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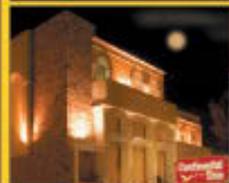
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In honor of Giovanni Battista Zuech and Fiorella Menghini, their beloved town of Brez in the Val di Non, and all the ancestors and descendants of the extended Zuech (Zuech), Menghini, Avanzini (Avancini), Prevedel (Prevedelli), Angeli families.

Elena Aspromonte emigrated to Silverton, Colorado at the age of 17 along with her family. Her father, Giovanni Battista Zuech, had spent his younger years toiling as a miner and laborer in Silverton and Nevada. Elena got her first start in hotels working as a housekeeper along with her mother, Fiorella Menghini. She later married and moved to California where she started up her own hotel business. Elena's years of vision and dedication have led to the creation of the Santa Cruz Hotel Group and many prestigious awards.





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16th ITTONA Convention to celebrate our Trentino culture.

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# A *word* FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Carissimi Trentini,

I have been waiting for this occasion to welcome you here to San Francisco for a long time. Every two years as I participated in conventions in different cities, I told myself the next time will be my turn. San Francisco is a spectacularly beautiful city that also offers its visitors a rich exploration of cultural and ethnic diversity. It is a great pleasure for me to joyfully welcome you to my city – San Francisco.

The convention is special to me because it is like seeing so many good relatives again. We share the same feeling of pride to come from such a grand place like the Trentino. We have so much to be proud of. By getting together like this and sharing ideas with each other we will keep our heritage alive for our children.

This convention is destined to be a success because of the dedication and commitment of the planning committees work.

Welcome – Benvenuti,



**Giuseppina Piasente Alvarez**  
President  
Circolo Trentino di San Francisco  
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# California Dreamin'

## Trentini Migration to the West

Now on Display in the Beautiful St. Francis Borgia Room | BY **Kate Disney**

Just as courageous and venturesome as the immigration of Trentini into North America was the migration of the second generation Trentini to the west.

As Trentini immigrants settled in North America and built lives for themselves, their own children were influenced by American culture and values. The American Dream took root, instilling in first generation Americans a desire to achieve a better quality of life and a higher standard of living than their parents.

Westward expansion in the 20<sup>th</sup> century always promised more opportunities to those committed enough to make the trip west. The California Dreamin' exhibit is a tribute to a few remarkable Trentine who remade their lives by moving west into California.

Moving west was not a hasty decision to simply get on any train going the California. Many of those who migrated spent years preparing themselves for what they thought would be an easier and more rewarding life away from the farm. Preparation centered on going to school and acquiring the skills and degrees necessary to ensure employment in the big city. Money was also needed. Some Trentine worked for canning factories and other businesses in order to save money to pay for school and the train fare.

Upon arrival in San Francisco, the Trentine had to quickly find appropriate lodgings. Many Trentine lived in all-women boarding houses (affectionately called Residence

Clubs). These lodgings offered much: A safe haven; affordable housing and food; a place to meet other like-minded young women; and most importantly a place that allowed women from rural communities a chance to adjust to city culture.

In consort with finding housing, the Trentine had to secure employment. Since the Trentine had trained to be teachers, nurses, secretaries, and businesswomen, they quickly achieved financial autonomy. Nice clothes, eating in restaurants, and having a room of one's own in the big city was a dream-come-true.

The dreams did not end there. The Trentine went on to date eligible bachelors. Most of these men were neither Trentini nor farmers, however they were Catholics. Religious and educational values were the commonalities shared between Trentine and their husbands-to-be.

So, you may be asking...did these gutsy mamas live happily ever after? Come to the California Dreamin', exhibit now to find out.

**A special reward will be given out to whomever can identify these Trentine at our convention.**

## **Circolo Trentino di San Francisco: About Our Club**

The Circolo Trentino of San Francisco represents those of Trentino descent living in Northern California and the surrounding states of Nevada and Oregon. For those unfamiliar with the splendor of the Trentino area of Italy, we invite you to visit the following website: [www.trentino.to](http://www.trentino.to). In a nutshell, Trentino is one of Italy's northern most provinces, an area steeped in history and culture and dominated by the towering Alps and Dolomites.

