

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



### April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Our meeting tonight was well attended; we had a total of 46 members at our meeting. It is always so nice to see everyone and have time to visit and catch up. We all enjoyed a light dinner (Spuntino) provided by the Men's Club. Thank you gentlemen for always including us. A BIG thank you to our refreshment hostess, Sandi Kent for the delicious, decorated cupcakes, lovely to look at and yummy to eat!! Thanks Sandi!

Rose Marie Gish installed two new members this evening. Debbie Bisio Dwyer and Janelle Kent. Welcome Ladies to the Fratellanza Women's Social Club. We look forward to your participation in our club business meetings and upcoming activities. 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. Our future is in your hands!!

At our April meeting we voted to try something new! Tonight, we had our regular Business meeting. Then on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, we will be combining our "Mother's Day" and "April/May Birthday" dinners together. Birthday ladies, who qualify, 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. If you can help with setting up, call Joanne Greco (510-508-7910). They have a wonderful menu planned. To make your reservations, please call Diane Sericati (510-526-6470) or email Vicki Berndt at fwsreservations@gmail.com see the attached flyer for all information. **Reminder:** One person makes reservations and picks up tickets for your group. Also, let Diane or Vicki know the name of the member in your group celebrating their April/May birthday so that the birthday girl can receive a "**Complimentary Birthday Dinner Certificate**" in the mail for one of our next three "2026" Birthday dinners, July, September or November.

Coming up at our June membership meeting, (per our By-Laws), a nominating committee will be presented. The Nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing. This committee will make phone calls to all our members who qualify to run for the positions of Officer, Board of Directors, Sentinel or Trustee. When you are called upon, we hope that you will consider joining the officers, board of directors and trustees of our current team to continue to make our club a fun place to come and share good times and good food. Most of all to keep our Italian heritage and culture going strong and also, to keep our membership growing!!

Fratellanza Women's Social Club has several events coming up in the next few months. Sunday, May 31, 2026, Men's & Women's Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Sunday, June 7, 2026, BUNCO. Tuesday July 21, 2026, May/June Birthday Dinner and Bake Sale. Sunday, July 26, 2026, BINGO. August 15, 2026, Scholarship Fundraiser Tea and Sunday August 30, 2026, the Play-Hair Spray in San Francisco. Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin/flyers for more information on these events. I know you won't want to miss them!

Congratulations to all our "Mothers", "Moms", "Nonnies", "Gammas" in our membership. Enjoy your day! For those of us whose Moms have passed, they will always be in our hearts with love and devotion. Remember to make Mother's Day a "special" day every day!

In May we celebrate another important day "Memorial Day". It's important that we take time to remember the true meaning of this day. Honoring all our military men and women (family/friends) who fought for our country, so that we can enjoy the freedom that we share today.

Best Wishes for a wonderful Mother's Day!!

Always take time to hug the ones you love!!

Ciao for now!!

Rozz Cantisani

President - Fratellanza Women's Club

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## MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, JUNE 2, 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**

## 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



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

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.

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Angela Missaggia     | Juliana Weber        | Olga Lamberti        |
| April Ennis          | Kelly Driscoll       | Sandy Gross          |
| Caren Valterza-Rabin | Kimberly Riley       | Shirley Serena Louis |
| Charise De Coito     | Kristine Meidberg    | Stacy Cerruti        |
| Cindy Granzella      | Lisa Mittone         | Susan L. Pricco      |
| Claudia Velez        | Lisa Kinney          | Susen Stauffer       |
| Diane B. Proto       | Louise Wolfe         | Sylvia Soldavini     |
| Dina Trombettas      | Maria Teresa Frugoli | Teresa De Luca       |
| Federica Matteucci   | Marilyn (Mimi) Smith | Schooler             |
| Georganne Ferretti   | Marlene McDermott    |                      |
| Drescher             | Mary Ann Mason       |                      |
| Gina Brusatori       | Mira Scalise Bosche  |                      |
| Janelle Kent         | Nancy Ingram         |                      |
| Jo Saia              |                      |                      |

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Agnese Olivero               | Francine "Fran" Rosu    |
| Alexis Denton                | Gail Cerruti Jones      |
| Antoinette "Tonie" Von Stade | Irma Sericati           |
| Bianca Massimillo            | Karen Vigna Watson      |
| Bridget Belick               | Maria Barberio          |
| Carmela Kenney               | Maria Antonietta Grasso |
| Charlotte Dickert            | Melanie Price           |
| Charmaine Scardina           | Mimi Puopolo Philips    |
| Cheryl Rapella Shipley       | Patty Pistello          |
| Danielle Egan                | Paulette M Lagana       |
| Deena McCracken              | Renee New               |
| Diane Bartalotti             | Sandra Stamates         |
| Eleonora De Pianto           | Susan Pilotti Murphy    |
| Chiddy                       | Terri Jacobsen          |
| Ernestine Warren             |                         |

**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).



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

**BINGO**

**SUN, JULY 26, 2026**

First time event for fun and lively games of bingo!

SAVE THE DATE

MORE INFO TO COME

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER TEA SAT, AUGUST 15, 2026**

Help and Hostesses needed.

CONTACT: Barbara Barassi:  
510-517-5833

nowvoyager1014@yahoo.com

**“HAIRSPRAY”**

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

The cost includes bus to and from the play, lunch at the Fratellanza, and tickets.

FLYER COMING SOON

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**2026**

**4th Annual Fratellanza Italiana Festa**

Saturday, August 29

**FOOD | GAMES | FUN**

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**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!  
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON**

- CLASS OF 2026 -  
**SUN, MAY 31, 2026**  
FIRST TIME EVENT  
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

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

**QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATIONS ARE 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](#).



### 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

**May 8, 2026 (Friday):**  
**"Crimebuster"**

*(A sons search for his father)*



**Lou Dematteis will be in attendance and will answer questions following the screening.**

*"Crimebuster" follows photojournalist Lou Dematteis as he explores the relationship with his father, Louis B. Dematteis, a notable Italian American crime fighter in San Mateo County. From their roots in Piemonte to their home in California, themes of immigration, family, justice, and healing across two generations in America are told in a heartfelt way.*

*"Crimebuster" (2010, 60 minutes): written and directed by Lou Dematteis, in English*

#### Questions?

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

During our May 5, 2026 Member's Business Meetings, we initiated 2 new members into the club.

*(Left to Right)*

Rozz Cantisani (President), Deborah Bisio, Janelle Kent, and Rose Marie Gish (Financial Secretary).



### SUNSHINE REPORT By Irma Sericati Sunshine Reporter



With sincere sympathy, we are report on the passing of our member, **Teresa Petri**. Many of you will remember her as a very active bocce player along with her husband, Frank., for many years. Her services with take place on Tuesday, May 26th, more information to follow when available. We extend our condolences to the Petri family and ask that you keep them in your prayers during this 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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