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FAMILY DINNER

Past Presidents Night!

Saturday, July 27

5:30 pm Cocktails

7 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Dancing

Members: FREE

Spouses: \$33/person

Guests: \$38/person

Children 6-12: \$12/person

Children under 6 years: Free

**Salad, Pasta,
 Chicken Scallopini,
 Wine, Dessert, Coffee**

**Featuring
 the Dennis
 Cruda Band**

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on July 19
 Call 510-653-9716, press 1 and then
 press 4 for the family dinner.

104th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, August 17

Salad, Ravioli, Strip Roast, Wine, Dessert, Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails

7 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Dancing

**Featuring the
 George Campi
 Band**

Members & Spouses: \$35/person
 Guests: \$40/person
 Children 6-12: \$15/person
 Children under 6 years: Free

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on August 9
 Call 510-653-9716, press 1 and then
 press 4 for the family dinner.

Birthday Dinners

Aug 8 and 22

Salad, Pasta, Italian Ham,
 Dessert, Wine & Coffee

**Birthday Dinners
 Thursday, Sept 12
 Thursday, Sept 26**

Menu: Salad, Pasta with Pesto,
 Chicken Cacciatore, Dessert,
 Wine and Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails; 7:30 pm Dinner

\$33 Members, \$38 Guests

\$12 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*

**Father Daughter Nights -
 Thursday, Aug 8
 Thursday, Aug 22**

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.



Bocce Day 2024

**A Tribute to
 John Tandi**

Saturday, August 3
 All-day event!

Martinez Bocce Courts, Martinez Marina

\$50 per person, \$25 for lunch only

Reserve your spot at www.thecolomboclub.com (click on the
 Prepaid Events/Dues tab) or use the flyer enclosed.

President's Message

Saluti A Tutti! Summer is in full swing, and the Bay Area weather is beautiful!

Thank You to everyone who made our July events so successful! The Family Night Birthday Dinners were very well-attended, as was our Past President's Night Dinner. It's always a pleasure for me to see our families at Colombo Club events!

August starts-off with a bang! Enjoy the Colombo Club Bocce Tournament, on Saturday, August 3rd. You may sign-up as an individual or bring your own team.

August is also the Colombo Club's Anniversary month; founded 104 years ago! Please make your reservation for Saturday, August 17th and come to the club to celebrate, and bring your family and friends, too! We have another wonderful menu and a band for dancing after dinner. Please also remember that we have a formal jacket-&-tie dress-code for this event; a gentle reminder to your guests will be appreciated.

This month our birthday dinners are Father-Daughter Nights; everyone is welcome. Guests always have a wonderful time at the club, so please support the club by asking your friends to attend these dinners with you. Thank You for supporting the Colombo Club!

Throughout the year, we strive to hold events that the whole family can enjoy. I'm still receiving compliments on the Family Pizza Night that was held on Saturday, June 22nd.

Thank you, too, to our members who consistently donate prizes to our Incentive Program every month. Your donations are greatly appreciated and are making a real difference in generating revenue which is used to maintain and improve our Club.

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, President
ballestero@protonmail.ch

Women's Auxiliary President's Message

La Vita é Bella. "Life is beautiful" especially if you are visiting Italy. I am enjoying my time with family and meeting new friends. The food here is amazing. The wedding of my cugina in Saluzzo was bellissima. Touring Florence, the Effizzi Museum and "David," Lucca, Jesolo & Alessio. We also went to the Ferrari museums. Many more adventures to come traveling with a couple of my grandchildren.

The Auxiliary is gearing up for our "Back to School" dinner in September. It will be chaired by Francis Bird and Sandra Ghilarducci. I am looking forward to having another successful evening of family, friends and delicious food made by our great cooks.

Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday, August 15th. (Ferrogosto). And the men are having their 104th Anniversary dinner/dance which should be a lot of fun. Make your reservations now. Also coming up in October is the Auxiliary 's famous Polenta Dinner with lots of fun games just prior to the dinner. Mark your calendars for all of these events. I hope to see you all there.

If you know of anyone who has been ill or hospitalized please call Mary Pandolfo our Sick and Sunshine Representative at (510) 912-2906.

Ciao

Renée Amaro,
Colombo Club Auxiliary President



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Join us for a
Colombo Club

Tailgate Party for Our Home Town
Baseball Team at their Final Home Game
of the Season!

Game: September 1, 1:05 pm, Raimondi
Park, 1689 20th Street, Oakland

Tailgate: 11 am, Curt Flood Parking Lot

*Please see the attached reservation form for details
on the tailgate and tickets for the game.*

Buon Compleanno!

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 Jonathon Tapping
 James Gabriel Togneri
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 Tony Vignale
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 Vincent Vittoria
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Grazie Mille

Incentive Program Donors

We thank the generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in July: Dino Rinetti, John Porras (Crown Liquors), Danny Foster, Stefan Molnar, Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Tim Tomei, Fredi Moehl, Royal Auto Supply (Craig Jaber), James Petersen, Parma Delicatessen.

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.



In Memoriam Jeff McGary

Stop by the Club on Friday Afternoons TGIF

Starting August 9, the Club's Ed Basso Room will be open every Friday from 5 pm – 9 pm. Feel free to stop in and have a drink, socialize with your fellow members and their guests. Play cards, have some snacks and just relax with friends. We are opening the club room with volunteers for a couple of months to see how it works out.

