



**April 2025**  
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**April**

**Family Dinner**

**Saturday, April 26**

Members	\$33/each
Guests	\$38
Children ages 6-12	\$16
under 6	Free

*Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on April 20.*

4:30 pm Cocktails

6:30 pm Dinner

Menu:

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

**ONLINE Reservations  
 only for this event**

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 calendar-of-events](http://www.thecolomboclub.com/calendar-of-events)



COLOMBO CLUB  
 AUXILIARY

B U O N A

**Festa della Mamma**

**Saturday, May 10**

5 pm Cocktails • 6 pm Dinner

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

*Make reservations by May 3.  
 Call Mary Pandolfo, 510-276-7681.  
 See the flyer for details.*

Antipasto, Salad and Rolls,  
 Rigatoni with Red Sauce,  
 Chicken Picatta, Dessert, Wine &  
 Coffee



**Assembly Meeting**

and Dinner

**Tuesday, May 13**

Cocktails 6 pm  
 Dinner 7 pm  
 Meeting follows  
 \$30 Members Only

Menu TBA

Call for reservations:  
 (510) 653-9020. Press  
 1 to make reservations,  
 then press 3.

**Birthday Dinners**

April 10 and 24

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

**Birthday Dinners**

**Thursday, May 8** (Men)  
**Thursday, May 22** (Co-ed)  
**Menu:** Salad, Tortellini Alfredo,  
 Pork Roast, 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, Apr 10** (Men only)  
**Thursday, Apr 24** (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.**

# President's Message

Ciao a Tutti!

We hosted our final Crab feed March 22nd. Of course, it was another wonderful turnout, especially since we featured Clam Risotto! Thank you to our amazing cooks who make all of this possible!

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!

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, 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!  
Ciao!

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

P.S. – I am looking for two special people, one with a solid working knowledge of sound systems (for advice on updating our system in the ballroom); and one with knowledge around "sound dampening" (for our downstairs banquet hall). Please contact me at [jianora1@gmail.com](mailto:jianora1@gmail.com).

# Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Saluti,

Last month on March 20th, the McBride Irish Dancers were the highlight of the St. Patrick's Dinner that was chaired by Dianne Marangio and Elaine Kless. The dinner was great! It was well attended, and the cooks made that meal so delicious. Together with so many gift baskets, it made an exciting fun-filled evening.

*Why did the coffee file a police report on April Fool's Day?*  
It got mugged.

*What spring flower grows between your nose and your chin?* Two-lips. (I couldn't resist)

Welcome Spring! It's such a wonderful time of year with lots of newly sprouted garden plants, some I still need to get in. I can hardly wait to dig in the dirt and see the fruits of my labor this summer. The sun is shining and warming the soil for all our young plants. The young birds are chirping, colorful flowers blooming and the spring green leaves on the trees are so pleasant to see as we walk by. I love seeing the green hills with the little yellow flowers and wild poppies alongside the highways.

We have more reasons to be thankful this month with Palm Sunday on the 13th. Then, Easter Sunday on the 20th, Please remember your past traditions so that you can share them with the younger family members.

On Friday, April 25, Italy will be celebrating its national holiday, Liberation Day, which commemorates the victory of the I.R.M. (Italian Resistance Movement) against Nazi Germany.

Auxiliary members – our next meeting is on Wednesday the 16th at 6:30 pm in the Isabella Room. Please try to come so I can see and hear all of you beautiful ladies. You will learn what is happening within our club.

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.

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.

Ciao,

Renée Amaro, Colombo Club Auxiliary President  
[reneeamaro@comcast.net](mailto:reneeamaro@comcast.net)

# Buon Compleanno!

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## Grazie Mille

### Incentive Program Donors

Thank you to these generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in February and March: Gary Sabatte, Fredi Moehl, Dino Rinetti, Michael Covione, Jerry Jennaro, Joe Gennaro, James Bartha, Mr. Halloran, Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Danny Foster, Oakland Fire Department, Joe & Laura Fraiolia, Stefan Molnar, Concord Moose Lodge, Tim Tomei, Andy Botgori, Michael Britton, Flavio Santini, Jerry Rossi (Fat Lady Bar & Restaurant), Rick Hocking, John Porras (Crown Wine & Spirits), Craig Jaber (Royal Auto Repair).

### Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

Questions? See President's Message, page 2, or contact John Mazibrook at 510.304.7211 or [jtmazibrook@earthlink.net](mailto:jtmazibrook@earthlink.net).

### New Way to Make Reservations For the Family Dinner 4/26

The Board of Directors is testing a new way to make reservations. For the Family Dinner on April 26, rather than calling the Club to make your reservation, the process will be handled online. To make reservations for this dinner:

1. Go to <https://www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/>
2. Look for April 26, Family Dinner
3. Click "Order Tickets"

Reservations will not be accepted via telephone for this event.

There is a new way to reserve the Club for your private party too! See page 1 for details. Stay tuned for more online options in the future!

