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# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2018 Club Dues Now Past Due

Please pay your 2018 Fratellanza Women's Social Club dues now or your membership will be dropped by March 1, 2018.

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

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

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

### 2018 Goal

To help our members become more active in the club in order to be a more successful social club! Did you sign up to volunteer for at least one event and be on a committee?

### 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.

### Picking up Event Tickets

When you come to the club for an event, please be considerate and pick up your tickets early as the ticket booth closes 5 minutes before the dinner/event starts.

## President's Message: By Marilyn Sibitz

Care Amiche,

Our February meeting started in a fun way. At 6pm we joined the men at their spuntino they have before each meeting. They have invited the Women's Club to join them each meeting night. Then at 6:30pm, we had the first of our speakers, Bobbie Giarratana.

Bobbie spoke about the fine art of cheese making. We all received the recipe for making ricotta and then she explained how to do it. (See recipe included in this bulletin.) Bobbie shared photos so we could see the different stages of how it was done. It will be nice to hear which members used the recipe! Let us know how your ricotta turned out! I will let you know if I am successful! Our next meeting to start with a speaker will be in April. The subject is to be announced.

The Anniversary Committee kicked off the year with the planning of the Men's Club's 86th Anniversary on January 27. The evening was very festive with the colors of red, white, and green, as requested by President, Tim Tomei. Three hundred people came to show support for our Men's Club. Thank you to Rozz Cantisani, Board liaison, and her committee of Joan Brignone, Bev Chernoff, Renee Howley, Rose Marie Gish, and Becky Lazzarotto. Thank you, also, to all the women who served plus the Matteucci Brothers, Lee and Louie. Dino DePianto, Don Nicoli, and Art Parziale cooked their delicious dinner.

The Anniversary Committee will continue to be busy planning our 73rd Anniversary on March 24. We will learn the details for our celebration at our March meeting. In the mean time, please put the date on your calendar so we will have a good showing of support!

February 20 is the first polenta dinner of the year. Loretta Iacobitti and her daughter Vicki and daughter-in-law, Char, will be chairing this popular dinner. Raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Please plan on attending our March 6th meeting because we will have the committees getting together to meet for the first time. If you have joined more than one committee please meet with the one that has the first occasion coming up.

Francesca Addiego 510-527-3379 and Lillian Taddei 510-523-9206 will be co-chairing our March 20 Birthday Dinner. If you would like to help them set up or serve please let them know. They will welcome raffle prizes.

There has been a change in the date of our Scholarship Fundraiser Tea. It is now August 18. If you would like to host a table for the tea please call Barbara Barassi, 510-799-2171 or email her at [nowvoyager1014@yahoo.com](mailto:nowvoyager1014@yahoo.com).

As you can see, our Women's Club is off and running for 2018! We are busy as ever and really appreciate all of the members who participate in working and attending our activities. We had many new members helping to set up and serve our events. If you have not been able to help us so far, please work us into your schedule and see the fun you can have meeting members and supporting our club.  
Con amore, Marilyn

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Ladies Members Business Mtng 6pm Spuntino 6:30pm Cheese Presentation 7 pm Mtng	7 Bocce League (Meeting)	8	9	10 Family Dinner "just for Kids" 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
11	12	13	14 Bocce League	15 Mens 2nd Birthday Dinner 7pm	16 Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12 noon	17
18	19	20 Polenta Dinner 6pm Cocktails/ 7pm Dinner	21 Bocce League	22	23 Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12 noon	24 Building Fund Raiser Crab Fee 7:00pm
25	26	27	28 Bocce League			



### Cheese Making: Quick Ricotta

For those of you that missed a great presentation by our very own member, Bobbie Giarratana, about cheese making, here is a recipe to share:

You will need:

- A gallon of any type of milk (just not "ultra pasteurized")
- ½ cup of white vinegar or lemon juice
- Butter muslin or double layer cheesecloth
- Colander
- Big Pot (non reactive metal like stainless steel; not cast iron or copper)
- Big Bowl

Directions:

Heat milk gently, stirring often. Don't let it burn! Just before it boils, remove from heat, gently stir in vinegar or lemon juice. Stir gently two minutes. Curds and whey will separate. Let rest for five minutes.

