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Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco

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January 2025

Dear IACC Members and Friends,

As the holiday season comes to an end it almost seems improbable that another year has passed. I hope that all had a very Merry Christmas and safe and sound Happy New Year.

Without skipping a beat, we will bring in 2025 with a very important General Meeting on Tuesday, January 21 as we will be electing some key leadership positions for our Club. Up for election are Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee as well as five Board of Director positions. You can find more information regarding the nominees on pages 9 and 10 in this edition of the newsletter.

We all know that activities slow down as we embark on Winter, but we definitely ended the Fall with a bang, celebrating our 2024 Person of the Year Helen Birkeland with a Dinner Dance at the SSF Elk's Club that also focused on a celebration of the holidays.

Less than a week later we brought in more holiday joy with our members who braved the rain and participated in the White Elephant Gift Exchange Social.

In just a month we will once again be gathering for our annual Crab Feed on Friday, February 7 at the Fernekas Recreation Center in Orange Memorial Park. I hope many of you will join us as this is our biggest fundraiser for us to make contributions to a chosen charity and to make our annual scholarships possible. More information will be distributed shortly as we are a little more than a month away. Once again, I want to give a big thanks to Robert Lasher, who coordinates this event as well as our IACC Festa.

As we end the year, I wish to give continued accolades to our Major Events Chairpersons Celeste Giuliani and Winnie Girard, our Maintenance Committee Heads Ken Hartje and Bob Cox and the Bocce Courts Maintenance lead Taco Morales and all the individuals on those committees that keep things going around the Club. Our Communications Director Janae Morales and Sports/Bocce Director Manny Garcia have done a tremendous job and the hours and commitment behind the scene is not lost of why our many events run smoothly.

It is my hope that many of our members will take the time in 2025 to get involved in Club activities and pitch in on one of the many committees we have that make the IACC as enjoyable as it is.

While I mentioned that things do slow down during the Winter, know that there are many who are already at work in preparing for a multitude of events that we will hold during the coming year.

Stay warm and stay dry during the coming months and I hope to see many of you at our General Meeting on January 21.

Leo Pierini

IACC President



Person of the Year for 2024 Helen Birkeland (center) with event coordinators Celeste Giuliani (left) and Winnie Girard (right)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Clubhouse

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 3 pm

GENERAL MEETING

St Veronica's Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7 pm

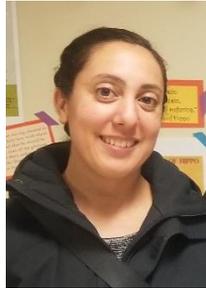
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Tim Anderson



Sarah Spillane



Vivian Jisrawi



Manny Jisrawi



Bob Fiorito



Mike Quilici



Lulu Alacon



Sylvia Warnes



John Warnes



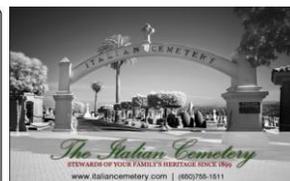
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2025

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TRUSTEES

Don Quigley (23-24) Armando Altamirano (24-25)

BOCCE COMMITTEE

Manny Garcia (Sports / Bocce Director), Chris Babcock * Terry Elsibai * Carroll Meek * Janae Morales * Rich Vaznaugh

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INGREDIENTS FOR A PERFECT VALENTINE

By Diana Stanton Minsky

A hug, a tender kiss,

A caress, even a handshake

All display affection, love and friendship

These attentions are important for a

Happy Hearts Day

To add a little flavor

don't forget flowers and candy

to sweeten your Valentine

May Cupid's arrow

find its way into your heart

Happy Valentine's Day

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, January 7 – Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 21 – General Meeting, Elections

Friday, February 7 – Crab Feed

July TBD – Member's Appreciation BBQ

Sunday, September 14 – Festa Italiana – SSF

Sunday, October 12 – S.F. Italian Heritage Parade

Sunday, October 19 – I.A.C.C. Festa

Sunshine Corner



Sereno Zucchiatti Family
Bob & Marie Cox Family

To All IACC Members,
Family & Friends
for a
Happy & Healthy 2025



Ken Hartje
Manny Garcia

If you would like a club member to receive a card, contact Chris Babcock 650-873-8730

IACC RECYCLE PROGRAM

Please continue to bring items for recycling to the Club. Once again, we'd like to commend our members for packing up their recyclable items so we can make funds that go directly into our events and activities. It only takes a minute to drop them off at the courts.

