

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



Happy February to all our members!

Our February meeting was well attended, for the rainy night that it was.

Thank you to Rose Marie Gish for conducting our installation of officers. Here are your new officers for 2025 -2027. **President:** Rozz Cantisani, **VP.** TBD., **Recording Secretary:** Bev Chernoff., **Corresponding Secretary:** Lisa Borreani, **Financial Secretary:** Rose Marie Gish, **Treasurer:** Becky Lazzarotto, **Sentinel:** Arlene Howell. **Chair of the Board:** Nancy McDonough, **Board of Directors:** Renee Howley-Borreani, Melinda Brignone, Diane Proto, Diane Sericati, Marilyn Sibitz. **Trustees:** Barbara Barassi, Laurie Cullen, Mary Ann De Pianto, Loretta Iacobitti, Adriana Matteucci. **Sunshine Reporter:** Irma Sericati, **Newsletter Editor:** Lisa Borreani.

January, we had an intimate group of members and guests for our first birthday dinner. The dinner was delicious. There was a lot of energy in the dining room. The raffle gifts were generously donated by our members. Thank you to Arlene Howell and Joanne Greco, who chaired this lovely dinner. Also, to the set-up crew, kitchen staff, wait staff, bartenders, raffle and reservations committee. We could not do it without you!

The Men's 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary was a wonderful evening of celebration. Thank you to all our ladies who came to set-up our dining room and ballroom, to the ladies who designed all the beautiful floral arrangements and to the ladies who served at the event. The club looked lovely and so was the evening. Congratulations to President Ron Blair, his officers, board, and members for another wonderful year!

Polenta Dinner on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. This dinner will be chaired by Joanne Greco. If you can help Joanne, with set-up or wait staff, please contact her at 510-508-7910. Call/email your reservations in, see flier for information. Deadline for reservations is February 14, 2025.

Drum Roll Please!!!! Our Ladies 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is approaching. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 22, 2025. We are going to have a "PARTY". A wonderful dinner menu has been planned, the club totally decorated (Ruby Red), with music for dancing. Come and enjoy this wonderful celebration and honor our Founders (who started our club in 1945) Presidents, Officers, Board, Trustees and Members. See flier for more information. NOTE: This is a dress up affair!! (please, "no jeans").

April 10, 2025, we have a scheduled day trip "Carmel by the Sea". The cost is \$103.00 pp. RSVP with Rose Marie Gish, contact 510-655-7192. Deadline February 13, 2025. We need to have 40 guests to go. See flier for more information.

With sadness, was the passing of John Barassi (my cousin) also, dear friend Art Parziale. Both men represented the Fratellanza Club with dignity and character. These men will truly be missed by us all. Continued thoughts and prayers to their families.

Happy Valentines Day!! Take time to hug the ones you love!!

Ciao for now!

Rozz Cantisani, President

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## LA COPPA BOCCE

SAT, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

First of the series kick-off out of 4 tournaments.

Contact Gianfranco at

510-432-2131 for play.

Play starts at 9AM

Breakfast Items at 8:30AM

**\$15 Per Player**

**(No Experience Necessary)**

## MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, MARCH 4, 2025

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 2025  
POLENTA DINNER  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

**CHAIR:  
JOANNE  
GRECO**

**Time:**  
6pm Cocktails (no host)  
7pm Dinner

**Cost:**  
\$30 (Members & Guests)

**Menu:**

The menu includes a special salad, polenta with sausage and beef stew, vegetables, dessert, with wine and coffee.

**RSVP:**

RSVP by February 14, 2025 to Diane Sericati at  
(510) 526-6470

or email: fwscreervations@gmail.com.

*Please have one person reserve for your group.*



**MEMBER'S 2025 DUES  
ARE NOW PAST DUE**

**Regular Annual Membership:**  
**\$50 + \$20 late fee = \$70**

**Honorary Annual Membership:**  
**\$25 + \$20 late fee = \$45**

A member will be delinquent if dues are NOT paid by February 1, 2025 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, 2025, it will be assumed that the member is no longer interested in the Club, and shall be automatically dropped from the membership. *See flyer for all of the information.*

**WELCOME YOUR NEW FWSC OFFICERS!**



*Photo courtesy of Bev Chernoff*



During the February 4, 2025 Member's Business Meeting, our new officers were installed for the next two years (2025 - 2026). Congratulations to the new officers!

