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Birthday Dinners

March 13 and 27

Salad, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Dessert, Wine & Coffee

Birthday Dinners

Thursday, Apr 10 (Men)

Thursday, Apr 24 (Co-ed)

Menu: Salad, Pasta Fagioli, Sausage & Peppers, 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

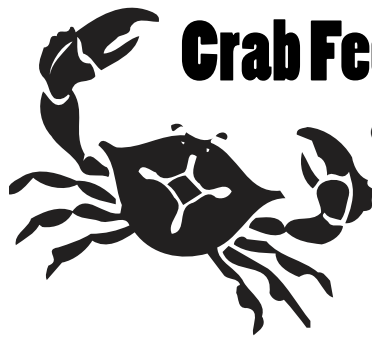
Thursday, Mar 13 (Men only)

Thursday, Mar 27 (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.



Crab Feed Time is Here Again

Crab season is open once again and the Colombo Club will have one more Crab Feed this month. Attendance is limited to 450, so get your reservations in early!

Saturday

March 22

Menu

Salad, Risotto with Clams, all you can eat Crab, Wine, Coffee and Dessert

This is a prepaid event. Use the reservation form, enclosed, or pay online www.thecolomboclub.com No host Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm

\$80 per person

Auxiliary St. Patrick's Dinner
Thursday, March 20



Antipasto, Salad and Rolls, Pesto Pasta, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Dessert, Wine & Coffee

6 pm Cocktails • 7 pm Dinner

Members/Spouse	\$30/each	During Cocktail hour, dancers from the McBride School of Irish Dance will entertain us!
Guests	\$33	
Children ages 6-12 under 6	\$15 Free	

Don't miss it!

Make reservations by March 13. Call Mary Pandolfo, 510-276-7681. See the flyer for details.

The Club is Open for Your Next Private Party!

Book the Colombo Club for your private event. You can also have a Party within a Party at one of our dinners. Your guests can enjoy the Ed Basso Room before and after dinner.

Call the Club at (510) 653-9020 and press 3 for events and leave a message for the Member Event Coordinator Francis Bienati or House Chairman, Tony Tedeschi.

President's Message

Wow, what a busy February! Between sold-out crab feeds, Birthday Dinners and Induction Ceremony, the month flew by. Thank you to all who attended these events and your continued support of the Club.

Looking forward to March, with another full slate of events. March kicked off with a work party to "spruce" up the Club – a big thank you to all who helped out!

As you know, March is when we link arm-in-arm with our Irish brethren to celebrate with them...and, maybe drink a pint or two in their honor. Returning to the Club in March will be our ever popular "Corned Beef and Cabbage" Dinners. This year we have a special treat from the Women's Auxiliary; they will be having Irish dancers at their family event. Dates for these events are:

March 13th – Men only Birthday Dinner

March 20th – Women's Auxiliary St. Patrick's Dinner

March 27th - Coed Birthday Dinner

Cant wait to see you participating at one, or more of these events!

Speaking of participation, here are some ways you can help out around the club:

- Attend a work party (lunch provided!)
- Volunteer to help sell incentive tickets
- Donating a prize to our incentive program
- Running prizes to that lucky winner
- Recruiting someone for membership in the club!

Any of these things make a huge difference to our club.

Our annual Membership Dues are now due. These funds are critical to the operation of the Club. It's convenient to pay your Dues online, on the Club's website, www.thecolomboclub.com. Thank you for your continued membership and support of our Club! If you have a friend who you believe would enjoy being a Member of the Colombo Club, then please consider sponsoring them; membership applications are available at the Club bar, and on our website.

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 volunteer 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!

Joe Ianora, President, Jianora1@gmail.com

Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Saluti, Happy March, we will be changing our clocks to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday March 9th. Please, remember to "Spring Forward." Winter will end with the first day of Spring on Thursday, March 20. It's a beautiful time of year. Lots of new blossoms, baby birds are chirping with flowers and trees blooming. Time to get those home gardens prepared. My daffodils and tulips have already shown their pretty faces.

On Thursday, March 20th, the McBride Irish Dancers will be entertaining us before the dinner is served. Please remember to wear a bit of green to help celebrate the St. Patrick's Day. Invite all your friends and family to this dinner. The deadline for making reservations is March 13. Don't be late or you will miss it, then, at 7 pm, we adjourn downstairs to have a fantastic Corned Beef & Cabbage meal with our special Pesto Pasta. This dinner will be chaired by Dianne Marangio and Elaine Kless. These ladies have decorated and organized a great evening. Also, there will be lots of incentive gifts there to win. I hope to see you all there. (See flyer).

March 22nd is another Crab Feed, the last one. There are a few seats left for this dinner. RSVP soon on the Men's Club website. It's a fantastic crab dinner, bring your crab crackers to this event.

Auxiliary members – We have our next meeting on Wednesday the 19th at 6:30 pm on Zoom (the last one), Also it will be a hybrid/in-person meeting in the Isabella Room. Please try to come so I can see and hear all of you beautiful ladies.

Buon Compleanno to all our March born ladies.

If you are Italian and want to become a member of our Auxiliary, please contact a member to get an application. We also accept applications from the wives of the Colombo Club members. We would love to have you join.

If you know of a member that has been sick or hospitalized, please contact Elaine Kless our Sick & Sunshine Ambassador at (925) 858-9245.

Renée Amaro, Colombo Club Auxiliary President
reneeamaro@comcast.net



On February 21, the oldest past president of the club transitioned to a new life. Al Giordano was the 14th president of the Colombo Club. Al is remembered, not only for being a very proud Italian, but also an active member of the club. He served as a club board member, president and parliamentarian. He was very involved in all the operations of the club. Tony Zeni, long time corresponding secretary of the club, described Al as "an outstanding president who was firm in his convictions. He was not a smooth talker, quite demanding, analytical mind that one would say that he should have been a lawyer. He seldom missed a meeting." Even after Al moved away from the Bay Area, he remained very active in club affairs. Riposa in pace, Al

Buon Compleanno!

