Morales
Cornelius P. Murphy, Sr. (*In Memory*)
Frances A. Murphy
Jamaica S. Nally
Rick Ochsenhirt (*In Memory*)
James A. O'Connell (*In Memory*)
Marie Pariani (*In Memory*)
Egidio M. Pigozzo
Guisepe Pigozzo (*In Memory*)
Jeanette Pigozzo
Marie Pigozzo (*In Memory*)
Patricia Pilster
Giampiero Pucci (*In Memory*)
Pat Reilly
Gene Semenza
Kathie Semenza
Dario Teani (*In Memory*)
Steve Vina (*In Memory*)
Valerie Wagner
Cathy Welch



The South San Francisco Italian American Citizens Club has, since the early 90's, contributed to the Cooley's Anemia Research Foundation. At that time, members Gloria Galeotti and Alvaro Bettucchi visited the Children's Hospital, located in Oakland California. There they met Dr. Carol Hyman, who took them on a tour of the hospital and visited various patients. Bringing back the information to the membership, it was then voted to support the Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

Cooley's Anemia is a genetic condition, where a lack of beta protein in the hemoglobin, can cause significant health problems; including bone deformities and spleen enlargement, that requires regular blood transfusions and extensive ongoing medical care. This genetic disorder is found primarily in infants of Mediterranean descent, such as in Italians, Greeks and Spanish.

Dr. Carol Hyman received her medical degrees from Cornell University-New York. Later completed her training at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Her early career interests were in hemolytic disease in newborns and childhood leukemia. For over 25 years, she headed Cedars-Sinai's Cooley's Anemia Program. Later, she came to the Children's Hospital in Oakland. In 1994, Dr. Carol Hyman became the IACC's third "Person of the Year" recipient.

To date, the IACC has contributed over \$44,000 to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

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