

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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

6:00pm Social Hour & Spuntino

(Provided by the Men)

7:00pm Meeting Begins

2026 MEMBERSHIP

DUES ARE DUE

See page 2 of newsletter or flyer for information.

CLUB OPEN

BOCCIE COURTS & BAR ROOM

**1:00pm - 5:00pm
Every Wednesday**

Happy New Year 2026 to All!!

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! What a special time of year, sharing the gift of family memories, traditions and just being together!

Just a short re-cap of our December events:

At our December Business Meeting/Spuntino we had a wonderful attendance of 62 members. We all shared the wonderful array of food, (salads, entrees, and desserts) that was prepared by our members for the spuntino. Thank you too all!

Our Children's Christmas Party was great!! 58 families which included 126 children, enjoyed a lovely lunch of hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, chips, cookies and beverages. After lunch we had a special surprise visit from that "jolly old man in the red velvet suit and white curly beard", yes! "SANTA". Just to see the faces on all the children as Santa came walking into the club and taking a seat in his big white Santa Chair was the greatest feeling of the day. "Santa" (aka Rich Giaramita) was so great, taking time to visit and talk to each child no matter how old they were. Fabulous Day!!

Our last event of the year was the members Christmas Dinner and Gift exchange. The evening was well attended by our members. We all enjoyed a great dinner, opening lovely gifts, singing the 12 days of Christmas, and being served by members of the Fratellanza Men's Club we thank you and the bartenders for adding to our wonderful party!

Our January meeting was welcomed with 54 members in attendance and wishing each other Happy New Year. Our 2026 Calendars were passed out to the members at the meeting (they will also be in this bulletin) we went over the events for this coming year. Also, I want to share with you some of the changes that will start this new year. Per our By-Laws, revised issue 2016, I have appointed and by approval of the board and members in attendance, we now have a Vice President!! Chair of the Board, Nancy McDonough has filled the position and will pass her baton on to our new Chair of the Board, Melinda Brignone. The vacancy on the Board will be filled by longtime member Sandi Kent. Nancy, Melinda and Sandi, will take on these positions in February. Thank you, ladies, for accepting these positions!!

We initiated 2 new members, "welcome ladies", 3 new applications were read and approved by the board and member in attendance, and 3 new member applications were given out to our members for family & friends who want to join us. Great news!

Our December/January Birthday dinner is on January 20th, 2026 – please see the flier attached for all information, please make your reservations early!! See you there!

Ladies let's make this a "great year" for our club by attending the business meetings, volunteering, coming to the dinners and any other events. Always check the bulletin for information. Reminder; bring you family, friends and men are always welcome to our dinners. As we say, "the more the merrier"!!

Rozz Cantisani – President, Fratellanza Women's Club rcantisani@comcast.net

Drawing Gifts Appreciated!

JANUARY 2025 BIRTHDAY DINNER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

Come Celebrate the December and January Birthdays and the New Year!

Menu:

- Salad w/Special Dressing
- Gnocchi w/Pesto
- Pork Tenderloin w/Gravy
- Roasted Potatoes
- Peas w/Pearl Onions
- Bread/Wine
- Ice Cream

Cost:

\$30 (Members & Guests)
(Men are always welcomed!)

Time & Cost:

6pm Cocktails
7pm Dinner

RSVP By January 16:

Make your reservation by calling Diane Sericati (510) 526-6470 or emailing Vicki Berndt at fwscreervations@gmail.com. Please have one person reserve for your group.

CHAIR:
ROZZ
CANTISANI

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

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.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Joanne Angerame | Donna Houser |
| Patricia (Patti) Bacon | Teresa (Teri) Hurlbut |
| Mary Bartalotti | Susan Guerra Johnston |
| Lillian A Bayer | Cathy Kenny Wright |
| Vicki Berndt | Riana Lane |
| Pina Campilongo Murray | Carol Lazaro |
| Anna Marie Canepa | Linda Lee |
| Nancy L. Cerruti | Adriana Matteucci |
| Pamela Coleman | Giulia Matteucci |
| Victoria Cooper | Evelyne Mittone |
| Mary Ann De Pianto | Linda R. Montano |
| Carole M Delucchi Padlo | Carla Pierce |
| Vicki Fischer | Angelina Quilici |
| Lynnette Franks | Catia Saroni |
| Karen Garcia | Gloria Verner |
| Anna-Marie Hendrickson | Jennifer Vernon |
| Pat Hines | |

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Teresa Azzolino | Angela Hussein |
| Rachelle Babb | Charlene (Char) Iacobitti |
| Frances Bienati | Louise N. Jones |
| Francis Bird | Jeanne Lico Atkinson |
| Christine Bonavolonta | Eileen Nottoli |
| Joia Boos | Mary (Ellen) Panerio-Page |
| Laurie Cullen | Marilyn Pricco Sibitz |
| Christina Davis | Renee Tomei |
| Mary De Benedictis | Diane Warren |
| Susan Galindo | |
| Renee Howley-Borreani | |

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

MEN'S CLUB 94th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

Please join the men to celebrate their 94th Anniversary or help set up and/or serve.

MENU

Caesar Salad, Ravioli w/Meat Sauce, Prime Rib, Baked Potatoes, Vegetables, & Special Dessert

Cocktails: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Dancing immediately after

\$45 Per Person (Members/Guests)

RSVP By January 22

(510) 764-2365 x3

fratreservations@gmail.com

CLUB BAGNA CAUDA THUR, JANUARY 15, 2026

Traditional Bagna Cauda with all of the trimmings and dessert.

\$25 Per Person

RSVP By January 13

(510) 764-2365 x4

fratreservations@gmail.com

POLENTA DINNER TUE, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Special Salad, Polenta with Sausage and Beef Stew, Vegetables, Dessert, Wine and Coffee.

(Men's Club is Invited)

MORE TO COME

C O M I N G S O O N ! CLUB CRAB FEEDS (BUILDING FUND SUPPORT)



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 (6PM)

AND

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 (5PM)

MORE TO COME

S C H O L A R S H I P I N F O R M A T I O N !

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)

E-Mail: jbrignone@comcast.net



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
January 16 (Friday): "Non ci resta che piangere"

(Nothing Left to Do But Cry)
Comedy written and directed by and starring Roberto Benigni and Massimo Troisi (1984, 110 min).
In Italian w English Subtitles.

A teacher and a janitor from the 20th Century somehow find themselves in 1492... a classic comedy starring two of the greatest comedians of our age.

Questions?

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During our December 2, 2025 and January 5, 2026 Member's Business Meetings, we initiated new members into the club, with the initiation led by Financial Secretary Rose Marie Gish.



(Left to Right) Bonnie Donzella, Diane Marangio, Susan Galindo, Rose Marie Gish, Deanna Sheehan, and Madison Mittone.

(Left to Right) Mary Mittone, Rose Marie Gish, Debbie Voogd.

Photos courtesy of Bev Chernoff.

SUNSHINE REPORT By Irma Sericati Sunshine Reporter



Good News - There is nothing to report!
Stay well and healthy for the new year!

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 Club Officers

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