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.

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Our Cultural Heritage

The club's 104th anniversary and a look at history

by Rich Puppione

Since this is the club anniversary month, I decided to feature past anniversaries this month.

In 1923, the club held an anniversary dinner in the new club on Broadway seen here on the left.



In order to accommodate members and their families, planks were put over the bocce courts, and three rows of planks of wood were laid out on saw horses and these served as the tables with benches for seating. Money was very tight in the late 1920s, so the members decided not to pass the resolution to pay the people \$2.50 who washed the dishes after the 1928 anniversary banquet.



The anniversary dinner in 1951, was held a year late at the new club on Claremont Avenue.

708 guests attended the dinner (first column below). Notice that they sat on benches.



At the dinner a special tribute was paid to the three remaining club charter members, Charles Merlone, B. Johnny Gorla and L. Calasso (above). President Al Giordano said, "Our Golden Anniversary Celebration salutes our past and gives us hope for the future." When asked by a local reporter what changes the club would make in the next 50 years, Al Giordano replied, "Nothing, absolutely nothing. That is what the club is all about."

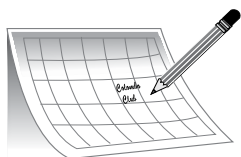
During the Covid pandemic, attendance at the anniversary dinners was light, but those who attended had a great time (right).



Members and guests have been feeling better about attending anniversary dinners as can be seen in the photo below of the 103rd anniversary dinner.



This year's 104th anniversary dinner is on August 17. Don't miss the fun and great menu.



Mark Your Calendar

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

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

Aug 3	Bocce Day at Martinez Marina, <i>Sausage Sandwich</i>	Oct 26	Women's Auxiliary Polenta Dinner
Aug 8	Birthday Dinner -	Nov 7	Birthday Dinners,
& Aug 22	Father-Daughter Nights, <i>Italian Ham</i>	& Nov 21	<i>Sausage with Peppers</i>
Aug 17	104th Anniversary Dinner Dance - <i>Strip Roast</i>	Nov 12	Assembly Meeting & Dinner, <i>Menu TBA</i>
Sept 12	Birthday Dinners,	Nov 16	Family Dinner, <i>TBA</i>
& Sept 26	<i>Chicken Cacciatore</i>	Dec 5	Family Dinner, <i>Spaghetti & Meatballs</i>
Oct 10	Birthday Dinners,	Dec 12	Birthday Dinners, <i>Spaghetti & Meatballs</i>
& Oct 24	<i>Roast Beef</i>	Dec 14	Children's Christmas Party
Oct 19	Family Dinner, <i>Pot Roast</i>		

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Colombo Club Prepaid Events

Call the Club (510) 653-9716 to order your Sausage and Pepper Sandwich, and then use the links below to reserve your seats for the game.

To change or cancel your sandwich order (within 72 hours of event) please call the Club (510) 653-9716 and leave a message. You may also email us at: prepaidcolomboclub@gmail.com.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Join us at the Colombo Club Tailgate Party for Our Home Town
Baseball Team at their Final Home Game of the Season

Game: September 1, 1:05 pm, Raimondi Park, 1689 20th Street, Oakland

Tailgate: 11 am, Curt Flood Parking Lot

The Colombo Club will be tailgating in the Curt Flood Parking Lot starting at 11 am. You can call the club at 510-653-9716, press 1 and 6 and order pepper and sausage sandwich for sale for \$10 (water and chips included). When you call and order your pepper and sausage sandwich(es), please indicate whether you want hot or mild sausage, and leave your name, phone number and the number of sandwiches you would like to order. The Colombo Club "no show" policy will be in effect.

The Ballers have four different options for tickets to the game:

- **Premium Reserved**= \$30 per ticket including fees. These are the best seats in the house near home plate with a back and arm rests. Each individual has their own assigned seat for the game.
- **Bleacher Reserved Seats** = \$23 per ticket including fees. These are bench seats on the base-lines near the dugouts. Each individual has their own assigned seat for the game.
- **General Admission Seats** = \$19 per ticket including fees. These are first come-first serve open bench seating in right field. Pick your favorite spot.

Use these links to Purchase Tickets:

General Admission Tickets

(\$19 per ticket):

<https://tickets.oaklandballers.com/event/66351264a4d0b5450fdc2b3e?underShop=669edc9be704ec26b5e19b47>

Bleacher Reserved Tickets

(\$23 per ticket):

<https://tickets.oaklandballers.com/event/66351264a4d0b5450fdc2b3e?underShop=669ee3b3413974b359ef6e62>

Premium Reserved Tickets

(\$30 per ticket):

<https://tickets.oaklandballers.com/checkout/66351264a4d0b5450fdc2b3e?underShop=669ee6cb0643a745f87e7fc8>

They do have a **VIP Experience**: An exclusive VIP experience that offers more than just game tickets. This package is \$100 per person. If there is a group that is interested in this, contact Amy at amy@oaklandballers.com.

This is an exclusive VIP experience that offers more than just game tickets.

- Premium Reserved Tickets
- On-Field Fan Experience
- Meet the Players
- Group Photo
- Oakland Ballers T-shirt (They sell at the stadium for about \$30)
- Announcer Shout-Out & Videoboard Placement
- Optional: \$40 Food/Beverage Card (\$140 total per person)

Reserve your tickets for the game directly with the Ballers by using the link above for your option.