A Message From Our President

As Pietro reports in his message we are “back to the future” more than a century later, actively responding to the needs of the Bay Area Italian Community in a time of quarantine. We are proud to be able to do that because of the dedication of Pietro and his staff, dedicated volunteers and the moral and financial support of people like you. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Donald G. Parachini
President

A Message From Our Executive Director

I encourage members of every Italian and Italian-American organization to participate in one of our initiatives.

Lastly, I thank all our donors for their generosity. I invite more readers to donate. You can donate via check, via our website, or on Facebook. Since the outbreak we have tripled the people we are serving and we anticipate this growth will continue through the summer. If you cannot donate financially, we also need hardware items such as laptops, computers, tablets and handheld devices. We will use this equipment in our future computer lab to help our seniors stay connected.

Grazie infinite,

Pietro Bonnano
Executive Director
Alida is a San Francisco native, lover of all things Italian (especially Alfa Romeo) and supporter of the arts. Her family originates from a small village in the Alps of Lombardy, in Northern Italy. She is still very close with her Italian cousins who now live mainly in and around Bergamo. She grew up in North Beach and attended grammar school at Sts. Peter & Paul. While growing up, she spent her summers on her grandparents’ ranch outside of Santa Rosa. She is a very active member of the broader Italian community. Her time is divided between North Beach and her Santa Rosa ranch where she tends her vineyards and farm. I cannot thank Alida enough for her recent generosity to Italian Community Services. As the agency continues to refresh its image, Alida purchased furniture for both the waiting room and the soon to open library/archive room. Visitors can now sit in comfort while waiting to be assisted or while reading one of our rare books. Most recently, she donated funds to support our extensive care package initiative. Grazie!
Bringing the Community Together

In collaboration with Gio Gelati we delivered this sweet treat to our most isolated members.

Volunteers work together, pre-social distancing, to prepare the Emergency Care Package with vital essentials.

Pen Pal program with La Scuola Students – generational differences disappear as middle schoolers and our seniors begin their Pen Pal journey.

During Easter and Passover we delivered festive care packages. Club Fugazi slowly fills up with completed care packages.

Restaurant 54Mint prepared hundreds of meals to be delivered to our community members.

Francesca Alderisi, Italian Senator, presented to the Italian Senate Archive Committee our gift from her recent visit to San Francisco. We gifted her an original newspaper “L'Italia” from 1906. There is a piece of Italian Community Services now in Rome.

Volunteers stand in front of Club Fugazi. On average, each care package run needs 15 volunteers in addition to our staff to run smoothly.
POSTPONED EVENTS DUE TO COVID-19
Caring for our SENIOR community is not our only focus.
We host cultural, musical and educational events for all ages.
Due to Covid 19 the following events have been postponed:

- Welcome to the Bay Series - This series is designed for those that have recently moved to SF and need crucial integration tips to navigate Bay Area living.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner - Volunteers are essential to our mission. Each year we honor our volunteers by hosting a dinner to recognize each of them for their valuable commitment.
- Field trips to Walt Disney Museum and Legion of Honor. We believe museums provide inspiration to our community. Each month we visit a museum, in March we planned to visit the Walt Disney Museum and in April the Legion of Honor.
- Opera Guild Performance - The San Francisco Opera Guild has a rich calendar of operas performed by children. Attending is a community favorite.
- Comites Panel Discussion on the “New American Dream”: Comites San Francisco had the idea to compare the “American Dream” of the past with that of the present.
- Easter/Passover Brunch - Each spring we have a beautiful brunch to honor Easter and Passover. This is a favorite for our seniors.
- InterComites Annual Conference
- Italian Au Pair - integration presentation and dinner-social. San Francisco Bay Area has over 100 Italian Au Pairs. We welcome these vital members of our community, give them the tools to feel at home and support their needs. We even help their parents from Italy get situated when they visit San Francisco.
- Casino trip with Italian Athletic Club and Salesians. Our last Casino trip was a success. Graton Casino is the perfect place for a day trip. It is beautiful to see members of three communities come together.
- Bocce Tournament with ICA Cristo Rey. Each year Italian Community Services and ICA Cristo Rey Academy host a golf tournament. This year we also planned to have a bocce tournament in San Rafael.
- Italian Music in Golden Gate Park. The first Saturday of June has always sounded sweeter because Italian Community Services sponsors an Italian music concert in Golden Gate Park.