

*Dear Cenacolisti,*

*Welcome to Spring!* Enjoy this wonderful season of re-growth, longer days and feelings of joy and fun! As usual, this bulletin contains useful information about our Club's activities, upcoming events and our members.

**PEOPLE—**

We are 75% through our fiscal year which begins July 1. We continue to seek new members and I encourage all to recruit new members by telling your friends and acquaintances about us. If you need more information or assistance, our Membership Chairman (Ron Derenzi) is anxious to help.

At this time, I am pleased to welcome these new members who have joined us so far this fiscal year:

*New Member*

**Romana Bracco**  
**Marie Derenzi**  
**Leanna C. Giannini**  
**Mark Lachtman**  
**Robert Laggini**  
**Bill Mastrangelo**  
**Lisa Michelis**  
**Richard Peterson**  
**Susan Peterson**  
**Anna Maria Pierini**  
**Terri Ryan**  
**David Stewart**

*Sponsor*

**Ron Derenzi**  
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**David T. Giannini**  
**Dennis Pasquini**  
**Ron Fenolio**  
**Ron Derenzi**  
**David T. Giannini**  
**Richard DeBono**  
**Chuck Stagliano**  
**David T. Giannini**  
**Bob Ryan**  
**Marv Pheffer**

Please join me in introducing yourselves to these new Cenacolisti when your paths cross at our Thursday meetings and our special events. We are glad they have chosen to join Il Cenacolo and look forward to their participation.

Many thanks to the sponsors noted above. It is through their involvement that the new members joined us. We appreciate the efforts made by these sponsors to recruit.

Our new members include the first women members ever at Il Cenacolo. Welcome! This is indeed a fitting and significant event as we celebrate our 90th year. Hopefully, it portends continued evolution of our organization as we seek to remain relevant while still reflecting the values and culture of our founders and our history.

### **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!

—The Board's nominating committee (David Giannini, Ken Sproul and Chuck Stagliano) have reviewed all Director candidates and made recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Director nominations, in accordance with our by-laws, will be published prior to our upcoming Annual Meeting held on June 28 at our regular Thursday luncheon.

### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS—**

Thanks to Richard DeBono for organizing the March programs. These were excellent and varied programs that provided enjoyment as well as camaraderie with fellow members.

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

### ***Regarding programs—***

Each one of our Directors steps up to be responsible for organizing the slate of speakers for a given month. Alex Kugushev, our overall Program Chairman, provides significant support by actively adding to a long list of potential speakers and assisting the monthly Program Chairman. I hope you agree that the speakers have been excellent, that the topics have been varied and interesting, and that, in general, having speakers at our weekly luncheons has been very positive. ***BUT WE STILL WANT TO MAKE IT BETTER.*** And that can best be done by you. Each of us has ideas, people, and subjects that we believe will add to the speaker program. I'd like you to please send those ideas to Alex ([alexkugushev@att.net](mailto:alexkugushev@att.net)) And if you can, please provide Alex with the name and contact information of speakers that you believe our members would enjoy. We will follow up and make arrangements—but your involvement would be wonderful. ***Do it now!*** Thanks!

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](mailto: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).

We continue to plan for meaningful events during the upcoming year. Please note the dates on the **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** following. Although the details are not yet finalized for every event, it is certain that they will be fun! So save the dates on your calendar, and look for further announcements as the events draw near.

Especially, please be sure to mark June 28 on your calendar *in ink!* Our annual meeting will be held on that date. We will (1) update everyone on the workings of our Club—including our financial position, (2) provide a slate of proposed directors for your vote, (3) vote on revisions to our by-laws and (4) conduct any other business that is applicable to Il Cenacolo. If you have specific matters that you would like to have covered, please contact me.

As you probably know, most of the Bay Area Italian-affiliated organizations have started to collaborate under the acronym of CIAO, Coalition of Italian-American Organizations. ([Click here to read about 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 unfortunate resolution to change the name of “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous People’s Day.”

**FINALLY—**

This year we celebrate our 90th anniversary! The Board has some ideas cooking about how to celebrate this special event in our history—*so stay tuned!*

***BUONA PASQUA!***

Franz Cristiani  
President



*“Il Cenacolo” by Leonardo da Vinci, represents the Last Supper on the Holy Thursday before Easter.*

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