Ligure Club Bollettino

December 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ciao Members and Friends of the Ligure Club,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving together with family and friends.

We had a great crowd at our 90th Anniversary Dinner. First of all, I want to thank our cooks for the evening Leon Vignale, Jimmy Chegia, Gabby Schoefer, and Tony Vignale for the terrific meal. It was a wonderful evening with accordion music provided by George Campi. I wish to thank Ray Biasotti for his thoughtful keynote speech. Congratulations to our three new lifetime members Tony Sorth, Brian Poncini, and Jerry Marshall. I also wish to thank Andy Moglia and his crew for setting up the dining hall. Also thanks to Vito Muscardin and his wait staff for their service that evening. Great job everyone for making the evening a great success!

Our November Birthday Dinner was again our traditional meal of Rabbit and Polenta. I want to thank our cooks Andy Rubini, Ray Parenti, Stefano Musetti, Brad Correia, and especially Leon Vignale. Leon, after many dedicated years in our kitchen, is stepping down as our head chef. Thank you, Leon, for all the great dinners. Not to worry we're not losing him completely; Leon says he still will step in and give a hand in the kitchen when needed. Beyond the cooks, I also want to give thanks to the setup crew, the waiters, and everyone who either donated to, or helped out with the raffle.

I also want to acknowledge the long-time chairman of our Martinez Night dinner, Sante Cerri. Sante wasn't able to attend the dinner, however I spoke with him on the phone a few days before. He was safely at his home in Martinez having remarkably celebrated his 105th birthday on November 1st. Congratulations to Sante, easily our oldest Ligure Club member!

On Saturday December 7th we're having our annual Christmas Party, again chaired by David Conti and John Carter. Though it's a busy time of year for Santa Claus he will be there with presents for the young ones. While it's too late to reserve to get presents for children 12 years and younger, there's still time to reserve to attend for adults and teens (13 and older) by calling the reservation line, or sending an email to ligureclubreservatuions@yahoo.com.

Coming up on Tuesday, December 10th will be our last Member's Meeting of the year with Spuntino to follow. Please attend if you can. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the first Member's Meeting of the New Year on January 14th. The meeting will be followed by our ever-popular Steak & Beans. Please remember to call and reserve a seat If you plan to attend.

Your Ligure Club dues for 2025 are now due. Our Club dues are a great bargain. As a reminder with membership you get a free birthday dinner, four steak and beans dinners at our member's meetings, and a free invitation for you and a guest to our 2025 anniversary dinner.

Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Safe New Year.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

Your President,

David Franco



2025 LSI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2025 LSI College Scholarship Sponsorship Forms are now available for Ligure Club members wishing to sponsor qualifying college-bound high school seniors. The first step a sponsor needs to take is to contact either Gerry Niesar at GNiesar@nvlawllp.com (or 415-882-5300 x 232), John Pryor at ligureclub@yahoo.com, or Peter Revelli at revellipeter@gmail.com (or 510-206-4759) and request a Sponsorship Form. Note that the application package - which is to be completed by the student-applicant - must be returned via email no later than Friday, March 28, 2025.

By way of a reminder, LSI is a volunteer organization that strives to provide scholarship funding to deserving high school seniors who are applying to a two-year or four-year college. The goal of the scholarship program is multifold - first to recognize and reward high school students for outstanding achievement, second to provide some financial support to these deserving candidates, and third to honor the traditions of our Italian-American heritage in its commitment to higher education.

Over the past 17 years, LSI has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$200,000 to approximately 100 young scholars in our community. Those wishing to donate to this very worthy cause are encouraged to do so. Please make your donations payable to Ligure Scholars, Inc., and mail them with attention to: Marcello Barbero, 1136 Amador Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707.

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In Memoriam Mike Miraglia

May 27, 1946 - March 13, 2024 A member of the Ligure Club since May 2022

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We wish to thank all those who donated prizes for this last month's Birthday Dinner raffle including, John Fagliano, Leon Vignale, The Hutchings Family, Marcello Barbero, Gerry Niesar, Alberto Sedag, The Lapenna Family, and Mary Pryor (Ghirardelli).





