

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU to Nancy Mc Donough and Renee Howley for volunteering to chair our March 21 Birthday dinner! If you would like to help them set up or serve, please call them. They would really appreciate it!

Nancy: 510-223-5911

Renee: 510-367-8855

Arlene Howell has signed up to chair our May 16 Birthday Dinner and would like someone to be her Co-Chair. If you would like to help, please call her at 510-223-0505.

### New Members Applications

Applications for new members are now available and due March 31. Remember you may only sponsor TWO ladies for membership. Contact Marilyn Sibitz for an application at 510-215-1567

### Club Scholarship

The Fratellanza Women's Club will be offering scholarships to graduating high school students. The deadline to submit the application is March 25. If you have a child or grandchild graduating this year, please contact Rose Marie Gish for an application at 510-655-7192.

### IAF Scholarship Available

Italian American Federation (IAF) of the East Bay, Inc. scholarship applications are due by March 15. Scholarship Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 20, 2017 at the Columbo Club. Contact Diane Sericati to nominate for a Queen selection and application at 510-526-6470.

## President's Message:

By Marilyn Sibitz



Care amici,

Our February meeting started with our fun Hot Dog Dinner. Thank you to all who helped set up and put away after the meeting. Dessert was provided by Bev Chernoff, Fran Bienati, and Diane Proto. The individual pies were great and we also enjoyed our Valentine cookies made by Bev. They were yummy! Thank you, ladies.

The first Polenta Dinner of the year was another success for Loretta Iacobitti and her helpers. Grazie mille to all who set up, served, attended, and brought raffle gifts. We are looking forward to a repeat in October. Thank you to Sally Accurso for taking over for me.

March is a busy month for us! We have our March 21 Birthday Dinner with our traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. On March 25 we celebrate our 72nd Anniversary. I hope you have put both of these dinners on your calendar and plan to attend.

We do need chairpersons for the following birthday dinners: May 16 and November 21. Being a chair or co-chair of a dinner is a great way to meet fellow club members you may not have met. Plus, it is a lot of fun. You will have plenty of help from us to guide you with any event. Please speak with your friends, and choose a date to be a chair/co-chair. The success of our club depends on the participation of everyone in our club.

The plans for our Anniversary Dinner are all set. We have an excellent menu, great band, and beautiful decorations being created by Francesca Aguilera and Rozz Cantisani. Your attendance with your family and friends will be appreciated to show your support for our Women's Club.

Our membership is open. The applications are available and must be returned by March 31. Please call me at 510-215-1567, or email me at [m2sibitz@gmail.com](mailto:m2sibitz@gmail.com), if you would like one for a friend or relative.

We have invited Mary Menniti from The Italian Garden Project to be our first guest speaker. She will be at our April meeting and talk from 7:00-7:30. Her topic is starting and/or maintaining an Italian Garden. She has a wonderful web site you will enjoy:

[www.theitaliangardenproject.com](http://www.theitaliangardenproject.com). Check it out. Please plan on coming at 6:30pm to enjoy refreshments and to socialize with friends.

I look forward to seeing a great turnout of members, friends, and relatives at the upcoming events.

Ciao,  
Marilyn

Marzo 2017

## CALENDAR OF THIS MONTHS EVENTS

### Marzo 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Bocce League	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ladies Members Business Meeting 7pm	<b>8</b> Bocce League	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bocce League	<b>16</b> Mens 2nd Birthday Polenta Dinner 7:30pm	<b>17</b> Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12noon /St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> La Coppa Bocce Series #2	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Birthday Dinner 7pm	<b>22</b> Bocce League	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 72nd Anniversary Dinner "Wear Pink" 7pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bocce League	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March Birthday Dinner

**March 21, 2017**

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

**\$17 per person**

Chair Persons:  
Nancy Mc Donough and  
Renee Howley

Menu: Salad, Pasta, Corned  
Beef & Cabbage, Rolls and  
Dessert

Come celebrate St. Patricks  
Day and club members  
birthdays. Wear green so you  
don't get pinched!

RSVP by March 17, 2017  
to Loretta Iacobbitti  
510-524-6903

**"72nd"**

### Anniversary Dinner

**March 25, 2017**

**No Host Cocktails - 6 pm**  
**Dinner - 7 pm**

**\$25 per person**

Dancing after dinner with  
Albert Garcia and his Band

"Cocktail Attire"  
*(Wear something pink)*

RSVP by March 17, 2017  
to Loretta Iacobbitti

510-524-6903

(See flyer for more details)

### "Day At The Races" Golden Gate Field

**May 21, 2017**

**\$38 per person**

This includes valet parking,  
admission to the Turf Club, and  
a delicious buffet lunch. Get your  
groups together now and make  
your reservations early. If you  
have never attended, come and  
experience the fun at Golden  
Gate Fields. If you have  
attended before, please come  
again! It will be a great way to  
spend a Sunday!

