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December 2017

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~ Club Room Bar Open ~  
**Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>For those receiving the newsletter via US mail, you will find the Brunch Flyer on the back of the Family Dinner Flyer</b>					1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed
3 Christmas Brunch 9:00 - noon	4 Officers and Board Christmas Dinner 7pm	5	6 Bocce League	7 1st Birthday Dinner 7:30 pm	8 Members' Meeting Spuntino 6 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Holiday Family Dinner 7:00 pm
10	11	12	13 Bocce League	14 Club Closed	15 Friday Luncheon 12 Noon	16 Club Closed
17 Children's Christmas Party	18	19 Ladies Christmas Dinner 7:00 pm	20	21 Members Only Christmas Dinner 7:30 pm	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed
24	25	26	27	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed
31 <i>Buon Natale</i>						

## Happy Birthday to our Birthday Boys!

Larry P. Angeli  
 Edward C. Arri  
 Leonard Audo  
 Joseph Badarello  
 Richard Botta  
 Robert A. Calegari  
 Thomas C Casazza  
 Joseph J. Celio  
 Richard Conti  
 Peter Corona  
 Walter Corvello  
 Niccolo De Luca  
 Nino Dodic

James Ervin  
 Edward W. Faso  
 Matt Ferraris  
 Dominic Giannelli  
 Robert Granieri  
 Patrick Hines  
 Keith L. Holland  
 Thomas Laugero  
 Ryan R. Leglu  
 Sebastian Maggiora  
 David Minellone  
 Jim Muyo

Lawrence C. O'Shea  
 James G. Pellettieri  
 Frank Petri  
 Vincent A. Pistello  
 Anthony Porta  
 Mark Quilici  
 James S. Rapella  
 John J. Ratto  
 Anthony J. Riggio  
 Edward F. Sanders  
 Fred Serena  
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### Members - Please Take Note

**2018 dues are  
now payable.**

Please see the flier  
insert for all the  
details



For reservation confirmation please use email: [fratreservations@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fratreservations@sbcglobal.net)

## 1st Birthday Dinner

December 7, 2017  
7:30 P.M.

**Chair: Aldo Dossa &  
Angelo Marchi**

**Menu** — Fratellanza Salad,  
Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Chicken  
Cacciatore, Sausages &  
Cabbage, Peas, Ice Cream

**Cost** — \$20 - Members  
\$25 - Guests

Reservations by: Dec 5th  
510-764-2365 ext 1

## Holiday Family Dinner

December 9, 2017

**Cocktails:** 6pm  
**Dinner:** 7pm

**Chair: Larry Quirico**

**Menu** — Fratellanza Salad,  
Minestrone Soup, Roast Beef,  
Baked Potato, Vegetable,  
Ice Cream

**Cost** — \$23 - Members  
\$28 - Guests

**Music by: Steve Balich Band**

*Please see flier insert!*

Reservations by: Dec 7th  
510-764-2365 ext 3

## Members Christmas Dinner

December 21, 2017  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Chair: Board of Directors**

**Menu** — Fratellanza Salad,  
Tortellini, N.Y. Steak, Baked  
Potato, Julienne Carrots,  
Ice Cream

**Cost** — Free

**This dinner is for Fratellanza  
Mens Club Members only!**

Reservations by: Dec 19th  
510-764-2365 ext 2

## Friday Luncheon

***Third Friday this month!  
(December 15th)***

Pasta w/Pesto Sauce,  
Baked Salmon

**Cost - To be Determined**

Call the Fratellanza Club for  
reservations: 510-547-9435

(Please: No email  
reservations for this event)

**Clubroom Bar Open**  
Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
All prices include sales tax  
Phone 510-547-9435



Buon Natale e  
Felice Anno Nuovo

Please have a healthy  
and safe holiday  
season!

## Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 3rd, 9 - noon

Please see flier insert for details

**Cost** - \$10 per person  
\$12 with no reservation

For reservations call the club by Dec 1st  
~ 510.547.9435 ~

## ***Special note:***

If you have fellow members you would  
like to sit with at the **Members' Only**  
Christmas dinner, please let us know  
when you make your reservation.

It's too late to combine reservations when  
picking up your tickets at the window.

## Members Please Take Note!

As your high school senior begins to assess financial requirements for college, here's some information you'll want them to have: Applications are available and being accepted for the Louis C. Biondi Memorial Scholarship Program. Children or grandchildren of current or deceased members of the Fratellanza Men's Club who will graduate from high school at the end of the 2017/2018 school year are eligible to apply. This past year, four scholarships were awarded totaling \$6,000. This Program has become a very important component of club sponsored activities and continues to prosper from private donations and proceeds from our very successful annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Applications detailing requirements are available from the Fratellanza Club's Web Site and from:

Rich Adams, Scholarship Committee Chairman  
2632 Ptarmigan Drive #4, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, (925)448-2173

**From our President -**

Hello members,  
October ended with our spooktacular Halloween family diner. Chaired by Roland & Becky Lazzarotto, the evening was filled with fun and games and costume contest for kids and adults. The dinner was great. Thank you to our cooks, Art Parziale, Michele Gasparro, & Alfonso De Pianto.

