

Dear Cenacolisti,

I hope that this bulletin finds you and your family well. As usual, this bulletin contains current information on our Club's activities and plans.

PEOPLE—

Membership activity is improving. We have added several new members—including the first women in our Club's 90-year existence. Your continued involvement in identifying and recruiting members is starting to pay off and is contributing significantly to our growth.

This is a repeat: 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!

EVENTS & PROGRAMS—

Thanks to Alex Kugushev for organizing the April programs. These varied presentations were enjoyed by all. This bulletin highlights our May programs. Please support your Club by attending as many of these as possible. Your attendance is much appreciated.

Regarding programs—this is a repeat request for each of you to provide our program chairman, Alex Kugushev, with your ideas and suggestions for speakers—his email is alexkugushev@att.net. He will follow-up and confirm arrangements but your involvement in supplying contact information would be great. Thanks!

Another reminder—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).

We continue to plan for meaningful events during the upcoming year. *Check out the calendar following*, and please add these dates to your own calendar!

Thursday, June 28, 2018 is an especially important date—the date of our **Annual Meeting**. In mid-May, we will send you the meeting agenda and formal notice. At the meeting, we plan to (1) update everyone on our Club—including our financial position, (2) provide a slate of four new 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 (ilpresidente@ilcenacolosf.org). Also, please note that per our by-laws you may propose additional candidates for consideration as directors. These additional proposed names should be submitted to me in writing together with the signature of five members prior to May 28, 2018.

FINALLY—

This year we celebrate our 90th anniversary! Stay tuned for how the Board decides to celebrate this special event in our history. Your ideas, too, would be welcomed.

One of our distinguished members, Ron Fenolio, sent me the following essay that is a wonderful tribute to Italian-Americans. We have been unable to locate the author, Angelo Bianchi, who is a former President of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

With best regards,

Franz Cristiani
President

