

# VERDI CLUB

Newsletter | October 2023



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, October 11, 13, 20**

**Litquake**

**Saturday, October 14**

[Rock & Roll Dinner Dance Party  
w/ Doc Kraft and his Dance  
Band](#)

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**Cocktails with Jeff**

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Gutierrez Band](#)

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Rami Bar-Niv Performs Gershwin](#)

## Weekly Events

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Wednesdays - [Stud Country](#)

Thursdays - [Milonga Malevaje](#)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Benvenuti a tutti!*

This is the time of year when I again put the word out for volunteers, especially those of you who have been Full Members for at least a year. We are holding elections at the Verdi Club **November 8, 2023**. Like uncle Sam, "We Want You!"

I joined the Verdi Club Board right before the shelter-in-place orders were issued more than three years ago. The Board held our meetings via conference call. It seemed like an eternity before we would all meet face-to-face again as a Board. Those were challenging times for your Verdi Club, but our love for the Club and our commitment to you, our membership, kept us persevering on your behalf.

Those hard times are firmly in our rear-view mirror, and the Verdi Club is again a big hit and a huge success. It is now time for you to assume the stewardship of our beloved Verdi Club, and run for office.

Verdi Club elections are now set for **November 8, 2023, at 5:30pm** at the Verdi Club. Complimentary food and beverages will be served.

But even if you cannot serve on the Board, for whatever reason, the most basic form of participation in the Verdi Club, is just showing up and casting a ballot. We hope to see you there.

Also, please join us for the October 14 Dinner Dance, which will be a Rock 'n' Roll theme featuring Doc Kraft & His Dance Band. Get your tickets for the October 14 Dinner Dance, and for all of the Verdi Club's public events, at <https://www.verdiclub.net/events-calendar/> and just click on the event you want to attend.



*Cordali Saluti, Samuel Bellicini*



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### **Manager**

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## ROARING 20'S DINNER DANCE

Oh, what a night!

Enjoy these delightful photos by [Rachel Ziegler](#) that are very much in the now, yet took us back to the 1920's jazz age with the one and only Halsey and the Hi-Hats. Dancing couples, jazz vibes, family birthday celebrations and a whole lotta love and laughter filled the club. Happy 98th Birthday, Barney Glaser!







### **Birthdays**

Nick Cannuli  
Joseph Corvino  
Dennis Davison  
Ray Garcia  
Sean Gawell  
JoAnn Giroux  
Brian Gorman  
Steve Muller  
Pamela Reppen  
Ed Sutton  
Susan Troia

### **Anniversaries**

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Bellicini  
Mr. & Mrs. James Broussard  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark DePaula  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron McGoldrick  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Muller  
Robert Bailey & Irene Lo

### **Dinner Dance Set Up Team**

Dennis Davison  
Ron McGoldrick  
Bonnie McGregor  
Annette Schutz  
Mark Schutz  
Jane Russell Wisdom  
Bill Russell  
Steve Mullarkey  
Diane Mullarkey

*If you would like to help out at the Club, on the day of the dinner dance we meet at 8am and are usually finished by 10am.*

#### **To join the crew contact:**

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415-584-1075

## VERDI CLUB PRIVATE EVENTS

Host your next special event at Verdi Club with exclusive Member discount! No event is too small for us to make it truly memorable. Whether it's a happy hour gathering, anniversary party, fundraiser, company event, or any other special occasion, our doors are open to you.

We can help you through every step of the process, from booking entertainment and outside vendors to crafting specialized dinner and bar menus.

For booking inquiries, please contact  
[jason@verdiclub.net](mailto:jason@verdiclub.net)



## COCKTAILS WITH JEFF



**Friday, November 3 7pm-10pm**

Members **FREE**

Non-Members \$25

Settle in for an evening of tales and tipples in our first installment of "Cocktails with Jeff", an exclusive experience at the Verdi Club. The inaugural outing will feature cocktails associated with New Orleans. Learn the legendary history of these drinks, some fun facts about the spirits that go into them, the personalities who had a hand in their creation, and most importantly... how to make and enjoy them!

