

# FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Marilyn Sibitz



Cari amici,

Fall is definitely here, and with it are fun activities that come with the season. Halloween, Polenta Dinner, and our Thanksgiving are favorites of most of us as our club has wonderful events that we enjoy at this time of the year.

Our Polenta Dinner kicks off this season on October 18. Men and women will sit together to enjoy this event. Rozz Cantisani is chairing this dinner, so please call her if you can help set up or serve at (925) 376-6732.

November 15 is our Birthday Dinner which is the time when we remember everything we are thankful for in our lives. We are all blessed to be a part of an Italian Club that helps us continue remembering our Italian heritage and culture and enjoy the many friendships we have made with our members. Chairperson is Paulette Lagana, and she would love to have you help set up or serve. Give her a call at (925) 325-9632 to offer your help.

This Birthday Dinner is also our Bake Sale. Members are asked to bring a homemade treat that will be sold with the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund. Please bring your baked goods packaged and priced. I look forward to your participation in our polenta and birthday dinners. We continue to move forward with the past conditions hopefully behind us.

Con amore, Marilyn

### DRIVE-THRU CLUB LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

**Menu:** Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Chicken Cacciatore, Veggie  
**Cost:** \$20 (Wine \$5 bottle)  
**Pickup:** 11am - 12:30pm

**RSVP by October 25**

[fratreservations@gmail.com](mailto:fratreservations@gmail.com)  
**(510) 764-2365 ext. 4**

### MEMBER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Member's Business Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month.

**6:00pm Social Hour & Spuntino/Men (Pot Luck)**  
**7:00pm Meeting Begins**

### CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

**1:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Every Wednesday**

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Caption

**POLENTA DINNER**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**CHAIR:**  
**ROZZ**  
**CANTISANI**

**Menu:**

Fratellanza Salad, Polenta with Sausage & Beef Stew,  
Vegetables, Dessert, Wine & Coffee

**Cost:**

\$25 Members and Guests  
(Women and Men Sit Together)  
\$12 for Children Ages 6-12

**Time:**

6pm Cocktails / 7pm Dinner

**RSVP by October 14:**

**Loretta Iacobitti at (510) 524-6903**



**HOW TO MAKE THE PERFECT POLENTA**

Polenta is coarsely ground cornmeal. The classic ratio is 1 part polenta to 4 parts water. It's a perfect base for any kind of saucy meat or mushroom ragout.

SOURCE: [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)

**Ingredients**

- 4 cups water/chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 1 cup polenta
- 3 tablespoons butter, divided
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, plus more for garnish

**Directions**

1. Bring water and salt to a boil in a large saucepan; pour polenta slowly into boiling water, whisking constantly until all polenta is stirred in and there are no lumps.
2. Reduce heat to low and simmer, whisking often, until polenta starts to thicken, about 5 minutes. Polenta mixture should still be slightly loose. Cover and cook for 30 minutes, whisking every 5 to 6 minutes. When polenta is too thick to whisk, stir with a wooden spoon. Polenta is done when texture is creamy and the individual grains are tender.
3. Turn off heat and gently stir 2 tablespoons butter into polenta until butter partially melts; mix 1/2 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into polenta until cheese has melted. Cover and let stand 5 minutes to thicken; stir and taste for salt before transferring to a serving bowl. Top polenta with remaining 1 tablespoon butter and about 1 tablespoon freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese for garnish.

**Special Notice:**

**"No shows" at our dinners are charged \$10 per ticket, to be paid by the person who made the reservation.**

**\*\* RESULTS \*\***

**ELECTED**  
**CLUB OFFICERS**  
**2023-2024**

Thank you to everyone that attended our Member's Business Meeting and voted on October 4, 2022.

Congratulations to our newly elected Club Officers!

