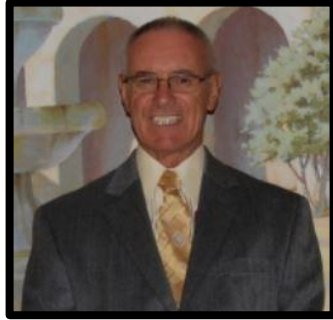


Meet the Board



This is the fifth in a series of articles to introduce Italian Club members to our Board of Directors.

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Treasurer

Mario Tantillo

For many of us challenged with balancing our checkbooks, Mario Tantillo's position as the Italian Club's Treasurer might seem insurmountable! That's because Mario is responsible for *all* funds deposited into, and expenses disbursed from, the club's bank account.

An Italian Club member since 2008, and the treasurer for nearly as long (since 2010), Mario brings to the table a total of 43-years of experience as an accountant--34 years for a San Francisco CPA office and 9 years for a firm in Sausalito. Along with that, are the recognizable traits of a qualified treasurer--attention to detail, analytical skills, and of course, a fondness for numbers.

Those who know Mario might throw in for good measure, a few of his personal characteristics -- like being cool, calm and collected.

Mario says that although the treasurer job seems like a "mini continuation on a much smaller scale" of his pre-retirement job, it can still be time consuming.

According to Mario, when he was first recruited for the treasurer position by past member Dan Verona, he walked into a system in need of improvements, a task which he tackled quickly, by better organizing the books, and keeping more accurate track of monthly financial reports and tax information. His philosophy is based on a method affectionately known as "K.I.S.S" -- Keep it Simple Stupid! This technique is applied throughout his current duties which keep him pretty busy.

Along with tracking the club's bank account, there are numerous records to prepare, organize, and share. He generates the monthly financial reports presented to the Board before each meeting. At the fiscal year end, he prepares various summarized annual reports for presentation to the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). These reports are also submitted to an outside independent accountant to review in order to obtain a written opinion on the Club's financial status and adherence to generally accepted accounting principles.

"Working with past and present board members has been a positive experience in managing the club's finances," Mario notes. "As a member of the club, I have had the opportunity to make close and lasting friendships."

When not handling the club's financial business, Mario enjoys playing bocce ball and appreciating good red wine. Many may not know that Mario, whose heritage lies in Sicily, speaks some Italian and often meets with other club members for informal conversations to brush up on the language. This will certainly come in handy when he and wife Donna visit Sicily -- an item on their bucket list sure to be realized!