

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Queen Coronation

Applications are available now for Columbus Day Queen. The Queen Coronation will be in July at the Colombo Club. Contact Diane Sericati for more information at 510-526-6470.

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? Contact the Board Member associated with each committee:

Dinners:

Loretta Iacobitti 510-524-6903
& Mary Ann De Pianto
510-527-1432

Scholarship/Membership:

Melinda Brignone
510-235-2852

Speakers:

Anne Martorello 925-300-6775

Special Activities:

Lillian Taddei 510-523-9206

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.

Sponsor Tables for Hi-Tea

If you would like to sponsor a table of 6 or 8 for the tea event on Aug 18 please call Barbara Barassi at 510-799-2171.

President's Message: By Marilyn Sibitz

Care Amiche,

Blossoms are out and flowers are looming, Spring is arriving. Doesn't it feel wonderful to be surrounded by all this beauty?

Our Club has had two March activities which were a great deal of fun. March 20 was our Birthday Dinner. Lillian Taddei and Francesca Addiego co-chaired this delicious dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage with a touch of Italian influence - pasta with pesto. Thank you to Art Parziale and Evan Mathews for cooking, the ladies who set up and those that served, ticket ladies, bartenders, and dishwashers. We also appreciate those that donated prizes and the members and friends that attended this event.

March 24 was our 73rd Anniversary Dinner. Our Anniversary Committee: Lisa Borreani, Joan Brignone, Bev Chernoff, Rose Marie Gish, Renee Howley, and board liaison Rozz Cantinsi did a wonderful job of planning, decorating, and setting up for this special evening. In addition, we had Francesa Addiego, Joan Bozzone, Melinda Brigone, Maria Della Rosa, Mary Ann and Rich Giaramita, Diane Hasty, Loretta Iacobitti, Adriana Mateucci, and Diane Sericati help with the set up. A special surprise for the evening were the picture boards of past events of our Ladies Club assembled by Gianfranco Sciacero. These were a nice addition to our celebration. Cooks Dino DePianto, Art Parziale, and Lonnie Chase made our delicious dinner, Sante Missaggia and John Ciarabellini made our tasty drinks and David Smith and Bruce McDonald did our dishes. And of course, we had a handsome wait staff, members of the Fratellanza Men's Club. As you can see, it does take our Italian Village to put on such a successful party! Mille grazie to all and to our members and friends who attended our evening and enjoyed dancing to George Campi's music.

Anne Martorello and Joyce Gengler began our April meeting with a fun demonstration of how to pack for a trip. We learned to pack like clothes together in gallon plastic bags so it is easy to find them in our suitcase. She also gave us the latest information from TSA as to what we can and cannot take. She and Joyce ended with a raffle of travel things. It was a great beginning to our meeting. Our October meeting will have our next speaker.

April is a very quiet month for us. We can take time to recharge our batteries and get ready for the many activities coming up!

May starts off with our Mother's Day Dinner (for members only) before our meeting on May 1. This will have a surprise menu AND you must make a reservation with Loretta 510-524-6903, so we know how much food to buy. If you can help to set up on Monday, April 30 at 2:00 please call Mary Ann DePianto 510-527-1432 or Loretta 510-524-6903. We then have our May 15 Birthday Day chaired by Arlene Howell. If you can co-chair this dinner please let me know (510-215-1567). Day at the Races on May 20. See details in the Bulletin. Please put these dates on your calendar, and plan to attend.

Thank you to all of our members for your support of our club!

Con amore, Marilyn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Ladies Members Business Mtng & Speaker - 6:45pm (Spuntino before-by Men)	4 Bocce League	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Bocce League	12	13	14 La Coppa Bocce #2
15	16	17	18 Bocce League	19 Mens 2nd Birthday Dinner 7pm/ Cocktails 6pm	20	21 Men's Family Dinner Dinner 7pm/ Cocktails 6pm
22	23	24	25 Bocce League	26	27 Friday Monthly Club Luncheon 12 noon	28
29	30 Informational Meeting at The Fratellanza for the October 2019 Portugal and the Douro River Cruise - 7pm	1-May Ladies Members Business Mtng & Mother's Day Dinner 6:30pm	2-May Bocce League	3-May	4-May	5-May



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Members Only
Business Meeting &
Mother's Day Dinner**
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
6:30pm

No Cost to Members

Chairs: Loretta Iacobitti, Mary Ann De Pianto, Estelle Vetere

Note: We will plan to have a short meeting after dinner.

The menu is a surprise!

