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FAMILY BIRTHDAY DINNER **Mothers & Fathers** **Day Dinner** **Thursday, May 30**

5:30 pm Cocktails • 7:30 pm Dinner

Salad, Pasta, Pork Roast,
 Dessert, Wine & Coffee

Members/Spouse	\$25/each
Guests	\$30
Children ages 6-12	\$15
under 6	Free

For Reservations

Call (510) 653-9020

*Press 1 to make reservations,
 press 3 for the 3rd Birthday Dinner.*

Auxiliary **Mother's Day Dinner** **Saturday, May 11**

Antipasto, Salad, Rigatoni, Chicken
 Piccata, Dessert, Wine & Coffee
 5 pm Cocktails • 6 pm Dinner

Members/Spouse	\$30/each
Guests	\$33
Children ages 6-12	\$15
under 6	Free

See the flyer for details.

*For Reservations call Mary Pandolfo (510) 276-7681
 or (510) 912-2906 by May 4.*

Colombo Club Pizza Night **Saturday Night, June 22**

Cocktails at 4:30 pm
 Dinner 6:30 pm

Members: \$35/person
 Guests: \$40/person
 Children 6-12: \$20/person
 Children under 6 years: Free

Featuring George Campi's Accordion
 Music during cocktail hour



On the Menu

Salad, Pasta with Meatballs, Pizza, Dessert
 Wine & Coffee

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on June 15. **Call 510-653-9716**, press 1 and then press 4 for the family dinner. No shows will be billed for the full price of the dinner.

Birthday Dinners **May 9 and 23**

Salad, Pasta, Pork Roast, Dessert,
 Wine and Coffee

Birthday Dinners
Father & Sons Nights
Thursday, June 6
Thursday, June 20
Menu: Salad, Spaghetti &
 Meatballs, Dessert,
 Wine and Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails; 7:30 pm Dinner
 \$25 Members, \$30 Guests
 \$12 Children 6-12 yrs
Call (510) 653-9020
*Press 1 to make reservations,
 press 1 for the 1st Birthday Dinner, or*

Thursday, May 9
Thursday, May 23
 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.

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

Saluti A Tutti! The warm May sunshine feels invigorating, and the ever-longer days allow for outdoor evening family time. Spring is here!

Our April Family Dinner was the setting for the Colombo Club's annual Scholarship awards program. This significant milestone is traditionally an event celebrated by the entire family. I'm always impressed with the accomplishments of these students!

Mark your calendar, make your reservations, and then please join me in attending the Auxiliary's Mother's Day Dinner, on Saturday, May 11th.

This month we've added a 3rd Birthday Dinner, on Thursday, May 30th, and this event is open to the entire family! Please invite your family and friends and make this event a success for our club.

Please check this newsletter for contact information, and then please call and sign-up for our Work Party, on Saturday, May 18, from 8 am - Noon. Members, please make the effort to come to our Club and help; it's only a few hours of your time, and the morning goes by very quickly! The work is "light cleaning," in the kitchen and bar areas, and possibly some touch-up painting, here and there. Your reward is a Free Lunch at the Colombo Club! To ensure that we have enough food ordered, please let us know that you plan to attend this Work Party. You may also simply email me, at my address below, to sign-up. Thank You, in advance, for your participation here!

Looking ahead, we will have a Pizza Night for the Family Dinner on Saturday, June 22nd. This is always a fun event for the whole family! There will be games for everyone and a delicious dinner. Make your reservations early, as this is always a sold-out event.

Our July Family Dinner is Past Presidents Night, on Saturday, July 27th, and our August Family Dinner is our formal attire Anniversary Dinner, on Saturday, August 17th. These traditional club events serve to remind us of the history of our club. Your attendance is appreciated!

I want to sincerely thank every member who donates prizes for our Incentive Program. A few dedicated members donate every month; you see their names listed in each newsletter. I would appreciate seeing your name listed soon!

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 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!

Tony Ballestero, President ballestero@protonmail.ch

Colombo Club Auxiliary President's Message

Salve a tutti, May is always full of newly blossoming trees and flowers. It is also the prelude to barbeques, walks, swimming and biking. The kids are having proms and graduating from high school and college. So many activities are coming soon. Like a freight train.

Excitement was in the air as the eager graduates received their scholarships at the Family Dinner. It was refreshing to see those young people excited about their new academic career.

Last month we celebrated installing seven new members with our Spuntino-combined meeting. We welcomed Diane Azaro-Barbera, Marina Barbera, Sandra Ghilarducci, Diane Hasty, Nicole Thomas, Alyssa Wallace, and Nancy Wallace. The meeting was well attended, and the culinary efforts were displayed attractively. Thank you to all who contributed.

Mark your calendars for our Mother's Day Dinner on the 11th, chaired by Lisa Baumer and Jeanne Lilley. We begin at 5 pm with an Italian bake sale. Then, at 6 pm, we are having Chicken Piccata & rigatoni with red sauce. See the flyer for more information. We will also have George Campi playing his accordion for us throughout the evening. I heard that he might even play your requests along with our Italian favorites. Feel free to sing along.

We value all our members. Please let Mary Pandolfo, our Sick and Sunshine Ambassador know if a member has been ill or hospitalized. (510) 276-7681.

A BIG shout out to all our May-born young ladies.