RSVP:

Diane Sericati  
510-526-6470

**Mother's Day Dinner & Business Meeting: May 2, 2017 (details to come).**

**IAF Scholarship Awards Dinner: May 20, 2017 - The Columbo Club (details to come).**

**Ravioli Lunch and Bunco: June 11, 2017 - RSVP to Diane Sericati (details to come).**



## St. Patrick's Day Myth

### Was St. Patrick Irish?

Many assume that St. Patrick is of Irish decent; however he is not. Patrick was born Maewyn Succat, around 385 AD in Scotland to Calpornius and his wife Conchessa who were Italians but living in Britain (they were high status Romans).

At age 16, Patrick was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. During his captivity, he turned to God and religious instruction, before escaping back to Britain, six years later, where he served as a missionary.

Soon, he began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under.

One night he had a dream in which the people of Ireland were calling to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come walk among us once more".

Later Patrick was ordained a Bishop and was sent to preach the Gospel in Ireland. He preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country over the next 40 years. The shamrock was often used to explain the Holy Trinity. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God.

Saint Patrick was never canonized by the Catholic Church; however was viewed as a Saint in Ireland. St. Patrick died March 17, 461 AD.



## Traditional Irish Soda Bread

### Ingredients

4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 - 1 1/2 cup buttermilk

### Directions

Heat oven to 425 degrees F.  
Brush a baking sheet with melted butter or spray with non-stick spray.



Combine dry ingredients in a deep bowl. Gradually stir in 1 cup buttermilk, beating constantly, until dough is firm enough to be gathered into a ball. If dough crumbles, add up to 1/2 cup more buttermilk, 1 tbsp at a time, until it holds together.

Place on lightly floured board and pat into an 8-inch flattened round loaf.

Place loaf on baking sheet and slash a 1/2-inch deep "X" into the top of the dough with a small, sharp knife.

Bake at 425 degrees for about 45 minutes, or until the top is golden.

Source: food.com

## REMEMBER: THE SUCCESS OF OUR CLUB IS THE PARTICIPATION OF OUR MEMBERS!

### An Old Italian-Irish Blessing

*May love and laughter light your days  
and warm your hearts and home.*

*May good and faithful friends be yours  
where you may roam.*

*May peace and plenty bless your world  
with a joy that long endures.*

*May all life's passing seasons bring the best  
to you and yours!*

*Che l'amore e risate illuminare le vostre giornate  
e riscaldare i vostri cuori e la casa.*

*Possano buoni e fedeli amici essere tuo dove  
si può vagare.*

*la pace e l'abbondanza maggio benedicono  
il tuo mondo con gioia che perdura a lungo.*

*Possano le stagioni che passano tutto della vita  
portare il meglio per voi e la vostra!*

## Compleanni Febbraio

Amanda Raven  
Diane Adame  
Lynda Bartels  
Elena Bortolon  
Teresa Bottini  
Melinda Brignone  
Shirley Capellino  
Amelia Capriulo  
Joan Castillo  
Lorraine  
Chiantelli-Hughes  
Mary Ciarabellini  
Giuseppina Damele

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Felicia Green  
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Sandi Kent  
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Lorraine Massimillo  
Nancy Mc Donough  
Terri Peretti

Linda Rapella  
Mary Storelli  
Debbie Tornay  
Sonja Walbridge  
Gayle Walker



## Compleanni Marzo

Sally Accurso  
Marlene Ballantine  
Toni Baumgartner  
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Beverly Chernoff  
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Yolanda Corona  
Ann Cristiani  
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Lori Hagge  
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Foisie  
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Skidmore  
Elizabeth Smith  
Franca Tallerico  
Louise Vigna

*After receiving your complimentary birthday dinner,  
the expectation is that you help with an upcoming birthday dinner  
by setting up, serving, or chairing the event.*

## Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati,  
Sunshine Reporter



1. **Lori Hagge's** brother passed away recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Lori and family.

2. **Teresa Bottini** had double pneumonia and was hospitalized for a week. Glad to report that she is now home and recuperating. Get well soon, Teresa! We want to see you at the club, soon!

### GOOD NEWS!

3. On Valentine's Day, **Donna Houser** received the best gift of all... her first grandchild, a baby girl named Josephine Marie, weighing in at 5 lb 12 oz and 18 inches long. Congratulations to the Houser Family! We also want to congratulate **Annita Del Simone**, the new Great Grandmother.

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

## 2017-2019

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