Unfortunately, with Manny Garcia having experienced some medical issues, we need help and would like to see this program continue to be a success.

We meet every Thursday morning around 10:00 a.m. and help is needed to load the items. The days do fluctuate so check with our Recycle Queen below. These loads are pretty heavy, so if you have the time please come and help load and if we have more than we can fit in our vehicles and you have a vehicle, you can also follow us and take a load to the recycling center just a few blocks away from the Club. If you are willing to help, please email Barbara at: tisbarb@sbcglobal.net.

The Recycle Queen and most appreciated partner, Manny!!!

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and more are on the IACC website:
[HTTPS://SSFIACC.ORG](https://ssfiacc.org)**



ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING

CLUB ELECTIONS FOR 2025-2026

Light Snacks Provided

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7 PM

ST. VERONICA'S FALCON HALL

434 ALIDA WAY, SSF

(Enter on Alida at the Rectory, down to the church parking lot)

Share the Warmth

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
IACC
WARM CLOTHING DRIVE**

Asking IACC members to donate gently used or new clothing. Donations will be distributed by Hearts For Humanity

DEC 1ST - JAN 31ST

Help us help our community!

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Happy New Year to all IACC members and family:

I hope that everyone has a great year ahead.

As for Bocce action in January, Monday Night Winter League play begins on January 13 and the Park & Recreations Leagues will start on January 15,16 & 17.

In March, Spring Leagues will kick off with Monday night, Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening Freedom League, Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, Raffa and Thursday morning league play.

Looking forward to a great year of bocce games . Details will be sent out as we get closer to the action.

Manny Garcia
Sports / Bocce Director

(A Special Note of Gratitude to Manny, who coordinates the entire schedule for all the events at the Courts in addition to Bocce Leagues, Tournament play and private events. While he continues to heal, please give him ample time to respond to any inquiries about events and bocce action. – Leo Pierini, IACC President)

Tuesday Morning Fall League



1st Place: Karen Safley, Evonne Medeghini, Mike Gallagher (captain), Amy Mah



2nd Place: Dan Sullivan, Erica Baxter, Janis Gallagher (captain), Aldo Peruzzi



3rd Place: Rich Girard, Linda Whisler, Marie Cox, Ken Columbo (captain)

Wednesday Morning Fall League



1st Place: Diana Minsky, Mike Bianci, Ann Koenig, (not shown) Andy Ynostroza



2nd Place: Mike Gallagher, Kathy Bianchi, (not shown) Suzanne Doerr & June Wydlr



3rd Place: Joe Lavin, Janis Gallagher, John Bianchi, (not shown) Linda Marcelli

Wednesday Afternoon Fall League



1st Place: Armando Altamirano, Joan Daly, Hermie Lagman, (not pictured) Gina Todaro



2nd Place: Mary Hutching, Chuck Luthy, Dan Sullivan, Pat Pilster



3rd Place: Dennis, Gunther, Harold Wendell, Linda Nieder, Alvaro Bettucchi



4th Place: Edna Pacheco, Linda Zamagni, Toni Bava, Janae Morales

Wednesday Night Raffa Fall League



1st Place: Judy Dianos, Ed "Taco" Morales, Mike Menesini, Jorge Lagman



2nd Place: Bill Green, John Dianos, (not pictured) Mo Melara, Bob Schenone



3rd Place: Linda Whisler, Celeste Giuliani, Steve Hawthorne, (not pictured) Ken Hartje

