

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

The Fratellanza Women's Social Club | Where Good Friends Meet | Since 1945

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



CALL FOR QUEENS

www.italianamericanfederation.com

The IAF presents the 2025-2026 Queen Contest Selection.

Applications are available and due by June 22, 2025.

Contact Lisa Mittone, IAF President at (925) 549-5472, or iafeastbay@gmail.com.

MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, JULY 1, 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

Ciao, June has arrived!

It was so nice to see so many members (a total of 82) at tonight's Business Meeting. Following our meeting we had a lovely visit with Author, Barbara Pagni Denton, who spoke about her book "Sweet Success", a wonderful story about Crockett, CA in the early days, and the stories of the women working at the C & H Refinery. After Barbara's presentation we had time for a Q&A session, led by Claudia Albano. We then sampled 11 cakes baked by our members, Mimi Smith, Diane Warren, Nancy Ingram, Melinda Brignone, Natalie Lenz-Acuna, Lillian Taddei, Lauren Brignone, Joan Brignone, Arlene McGinnis, and Bridget Belick. All the recipes for these delicious cakes are included in Barbara's book. Thank you to Joan Brignone for introducing this event to the club, we all had a great time!!

Our members Birthday Dinner/Scholarship Presentation was attended by 162 members and guests. A very "Big Thank You" goes out to our Mother/ Daughter team Roseanne and Francesca Piccinini, (this was their first chaired dinner), their menu, set-up crew, wait staff, cooks and bartenders, all did a wonderful job. Thank you to the members for the wonderful raffle gifts. In attendance, 23 members celebrated their birthdays, and 8 scholars were awarded their certificates from our Fratellanza Women's Scholarship Committee, as their proud families and friends cheered them on. Congratulations to all!!

Sunday June 8, 2025, is our Bunco/Ravioli Luncheon chaired by Diane Sericati and Renee Howley-Borreani get your reservations made soon and join in on the fun!! Raffle gifts are always appreciated!

Tuesday July 15, 2025, Birthday Dinner/Biscotti Cookie Sale -dinner chaired by Rozz Cantisani and Bake Sale chaired by Lillian Taddei, Diane Proto, and Vali Ebert. More information to follow.

Sunday August 17, 2025, is our Scholarship Fundraiser Tea (NOTE: Date change from August 16); this event is chaired by Barbara Barassi and daughter Christina Davis. Please contact Barbara @ (925) 513-5142 to host a table or help with food preparation. Raffle gifts are always appreciated!

Sunday August 24, 2025, is a day trip to San Francisco to see My Fair Lady – chaired by Marilyn Sibitz. Flyers were disbursed this evening and in the last bulletin. Contact Marilyn @ (510) 215-1567.

Saturday September 6, 2025, is our Italia Festa, chaired by Ann Martorello and Nancy McDonough.

Please see our bulletin and flyers for further information on these events. . . make your reservations and join in on the fun! See you at the club!!

REMINDER: To make your reservations, please RSVP to Diane Sericati @ (510) 526-6470 or Vicki Berndt @ our email address: fwscreservations@gmail.com

Thank you to our members for your support of the club, and I wish all our father's out there a very "Happy Father's Day!"

Ciao for now!!

Rozz Cantisani, President
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LEMONCELLO

Have you ever wanted to Learn how to make this classic Italian lemon liqueur?
Here is an easy recipe. It is made out of ONLY three (3) simple ingredients!

Makes 1 quart | Serves 8

Ingredients:

- 10 lemons (any of your favorite kind), washed and dried
- 1 750-ml bottle vodka (100-proof preferred, or 80-proof)
- 1 to 4 cups granulated sugar (or to taste)

Source: [The" Kitchn"](#)

Tools Needed:

- Vegetable peeler (or microplane or zester)
- Paring knife
- 1 quart jar or other similar-sized container with a lid
- Strainer
- Large coffee filter
- 4-cup measuring cup
- Small funnel
- 2 clean 16-ounce bottles or several bottles equalling similar volume



Instructions:

1. Use a vegetable peeler (or microplane or zester) to remove the peels from all the lemons. Try to remove only the outer yellow skin and as little of the pith as possible. Trim away any large pieces of pith with a paring knife, but don't worry about trimming every last scrap.
2. Transfer the lemon peels to a 1-quart jar.
3. Cover the peels with vodka.
4. Screw on the lid.
5. Let the vodka and lemon peels infuse somewhere out of the way and out of direct sunlight for at least 4 days or as long as a month.
6. The longer you let the vodka infuse, the more lemony your limoncello.
7. Line a strainer with a large coffee filter and set it over a 4-cup measuring cup. Strain the infused vodka through the filter. You may need to stir the vodka in the strainer if the flow stops.
8. Prepare a sugar syrup of at least 1 cup of water and 1 cup of sugar — bring the water to a simmer and stir in the sugar to dissolve; allow to cool. Pour the sugar syrup into the infused vodka. Stir gently to mix. Taste and add additional sugar syrup if desired. → You can play with the ratios of water to sugar. Start with 1 cup of water and 1 cup of sugar, taste the limoncello, and add additional sugar syrup gradually until you reach a flavor you like — up to 4 cups of water with 4 cups of sugar. More water will dilute the alcohol base, making a less alcoholic, milder, and smoother-sipping liqueur. More sugar will make a sweeter limoncello.
9. Insert the funnel in the neck of one of the bottles and fill with limoncello. Repeat with remaining bottles. Chill the limoncello in the fridge or freezer for at least 4 hours before drinking. Limoncello can be kept in the fridge for up to a month or the freezer for up to a year (and often much longer!).

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



**CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER
SUN, JUNE 29, 2025**

Menu:
Fratellanza Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Vegetables, & Dessert

Time:
Cocktails 4:00pm
Dinner 5:00pm

Cost:
\$25 for Members
\$30 Guests
\$12 Children 6-12

RSVP by June 27, 2025:
fratreservations@gmail.com
(510) 764-2365 ext. 4



**CLUB WESTERN NIGHT
SAT, JULY 12, 2025**
Pork Ribs & Beef Tri-Tip, Penne Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Corn, Watermelon, Fratellanza Salad
Cocktails 5:00pm/Dinner 6:00pm
\$35 for Members/\$40 Guests
\$17 Children 6-12
RSVP:
fratreservations@gmail.com
(510) 764-2365 ext. 3
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

**MY FAIR LADY TRIP
SUN, AUGUST 24, 2025
Matinee 2:00 - 3:10
San Francisco Playhouse**
Cost - includes bus to and from the play, Lunch at the Frat, Play Be at the Club at 11:30 Return to the Club by 6:00.
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

NEW DATE!

**SCHOLARSHIP
FUNDRAISER TEA
LUNCHEON
SUN, AUGUST 17, 2025**
To RSVP (by August 2) and if you are interested to host a table or help for the event, please contact Barbara Barassi:
(510) 517-5833
nowvoyager1014@yahoo.com

Raffle prizes are greatly appreciated.

This is always a fun and exciting event!

**COST: \$35
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS!**



**BDAY DINNER/BISCOTTI
TUE, JULY 15, 2025
Details to Come**

**IAF QUEEN CORONATION
FRI, AUGUST 22, 2025
Details to Come**

**CLUB ITALIAN NIGHT
DINNER & DANCE
SAT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
Details to Come**

**JULY BIRTHDAY DINNER
TUE, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
Details to Come**

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE
2025
3rd Annual Fratellanza Festa Italia
Saturday, September 6
FOOD, GAMES, FUN
SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE

THE FRATELLANZA CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES!

Join the Fratellanza Club 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.

Bar Open: 6:00 pm / **Movie Start:** 7:00 pm

June 20 (Friday): "Mediterraneo"

Greece, World War II: A squad of Italian militaries is sent to occupy an Island. The mission is a disaster, but the bond between the locals and the soldiers will last forever.

A classic of modern Italian Cinema, "Mediterraneo" is a wonderful story about war, peace, love, and friendship.

1991 Oscar Winner

Directed by Gabriele Salvatores -1991 (100 min)

In Italian w English Subtitles



Questions?

Mattia Milone at
mattia.milone@gmail.com / (510) 289-2058

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

- FWSC REVISED ROSTER IS COMING SOON -

If you have new contact information, please be sure to submit your updated information by using this Google form:

<https://forms.gle/h9qkWG1rLbZyu5aq6>

Deadline to submit updates is June 15, 2025

SUNSHINE REPORT

By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter



Wishing everyone a very happy month of June day and to everyone continued good health!

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.

2025-2026

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