

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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BOARD MEMBER

MESSAGE

By Nancy
McDonough



Greetings to all of you members!

I believe our Fratellanza Women's Social Club has come back strong this year and will only get stronger. There is a lot of going on at the club – bathroom construction in final phases of completion, a paint refresh of our ballroom ceiling and of course, lots of events!

Our February meeting was attended by almost 50 members. We had a great social hour with many members chatting and sharing conversation while enjoying the spuntino served by our Men's club. A delicious chocolate cake was offered for dessert courtesy of Laurie Gaeta Cullen. A great way to start our meeting!

The January dinner was a great success with over 160 people in attendance and a wonderful meal was served resulting in a fun evening and a nice profit for our club. Thank you to Lynn Giblin and her mentor, Rozz Cantisani, for assembling the fabulous serving crew. Also, huge thank you to our cooking crew for another delicious meal.

The fun will carry-on in February beginning with the Polenta Dinner chaired by Char Iacobitti and Linda Granko. Char addressed the membership to let everyone know she and Linda have assembled a full group of servers for the event. She also said they would appreciate any raffle prize donations for the dinner. The Men's club will be hosting crab feeds on February 24 and March 3. (There was an email sent that erroneously stated the February 24 event was sold-out. If you received that, there is still space available.)

Rozz Cantisani introduced an updated instructional volunteer packet for members new to chairing dinners and for members providing refreshments at meetings. The updated packet includes instructions for chair persons as well as sign-in sheets for servers, set-up crew members and raffle prize donators. As Lynn Giblin stated in her report of the January dinner, it is a lot of fun. Also, a great way to meet and visit with other members. **Try it; bet you'll like it!**

Marilyn Sibitz, Board Chairman, read the minutes of the 2 meetings in January which included discussion regarding the Anniversary Dinner on March 16. Complete Board Meeting minutes are available upon request.

Bobbie Giarratana, our social media contact, advised anyone who wishes to be accepted to the Facebook group to be sure to answer the 2 questions posed when you request to be added to the group. This is a new verification process and you will not be accepted to the Facebook group unless you answer the questions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March 6 Members' Meeting. Let's see if we can surpass the 50-member attendance mark!

Migliori saluti, Nancy



DRIVE-THRU CLUB

LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Menu: Sausages & Peppers,
Pasta, and Vegetable

Cost: \$20 (Wine \$5 bottle)

Pickup: 11am - 12:30pm

RSVP by February 20

fratreservations@gmail.com
(510) 764-2365 ext. 4

MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, MARCH 6, 2024

Member's Business
Meetings are the 1st
Tuesday of each month

**6:00pm Social Hour &
Spuntino (Pot Luck by the
Men's Club)**

7:00pm Meeting Begins

CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

**1:00pm - 5:00pm
Every Wednesday**

**FEBRUARY
POLENTA DINNER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

**CHAIRS:
CHAR
IACOBITTI
&
LINDA
GRANKO**

Menu:

Special Salad, Polenta with Sausage and Beef Stew,
Vegetables, Dessert, Wine and Coffee.

Time & Cost:

6pm Cocktails / 7pm Dinner

Members: \$30 / Guests: \$35

Children Age 6-12: \$12

RSVP by February 16, 2024:

Loretta Iacobitti at (510) 524-6903



“What is Polenta Made Of?”

Polenta is made of simply two ingredients: cornmeal and chicken broth. But there are countless ways to enhance the flavors with other ingredients such as: onions, garlic, butter, cream, cheese, and herbs.”

Ingredients:

- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup fine cornmeal
- 4 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups finely grated Parmigiano Reggiano (packed)
- salt and pepper to taste

SOURCE: <https://comfortandpeasant.com/>

EASY PEASEY CHEESEY POLENTA

Instructions:

- Bring chicken broth to a boil over medium-high heat.
- Very slowly whisk in the cornmeal a little at a time making sure to work out any lumps before adding more.
- Turn heat to low and continue to stir with a wooden spoon for another 10 minutes or until mixture will just hold a shape but is not overly firm. It should be the texture of soft mashed potatoes. Not runny but not firm either.
- Stir in butter and then Parmigiano Reggiano. Stir until cheese is melted and fully incorporated.
- Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Serve immediately or pour into flat dish and cool until firm.