Christmas White Elephant Social



HOLIDAY & PERSON OF THE YEAR DINNER DANCE 2024 HONORING HELEN BIRKELAND



Holiday & Person of the Year Dinner Dance 2024

(MORE PHOTOS ON THE IACC WEBSITE AT WWW.SSFIACC.ORG)



I.A.C.C. Elections

Dear IACC – SSF Members:

The following is to provide you with important information regarding the upcoming 2025 IACC-SSF elections on January 21, 2025. We urge you to attend the meeting in order to vote and help shape the leadership that will guide our Club in the coming years. The 2025 election will include one (1) open position for Vice President; one (1) open position for Treasurer; one (1) open position for Secretary; and one open position for Trustee. Additionally, there are five (5) open positions for the Board of Directors.

The nominees are: Vice President – Manny Garcia; Secretary – Dee Delorio (incumbent); Treasurer – Barbara Guevara (incumbent); Trustee – none noted; Directors – Janae Morales (incumbent), Judy Dianos (incumbent), Bill Green, Elise Piepmeier, Helen Birkeland, Sandy Lencioni, and Armando Altamirano.

Below you will find information provided by candidates running in this election. Understanding each candidate's background and qualifications will help you make informed choices that best align with the future you envision for our Club. At the January General Meeting you will sign for and be handed one ballot to vote your choices. There are no absentee ballots accepted!

If no bio was submitted, each candidate will be introduced and given an opportunity to speak briefly at the January Election Meeting, if they so choose. – Sandy Lencioni, Elections Chairperson

VICE PRESIDENT: Manny Garcia (Unopposed) - My name is Manny Garcia and I have been a member since July 2012. I have lived in South San Francisco for 46 years. I have been a truck driver most of my career. I started with Foremost Dairy Co. as a home deliveryman in South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae and Hillsborough. I was promoted to the Wholesale Delivery Department and then I moved onto driving semi-trucks until Foremost was sold. Then I was a Linen route driver-salesman to restaurants, schools, medical accounts and senior living facilities. I retired 10 years ago. I have been a member of the SSF Elks lodge for 14 years, a member of the Golden State Car Club and the Golden State Rod Club. Additionally, I was a member of the St. Veronica adult choir from 2018-2020. I am currently the Sports / Bocce Director and have been so since 2021. I work on the maintenance crew for the bocce courts, painting and helping to cleanup before and after events. I have helped with cooking for IACC events and setting up. I have organized and helped run bocce tournaments since 2023. I teach bocce during April and September to people who are interested in learning how to play. I have also organized classes to teach bocce to special needs teens and adults. I have taught students from the Shiloh United Private School in SSF, the SSF Park & Recreation Summer teen's program and to the South San Francisco Italian class from El Camino HS. I am currently an IACC Board Member; I was elected and installed January 2021. I have learned so much about our Club and I believe it is growing and moving in the right direction. Club members are enjoying playing in bocce ball tournaments and other Club events such as our Annual Membership Appreciation BBQ and the Festa Italiano.

TREASURER: Barbara Guevara (Unopposed) - I have been a member for 5 years. I am the current Treasurer and I feel I can still contribute to the good of the Club and make sure the money is wisely used and invested. With my accounting background, I can be an asset to the Club.

SECRETARY: Dee Delorio (Unopposed) - IACC member for 11 years. Current, Secretary of IACC for the past 3 years. Previously served on the Board of Directors for five years. Run the Annual Pedro Tournament each spring. Volunteer for various events such as Festa, Crab Feed Raffle, and where needed. Play in Bocce leagues and tournaments, as well as participate and attend IACC events. I would be pleased to continue serving as Secretary for the next two years.