The Circolo Trentino of San Francisco was founded on February 9, 1980 during a visit to the Bay Area by Mr. Bruno Fronza. Initially with only 30 members, it has grown to more than 160 and expanded its reach beyond the borders of California. It is based in San Francisco where most gatherings take place. The Circolo supports programs promoted by the Province of Trento and follows its guidance. In the past few years the Circolo hosted two high school classes from Tione and sponsored concert tours for the following acclaimed choral ensembles: Coro Sosat of Trento and Coro San Osvaldo of Roncegno. All remained very delighted with their experience.

The Circolo Trentino di San Francisco participated in a research project examining the origins of its members. It is the only Club in North America for which such a study has been made. The thesis, "Seguire un Sogno" (Follow a Dream), was completed by Cristina Piasente for the University of Trento. It was published and awarded a grant by the Province of Trento.

Il Sole 24 Ore, Italy's leading financial newspaper, recently ranked Trento in 3rd position in a measure of quality of life in the country. Indeed, the Trentino area of Italy is doing very well, but that was not always the case. For years many fled the poverty of their native land in search of a better life. Many came to North America where they congregated with other Trentini to form clubs like ours. Every two years the clubs gather for the ITTONA (International Tirolean Trentino Organization of North America) convention. It gives our Circolo immense pleasure to host the 16th edition of this event in San Francisco.

## **Chi Siamo**

Il Circolo Trentino di San Francisco rappresenta tutti i discendenti Trentini residenti nel Nord California e nei confinanti stati del Nevada e dell'Oregon. Per chi non fosse a conoscenza dell'Italia ed in particolare del Trentino suggeriamo di visitare il seguente sito: [www.trentino.to](http://www.trentino.to). In breve, il Trentino, dominato dalle imponenti Alpi e dalle Dolomiti, e' una delle regioni piu' affascinanti dell'Italia settentrionale per la sua lunga storia e ricca cultura .

Il Circolo Trentino di San Francisco e' stato fondato il 9 Febbraio 1980 durante una visita nella Bay Area del dottor Bruno Fronza. Inizialmente il club contava solo 30 membri, mentre ora e' cresciuto sino a piu' di 160 e si e' allargato oltre i confini della California. La nostra sede e' a San Francisco dove vengono svolte la maggior parte delle nostre riunioni. Il Circolo segue sempre le direttive e promuove le iniziative suggerite dalla Provincia Autonoma di Trento e possiamo orgogliosamente affermare che ciascun gruppo nostro ospite si e' detto entusiasta dell'esperienza. Negli ultimi anni abbiamo ospitato Il Coro Sosat di Trento, una scolaresca di due classi dell'Istituto per Ragionieri di Tione e recentemente il Coro San Osvaldo di Roncegno.

Siamo felici di poter dire che il Circolo Trentino di San Francisco, l'unico del Nord America, e' stato soggetto di una completa ricerca di studio sulle origini dei suoi componenti. La tesi, intitolata "Seguire un Sogno" e' stata redatta da Cristina Piasente per la sua laurea all'Universita' di Trento, ed e' stata pubblicata e successivamente premiata con una borsa di studio dalla Provincia Autonoma di Trento.

In un recente sondaggio sulla qualità della vita in Italia, "Il Sole 24 Ore", il giornale Italiano finanziario piu' popolare, ha classificato Trento al terzo posto. Sicuramente il Trentino e' ora una zona molto benestante, ma non sempre e' stato cosi. Per anni molti lasciarono la loro terra natia, ed in cerca di vita migliore, emigrarono nell'America del Nord, dove si associarono con altri Trentini per formare Circoli come il nostro. Ogni due anni i Circoli si radunano per il Convegno ITTONA (Organizzazione Internazionale Trentina Tirolese dell'America del Nord) e con immenso piacere siamo orgogliosi di ospitare la 16a edizione di tale conferenza a San Francisco.

## 16th ITTONA: Program

### Convention Overview:

The convention will be held at the prestigious Westin St. Francis Hotel of San Francisco, located downtown in the heart of Union Square. Our program will begin on Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> and finish on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The following is an outline of events.

### \* Pre-Convention:

#### DINNER CRUISE

Anchors Aweigh!

An evening on the Bay aboard the "Monte Carlo".

