



**November 2024**

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The Colombo Club  
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Mark Rezente	2023-2025
Nick Nicora	2023-2034

Sunshine Chair, Gordon Bowman  
gbowman999@yahoo.com



**BBQ Dinner at the Club!**

6:00 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner  
\$45/person

Limited to 250 reservations  
See flyer in this issue for reservations



**Tuesday, November 12  
Assembly Meeting,  
Dinner & Election Night**



5 pm - 7 pm, \$20 members only

Menu: Bagna Caulda  
Salad, Hearty  
Minestrone Soup

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on  
November 4.  
Call 510-653-9716, press 1 and then press  
6 for the special events.

**Officers: 1-year term (Vote for 7)  
President**

Joe Ianora, President  
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Matt Moran, Treasurer

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**Board of Directors: 3-year term  
(vote for 4) (\* - incumbent)**

Dave Nardi *	Stefan Molnar
Dino Rinetti *	Albert Traille
Nick Bloisa	

*Auxiliary  
87th Anniversary Dinner  
Saturday, December 7*

5:30 pm No host cocktails  
6:30 Dinner  
Dancing follows

Caesar Salad, Antipasto, Ravioli,  
Prime Rib, Wine, Dessert & Coffee

Featuring the  
**Dennis Cruda Band**

\$45/person  
(cash or checks only please)

**Reservations:**

Call Mary Pandolfo  
(510) 276-7681  
by Saturday Nov. 30

**Birthday Dinners**

Nov 7 and 21

Salad, Pasta a la Anna,  
Sausage & Peppers,  
Dessert, Wine & Coffee

**Birthday Dinners**

**Thursday, Dec 5** (Co-ed)

**Thursday, Dec 12** (Men)

**Menu:** Salad, Spaghetti &  
Meatballs, Dessert, Wine and  
Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails; 7:30 pm Dinner

\$33 Members, \$38 Guests

\$16 Children 6-12 yrs

Call (510) 653-9020

Press 1 to make reservations,  
press 1 for the 1st Birthday Dinner, or  
press 2 for the 2nd Birthday Dinner

**Thursday, Nov. 7** (Men Only)

**Thursday, Nov. 21** (Co-ed)

**Call now for reservations**

To cancel reservations call by 7 pm Sunday  
before the dinner. Use the same extensions,  
above, to cancel.

**Cashless policy will be followed.**

**Saturday,  
November 9**

Cocktails	5 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm
Show starts	9:00 pm

**Meal your choice of**

- New York Strip
- Roasted Chicken
- Vegetarian



**A Tribute To Fleetwood Mac**

\$85 per person  
Reserve front row seats for an  
additional \$100/ for 4 persons

See the flyer in this issue for  
details and registration.

## President's Message

Saluti A Tutti! Happy Thanksgiving!

October's events were outstanding and very well-attended; thank you for taking the time to support our club. The Colombo Club Golf Tournament was a great event! "Thank You!" to Past President Nick Nicora for continuing the tradition and organizing another memorable day. Our Halloween Family Dinner was enjoyed by all, with costumes, games, and great food! "Thank You!" to Club member Michael Covione for once again transforming our ballroom into an eerie Halloween wonderland!

November features several events that should not be missed. Past President Nick Nicora has once again gone all-out, to bring great entertainment to the Colombo Club! On Saturday, November 9th, the tribute band "Fleetwood Macrame" will appear in concert on the stage at the Colombo Club Ballroom. This dinner-&-concert event is a great way to jump-start your family's holiday season! On Tuesday, November 12th, we have our annual Assembly Meeting and Elections. This is your opportunity to keep up-to-date with the current state of our Club's financial health in these challenging times, share your opinions and ideas with our Board of Directors, and take part in determining future Club operations. Your attendance will be appreciated.

Thursday, November 14th features a special event at the Colombo Club! 2nd Vice President Joe Ianora has arranged for a professional cooking-competition chef, "Doc Bones BBQ", to bring his staff to the Colombo Club and provide a plated Tri-Tip BBQ dinner for your enjoyment! This coed event has limited seating; only 250 tickets will be sold. So, please phone-in your reservations ASAP!

