

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 5 Meeting - Spuntino

Contact Mary Ann DePianto 510-527-1432 or Diane Sericati 510-526-6470 with your spuntino items you are bringing!

Sign up for a 2018 Committee!

The board members are heading up six committees to help plan, organize and execute our many events throughout the year. Sign up for one or as many as you would like. Contact the board member directly for the committee you would like to be part of, or sign up with Marilyn at our next two meetings and dinners. When you are more involved, you meet more people and have more fun!

- 1) Scholarship/Membership - Melinda Brignone 510-235-2852
- 2) Anniversary Dinners (Men's/January & Women's/March) - Rozz Cantisani 925-376-6732
- 3) Speakers for Meetings - Anne Martorello 925-300-6775
- 4) Children's Christmas Party - Sina Nicoletti 510-367-8650
- 5) Special Activities (Day at the Races, Days Trips, Tea Fundraiser, and Bunco Fundraiser) - Lillian Taddei 510-523-9206
- 6) Dinners (Spuntinos, Member's Mother's Day, Member's Christmas, Bake Sales, Western Night)- Loretta Iacobitti 510-524-6903 & Mary Ann DePianto 510-527-1432
- 7) Birthday Dinners & Refreshments - Marilyn Sibitz 510-215-1567

President's Message: By Marilyn Sibitz

Care Amiche,

Our fall season started with our wonderful Polenta Dinner chaired by the Iacobitti Family. The dining room was full and everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped make this dinner a great success. A great evening was enjoyed by all.

As the holiday season approaches, our club will be having many seasonal activities that will be festive and fun to attend. Please put the dates on your calendar so you will be able to participate in them.

Our November 20 Birthday Dinner will be two days before Thanksgiving. The dinner will be chaired by the Brignone and Ventin Families. See the box for details. We will also have a Boutique, chaired by Vera Kaufman, and a Bake Sale, chaired by Irma Sericati. This Bake Sale includes cakes, cookies, and candies, so put your aprons on to make your favorite treats. Please remember to pre-price your items, and place them in plastic wrap or cellophane bags. Come early for the best selection.

Our December 5 meeting begins with a spuntino. Be sure to let Mary Ann DePianto at 510-527-1432 or Diane Sericati at 510-526-6470 know what you will be bringing.

December 14 is the date for our holiday adventure, Holiday Lights of San Francisco. We will begin with dinner at Pier Market Restaurant at Pier 39 and then board a bus and view the holiday lights in San Francisco and South San Francisco. We will definitely be in the holiday mood after this fun evening. See flyer and box for details.

Circle December 19 for our Member's Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange. The children's Christmas party is December 17. Be sure to get your reservations in for your children and grandchildren by November 17.

It is time for you to sign up for the committee you would like to help with in 2018. This can be done at our members meeting in December, or by calling either the Board liaison or me at 510-215-1567. I hope you will all make the time to be a part of helping with the activities of our club.

Remember, it takes a village to continue promoting the culture of our Italian heritage.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I would like to give thanks for all of our members who have supported our club in making our dinners, activities, and events joyous occasions. I also appreciate members and guests who participated in our array of offerings.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ciao con amore,
Marilyn

CALENDAR OF THIS MONTHS EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Bocce League	2	3	4
5	6	7 Ladies Members Business Mtng - 7 pm	8 Bocce League	9	10 Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12 noon	11 Family Dinner & Dance 6 pm Cocktails/ 7pm Dinner
12	13	14	15 Bocce League (Spuntino)	16 Mens 2nd Birthday Family Dinner 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Birthday Dinner & Bake Sale Boutique 6pm Sale/Boutique &7pm Dinner	22 Bocce League	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Family Dinner & Dance

November 11, 2017

6pm Cocktails & 7pm Dinner

\$23 Members - \$28 Guests

Join us for dinner and dance to
the sounds of
The Rene Sevieri Band.

Menu: Fratellanza Salad,
Ravioli, Chicken Marbella,
Roasted Potatoes, Italian
Green Beans, and Dessert.

RSVP by Nov 9

510-764-2365 x 3

fratreservations@sbcglobal.net

Birthday Dinner & Bake Sale & Boutique

November 21, 2017

Cost \$17

6pm Cocktails / Bake Sale / Boutique
& 7pm Dinner

Be sure to come early! Price your
bake sale items and put them in a
wrap or bags to sell.

Chair: Melinda, Teresa, & Joan
Brignone, Anne Martorello, Terry
Ventin

Chair: Irma Sericati (Bake Sale)
Chair: Vera Kaufman (Boutique)

Menu: Fratellanza Salad, Pasta with Meat
Sauce, Ham, Yams, Applesauce, Pumpkin
Cheesecake, wine and coffee.

RSVP by Nov 17

Loretta Iacobitti

510-524-6903

Holiday Lights Tour of San Francisco

December 14, 2017

Cost \$85

Bus trip to dinner at Pier
Market Restaurant and then
a guided tour of Christmas
lights. Depart The
Fratellanza Club at 3:30pm.

RSVP with payment by Nov 7

Rose Marie Gish
510-655-7192.

5456 Manilla Ave.,
Oakland, CA 94618

See flyer for all of the details!

