



**April 2026**  
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The Colombo Club  
 5321 Claremont Avenue  
 Oakland, California 94618

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[www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/](http://www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/)  
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Saturday, April 11

**Old Fashioned Family Dinner**

Cocktails 4 pm  
 Dinner 5 pm

**Members & Guests: \$25**

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



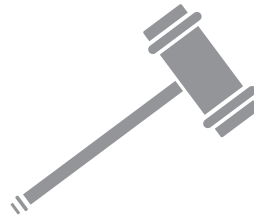
Saturday, April 25

**Scholarship Family Dinner**

Awards 4 pm  
 Cocktails 5 pm  
 Dinner 6 pm

Members .....\$33  
 Guests.....\$38

**Menu: Salad, Pasta, Pork Scallopini, Dessert, Wine and Coffee**



**Assembly Meeting and Dinner**

**and New Member Induction Tuesday May 19**

New Member Induction 5 pm  
 Cocktails ..... 6 pm  
 Dinner ..... 7 pm

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

**Tickets: \$20 Members Only**

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**Birthday Dinners**

Apr 9, and 23

Salad, Pasta Fagioli, Sausage & Peppers, Dessert, Wine & Coffee

**Birthday Dinners**  
**Thursday, May 14** (Men only)  
**Thursday, May 28** (Co-ed)  
**Menu:** Salaad, Tortellini Alfredo, Pork Roast, Dessert, Wine and Coffee

*Start Time 5:30 pm Cocktails; 7 pm Dinner*

\$33 Members, \$38 Guests

\$16 Children 6-12 yrs

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**Thursday, April 9** (Men Only) Sold Out  
**Thursday, April 23** (Co-ed)

**For reservations, please use the website**  
[www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events](http://www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events)  
 Please use the phone as a backup only: (510) 653-9020.  
 To cancel reservations use the Contact Us tab on the website. For a full refund, you must cancel by 7 pm, Sunday before the dinner.  
**Cashless policy will be followed.**

COLOMBO CLUB AUXILIARY  
**PINKS, PETALS AND PERFECTION**  
 A MOTHER'S DAY DINNER CELEBRATION  
**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**  
 5:30 p.m. Cocktails | 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
 Chaired by Lisa Bannor & Marie Connor

**MEALS:** Chicken Salad, Antipasto, Caesar Salad, Pasta Salad, Baked Potatoes, Market potatoes, Italian Tiramisu, Dessert, Wine and Coffee

**DINNER PRICES:** [www.thecolomboclub.com](http://www.thecolomboclub.com)

Members/Spouses	..... \$33	Guests	..... \$38
Children 6 to 12	..... \$16	Children under 6	..... FREE

Cost includes tip

**RESERVATIONS:**  
 Use Reservations@thecolomboclub.com or (510) 653-9020

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Saturday, May 2, 2026

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellation fee \$20.00 to be paid for all cancellations made within 3 days of event.  
 No-show fee is full ticket price.

**ADDED BYTES:** Business Casual

**PARKING:** (BY) Parking Lot  
 Located across the street from the Club

5321 CLAREMONT AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94618

# President's Message

Ciao a Tutti!

March was the month of sold-out feasts for St. Patrick's Day. Our ever-popular Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners were well attended. We had three phenomenal celebrations. Special thanks to the Women's Auxiliary who not only hosted a nearly sold-out event, but they also had a troupe of Irish Dancers perform! Additionally, we had a special event – Surf and Turf on the 21st. This was the first time we ever hosted an event like this. We are looking forward to doing this again in the near future.

April will not be out done by March. As you all know, our April Birthday dinner entrée will feature our ever-famous Sausage & Peppers! These dinners are always a sell-out, so please make your reservations "ASAP."

A couple of reminders:

- Our annual Membership Dues are now past due. These funds are critical to the operation of the Club. If you have not paid your dues, you may still pay them. Please include a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$275. You may pay your dues online, on the Club's website, [www.thecolomboclub.com](http://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.

This is your Club, don't be afraid to get involved – we love having new faces help out. Here are some easy ways to help:

- 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

Thank You to everyone who donates and participates in our Incentive Program at our Birthday Dinners. It's the proceeds from this program that provides the funds necessary to keep our Club maintained and in good working order!

I look forward to seeing you at the Colombo Club this month!

Ci Vediamo,

**Joe Ianora**, [jianora1@gmail.com](mailto:jianora1@gmail.com)

Colombo Club President

# Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Buona Pasqua e buona primavera!

April Fool's Day, or Pesce d'Aprile (April's Fish), as it's known in Italy - because they get caught hook, line and sinker. The holiday has been around since the 14th century. Yet exclusively celebrated in the late 19th century, mostly in Genoa. Pranks and practical jokes were different in those early days. Although the tradition has expanded over time, children continue to find amusement in taping a drawing of a fish onto someone's back whenever possible. The tradition is worth searching on the internet if you want to know more about it.

*What do you call a group of bunnies hopping away from you? (a receding hareline)*

*What do storm clouds wear under their pants? (thunder wear) I couldn't resist.*

Last month on March 28th, the McBride School of Irish dancers who came to perform for us were the highlight of the St. Patrick's Dinner that was chaired by Elaine Kless and Elisabeth DeRespini. The dinner was great! It was well attended, and the cooks made that meal so delicious. Together with so many gift baskets that it made it an exciting fun-filled evening.

