

Italian Businessmen's Club

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Attention – Dues are Due!!!

It's that time of year again. Dues are due. Please mail a check to the address above in the blue field, or bring cash to the next general meeting on 10 March at Caffè Allora. Dues this year are \$50.00 a head. However you can donate as much as you like to the scholarship fund, which is tax deductible. There will be no Government bailout on this one. So pay your dues and donate freely to the scholarship fund.

Next General Meeting

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, 10 March at 6.30 p.m. sharp. The venue will be Caffè Allora 509 NW 9th in the Pearl District. Your input is important so please attend. – Don't forget to wear your IBC shirt.

Upcoming Events

The Portland-Bologna Sister City Assoc.

The Portland-Bologna Sister City Assoc. social will be held their March Social on Wednesday 24 March from 5.30 to 7 p.m. at Zancanella Imports 309 SE Pine. There will be appetizers, wine, and a raffle. Cost is \$15 dollars. Please send your check to Ray Verzasconi at 2336 NE 12th Ave. Portland, OR 97212. Hurry space is limited.

IBC Bocce Team

IBC Bocce Team captain Claude Bonfiglio is looking for members. The 2009 season is fast approaching and we need team members! If you're interested please contact Claude immediately.

Newsletter Items

If you would like any news or items of interest posted in the monthly newsletter please email them to me no later than the first of each month.

Ci Vediamo alla Prossima Volta

L'angolo Della Cultura

This month's Angolo takes a turn to the political. Italian-Americans have always been involved in the political process in America. Some of the more famous Italian-Americans elected to office include: Fiorello LaGuardia, Joe Alioto, and Rudy Giuliani.

However, the most infamous Italian-American political figure was Luigi Galleani (1861-1931). Galleani was an anarchist who advocated the violent overthrow of capitalism, retribution against the State, and Church. He came to America in 1901 after living in forced exile on the isle of Pantelleria for agitation. Galleani edited the *Cronaca Sovversiva*, an anarchist newspaper that ran for 15 years before the US Govt. suppressed it. Galleani also wrote instruction manuals on how to construct bombs. His followers (Galleanists) carried out many acts of terror in the US. Some of these included: Plot to bomb John D. Rockefeller's home, bombings of several NYC police stations, poisoning of 200 high society guests at the Archbishop's dinner, and Mario Buda's bombing of Wall St. that left 30 dead and 200 seriously injured. Never convicted, Galleani was deported in 1919. When Mussolini came to power a few years later he had Galleani arrested with the help of the FBI and exiled again. He died in exile -1931.