Martin Aiello
Mark Amaro
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James Senneca
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Paul Yezzi

Grazie Mille

Incentive Program Donors

Thank you to these generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in January: John Porras (Crown Wine & Spirits), Aaron Yang, Michael Covione, Craig Cherry, Dino Rinetti, James Bartha, Tim Tomei, Fred Radwan and Dave Limato.

Reminder: Your Dues Are Due!

Questions? Contact John Mazibrook at 510.304.7211 or jtmazibrook@earthlink.net.

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2025 Scholarship Applications Due March 15!

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

New Series of History Articles:

Tell Us About Your Visit to Italy

by Rich Puppione

For the past eight years, I have featured the regions of Italy, your “home town” in Italy, Italian foods of the different regions, and your own family recipes. For past year and a half I have featured the most influential members of the Colombo Club. Starting this month I would like you to help me tell about your trip to Italy and the wonderful experience you had there. Starting this month, I am featuring your favorite sites on your visit to Italy. Tell me *briefly* about the people you met, or the food you enjoyed, or the sites you saw and maybe, if you were fortunate enough to make family connections, the family you got reacquainted with. **3 or 4 of your photos** are what I really want. There would be a maximum of four photos and **no more than 100 words** (captions included). Email your submission to richpup46@gmail.com. Here is one I wrote as an example: **Notice it has only 100 words.**

Cindy and my first trip to Italy was in 1972 and we used Authur Frommer’s, Europe On \$5 a Day, and we did it! We stayed with my dad’s cousin Paola Galletti in Torino. Her husband showed us his family tree which included Colombo Club past presidents, Luigi and Aldo Galletti. We enjoyed a huge family dinner with Paola’s brother’s family, the Puppiones. The highlight of the visit for us was meeting the family and a trip to my father’s town of Scandeluzza. (top). Our other favorite cities included: Florence, Rome and Pompeii.



Scandeluzza



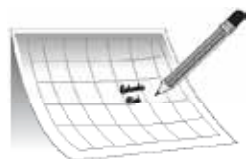
Pompeii



Rome



Florence



Mark Your Calendar

Birthday Dinners, Corned Beef
Mar 13 - Men Only
Mar 27 - Co-ed

Mar 20 - Auxiliary St. Patrick’s Dinner

Mar 22 - Colombo Crab Feed

Birthday Dinners, Sausage & Peppers

Apr 10 - Men Only

Apr 24 - Co-ed

Apr 12 - Auxiliary Easter Dinner

Birthday Dinners, Pork Roast & Tortellini Alfredo
May 8 - Men Only
May 22 - Co-ed

May 10 - Auxiliary Mother’s Day Dinner

Birthday Dinners, Father & Sons Nights, Spaghetti & Meatballs

June 12 - Men Only

June 26 - Co-ed

June 22 - Pizza Night

Sponsor the Club’s Next Book of History!

Rich Puppione is putting together another book on the history of the Colombo Club. Sponsorship ads are being accepted now. Read more in the enclosed flyer!

Crab Feed Time is Here Again!

Crab season is open once again and the Colombo Club will have three Crab Feeds for you to choose from in January and February. We are limiting attendance to 450 for each event so get your reservations in early so you will not be left out!



The cost is \$80 per person (no child discount) and you get the full menu we are well known to serve at our mouthwatering and all you can eat event:

- Salad
- Linguini with Clams, except March 22 – Risotto with Clams
- Crab – Chicken is available
- Wine
- Coffee
- Dessert

The dates to reserve are (reservation cut-off is 1 week prior to the event):

January 18: ___ seats @ \$80 for a total of \$ _____ (net proceeds for Scholarships)

February 8: ___ seats @ \$80 for a total of \$ _____ (net proceeds to the Club)

February 22: ___ seats @ \$80 for a total of \$ _____ (net proceeds to the Club)

March 22: ___ seats @ \$80 for a total of \$ _____ (net proceeds to the Club)

The events are pre-paid and your payment must accompany your reservation. You can pay by check, made out to the Colombo Club or by Credit Card. You can also reserve your seats at our web site – www.thecolomboclub.com

Member Name: _____

If paying by Credit Card, additional information is required:

Card Number: _____ Expiration: ___/___ CVV: _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address on Card: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Any seating requests: _____ Number of Chicken plates: _____

The dress code for all three events is business casual

Questions: ask John Mazibrook by email to jtmazibrook@earthlink.net or call 510.304.7211

WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS



No Host Cocktails at 6:00p; Dinner at 7:00p

The Colombo Club Auxiliary

presents its

St. Patrick's Dinner



Thursday, March 20, 2025

No host Cocktails: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Menu:

Antipasto ♦ Salad & Rolls ♦ Pesto Pasta
Corned Beef & Cabbage ♦ Dessert ♦ Wine & Coffee

Members/Spouses ... \$30

Children 6 to 12 ... \$15

Guests ... \$33

Children under 6 ... free

**During cocktail
hour - dancers from
the McBride School
of Irish Dance!**

**Bring your friends and don't forget cash for incentive prizes!
Proceeds support local charities.**

Reservations: Mary Pandolfo (510) 276-7681

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 13, 2025

Fee of \$15 per ticket for all cancellations made within 3 days of event

Chaired by Dianne Marangio & Elaine Kless

Colombo Club: 5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland
Parking available at DMV parking lot across the street