Club Christmas Brunch - Sunday, December 3, 2017

Buffet style and includes pancakes, hash browns, ham, bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, toast, and even champagne! Brunch is served from 9am-12noon. \$10 per person w/reservation or \$12 without reservation.

RSVP by Dec 1 to 510-547-9435. See flyer for more details.

Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, December 17, 2017

Hot dogs and soft drinks served for lunch from 12-1:15pm. Children's program will start at 1:30pm.

For member's children and grandchildren up to 12 years of age.

Submit children's names along with ages and RSVP to Rose Marie Gish by Nov 17 at 510-655-7192.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Remember the birthday dinners are held every other month. This is a great way for members to get to know each other, volunteer and promote activities. If your birthday falls within these two months, your birthday is complimentary on **November 21, 2017!**

RSVP to Loretta Iacobitti at (510) 524-6903

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Francesca Addiego	Dina De Pianto	Kathleen Lopes
Barbara Barassi	Swisher	Diane Nearhood
Callie Baumgartner	Jenny Fantin	Patty Parina
Anne Mazzucchi	Liliana Franceschi	Karen Titus
Bonn	Joyce T. Gengler	Ann Torres
Celeste Conti	Lisa Germano	Sharon Viano
Rosemary Corti	Rose Marie Gish	Loisann Vittone
Judy De Alba	Cheryl Lane	Patricia Wendschlag
	Becky Lazzarotto	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Yolanda Addiego	Annette Musante	Arleen Maginnis
Theresa Bailey	Finnane	Carmelina Marmo
Lisa Biasotti	Carol Hazel	Teresa Nicoletti
Susanna Brooks	Evelyn Heald	Jessica Pratt
Roselyn Cantisani	Roberta Healy	Julia Sorbi
Marie Ciraulo	Josephine Lico	Patty Villeggiante
Florence Clauser	Lisa Little	
Jennifer Diaz	Margaret Madison	

Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati,
Sunshine Reporter



1. On October 11th, **Domenica Yonke** had a heart procedure, she was hospitalized for 2 days, all went well, and now is out and about.
2. Congratulations to **Christina Davis** and family on the birth of their new addition, a baby girl named Cecilia Ann, born on October 17th, weighing 9 lb. 3oz. **Nonno and Nonna John & Barbara Barassi** are over the top with joy. Congratulations again.
3. **Jerry Adame**, husband of **Diane Adame**, is going through a difficult time, please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.
4. **Eddie Rapella's** grandson was in a serious truck accident and has been hospitalized for over a month, there is a long recovery period ahead for him. Please say an extra prayer for him.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hoping we all stay safe and healthy during the holiday season and into the next year!

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

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Thanksgiving in Italy?

Thanksgiving is an American holiday, and usually not celebrated in Italy as we know it. However, in Italy, many people and towns celebrate harvest festivals that are significant to the end of the crop year and beginning of the winter.

The Harvest Festival is a kind of European Thanksgiving in September during which they thank God for a good harvest season. The literal translation of the phrase "Thanksgiving Celebration" in Italian would be La Festa del Ringraziamento, referring to a number of religious holidays observed throughout the year for patron saints.

While Thanksgiving is not a traditional holiday in Italy, it has become a traditional holiday for those Italians who have left their native land and assimilated into American culture. There is no doubt that the day we set aside to give thanks is a distinctly American tradition, but it is one originating with an early group of immigrants known as Pilgrims. Who could have foreseen that their small celebration was destined to become an American symbol of gratitude for all Americans and for the millions who had not yet reached our shores from other lands? Today, as immigrants and children of immigrants, we carry on the celebration of this Sunday-kind-of-day and say thanks.

Buon Giorno del Ringraziamento!

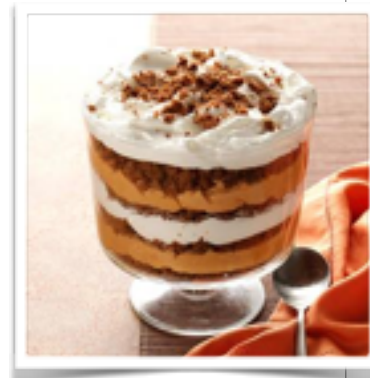
Source: www.italoamericano.org

Pumpkin Butterscotch Gingerbread Trifle

There is more to pumpkin than pumpkin pie, as this impressive trifle proves. It looks so elegant with alternating layers of gingerbread cake and pumpkin butterscotch pudding. Make it ahead of time for a fuss free dessert when you're planning to entertain guests.

Ingredients

- 1 package (14-1/2 ounces) gingerbread cake/cookie mix
- 4 cups cold fat-free milk
- 4 packages (1 ounce each) sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 carton (12 ounces) frozen reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed



Directions

Prepare and bake gingerbread mix according to package directions for cake. Cool completely.

Break cake into crumbles; reserve 1/4 cup crumbs. In a large bowl, whisk milk, pudding mixes and spices until mixture is thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in pumpkin.

In a 3-1/2 qt. trifle or glass bowl, layer one-fourth of the cake crumbs, half of the pumpkin mixture, one-fourth of the cake crumbs and half of the whipped topping; repeat layers. Top with reserved crumbs. Refrigerate until serving.

Yield: 16 servings.

Source: www.tasteofhome.com

