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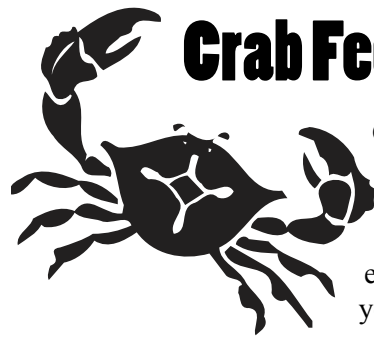
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Crab Feed Time is Here Again

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

Saturdays,

February 8
February 22
March 22

Menu

Salad, Linguini with Clams
(except March 22 - Risotto with Clams) all you can eat Crab,
Wine, Coffee and Dessert

This is a prepaid event. Use the reservation form, No host Cocktails 6 pm
enclosed, or pay online www.thecolomboclub.com 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
Guests	\$33
Children ages 6-12	\$15
under 6	Free

During Cocktail hour, dancers from
the McBride School of Irish Dance
will entertain us!

Don't miss it!

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

Birthday Dinners

Feb. 13 and 27

Salad, Risotto, Roast
Chicken, Dessert, Wine &
Coffee

Birthday Dinners

Thursday, Mar. 13 (Men)

Thursday, Mar. 27 (Co-ed)

Menu: Salad, Corned Beef &
Cabbage, 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, Feb. 13 (Men only)

Thursday, Feb 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.



WORK PARTY!

Saturday, March 1, 8 am to Noon

Join us and help get the
Club in shape for upcoming
events. At noon, we will
gather for a delicious
Colombo Club lunch!

If you can help, call
Don Ceremello (510) 501-8452.



President's Message

Saluti a tutti! (Greetings To All!)

Wow! January was a very busy, and very successful month at the Colombo Club! We had our first of four crab feeds. The Scholarship Crab Feed did very well; thank you all for your generosity to raise funds for our graduating high school seniors.

If the January Crab Feed wasn't enough crab for you, I have good news...you can still attend one of three more (or all three) crab feeds this month and next month! Our Club Crab Feeds are on Saturday, February 8th and February 22nd, with our last one March 22nd. Please put these dates in your calendar! These events raise critical funds that support our ongoing building maintenance and allow us to make improvements around our Club premises.

The Children's Pignata Party was enjoyed by all who attended the Family Dinner. I always enjoy watching the kids scramble after the Pignata has been broken open and the contents spread all over the ballroom floor. While I enjoy the men's nights, the family events (I feel) have always been the best part of the Colombo Club. They serve to create fond memories and continue the traditions of our Italian culture, passed-down from generation to generation. Family events are the life-blood of our Club, and the keystone of our Club's longevity and success. If you can, I would encourage you to attend (and bring your family – young and older) the family events at the Colombo Club this year. Spending quality time with your family is easily the most rewarding way to enjoy life!

Our annual Membership Dues are now due. We do not send out envelopes anymore. You can pay your dues one of three ways; either online at the club website www.thecolomboclub.com, bring a check into the Club, or mail it in with it designated for "membership dues." These funds are critical to the operation of the Club. Thank you for your continued membership and support of our Club!

If you have a friend whom 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.

We are always looking for volunteers to help sell tickets or run prizes at our crab feeds and dinners. If you are interested, please connect with me at a dinner – I would be happy to have you "shadow" me or you can work with me – it is a fun way to meet people and bring a little joy into someone's life!

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

February 2025. Time is flying! Here's hoping that you all are having a great winter. Did you get a chance to go to the Scholarship Crab Feed dinner in January? Having a delicious crab meal with clam linguine alongside your friends and family is the way we do it. It is the camaraderie that makes our dinners so much fun. The best part was that the proceeds went to our scholarships. Such a great cause, supporting our young people to achieve their goals. It was a good turnout and a great time was had by all. If you missed it, The Colombo Club will be having more crab feeds this month and next. Get your fill.