Line a colander with muslin or cheesecloth, place over a bowl. Pour curds and whey into the colander and let drain into bowl. When mostly drained, tie corners of cloth and hang from kitchen sink about 2 hours. Salt to taste (not more than a Tablespoon – try a teaspoon at a time). If baking sweets, leave unsalted.

Keeps up to two weeks in refrigerator.

Resources: [Cheesemaking.com](http://Cheesemaking.com)  
 "Home Cheese Making" book by Ricki Carroll



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **“Ladies Polenta Dinner”**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**6pm Cocktails / 7pm Dinner**

**Cost = \$17**

Chair Person: Loretta Iacobitti

Menu: Salad, Polenta with Stew Meat & Italian Sausage, Vegetable, Dessert, Wine & Coffee

Get your group together! We want to see the entire hall filled up!

Raffle prizes greatly appreciated!

**RSVP no later than Feb 17:**

Loretta Iacobitti  
510-524-6903

### **“Men’s Club Family Dinner”**

**Music by the Jim Sumido Band**

**Saturday February 10, 2018**

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

**5:30pm Just for Kids Activities**

**Cost = \$23 Members/\$28 Guests**

Chair Person: Ralph Brignone

Menu: Fratellanza Salad, Penne Pasta, Italian Pot Roast, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, and Ice Cream

**RSVP by Feb 8th:**

510-764-2365 x3

### **“Ladies 73rd Anniversary Dinner & Dance”**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

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

**\$25 per person**

Dancing after dinner with  
George Campi and his Band

“Spring Fling - Cocktail Attire”

**RSVP by March 16, 2018**  
to Loretta Iacobitti

### **“Fratellanza Club Building Fund Raiser Crab Feed”**

**Saturday February 24, 2018 (7pm Dinner)**

**AND**

**Sunday, March 4, 2018 (5 pm Dinner)**

Adults = \$55 / Kids 12 and under = \$25

Menu: Fratellanza Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta with Meat Sauce, All you can eat Crab, and Ice Cream.

Pre-paid reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Mail RSVP with payment to:  
Fratellanza Club Crab Fee,  
1140 66th St. Oakland, CA 94608  
(See flyer for more details)

### **“Day At The Races” Golden Gate Field - Sunday, May 20, 2018**

**\$43 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. Gates open at 11am. 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 w/Payment by April 20, 2018 to Diane Sericati 510-526-6470



## Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati,  
Sunshine Reporter



1. It is with extreme sadness that we report on the passing of our long time member, **Clara Bracciotti**. Clara was a very active member of our club, attending all of our events in the past and will be dearly missed by all of us. Our sincere condolences to her family.
2. **Joan Castillo's** husband passed away on January 3<sup>rd</sup> after a long illness. We wish to express our sincere condolences to Joan and her entire family, many of which are members of our club. Please remember them all in your thoughts and prayers.
3. Our member, **Renee Tomei's** brother passed away suddenly of a massive heart attack. Please keep Renee and her family in your prayers
4. **Adriana Matteucci** had cataract surgery earlier this month, and can now see a lot better and is doing well.
5. Keep our Past President, **Karen Garcia** in your prayers as she will be having kidney stone removal this week and back surgery at the end of the month. "Sending her get well wishes for a speedy recovery."
6. **Happy News:** We are a little late in reporting but nevertheless: On December 15<sup>th</sup> **Maria Frugoli** became a Grandmother to twin girls-Siena Noelle and Paris Valentina. What great Christmas presents for the Frugoli family!!!!!! Sorry for the late report.

Please pray for our deceased members.

*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

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