Please RSVP by emailing [rsvp@verdiclub.net](mailto:rsvp@verdiclub.net) by Monday, October 2

# LITQUAKE - SAN FRANCISCO'S LITERARY FESTIVAL



We're excited to offer exclusive discounts to Verdi Club Members and Friends!

Use discount code **VERDISPECIAL** to enjoy 20% off your purchase!

**Wednesday, October 11, 7pm**

## **Susanna Hoffs: This Bird has Flown**

From rockstar to novelist—'80s pop rock icon Susanna Hoffs made a bold and courageous career shift to give us her debut novel, *This Bird Has Flown*, a sexy, hilarious, and heartfelt story about a 33-year-old one-hit-wonder whose luck is about to change. Join us for an intimate conversation about the power of words and music with this versatile artist who found her freedom as a writer after playing the setlist that made her famous as the co-founder of The Bangles. Now in her third act, Susanna not only shows us how to reinvent ourselves but how to reinvigorate our creativity. This is going to be a spirited discussion about the creative process and how songwriting and building a novel are more similar than we think—Susanna will bring her guitar and offer insights into both. In conversation with novelist and writing coach Holly Payne, host and producer of the Page One Podcast. **\$40 adv/\$45 door** includes a copy of the book.

[Tickets](#)

**Wednesday, October 11, 8pm**

## **Porchlight Storytelling: Tricks Up My Sleeve**

The Bay Area's long-running Porchlight storytelling series returns to Litquake for this special edition, featuring tales on the theme of *Tricks Up My Sleeve: Invisible Magic*. With authors Derrick Brown, Dorothy Lazard, Dominic Lim, Ahmed Naji, Amy Schneider, and Dan Stuart. Co-hosted by Arline Klatte and Beth Lisick. Music by Marc Capelle. Doors at 7 pm, show at 8 pm. **\$25 adv / \$30 door**

[Tickets](#)

**Wednesday, October 20, 7pm**

## **An Evening with McSweeney's and special guest Tim Heidecker**

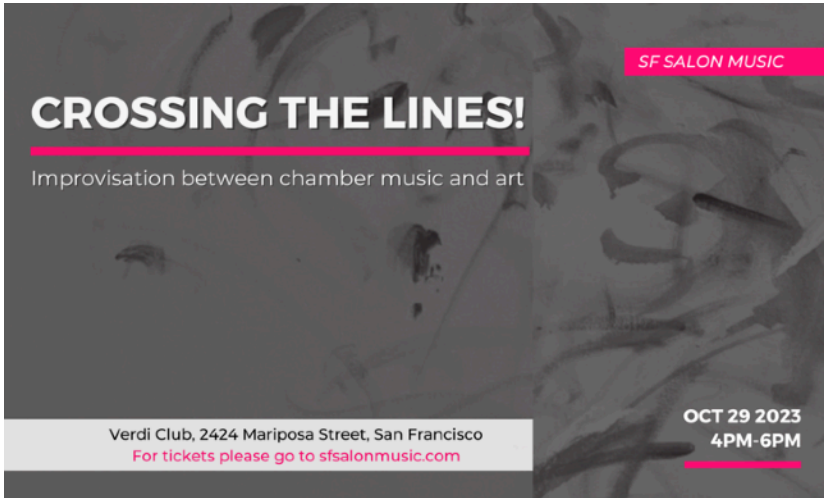
As part of their 25th Anniversary Year, Bay Area institution McSweeney's hosts a special evening highlighting McSweeney's first two and half decades. Come have drinks and food beforehand, enjoy riveting readings, and stay afterward to continue the celebration. Doors open at 6pm, show at 7pm.

Tim Heidecker is a comedian, writer, director, actor, and musician. With Eric Wareheim, he is a member of the comedy duo Tim & Eric, and has appeared in numerous films, including *Bridesmaids* (2011), *Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie* (2012), *The Comedy* (2012), *Mister America* (2019), and *Us* (2019).



