



# Febbraio

February 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2025 Dues are now payable!!</b> <b>Yearly dues remain at \$175</b> <b>This can be paid in person at the club</b> <b>or you can mail in a check</b>						<b>1</b>  <b>La Coppa Bocce #1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>BOD - 5:00</b> <b>Spuntino - 6:00</b> <b>Members Meeting 7:00</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Clubroom open 1:00 - 5:00</b> <b>Bocce League</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Men's Birthday Dinner 7:00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Clubroom open 1:00 - 5:00</b> <b>Bocce League</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Ladies Polenta Dinner 7:00</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Clubroom open 1:00 - 5:00</b> <b>Bocce League</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Birthday Dinner 7:00</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Building Fund Crab Feed 7:00</b> <b>(flyer insert)</b>
<b>23</b> <b>House Committee Work Party 9:00am</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Clubroom open 1:00 - 5:00</b> <b>Bocce League</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

## Men's Birthday Dinner February 6

Chair - Bill & Mark Cameron

Caesar Salad, Cheesy Garlic Bread, Tortelloni, Chicken Cacciatore w/ Sausage, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, It's It Ice Cream

**\$30 - Members**  
**\$35 - Guests**

RSVP by: Feb 4  
extension **1**

## Birthday Dinner February 20

Chair - Taddei, Tomei, & Hines Famiglia

Fratellanza Salad, Rigatoni, Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Ice Cream Cup

**\$30 - Members**  
**\$35 - Guests**

RSVP by: Feb 18  
extension **2**

## Building Fund Crab Feeds

February 22, 2025  
March 2, 2025

Fratellanza Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Crab, Dessert

Cost - **\$85 per person**  
**Children 6-12 \$40**

RSVP deadlines:  
Feb 18th for the 22nd  
Feb 26th for March 2nd  
extension **3**

**Reservations: email - [fratreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fratreservations@gmail.com) / phone - 510.764.2365**

## From our President -

Happy New Year, let's prosper in 2025:

We entered 2025 with both sadness and joy. The sadness was the passing of two of the anchors of our club, John Barassi and Art Parziale. Both of these men represented the Fratellanza Club with dignity and character, and both of them served as presidents (Art for three separate terms) as well as other offices and members of the Board of Directors for decades. We will deeply miss both of them, their wit, their occasional joke, their memory of wonderful events that occurred here at the club and their love of what the Fratellanza Club not only meant to them, but additionally, what they wanted to instill into new members as they entered the club.

Both of these gentlemen had strong memories of past events and how to repeat them so it not only benefitted the club but additionally how it would bring joy to all those who attended these events. They both worked tirelessly to ensure others would have fun at all Fratellanza functions and their dedication to excellence was admired by the entire membership. When Art was cooking in the kitchen he would always have a joke or two. Sometimes it was one that you heard about 100 times before; However, it represented how deeply passionate he was about making others feel at home and bring a smile to their face. The past several years I always sat next to John (JB) at the dinner table and we would sing songs from many, many years ago and he would always test your knowledge of the songs of the 60's, who sang the song and of course who were members of the group singing. He was so passionate about his memory of 60's music as he called you "blood" or started our "I said". Yes, both of these gentlemen will be missed, however, never forgotten.

The joy of 2025 is the energy we must reacquire to undertake several important challenges that are upon us immediately. As you are reading this we hope you attended our anniversary celebration on January 25th. If you did not attend this event I very respectfully ask of each of you, why? Our Anniversaries are vitally important to celebrate the years our club has not only existed, but, more importantly, has thrived under many, many challenges; World Wars, Korea, space travel, Viet Nam, the hippies of the 60's and 70's, odd or even days at

gasoline stations, political unrest, 911, and many world wide challenges. So, once again, if you did not attend this wonderful event then perhaps it is time to ask yourself why you did not. No need to dwell on this, however, we need each member of this wonderful club to be involved, stay involved, bring us your requests, let us know what you like what we are doing and tell us how to improve to once again ensure you will be an active member of the club.

Next month (February) our Crab Feeds return and both of them will be sell outs so plan to make your reservations immediately. Our first Crab feed is Saturday evening February 22nd and our last Crab Feed is Sunday March 2nd. Again, please do not wait to make your reservation as both of these will be sell outs and both will be fun events.

Many of you know we have had more than one "roof leak" over the years, and many of you have been very generous in donating to our roof repair fund raising event. We must have these repairs completed before May pursuant to our insurance company, so we are still accepting donations for this project. We thank everyone who has already been so generous in this endeavor.

It is dues renewal time and we have worked very hard to maintain our 2025 dues renewal the same as 2024. For those who have already paid their dues, we thank you very much; For those who have not we look forward to your renewal.

Lastly, we are finalizing our calendar for 2025 so please do not hesitate to tell us what events you may want us to include this year. The only way to have fun is to be a part of what makes any activity a fun event so please let us know. You may contact any Officer or member of the Board with your request or suggestions. Also, we are looking for more members to become involved in chairing a dinner and helping serve a dinner. If you would like to suggest a menu and chair a dinner then please let us know and we will allow you to create a pool of servers and make suggestions for a dinner menu. You may care to suggest a theme as well so please let us know.

Now, go out there and do the right thing, after all, it's the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

**Ron Blair**

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## From our Board Chair -

Hey Everyone. As the New Year begins, we had a wonderful but small New Year's party. We also had a well attended Bagna Cauda dinner. Just to remind everybody we have crab feeds coming up on February 22nd and March 2nd. Please get your reservations in early. Watch for the flyers. Hope to see everyone there. Unfortunately, on a sad note, we ended 2024 and began 2025 with two losses to our club. Two very important and prominent members, past presidents, and recipients of the Award of Merit.

John Barassi was a lifelong member, a prominent board member, past president, and held several officer positions over the years in our club. He was also our Sunshine Committee and performed those duties with care and compassion. He was our spokesman and Master of Ceremonies at many of our events. Let's face

it, John was truly good at it and he was in his element.

Art Parziale was a 50+ year member and a three-time past president. He was our chief cook for many many years, cooking alongside Michele Gasparo, Vern Taddei, and my beer-drinking, cigar smoking great grandmother Fermina. Some of Art's favorite events to cook for was our Mother's Day and Christmas Brunches where he enjoyed cooking the eggs to order. Art was partially responsible, along with other long-time members, for starting the Friday luncheons with the Ligure Club. Art supported the bocce league from the beginning, helping Gino Chegia with whatever he needed, and cooking for the spuntinos for many years. Of course, we all know Art never hesitated to speak his mind, but we loved him for that.

These two members were legendary, and I will truly miss them both.

**Russel Carrel**

## Monthly Birthdays

Silvio Addiego  
Tony Aiello  
John J. Arezone  
John Bacchi  
Leonard S. Baldridge  
Marvin Bargagliotti  
Bruno Bartolini  
Charles Boettger

Linton Byington  
Chris Calegari  
Chuck Canepa  
Jerry Castro  
J.M. (Buzz) Dare  
Dino De Pianto  
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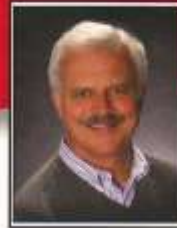
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