**First Row (left to right):**

Bev Chernoff  
Arlene Howell  
Melinda Brignone  
Rose Marie Gish

**Back Row (left to right):**

Laurie Cullen  
Diane Sericati  
Renee Howley-Borreani  
Becky Lazzarotto  
Marilyn Sibitz  
Adriana Matteucci  
Nancy McDonough  
Lisa Borreani  
Rozz Cantisani

**Not Pictured:** Barbara Barrassi,  
Diane Proto, Loretta Iacobitti, and  
Mary Ann De Pianto

**Special Notice:**

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



## WOMEN'S CLUB 80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025**

**Please join our club to celebrate  
our 80th Anniversary! Color  
theme is ruby red.**

### MENU

Salad

Tortellini Pasta w/Red Meat Sauce

Prime Rib

Sautéed Zucchini/Squash

Roasted Potatoes

Dessert

Cocktails (no host): 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

\$45 Per Person/\$15 Children 6-12

RSVP By March 19

(510) 526-6470

fwscreservations@gmail.com

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

### RAVIOLI LUNCH/ BUNCO

**SUN, MAY 18, 2025**

Fun afternoon with the lively  
game of bunco along with a  
ravioli lunch.

No need to know the game,  
we will teach you!

**MORE TO COME**

### MAY BIRTHDAY DINNER TUE, MAY 20, 2025

We will be celebrating four (4)  
months of birthday gals which  
include the months of February,  
March, April, and May. NOTE:  
The March Birthday dinner has  
been cancelled due to have  
more to celebrate our milestone  
anniversary celebration.

**MORE TO COME**

## CRAB IS AT THE CLUB!

### CLUB CRAB FEEDS

NOTE: Chicken will be  
available on request -  
at time you make your  
reservations, ONLY.

**SAT, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**OR**

**SUN, MARCH 2, 2025**

**6:00 PM COCKTAILS**

**4:00 PM COCKTAILS**

**7:00PM DINNER**

**5:00PM DINNER**

**\$85 Per Person/Children 6-12 \$40/5 and under free**

**SEE FLYER FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION**

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION!

### 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 2025

Children and grandchildren of current Fratellanza Women's Social  
Club members are eligible to apply for the 2025 Scholarship  
Program. Submit completed application to the Scholarship  
Committee by the required deadline of **April 15, 2025**. 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 the  
Application Packet**

Phone: 510-799-2743 (H)

E-Mail: jbrignone@comcast.net



## FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB APPAREL IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

<https://fratellanza.orderpromos.com>

### THE FRATELLANZA CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES!

Join the Fratellanza Club every SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH for an Italian/Italian-American movie. Popcorn and discussion will be included. The bar will be open at 6:00 pm to purchase drinks. This is FREE for Members and Non-Members. No reservation needed.



**Time:** 7:00 pm (2nd Fri of the month/unless noted)

**Feb - 21: La Ragazza con la Pistola**

Sicily, 1960's: Assunta is seduced and then dishonored by Vincenzo, who abandons her. She follows him all the way to England to seek events. In this extravagant comedy Monica Vitti steals the show, bringing humor and laughter. Directed by the Maestro of the comedian *all'italiana* Mario Monicelli.



#### Questions?

Contact Claudia Albano (510) 773-0326 or  
Mattia Milone at [mattia.milone@gmail.com](mailto:mattia.milone@gmail.com)

## SUNSHINE REPORT

**By Irma Sericati**

Sunshine Reporter



Sending get well wishes to our member, **Lynn Giblin**, who had surgery on her shoulder this month. Lynn is doing very well but will have a long recovery. She is home and looking forward to be able to join us in the near future.

Our member, **Federica Matteucci's** mother, **Ivana Matteucci**, passed away on January 25<sup>th</sup>. She is the sister in law of **Adriana (Lee)** and **Giulia (Louie) Matteucci**. Ivana will be dearly missed by her daughter, three grandchildren and extended family. Ivana and her husband Angelo enjoyed spending time at the club with their friends for many years. We send our sincere condolences to all her family.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> our member **Diana De Simoni** passed away after a short illness. Diana and her husband Fred, enjoyed playing bocce and were supporters of our club, coming to dinners and other events. Her funeral services are pending at this time. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Our member Joy Mercedes' father, James Robert Goetz, passed away in Arizona. As Joy described him, he was a gentle giant loved by all. We send our sincere condolences to Joy and family.

Please keep all families in your thoughts and prayers.

*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](mailto:dsramona@aol.com).*

## 2025-2026

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