Ciao,
Renee Amaro
Auxiliary President

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

The Colombo Club and Colombo Club Auxiliary held the annual scholarship awards presentation and dinner on April 27. Scholarships were awarded to the following high school graduates who are sons, grandsons, daughters or granddaughters of current Colombo Club or Colombo Club Auxiliary members: ***Ava Bozzone, Talia Brady, Hayley Britton, Aria Conte, Christian Curran, Thomas Curran, Giovanni DeMarinis, Austin Harris, Allie Kramer, Nathan Thomas, and Kaitlyn Randall.***

Congratulations to these well-deserving students. The Colombo Club and Colombo Club Auxiliary wish them continued success throughout their college career. It is our hope that our scholarship will help them live their dreams.

Rich Puppione, Scholarship Chairperson

Buon Compleanno!

Jeff Accornero
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Sean Ancelet
Stephen Andres
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Sunshine Corner

If you know of a member who's been ill or has been in the hospital, please let Sunshine Chairman Gordon Bowman know.
gbowman999@yahoo.com.

Message from the House Committee Chairman

Attention Members: The Colombo Club is looking for members interested in Bartending and working at the Ticket Counter Reservations. If interested please contact Tony Tedeschi at (510) 653-9716 or (510) 653-9020. Thank you very much,

Anthony E. Tedeschi
HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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Italian Heritage Night with the A's

Saturday, July 20

1:07 pm

Angels @ Oakland A's, Section 129R

Tickets \$28 • Call 510-653-9020, Press 1 to make reservations, press 6 to make reservations for this special event.

Special giveaway: Italian Heritage Blanket!

Deadline for tickets: July 14, 2024.



Italian Heritage is Back, Our Oakland A's vs. Angels July 20, 2024 Day Game 1:07 pm start. Spend a wonderful day of Italian Heritage with friends and family. An Italian Heritage Blanket will be the give away present. Tickets are in Section 129R, and are \$28. Please contact Tony Tedeschi, or purchase tickets at the Colombo Club dinners. Deadline for Tickets July 14, 2024.

Anthony E. Tedeschi
HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Our Cultural Heritage

Thanks to the Presidents in the 50s and 60s

by Rich Puppione

The 50s and 50s birthday dinners included visitors from professional athletes. Presidents in the 50s and 60s Chris Revelli, John Penna, John Gai, Aldo Galetti, Charles Trombetta and Vince Nicora made a huge impact on the club when they brought some big names in the world of sports to the monthly dinners. Chris Revelli is seen here with Lombardi, Rocky Marciano and Cookie Lavagetto.

Ernie Broglio, after his 21-win season with the St. Louis Cardinals, is seen here at the dinner with a plate of spaghetti,



surrounded by Aldo Galetti, club president John Penna and sportscaster Bud Foster.

One of the largest crowds the Colombo Club ever had was the dinner for Rocky Marciano. Vince Nicora is seen here shaking his hand at the dinner. 49er fans should recognize



this Hall of Fame defensive lineman, Leo Nomellini, who was not only a legendary 49er, but also a member of the Colombo Club.

Over the years the years many great

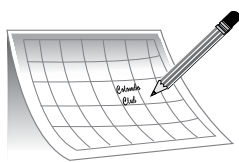
sports figures visited the club, but none was more famous than Joe DiMaggio seen here mixing a drink behind the bar at the club. Other major sports figures to visit the club included: Billy Martin, jockey, Willie Shoemaker; 49ers, Bob St. Clair, Tom Rathman and Leo Nomellini; Raiders, Fred Biletnikoff, Al Davis and John Vella; Billy Raimondi, catcher for the Oaks; Dario Lodigiani, who played for the Oakland Oaks, Philadelphia Athletics and Chicago White Sox in the 30s and 40s



and most recently Hall of Famer Ricky Henderson.

Thanks to the Past Presidents mentioned above, the Colombo Club members were able to meet these sports greats.

At a Board meeting, it was reported that during the sports night dinner, "Invited sports figures showed poor taste in telling so called Italian jokes." A motion was then made not to invite them back. As a result, only band leader Del Courtney was invited to the only sports night dinner in 1972.



Mark Your Calendar

Birthday Dinners: 5:30 pm Cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner

Family Dinners: 5:30 pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner

May 9 Birthday Dinner, *Pork Roast*

May 11 Auxiliary Mother's Day Dinner - *Chicken Piccata*

May 18 Work Party, 8 am - Noon

May 23 Birthday Dinner, *Pork Roast*

May 30 Family Birthday Dinner, *Chicken Piccata*

June 6 Birthday Dinner - Father & **June 20** & Sons Nights, *Spaghetti & Meatballs*

June 22 Family Dinner - Pizza Night, *Pizza, Spaghetti & Meatballs*

July 11 Birthday Dinner - Family & **July 25** Nights, *Pot Roast*

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Mother's Dinner

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Cocktails: 5:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm

Chaired by Lisa Baumer & Jeanna Lilley

Menu:

Dinner Rolls, Antipasto, Green Salad,
Rigatoni with Red Sauce, Chicken Piccata,
Dessert, Wine, and Coffee

Reservations:

Mary Pandolfo • (510) 276-7681

Make reservations by Saturday, May 4, 2024

Auxiliary Members/Spouses.....	\$30.00
Guests.....	\$33.00
Children 6 to 12.....	\$15.00
Children 0 to 5	FREE

\$15/ticket for cancellations
made within 3 days of event

Colombo Club Auxiliary