Note

Serve alongside a meat or vegetable ragu or meatballs with tomato sauce. Alternatively, you can also pour the mixture into a flat 9x9 baking dish and let it cool until it becomes firm. Then cut into squares and top with tomato sauce and cheese, sauteed mushrooms or vegetables, and serve as an appetizer.

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB APPAREL IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

<https://fratellanza.orderpromos.com>

Special Notice:

“No shows” at our dinners are charged \$10 per ticket, to be paid by the person who made the reservation.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

CRAB FEED CLUB FUNDRAISER

SAT, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 (6pm)

RSVP by February 20, 2024

OR

SUN, MARCH 3, 2024 (5pm)

RSVP by February 27, 2024

Menu:

Fratellanza salad, garlic bread,
pasta w/meat sauce, ALL YOU
CAN EAT CRAB, and dessert

Cost:

\$75 per person

RSVP:

fratreservations@gmail.com

or

(510) 764-2365 ext 3

BIRTHDAY DINNER

TUE, MARCH 19, 2024

Details to Come



WOMEN'S 79th &

MEN'S 92nd ANNIVERSARY

DINNER

CELEBRATION

SAT, MARCH 16, 2024

Menu:

Caesar salad, orecchiette pasta
with pancetta and peas in a cream
sauce, prime rib, baked potato with
sour cream, green beans with
mushrooms, special dessert

Time & Cost:

5:30pm Cocktails/6:30pm Dinner

\$40 per person/guest

Children Age 12 & Under: \$15

RSVP by March 13, 2024:

fratreservations@gmail.com

or

(510) 764-2365 ext 5

S C H O L A R S H I P I N F O R M A T I O N !

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Attend an event and/
or donate raffle prizes
- Purchase raffle tickets at
events
- Donate homemade baked
goods to bake sales
- Attend the Bunco luncheon
- Consider hosting and/or
attending the Scholarship
Tea
- Consider monetary gifts
(in Honor of...,
In Celebration of...,
In Memory of..., or
In Thanksgiving for...)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - CLASS OF 2024

Children and grandchildren of current Fratellanza Women's Social Club members are eligible to apply for the 2024 Scholarship Program. Submit completed application to the Scholarship Committee by the required deadline of **April 15, 2024**. The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to learning about you and your educational plans after your high school graduation!

Good luck to you!

The Fratellanza Women's Social
Club Scholarship Program Committee

**Contact Joan Brignone for
Application Packet**

Phone: 510-799-2743 (H)

E-Mail: jbrignone@comcast.net



2024 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW PAST DUE FINAL DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2024

Please pay your 2024 Fratellanza Women's Social Club dues.

A member will be delinquent if dues are NOT paid by February 1, 2024 and will be charged a \$20 penalty fee along with the annual dues. If a member fails to pay dues and the penalty fee by March 1, 2024, it will be assumed that the member is no longer interested in the Club, and shall be automatically dropped from the membership.

Regular Annual Membership: \$50 (increase from \$35)

Honorary Annual Membership: \$25 (increase from \$15)

Make your check payable to: Fratellanza Women's Social Club

MAIL PAYMENT:

Rose Marie Gish, 5456 Manila Ave., Oakland, CA 94618

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2024

Now Accepting Applications

We are now accepting new members applications for the Fratellanza Women's Social Club this year! Membership acceptance is open from February 1 to March 15, 2024. Installation of new members will be at the June 4, 2024 (*Not May*) Member's Business Meeting. Please mark your calendars to be sure to come to the meeting to welcome the new members.

The applicant is to fill out the application, with two current members as sponsors' signatures and then returned to Diane Sericati by mail, email, or in person at an upcoming member's business meeting, by March 15, 2024.

Contact Diane Sericati for more information and the application.

510-816-6470 (M) dsramona@aol.com

SUNSHINE REPORT By Irma Sericati Sunshine Reporter

Dear Members:

Nothing to report this month!

Sincerely, Irma Sericati, Sunshine Reporter



If you have news of a club member who is ill, hospitalized, or deceased, please contact Irma Sericati at (510) 526-6470 or e-mail at dsramona@aol.com.

2023-2024

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Open

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