

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



Ciao!! Welcome to September and to all our members!!

It was so nice to see everyone at the meeting tonight. We had 62 members in attendance. Before our meeting we enjoyed another wonderful spuntino provided by the Men's club. Thanks guys!! Along with the festivities we initiated 5 of our 6 new members, Susan Guerra Johnston, Barbara Denton, Alexis Denton, Kelly Driscoll and Eileen Nottoli. Due to school scheduling, Nancy McDonough and I initiated Giuliana Sorbi at the IAF Fund Raiser Dinner. Welcome ladies!!

On Sunday August 17th a total of 124 members and guests had a wonderful time at the "Scholarship Tea Fund Raiser". The ballroom was absolutely lovely. 14 hostesses decorated their individual tables with flair and personality. We have a great group of ladies with many decorative skills and imaginations. The menu was wonderful, all the scones, cookies, sandwiches etc., were handmade and donated by our members and were very tasty. Thank you to our chairladies Barbara Barassi and daughter Christina Davis, for all your participation in putting this event together to make it such a success. To our members who volunteered to work in the kitchen and prepared the tea trays of food for each course, and to those members who brought gifts for the raffle, as always, they are very much appreciated! Our Fratellanza Men's Club volunteer wait staff, was outstanding and looked handsome in white shirts and bow ties. Thanks guys!! This was another great event in true Fratellanza Style!

Our trip to San Francisco to see "My Fair Lady", started with a wonderful buffet at the club, special salad, tortellini, garlic bread and dessert. Yum!! Then 40 of us got on the bus for a very nice ride to the city to see the play (which was enjoyed by all) and then back to the club. A big thank you to Marilyn Pricco Sibitz for getting this day trip together and to the members who attended. I'm looking forward to more events like this. I hope you are too!

The "East Bay Bocce Tournament" hosted here at the Fratellanza was a fun day for all! Fratellanza Ladies Team #2 placed FIRST and Team #1 placed THIRD, Congratulations ladies for keeping the trophy here at the Fratellanza and thank you to Renee Howley-Borreani for organizing the event.

The 3rd Annual Italian Festa, is Saturday, September 6, 2025. Looking forward to seeing all our members, families and friends at this event. So many fun booths, food, drink and games to look forward to. See the flyer for all the information. Thank you to chairs Anne Martorello and Nancy McDonough and their committees for putting this fabulous day together again. Come join the fun!! You won't want to miss it!!

September 16, 2025 - "August-September Birthday" dinner will be chaired by Dianna Willyard. She has planned a lovely menu, salad, home made pasta (by her family here at the club) roasted chicken, roasted potatoes and grilled broccoli, and a homemade dessert. Get your groups together and make reservations early. **Reminder:** one person makes reservations per group and, let Diane or Vicki know if you have a member with a birthday in your party, so they can be acknowledged.

Do you like parades? Then you won't want to miss out being at the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Bring your family and friends and show your Italian colors. You may see some of us East Bay Club Presidents and representatives riding or walking the parade route. The Galileo Club has a bus and for a low cost of \$55.00 per person, you can ride to and from the city. The bus leaves from the Galileo Club @ 9:00am and returns at 6:00pm. You must make reservations by September 8, 2025. See the flyer from the Galileo Club for all the details.

HO! HO! HO! Santa Reservation letter and Form have been emailed out. The Children's Christmas Party is Sunday December 14, 2025. Mail your reservations early. Deadline is **OCTOBER 15, 2025. (no exceptions)**

In closing, as you may know, Fratellanza Men's Club President, Ron Blair passed away in August. He loved the club, and he will be truly missed by all. Please keep Ron's wife Jackie, and the Blair family in your prayers.

See you at the club!!

Ciao for now!!
Rozz Cantisani, President
rcantisani@comcast.net



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY LORETTA!



Photo courtesy of Bev Chernoff

MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, OCTOBER 7, 2025

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

6:00pm Social Hour & Spuntino (Food provided by the Men's Club)
7:00pm Meeting Begins

CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

1:00pm - 5:00pm
Every Wednesday

**DINNER CHAIR:
DIANNA WILLYARD & FAMILY**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

We will be celebrating two (2) months of members birthdays this month, with good food and company!

RAFFLE PRIZES APPRECIATED!

MENU:

Roasted chicken, homemade fettuccini with pesto, salad, broccoli, potatoes, bread, wine, and homemade Tiramisu.

TIME & COST:

6PM No-Host Cocktails / 7PM Dinner
\$30 Members & Guests

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12:

Call Diane Sericati at (510) 526-6470 or email Vicki Berndt at fwscreservations@gmail.com.

Please have one person reserve for your group.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During our September 2, 2025 Member's Business Meeting, we also initiated new members into the club, with the initiation led by Financial Secretary Rose Marie Gish and President Rozz Cantisani: (Left to Right) Alexis Denton, Barbara Pagni Denton, Susan Guerra Johnston, Eileen Nottoli, Kelly Driscoll, Giuliana Sorbi (not pictured).

Welcome to The Fratellanza Women's Social Club!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Remember the birthday dinners are held every other month. If your birthday falls within these months, your dinner is complimentary for this month. RSVP with your information for the dinner, and indicate who is celebrating a birthday.

