

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



### Happy Spring to all our members!

Our April meeting was well attended, we had 50+ members at our meeting tonight. We all enjoyed a lovely spuntino provided by the Men's Club. A BIG thank you goes out to our refreshment ladies Linda Mansouri and Lucy Cronin for the delicious cakes. The Men's club enjoyed them too!

Diane Sericati of the membership committee read 2 new applicants, Debbie Bisio Dwyer and Janelle Kent. Both ladies were accepted and will be installed at our May meeting. We also, passed out 5 "New Member" application forms. Reminder: if you "know" an Italian woman that you would like to sponsor, please contact Diane Sericati or myself and we will get a "New Member Application" to you. Let's keep our Fratellanza Women's Social Club growing and going forward.

On Tuesday, March 7, 2026, we celebrated our February/March Birthday Ladies and St. Patrick's Day. Arlene Howell was our chairlady for this lovely event. We had a delicious dinner and dessert. Thank you to our cooks Mike Raffo, Don Nicoli & Bill Cameron. Great job guys! Also, the members who came to set up and decorate the dining room, and of course to our wonderful waiters and kitchen staff. To our members who generously donate the lovely drawing gifts. Thank you all so very much for your support of our wonderful club!!

Saturday, March 28, 2026, our "81st Anniversary Celebration" was a lovely evening! The Club looked beautiful, the flowers were lovely and our dinner was delicious, our dessert "Raspberry limoncello" cake was yummy! The bartenders' service made for a festive start; our handsome wait staff were perfect (all volunteers from the Men's Club), our members and guests had a wonderful time. The energy was high, and everyone was dressed for the evening. At the end of dinner, we went into the ballroom and danced the evening away! Big thanks go out to our women's club members & men (so many names to mention) that volunteered their time to put this celebration together and made it a wonderful evening!!! Thank you to Karen Garcia for the lovely picture boards that she put together, talk about walking down memory lane. I hope you all enjoyed seeing all the beautiful pictures of our members from the past and our current members, as much as I did!!

Sunday, April 19, 2026, is "Paint and Scoop" please see the flyer. Bring your friends and family for a fun time at the club. We need a total of 30 participants to proceed. To make your reservations, please call Diane Sericati (510-526-6470) or email, Vicki Berndt @ [fwscreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fwscreservations@gmail.com) Deadline is April 15, 2026.

At our meeting tonight we voted to try something new! On **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, we are having our regular Business meeting. Spuntino is at 6:00PM, meeting at 7:00 PM. Then on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, we are combining our "Mother's Day" dinner and our April/May Birthday dinner together. As usual all birthday ladies will receive a free dinner and all members who qualify will receive a free "Mother's Day" dinner. Our chair ladies are Joanne Greco and Paulette Lagana. They have a wonderful menu planned. Would you like to help with setting up? Please call Joanne Greco (510-508-7910). Also, to make your reservations, call Diane Sericati (510-526-6470) or email Vicki Berndt at [fwscreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fwscreservations@gmail.com) Reminder: one person makes reservations for your group and picks up tickets. Also, let Diane or Vicki know if there is a member's birthday, in your group and their name. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting Tuesday, May 5th and Tuesday May 19th at our combined April/May Birthday and Mother's Day dinner!

Happy Mother's Day!!

Always take time to hug the ones you love!! Ciao for now!!

Rozz Cantisani, President - Fratellanza Women's Club, [rcantisani@comcast.net](mailto:rcantisani@comcast.net)

## MEMBER'S MEETING

**TUE, MAY 5, 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**

**NOTE:**

**THE MOTHER'S DAY DINNER USUALLY SCHEDULED DURING THE MAY BUSINESS MEETING HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH THE MAY 19, 2026 BIRTHDAY DINNER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, READ THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. >>>**

## CLUB OPEN

**BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM**

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

## MAY BIRTHDAY & MOTHER'S DAY DINNER TUE, MAY 19, 2026

Drawing  
Gifts  
Appreciated!

Come Celebrate the April and May Birthdays AND Mother's Day!

### Menu:

The menu includes a special salad penne pasta or gnocchi, pork roast, potatoes, green beans, dessert, with wine and coffee.

### Time & Cost:

6pm Cocktails/7pm Dinner

### Cost:

\$35 Members & \$40 Guests (Men are always welcomed!)

### RSVP By May 15:

Call Diane Sericati at (510) 526-6470 or email Vicki Berndt at [fwsreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fwsreservations@gmail.com).