Welcome Spring! It's such a wonderful time of year with lots of newly sprouted garden plants with Easter Sunday (April 5th) I hope you and your family will be spending quality time together while enjoying the Easter feast.

Auxiliary members – Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 15th at 6:30 pm, in the Isabella Room. This is a Spuntino to welcome all the newest members. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share. It will be fun to meet the newest members and see all of you beautiful ladies.

As always, I want to thank the volunteers, decorators and donations given to help make our dinners exceptional.

Buon Compleanno to all our April-born ladies, enjoy your birthday month.

If you are of Italian descent 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.

Ciao,

**Renée M. Amaro**

Colombo Club Auxiliary President

[reneeamaro@comcast.net](mailto:reneeamaro@comcast.net)

# Buon Compleanno!

Mark Andres  
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Ronald Mladinich  
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Matthew Nichelini  
Greg Nuti  
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Richard Padovani  
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Bill Pappas  
Richard Perry  
Gian Turner Sblendorio  
Jay Souza  
Eric Strellis  
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Kyle Vallone  
Gary L. Vittori  
Robert Thomas Warren

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### Incentive Program Donors

Thank you to these generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in January: Lee Landini, Stefan Molnar, Danny Foster, Vincent Traverso (Kingfish Pub & Cafe), John Porras (Crown Wine & Spirits), Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Aaron Yang, Dino Rinetti, Michael Covione, Fredi Moehl, James Bartha, Joe Gennaro, Jerry Jennaro, Dan Foster, Oakland Fire Department - Tom Reese.

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## Can You Help out With our Audio/Visual Services?

The Colombo Club is excited to announce a step into the next generation of Audio-Visual (AV) technology for events at the club designed to better serve our members

Our upgraded Audio/Visual system now includes a projection TV, surround-sound receiver and speaker system, wireless microphones, and additional modern equipment designed to enhance presentations, celebrations, and special events.

We are looking for members with AV or IT experience to help support this system during certain events:

- A training session will be offered for interested members
- Those who complete the training will be added to a list of AV volunteers and called upon as needed to assist with club events
- This is a great way to support the club and help us make the most of this new technology for our members

If interested or if you have questions, please email Nick Nicora at [nnicora@comcast.net](mailto:nnicora@comcast.net).

Thank you!

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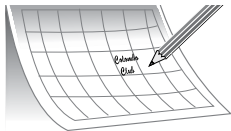
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**Book the Colombo Club for your private event.** Rent the whole club or have a Party within a Party at one of our dinners. Your guests can enjoy the Ed Basso Room before and after dinner. If you are interested in planning an event please contact our Member Event Coordinator, Kathy Gorham (510) 919-0432.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Good Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter		Board of Directors Meeting, 6 pm		Birthday Dinner (Men only)		Old Fashioned Family Dinner
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Birthday Dinner (Co-ed)		Scholarship Family Dinner
26	27	28	29	30		

April 2026



## Mark Your Calendar

**May 5 – Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 9 - Auxiliary Mother's Day Celebration, Italian Pork Roast, Pesto Pasta**

**Birthday Dinners, Pork Roast, Tortellini Alfredo**

**May 14 - Men Only  
May 28 - Co-ed**

**May 19 - Assembly Meeting and New Member Induction, Bagna Calda Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs,**

**June 2, Board of Directors Meeting**

**Birthday Dinners – Father & Sons Nights, Spaghetti & Meatballs**

**June 11 - Men Only  
June 25 - Co-ed**

**June 13 - Bocce Day - Martinez Bocce Courts - Sausage & Peppers Sandwiches, Pasta Salad**

**June 20 - Pizza Night**

*Make reservations and see additional events on our website at [www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/](http://www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/)*

**Saturday, June 13th**  
at the Martinez Marina Bocce Courts

- All levels/ages welcome, No experience necessary, Everyone plays!
- Arrive 8:30 am - Play starts 9:00 am
- “Round Robin” tournament (min 3 games per team)
- Single elimination finals
- Prizes to top 3 teams (including a Molinari salami)
- \$50/player for bocce and lunch (\$25/lunch only or players 12 and under)
- Lunch included: sausage sandwich with peppers & onions; pasta salad, and water
- Wine and beer available for purchase.
- Limited-edition Colombo Club Bocce Day T-Shirts & Hats
- 25/25/50 Cash Raffle & Salami Raffle

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COLOMBO CLUB AUXILIARY

# PINKS, PETALS AND PERFECTION

A MOTHER'S DAY DINNER CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**

5:00 p.m. Cocktails | 6:00 p.m. Dinner

*Chaired by Lisa Baumer & Marie Camara*

**MENU:** Dinner Rolls, Antipasto, Green Salad, Pesto Pasta, Italian Pot Roast, Mashed potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Dessert, Wine and Coffee

**DINNER PRICES: (PER PERSON)**

Members/Spouses . . . . .	\$33	Guests . . . . .	\$38
Children 6 to 12 . . . . .	\$16	Children under 6 . . . . .	FREE

*Cash or Check Only*

**RESERVATIONS:**

Lisa Baumer at [ccareservation@aol.com](mailto:ccareservation@aol.com) or (510) 912-3002

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