



The Grigio Call

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RANDAL DeMARTINI

Dear Friends and Family,

One of the highlights of 2018, so far, was the gathering of over 150 Club family members at our Parent Meeting on January 31st (see picture above). What a great show of support for the Club and its membership! My report, to the right, outlines one of the ideals I spoke of that evening: our Salesian philosophy and its positive impact on all we do at the Club.

We are very excited about all we have offer to our Members this Spring and Summer. As you know, the annual \$10 membership fee doesn't begin to cover the costs of our great Club programs. **Would you please consider making an Easter gift to the Club?**

Whether your donation supports activities like the Ski Trip, or helps fund Spring Sports teams, or assists with our Summer field trips, your gift is a gift to all our kids.

Please use the enclosed envelope or go online at salesianclub.org to make your gift.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Randal J. DeMartini



RANDAL's REPORT

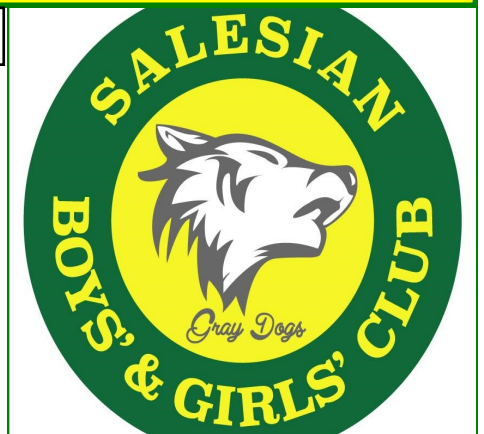
I take it upon myself to really reach out to all of our members and parents. Because of the negativity and violence that has been going on in this world, I am asking and challenging you to become leaders: leaders that can express **love and kindness** to whomever we encounter. Whether in sports, the arts, on the playground, in the game rooms, in the classrooms, local establishments, churches or on the streets, it is time for us to spread the **love**. You see, that's what is missing in today's world! It's so simple, yet so difficult because of greed, perhaps fear, or our competitive nature.

Our founder, **St. John Bosco**, always believed it was essential to teach and lead with love and kindness. Instead of reprimanding a child, love them. We, as Salesians, must build a foundation for our youth so they can lead the world in the future. Patience, acts of kindness and faith each go a long way in loving one another.

Why not try taking the time to greet each other with a smile and reach out to make someone feel special this Spring? Fill your hearts with love and, together, we can all make the world a better place.

As for me, I am truly so grateful to each and every one of you for all your ongoing support of the Club. This is a special place with a great staff, wonderful children and caring parents. We are one happy large family of Salesians. No matter where you come from, once you enter these grounds, you are family. Let us all branch out into the world and spread the joy.

Oh, by the way, I love each and every one of you! It is a great feeling in my heart. **RJD.**



CHERYL SCOMA PERSON OF THE YEAR

This year, **Ms. Cheryl Scoma** was selected to receive the prestigious award of our 2018 Person of the Year at the Annual Club Gala. Over 600 people gathered in the Fairmont Hotel Grand Ballroom the night of Saturday, March 10th, to honor this wonderful lady. For all that she has, and continues to do, for the Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club, Cheryl is the sixth woman to receive this award. She and her husband, Al, are the first couple ever to be honored. **Al Scoma** received this award many years ago before his passing in 2007.

Cheryl continues to support the Club in so many ways, especially financially. She is a very generous and caring person who loves what the Club is all about and how we serve the youth of today. Needless to say, the evening at the Fairmont was spectacular! It was truly a great event in her honor and we are so proud and fortunate to have her full support and love of the Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club. All our love and appreciation to one fabulous, special lady!

Congratulations, Ms. Cheryl Scoma.

