FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROZZ CANTISANI



Ciao!! Welcome to September and to all our members!!

It was so nice to see everyone at the meeting tonight. We had 61 members in attendance. Before our meeting we enjoyed another wonderful spuntino provided by the Men's club. Thanks guys!!

On Sunday August 15TH a total of 110 members and guests had a wonderful time at the "Scholarship Tea Fund Raiser". The ballroom was lovely. Thank you to our hostesses who decorated their individual tables with flair and personality. We have a great group of ladies with many decorative skills and imaginations. The menu was wonderful, all the scones, cookies, sandwiches etc., were handmade and donated by our members and were very tasty. Thank you to our chairladies Barbara Barassi and daughter Christina Davis, for all your participation in putting this event together to make it such a success. To our members who volunteered to work in the kitchen and prepared the tea trays of food for each course, and to those members who brought gifts for the raffle, as always, they are very much appreciated! Our Fratellanza Men's Club volunteer wait staff was outstanding. Thanks guys!! This was another great event in true Fratellanza Style!!

The 4th Annual Italian Festa, was Saturday, August 29, 2026. It was so nice to see our members, families and friends at this event. All the fun booths, great food, drink and games. 50/50 raffle. It was a fun filled day! Thank you to chairlady Nancy McDonough and all the wonderful volunteer members on the committee for putting this fabulous event together again. It couldn't have been the success it was without all of you!! Let's do it again next year!!

Our trip to San Francisco on Sunday, August 30, 2026, to see "HAIRSPRAY' started with a wonderful buffet at the club, Special Salad, Tortellini, garlic bread and dessert. Yum!! Then we all got on the bus for a very nice ride to the city to see the play (which was enjoyed by all) and then back to the club. A big thank you to Marilyn Pricco Sibitz for getting this day trip together and to the members who attended. I'm looking forward to more events like this. I hope you are too!

September 16, 2025 – "August-September Birthday". A lovely menu is planned, special salad, gnocchi w/pesto, chicken, roasted potatoes and peas and dessert. Drawing gifts are appreciated. Get your group together and make reservations early**. Reminder:** one person makes reservations per group and, let Diane Sericati (510-526-6470) or Vicki Berndt at fwscreservations@gmail.com know if you have a member with a birthday in your group, so they can be acknowledged.

September 27, 2026 "SUNDAY BINGO #2" We had so much fun at our last Bingo Sunday we have it on the calendar again. Time: 11:00-3:00 PM Cost: $30.00 includes: lunch and Bingo. Cash prizes for each game. Bring friends and family (men are also invited). Don't forget your dabbers!!!! See flyer for more information on making reservations etc.

Do you like Parades? Then you won't want to miss out being at the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Bring your family and friends and show your Italian colors. You may see some of our East Bay Club Presidents and representatives riding or walking the parade route. It's always a fun day!!!

HO! HO! HO! Santa Reservation letter and Form have been emailed out. The Children's Christmas Party is Sunday December 13, 2026. Mail your reservations early. Deadline is OCTOBER 6, 2026. (no exceptions) see letter for details.

In closing, Fratellanza Women's Club member Loretta Iacobitti passed away. She truly loved the club, and wore many hats: Passed President, Vice President, Board, Trustee, and more. Loretta will truly be missed by all of us. Please keep Loretta and her family, Vicki Berndt (Kevin) Nick Iacobitti (Char) and family in your prayers. Loretta, your spirit will always be with us. God Bless!

Ciao for now! Rozz Cantisani, President (rcantisani@comcast.net)

BAY AREA ITALIAN CLUB BOCCE TOURNAMENT

SAT, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

FWSC is sponsoring 2 teams again this year. **Players needed.** Contact Renee Howley-Borreani at (510) 367-8855.

Attend for lunch, socializing, and to cheer on the teams. Contact GianFranco Sciacero at (510) 432-2131 OR gsciacero@earthlink.net

MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, OCTOBER 6, 2026

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

6:00pm Social Hour & Spuntino (Food provided by the Men's Club)
7:00pm Meeting Begins

CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

1:00pm - 5:00pm

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

CHAIR: ARLENE HOWELL



We will be celebrating two (2) months of members birthdays this month for August & September, with good food and company!

MENU:
Roasted Chicken, Gnocchi with Pesto, Salad (Special Dressing), Roasted Potatoes, Peas, Dessert, Rolls, Wine & Coffee

TIME & COST:
6PM No-Host Cocktails / 7PM Dinner
$35 Members / $40 Guests
(MEN ARE ALSO WELCOME)

Drawing Gifts Appreciated!

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 11:
Call Diane Sericati at (510) 526-6470 or
email Vicki Berndt at fwscreservations@gmail.com.
Please have one person reserve for your group and indicate who is celebrating a birthday and those that are paid.



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.

