

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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

BOARD MEMBER MESSAGE
 By Anne Wegher Martorello



DRIVE-THRU CLUB LUNCHEON
 FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

Menu: Ravioli & Baked Ham
Cost: \$20 (Wine \$5 bottle)
Pickup: 11am - 12:30pm

RSVP by April 25
fratreservations@gmail.com
(510) 764-2365 ext. 4

MEMBER'S MEETING & MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023.
6:30pm Free Dinner for Members (RSVP)
7:00pm Meeting Begins

CLUB OPEN
BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM
1:00pm - 5:00pm
Every Wednesday

Dear Members of the Fratellanza Women's Club:

Are you an OPTIMISTA or a PESSIMISTA??

Is our glass half full or half empty at the Fratellanza Women's Social Club??

I'm an Optimista. So, I would say it's half full! While we find ourselves at a challenging juncture without a President and a Vice President, the Board has not missed a step, as we move forward to bring our Club into balance. The following actions have been taken since the beginning of January 2023.

1. The Board has met every month to prioritize tasks at hand, to identify issues that stand in our way, to communicate to our membership, and to work more efficiently with the Men's Club, so that we can address the challenges in front of us.
2. A Bylaw committee was established and is underway. We are reviewing the bylaws to ensure that the duties of our officers and the Board are balanced and responsible. Our goal is to make it more "doable" for an officer to step-up.
3. A Membership committee was established. Our goal is to increase our membership and to increase member participation, while still adhering to our Italian culture.
4. We have been in executive meetings with the Men's Club to brainstorm ideas to bring a working membership back to the Club.
5. The Ladies Club and the Men's Club have agreed to jointly hold an Italian Festa at our Club in the early fall. Come to the May membership meeting to hear more. We are asking EVERY MEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUNDRAISER IN SOME WAY.
6. We are moving forward in May on the update of the front women's bathroom. Yay!! More information to also be shared at our May meeting.

A big shout out to Arlene Howell, chairperson of the March 21st Birthday dinner, and all of her crew –cooks, kitchen staff and waiters --- who worked as a team IN THE DARK AND WITHOUT POWER to provide a "take-home" meal for those diners who weathered the torrential rain and ventured to the Club anyway. This group epitomized what it is to work together and keep the Fratellanza fun.

See you at our May 2nd Dinner and Business meeting!

Anne Wegher Martorello
 Board Member of the Fratellanza Women's Club

**MAY BUSINESS MEETING
& MOTHER'S DAY DINNER
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

This is a special free mother's day dinner for member's only, prior to our business meeting, but you **MUST** make reservations.

Time & Cost:

6:30pm Dinner/ 7pm Meeting
Cost: FREE FOR MEMBER'S

RSVP by April 28, 2023:
Loretta Iacobitti at (510) 524-6903



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dear Boards of Directors Fratellanza Men's and Women's Social Clubs,

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Women's Club Birthday Dinner provided observers with the incredible opportunity to witness the effectiveness, organization, and teamwork of the Fratellanza Social Clubs. The Women's Social Club was prepared to provide 100 diners with a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner complete with all the fixings. As chefs and wait staff discovered upon their arrival, **the Club was without power!** Image seeing the assembled staff of workers solve this problem in "real time." Lanterns appeared, individual miners' lights were distributed, staff assembled brown and plastic bags, and were determined to distribute "take away" meals for identified diners who agreed to pick up their meals on time at **7 PM**. In the kitchen salad was made, pasta was boiling, pesto was warming, cabbage and carrots were cooked, cupcakes, salad dressing, rolls boxed or bagged AND **corned beef was sliced by hand!** The staffs worked quickly and quietly to overcome the obstacles of the moment **TOGETHER!**

Needless to say, the teamwork and respect demonstrated by the Fratellanza Men's and Women's Social Clubs are worthy of acknowledgement. I am excited and so looking forward to the ongoing commitment of the Fratellanza Social Clubs in their future projects and goals that honor their past, celebrate their present, and endow their future together.

Sincerely,
Joan Brignone

Special Notice:

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



**CLUB SUNDAY DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023**

Menu:

Fratellanza Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Vegetables, Dessert

Time & Cost:

4pm Cocktails/ 5pm Dinner
Cost: \$25 Adults / \$12 Children
6-12 (Special Pricing)

RSVP by April 19, 2023:
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**LA COPPA BOCCCE
TOURNAMENT SERIES
2023**

SAT, APRIL 15, 2023
SAT, OCTOBER 21, 2023
SUN, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

\$15.00 each

Sign up at the Club to
reserve your spot or contact
GianFranco at
gsciacero@earthlink.net or
(510) 525-5372

The East Bay Italian Club
Tournament is scheduled
for Saturday, September 16,
2023 at the Fratellanza
Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**BIRTHDAY DINNER
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023
Details to Come**

**DAY AT THE RACES
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
Payment Deadline - April 30
See Flyer for Details**

**RAVIOLI/BUNCO
LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023
Details to Come**

**WESTERN DINNER/DANCE
SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023
Details to Come**

**BDAY DINNER/BISCOTTI
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023
Details to Come**



**CLUB MOTHER'S DAY
BRUNCH
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE
Details to Come**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - CLASS OF 2023
DUE APRIL 15, 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/

Good luck to you!

The Fratellanza Women's
Social Club Scholarship
Program Committee



**CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS 2023
APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 30, 2023**

The Fratellanza Women’s Club will be accepting membership applications for new members this year! If you know of anyone that would like to be a member, now is the time. Applications are due by April 30, 2023. Contact Diane Sericati at dsramona@aol.com or 510-816-6470 (M) or 510-526-6470 (H) for an application.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAIDER TEA LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023**

The Annual Tea Party is happening! If you are interested to host a table, please contact Barbara Barassi:
510-517-5833 (M)
nowvoyager1014@yahoo.com



**SUNSHINE REPORT
By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter**



Velma Miles was hospitalized with heart problems, and is now home recuperating. We wish her the very best.

Mimi Philips became a grandmother to a beautiful baby boy, Timothy James Woodstrom, named after is proud grandfather (Mimi’s husband). Congratulations to the whole family, babies are such a joy.

Now some sad news:

Our long-time member, **Emma Arrington** passed away on March 21st at the age of 98. Emma just celebrated being a 50-year member of our club. She, her husband, and her sisters will always be remembered as supporting the club during their many years as members. We extend our condolences to her family, including our members and her nieces, Laura Meiser and Jan Rigney.

Antonietta Tamburrino’s husband passed away in March; our sincerely sympathy to the Tamburrino family.

Our member, **Claudia Velez’s father, Antonio Muscardin**, passed away in March. Our past member, his wife, Maria, had passed away 6 months earlier, to the date. They both enjoyed coming to the club; Maria always helping with the hot dogs at Christmas and Tony, especially, dancing with his wife. We extend our condolences to all of Antonio’s family, including son, Vito Muscardin, daughter, Marina Ashe and all of the extended Muscardin family.

Virgina Struhm fell and broker her ankle in 2 places. She is recovering at her son’s house. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Wishing everyone a great start to a bright spring with hopefully less rain and more sunshine to come!!!

If you have news of a club member who is ill, hospitalized, or deceased, please contact Irma Sericati at (510) 526-6470

2023-2024

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Open

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