This month has Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day and President's Day also falling in February. Not to mention Superbowl (please don't mention it). Then, in March, get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Pesto Pasta (green for the holiday) with Corned Beef and Cabbage. It will be hosted by Dianne Marangio and Elaine Kless. We will have the Irish dancers back again this year, so mark your calendars and make those reservations to Mary Pandolfo. (See flyer) Let's fill up the whole dining room for this dinner please.

Members, please get involved with helping our other ladies who put together incentive gifts, setting tables, decorating, selling incentive tickets to fund our charities and accepting donations. It is much appreciated. We need more chairs and co-chairs for our upcoming dinners. Contact me at reneeamaro@comcast.net. Our next meeting is Feb. 19th.

I want to acknowledge Jean Infrerra, who had been an officer and member since 2002, has passed. I send my deepest sympathy to her husband Dominic and their family.

I would like to invite women of Italian descent who would like to join our social club to ask an auxiliary member for an application. We enjoy getting new members, and who doesn't want to have more Italian friends.

Please notify our Sick & Sunshine Ambassador - Elaine Kless if you know of a member who has been ill or hospitalized. She can be reached at (925) 858-9245, Thank You.

Buon Compleanno to our February born members.

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

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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!

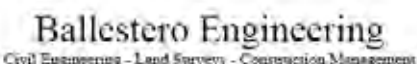
Questions? Contact John Mazibrook at 510.304.7211 or jtmazibrook@earthlink.net.



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Message from the House Committee Chairman

Work Party

Members, please join us Saturday March 1, 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon, followed by lunch Colombo style! Please mark the date and help get our Club in shape for upcoming events. If you can help, call Don Ceremello (510) 501-8452.

Cooks Needed!

The Colombo Club is very lucky to have a wonderful cooking staff that cooks our great dinners. If you are interested in joining this great team please let us know and we will contact you. We strive to have those who have taken a Food Handlers Safety Course. Those courses can be found on line, through the Health Department in your county. Thank you, Anthony E. Tedeschi, HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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

New Series of History Articles:

Tell Us About Your Visit to Italy

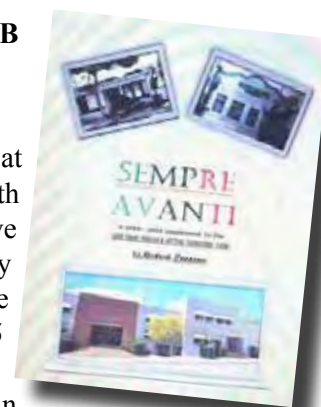
by Rich Puppione

For the past eight years, I have featured in the newsletter 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 next month I would like you to help me tell about your trip to Italy and the wonderful experience you had there. Starting in March, 2025, I will feature 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. Three or four 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. I hope to start the articles next month.




***A NEW COLOMBO CLUB HISTORY BOOK: Sempre Avanti ***

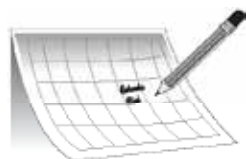
Please take a minute to look at the flyer I have included with this newsletter. Most of you have a copy of the 100 Year History of the Colombo Club. I have been working on a 2020 - 2025 supplement to our club's history. When it is offered for sale in January 2026, you will want to add this supplement to your



copy of the club's 100 year history book. The flyer will explain how you can help get this 80+ page book with over 250+ color photos published. Thanks for your consideration!!!