AUGUST

Francesca Aguilera
Ina Ippolito Badgley
Judie Bellotti Boyer
Veda Bhatt
Joan Bozzone
Carmen Burks
Lori Chalifoux
Julia Rose Collins
Maria Da Maren
Carole Georgantes
Bobbie Catherine Giarratana
Sandra (Sandy) Jaeger
Denise Marks
Margaret L. Miglia
Mary Mittone
Mary Morrison
Linda Pearson
Diane M Guaragno Ward
Anna Zeman

SEPTEMBER

Danielle Aguilera Malek-Zadeh
Sophia (Moradian) Biel
Lauren Brignone
Toni Caulfield
Wendy Cerruti
Maria L De La Rosa
Kathy Ann Frisa
Sonnie Gandola
Amanda Guslani
Patrice Green
Amanda Guslani
Egidia Manzone
Leslie Manzone
Nancy Matson
Maddie Mittone
Irene Moore
Carla Oelkers
Sandra Over
Teresa Petri
Roslyn Porter
Anna Lucille Quilici
Edith Rapella
Victoria (Vicky) Reno
Pamela Rossi Heuser
Deanna Marie Sheehan
Stephanie St. Onge
Denise Stenberg
Lillian Taddei
Dolores Underwood
Estelle Vetere
Debra Voogd

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 fwscreservations@gmail.com.

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

CLUB ITALIAN NIGHT FAMILY DINNER & DANCE
SAT, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Cocktails 5:00pm |Dinner 6:00pm
Dancing: 8:00pm
(DJ Mattia)

COST:
$40 Members/$45 Guests
$17 Children Under 12

MENU: Bread, salad, homemade pesto linguini pasta, roasted potatoes, broccoli, 1/4 Chicken (leg/breast), It's Its Dessert

RSVP by Sept 10:
(510) 764-2365 x3
fratreservations@gmail.com
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE
SUN, OCTOBER 11, 2026
San Francisco North Beach
Come out to celebrate

POLENTA DINNER
TUE, OCTOBER 20, 2026
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER & BAKE SALE
TUE, NOVEMBER 17, 2026
Details to Come

KIDS SANTA EVENT
SUN, DECEMBER 13, 2026
Registration Letter Distributed

MEMBER'S XMAS DINNER & SING ALONG EVENT
TUE, DECEMBER 15, 2026
Details to Come

IAF OF THE EAST BAY QUEEN CORONATION BANQUET
SUN, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Cocktails 4:00pm/Coronation
4:30pm/Dinner Following

COST:
$50 Adults /$25 Children 5-12/
Children Under 5 - Free
RSVP by ASAP
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS

B-I-N-G-O (#2)
SUN, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Fun lively games of bingo!
Light lunch menu:
Sandwiches, Salad, fruit, Coffee, Wine, Dessert.
Cost: $30 Per Person
RSVP:
Diane Sericati (510) 526-6470
or Vicki Berndt
fwscreservations@gmail.com

"FINDING THE ITALIANS: A GRANDDAUGHTER'S JOURNEY"
DOC FILM BY GIOVANNA CAPONE (MEMBER)
FRI, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 2PM
AND
SUN, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 3PM

SEE FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS!

FREE Online Viewing from MARIN COMMUNITY TV

COST: FREE

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E L E C T I O N R E S U L T S
2027 - 2028

At the September 3, 2026 members business meeting, the election of officers for 2027-2028 was held.

The following were voted by the membership:

President: Rozz Cantisani | **Vice President:** Nancy McDonough | **Board of Directors:** Sandi Kent, Nancy Ingram, Melinda Brignone, Arlene Howell, Marilyn Sibitz, Laurie Cullen | **Trustees:** Barbara Barassi, Diane Sericati, Julie Sorbi, Diane Nearhood, Patty Pistello | **Sentinel:** Vicki Berndt

Note: the following Officers' Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary will be appointed and voted on at our October 6, 2026 member meeting.

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 (Friday): "TBD"
SAVE THE DATE
MOVIE TITLE AND FLYER TO COME SOON

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

SUNSHINE REPORT
By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter



Loretta Iacobitti making her famous salad. Photo Courtesy of Giovanna Capone.

It is with extreme sympathy that we report on the passing of the following family members of our members:

Gino Bartalotti passed away suddenly on August 3rd. He is the son of **Mary Bartalotti** and loving brother of **Diane Bartalotti.** Gino will always be remembered as a very kind, generous soul, always with a smile and pleasant word. He will truly be missed his family and friends. Sending our condolences to Gino's family.

Our members **Wendy** and **Stacy Cerruti** lost their beloved mother, **Linda Cerruti**, this month. Linda took great pride in her family and was a very caring person, always looking after her family, making sure everything was just right. Linda was also the sister-in-law of **Gail Jones** and **Nancy Cerruti.** Condolences to all her family.

On August 11th, our beloved member, **Loretta Iacobitti**, passed away. Her passing has left a void in the lives of her family and her extended family at the club. She was not only one of our past presidents, but an extremely involved member of our club. She will always be remembered by all of us for her kindness and true dedication to the club. She loved working in the kitchen, making the best salad, but also doing so much more. She served in many positions and was our reservation lady for many years. The list of her involvement is too long to mention here, but was truly recognized by the over 75 plus Fratellanza Women's Club members who attended her funeral service. Please keep our members, her Daughter, **Vicki Berndt,** Granddaughter, **Danielle Egan** and Daughter in law, **Char Iacobitti**, in your prayers and thoughts. We will all miss Loretta tremendously.

We send our sincere condolences to the Bartalotti, Cerruti, and Iacobitti families, may their loved ones rest in peace.

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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