## VERDI CLUB

#### Newsletter | December 2022



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Verdi Club Events**

#### Saturday, December 10

<u>December Dinner Dance</u> w/ The Bob Gutierrez Band

#### Saturday, December 31

New Years Eve Dinner Dance
Party w/ Vintage Jukebox

#### Saturday, January 21

Installation Dinner Dance w/The Oaktown Strutters

#### **Public Events**

<u>Tuesdays</u>

Woodchopper's Ball

#### **Thursdays**

Milonga Malevaje - Tango

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Siamo sposati!

Your President Samuel Bellicini, and Board Member and Entertainment Chair Melissa Mooney, wed on October 22, 2022!

And more news from the Verdi Club:

The Verdi Club held its annual Members' Meeting on November 9th, and were pleased to see those of you who chose to attend. We held elections, and the results are set forth elsewhere in this Newsletter –



Congratulations to all! Remember, attending Membership Meetings is one of the most fundamental, and effective, ways to show your Verdi Club pride.

We have set the dates for the 2023 Dinner Dances and have started booking bands. 2022 was great for The Verdi Club – 2023 is promises to be even better!

Many thanks to Jason Mulvaney, out General Manager, for shepherding our HVAC project to completion. The Verdi Club has working heat and air now. We also recently bought new bar refrigerators. Thank you Jason!

And more thanks to Jason, and especially to Ed Sutton, our Financial Secretary, for successfully obtaining a Shuttered Venue Operating Grant (SVOG) and an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for The Verdi Club during the worst of the COVID pandemic. These publicly-funded programs greatly benefitted The Verdi Club (for example, see the HVAC kudos above).

#### Coming Next:

Please join us for the December 10 Dinner Dance, featuring Verdi Club favorite, the Bob Gutierrez band. And don't forget to reserve your seat at the table for Verdi's New Year's Eve dinner dance, featuring Vintage Jukebox. Get your tickets for these, and for all of The Verdi Club's public events, at https://www.verdiclub.net/event-space/ and just click on the event you want to attend.

Cordali Saluti. Samuel Bellicini



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2023 ELECTION RESULTS

The Verdi Club held its annual election for 2023 Officers and Board Members at the annual Members' Meeting on November 9, 2022. All Members nominated for Officer and Board Member positions were seated in an uncontested election.

The Officers and Board Members will be installed in January 2023, at the January dinner dance. Our thanks to all who participated. Here are the results:

Officers

President: Samuel C. Bellicini

Vice-president: Mark Schutz

Recording Secretary: Jean Perata

Financial Secretary: Ed Sutton

Treasurer: Dennis Davison

Sergeant at Arms: Steve Mullarkey

Chairman of the Board: Delores Homisak (No election is held for this position, as the

former President automatically becomes Chair)

**Board Members** 

Melissa Mooney

Bonnie McGregor

Ron McGoldrick

Steve Mullarkey

Annette Schutz

Alternate Board Member (No candidate was nominated and the President appointed Jane Wisdom Russell as Interim Alternate)

#### DINNER DANCE CALENDAR

#### **Upcoming Dinner Dances**

Date	Band	Style	Menu
December 10, 2022	Bob Gutierrez Band	Ballrom	Beef Tenderloin w/ Green Peppercorn Sauce or Creamy Gorgonzola Polenta w/ Mushrooms and Roasted Root Vegetables
December 31, 2022	Vintage Jukebox	Various Jazz	Prime Rib Eye w/ Jus or Pesto Gnocchi
January 21, 2023	The Oaktown Strutters	Ballroom	Menu TBD



#### **Birthdays**

Dave Armstrong
Darren Borg
Karen Crommie
Dennis Duden
Carol Ferro
Kenneth Kitch
Joanna Leighton-Nevesny
Jason Mulvaney
Thomas Perez
Annette Schutz
Frances Sigona
Emily Smith

#### **Anniversaries**

Jason & Amy Mulvaney William Russell & Jane Wisdom-Russell Mary Dryovage & Bob Carasik

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

Dennis Davison
Bonnie McGregor
Jim and Debbie Poulos
Annette and Mark Schutz
Jane Wisdom-Russell and
Bill Russell
Steve and 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:

Dennis Davison at:

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415-584-1075

#### BAND SPOTLIGHT

#### December 31 The Vintage Jukebox-

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

They 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... they play something for everyone!



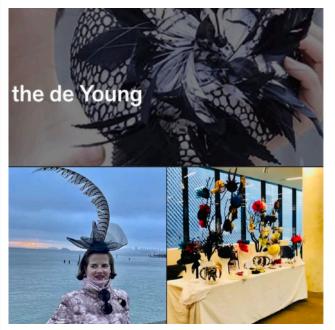
You may remember them from our Anniversary Dinner Dance in May where they earned their spot as our top choice to help us ring in 2023! Get your tickets early as this event is likely to sell out! Tickets can be purchased <a href="#">HERE</a>

#### January 21 The Oaktown Strutters-

The Oaktown Strutters are one of the Bay Area's hottest new swing bands, with an upbeat style of syncopation and classic swing jazz and ballroom repertoire aimed especially at ballroom dancers. Led by Richard Chon on violin and his warm baritone vocals, these veteran musicians know exactly how to get a dance floor moving! Tickets on sale December 1st!



#### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Verdi Club Member and talented hat designer, **Kathleen Kelley (Soper)**, was featured at The De Young Museum Holiday Show!