YOU MUST RSVP

by April 27, 2018 to Loretta Iacobitti
510-524-6903

"Day At The Races"
Golden Gate Fields Turf Club
Sunday, May 20, 2018
\$43 per person

This includes valet parking, admission to the Turf Club, program booklet, group photo, 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 15, 2018 to
Diane Sericati 510-526-6470

Fratellanza Club Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday, May 6, 2018 (see flyer for more details)

Member's Only Birthday Dinner: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - 7:00pm/Cocktails 6:00pm

Italian American Federation (IAF) Scholarship Dinner: Saturday, May 19, 2018 (details to come)

Member's Business Meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 7:00pm (Come early-Spuntino by the Men)

Ravioli Lunch and Bunco: Sunday, June 24, 2018 - RSVP to Loretta Iacobitti (details to come)

Member's Business Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 - 7:00pm (Come early-Spuntino by the Men)

Western Dinner & Dance: Saturday, July 14, 2018 (details to come)

Birthday Dinner & Biscotti Cookie Sale: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 (details to come)

TravelCenter Tours and Travel invites The Fratellanza Club Members and Friends

Portugal and the Douro River Cruise

(Porto to Salamanca, Spain and return)

Departure Date: October 2, 2019

Informational Meeting at The Fratellanza Club on Monday, April 30, 2018, 7pm.

For more information: TravelCenter Tours & Travel, 1936 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 925-937-2223

***Special Notice:* "No shows" at our dinners are charged \$10 per ticket, paid by the person who makes the reservation.**

Hot Cross Buns



Buns:

Crumble the yeast into a large mixing bowl and add 1 cup of the warm milk (the milk should feel just warm to the touch but not hot). Using the dough hook attachment, gently mix together. Add the honey, butter, 2 eggs, flour, spice mix, salt, and raisins. Start the mixer and gently pour in the remaining 1 cup of milk while mixing. The dough should come together as a soft ball after a few minutes of mixing. If it is too sticky add a few sprinkles of additional flour; if it is too hard add a few more drops of cold milk. Turn this soft dough out directly onto a sheet pan and cover with plastic wrap. Let it rise until about doubled in size.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

When it has double in size, turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Cut the dough in half and each half in half, etc. until you have a dozen pieces. Shape these pieces into rounds with your hands. Place these rounds equally spaced apart on a floured piece of parchment on a sheet pan. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to rise until almost doubled in size. (If you press gently with your finger on a bun it should bounce back but your fingerprint should remain a bit.)

Beat the remaining egg with a fork in a small bowl. Very gently brush this mixture on each of the buns. Using a sharp knife cut a cross shape in the top of each bun. Besides being decorative this allows the bread to rise nicely as it bakes.

Bake in for about 15 minutes or until browned. Let cool.

When cool, ice each bun with the glaze in a cross shape, following your cuts and using your spatula to drizzle icing on.

Spice Mix:

Mix together all the ingredients.

Glaze:

Put the sugar in a large bowl with the milk. Work the sugar and milk together until combined, adding additional milk 1 teaspoon at a time, until you have a nice smooth thick glaze.

Source: www.Foodnetwork.com

Ingredients - Buns:

- 2 ounces fresh yeast
- 2 cups lukewarm milk
- 1/4 cup honey
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, diced
- 3 eggs
- 4 1/2 cups high-gluten flour
- Spice mix, recipe follows
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup dark raisins
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- Glaze, recipe follows

Ingredients - Spice Mix:

- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Ingredients - Glaze:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup milk, plus more as needed

Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati,
Sunshine Reporter



On March 9th, **Renee New** was hospitalized due a flare up, at that time it was discovered that she also has gall stones. She is awaiting test results before she gets the ok to have surgery. Please remember Renee in your prayers, she has been in pain for several weeks. We wish her the very best.

During the first week of March, **Theresa Valcalda** had a stroke and had been hospitalized. She had previously broken a hip and has been in assisted living. Please send good thoughts Theresa's way.

On March 6th, our new member, **Maria Vila**, became a grandmother of a baby boy, Marco Richard Vila, who weighed in at 9lb 7oz. Congratulations to the Vila family on their new addition!

Congratulations to **Anne Martorello** on becoming a grandmother to a baby girl, Elizabeth Mae (Ellie) Carey, weighing 9lb—my all big babies!!!!. A special congratulations to the great grandmother, **Teresa Ventin**. We know the whole family is over the moon with this new addition.

Becky Lazzarotto had foot/toe surgery on March 27th and is now home and doing quite well. She is mastering the art of a one legged scooter. Go Becky!

Arlene Howell had cataract surgery and is home recuperating. Hope to see you soon!

Karen Garcia had back surgery on April 18th. We wish her speedy recovery!

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