If you're considering volunteering at the Club, we're also looking for a few dedicated members to train to run our always-popular Incentive Program at each Birthday Dinner. It's a great way to become involved, it's only a few hours each month, and it's critically important to the financial success of our Club! Please email me, if you're interested.

Lastly, if you have an idea for an event that you'd like to see held at our Club, and/or if you would like to help out at our Club, then please contact me at my email address below. I look forward to seeing you at the Colombo Club this month!

Ciao!

Tony Ballestero  
ballestero@protonmail.ch

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Buon Novembre,

I am happy for the cooler weather and the Fall colors of the trees. Can you believe it? We are nearing the end of the year already. It's unbelievable how fast this year has flown by. We must prepare for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year.

The Polenta Dinner was a great success, thanks to Frances Bienati & Laurie Castell for planning the event. The games are always a big draw and a whole lot of fun. A special thanks to all the cooks, volunteers and donations for the games, wine, and incentive baskets. Grazié Mille.

We have a time change on November 3rd. Please remember to Fall Back one hour.

Officer and Board elections will happen this month. The meeting is on November 20th at 6:30 pm. We are asking all members to bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to our St. Vincent's Day Home delivery.

In December, we have our 87th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday the 7th. Please invite your friends and family to this special dinner. The presidents of many East Bay Italian Clubs will be attending.

Buon Compleanno to all our November-born ladies.

Christmas is coming fast! Are you ready?

December 14th is our Children's Christmas Party at Noon.

Please contact our Sick & Sunshine representative, Elaine Kless, if you know of any member who has been hospitalized or ill. (925) 858-9245.

Stai bene,

Renée Amaro,  
Colombo Club Auxiliary President

## 73rd Annual Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 14**

Doors Open at 11 am

Children receive gifts from Santa and Mrs.  
Claus beginning at Noon

Gift reservation cards were due October 30.



# Buon Compleanno!

John Anderson	Marc Emeldi	Jim Ogden
Bob Anderson	Vito Esposito	Adam Olivieri
Christopher Bausone	Justin Forni	Arthur Panella DDS
Andrew J. Bausone	Martin Nicola Francone	John B. Parisi
Larry Bellusa	Jeffery Gabie	Eric Payne
Clay Berg	Gerald Ghio	James J. Penna
Jose Blason	Eric Ghisletta	Jacob Perata
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Gordon Bowman	Domenic Inferrera	Steve Roderick
Lance A. Brocchini	Michael Isola	Keith Romano
Philip Cardiasmenos	Richard Jensen	Don Sanguinetti
Fred J. Cattaneo	Anthony Kontilis	Charles J. Scarano
Larry J. Cavalli	Father Jason Landeza	Anthony Scotto
Franco Cavallo	Joseph N. Lapenna	Christian Shumate
David Dominic Cerruti	Frank LaScala	Sean Anthony Sillineri
Vincent Cirelli	Matt Lydon	Steven Splendorio
Donald George Colombana	Richard "Rick" Marchitiello	Donald Squaglia
Salvatore Coniglio	Patrick Marigonda	Nikolas Stathopoulos
Chris Corby	Dustin Mayberry	Anthony E Tedeschi
Tony Corica	Denis M. McGrath	Tim Tomei
Vincent Culcasi	David L. Merlo	Domenic V. Torchia
Aidan Delamain	David Minolli	Robert A. Tucknott
Leonard Devoto	Dick Minolli	George N. Valerio
Michael D'Orazi		Leon Vignale

## Grazie Mille

### Incentive Program Donors

We thank the generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in October: Dino Rinetti, Danny Foster, James "Artlifer 56", James Bartha, Brian Baptist, Joe Gennaro, Jerry Jennaro, John Morris, David Thornley, Gary Sabatte, Craig Jaber - Royal Auto Repair, Stefan Molnar - Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Tim Tomei, Vince Traverso - Kingfish Pub & Cafe.



