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# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## President's Message By Marilyn Sibitz

Cari Amici,

I am sure we all miss each other very much! Speaking on the phone, face timing, or zooming on the computer, are a great convenience; but, it doesn't take the place of physically being next to your family and friends. Fortunately, we are all staying safe and well while our fun activities of dinners, raffles, playing Bunco, taking tea together, and attending our meetings are on hold. It is not known when we will be able to meet again in person. Our club will be closed for the month of June, and what happens in July is not determined, yet. The Men's Club is keeping a close look at the statistics, and what the governor is saying. A month to month decision as to when the club will open will be made by them, and I will keep you updated on that information.

In the meantime, our board is talking, via computer, about how we feel about continuing with our events. We haven't decided when we might feel comfortable with gathering at the club in the future. One of our concerns is about the traditional events we have and what to do about upcoming events. Fortunately, we have been able to give out our scholarships this year to eight deserving students. We won't be able to continue to fund these scholarships for next year unless we earn some income to support them. Our scholarships are funded by our Bake Sales, Ravioli/Bunco Luncheon, Scholarship Fundraiser Tea, and our raffles (\$200 from each raffle goes to this account).

After much discussion the Board came up with the following idea... A donation from each of our club members to our Scholarship Fund would help tremendously to support scholarships for next year. When

deciding how much you would like to donate, think about how much money you pay for the activities you attend. This year we have had one Birthday Dinner and one Polenta Dinner. We have had to cancel our March and May Birthday Dinners, our Ravioli/Bunco Luncheon, our Scholarship Fundraiser Tea, and probably, we will not have our July Birthday/Bake Sale Dinner. Our September Birthday Dinner is also questionable (but we will wait until later in the summer to make that decision).

All of the clubs in our Italian American Federation are facing problems just as we are. With the generosity of our members, we hope we can work together and make a difference for our Fratellanza Women's Social Club, so we can continue with our Scholarship Program as well as our many other activities that make us the wonderful club that we are.

To make a donation please, write your check out to Fratellanza Women's Club Scholarship Fund. Send it to Rose Marie Gish, 5456 Manila Ave., Oakland, Ca 94618. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

May your June be filled with many fine memories of past graduations, Father's Day celebrations, weddings, and other activities with family and friends. May we look to our future when we are able to add club events to our memory bank!

**Please continue to stay well and safe.**

Con amore,  
Marilyn