AUGUST

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| Francesca Aguilera | Sandra (Sandy) Jaeger |
| Ina Ippolito Badgley | Denise Marks |
| Judie Bellotti Boyer | Margaret L. Miglia |
| Veda Bhatt | Mary Morrison |
| Joan Bozzone | Linda Pearson |
| Carmen Burks | Diane M Guaragno Ward |
| Lori Chalifoux | Anna Zeman |
| Julia Rose Collins | |
| Maria Da Maren | |
| Carole Georgantes | |
| Bobbie Catherine Giarratana | |

SEPTEMBER

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| Danielle Aguilera | Loretta Iacobitti | Reno |
| Malek-Zadeh | Egidia Manzone | Pamela Rossi |
| Sophia (Moradian) Biel | Leslie Manzone | Heuser |
| Lauren Brignone | Nancy Matson | Stephanie St. Onge |
| Toni Caulfield | Irene Moore | Denise Stenberg |
| Wendy Cerruti | Carla Oelkers | Lillian Taddei |
| Maria L De La Rosa | Sandra Over | Dolores Underwood |
| Kathy Ann Frisa | Teresa Petri | Estelle Vetere |
| Sonnie Gandola | Roslyn Porter | |
| Patrice Green | Anna Lucille Quilici | |
| Amanda Guslani | Edith Rapella | |
| | Victoria (Vicky) | |

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 ITALIAN NIGHT
FAMILY DINNER &
DANCE
SAT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

Menu:

- Cold Cuts/Bread
- Fratellanza Salad
- Bagnette-Insalata di Pomodori
- Rigatoni w/Meat Sauce
- Chicken Scallopini
- Roasted Potatoes
- Sautéed Vegetable

Time:

- Cocktails 5:00pm
- Dinner 6:00pm
- Dancing 8:00pm

Cost:

- \$35 for Members
- \$40 Guests
- \$17 Children under 12

RSVP by September 11, 2025:
fratreservations@gmail.com
(510) 764-2365 ext. 3



**ITALIAN AMERICAN
FEDERATION (IAF) EVENTS
AT THE FRATELLANZA CLUB
*Being a member of the FWSC also
gives you membership to the IAF***

**IAF QUEEN CORONATION
SUN, OCTOBER 19, 2025
Details to Come**

**ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE
SUN, OCTOBER 12, 2025
San Francisco North Beach**
Bus trip (in partnership with the Galileo Club) flyer for the day event distributed. Only \$55 per person. Prepaid reservations due by September 8, 2025. See flyer for details. Questions? Contact Nancy McDonough (510) 223-5911.

**FILM SCREENING
FRI, OCTOBER 24, 2025 7PM
"Finding the Italians:
A Granddaughter's Journey",
by Giovanna Capone.
Questions? Contact Giovanna
giovannacapone@sbcglobal.net
or (510) 595-7783.**



**LA COPPA BOCCCE/LUNCH
SAT, OCTOBER 11, 2025
&
SAT, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
COST: \$15.00**

Sign up at the Club to reserve your spot or contact GianFranco at gsciacero@earthlink.net or (510) 525-5372.

**POLENTA DINNER
TUE, OCTOBER 21, 2025
Details to Come**

**NOV BIRTHDAY DINNER
& BAKE SALE
TUE, NOVEMBER 18, 2025
Details to Come**

**KIDS SANTA EVENT
SUN, DECEMBER 14, 2025
Reservation forms have been distributed to members and are due back - postmarked by October 15, 2025. Questions? Contact Rozz Cantisani.**

**XMAS DINNER EVENT
TUE, DECEMBER 16, 2025
Details to Come**

FOOD | CRAFTS | GAMES | FUN

2025

SEE FLYER FOR INFORMATION

3rd Annual Fratellanza Festa Italia

Saturday, September 6

FREE ADMISSION
PURCHASE TICKETS FOR FOOD & ACTIVITIES

FUN | GAMES | CRAFTS | FOOD

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & COMMUNITY TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

THE FRATELLANZA CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES!

Join the Fratellanza Club for an Italian/Italian-American movie each month at the Club. Popcorn and discussion will be included.

This is FREE for Members and Non-Members.
No reservation needed.

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

September 19 (Friday): "Operazione San Gennaro"

Comedy directed by Dino Risi, starring Totò & Nino Manfredi. 1966 (104 min) In Italian w English Subtitles
Naples: an American gang of thieves is planning the heist of the century: stealing the Treasure of San Gennaro. To do so, they'll have to ask for help to a local bootlegger and his wrecking crew. A Neapolitan extravaganza directed by Dino Risi, the Maestro della commedia all'italiana!

Questions?

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



EAST BAY BOCCE TOURNAMENT

FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

FWSC TEAM #2
Terri Orsi,
Melinda Brignone,
Lisa Borreani, and
Renee Howley-Borreani

Photo courtesy of Gianfranco Sciacero

Congratulations on the win!

SUNSHINE REPORT By Irma Sericati Sunshine Reporter



It is with extreme sadness that we report of the passing of **Ron Blair**, the Fratellanza Men's Club current President. Ron was very hard worker, devoting a lot of his time to the club. He was always willing to assist the Women's club with any and all of our requests. He will truly be missed by all of us. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and also to the membership of the Men's club. May he rest in peace.

Please keep all our members that are not in the best of health in your 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.

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