

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



March has arrived!!!

Wow! We are heading into the month of March. Get ready for a time change! On Sunday, March 8th we "Spring Forward". Make sure you change all your clocks, watches, timers etc. Speaking of spring, this is one of my favorite times of the year. Flowers start blooming and the trees and bushes are getting their new leaves. The air is fresh, and it is time to get out of the house and take a walk, plant in the yard, or just meet friends for lunch. With the days staying lighter longer, we have no excuse for attending our meetings, dinners and our upcoming events. Always, check your bulletin for information, and join us for fun at the club.

This evening, we enjoyed a lovely spuntino, hosted by the Fratellanza Men's Club, which was followed by an active and informative business meeting. We had a total of 69 members in attendance. We initiated 4 new members, "welcome ladies" we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and participating in our events. It was also nice to see everyone who came to our meeting, and most of all participating with their positive support for the Fratellanza Women's Club and its success going forward. Reminder, "2026" is an election year! If you are interested in running for an officer, board of directors or trustee position, to be eligible for nomination, a member must attend six (6) meetings from August 1st to July 31st of an election year. She must be a member for at least one year. To be eligible for the office of President a member must have served as an officer or on the Board of Directors for at least one term (two Years).

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, we had our Polenta dinner. We had 248 members, guests and children (3) in attendance. The dinner was well received and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the set-up, wait staff, cooks, bartenders, reservations, and our drawing team, for volunteering your time to make this another successful evening. And to all the members who donated all the lovely drawing gifts. . . thank you, thank you!!! Your generosity is always welcomed & appreciated.

Mark, your calendar, **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**, come and join us in celebrating our February/March Birthdays/St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Arlene Howell is chairing this dinner. Check the flyer for the menu and the information to make your reservations. Don't wait to RSVP, this will be a fun evening, with great food, socializing with friends, the dining room will be decorated for St. Patrick's Day. If you can help with set-up or on wait staff, contact Arlene Howell @ 510-685-6830. Men, you are always welcomed to our dinners. Drawing gifts are also appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!!! Don't forget to wear your green!!

VERY Special Event!! Saturday, **March 28, 2026**, The Fratellanza Women's Social Club, will be celebrating our "81st Anniversary". The party will start with hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour. This will be followed by a fabulous dinner that has been planned for your enjoyment. The menu, Special Salad, Tortellini w/meat sauce, Prime Rib, Smashed potatoes, Italian Green beans, a delicious dessert, wine and coffee. The cost is \$45.00 per person. See our flyer for all the information. Don't miss out on the celebration to honor our Italian heritage and culture, officers and members from our past, present and to our future. Music by the George Campi Band will follow for your dancing pleasure. Evening attire is suggested. RSVP soon! I'll see you there!

Wishing you a very "Happy St. Patrick's Day"!!

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

TUE, APRIL 7, 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

LA COPPA #1

SAT, MARCH 14, 2026

9:30AM | \$20 Per Person

Bocce tournament dates are scheduled for 2026. No experience necessary. This is a fun day, with a continental breakfast and lunch. Sign up at the club or contact Gianfranco at gsciacero@earthlink.net.

CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Every Wednesday

Drawing Gifts Appreciated!

MARCH 2026 ST. PATRICK'S DAY BIRTHDAY DINNER

CHAIR:
ARLENE
HOWELL

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Time & Cost:
6pm Cocktails
7pm Dinner

Menu:
The menu includes a special salad penne pasta with pesto, corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, dessert, with wine and coffee.

Cost:
\$35 Members \$40 Guests)
Children 6-12 \$15.00 (Under 5 Free)
(Men are always welcomed!)



During our March 3, 2026 Member's Business Meetings, we initiated new members into the club, with the initiation led by Financial Secretary, Rose Marie Gish and MaryAnn De Pianto.

(Left to Right)
Janice Calonico, Mira Scalies Bosche, Rose Marie Gish, Francesa Lorenzon, Alicia Matteucci, MaryAnn De Pianto



Photo courtesy of Bev Chernoff

RSVP By March 13:

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

Please have one person reserve for your group and indicate who is celebrating a birthday.