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2004

EVENT TIME: 7:30 - 10:00 pm

WITH TRANSFER: 7:00 - 10:30 pm

### Convention:

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2004

7:30 - 9:00 am Breakfast (Alexandra Room -  
Top of tower building)

\*9:00 - 2:00 pm Magical Marin

\*9:00 - 2:00 pm San Francisco Highlights

4:00 - 7:00 pm Presidents' Meeting (Georgian Room)

5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Meeting (TBA)

7:00 pm Dinner & dance with Steve Balich Band  
(Grand Ballroom)

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2004

7:30 - 9:00 am Breakfast (Colonial Room)

\*9:00 - 2:00 pm Alcatraz: The Rock

\*9:00 - 2:00 pm San Francisco Highlights

3:30 - 5:30 pm Trentini nel Mondo Presentation  
(Colonial Room)

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm Wine Tasting and Silent Auction  
(Italian Room at the foyer of the Grand Ballroom)

7:00 pm Grand Gala Dinner and dance with Ron Zucca  
Band (Grand Ballroom)

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2004

7:30 - 9:00 am Breakfast (Colonial Room)

9:30 - 10:30 am Buses to the Wine Country Marriott  
Hotel in Napa

11:00 - 12:00 pm Mass on site

12:00 - 3:00 pm Picnic

4:00 pm End of Convention

### \* Post-Convention Tour:

Monterey, Carmel & The 17-Mile Drive

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2004

TIME: 7:30 am - 6:30 pm

\*Requires additional enrollment/cost

Program

## Presentations & Speeches

Saturday, July 3, 2004  
4-6 pm

**Ferruccio Pisoni**  
President  
Trentini nel Mondo

**Paolo Magagnotti**  
Director of Communication  
Regione Trentino-Alto Adige

**Mirella Collini**  
Vice Director  
Trentini nel Mondo

**Isabel Agosti**  
North American Young Trentini Organization

**Newly-Elected President of ITTONA**

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## Wine tasting

Sponsored by D'Argenzio Winery of Sonoma County.  
(Italian Room at the foyer of the Grand Ballroom)  
Sat. 5:30 - 6:45 pm

## Silent Auction

(Italian Room at the foyer of the Grand Ballroom)  
Sat 5:30 - 6:45 pm

## XVI Convegno ITTONA: Programma

Il Convegno si svolgera` nelle splendide sale del prestigioso Hotel Westin St. Francis di San Francisco, situato in centro a fianco Union Square. Il nostro programma iniziera` Giovedi` 1 Luglio e terminera` Domenica 4 Luglio 2004.

### Questo il programma:

**\* Pre-Convegno:**  
CENA E CROCIERA  
Una serata nella baia a bordo della nave "Monte Carlo"

GIOVEDI` 1 LUGLIO 2004.  
ORE: 19:30 - 22:00  
INCLUSO TRASPORTO: 19:00 - 22:30

**CONVEGNO:**  
VENERDI` 2 LUGLIO 2004.  
7:30 - 9:00 Colazione (Alexandra Room - piano superiore del Tower Building)  
\*9:00 - 14:00 Magica Marina  
\*9:00 - 14:00 Il meglio di San Francisco  
16:00 - 19:00 Riunione dei Presidenti dei Circoli (Georgian Room)  
17:00 - 19:00 Riunione dei giovani (TBA)  
19:00 Cena e danze con l'orchestra Steve Balich (Grand Ballroom)

SABATO 3 LUGLIO 2004.  
7:30 - 9:00 Colazione (Colonial Room)  
\*9:00 - 14:00 Alcatraz: la Roccia  
\*9:00 - 14:00 Il meglio di San Francisco  
15:30 - 17:30 Programma dell'Associazione Trentini nel Mondo (Colonial Room)  
17:30 - 18:45 Assaggio di Vino e afta (Italian Room)  
19:00 Cenone di Gran Gala e balli con l'orchestra di Ron Zucca (Grand Ballroom)

DOMENICA 4 LUGLIO 2004.  
7:30 - 9:00 Colazione (Colonial Room)  
9:30 - 10:30 Trasporto in Pullman da San Francisco al Wine Country Marriott Hotel di Napa  
11:00 - 12:00 Santa Messa  
12:00 - 15:00 Picnic  
16:00 Fine Convegno e rientro a San Francisco

**\* Post-Convegno:**  
Monterey, Carmel e la 17 Miglia

LUNEDI` 5 LUGLIO 2004.  
ORE: 7:30 - 18:30

\* Richiedono Iscrizione e pagamento a parte

# Presidente

# Pisoni

## Messaggio Presidente Pisoni per 16° Convention ITTONA

Le sedici Convention di ITTONA segnano un lungo percorso attraverso il quale si sono costruite e rafforzate conoscenze e relazioni.

