

# VERDI CLUB

Newsletter | May 2022



## Upcoming Events

### Verdi Club Events

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Dinner Dance](#)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Benvenuti a tutti!

Mother's Day is Sunday May 8. While commonly regarded as just another Hallmark Holiday, the actual celebration of Mother's Day is steeped in history. The acknowledgment of a day dedicated to mothers is generally attributed to Julia Ward Howe – an abolitionist best remembered as the poet who wrote "Battle Hymn of the Republic", who made a public proclamation in 1870, just five years after the Civil War, exhorting all women to dedicate themselves to peace: "Arise, all women who have hearts". Nearly forty years later, on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day "as a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

Julia Ward Howe's message to mothers is as true now as it was 150 years ago, "Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs." I rather like the idea that our "public expression of love and reverence" for the mothers in our lives should be regarded with the sentiments of "charity, mercy and patience".

Buon Anniversario al Verdi Club!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the May 14 dinner Dance – tickets are on sale now. The May dinner Dance is always special because it is the Verdi Club Anniversary Dinner Dance. The Verdi Club is 106 years young in 2022, and the Club has never been as beautiful and elegant as it is now, since we established ourselves here at 2424 Mariposa Street in 1936.

Cordali Saluti, Samuel Bellicini





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# DINNER DANCE CALENDAR

## Upcoming Dinner Dances

Date	Band	Style	Menu
May 14, 2022	The Vintage Jukebox	Various Jazz	Beef Short Ribs Zucchini Noodles w/ Roasted Bell Pepper Pomodoro
June 11, 2022	Steve Lucky & The Rhumba Bums	Boogie Woogie/ Swing	Chicken Piccata Porcini Stuffed Ravioli
July 16, 2022	The Cottontails	Swing	Baby Back Ribs Macaroni Gratin w/ Creme Fraiche
August 13, 2022	Alpha Rhythm Kings	Swing	Baked Ziti w/ Italian Sausage Vegetarian Baked Ziti

\*Please note that the July Dinner Dance will be held on the 3rd Saturday.

## SUMMER OF SWING!

The Verdi Club will be jumpin' and hoppin' as we feature the Bay Area's hottest Swing bands for our Summer of Swing series starting June 11.

### June 11 - [Steve Lucky & The Rhumba Bums](#)



Called "Instant Crowd Favorites" by the San Francisco Blues Festival and "Consummate musicians and entertainers" by New York City's Lincoln Center, Lucky and Getit really shine before a live audience, bringing an intense energy and sheer personal magnetism to the stage, exercising wit in a continuous battle of the sexes. They've earned a reputation as captivating entertainers with "superior musicianship" (Downbeat), engaging audiences at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, the Half Note Jazz Club in Athens, Greece, the San Francisco Blues Festival, as the house band at the Derby in Hollywood, and hundreds of nightclubs, festivals, and performing arts centers around the world.

### July 16 - [The Cottontails](#)



THE COTTONTAILS are one of San Francisco's most exciting musical groups, playing a wide range of styles ranging from 20's/30's Gatsby-era jazz, classic 40's swing, and vintage 50's/60's R&B. The band's versatility allows it to accommodate many settings, from quiet acoustic duo to jazz quintet, to full dance band with horns and guitar. Able to custom tailor our line-up to fit your event's specific needs, the Cottontails are available to perform for parties, weddings, corporate occasions and public concerts.

### August 13 - [The Alpha Rhythm Kings](#)



Swing. Jump Blues. Vintage Lounge. Boogie Woogie.

Established in 2017, the Alpha Rhythm Kings have created quite a stir with music fans, having crafted an exciting, King Size California sound, with what Roots Music Magazine No Depression calls "the badge of authenticity".

The band's top quality musicians, with Robert Dehlinger's "exhilarating" trumpet and "magnetic" singing (Jazz Corner) leading the way, are a favorite with swing dancers, as well as with audiences in nightclubs, festivals and concert halls.



### **Birthdays**

George Malson  
Deborah Micallef-Smith  
Constantin Roboostoff  
David Stimmel  
Marcus Stoesz

### **Anniversaries**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Corvino  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cvetovac  
Dennis Davison & Jean Perata  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Duden  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Perez  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spano

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

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

## **BAND SPOTLIGHT**

### **Vintage Jukebox**

Vintage Jukebox Orchestra is a world-class San Francisco wedding cover band that specializes in music that spans from 1920 through 2020!

We specialize in music that grooves and gets people dancing: 20s Hot Jazz, Big Band favorites, Swing, Motown, Soul, Funk, Disco, Rock, Pop, 80s Pop, Top 40... we play something for everyone!



