

VERDI CLUB

Newsletter | January 2022



Upcoming Events

Verdi Club Events

Saturday, January 8th

Installation/New Year

Dinner Dance

Canceled

Saturday, February 19th

Verdi Club Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 12th

Verdi Club Dinner Dance

Weekly Events

Thursdays

[Milonga Malevaje - Tango](#)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the new year approaches fast, this is my last opportunity to address you as President of the Verdi Club. It has been my privilege and honor to serve in this capacity for the last 3 years. The world was a very different place when I took the reins. I am thankful that having had such a solid 2019, we were able to remain solvent as we weathered the unknown territory of the next 2

years. When adversity struck, I am proud to say the Officers and Board Members met the challenge head on. Sacrifices were made by staff and Members in many forms. But our staff and Board worked hard to implement new ideas, take advantage of government funded small business programs to cover business losses and use the downtime of the club to invest in our future.

I have to admit that I was not always sure of the way forward but thanks to close collaboration amongst the Board members, collectively we charted a path, step by step, and flexed when we faced new challenges or unexpected obstacles. Bill Magidson, long time Verdi Club Member and former President, told me often that everything he did involving the club was with the good of the Verdi Club in mind. I have found that to be a grounding principle during my tenure. And I include in "the good of the Verdi Club" the need to involve more people in leadership positions so we have bench strength and appropriate oversight.

More changes will come, undoubtedly, as the Board steers the Verdi Club through the next few years. Some will be welcome and some may be hard to swallow but to ensure the legacy of the Verdi Club, we must engage in self-evaluation and continuous adjustment to this ever changing world. Your new President, Sam Bellicini, has my full confidence as the next leader for the Verdi Club and I pledge my ongoing support, both to him and to the Verdi Club membership.

-Delores





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MEMBER NEWS!

TIME TO PAY YOUR 2022 DUES!

The Verdi Club membership continues to grow! We welcome four new Associate Members:

Alan Bishop, Daniel Edelstein, Alex Lemberg, Rahm Anderson and Kristin Wojkowski.

Thanks to those who have paid their 2022 dues already. And a special thank you to those who added a donation to the Club. Dues are \$100 per year and must be paid by February 15, 2022. This year you can pay your dues one of two ways:

Electronic Payment: For those who wish, you can pay your \$100 dues electronically. Just click on this link: <https://www.verdiclub.net/2022-member-dues/> and follow the directions. You will receive an acknowledgment that your payment has been received.

Payment by Check: For those who wish to pay their dues via a check, please send your \$100 dues payment to the Verdi Club. Your cancelled check will constitute acknowledgment that your dues have been paid. Mail your payment to:

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I'm pleased to announce that Delores Homisak (delores@verdiclub.net) is taking over as Membership Chair. For a few years, I, Jean Perata, began by helping former Membership Chair, Bill Magidson, with his duties. He taught me the ropes, so to speak. Then, in late 2018 I took over as Membership Chair. Thanks to all of you who made being Membership Chair so easy – particularly to those of you who paid your dues on time!





JANUARY 8 INSTALLATION/NEW YEAR DINNER CANCELED

Birthdays

Jonathon Bartlett
Emil Bertana
Roy Herstein
Delores Homisak
Ray Lenci
Glenn Micallef
Michelle Merlo
Melissa Mooney
Joanne Regalia
William Russell
Gail Stimmel
Paul Varni

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Armstrong
Cristine Gaspari & Dan Patten
Patty Tan & Ian Anderson

Dinner/Dance Set Up Team

Gino Pettinari, Chair
Dennis Davison
Ron and Gloria McGoldrick
Bonnie McGregor
Jim and Debbie Poulos
Annette and Mark Schutz

It's been so nice to get back on track with our Dinner Dance schedule over the last few months. Gathering again after such a long time away has been food for the soul. Although we had hoped that the negative impacts of Covid-19 were mostly behind us, it's become clear that we're not quite out of the woods.

As some of you know, we've had two people test positive after attending Verdi Club Dinner Dances. Cases are rising sharply with the highly contagious Omicron variant and we've decided to play it safe and cancel the January 8th Dinner Dance.

It's important that we continue to remain flexible in the face of this ever changing pandemic. We want to do everything we can to ensure the health and safety of our Members and guests and look forward to gathering once we can do so in a safe manner.

Installation of Officers and Board Members will take place at the first Board meeting on January 10, 2022 so as not to disrupt the transition.

2022 MEMBERS DINNERS

It looks like we're going to continue to have challenges with our climb back to "normal" levels of business activity, at least through the first half of 2022. The club is fully open for booking and some of our long time patrons are already back but we're not active at the pre-covid level yet. We will continue to host a monthly member dinner dance as long as it is safe and legal to do so. Operationally, we have some challenges that require us to make some adjustments.

The shortage of staff continues to be a challenge so until we can hire and train a regular staff, we are going to continue with the buffet format. We understand it can be frustrating to have to wait as tables work their way through the buffet line and we thank you in advance for your patience with this. We do hope to return to plated service in 2022 when the availability of wait staff increases. We will also continue with the new service of passing appetizers to guests as they gather in the bar and ballroom prior to dinner.

As a reminder, please make your reservations either by emailing rsvp@verdiclub.net or purchasing tickets on Eventbrite. We will remain with open seating unless you wish to reserve a full table. You can reserve a table either via the email or Eventbrite options. If you are making a reservation for a party of any size, please make a single reservation and payment and collect monies from your guests. Please do not leave reservation requests on Jason's cell or the Verdi Club voicemail as it makes it more difficult to follow up, confirm and account for all payments correctly.



"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." — Ralph Waldo Emerson



Long time Verdi Club member Gene Duden celebrated his 100th birthday this past December. All of us at the Verdi wish him a year of all that brings him great joy!!

Congratulations, Gene. We all look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in 2022.

Annette Schutz ~ SUNSHINE CHAIR

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