La 15° celebrata a Trento ha segnato in modo particolare una tappa del percorso collocandosi proprio nel cuore della terra che ha dato i natali agli avi dei discendenti che ora si ritrovano a San Francisco per rinnovare la gioia dello stare assieme.

La forza dell'uomo ed il valore delle sue realizzazioni dipendono molte volte dalla ricchezza interiore e dai valori intensamente coltivati. Le convention richiamano anche a questa scoperta.

**“La storia dei trentini affonda le radici nei millenni ed ha sedimentato una saggezza che se portata a livello di coscienza può aiutare a capire non solo le vicende del passato, ma anche la dimensione dell’impegno odierno.”**

È tutto il Trentino che assieme a voi si pone per un breve spazio questi interrogativi e questo breve spazio diventa valore universale ed occasione per riappropriarsi di una eredità che ciascuno di noi deve tramandare accresciuta ai posteri.

Auguri e buon lavoro a tutti.

## A message from Ferruccio Pisoni President of the Trentini nel Mondo Association to all the participants of the 16th ITTONA Convention

The sixteenth ITTONA Convention is a tribute to the friendships and relationships that have been established and nurtured over the course of many years.

The 15th Convention in Trento marked a particular milestone in that it took place in the land that gave birth to your ancestors. Now you can enjoy getting reacquainted here in San Francisco.

Profound self-awareness and a deeply-rooted value system are essential to the development of the human spirit. The ITTONA Conventions give us the opportunity to reflect on this.

The history of the Trentini is rooted in the millenniums. It has created a wisdom that can be harnessed to help us understand not only the past, but also the direction our current lives should take.

All of Trentino joins you in seeking guidance through our common, shared values. These are moments when we can rekindle the heritage that each of us needs to hand down to our descendants.

I wish you a fruitful convention and all the best.



**Ferruccio Pisoni**  
President  
Trentino nel Mondo Association  
[www.trentininelmondo.it](http://www.trentininelmondo.it)

# A Letter From Iva Berasi:

Dear Trentini of America,

I am very happy to send my greetings to all the participants to this Convention, which unites the Trentini Clubs of the US, Canada and Mexico. For years now the Trentini of America have maintained this cherished tradition of gathering together for the ITTONA Convention, which gives Trentini not only the opportunity to strengthen their bond to the land of their parents and grandparents, but also to plan for the future.

Over the course of many recent encounters with Trentini abroad, and in particular, at September's Second World Trentino Youth Convention in Comano Terme, a dominant theme emerged: it is time to embark on a new journey together, while keeping in mind our ancient bond of friendship and recognizing the debt Trentino owes its emigrant community.

We live in a world that continues to be more global, a world that presents many unknowns, but also many opportunities. This is bound to affect the relationship that exists between Trentino and its descendants abroad. We are always more aware of the fact that you represent a resource for Trentino. You help Trentino open up and look beyond its borders and get engaged in other realities. Our territory has an enormous need for this sort of an exchange, and we are proud to count on you for help with this process. From its perspective, Trentino has much it can and needs to do. It needs to create "bridges", especially cultural ones that will allow it to spread its traditions, which are also yours. It needs to make its universities and scientific institutions more accessible even to those who live abroad. It needs to communicate more often and more effectively, especially with new instruments such as the Internet.

During this Convention there should be efforts made to quickly close the gap that separates us. This is not an insurmountable task in what has become a "global village".

In my role as Provincial Secretary of Equal Opportunity, allow me to also extend a special greeting to all the women. My wish is that you make a noteworthy contribution to this event, making known your expectations, your hopes and your dreams.

Once again, a warm welcome to the participants, and a thank you to the volunteers who worked hard to make this a successful event. I hope you leave feeling enriched by this gathering.

