

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## BOARD MEMBER

### MESSAGE

By Nancy  
McDonough



Greetings, Members!

Attendance was good for our March meeting – over 40 members attended. Another chatty social hour and delicious spuntino served by our Men's club. Thank you to Diane Proto for providing a full array of Girl Scout cookies for dessert. Who can say "No" to Girl Scout cookies!

February started off with one of our favorite events – the Polenta Dinner. The Polenta Dinner was chaired by Char Iacobitti and Linda Granko. They assembled a great group of members to set-up and decorate on Monday and another crew to serve the dinner on Tuesday night. It resulted in a deliciously festive, fun evening in a sea of red and white. Our cooks, Jim, Stefano and Gabby, along with our kitchen crew provided another delicious Polenta Dinner. (FYI-When you serve a dinner, if there is food leftover - and what Italian cook makes just enough for one meal - the servers get to take home some of the leftovers. The gravy is always better the next day...it was delicious at my house on Wednesday night, too!) Thanks to all the helpers for providing another fun evening! And thank you to the members who donated the many wonderful raffle prizes.

The presentation of the film by Giovanna Capone, *Finding the Italians: A Granddaughter's Journey*, accompanied by a ravioli lunch, was a successful and sold-out event. Profits from this event benefitted our Scholarship Fund. A thank-you to all involved for coordinating this informative, stimulating afternoon especially the Brignone Family. Anyone who missed this may take advantage of a screening on March 26 at The New Parkway Theater in Oakland. See the EVENT RECAP on the last page.

Our Anniversary Dinner is March 16 – we will be celebrating the anniversaries for both the Men's and Women's club. The cost is \$40 person. See the attached flyer for the details. Members and guests are encouraged to attend this special celebration of our club and our heritage.

The March birthday dinner will be chaired by Arlene Howell. The menu is Corned Beef with all the "fixings". We're hoping to have better weather this year so get your groups together and your reservations set. Come join the party!

Barbara Barassi and her daughter Christina Davis will be chairing the August Tea. They will be providing more information in the next month or so to allow everyone to prepare for this event.

**Reminder:** We are quickly approaching the March 20, 2024 deadline for reservations for the *Forever Plaid* event on April 21 at The Gateway Theatre. See attached.

FYI – An Italian film, *Cabrinì*, at the Hilltop Theater was recommended by a member.

Migliori saluti, Nancy McDonough



## DRIVE-THRU CLUB LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

**Menu:** Salad, Roll, Risotto, Roast Pork, and Vegetable.

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

**Pickup:** 11am - 12:30pm

**RSVP by March 26**

[fratreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fratreservations@gmail.com)  
(510) 764-2365 ext. 4

## MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, APRIL 9, 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**

**MARCH  
BIRTHDAY DINNER  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**

**CHAIR:  
ARLENE  
HOWELL**

**Menu:**

Corned Beef and Cabbage and all of the fixings!

**Time & Cost:**

6pm Cocktails / 7pm Dinner

Cost: \$30 Members & Guests (Special Pricing)

RSVP by March 15, 2024:

Loretta Iacobitti at (510) 524-6903



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!**

Remember the birthday dinners are held every other month.  
If your birthday falls within these two months, your birthday  
is complimentary on

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024!**

**RSVP to Loretta Iacobitti at (510) 524-6903**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Diane Adame  
Elena Bortolon  
Melinda Brignone  
Shirley Capellino  
Joan Castillo  
Lorraine Chiantelli Hughes  
Mary Ciarabellini  
Susan Conway  
Giuseppina Damele  
Rosetta Downey  
Lisa M. Estes  
Sandra Garza  
Mary Ann Giaramita  
Amanda Raven Gipson

Felicia Green  
Joan Holland  
Janet Mazzucchi James  
Sandi Salvato Kent  
Jeanne Rose King  
Dena Marchini  
Lorraine Massimillo  
Nancy Mc Donough  
Jessica O'Hearn  
Nicole Pratt  
Linda Rapella  
Debbie Tornay  
Gayle Walker  
Dianna Willyard

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Sally Accurso  
Marlene Ballantine  
Joan Brignone  
Giovanna Capone  
Bev Chernoff  
Janet Clayton  
Yolanda Corona  
Norma De Pianto  
Darlene T Fleming  
Linda Granko  
Terry Lico Heden  
Carol Ann Holmes

Abigail Alisa  
Lawrence  
Maria Lico  
Terri Orsi  
Maria Riggio  
Elizabeth Sibitz Smith  
Franca Tallerico  
Louise Vigna

**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



### WOMEN'S 79th & MEN'S 92nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATION SATURDAY, 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](mailto:fratreservations@gmail.com)

or

(510) 764-2365 ext 5

**BIRTHDAY DINNER**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**  
Details to Come

**RAVIOLI/BUNCO  
LUNCHEON**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024**  
Details to Come

**WESTERN DINNER/DANCE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024**  
Details to Come

**BDAY DINNER/BISCOTTI**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024**  
Details to Come

**SCHOLARSHIP  
FUNDRAISER TEA**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024**  
Details to Come

## 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 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](mailto:jbrignone@comcast.net)



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

## SUNSHINE REPORT By Irma Sericati Sunshine Reporter



Dear Members:

Our Past President, **Lillian Taddei** had surgery on her toes on Wednesday, February 28th. She had a very successful surgery and is recovering extremely well. Lillian is looking forward to someday soon being able to line dance once again. We wish her continued improvement everyday.

It is with extreme sadness that we report on the passing of **Claire Ramirez** on March 5th. Although she was not a member of our club, she will be remembered for the time and support she gave to the Men's club, first as dishwasher coordinator and then in helping with the wait staff. Claire also was the Treasurer for the Bocce league for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and all of our friends.

*Please continue to stay healthy and enjoy the upcoming spring weather.*

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

## 2023-2024

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Open

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# Fraternanza Women's Social Club

## EVENT RECAP



### MOVIE SCREENING

### **FINDING THE ITALIANS: A GRANDDAUGHTER'S JOURNEY**

**GIOVANNA CAPONE, MEMBER**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

Dear Fraternanza Club members,

Just a quick note of thanks. We had an excellent day at the screening of my documentary film: **Finding the Italians: A Granddaughter's Journey** on Sunday, Feb. 18th. To those who volunteered to work at the event, including the luncheon, I want to say thank you so much for making it a big success! The ravioli lunch was delicious! The table full of homemade cookies was stunning. And the general atmosphere in the club was upbeat and enthusiastic. Special thanks go to Joan, Ralph, and Melinda Brignone for taking this event from step one to the final day including selling out every single ticket, setting up the room, and organizing everything from beginning to end. We raised a substantial amount for our college scholarship fund, which is great. I also want to thank Claudia and Dale Albano, Gian Franco Sciacero, Diane Sericati, Lillian Taddei, Mattia Moline, Bev Chernoff, and Paulette Lagana, for their participation in the afternoon. I know there were many others too, and I cannot possibly name everyone.

Please accept my gratitude for all that you did to make this screening happen successfully. Also, the audience members who purchased tickets or who spoke afterwards - I say thanks for your presence. I extend my gratitude. I felt so supported by my club and also glad so many seemed to resonate with the themes raised in the film itself. We had many good discussions afterwards, and members spoke about their own family histories, which was great.

***Grazie mille a tutti!***

Giovanna Capone



**For those who still want to see the film, it will be screening again on March 26th at 6:30pm at the New Parkway Theater, 474- 24th Street, in Oakland. Contact Giovanna for tickets.**