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SBGC, February , 2018. Michael Grassia

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Salesian Women's Dinner May 7, 2018
Men's Old Timers' Dinner May 7, 2018
Annual Golf Tournament May 17-20, 2018
Salesian Summer Day Camp June 11 - Aug 10, 2018
Annual Bocce Tournament June 30, 2018
Sleepaway Camp June 25-28, 2018
Mothers' Club Beer Fest August 17, 2018
Luxury Raffle October 20, 2018
Fall Play November 11-12, 2018
Mothers' Club Bingo November 17, 2018
Christmas Luncheon December TBA, 2018
Crab Cioppino # 1 January 5, 2019
Crab Cioppino # 2 January 12, 2019
Crab Cioppino # 3 January 19, 2019
Crab Cioppino # 4 February 2, 2019

NEW CLUB WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The Club's new website is up and running!
So please stop by, take a look around,
click on links, and check out all the great
things you love about the Club - now
online at salesianclub.org.

JUST ANNOUNCED: IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP POLICY CHANGES

Effective February 1, 2018, the required
Club age for membership is **eight years old
and/or in Third Grade**.

This was always the age limit for Club
membership until two years ago when we
piloted a Second Grade program. After 18
months of that program, the Club decided
to revert to its original age requirements of
eight years old and/or in Third Grade.

WELCOME FR. LUCERO and FR. NGUYEN

We at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, School and Club are so very excited to have two wonderful young Salesian priests join our community. **Fr. Jose Lucero** and **Fr. Thien Nguyen** are here to help continue the teachings of **St. John Bosco**. You will see them, throughout the day, playing and working with our youth. I know **Fr. Lucero** is already working with some youngster on how to become altar servers for Mass. Being a music man, he also wants to start up a Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club choir. Hopefully we can get this started in the very near future. As for **Fr. Nguyen**, he worked here years ago as a Salesian brother while studying to become a priest. He loves playing soccer basketball and ping-pong with the children. I encourage all of you to make it a point to reach out to our new priests and introduce yourselves if you haven't already done so. They are very energetic, quite excited to be here, and they would love to work with all of us: a heartfelt, warm welcome to our newest Salesian priests!

CIOPPINOS: A BIG HIT THIS YEAR!

There were so many people trying to get a seat at the January Cioppinos, that we had to add another Crab Feed! With over 650 booked for each of the original crab feeds (sold out by early fall), we added a fourth event on January 20. Once again, all four Cioppinos were enjoyable events for all who attended. As always, the first two crowds ate, drank and danced to the live music played by **JD & Company** and **Martini Straight Up** while the third and fourth gatherings also ate, drink and danced to **DJ Armando in Motion**. They were really fantastic evenings!

We can never thank enough **Mr. Richard Azzolino**, owner of Sotto Mare Restaurant, and his entire crew (along with many volunteers) for making these nights so much fun. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put on these dinners and Richard is just the person to do them – with the help of his trusty sous chef, **Mr. Mike Cardella**, of course.

Beginning in 2019, we are scheduling four Cioppinos with a maximum crowd of 550 guests at each one. We must abide by the fire code and not have the San Francisco Fire Marshall crack down on us!

Since it is never too early to start marking your calendars, the dates for next year's Cioppinos are: **Saturday, January 5, 12, 19 and February 2, 2019**. However, please don't start calling me now about reservations: It is way too early!



WEST SIDE STORY AT SF SYMPHONY

We can never thank **Mr. Craig Rossi** enough for providing twenty tickets for a lucky group of high school Members and chaperones to see **West Side Story** on the big screen at Davies Symphony Hall while the San Francisco Symphony played the entire score. Again, thank you very much, **Mr. Rossi** for your kindness and generosity: it was a performance none of us will ever forget.



OLD TIMER & SALESIAN WOMEN'S DINNER

This year's annual **Salesian Men's Old Timers Reunion** and the **Salesian Women's Dinner** will be held on **Monday, May 7, 2018**. The chosen recipients for these events are **Mr. Fred Bellerio** for the **Fr. Trinchieri Medal** and **Ms. Kathy Bulleri** for the **Bertha Bedoni Award**. Both are very deserving for all that they have done throughout their lives as part of the Club, both as members and volunteers.