Seven other talented San Francisco Bay Area makers showed their distinct wares alongside Kathleen.

We love seeing our members doing wonderful work outside the Verdi Club walls. Kudos, Kathleen. The display was beautiful!

#### MEMBER NEWS

#### **TIME TO PAY YOUR 2023 DUES!**

It's that time of year again!

Annual dues are \$100 per year for both associate and vested members. Dues must be paid by February 15, 2023. If your payment is not received by the deadline, a \$20 late fee will be assessed.

There are several convenient ways to pay your dues.

**Electronic Payment:** You can pay your \$100 dues electronically. Just click on this link (<a href="https://www.verdiclub.net/2023-member-dues/">https://www.verdiclub.net/2023-member-dues/</a>) and follow the directions. You will receive an acknowledgment that your payment has been received.

**Payment by Check:** 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: Verdi Club Attn: Membership 2424 Mariposa St. San Francisco, CA 94110

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

The Verdi Club welcomes 2 new Associate Members, Neil Nevesny and Joanna Leighton-Nevesny. Neil and Joanna were sponsored by Melissa Mooney and Sam Bellicini. Please say hello and welcome them to the Verdi Club family at the next opportunity.

#### **NEWSLETTER NEWS:**

Effective in January 2023, the Verdi Club Newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed via the USPS. The Newsletter will be delivered only via email. Membership chair, Delores Homisak, will be contacting all members who do not have an email on file to request a contact email for you or a family member on your behalf. If your email has changed recently, please send an email to delores@verdiclub.net so she can update our membership records.

#### SAN FRANCISCO FIRE FIGHTER'S TOY DRIVE:

The Verdi Club is happy to once again be able to sponsor the San Francisco Fire Fighter's annual Toy Drive. Bins will be available at the Club for the remainder of November and until December 11. Please support this important effort by brining a toy to the Christmas Dinner dance on December 10. Increase your own seasonal joy by bringing joy into the life of a child in need.

A list of suggested donations can be found at sffirefighterstoys.org





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

# Featuring THE BOB GUTIERREZ BAND

Wine Served with Dinner

6PM DRINKS 7PM DINNER

8PM BAND

**BUFFET MENU** 

Beef Tenderloin or Creamy Polenta w/

Mushrooms and Roasted Vegetables

Salad

Dessert

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

Tickets available at <u>verdiclub.net</u> >> RSVP by email: rsvp@verdiclub.net

Sales End December 8

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## Verdi Club New Years Eve Gala SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Featuring



Wine Served with Dinner

BUFFET MENU

Prime Rib Eye w/ Jus or Pesto Gnocchi Salad, Vegetable Dessert Sales End December 27

\$90 MEMBER \$180 MEMBER + 1 \$100 NON-MEMBER

Tickets available at <a href="mailto:verdiclub.net">verdiclub.net</a>
RSVP by email: rsvp@verdiclub.net

#### HAPPY HOLIDAY SURPRISE

Virginia "Ginny" Malson's collection of over 30 Nutcrackers has been donated to the Verdi Club in celebration of her love of Christmas.



#### HOUSEKEEPING

As we embarked on the multifaceted remodeling project, Verdi Club Member Peggy Leslie Minto generously donated a pair of beautiful antique table lamps that had been in her family for many years. Bonnie McGregor was taken aback by their beauty, whisking them off to Light For You, the lamp repair store in West Portal. Our local lamp whisperer examined the pair, checking all the connections and rewiring them for their next act. Crowned with black silk shades, they're ready for their close up! Visit the Men's Lounge, also serving as the Green Room for all our visiting performers and check them out. Not to be too literal, the room is actually green, painted this year by wonderful Verdi Member Volunteers. The lamps have significantly elevated the space which suffers from dreaded fluorescent ceiling lights. A Hat Tip to Board Member, Annette Schutz who donated the hip black chairs and new pedestals from her art gallery, ArtHaus, which have given the lamps the perfect landing surface.

Your Verdi Board





#### SUNSHINE



#### COMMITTEE

"God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December."

- James M. Barrie

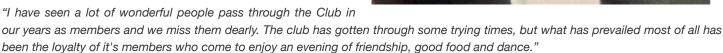
#### **James Poulos**

August 22, 1931 - November 7, 2022

It is with overwhelming sadness we share the news of James "Jim" Poulos's passing on November 7th, 2022. Our deepest sympathy and love to Despina "Debbie" and family. Jim had been an active full member since 1998. He served as a Board Member for over a decade, two terms as Vice President, Sunshine Chair and he and Debbie always gave their time at our monthly Verdi dinner dance morning set ups.

Jim died at the age of 91, following a long battle with cancer. He is predeceased by his parents, Milton and Effie Poulos, his sister Lillian Hamilton, and his daughter Joy Benetti. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 44 years Despina, sons Milton (Betty) Poulos, (grandson, Alexander), and Tony (Kerann) Poulos. He was born on August 22nd, 1931, in San Francisco and continued living there for the duration of his life. He was a barber for 65 years and owned his own shop till his retirement in 2011. He was a proud member of the Masonic Golden Gate Club, Speranza Lodge No. 30, for 65 years and was a beloved Marshall. Jim was an avid reader, world traveler and loved cooking for his wife.

An excerpt from a Verdi newsletter interview with Jim in 2019



Here's to you our dear Jim Poulos. Your kindness, humor and presence will be missed beyond measure.



Annette Schutz ~ SUNSHINE CHAIR