

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Club Dues Now Payable

Please pay your 2019 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 Manila Ave.,
Oakland, CA 94618

2019 Committees

Please see page 3 for more information.

**Buone Feste e
Tanti Auguri a Tutti!
Happy Holidays and
Best Wishes to All!**



President's Message: By Marilyn Sibitz

The elves showed up on November 24 and turned our Fratellanza Club into a beautiful Holiday Wonderland. I hope you come to our events, so you can experience the wonder's of the season. A BIG, BIG, thank you to the men who put up our Christmas Tree: Rich Giamita, Larry Quirico, Steve Taddei, Tim Tomei, and Rich Vila. Working together to decorate were: Francesca Addiego, Mary Ann Giamita, Bobbie Giarratana, Rose Marie Gish, Diane Hasty, Loretta Iacobitti, Vera Kaufman, Becky and Roland Lazzarotto, Angela Missaggia, Sante Missaggia, Nancy McDonough, Sina Nicoletti, Patty Pistello, Gianfranco Sciacero, Kathryn and Steve Taddei, Rich Villa, Loisann Vittone, and Ernestine Warren, my husband Michael and me.

Our November Birthday Dinner began our holiday season. Arlene Howell and Susie DePianto chaired this delicious dinner cooked by Dino DePianto and Evan Matthews. Our boutique, chaired by Vera, and Bake Sale chaired by Irma Sericati, added to our festive evening. Thank you to everyone who worked and those who attended to make this a fun evening.

We were off to San Francisco on November 27 to have dinner at Pier 39's Swiss Louie Restaurant and then on to the theater to see "The Bronx Tale". Thank you to Vera, Rose Marie Gish, and Joyce Gengler and the Travel Center for planning this wonderful evening. The dinner was great and play, super!

Thank you to all of our members who came to the December meeting and brought the delicious food for all of us to enjoy. What an enjoyable way to start a meeting. Mille grazie to Mary Ann Giamita for coordinating the Spuntino. We honored Melinda Brignone (Board), Mary Ann De Pianto (Board), Sina Nicoletti (Board), and Diane Sericati (Treasurer), who have graciously served in their positions for eight or more years. Their involvement and dedication to our club is most appreciated. Also honored were Angela Missaggia and Ida Scodella for serving as Corresponding Secretary and Trustee. We thank them for their commitment to our club.

It is time for you to decide how you would like to be an active participant in 2019. If you have not as yet signed up for a committee, please do so. It takes a village to successfully have the wonderful events our Women's Club provides, so plan to be an active part! Sign up sheets will be at our Member's Dinner on December 18.

This year our Men and Women's Club is having a New Year's Eve dinner dance. Please plan to join us for this exciting event to ring in 2019. (See box for details). If you would like to help set up or serve, please call me.

I hope the holidays bring you happy moments that become warm memories.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!
Con amore, Marilyn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|---|
| 2 Christmas Brunch 9am-12noon | 3 | 4 Members Business Meeting 7pm/ Spuntino 6pm | 5 Bocce League | 6 | 7 | 8 Christmas Dinner Dance Cocktails 6pm/ Dinner 7pm |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Bocce League | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Children's Christmas Party 12noon | 17 | 18 Ladies Members Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange Cocktails 6pm/ Dinner 7pm | 19 Bocce League (Spuntino) | 20 | 21 Friday Club Luncheon 12noon | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 BUON NATALE! | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 New Years Eve Party! | | | | | |

Family Christmas Dinner Dance

December 8, 2018

**\$23 Per Person/
\$28 Guests**

Cocktails 6pm/Dinner 7pm

**Dance to the
Steve Balich Band**

Menu: Fratellanza Salad,
Minestrone Soup, Roast Beef,
Roasted Potatoes,
Vegetables, Dessert

RSVP by 12/6:
fratreservations@gmail.com

Ladies Members Only Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

December 18, 2018

Cocktails 6pm/Dinner 7pm

This is a **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 12/14:
Loretta Iacobitti
510-524-6903

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!

**Fratellanza & Ligure Mens
& Womens Clubs**

**December 31, 2018
\$35 Per Person**

Cocktails 7pm/Dinner 8pm &
Midnight Buffet Celebration

**Ring in the New Year with your
Fratellanza Family & Friends!**

Dance to DJ Gary Savelli

Menu: Fratellanza Salad,
Tortellini w/Pesto, Rack of Pork,
Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Green
Beans, Special Dessert

RSVP by 12/29:
fratreservations@gmail.com
510-764-2365 Ext 4

Children's Christmas Party - December 16, 2018: For member's children and grandchildren up to 12 years of age. Hot dogs and soft drinks served for lunch from 12-1pm. Children's program will start at 1:15pm. Children must be present to receive their gift.

