

LA FRATELLANZA CONNESSIONE SOCIALE

The Fratellanza Women's Social Club | Where Good Friends Meet | Since 1945

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Club Leaders

The new Officers, Board Members and Trustees were inducted during the meeting on January 3, 2017 - See page 4 for details.

Speaker Series Starts

You asked for it. You got it! The first of the speakers series starts at next months Member Business Meeting: February 7, 2017 "The Italian Garden Project - How to maintain an Italian Garden", presented by Mary Minniti and Elise Cannup. Dinner before the meeting provided by the board, starting at 6:30pm. Come and join this special event and learn about Italian gardening traditions. <http://theitaliangardenproject.com>.

2017 Club Dues Now Payable

Please pay your 2017 Fratellanza Women's Social Club dues.

The dues are:

\$35 Regular Membership
\$15 Honorary Membership

Mail your payment to:

Rose Marie Gish
5456 Manilla Ave.,
Oakland, CA 94618

Club Building Fund Crab Feed

The popular annual crab feed has been planned for February 25, 2017 and March 5, 2017. This event is sure to sell out - contact the Club to RSVP early.

Newsletter Update

For the new year - new look and name: "The Fratellanza Social Connection". We hope you enjoy!



Gennaio 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3 Ladies Member Business Meeting 7 pm	4 Bocce League (Spuntino)	5 Men's 1st Birthday Dinner 7:30 pm	6	7
8	9	10	11 Bocce League	12	13	14
15	16	17 Ladies Birthday Dinner 7 pm	18	19 Men's 2nd Birthday Dinner 7:30 pm	20 Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12 noon	21
22 Bocce League Banquet	23 Board Members Dinner 6:30 pm	24	25	26 Banga Cauda Dinner 7 pm	27	28 85th Club Anniversary Dinner 6:30 pm
29	30 Last Years Officers Dinner - La Strada	31				

*Renewed Hope, New Opportunities,
New Adventures, New Ways To Give,
And New Ways To Love.*

May This Be Your Best Year Ever!

*Rinnovata speranza, nuove opportunità,
nuove avventure, nuovi modi di dare,
e nuovi modi di amare.*

Sia questo il vostro anno migliore!

Celebrating Our Club Members Birthdays!

Dicembre

Elizabeth Addiego
Joanne Angerame
Emma Arrington
Mary Bartalotti
Lillian A Bayer
Vicki Berndt
Pina Belardo Campilongo Murray
Anna Marie Canepa
Nancy L. Cerruti
Jo Ann Cola
Pamela Coleman
Victoria Cooper
Mary Ann De Pianto
Carole M Delucchi-Padlo

Antonina Estrada
Nicole Focht
Lynnette Franks
Karen Garcia
Anna Hendrickson
Pat Hines
Donna Houser
Teresa Martinucci Hurlbut
Cathy Kenney
Riana Lane
Carol Lazzaro
Giulia Matteucci
Adriana Matteucci
Evelyne Mittone

Linda R. Montano
Sharon Parmelee
Carla M. Pierce
Laura Pricco
Angela Rapella
Kathy Sacchi
Catia Saroni
Rose Tsaguris
Gloria Verner
Jennifer Vernon

Gennaio

Jeanne Rose Atkinson
Teresa Azzolino
Rachelle Babb
Frances Bienati
Christine Bonavolonta
Donna Cannady
Carla Carlson
Mary Ann Piana Chapman
Christina Davis
Mary De Benedictis
Diana Y. De Simoni
Annita Del Simone

Rochelle Flotten
Frances Herrera
Renee Howley
Adele Buscaglia Hunter
Charlene Iacobitti
Louise N. Jones
Marisa Marmo-Renn
Gloria Martinucci
Laura Meiser
Alice Minellone
Anna Minetti
Diane Marie Ottaviano



Bette Piantanida
Marilyn Pricco Sibitz
Teresa Ventin
Diane Warren

January Birthday Dinner

January 17, 2017

**Cocktails - 6:00 pm
Dinner - 7:00 pm**

\$17

Chair Persons:
Rose Marie Gish and
Joan Bozzone

Menu: Ravioli, Baked Chicken
with Vegetable and
Caesar Salad

Raffle prizes, service and set-
up help greatly needed.

Reservations due by Jan 13:
Loretta Iacobitti 510-524-6903

Men's 85th Club Anniversary Dinner

January 28, 2017

**Cocktails - 5:30 pm
Dinner - 6:30 pm**

Members: \$28 Guests: \$33

Please come to show support
for our men's club.

Menu: Fratellanza Salad,
Ravioli, Prime Rib, Baked
Potato, Vegetable, and Dianda
Dessert

if you are able to help set-up for
this event the day before,
please call Marilyn at
510-215-1567

Reservations due by Jan 26:
Call the Club to RSVP

Casino Trip to Thunder Valley

**February 27, 2017
Departure: 8:45 am**

\$40

Reserve your spot by Feb 1:
Rose Marie Gish
510-655-7192

Mail your payment to:
Rose Marie Gish
5456 Manilla Ave.,
Oakland, CA 94618
510-655-7192



La Befana

Do you know of any nice old witches flying on a broomstick with an angelic smile instead of her typical wickedness?

She is an old Italian lady, named Befana. Who is Befana?

According to Italian folklore, on the evening of the Epiphany (January 5th-6th), Befana flies around on her broom, delivering gifts in the stockings of good children and lumps of coal to the bad children.