The evening will begin with our **Founders' Mass** beginning at **5:30 p.m.** at **Sts. Peter & Paul Church**, followed by a cocktail hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and concluding with a dinner. After Mass, the men will venture downstairs to the Salesian auditorium and the women will walk up the street to the SFIAC to enjoy their evening. Please mark your calendar as we hope to get a large attendance for both these wonderful honorees. A flyer, with all the necessary information, will go out via regular mail as well as an announcement will be posted on the Salesian website.

Photos are from Cioppino in January 2018 as well as Summer Field Trips (2017) ...so get ready for Summer (read the back)! Photos courtesy of Frances Emmons and Vincent Manfreda.



WINTER SPORTS BRINGS OUT CLUB CHAMPIONS

During the winter, our boys participated in the CYO basketball league while our girls played in the CYO soccer program (*Fifth Grade Championship Game pictured above*). Even though we brought home only one championship, all the teams were successful and really gave it their all. Many of our teams fared well and made it to the post season playoffs, and some advanced to the Championships.

Our 8th grade boys' basketball team under **rookie** Salesian coach, **Guy Davidoff**, brought home a championship trophy. With his no-nonsense, fundamental philosophy, his boys really caught fire by season's end and shocked the rest of the league by upsetting both the first and second place teams in the post season. And they did it without one of their better players, **Skyler Ortesi**, who happened to injure his knee and was out for the remainder of the season (Skyler will be okay). Guy instilled confidence in all the boys and modeled the never-give-up, no-excuses attitude. They embraced his philosophy and proved that showing up and practicing hard carried over into playing successfully at game time. Congratulations to Coach Davidoff and the 8th Grade Team for winning the title— and we extend an equally special congratulations to all our basketball and soccer teams for working so hard and, more importantly, showing good sportsmanship.

Of course, we could never forget all the coaches who volunteer their time. We are so appreciative of them for working around their busy daily schedules, finding the time to both work their jobs and teach our kids. **GO GRAY DOGS, GO!** As the springtime approaches, the kids are gearing up for some outside baseball and the girls are both coming indoors to play basketball and staying outdoors to train for the **Girls On The Run 5k** in May (*see cover picture*). Sports is a great way to keep kids active while learning and enjoying the games they play. Good luck, Salesian Athletes!

WILLY WONKA WOWS AUDIENCES!

Under the guidance and leadership of **Theatre Arts directors, Mary Powelson and Matt Grandy**, the Club's performance of *Willie Wonka* was not only a big hit but a huge success for the Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club. A cast of 50 performers, from over 10 neighborhood schools, made this The Event of Washington Square over the first weekend of March. In addition to the large energetic and talented cast, an almost equal number of Staff plus dedicated high school and adult volunteers helped catapult the show into two sold-out performances (plus an added third show!) If you missed it, there's always next year to appreciate our talented Salesian actors and singers, theatre fans!



Picture courtesy of Bob McMillan.

SUMMER IS APPROACHING!

Yes, that is correct! School is almost out and before you know it, Summer will be upon us. Here's what's happening at the Club: **Programs and Athletic Director, Vince Manfreda** is finalizing the summer schedule which will be filled with weekly field trips, summer leagues, arts, cooking, theatre camps, and time for our CYO teams to get in some practice time for volleyball, basketball, soccer and baseball. In addition to all the Club activities, **Justin Marquez** will be leading the charge for **Summer Day Camp**. Day Camp is a more structured program for the younger children who are not yet old enough to become Club members. For any questions on the **Summer Day Camp**, please contact **Programs and Day Camp Director, Joselyn Staley** at (415) 397-3068, ext. 104.

During the last week of June, **Monday, June, 26 through Thursday, June 28**, the Club will take 100 members to sleepaway camp at the **Salesian Camp St. Francis** in **Aptos, CA**. The cost for this camp is \$50.00 per Member and includes delicious food, sports, swimming in the Pacific Ocean, and lots of fun and games. Because we can take only 100 campers, confirmed registration is on a *first-paid* basis. Please don't hesitate to sign up or you might be left out! As always, check out Summer at the Club by going online to salesianclub.org.