*Please have one person reserve for your group and indicate who is celebrating a birthday, and those that qualify for the complimentary Mother's Day Dinner, and those that are paid.*

CHAIRS: JOANNE GRECO AND  
PAULETTE LAGANA



## CHOCOLATE ESPRESSO OLIVE OIL BROWNIES

*Who doesn't like chocolate and espresso? And, both together? This recipe was sourced using certain brand of ingredients, but that is usually not necessary.*

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line an 8x8-inch pan with parchment paper, leaving a few inches overhang on edges. Brush parchment paper with oil. Place chocolate, oil and espresso powder in a bowl set over a pot of hot water. Stir continuously until melted and all ingredients are evenly blended. Turn off hot water and set aside. Beat in sugar, vanilla and salt with hand held blender. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in flour and cocoa powder, beating until well incorporated and smooth. Transfer to pan and sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake for about 25 minutes and let brownies completely cool before cutting. Yields 16 brownies.

SOURCE: [https://www.cento.com/recipes/desserts/espresso\\_brownies.php](https://www.cento.com/recipes/desserts/espresso_brownies.php)

### 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 [fwsreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fwsreservations@gmail.com).

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

**CLUB SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS  
SUN, APRIL 26, 2026**

Family fun with the spaghetti and meatballs dinner.  
SEE FLYER FOR INFORMATION

**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



**“HAIRSPRAY”**

**SUN, AUGUST 30, 2026  
San Francisco Playhouse**

The cost includes bus to and from the play, lunch at the Fratellanza, and tickets.  
INTERESTED? CONTACT ROZZ CANTISANI.

**CLUB MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST AND KIDS ACTIVITY CORNER  
SUN, MAY 3, 2026**

Be sure to come and bring or honor all and any of the Mother’s in your life. Bring the kids for an area dedicated for activities just for them.

SEE FLYER FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION

**RAVIOLI LUNCH/BUNCO  
SUN, JUNE 7, 2026**

Fun afternoon with the lively game of bunco along with a ravioli lunch. No need to know the game, we will teach you!  
FLYER TO COME

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**- CLASS OF 2026 -  
SUN, MAY 31, 2026  
FIRST TIME EVENT  
MORE TO COME**

**ITALIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION (IAF)  
OF THE EAST BAY  
2026 - 2027 QUEEN COURT APPLICATION !**

**QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Applications are now available for those of Italian decent and sponsored by an IAF Affiliated Club. Applicant must not exceed age of 25 by the start of the reign. Applications must be submitted to the sponsoring club no later then **June 15, 2026**. Good luck to you!

**Questions?**

Contact Lisa Mittone, IAF President  
Phone: (925) 549-5472  
E-Mail: [iafeastbay@gmail.com](mailto:iafeastbay@gmail.com)

**The Application Packet is available HERE.**

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### 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



**April 10 (Friday):**  
**"il vedovo"**  
*(The Widower)*



Dark Comedy by Dino Risi, starring Alberto Sordi and Franca Valeri  
*Alberto is an inept, debt-ridden and perpetually failing entrepreneur, only kept afloat by the fortune of his wealthy, successful wife, Elvira. His lifestyle leads him to contemplate a more permanent solution to his marital problem, but nothing goes as planned...*

*"Il vedovo" is a masterpiece of Dino Risi, the maestro of "la commedia all'italiana". A brilliant dark comedy that showcases the incredible chemistry between Sordi and Valeri in a ruthless satire of greed and marriage. In Italian w English Subtitles. (1959, 100 min))*

#### Questions?

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



### CLUB LA COPPA #2

SAT, APRIL 18, 2026

9:00AM | \$15 Per Person

Bocce tournament dates are scheduled for 2026. No experience necessary. This is a fun day, with a continental breakfast and snacks. Sign up at the club to reserve your spot or contact Gianfranco at [gsciacero@earthlink.net](mailto:gsciacero@earthlink.net) or call (510) 525-5372.

### SUNSHINE REPORT

**By Irma Sericati**  
Sunshine Reporter



Dear Members, It is with extreme sadness that we report on the passing of Elizabeth Smith's son, Davin, who is also the grandson of Marilyn Sibitz.

Davin, his twin sister, Annika, their father and a family friend were involved in a car accident caused by a drunk driver while driving in Oregon.

Please keep the Smith, Sibitz, and Pricco families in your thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time.

*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).*

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