## Italian History Evening – Sunday November 3

The Colombo Club of Oakland is inviting all generations of Italians in the Bay Area to an enlightening evening of Italian history. The event will feature the acclaimed documentary "POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS: When it was a crime to be Italian." This documentary has garnered prestigious awards, including the 2021 National IAF and the Golden Dragon award for best documentary at the 2022 Ferrara Film Festival in Italy among others.

All Italian Americans should know the fear, insults, disrespect and financial harm done to our immigrant ancestors during the war. This history is little known because our forebears did not talk about what happened to them during the early days of the war due to embarrassment, fear and a genuine desire to become "Americani."

Additionally, there will be a Presentation of Lawrence DiStasi's book, **Branded: How Italian Immigrants Became 'Enemies' During WWII**, by Frank B Bruno.

Join the Colombo Club for an evening of reflection and learning, as we celebrate and remember the resilience of the Italian community. Make reservations at (510) 653-9716 and press 1 for reservations and 6 for special events.

## 2025 Scholarship Applications Available Now!

### 1) Colombo Club/Colombo Club Auxiliary 2025 Scholarships:

#### Applicant Requirements:

- Must be the child or grandchild of a current Colombo Club or Colombo Club Auxiliary member
- Must be a high school senior who is graduating from a high school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Must provide completed application, including required attachments, before March 15, 2025.

Scholarship applications are available at the Colombo Club at the bar in the Club Room. Any questions, contact Tony Ballestero at tonyb1369@comcast.net.

### 2) The Bossola Scholarship for 2025

Applications are available by sending an email request to bossolascholarship@gmail.com. The deadline for completed applications is March 15, 2025.



## Our Cultural Heritage

# These Guys Keep the Club Running

by Rich Puppione

Is there anything **Tony Tedeschi** has not done for the Colombo Club? Tony Tedeschi served as club president in 2011 – 2012. It seems as though he has been a board member forever. Tony has been board chairman, house committee chair, event manager, has helped out with the club finances, worked almost every club work party. He has also been (just to name a few): 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Head Cook, Bartender, Waiter, Chair of the Italian Clubs' Annual Picnic, Bocce Tournament Cook, Organizer of Colombo Club Italian Night at the A's Game, Volunteer at the Women Auxiliary Dinners, Volunteer Cook for Assembly Dinners, Colombo Club Representative at the Bay Area Italian Clubs Meetings, Volunteer Cook at Christmas Lunch for DMV, Volunteer at the Children's Christmas Party and Incentive Program Ticket Seller.



**Vic Tufo and Angelo Magurno** have taken care of the Colombo Club bar for years. They made sure that the bar was prepared for all club events, cutting up the needed fruits, ordering the liquor and maintaining the bar equipment. They also closed up the club after events and made

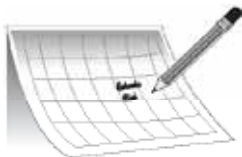


sure that the revenue ended up in the club safe. (Vic is on the left and Angelo is on the right – yes, really)

**Don Ceremello** grew up coming to the Colombo Club. His dad was the club's bar manager for years and Don learned respect for the club from him. From setting up for club events, bar tending, general maintenance work, overseeing the security of the club, taking phone reservations and volunteering at club work parties, Don is making a huge difference in keeping the club going.



**Danny Foster** is probably appreciated most for the wonderful focaccia pizzas that he makes for the incentive program for every birthday dinner. His pizzas are always the most prized reward of the night. Club Board of Director, table setter of all club dinners, redoing the kitchen floor, cook, special events volunteer and work party volunteer such as transporting gifts for children at the Christmas party, working on preparing the hot dogs for the Christmas party are just a few of the ways Danny helps the club.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Nov. 3** Colombo Movie Night

