

Dear Cenacolisti,

I hope that you are well. It's been a terrible flu/cold/whatever season. Hopefully, it's behind us! As usual, this bulletin contains announcements that I hope you will find useful and informative.

PEOPLE—

—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 completed the process of contacting club members to ask about their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors or one of our committees. To those of you who said “yes” to serving—many thanks! The Board's nominating committee (David Giannini, Ken Sproul and Chuck Stagliano) have reviewed all candidates and made a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The director nominations will be finalized soon and, in accordance with our by-laws will be published in June prior to our June Annual Meeting.

BILL TOGNOTTI

Bill passed away on January 28 at a retirement community in Millbrae. He was 86 and had suffered from Parkinson's disease. Bill was an active member for many years—attending Thursday luncheons as well as the Gala and Opera Outing. He was a Marine Corps veteran and served in Korea during that war. He now joins his wife who passed away about two years ago. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

WESLA WHITFIELD

Wesla, the wife of our member Mike Greensill, passed away in February. We send our condolences to Mike and offer prayers for Wesla.

NEW MEMBERS

We continue to receive applications for admission to Il Cenacolo. And that's great as our membership has declined in the last few years because of the aging of our group, relocations away from the Bay Area and deaths. It will be good to see our ranks increase.

As you know, we will be admitting women to Il Cenacolo starting in April. As of this writing four women (two of whom are the wives of existing members) have applied and are in process of being accepted for membership effective April 1.

Il Cenacolo exists for you—and because of you. If you want to be part of securing its continued success, please help to recruit new members. Our membership chairman, Ron Derenzi, would be happy to explain the details of the process (it's easy) and to assist.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS—

Thanks to John Benson for organizing the February programs. These were excellent and varied and provided enjoyment as well as camaraderie with fellow members. Well done John!!

This bulletin highlights our March 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 e-mail me (ilpresidente@ilcenacolosf.org) and let me know your preferred date (we usually meet at 930am on the second Thursday of each month, immediately before the weekly luncheon meeting).

We continue to plan for meaningful events during the upcoming year. Please see our calendar on the next page for dates to save, and don't forget to put them on yours! (Details to follow.)

CIAO: Coalition of Italian American Organizations—

As you probably know, most of the Bay Area Italian-affiliated organizations have started to collaborate under the acronym of CIAO. The leaders of these organizations have already had two meetings—thanks to organization by Nick Figone at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Association. Chuck Stagliano and Ken Sproul have represented us. The first “project” is to determine CIAO's response to the City of San Francisco's insulting resolution to change the name of “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous People's Day.”

One of the other functions of CIAO is to better promote activities that are occurring throughout the Bay Area Italian community. In that regard, I'd like to make you aware of an event on April 28 that is sponsored by Cinema Italia SF in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute and the Italian Consul General. Cinema Italia SF will be presenting five films of Michelangelo Antonioni. Ticket information will be available at its website.

With best regards,

Franz Cristiani
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 28, 2018

FIVE FILMS OF MICHELANGELO ANTONINI
CINEMA ITALIA SF*
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

JUNE 28, 2018

IL CENACOLO ANNUAL MEETING
(AT THE REGULAR THURSDAY LUNCHEON)
SF ITALIAN ATHLETIC CLUB
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

AUGUST 24, 2018

ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS BASEBALL GAME
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

NOVEMBER 3, 2018

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL & DINNER
SAN RAFAEL, CA

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

SAL REINA OPERA OUTING
ROSS, CA

DECEMBER 7, 2018

HOLIDAY GALA
ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

** In collaboration with the Italiana Cultural Institute and the Italian Consul General*