

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



Ciao November,

November has arrived!! Hope you turned your clocks back, if not do it now!! 😊😊 The time change and colder weather are signs that we are approaching (my personal favorite) "Thanksgiving" and "Christmas". Hot chocolate, fuzzy slippers, warm quilts are the attire for these colder evenings all while watching a good movie!

I hope you all had the opportunity to attend our October Polenta dinner. We had an exceptionally good turnout. Our chairperson, Alyssa James, and her committee of helpers: set-up, wait staff, kitchen helpers, bartenders, reservation/ticket window ladies and drawing. Wonderful job everyone; thank you for your time and efforts to make this a fun event for all who attended. Let's not forget all the members who donated all the lovely gifts for our drawing. Thank you, they are always appreciated!!

Did you have the chance to celebrate your Italian heritage at the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco on Sunday October 12, 2025? It was truly a beautiful day in the city, with so many people all around enjoying the spirit of being "Italian." Seeing all the floats the bands, flag waiving and the food!! Not to forget the desserts: cannoli, gelato and all the other wonderful treats available. The absolute "BEST" was seeing our Queen Guliana Sorbi and her court honoring the Fratellanza Women's Club in the parade. Ladies, you all looked beautiful, and we are honored to have you as our reigning court and representing our club and carrying on our Italian heritage and all it stands for.

Tuesday November 18, 2025, is our Birthday Dinner chaired by Catia Saroni (510) 385-0434 & Maria Da Maren (510) 928-2180. They have a wonderful menu planned: salad, ravioli, chicken, potatoes, green beans, and for dessert, Pumpkin pie. If you can help serve, please contact them directly. Lillian Taddei (510) 523-9206 will be chairing the Bake Sale; please call her direct and let her know what you will be baking. Bev Chernoff will be chairing our boutique/auction, with helpers Joan and Melinda Brignone. This is a great opportunity to get a start on your Christmas shopping list. Bring cash, check books or Visa!! Reminder: "Men are always invited to our dinners".

Saturday, November 29, 2025, the decoration committee chaired by Joan Brignone (510) 799-2743 will meet at the club at 9:30am to bring the Christmas spirit to our club's ballroom, tree, dining room and back card room. Come join in, there will be coffee and pastry for our early birds, followed at noon with a light lunch provided by the Men's club. Call Joan direct and let her know that you will participate in this fun day.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 is the Christmas Spuntino Dinner which will occur prior to our Membership Business Meeting. Please call Diane Sericati (510) 526-6470 or Mary Ann De Pianto (510) 527-1432 and let them know what delicious dish you will be preparing/bringing for the Spuntino.

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 is the Members Christmas Dinner Gift Exchange which is chaired by our Board of Directors. The menu consists of: Caesar salad, pasta with marinara sauce and pasta with pesto sauce, steak, baked potato, and green beans. The dessert is cheesecake with a cherry topping, yum! Make your reservation by calling Diane Sericati (510) 526-6470 or emailing Vicki Berndt at fwscreservations@gmail.com by the deadline of December 12, 2025. This is also our member Christmas gift giving dinner. New gifts of \$25.00 or more (gift cards 😊) put your name on the inside of your wrapped gift and bring that evening. Diane Sericati and Mary Ann De Pianto are chairs for the gift exchange.

Reminder: December 14, 2025 is the Children's Christmas Party. For those that mailed in your reservations, you will be receiving your confirmation card in the mail. Please bring your card on the day for check in.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

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

MEMBER'S MEETING & HOLIDAY SPUNTINO

TUE, DECEMBER 2, 2025

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

6:00pm Social Hour & Spuntino (Member's Provided - RSVP your item that you will be bringing) 7:00pm Meeting Begins

CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

1:00pm - 5:00pm
Every Wednesday

**DRAWING
GIFTS
APPRECIATED!**

**BIRTHDAY DINNER &
BAKE SALE,
HOLIDAY AUCTION & BOUTIQUE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

Menu:

- Fratellanza Salad w/Special Dressing
- Ravioli w/Meat Sauce
- Roasted Chicken
- Roasted Potatoes & Green Beans
- Pumpkin Pie

Time & Cost:

- 6pm Cocktails/7pm Dinner
- Cost (Members & Guests): \$30/
Children (6-12): \$12
- Birthday Members (Oct/Nov): Free

RSVP:

RSVP by November 14, 2025 to Diane Sericati at (510) 526-6470 or email Vicki Berndt: fwsreservations@gmail.com.

Bake Sale:

Bring homemade goodies in clear wrap and priced by 5:30pm. Indicate content of "nuts" if applicable. Proceeds go to the Scholarship fund.

Auction:

Silent auction on donated decorated windows and wreaths. \$25 opening bid; \$5 incremental bids. Proceeds go to FWSC.

**MEMBER'S 2026 DUES
DUE JANUARY 1, 2026**

**Regular Annual Membership:
\$50**

**Honorary Annual Membership:
\$25**

A member will be delinquent if dues are NOT paid by February 1, 2026 and will be charged a \$20 penalty fee along with the annual dues. If a member fails to pay dues and the penalty fee by March 1, 2026, it will be assumed that the member is no longer interested in the Club, and shall be automatically dropped from the membership.