The band is very popular for private events (as well as wedding receptions, wedding ceremony, rehearsal dinner, Birthdays, Anniversaries) and also with corporate events (including theme parties such as Roaring 20s, Motown & Rock'n'Roll, Disco Night or Just 80s) such as corporate holiday events, charity gala, fundraiser events.

Tickets for the Anniversary Dinner Dance can be purchased by clicking [HERE](#)

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Verdi Club welcomes new Associate Members Kathleen and Thomas Soper, Emily Smith and Gennady Farber. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly dinner dance and welcoming you in person.

Thank you to all Members who paid their annual dues in a timely manner. We now have a total of 129 Members.

As your new Membership Chair, I am committed to evangelizing the virtues of joining the Verdi Club and helping to shape the future of the club for the next generation. It is vital that we continue to grow our membership base and engage with the diverse community that makes San Francisco, well, San Francisco!

I am actively recruiting for people who have a passion for the Verdi Club and would like to help me develop a membership strategy and launch a membership drive in 2022. If you are interested, please contact me at [delores@verdiclub.net](mailto:delores@verdiclub.net) or 650 996-9060.

## **DANCING AROUND THE BAY**

If you love to dance, here are some other places to visit for more information.

**Sundance Saloon** Is Open! Two-stepping and line dancing every Sunday and Thursday. [www.sundancesaloon.org](http://www.sundancesaloon.org)

**Michelle Kinkaid**, West Coast Swing Dancing [www.michelledance.com](http://www.michelledance.com)

**Tango Mango**, Argentine Tango Calendar <https://www.tangomango.org/>

# HOUSE KEEPING

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## What's New...

Your Board has been working overtime implementing new ideas and figuring out how to maintain our tried and true traditions. New Board Member Melissa Mooney now chairs Entertainment, she has put together a star studded Band line up with Summer of Swing waiting in the wings. She brings years of experience with the San Francisco's Dance community to our ballroom, look for the gal with the fabulous hat! We do have a unique reputation, Dancers routinely comment, ours is one of the best dance floors in the City. The Bob Guterrez Band was very well received, especially the talented Vocalist, you'll see them again.

Work on the Women's Lounge continues, the 3 stall restroom is scheduled for new flooring, replacing the 1970's worn beige vinyl is a welcome change. The project demanded pulling and reinstalling the toilets which revealed that the subfloor needed to be removed and replaced at an additional cost.

Covid 19 has significantly impacted our costs for the monthly Members Dinner Dance. Space rental has thankfully provided for significant underwriting of the cost of the Dinner Dance, a wonderful Members benefit that has kept the price affordable. Depending upon the menu and band selection, the loss can be significant especially if attendance is low. As we all know labor, food and fuel costs have risen as a result of world economic issues. Your attendance with family and guests are essential to help us minimize loss and keep this traditional event going. With the labor pinch we are keeping the old school tip basket for now, make sure to look for it as it moves around the ballroom helping us appreciate our hard working servers. Stage work which encompasses important sound issues along with the aesthetics is moving along. Gold velvet Parisian pleats now adorn the back wall offering further sound improvement and brightening our temporary black backdrop. Jason is working on sound enhancement much to the delight of all of our visiting Musicians. An ongoing exploration for improved stage lighting is also under Jason's purview.



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An Important Reminder: Getting your RSVP'S in for the monthly Dinner Dance as early as possible helps us with the planning for food, security and entertainment. Let's all keep this in mind as we move further into the year, your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Now that we can RSVP via EVENTBRITE it's even easier.

All for now,

Your Verdi Club Board



# VERDI CLUB ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

BUFFET MENU

Braised Beef Short Ribs

or

Zucchini Noodles w/ Roasted Bell Pepper Pomodoro

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



6PM DRINKS  
7PM DINNER  
8PM BAND

Wine served with dinner. Additional bottles \$20

Proof of Vaccination Required

Ticket sales end Thursday, May 12th

Tickets available at [verdiclub.net](http://verdiclub.net)

RSVP by email: [rsvp@verdiclub.net](mailto:rsvp@verdiclub.net)



SUNSHINE



COMMITTEE

*"May the Month of Merriment"*

**Big congratulations to Delores on her recent retirement!**



**YOU DID IT!**

# VERDI CLUB SUMMER OF SWING

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

*Featuring*



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

6PM DRINKS  
7PM DINNER  
8PM BAND

## BUFFET MENU

Chicken Piccata  
or  
Porcini Stuffed Ravioli

Wine served with dinner. Additional bottles \$20  
Proof of Vaccination Required

Ticket sales end Thursday, June 9th

Tickets available at [verdiclub.net](http://verdiclub.net)

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