

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



**ITALIAN HERITAGE
PARADE**
SUN, OCTOBER 12, 2025
SAN FRANCISCO

**Celebrate Italian Heritage
Month by attending the
parade and hanging out in
North Beach with your
fellow Italians!**
See you there!

MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, NOVEMBER 4, 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

Ciao! October has arrived and "Fall" is in the air!!!

I want to thank all our members who attended our business meeting tonight. It is always so nice to see everyone and to have time to socialize and enjoy our Spuntino! A big "thank you" to the Men's Club, for always including us to a nice "light super" before our meeting. 😊

Our 3rd Annual Italian Festa, was on Sunday, September 6th. The attendance was wonderful. Along with our members and their families, we enjoyed meeting a lot of our neighbors who saw our advertising or just passing the club and seeing the activity going on. The booths were busy, group photos at the photo booth, face painting, cake walk, children's corner, we had some new booths this year that did very well. The food court was always busy. Beverages and wine tasting to go along with your pasta, Italian sandwich or pizza, the cookie booth with all those delicious cookies baked and donated by our members. The bocci court was very active with adults and children. I hope you were able to be there, if not, you missed a great time at the club.

September 16, 2025, was our August-September Birthday dinner chaired by member Dianna Willyard and her family. Fresh homemade pasta was made at the club by her team. We all enjoyed the pesto pasta, followed by roasted chicken, roast potatoes, and broccoli. Dianna made her delicious Tiramisu for dessert. Thank you to our set-up, wait staff, cooks, raffle helpers and ticket/reservation ladies, and our bartenders, for helping to make this a wonderful evening. Thank you to our members who brought the lovely gifts for our drawing. They are always appreciated!!

The Italian Heritage Parade will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025. This a great family day to come out, watch the parade and see the Blue Angels fly overhead. This is also, Fleet week. Don't miss out on all the fun, food, activities and most of all **let's honor our Italian heritage!!**

Sunday October 19, 2025, the Fratellanza Club is hosting the 2025-2026 Queen Coronation Banquet. You and your family are invited to come and support our Queen Guiliana Sorbi (granddaughter of members Lee & Adriana Matteucci & daughter of Juli Sorbi) and her court Luciana Bagneschi, Emily Stenzler & Valentina Grazzini. Let's all come and celebrate this very special event. The bulletin has all the information and how to make your reservations!

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025, bring your family and friends for a delicious Polenta Dinner. Contact our chairperson Alyssa James (510-734-6657) if you can help with set-up or wait staff, it would be appreciated. See the bulletin for information and make your reservations early. Drawing prizes are appreciated!! Remember, Men are always welcomed to our dinners!!

NOTE: The Children's Christmas Party reservation deadline is OCTOBER 15, 2025. (no exceptions)

See you at the club. . .I'll be looking for you!

Ciao for now!!

Rozz Cantisani, President
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HELLO
OCTOBER

**DRAWING
GIFTS
APPRECIATED!**

**POLENTA DINNER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**

**CHAIR:
ALYSSA
JAMES**

Menu:

Fratellanza Salad, Bread & Butter,
Polenta with Italian Sausage and Beef Stew,
Vegetables, Dessert, Wine & Coffee

Time & Cost:

6pm Cocktails / 7pm Dinner
Cost (Members & Guests): \$30 / Children (6-12): \$12
Men and Women Sit Together

RSVP:

RSVP by October 17, 2025:
Diane Sericati at (510) 526-6470 (H) or
email Vicki Berndt: fratreservations@gmail.com



FESTA ITALIANA FUN!!



Photo courtesy of Gianfranco Sciacero

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, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Menu:

- Fratellanza Salad
- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Garlic Bread
- Vegetables
- Dessert

Time:

- Cocktails 4:00pm
- Dinner 5:00pm

Cost:

- \$25 for Adults
- \$12 Children under 6-12

RSVP by October 23, 2025:

fratreservations@gmail.com
 (510) 764-2365 ext. 3



IAF OF THE EAST BAY
QUEEN CORONATION
BANQUET

SUN, OCTOBER 19, 2025

See Flyer for all the information.

Being a member of the FWSC also gives you membership to the IAF.



LA COPPA BOCCE/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.

NOV BIRTHDAY DINNER & BAKE SALE

TUE, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

October & November Birthdays Celebrated

Silent auction with antique windows & wreaths (proceeds to FWSC). Holiday Boutique to benefit the Scholarships.

More Details to Come

KIDS SANTA EVENT

SUN, DECEMBER 14, 2025

Reservation forms have been distributed; due back by 10/15/25.

Questions?

Contact Rozz Cantisani

MEMBERS XMAS

DINNER EVENT

TUE, DECEMBER 16, 2025

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 2026

Children and grandchildren of current Fratellanza Women's Social Club members are eligible to apply for the 2026 Scholarship Program. Submit completed application to the Scholarship Committee by the required deadline of **March 15, 2026**. 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 or on the [website](#).

Phone: 510-799-2743 (H)

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THE FRATELLANZA CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES!

Celebrate Italian Heritage Month! Learn the history of Italian immigrants of Oakland, CA and the vibrant story of the social clubs dating back to 1920.



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



October 24 (Friday) | 6:30PM

“Finding the Italians: A Granddaughter’s Journey”

A documentary film by Fratellanza Women’s Social Club Member, Giovanna Capone. Run time 1 hour 42 minutes. discusses why the Italians fled Italy and what we experienced once we arrived in the U.S. Seeking to understand her own life journey, the filmmaker asks the vital question: How do you hold onto your culture in a new land? It's a question every grandchild of immigrants must face.

Questions?

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SUNSHINE REPORT
By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter



On September 10, both **Diane Proto** and **Frances Bienati** had cataract surgery. We are glad to report both had successful outcomes and can now see much better!!

We were recently informed **Frances Bienati** became to grandmother of a baby boy, Logan Eric born on June 18, 2025. Congratulations on the newest addition.

The **Raven** household is so over the moon with their exciting news:

First on September 26, their very first grandson was born, named Ellis Murdock Raven in Washington. Then on October 4 a first granddaughter came along, named Aurora Carolyn.

So, a double congratulations to **Caren** and husband **Dave** on becoming not only first-time grandparents but a week later 2nd time grandparents. Plus, great grandpa, Louie Valterza is overjoyed especially with Aurora Carolyn’s middle name, named after her late great mother, Carolyn. Babies are such a joy!!

Again, congratulations to the Bienati and Raven families on their exciting new family members.

Wishing everyone a Happy Autumn!!

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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