

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



HAPPY FEBRUARY!!

Thank you to all our members (64) who attended our meeting tonight. Our new Vice President Nancy McDonough, Chair of the Board Melinda Brignone and our New Board member Sandi Kent, took their seats to start our New Year!! Thank you, Ladies, for your continued support in helping to keep our club going forward for another successful year!

President Dave Ceccsnti came and spoke to us regarding the Fratellanza Club's rising costs to operate/maintain our club. He presented important information about the cost changes (which will include the Ladies Club). An email will be going out to all our members regarding the changes discussed and voted on that are necessary going forward in 2026. The Officers, Board of Directors and I, appreciated all your discussions, questions, comments, your vote, and support for our club!!

We initiated 3 new members, "welcome ladies", 4 new applications were read and approved by the board and members in attendance, and 2 new member applications were given out to our members for family & friends who want to join us. Great news! Applications for new members are always available.

Our December/January Birthday dinner was on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 –it was a lot of fun. We had 150+ members and guests in attendance. Our menu was well received and enjoyed by all. Thank you to our set-up committee (the dining room looked lovely), wait staff, kitchen staff, drawing ticket ladies, reservations & seating, ticket booth, cooks, & bartenders. Big thank you to all the members who brought the wonderful drawing gifts. You succeeded in making all the winners very happy!!

The Men's Clubs 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was very nice. Our Women's Club volunteers did all the set-up, decorating, flowers, and serving. Members and guests in attendance (220) had a lovely time. Gianfranco Sciacero and his helpers did a wonderful presentation of all the picture boards from years past and present. It was so nice to go down memory lane. George Campi and his band played lovely music for us to dance to and enjoy!!

On February 17, 2026, we will be having our "Polenta" dinner. The Board will be chairing this event. Please see the flyer in this bulletin and make your reservations early. The Men's Club members will be joining us at this dinner. (note: men are always invited). If you can help with set-up or wait staff, please contact Nancy McDonough @ 510-685-6418. Drawing gifts are greatly appreciated! See you at Polenta!!

A "Very Special" event is coming up, on March 28, 2026, it is the Women's Clubs, "81st Anniversary". Please put this date on your calendar. We want ALL our members and guests to come to "honor our past and celebrate our future". The Officers and Board are planning a wonderful menu, decorations, etc. The Fratellanza Men's Club will be serving. Flyer and more information will be coming soon. See you there!

Let's make this another "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. If you have suggestions for fun events let us know.

Wishing you all a very "Happy Valentines Day"!!

Rozz Cantisani  
President, Fratellanza Women's Club  
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## MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, MARCH 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 PAST DUE

See page 2 of newsletter or flyer for information.

## CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

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

Drawing Gifts Appreciated!

**FEBRUARY 2026  
POLENTA DINNER  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

**CHAIR:  
FWSC  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

**MEMBER'S 2026 DUES  
ARE NOW PAST DUE**

**Regular Annual Membership:  
\$50 + \$20 late fee = \$70**

**Honorary Annual Membership:  
\$25 + \$20 late fee = \$45**

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.

*See flyer for all of the information.*



**Menu:**

The menu includes a special salad, polenta with sausage and beef stew, vegetables, dessert, with wine and coffee.

**Cost:**

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

**Time & Cost:**

6pm Cocktails  
7pm Dinner

**RSVP By February 13:**

Make your reservation by calling Diane Sericati (510) 526-6470 or emailing Vicki Berndt at [fwscreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fwscreservations@gmail.com).

*Please have one person reserve for your group.*



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



During our February 3, 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)  
Charise De Coito,  
Tonie Von Stade,  
Rose Marie Gish,  
and Julie Guslani.

*Photo courtesy of Bev Chernoff*

**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



**WOMEN'S CLUB  
81st ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER/DANCE  
CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026**

**Please join our club to celebrate  
our 81st Anniversary!**

**Color theme is sage green and  
mauve.**

**MORE TO COME**



**CRAB IS AT THE CLUB!  
CLUB CRAB FEEDS (BUILDING FUND SUPPORT)**

**SAT, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

**6:00 PM COCKTAILS**

**7:00PM DINNER**

**(RSVP BY FEB 24)**

**OR**

**SUN, MARCH 8, 2026**

**4:00 PM COCKTAILS**

**5:00PM DINNER**

**(RSVP BY MAR 3)**

**\$85 Per Person/Children 6-12 \$40/5 and under free**

**Email: [fratreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fratreservations@gmail.com)**

**Voice Mail - (510) 764-2365 ext 4**

**SEE FLYER FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION**

**PAINT & SCOOP PARTY  
SUN, APRIL 19, 2026**

Mark your calendars for this fun event. Paulette Lagana is to lead the activity.

**MORE 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)

E-Mail: [jbrignone@comcast.net](mailto: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

**February 13 (Friday):**

**“Gli uomini, che mascalzoni”**



Romantic Comedy by Mario Camerini starring Vittorio De Sica (1932, 61 min) Bruno, a chauffeur with unstable work, pretends to be rich to impress Mariuccia, a perfumery worker and taxi driver's daughter. His plan backfires, making it hard to win her heart. *In Italian w English Subtitles.*

**Questions?**

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

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

**By Irma Sericati**  
Sunshine Reporter



**Diane Proto** had a heart procedure done on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and was hospitalized only for 1 day. The procedure went as planned and she is well on the road to recovery. We wish her the very best and hope that she can join us in the near future.

Our dear member, **Frances Bienati** was hospitalized recently. She is now back at Bay Wood in their health care center. We wish her continued recovery and good health.

We just learned that our member **Laverne Lara** passed away on Christmas day of 2025. Our condolences to her family.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to our member **Giovanna Capone** on the sudden death of her brother, Jimmy. Please Giovanni and her family in your prayers especially during this difficult time.

Wishing everyone continued good health, enjoy the sunshine!!

*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](mailto:dsramona@aol.com).*

**2025-2026**

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