DINNER CHAIRS: MARIA DA MAREN/CATIA SARONI | BAKE SALE CHAIR: LILLIAN TADDEI
AUCTION/BOUTIQUE-CHAIR: BEV CHERNOFF & SELLERS: JOAN & MELINDA BRIGNONE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!

Remember the birthday dinners are held every other month. If your birthday falls within these two months, your birthday is complimentary this month. RSVP via one of the contacts listed above with the information for the dinner.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Francesa Addiego | Gina Hussein |
| Barbara Barassi | Cheryl Lane |
| Toni Marie Bermudez | Becky Lazzarotto |
| Diane Bianchi | Linda Mansouria |
| Celeste Conti | Diane Nearhood |
| Judy De Alba | Patricia B. Parina |
| Dina De Pianto | Ramona Pinto |
| Swisher | Karen Rinna Titus |
| Joyce Gengler | Sharon Viano |
| Lisa Germano | Loisann Vittone |
| Rose Marie Gish | Patricia Wendschlag |
| Joanne Greco | |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Yolanda Addiego | Evelyn Favero Heald |
| Theresa Bailey | Roberta Healy |
| Lisa Biasotti | Sharon Hunt |
| Susanna Brooks | Natalie Lenz-Acuna |
| Roselyn (Rozz) Cantisani | Arleen Maginnis |
| Marie Ciraulo | Carmelina Marmo |
| Camilla (Cami) Cox | Teresa Nicoletti |
| Jennifer Diaz | Francesca Piccinini |
| Carol Hazel | Julia Sorbi |
| Lisa Hazel Little | Patty Villeggiante |

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

MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY/GIFT EXCHANGE TUE, DECEMBER 16, 2025

Women's Members Only
FREE Christmas Dinner,
Sing Along & Gift Exchange
(\$25 limit)

Please bring a wrapped gift with your name on it for the gift exchange so the recipient knows whom it is from.

Menu is: Caesar salad, pasta with marinara sauce and pasta with pesto sauce, steak, baked potato, and green beans, and cheesecake with cherry topping.

RSVP: Make your reservation by calling Diane Sericati (510) 526-6470 or emailing Vicki Berndt at fwscreservations@gmail.com by the deadline of December 12.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SUN, DECEMBER 14, 2025

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

Questions?

Contact Rozz Cantisani



CLUB CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & KIDS CORNER SUN, DECEMBER 7, 2025

**Brunch details to Come
Refer to flyer for Kids Corner**

CLUB CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER SAT, DECEMBER 13, 2025

See Separate Flyer

XMAS & TREE DECORATING @ THE CLUB

SAT, NOVEMBER 29, 2025 - 9:30AM

You are cordially invited to join the Fratellanza Men's and Women's Clubs as we **decorate** the Ballroom, Dining Room, and Back Room **for the holidays. All are welcome... So, come join us as we make merry! Lunch included! Take down will be on January 3, 2025 beginning at 9:30AM.**

Contact Joan Brignone

510-799-2743 (H) jbrignone@comcast.net

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!

NO MOVIE IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2025



Questions?

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter



In September our member **Cathy Werner** had knee surgery. She is recuperating very well and should be now able to enjoy her recent retirement in a relaxing way. We are so glad to hear about her successful recovery.

Our Past President, **Karen Garcia**, was in the hospital 2 times recently to have kidney stones removed. She is doing much better, but is not up to her normal self. We wish her well and hope to see her in the near future. In speaking to her recently, she wanted to express her warm wishes to the membership, for the upcoming holiday season and looks forward to perhaps joining us at our Christmas dinner.

Please keep **Vicki Berndt** in your prayers as she will be having gall bladder surgery on Wednesday, November 5th. We wish her a speedy recovery.

On a sad note, on October 10th our longtime member, **Ann Torres** passed away. She was a strong supporter of our club. She was the past owner of El Cerrito Florist, always providing us with beautiful flower arrangements and also donating to our raffle whenever possible. We will miss her smiling face and cheerful personality. May she rest in peace.

We were just informed that our former member, **Teresa Bottini** has passed away, she had joined the club in 2011 but was not able to attend our events recently. For information to follow. She will be missed by her many friends at the club.

Happy Notes:

In July, our member **Madeline Lawrence**, Monday, gave birth to a little girl named Ainsley, which made Deena Lawrence a grandmother and Donna Castro a great grandmother. We extend on our congratulations to the whole family. Babies are always a wonderful addition to any family.

We are very pleased to share that our member, **Marie Carayanis**, was recently named Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County. Many of you will remember Marie and her husband as the owners of Nick and Marie's Deli and Catering in El Sobrante for over 30 years. She has been very active in El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce serving as President for many years, one of the founders of the El Sobrante Stroll and on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of El Sobrante. These are just a few of her many accomplishments. We wish to congratulate Marie on her wonderful honor.

Wishing all our members a very happy Thanksgiving!!

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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