## **Iva Berasi**

Provincial Secretary of Emigration, International Solidarity, Sport and Equal Opportunity  
[www.provincia.tn.it](http://www.provincia.tn.it)

Cari trentini d'America,

Sono felice di portare il mio saluto a tutti i partecipanti a questa grande Convention, che vede uniti i circoli trentini degli Usa, del Canada e del Messico. L'appuntamento di ITTONA, divenuto ormai da tempo una bella tradizione delle comunità trentine d'America, rappresenta un'occasione preziosa non solo per rinsaldare il legame con la terra dei padri e dei nonni, ma anche per mettere a fuoco nuovi progetti per il futuro.

Nel corso dei molti incontri con le comunità trentine d'oltreoceano succedutisi negli ultimi anni, ed in particolare nel Secondo congresso mondiale della Gioventù trentina, tenutosi lo scorso settembre a Comano Terme, un dato è emerso infatti con forza; e cioè che la nostra amicizia, pur poggiando su basi antiche, ed in particolare su un grandissimo debito che il Trentino ha contratto con i suoi emigranti, può oggi cominciare ad esplorare strade nuove.

Viviamo in un mondo sempre più aperto, vicino, globalizzato. Un mondo che presenta molte incognite ma anche molte opportunità. Tutto questo non può non riflettersi anche sul rapporto fra i circoli trentini d'oltreoceano e la loro patria d'origine. Siamo sempre più consapevoli che voi rappresentate, per il Trentino, una risorsa importante: lo aiutate ad aprirsi, a guardare al di là dei suoi confini, a confrontarsi con realtà diverse. Di tutto questo il nostro territorio ha oggi un enorme bisogno, ed è fiero di poter contare sul vostro aiuto. Dal canto suo, il Trentino può e deve fare molto: per gettare "ponti", anche e soprattutto culturali, per diffondere le proprie tradizioni, che sono anche le vostre, per rendere sempre più accessibili le sue istituzioni scientifiche e universitarie anche a chi risiede oltreoceano. Per comunicare di più e meglio, specie attraverso i nuovi strumenti, come Internet.

Da questa Convention ci aspettiamo dunque che arrivino segnali ed indicazioni forti, che ci aiutino a superare di slancio la distanza che ci separa, e che nel "viaggio globale" non dovrebbe rappresentare più un ostacolo insormontabile. Permettetemi inoltre, nella mia veste di assessore alle pari opportunità, di porgere uno speciale saluto a tutte le donne: mi auguro che vogliate portare a questo evento un contributo particolarmente incisivo e valido, dando voce alle vostre aspettative, alle vostre speranze, e ai vostri sogni.

Di nuovo un caloroso benvenuto ai partecipanti, un grazie ai volontari che si sono prodigati per la buona riuscita del meeting, ed un augurio a tutti di uscire da queste giornate arricchiti.

## **Iva Berasi**

Assessore all'emigrazione, solidarietà internazionale, sport e pari opportunità  
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# 83 years

**1921**

On May 17th, Mario Trettel was born in Predazzo, Italy.

**1938**

He entered the Seminary of the Franciscan Order.

**1944**

He was ordained a Franciscan Friar and took the religious name of Efrem.

**1946**

His first religious assignment was in Tropea (Calabria, Italy) teaching and caring for abandoned children, a by-product of World War II.

**1947**

He became one of the Missionaries to China.

**1951**

He was arrested by the Communists and expelled from China returning to Italy.

**1953**

After coming to San Francisco, he served as Assistant Pastor to Fr. Bazzanella at The Immaculate Conception Church.

**1954**

Realizing the importance of having a religious radio program for the Italians in the Bay Area, he started his first Italian broadcast on station KRE.

**1964**

The Apostolato Radio Cristiana (ARC) was established as a supporting structure for his Radio/Television Apostolate.

**1970-71**

He was appointed and served as Pastor at The Immaculate Conception Church.

**1975**

The ARC Center was officially opened as a business office, radio and television studio, a fundraising facility, religious instructions and living quarter.

**1995**

He was temporary appointed Pastor of St. Paul of the Shipwreck Parish, where he served until passing his appointment on to the Conventual Friars in 1997.

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# of FATHER EFREM

## Now in the Year 2004

At the age of 83 Years "Young," beside his very time consuming Apostolate in Radio and Television he is still very active in the following programs:

- Chaplain of the ICF Br. 20 at Epiphany Church
- Scacciapensieri Social Club
- Trentini Club
- Madre De Los Probes
- Writing columns for the ICF Bollettino and The ARC Bulletin
- Masses for the St. Joseph's Day in San Jose and San Mateo, Santa Lucia in San Jose, and Our Lady of Buon Consiglio (Marchigiani) in San Francisco
- Monthly Mass at the Italian Cemetery
- Many other special Masses, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, visit to the sick, aged and shut-ins in the Bay Area.