**Recording Secretary:**

Bev Chernoff

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Lisa Borreani

**Financial Secretary:**

Rose Marie Gish

**Treasurer:**

Becky Lazzarotto

**Board Members:**

Rozz Cantisani  
Renee Howley  
Anne Martorello  
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**Trustees:**

Francesca Addiego  
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MaryAnn De Pianto  
Loretta Iacobitti  
Adriana Matteucci



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**ANNUAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION  
2022/2023 QUEEN CORONATION DINNER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022**

Come celebrate **Maddie Mittone**, the new Italian American Federation Queen for 2022/2023, representing The Fratellanza Club, at the beautiful Queen Coronation Dinner.

**Menu:** Antipasto, Salad, Ravioli with Meat Balls & Sausage, Wine, Coffee, Dessert

**Cost:** \$34 (\$17 for children ages 5-12)  
*Make Checks payable to the IAF.*

**Time:** 4pm Cocktails & Music (By George Campi)  
5pm Coronation & Dinner

**Location:** Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th St. Oakland, CA 94608

**RSVP by ASAP to  
Ron Blair - 725 Camborne Drive., Manteca, CA 95336**

For questions or additional information please contact Ron Blair at (925) 819-2945 or [ronblair1@comcast.net](mailto:ronblair1@comcast.net). Help is needed with the setup, table decorations, flowers, and check in. Contact Ron Blair If you would like to help with this event.

**UPCOMING  
2022  
EVENTS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**November 15, 2022 (Tue):**  
Birthday Dinner  
&  
Bake Sale  
(wrapped and priced)

**December 18, 2022 (Sun):**  
Santa Claus is Coming  
to Town!  
Special Drive By Event

GIFT RSVP EXTENDED TO  
OCTOBER 10, 2022

**December 20, 2022 (Tue):**  
Ladies Members Only  
Christmas Dinner  
&  
Gift Exchange



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - CLASS OF 2023**

Children and grandchildren of current Fratellanza Women's Social Club members are eligible to apply for the 2023 Scholarship Program by downloading the PDF packet from the website, printing it, following the directions, and submitting it to the Scholarship Committee by the required deadline of April 15, 2023. The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to learning about you and your educational plans after your high school graduation!

[www.fratellanzaclub.com/womens-club/newsletter/](http://www.fratellanzaclub.com/womens-club/newsletter/)

Good luck to you!

The Fratellanza Women's Social  
Club Scholarship Program Committee



**SUNSHINE REPORT**  
**By Irma Sericati**  
 Sunshine Reporter



Our Past President, **Karen Garcia**, has been hospitalized since last Friday with kidney stones. She had a procedure done on Monday and will be in the hospital for a few more days. We send her get well wishes for a speedy recovery. We know Karen would appreciate receiving cards as she is always sending out cards to members for all occasions.

**Now some very sad news:**

It is with extreme sorrow that we report on the passing of our long time member, **Maria Muscardin** on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Maria was, until recently, very active in our club and a true supporter. Our sincere condolences to her husband, Tony, her daughters, Claudia Velez, our member, daughter, Marina Ashe and son Vito Muscardin. Please keep the Muscardin family in your prayers and thoughts.

**Mary Vietti**, who was a 50 year member of our club, passed away recently. Although she was unable to participate any longer in our events, she will be missed by all her family and friends.

We recently learned of the passing of **Audrey Dodic's husband, Nino**. Both Audrey and Nino enjoyed the club very much, especially playing bocce. We extreme our condolences to Audrey and family on the passing of Nino.

**Carole Georgantes** recently lost her **brother, Paul Georgantes**, who passed away after a long illness. We send our sincere condolences to Carole and family.

**Janet Clayton's brother, Robert Silva**, passed away in September. Sending our sincere sympathy to Janet and family.

**Saving some happy news for last:**

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, our Board member, **Anne Martorello** became a grandmother for the 8<sup>th</sup> times, this time a baby boy, Michael Holmes Greiner, in Austin Texas, also making **Terri Ventin** a great grandmother again. Congratulations to Anne, Terri and family on the latest addition to their growing families.

**Please keep all our members in your prayers and thoughts.**

*If you have news of a club member who is ill, hospitalized, or deceased, please contact Irma Sericati at (510) 526-6470 or e-mail at [dsramona@aol.com](mailto:dsramona@aol.com).*

**2021-2022**

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