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

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**Sunday, October 29 - 4pm-6pm**

**SF Salon Music Presents: Crossing the Lines!**

[Tickets](#)

SF Salon Music offers experiences that connect people with music and the arts. The name "Salon" comes from French, referring to the room in a French home where women received guests. SF Salon Music revives the spirit of the Salon. SF Salon Music was founded by Michelle Chang to share her love for music and the arts with you. Join us!

**Friday, November 17 - 7pm**

**Verdi Club and Forte House Presents:**

**A George Gershwin Program with Concert Pianist Rami Bar-Niv**

[Tickets](#)

Rami Bar-Niv is one of Israel's most acclaimed and sought-after pianists.

He travels extensively and has become an international citizen, concertizing all over the world.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime concert as Rami Bar-Niv performs his take on Gershwin classics.

We're thrilled to offer \$10 discounts for Verdi Club Members.

Email [info@verdiclub.net](mailto:info@verdiclub.net) to get your discount code





## Rock & Roll Dinner Dance Party w/ Doc Kraft & His Dance Band

Saturday, October 14 @ 5:30pm

[Tickets](#)

### Doc Kraft & His Dance Band

Doc Kraft & His Dance Band play a mix of Classic Rock, Oldies, and Funk that are sure to get you on the dance floor.

### Buffet Menu

Chicken Parmesan or  
Eggplant Parmesan

*Served with Side, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert and Dinner Wine*

### Schedule

5:30 Doors Open  
6:45 Dinner  
7:30 Dance

MEMBER	\$45
MEMBER + 1	\$90
NON-MEMBER	\$55



# VERDI CLUB DINNER DANCE PARTY

Nov  
11



5:30 Cocktails  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Dance

## THE BOB GUTIERREZ BAND

Dinner Dance Party w/ The Bob Gutierrez Band

Saturday, November 11 @ 5:30pm

[Tickets](#)

### Bob Gutierrez Band

The Verdi Club is always hopping when Bob Gutierrez comes to play. They play a mixture of ballroom dance and favorites from the 60's 70's and 80's. Always a crown pleaser, we're thrilled to have them back for the first time in 2023!

### Buffet Menu

Herb Roasted Turkey or  
Butternut Squash Baked Pasta

*Served with Side, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert and Dinner Wine*

### Schedule

5:30 Doors Open  
6:45 Dinner  
7:30 Dance

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## SUNSHINE



## COMMITTEE

*The following is **Jane Wisdom Russell**'s description of how she and her husband, **Bill Russell**, found one another and the Verdi Club:*

The romance started in international shipping - however not as romantic as the Titanic movie. Bill was a difficult customer/shipper handling some high-level customers- made a sales call and the rest is history. Married in 1984 - best accomplishment after 10 years was having an amazing son who is launched - married, settled in CO as a successful computer engineer for HP.

We became vested members in 2022, joined the Club pre-Covid, in 2018 or 2019. We love long hikes and biking (now w/e-bikes). Next year – planning a tour in Egypt which will tick off a bucket list item. We both love the Verdi Club events - poor Bill must put up with my freestyle after the Verdi Bartender creates the best cocktails in SF. Love the people we get a chance to meet and become friends with at the Verdi - a wonderful eclectic group that never disappoints.



**Pam Tibbitts** and **Steve Tedesco** met in law school and married 5 years later. Pam is now retired and focuses on music and Steve is semi-retired and trying to improve his golf game. They spend as much time traveling as possible.

They first heard about the Verdi Club in January 2019 from a San Francisco Chronicle article about a 100+ year old Italian American social club that had just elected its first ever female president (and she wasn't even Italian!) New President Delores Homisak welcomed them warmly to their first Valentine's dinner dance in February 2019. After attending many dinner dances as guests, Pam and Steve decided to become members one year later, a month before COVID hit. After almost 5 years since attending that first dinner dance, they've spent many fun nights at the Verdi Club.

**Barbara and Fred Campagnoli** have a shared history of both their families immigrating to our City by the Bay in the 1880's with one family from Ireland and the other Italy. Their story is a classic 1950's Catholic school match up. They dated and fell in love in high school. Both are wonderfully retired with two daughters and three grandchildren. Barbara and Fred proudly say, "We love the Verdi Club"





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