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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Diane Adame | Rosetta Downey | Sandi Salvato Kent |
| Elena Bortolon | Vali Ebert | Jeanne Rose King |
| Melinda Brignone | Lisa M. Estes | Dianne Marangio |
| Shirley Capellino | Sandra Garza | Dena Marchini |
| Joan Castillo | Mary Ann Giaramita | Lorraine Massimillo |
| Mary Ciarabellini | Amanda Raven | Nancy McDonough |
| Susan Conway | Gipson | Diana O'Sullivan |
| Lucy Cronin | Felicia Green | Nicole Pratt |
| Giuseppina Damele | Judy Guslani | Linda Rapella |
| Barbara Pagni | Joan Holland | Debbie Tornay |
| Denton | Janet Mazzucchi | Dianna Willyard |
| Bonnie Donzella | James | |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| Sally Accurso | Carol Ann Holmes |
| Marlene Ballantine | Abigail Alisa Lawrence |
| Joan Brignone | Maria Lico |
| Giovanna Capone | Theresa Malki |
| Beverly (Bev) Chernoff | Terri Orsi |
| Janet Clayton | Maria Riggio |
| Yolanda Corona | Elizabeth Sibitz Smith |
| Norma De Pianto | Giuliana Sorbi |
| Darlene T Fleming | Franca Tallerico |
| Linda Granko | Louise Vigna |
| Terry Lico Heden | Cathy Werner |

Special Notice:

"No shows" at our dinners will be charged the cost of the event, unless cancelled 48 hours before the event by calling Diane Sericati (510-526-6470) or email Vicki Berndt at fwscreervations@gmail.com.



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!**

- 5:30PM Cocktails
- 6:30PM Dinner
- 8:00PM Dancing

\$45 Per Person (Members/Guests)
 \$20 Age 6-12 | 5 Yrs & Under Free
 Menu: Special Salad, Tortellini with
 Meat Sauce, Prime Rib, Roasted
 Smashed Potatoes, Italian Green
 Beans, Dessert, Wine/Coffee

RSVP By March 25:

fwscreservations@gmail.com or
call (510) 526-6570

SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS

PAINT & SCOOP PARTY SUN, APRIL 19, 2026 12:30 - 3:00PM

Member Paulette Lagana will teach us the activity in a step-by-step instruction to paint four images of Ice Cream products on greeting cards for you to keep.

Limit to 30 people.
\$35 Per Person

RSVP BY APRIL 15:

CALL Diane Sericati
510-526-6470 or EMAIL Vicki
Berndt at
fwscreservations@gmail.com
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS



RAVIOLI LUNCH/ BUNCO SUN, MAY 18, 2025

Fun afternoon with the lively game of bunco along with a ravioli lunch.

No need to know the game, we will teach you!

SAVE THE DATE

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON

**CLASS OF 2026
SUN, MAY 31, 2025**

FIRST TIME EVENT
SAVE THE DATE

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



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



March 13 (Friday):
“Anni ruggenti”
(Roaring Years)



Satirical Comedy by Luigi Zampa starring Nino Manfredi
Italy, 1930s. In a small town in Puglia, the local corrupt officials are thrown into a state of absolute panic when they hear rumors of an incognito visit from a high-ranking Fascist hierarch. Hoping to hide their lack of integrity and incompetence, they shower him with honors, bribes, and desperate attention. What follows is a masterful satire that exposes the absurdity of the fascist regime.
In Italian w English Subtitles. (1962, 102 min)

Questions?

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter



Our member, **Anna Zeman** fell in her yard and broke her knee cap. She was been in a lot of pain but is now recovering with physical therapy. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We have updated information on two of our members, so let’s spread a little sunshine their way with a card or phone call.

Fran Bienati has relocated to:

Sunrise of Danville
1027 Diablo Rd. # 104, Danville, CA 94526
Phone number: 510-406-1939

Fran is happy to be closer to her daughter and is enjoying her new apartment.

We also have current information for **Loisann Vittone**:

Address: 89 South Street, Apt 202, Pittsfield, MA 01201
Phone number: 510-697-6031

Loisann too is pleased with her apartment and has been busy lately answering questions about why did she move to Massachusetts from warm California? (answer: She is originally from there)

We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring time weather and staying healthy.

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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