Rich Puppione richpup46@gmail.com

**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.



Mark Your Calendar

Feb 8 - Colombo Club Crab Feed

Birthdays Dinners, Roast Chicken

Feb 13 - Men Only

Feb 27 - Co-ed

Feb 22 - Colombo Club Crab Feed

Birthdays Dinners, Corned Beef

Mar 13 - Men Only

Mar 27 - Co-ed

Mar 20 - Auxiliary St. Patrick's Dinner

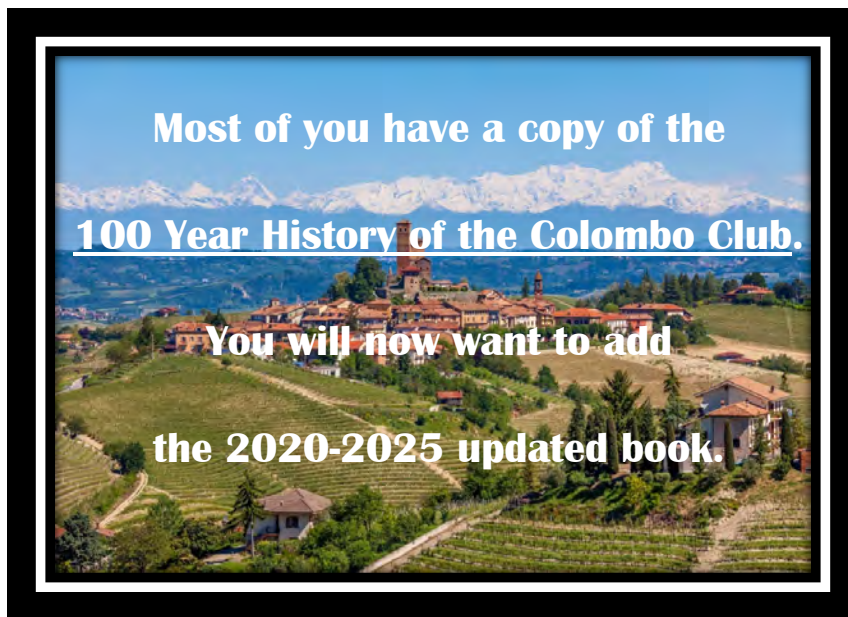
Mar 22 - Colombo Crab Feed

Birthdays Dinners, Sausage & Peppers

Apr 10 - Men Only

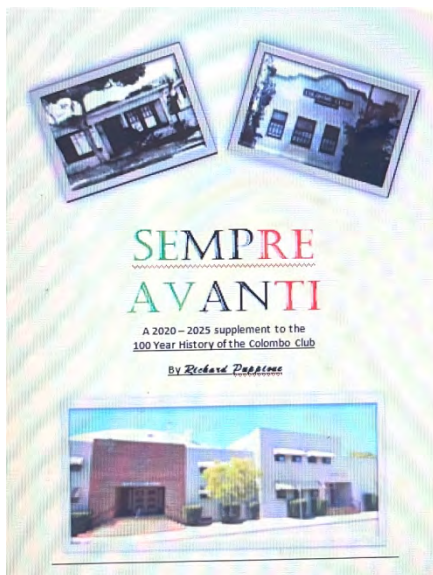
Apr 24 - Co-ed

Apr 12 - Auxiliary Easter Dinner



Front Cover

Back Cover



In January 2026, the club will publish an update to the **100 Year History of the Colombo Club**. This 8 1/2 x 11, 80+ page book will be filled with a written update and 250+ color photos of the recent Colombo Club history. It is a must addition to your club 100 history book. In order to help make this happen, please consider buying into the sponsorship pages of the book to help pay for its publication. Money raised from this project will help address the financial needs of the club and continue to meet the club's ongoing mission to promote our Italian heritage. In order to have your business or family best wishes included in the book, please send your business ad or card, family name, family best wishes or photo to the address below with your donation. When the book is published it will sell for between \$12 and \$15 depending on the production costs.



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Grazie mille tutti, Rich

Puppione

Sponsorship Fees

- *Full Page Ad (could include photo(s))- \$375 1/8 page Ad (Business Card).....\$75
- *1/2 Page Ad (could include photo(s))- \$200 Family Name (4 words max), plus a 10 word sentence.\$50
- *1/4 Page Ad (could include a photo)- \$125 List your Family Name as a sponsor (4 words max).....\$35

Every sponsor will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Deadline for being included in the sponsorship pages is September 15, 2025.

Please send your donation and ad to:

**Colombo Club History Book
5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, Ca 94618**

*If you have a question email me. If you have a photo of you/your family at a Colombo Club event, email it to me and I can include in the book with your sponsorship of a full page, 1/2 page or 1/4 page. (richpup46@gmail.com)

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

Crab Feed Time is Here Again!

Crab season is open once again and the Colombo Club will have four Crab Feeds for you to choose from in January, February and March. 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 four events is business casual

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

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