

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Club Dues Now Payable

Please pay your 2018 Fratellanza Women's Social Club dues. We will not be sending out notices.

Regular Membership = \$35
Honorary Membership = \$15

Make your check out to:
The Fratellanza
Women's Social Club

Mail payment to:
Rose Marie Gish
5456 Manilla Ave.,
Oakland, CA 94618

2018 Goal

To help our members become more active in the club to be a more successful social club!

2018 is an Election Year

If you are interested to run for Office, be a Board Member, or Trustee, you must have attended 9 meetings prior to nominations in October to run for a position. Contact Marilyn Sibitz 510-215-1567.

President's Message: By Marilyn Sibitz

Happy Holidays mi Amiche,

Our Fratellanza Club is once again a winter wonderland. I hope you will come to our December events to see the beautiful job our men and women elves did with the decorations. Gianfranco Sciacero, John Pelosi, Roland Lazzaroto, Larry Quirico, and Steve Taddei had the big job of putting up our beautiful tree and Vera Kaufman, Loretta Iacobitti, Rose Marie Gish, Patty Pistello, Ernestine Warren, Nancy McDonough, Loisann Vittone, Steve and Kathryn Taddei, Becky Lazzaroto, Sante Missaggia, Michael Sibitz, and yours truly where the decorators. Working together and having a delicious lunch made for a fun time. Vera was also a very busy elf during the year. She knitted all of the stockings used for decorations around the dining room as well as in the dance hall. They are for sale and the money collected will be donated to charity.

The holiday season for our club began with our Birthday Dinner in November chaired by Melinda and Teresa Brignone, Joan Brignone, Terry Ventin, and Anne Martorello. Our Boutique, chaired by Vera, and our Bake Sale, chaired by Irma, made for a festive evening of shopping and eating. Mille grazie to all who helped make this dinner a huge success.

We are beginning to get ready for an eventful 2018. All of our events will need all members to make them successful. We have formed committees, and we would like you to choose a committee to be a part of. You will have a chance to sign up at our meeting and our member's Christmas dinner to show your support. We especially hope our new members from 2016 and 2017 will become working members in our club. Remember, if you want an active club, you must be an active participant. Please plan to work one event next year.

December is a busy month for us. We began with our spuntino before our meeting which was great. Thank you to Mary Ann DePianto and Diane Sericati for organizing this evening and thank you to all of the attending members for sharing their delicious dishes that they brought to share. Our club has the best cooks ever!

December 19 is our member's Christmas Dinner and gift exchange. Our wonderful men's club will be serving us dinner and leading us in our traditional singing of "The 12 Days of Christmas". You have plenty of time to warm up your vocal chords, so your table will sing your "day" with gusto. Please remember, you MUST make reservations for this dinner, so we know how much food to buy. Call Loretta (510-524-6903) by Sunday, December 16.

The Columbo Club is having a New Year's Eve dinner dance and has invited other Club members to attend at their member's price of \$75.00 per couple. Join us to reserve a table for our members to have a fun evening with wonderful friends to bring in 2018. Please call me (510-215-1567) for your reservations (this is a prepaid event). See event box for more details.

May many wonderful memories be made during your enjoyment of this holiday season.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

Con amore, Marilyn



CALENDAR OF THIS MONTHS EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
3 Christmas Brunch 9am-12noon	4	5 Ladies Members Business Mtng - 7 pm (Spuntino)	6 Bocce League	7	8	9 Holiday Family Dinner & Dance Cocktails 6pm/ Dinner 7 pm
10	11	12	13 Bocce League	14 Holiday Lights Tour of SF	15 Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12 noon	16
17 Children's Christmas Party 12noon	18	19 Ladies Members Christmas Dinner 6pm Cocktails/ 7pm Dinner	20	21	22	23
24/ 31 NYE @ The Colombo Club	25 	26	27	28	29	30

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Family Christmas Dinner & Dance

December 9, 2017

**6pm Cocktails
7pm Dinner**

Steve Balich Band

Menu: Fratellanza salad, minestrone soup, roast beef, baked potato, vegetables, and ice cream.