November started with our first birthday dinner. Our dinner chairmen were Roger Laurel & Robert Petri. As is our custom at all our dinners in November, we recognized and thanked all veterans in attendance. We also thanked all those who are active and reserve military along with all first responders in attendance. The dining hall was decorated with the pennants of all the military services; these were purchased and placed by member Roger Laurel. To honor our country and pay respect to our military and first responders, Roger led us in the pledge of allegiance. We then sat down to a great meal. Thank you to our cooks, Michele Gasparro, Angelo Marchi & Don Nicole.

Our family dinner was a fantastic evening. It started with recognizing all

our Veterans, active & reserve military, and our first responders. We enjoyed a delicious meal. Thank you to our cooks, Art Parziale & Michele Gasparro. We danced to the fantastic music of the Rene Sevieri band. They are great. Thanks to our dinner chairman, John Pelosi, and to all who attended this fun evening.

Our second birthday dinner, chaired by the Missaggia family, was another great evening at the Fratellanza club. Anthony and crew did a great job. We had another fantastic meal. Thank you to our cooks, Art Parziale, Evan Matthews and Dino DePianto. It was great to have you back Dino. Great job guys.

Again, a special thank you to our Veterans, active & reserve military and our first responders. Your sacrifice & service is truly appreciated.

As always, thank you to our bartenders, wait staff, & ticket sellers, who make all our dinner & events a success.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season. Buona Festa. Buon Natale, Felice Anno Nuovo.

God Bless & Sempre Avanti,

**Tim Tomei**

**2017 Fratellanza Officers**

- President:** Tim Tomei
- 1st Vice President :** Rich Vila
- 2nd Vice President :** John Barassi
- Financial Secretary:** Alan Pricco
- Treasurer:** Angelo Marchi
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- Board Members:**
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- Rich Giaramita
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Ryan Leglu

**From our Chairman of the Board -**

Hello Members,  
I want to thank those many members who have helped me through my first year as Chairman of the Board of our club, especially Jim Taddei who has done such a great job as chairman for so many years. I have been a member for 37 years but I learned more in the past 12 months about how the club operates than in all the other years put together. I want the club to be successful and I want to keep up our facilities for our 500 members. I also want to help bring in a steady flow of new members who will add new ideas and bring new energy to the club. If you know of someone who cares about our Italian Culture, think about bringing him into the club. I have some ideas for the future of our club but I will save those for another day.

We have faced some challenges in recent years and we will face more as we work to keep the club vital for the next generation. Someday we will lose the last generation with a direct connection to our founders. We will need to strike a balance between following our old ways and making changes to keep with the times. For example, we can put in an ATM machine and not lose our cultural heritage. The next step might be to get an internet connection and WiFi. Maybe we'll get a computer someday.

The club is currently on a sound financial foundation. We have a stable mortgage and our cash flow allows us to pay all of our bills and save a little for a rainy day. For that I want to thank the Ligure Club for their support. That being said, I look forward to the day when we make our last mortgage payment and we can look ahead to major improvements. Let me remind all of you members that we succeed when our dinners are well attended. We have many activities at the club but it is the dinners that allow us to pay the bills. Please come often and bring your family and friends. The club is a great place for a wedding or other private event.

Just a couple of quick reminders, at our membership meeting this month we will be voting on a proposal to move our membership meetings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Also, 2018 dues are now payable, please see the flier insert for all the details.

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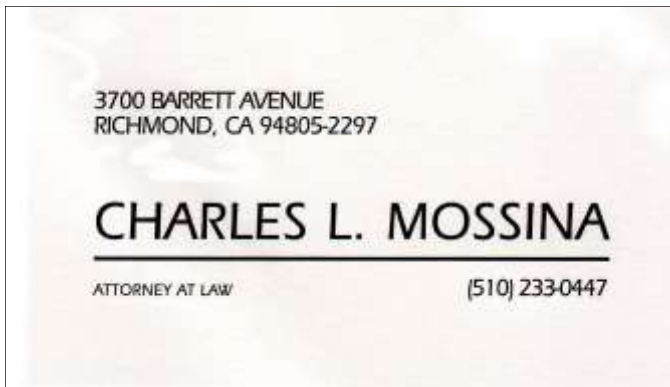
**"Finché c'è fiato, c'è speranza."\***

Translation: "As long as there is breath there is hope." If we said, "Where there's a will there's a way" it could possibly be viewed as too optimistic and maybe inspire success at any cost. And, "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins" should inspire determination, but perhaps with too much pressure to succeed. Nevertheless, when they all have been taken into consideration, they all suggest that it's not always easy, but often possible and worth the effort. So, one should always keep the faith and do their best.

"Vi Auguro un Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo."

\*Sometimes written: Finché è vita, c'è speranza. : As long as there is life, there is hope.

A.Motta



**From our Chairman of the Board -**

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In summary, things are looking up for the club. This past year I have met many members but I would like to know more of you. When you see me, feel free to introduce yourself and let me know if you have some ideas that can improve the club.

Grazie e auguri per il anno prossimo.

**Roland Lazzarotto**



**Crab Feeds (Watch for Reservation Flier next month)  
February 24th & March 4th**





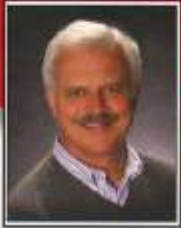
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