LIGURE BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at the Fratellanza Club Board Meeting at 6pm, Membership Meeting at 7pm SPUNTINO TO FOLLOW



MEMBERS

















New members joining the club this past month include Lou Rigali (886), Tom Curtin (887), Mike Brignoli (888). Welcome to the club guys!

Upcoming Ligure Club Events

- Christmas Party Saturday, December 7th. Spaghetti & Meatballs.
- Member's Meeting Tuesday, December 10th. Spuntino to follow.
- Member's Meeting Tuesday, January 14th. Steak & Beans. Reservation required.
- Birthday Dinner Tuesday, January 28th. Past Presidents Night.

LIGURE 90th anniversary Dinner

Saturday, November 16, 2024 - Photos taken by John Pryor















NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER PHOTOS

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 - Photos taken by John Pryor

















LIGURE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Members Name:

Children 5 and under (Non-Member):

Children 6 through 12 (Non-Member):

Saturday, December 7, 2024 At The Fratellanza Club 1140 66th Street, Oakland



Cocktails at 4:00 pm • Dinner at 5:00 pm • Santa @ 6:30 pm

Menu: Green Salad • Spaghetti & Meat Balls

Milk • Wine • Coffee • Dessert

Adults 19 years of age and older: \$20.00

Teens 13 to 18 years of age: \$15.00

Children & Grandchildren of Members

5 Years and under: Dinner is Free

6 through 12 years: Dinner is \$5.00

Children & Grandchildren of Non-Members

5 years and under: Dinner is Free • \$20.00 for Gift • \$20.00 Total

6 through 12 years: Dinner is \$5.00 • \$20.00 for Gift • \$25.00 Total

For those members that plan to attend with children 12 years and younger, the reservation form below <u>must</u> be competed and sent in to John Carter, 2766 Crater Road, Livermore, CA 94550, by Thursday, November 21st to allow Santa enough time to get his gifts. <u>No exceptions!</u> Members that plan to attend without children in their group, or need to add adults and teens 13 years of age or older to their group, should call the Ligure Club's reservation line at 510 -869-4337 by Thursday, December 5th.

Ligure Club Christmas Party Reservation Form

Phone Number:

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	Number	Cost	Total		Child's Nam
Adults 19 and older:		\$20.00			
Teens 13 through 18:		\$15.00			
Children 5 and under (Member):		Free			
Children 6 through12 (Member):		\$5.00			

Total Enclosed:

\$20.00

\$25.00

Child's Name	Age	B/G

Provide the name, age, and gender (B/G) of all children 12 and under in the above table. Use the back of this form if more space is needed.

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November 2024

Dear Ligure Club members and friends,

As you know Ligure Scholar, Inc. (LSI) is a volunteer organization that strives to provide scholarship funding to deserving high school seniors as the pursue their college educations. Over the past 16 years, LSI has granted more than \$200,000 to nearly 85 young scholars.

The LSI Board strongly believes that fulfilling our mission to help support students in pursuit of a college education is always a worthy cause that pays long lasting dividends.

And so, on behalf of the LSI Board of Directors, I am reaching out to each of you asking for a donation to our LSI Scholarship Fund. The Ligure Club membership and friends have always been generous supporters of the LSI scholarship program, and this year more than ever, I am appealing to you for your continued support. (ONE ADDITIONAL BENEFIT OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS THAT SINCE LSI IS A CHARITABLE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION - IRC 501c)(3 TAXPAYER ID NUMBER 61-1543892 - ALL DONATED FUNDS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW). Please make your donations payable to Ligure Scholars, Inc. and mail them with attention to:

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Thanks to each of you for your continued support, and please keep safe.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. Sincerely, Marcello Barbero Chair of the LSI Board of Directors

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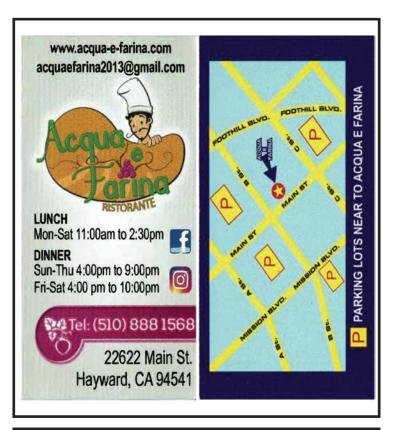
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