La Befana has also been known to tidy up a messy house, and sweep the floors before she departs for her next stop.

It was said that she was told by the three wise men that baby Jesus was born. She missed the Star and lost her way to Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus. Since then, she has been flying around visiting every house with children looking for the baby Jesus.

There are poems about Befana, which are known in slightly different versions throughout Italy. Here is one of the versions:

English Version:

The Befana comes by night;
With her shoes all tattered and torn;
She comes dressed in the Roman way;
Long live the Befana!

Italian Version:

La Befana vien di notte;
Con le scarpe tutte rotte;
Col vestito alla romana;
Viva, Viva La Befana!

Befanini for La Befana

In Italy, little cookies are prepared in tribute to the Befana. Italian housewives would prepare these cookies for Befana to nibble on between the deliveries of gifts to the children. These cookies have been lovingly named befanini. Included below is a recipe for you. Wishing you a year 2017 as sweet and colorful as those befanini.

Happy Epiphany to all!

RECIPE OF BEFANINI

Makes 50 Cookies

Preparation time: 50 min

Rest time: 45 min

Cook time: 15 min

Ingredients

5 eggs

1 cup sugar

14 tablespoons butter, soft

4 cups flour

1/4 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 pinch of salt

Zest of 1 lemon

2 tablespoons rum (optional)

Small multicolored sprinkles

Preparation

Mix the eggs and sugar until frothy. Add the butter, flour, milk, baking powder, salt, lemon zest and rum (optional). Mix all the ingredients to obtain a smooth dough. Let stand 45 minutes in the refrigerator.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spread the dough with a rolling pin to about 1/3 inch and cut into various shapes using cookie cutters. Place the cookies on a buttered and floured baking sheet or lined with parchment paper and brush them with egg yolk. Sprinkle with sugar sprinkles.

Bake for about 15 minutes.



Past Event Highlights

Children's Christmas Party: Dec 17, 2016

The Christmas Party included lunch and a visit from Santa Claus loaded with gifts which were distributed to boys and girls. It was a fun day for all!

Picture: Lucia Gianna Missaggia and Santa Claus.

Share your event pictures for the newsletter. Submit to:
fratwsc@gmail.com

President's Message: By Marilyn Sibitz

Felice Anno Nuovo a tutti,

As we start the New Year, let us not forget the wonderful times we had in 2016 at our Club to share our Italian culture and heritage. Being together, meeting new club members, participating, and joining in our activities have made it fun and enjoyable.

Let us look to 2017 as a year where we will continue to promote our traditional activities and additional new ones.

I would like to thank all the members who will be stepping down from their positions as an officer, board member, or trustee. Joan Holland, Anne Martorello, Josie Genievich, Elena Sannazzaro, Gloria Missaggia, Carla Pierce, Francesca Aguilera, Egidia Manzone, and Kathy Sacchi, have all put a lot of time and energy into making our Club what it is today. I thank them for their efforts. I look forward to working with the incoming Officers, Board, and Trustees in furthering our Italian culture and heritage through our Fratellanza Women's Social Club.

I invite you to join our Officers, Board Members, and Trustees to make our Fratellanza Women's Social Club a banner year.

Con amore,
Marilyn

Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati,
Sunshine Reporter



1. **Clara Bracciotti** was hospitalized in December with an infection and is now recuperating at a care facility. We wish a very speedy recovery.
2. **Evelyn Mountain** passed away on Saturday, December 10 after a short illness. She had been an active member for many years along with her sisters and nieces Rose Marie Gish, Joan Bozzone and Evelyn Mittone, Condolences to all her extended family.
3. **Aurora Panerio** passed away on December 23rd. Aurora enjoyed the club before moving to Yuba City to be near her daughter. Aurora will be remembered for all the assistance she gave the club, by typing and proofreading letters for the President and assisting in developing the club roster. Please keep her daughter and family in your prayers and thoughts.
4. **Georganne Drescher** is scheduled for back surgery on January 24th. We wish her a speedy recovery.
5. **Florence Clauser** has moved to Carlton Senior Living, 175 Clearland Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Phone 925-979-9125.

If you have news of a club member who is ill, hospitalized, or deceased, please contact Irma at 510-526-6470.

2017-2018

Club Officers

President

Marilyn Sibitz
Ph: 510-215-1567

1st Vice President

Sally Accurso
Ph: 510-908-0706

Corresponding Secretary

Angela Missaggia
Ph: 510-730-9231

Recording Secretary

Bev Chernoff
Ph: 510-339-2641

Treasurer

Diane Sericati
Ph: 510-526-6470

Financial Secretary

Rose Marie Gish
Ph: 510-655-7192

Sentinel

Elena Sannazzaro
Ph: 510-525-8036

Board of Directors

Chairman of The Board

Lillian Taddei

Board Members

Sally Accurso
Melinda Brignone
Roselyn "Rozz" Cantisani
MaryAnn DePianto
Loretta Iacobitti
Anne Wegher Martorello
Sina Nicoletti

Trustees

Francesca Addiego
Josie Genievich
Adriana Matteucci
Ida Scodella
Estelle Vettere

Sunshine Reporter

Irma Sericati
Ph: 510-526-6470

Newsletter Editor

Lisa Borreani
Ph: 408-858-6474

Fratellanza Club

1140 66th St.
Oakland, CA 94608
Ph: 510-547-9435
www.fratellanzacub.com
fratwsc@gmail.com