He does so much more it would take the remainder of this book to tell it all!!!

Put together by those who Love him.



Father Efrem Trettel: San Francisco 2003

Emotional

Thankful

Musician

Extraordinary

Loving

WELCOME TO THE  
**16<sup>th</sup> ITTONA CONVENTION**  
HOSTED BY THE CIRCOLO TARENTINO di SAN FRANCISCO

The I.T.T.O.N.A. Officers and Board of Directors would like to thank the San Francisco Club for hosting this Convention and the committee people for all the hard work and time they committed to guarantee a successful affair. For that, we thank them again.

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We would like to pay tribute to all the Trentini throughout the world and especially to the Military Armed Forces who are stationed around the world working to regain and/or maintain Peace.

For the Trentini attending this 16th Convention, we hope you have an enjoyable time visting with fellow Trentini, enjoying the Hotel accommodations, and enjoying the city of San Francisco and what it has to offer.

"This is an occasion where "Tirolesi" gather together to renew old acquaintances, to form NEW friendships and to join neighbor and friends for a weekend of enjoyment and pleasure."  
Reprint from Louis Rossi of New York - June 8 - 9, 1974.

**Eugene Pellegrini**  
President of ITTONA

## *The Consul General of Italy in San Francisco*

San Francisco, June 9, 2004

It is my distinct pleasure to extend warmest greetings and congratulations to the delegates gathering in San Francisco to attend the 2004 ITTONA Convention and, in particular, to the members and officers of the Circolo Trentino of San Francisco that are hosting the 16th edition of this international event.

During the past 24 years, the Circolo Trentino of San Francisco, which started in 1980 with only 30 people, has grown to more than 160 members and expanded its reach beyond the borders of California. The Circolo works in cooperation with the Province of Trento to present many excellent programs that promote awareness of the rich culture and traditions of this beautiful region of Northern Italy.

I was very impressed by the research project that was recently conducted in cooperation with the University of Trento and with a grant of the Province to examine the origins of its members. This is a particularly valuable project because the Circolo Trentino of San Francisco is the only Club in North America for which such a study has been made.

As the Consul General of Italy in San Francisco I am delighted to have such an active and successful group of Trentini in my consular jurisdiction and grateful for the work carried out by your outstanding organization.

Kindly accept my very best wishes for a very enjoyable and fruitful convention in San Francisco and for every future success, together with my warmest greetings.

**Francesco Sciortino**

San Francisco Consul General of Italy  
[www.italicons-sf.org](http://www.italicons-sf.org)

## Informational Websites:

### Essential Trentino Sites:

Trentino S.p.A – Tourist Board for the Province (Multilingual)  
<http://www.trentino.to/>

Autonomous Province of Trento Official Site (Italian)  
<http://www.provincia.tn.it/>

Trentino Chamber of Commerce (Multilingual)  
<http://www.goodtimetrentino.it/>

Trentino Culture (Italian)  
<http://www.trentinocultura.net/>

Trentino On Line (Italian)  
<http://www.trentinonline.it/>

### The Emigrant Community:

Trentini nel Mondo  
<http://www.trentininelmondo.it/>

Giovanna Eghenter – Correspondent for Trentino nel Mondo based in Los Angeles  
<http://www.giovannaeghenter.com/>

Emigrazione Trentino  
(Free Subscription – Click on “Abbonamenti”)  
<http://www.ufstampa.provincia.tn.it/www/TNEmigra.nsf>

ITTONA (International Tirolean Trentino Organization of North America)  
<http://cc.usu.edu/~stacieg/ITTONALinks.htm>

NAYTO (North American Young Trentini Organization)  
<http://www.nayto.org/>

Yahoo! Groups – Trentini of North America  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Trentini\\_of\\_NA/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Trentini_of_NA/)

Trentino Emigration to US & Canada (2002 ITTONA Convention display)  
<http://www.regione.taa.it/giunta/conv/ittona/prosestazione%20Brolo.htm>