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I.A.C.C. ELECTIONS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES (5 positions):

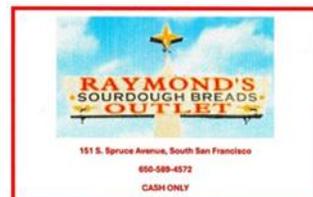
ARMANDO ALTAMIRANO - My wife and I became members of the IACC-SSF November 2022. 1. I am currently a Trustee. Additionally, since becoming a member, I have been involved in several activities of the Club, including the IACC-SSF Festas and the last two Festa Italiano - SSF. I have also been assisting Manny Garcia with the Club's recycling program. 2. As mentioned previously, I am currently in the position of Trustee. Leadership and service are important and I would welcome the opportunity to serve. I believe that my current position outside of the club as President of the South San Francisco Friends of the Library has provided me with skills to succeed as a member of the Board of Directors. 3. I hope to contribute to the club by supporting the club's mission of service, leadership, and community involvement. Allowing new members to sit at the table and share their insight is valuable. I would collaborate closely with other officers and club members to ensure that everyone's voices are heard and that decisions are made democratically. 4. Those members who have played with me at bocce league know that I am enthusiastic. Thank you for the opportunity to fill one of the open Board positions.

HELEN BIRKELAND - I have been a member for 15 years. I have been a previous Board Member and have been involved with various committees. I am active with Bocce leagues and tournaments. I am running for this position because I feel that after being a member for 15 years, I have a working knowledge of the Club and I believe I can contribute. I hope to continue by giving more of my time and ideas in ways that might help others enjoy the Club as much as I have.

JUDY DIANOS - I have been a member since 2017. I enjoy gardening, learning to knit, playing Bunco and walking. In regard to the future of the Club, I would like to foster member participation. I have served on the following: • Current Board Member • Membership Committee • Bocce League Chair • Assisted with various club events (Member Appreciation BBQ and General Meetings)

SANDY LENCIONI - I have been a member for the past 1½ years. I have lived in South San Francisco for 46 years and worked here for 48 years, before retiring in 2022. I worked 26 years in the accounting office of a major SSF construction company and for 22 years as the Office Administrator for a labor and employment law firm. I currently volunteer at the Magnolia Senior Center twice a week. I was a volunteer at last year's Festa activities. I have participated in representing the IACC-SSF in San Francisco's annual Italian Heritage Parade and I play on various bocce leagues several days a week. As a relative newcomer to the Club, I will help to uphold the long-standing traditions and standards to this great club, as well as explore and support new ideas and trends in getting our members more involved on all levels ... recreational, social, volunteerism and administration. Thank you for your confidence.

JANAE MORALES - I have been a member of the IACC for 10 years. I feel honored to be a member and I want to be part of helping it succeed. I have been a Board Member for seven years, between 2016 - 2024. Additionally, I have served on the following: • Newsletter Chair. 2015-2024 • IACC emailings. 2015-2024 • 100th Anniversary Book Committee. 2016 • Spreadsheets for most leagues; weekly updates; print and post at courts. 2017-2024 • Create and email most flyers for the leagues, notices, etc. 2017-2024 • Trailer Committee. 2018 • Membership Chairperson. 2017-2022 and 2024 • Bocce Committee. 2022-2024 • Tuesday morning League Leader 2024.



IACC CALENDAR

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JANUARY 2025

Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 31	Wed 1 New Year's Day	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
			10:00 AM Bocce Winter League			
5	6	7 3:00 PM Board Meeting	8 10:00 AM Bocce Winter League	9	10	11
12	13 6:00 PM Bocce Winter League	14	15 10:00 AM Bocce Winter League 6:00 PM P&R Bocce Beginners	16 4:00 PM P&R Bocce	17 9:30 AM P&R Bocce	18
19	20 6:00 PM Bocce Winter League	21 7:00 PM General Meeting - Elections	22 10:00 AM Bocce Winter League 6:00 PM P&R Bocce Beginners	23 4:00 PM P&R Bocce	24 9:30 AM P&R Bocce	25
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Sun 26	Mon 27 6:00 PM Bocce Winter League	Tue 28	Wed 29 10:00 AM Bocce Winter League 6:00 PM P&R Bocce Beginners	Thu 30 4:00 PM P&R Bocce	Fri 31 9:30 AM P&R Bocce	Sat 1
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I.A.C.C. General Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
7:00 pm
St. Veronica's Cafeteria

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