**Birthday Dinners**, *Sausage Peppers*

Nov. 7 - Men Only

Nov. 21 - Co-Ed

**Nov 9** Fleetwood Macrame Dinner & Show, *New York Strip Steak, Chicken or Veg*

**Nov 12** Assembly Meeting & Dinner, *Minestrone Soup*

**Nov. 14** BBQ Dinner, *Tri Tip and Chicken*

**Birthday Dinners**, *Spaghetti & Meatballs*

Dec. 5 - Co-Ed

Dec 12 - Men Only

**Dec. 7** Auxiliary 87th Anniversary Dinner

**Dec 14** Children's Christmas Party

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# TRI-TIP BBQ DINNER

**Thursday November 14th**



For Reservation  
+ 510 653-9716  
option 1 - RESERVATION  
option 6 - SPECIAL EVENT



6:00 PM Cocktail  
7:00 PM Dinner  
\$45 - Limited seating  
Only 250 tickets

This is a plated event consisting of:

- 6 oz tri-tip
- Cole slaw
- 3 oz pulled chicken
- Baked potato
- Biscuits
- Wine
- Corn on the cobb
- Dessert





# COLOMBO CLUB PRESENTS

(A Rumours Filled Evening)

NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2024

## Fleetwood Macramé

### Fleetwood Mac TRIBUTE BAND

THE COLOMBO CLUB WILL COME ALIVE AS WE SIT BACK AND LISTEN AND DANCE TO THE BEST FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE BAND IN THE BAY AREA

Don't Stop, Albatross, Gypsy, Never Going Back Again, Little Lies, The Chain, Rhiannon, Go Your Own Way, Dreams, Landslide, Say You Love Me

#### DINNER

BORDENAVE'S ROLLS  
ANTIPASTA  
COLOMBO CLUB FAMOUS SALAD  
COLOMBO CLUB FAMOUS PASTA

#### CHOICE OF

NEW YORK STRIP  
ROASTED CHICKEN UPON REQUEST  
DESSERT

VEGETARIAN MEAL AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Cocktail at 5:00pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Show starts at 9:00pm

Dinner & Show

\$85 per person

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW WITH THE FORM BELOW OR AT THE COLOMBO CLUB WEBSITE

BUY TICKETS  
[THECOLOMBOCLUB.COM](http://THECOLOMBOCLUB.COM)

HERE

ALL PURCHASES MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE  
TO EVENT NO WALKUPS

48 FRONT ROW TABLE SEATS \$100 for 4 PERSONS

(TABLE SEATS DO NOT INCLUDE DINNER)

Place Cards to Reserve Your Show Seating Handed Out First Come First Serve Night of Event  
Place your card on your selected seats and they are yours

Payment For Concert

Emailed reservations Must be made by Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Reservation by website will take first preference The show could be sold out prior to the club receiving your email

Make Check Payable to the Colombo Club Or Use Charge Card Authorization at the Bottom of This Page

**Email to: John Mazibrook: [jtmazibrook@earthlink.net](mailto:jtmazibrook@earthlink.net)**  
**Or WEBSITE FOR PAYMENT & REGISTRATION [HTTPS://THECOLOMBOCLUB.COM](https://thecolomboclub.com)**

## Tickets

Single Tickets # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$ 85.00

### Choice of meal

New York Strip # \_\_\_\_\_

Roasted Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian # \_\_\_\_\_

Front Row Table Seats for Show # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$ 100 Each (does not include dinner just priority seating)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Charge Card Authorization

(Circle One) Visa/MC/Discover/AmEx

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Digit Number on Back of Card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



COLOMBO CLUB AUXILIARY

87th Anniversary  
DINNER

Saturday, December 7, 2024

CHAired BY DIANE PROTO & YVONNE EVANS

MENU: ANTIPASTI, CAESAR SALAD, RAVIOLI, PRIME RIB, GARLIC MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLES, DESSERT, WINE AND COFFEE

PRICE: \$47 – FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS – CASH OR CHECK

TIME: NO HOST COCKTAILS AT 5:30; DINNER AT 6:30

RSVP TO MARY PANDOLFO AT (510) 276-7681

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2024

*Music provided by Dennis Cruda*