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

Sign up for a 2019 Committee!

Board members are heading up committees to help plan, organize and execute our many events throughout the year. Contact the board member directly for the committee(s) you would like to be part of.

When you are more involved, you have more fun!

- 1) Scholarship/Membership: Loisann Vittone 510-233-8416
- 2) Anniversary Dinners: Renee Howley 510-367-8855
- 3) Speakers for Meetings: Rozz Cantisani 925-376-6732
- 4) Christmas Activities: Anne Martorello 925-300-6775
- 5) Special Activities: Day at the Races, Day Trips, Tea Fundraiser, & Bunco Fundraiser — Diane Sericati 510-526-6470
- 6) Special Dinners: Spuntino's, Mother's Day, Western Night, Christmas — Loretta Iacobitti 510-524-6903 & Lillian Taddei 510-523-9206
- 7) Meeting Refreshments: Marilyn Sibitz 510-215-1567
- 8) Birthday Dinners: Sally Accurso 510-215-1567

2019 Scholarship Information

Scholarship (college or technical school) applications are available now by contacting Rose Marie Gish. Minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Each recipient of the scholarship will receive a minimum of \$1,000. Deadline to submit applications with essay is Feb 1 and grades with letters of recommendations due by 3/15. Anyone is able to make a donation. For more details please contact Loisann Vittone at 510-233-8416 or Melinda Brignone 510-235-2852.

Sunshine Report

By Irma Sericati, Sunshine Reporter



Rachel Gale, had surgery recently and was hospitalized for 3 days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Maria Muscardin had knee replacement surgery on 12/4. Please say an extra prayer for Maria's speedy recovery.

On a sad note, we report the passing of one of our honorary members, **Angela Rapella**, who has been a member of our club since 1958. Angela was very supportive of our club and attended our birthday dinners on a regular basis. Our sincere condolences to her daughters, Linda and Cathy, her sister in law, Edith Rapella, niece Cheryl Rapella Shipley and all her family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

Normally we do not report on members of the men's club passing, however, **Anthony Rago**, brother of **Carmen Rago Burks**, passed away suddenly on 11/17. Anthony was a constant supporter of the Women's club, attending dinners and always donating generous raffle prizes from his paint store. He also donated all the supplies to paint the exterior of the club, for which we are all grateful. Our sincere condolences to the Rago and Burks family.

Berkeley and Albany bowlers will remember **Lou Rinaldi** (and his brother Steve), who were members of the bowling team. It is with sadness we report the passing of Lou, who battled cancer for 3 ½ years. Our condolences to the Rinaldi family.

We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!

2017-2018

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Fraternanza Women's Social Club

2019 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2019

Plan your year of events to attend and help out at our club!

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| JANUARY | 8 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 22 | Tuesday | Birthday Dinner |
| FEBRUARY | 5 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 19 | Tuesday | Polenta Dinner |
| MARCH | 5 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 19 | Tuesday | Birthday Dinner |
| | 23 | Saturday | 74th Anniversary Dinner |
| APRIL | 2 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| MAY | 7 | Tuesday | Business Meeting/Mother's Day Dinner |
| | 21 | Tuesday | Birthday Dinner |
| | 19 | Sunday | Day at the Races |
| JUNE | 4 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 23 | Sunday | Ravioli Luncheon/Bunco |
| JULY | 2 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 13 | Saturday | Western Night Dinner/Dance |
| | 16 | Tuesday | Birthday Dinner/Biscotti Cookie Sale |
| AUGUST | 6 | Tuesday | Business Meeting/Spuntino (Celebrate Past Presidents) |
| | 27 | Saturday | Scholarship Fundraiser Tea |
| SEPTEMBER | 3 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 14 | Saturday | Italian Night Dinner/Dance |
| | 17 | Tuesday | Birthday Dinner |
| OCTOBER | 1 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 15 | Tuesday | Polenta Dinner |
| NOVEMBER | 5 | Tuesday | Business Meeting |
| | 19 | Tuesday | Birthday Dinner/Bake Sale |
| DECEMBER | 3 | Tuesday | Business Meeting/Christmas Spuntino |
| | 15 | Sunday | Children's Christmas Party |
| | 17 | Tuesday | Members Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange |

Additional dates and trips to be announced.