

Dear Cenacolisti,

I hope that the post-holiday season is treating you well. As usual, this bulletin contains announcements that I hope you will find useful and informative.

PEOPLE—

Just a couple of reminders—

—As before, I encourage you to join one of our committees. These committees are key to our operations and you can make a difference by joining one. Please take the time now to contact one of the team chairmen (they are listed after this message) and get involved!

—We have now almost completed the process of contacting club members to ask about their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors or one of our committees starting July 1, 2018. To those of you who said “yes” to serving—many thanks! For those of you who have not yet responded, please do so as soon as you can. The Board’s nominating committee (David T. Giannini, Ken Sproul and Chuck Stagliano) will be meeting shortly to review all candidates and to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors sufficiently in time for our elections in June.

Our Members in Print—

Ken Sproul, one of our directors and currently the Secretary of the Board, had a featured article in *Panorama*, the Newsletter of the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society (SFMHS). Ken is also on the Board of the SFMHS. His article—“The Point of No Return is Behind Us!”—discusses the changes that have occurred since we San Francisco natives enjoyed the warmth, beauty and character of our city in the 1940s and 1950s. It’s a good read and can be accessed through SFMHS.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS—

Thanks to David Cobb for organizing the January programs. It was nice to note that all of the speakers at the four January luncheons were Cenacolisti. The programs were well received by all. The month was kicked off with a presentation by Dave and his son, Ross, on their

Pinot Noir winery—including tasting some of their great wines. Adding to the enjoyment of the month were presentations by Mike Greensill on the development of early jazz, by Alex Kugushev on the enormous La Sagrada cathedral in Barcelona under construction since 1882, and by Keyvan Tabari on the Middle East. These were excellent and varied programs that provided enjoyment as well as camaraderie with fellow members. Well done! Please join us as often as you can!

This bulletin highlights our February programs. Please support your Club by attending as many of the Thursday luncheons as possible. Your attendance is much appreciated.

Just a reminder that you are invited to attend and observe a Board meeting. If you would like to come, please email me (ilpresidente@ilcenacolosf.org) and let me know your preferred date. We usually meet at 9:30am on the second Thursday of each month—immediately before the weekly luncheon meeting. **Next meeting: February 8, 2018.**

FINALLY—

I feel a resurgence of interest in our Club and I thank you for contributing. All of your board members—and several other Club members—are working diligently to continue the culture and heritage of Il Cenacolo. Together, we can and will achieve our goals of sustaining Il Cenacolo as a first-class organization.

With best regards,

Franz Cristiani
President

“May the sun shine on your window pane, always.” —Rocco Gulli