Member = \$23
Guest = \$28
Children 6-12 = 1/2 price
5 and under = free

RSVP by Dec 7
510-764-2365 x3

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.

Only a few spots left!
RSVP with payment ASAP

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510-655-7192.
5456 Manilla Ave.,
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See flyer for all of the details!

Ladies Members Only Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

December 19, 2017

**6pm Cocktails
7pm Dinner**

This is **FREE** dinner for ladies members only (men serve).

Menu: A Surprise!

Warm up your vocal chords and be ready to sing "12 Days of Christmas"

Gift Exchange-\$15 Minimum
(Be sure to put your name on the gift so the recipient can thank you!)

You MUST RSVP by Dec 16:

Loretta Iacobitti
510-524-6903

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 ASAP at 510-655-7192.

New Years Eve @ The Columbo Club - Sunday, December 31, 2017

Make reservations with payment to Marilyn Marilyn Sibitz at 510-215-1567 by December 23 to be sure you get the members club price at \$75 per couple and sit at the Fratellanza table(s). Menu: Antipasto, Salad, Prime Rib, Dessert, Champagne, Coffee and Midnight Buffet. Dance to the George Campi Band!

The History of Panettone



The word "panettone" derives from the Italian word "panetto", a small loaf cake. The augmentative Italian suffix "-one" changes the meaning to "large cake"

Panettone is an Italian type of sweet bread loaf originally from Milan, and is usually prepared and enjoyed for Christmas and New Years in Europe, France, Spain and Portugal. It usually has a cupola shape with an octagon base

shape and is made during a long process that involves curing the dough, which is acidic, similar to sourdough. The proofing process takes several days, giving the cake its distinctive fluffy characteristics. It contains candied orange, citron, and lemon zest as well as raisins, which are added dry and not soaked, chocolate, and even plain. It is usually served in wedge shape, which is vertically cut, accompanied by sweet hot beverages or sweet wine such as Asti or Moscato di Asti. In some regions of Italy, it is served with cream di mascarpone, candied fruit, and amaretto.

In 1919, Angelo Motta, a Milanese baker, began to produce panettone in large quantities. Motta also revolutionized the shape by giving it its tall domed shape by making the dough rise 3 times, for almost 20 hours. Italian food manufacturing companies and bakers produce 117 million every Christmas.

source: wikipedia.org

Updates to Members Contact Information

*Included here are updates to our members contact information.
Please update your roster booklet.*



Vicki Christophe

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Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati,
Sunshine Reporter



1. Get well soon - **Diane Sericati!** We miss you!
2. **Sally Accurso** and **Loretta Iacobitti** were sick and are feeling better! We are happy to see you doing better!

Stay healthy and well this holiday season!
Merry Christmas!

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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Fratellanza Women's Social Club
2018 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2018

Pull out this page and plan your year of events to attend and help out at our club!

JANUARY	2	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	16	Tuesday	Birthday Dinner
FEBRUARY	6	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	20	Tuesday	Polenta Dinner
MARCH	6	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	20	Tuesday	Birthday Dinner
	24	Saturday	73rd Anniversary Dinner
APRIL	3	Tuesday	Business Meeting
MAY	1	Tuesday	Business Meeting/Mother's Day Dinner
	15	Tuesday	Birthday Dinner
	20	Sunday	Day at the Races
JUNE	5	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	24	Sunday	Ravioli Luncheon/Bunco
JULY	3	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	14	Saturday	Western Night Dinner/Dance
	17	Tuesday	Birthday Dinner/Biscotti Cookie Sale
AUGUST	7	Tuesday	Business Meeting/Spuntino (Celebrate Past Presidents)
	19	Sunday	Scholarship Fundraiser
SEPTEMBER	4	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	8	Saturday	Italian Night Dinner/Dance
	18	Tuesday	Birthday Dinner
OCTOBER	2	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	16	Tuesday	Polenta Dinner
NOVEMBER	6	Tuesday	Business Meeting
	20	Tuesday	Birthday Dinner/Bake Sale
DECEMBER	4	Tuesday	Business Meeting/Christmas Spuntino
	16	Sunday	Children's Christmas Party
	18	Tuesday	Members Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange

Additional dates and trips to be announced.