Circolo Trentino di San Francisco  
<http://www.trentino-sanfrancisco.com/>

Tirolesi-Trentini del Colorado/ The Trentini Club of Colorado  
<http://www.trentini-club-colorado.com/>

Tirolesi-Trentini Monument – Silverton, Colorado  
<http://trentinimonument.com/>

New York Trentino Club  
<http://clubtrentino.freewebspace.com/index.htm>

Tyrolean Trentin Social Club of Toronto  
<http://clubtrentino.freewebspace.com/index.htm>

### Trentino Tourism Sites (Multilingual):

City of Trento and Montebondone  
<http://www.apr.trento.it/>

Val di Non  
<http://www.valledinon.tn.it/>

Alta Val Sugana – Terme di Levico, Vetriolo, Roncegno, Panarotta, Lago di Caldonazzo  
<http://www.valsugana.nu/>

Valli di Sole, Pejo e Rabbi  
<http://www.valdisole.net/>

Val di Fiemme  
<http://www.valdifiemme.info/>

San Martino di Castrozza, Primiero and Passo Rolle  
<http://www.sanmartino.com/>

Lagorai, Valsugana Orientale and Tesino  
<http://www.lagorai.tn.it/>

Garza Trentino  
<http://www.garzaqui.com/ita/apr/>

Val di Fassa  
<http://www.fassa.com/>

Terme di Comano-Dolomiti di Brenta  
<http://www.comano.to/>

Madonna di Campiglio, Pinzolo, Val Rendena  
<http://www.campiglio.to/>

Altopiano di Pine and Valle di Cembra  
<http://www.aptpinecembra.it>

Altopiano della Paganella-Dolomiti di Brenta  
<http://www.aptdolomitipaganella.com/>

Altipiani di Folgaria, Lavarone and Luserna  
<http://www.altipianitrentini.tn.it/>

Rovereto and Vallagarina  
<http://www.apr.rovereto.tn.it/>

**Trentino-owned Wineries in California & Mexico:**  
Piedra Creek Winery – R. Zuech - San Luis Obispo, California – Teroldego/Lagrein  
<http://www.slowine.com/info.fsp?id=35850>

Menghini Winery – Michael Menghini - Julian, California  
<http://www.theblendmagazine.com/menghini/>

L.A. Cetto Winery – Tijuana, Mexico  
<http://www.lacetto.com.mx/>

**Personal Sites with Valuable Trentino Information**  
Trentino Genealogy, Culture and History - Sal Romano  
<http://www.trentinoheritage.com/>

Val di Non, especially Cloz & Tret - Allen & Rachel Rizzi  
<http://www.geocities.com/allenrizzi/>

Cloz, Val di Non – Barbara Smith  
[http://www.geocities.com/cloz\\_valdinon/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/cloz_valdinon/index.html)

Val di Non - Bertagnolli Family  
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Garden/2247/index.htm>

Vigolo Vattaro & Trentino - Dale Dalabrida  
<http://www.magpage.com/vigolo/>

Many useful links - Annita Zaleniski  
<http://www.geocities.com/musetti.geo/rwtrento.htm>

**Italian Genealogy:**  
Italian Genealogical Group  
<http://www.italiangen.org/>

POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together)  
<http://point-pointers.net/>

My Italian Family  
<http://www.myitalianfamily.com/>

Italian Genealogical Institute – Trafford Cole  
<http://www.italroots.com/>

Italian Genealogy Online  
<http://www.answers.org/free/italiangen/index.html>

**Other Useful Sites:**  
Trentino Travel Information  
<http://www.virtualitalia.com/travel/trentino.shtml>

Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art of Trento and Rovereto  
<http://www.mart.trento.it/>

Val di Non, Heritage Tours  
<http://www.geocities.com/allenrizzi/heritage.html>

Global Language School – Study Italian in Trentino  
<http://www.globalschool.it/>

Trentino Cuisine & Recipes  
<http://www.virtualitalia.com/recipes/tv0100.shtml>

Italian Legal Language Services (Italian inheritance & property rights)  
<http://www.italianlaw.net/>

**Politicians of Trentino Origin:**  
Retired US Senator Dennis DeConcini (Arizona)  
<http://www.lobbycongress.com/dennis.htm>

Senator Rick Santorum (Pennsylvania)  
<http://santorum.senate.gov/>

Senator Michael B. Enzi (Wyoming)  
<http://enzi.senate.gov/>