## Advertise Your Business on the Colombo Club Website

We will put a link on our club website, [www.thecolomboclub.com](http://www.thecolomboclub.com), that lists your name and business for all the Colombo Club members to see. When members are looking for a plumber, contractor, electrician, barber, travel agent, a place to purchase equipment or whatever they need, they can support a fellow member of the Club by checking out the list of member services on our website.

Interested? Contact Perry Vittoria for more information, at [perryvittoria@icloud.com](mailto:perryvittoria@icloud.com)

Thank you for supporting the Colombo Club!

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## Our Cultural Heritage

# Joe Ianora's Trip to Puglia, Italy

Over the past couple years, two of my sisters and I have traveled to Italy. While we were unable to locate relatives, we did travel to Pugliano al Mare, where they hold the World Cliff Diving Championships! Besides the incredible food and sights, we learned how to make (and eat) some of our favorite salad and pasta – Orecchiette and Cavatelli. Who knows where our next Italian adventure will take us...



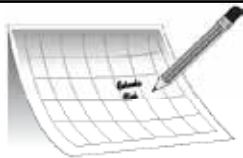
Ciao a tutti! Joe Ianora

## New Series of History Articles:

If you have made a trip to Italy, Rich Puppione would like to know about it! Share a few photos with him and your trip could be featured in the newsletter. Tell him *briefly* about the people you met, 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 he really wants. Please send a maximum of four photos and **no more than 100 words** (captions included). Email your submission to richpup46@gmail.com.

## Sponsor the Club's Next Book of Colombo Club 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!



## Mark Your Calendar

### Birthday Dinners, Sausage & Peppers

Apr 10 - Men Only  
Apr 24 - Co-ed

### Apr 26 - Family Dinner, Pasta and Pork Scaloppini

### Birthday Dinners, Pork Roast & Tortellini Alfredo

May 8 - Men Only  
May 22 - Co-ed

May 10 - Auxiliary Mother's Day Dinner, Rigatoni & Chicken Piccata

May 13 - Assembly Meeting & Dinner, Menu TBD

### Birthday Dinners, Father & Sons Nights, Spaghetti & Meatballs

June 12 - Men Only  
June 26 - Co-ed

June 22 - Pizza Night

### Birthday Dinners, Pot Roast & Pasta

July 10 - Men Only  
July 24 - Co-ed

July 26 - Past Presidents' Night - Pork Scaloppini & Tortellini

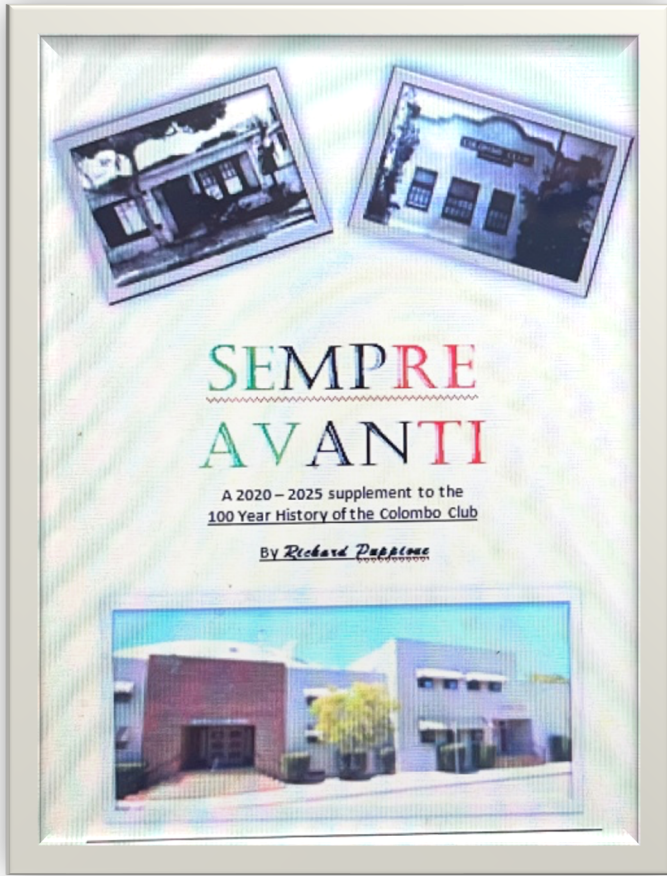
## Members! Make Reservations ONLINE at the Club for Your Next Private Party!

Now you can inquire *ONLINE* about booking the Colombo Club for your private event. You can also have a Party within a Party at one of our dinners.

Learn more:

[www.thecolomboclub.com/planning-an-event](http://www.thecolomboclub.com/planning-an-event)

Contact Kathy Gorham, Member Event Coordinator, at [Wurkingmum@aol.com](mailto:Wurkingmum@aol.com).



# Help Get an Addition to the Colombo Club History Book Published

Most of you have a copy of the 100 Year History of the Colombo Club.

We need sponsors to publish an 2020-2025 updated addition to the book.

In January 2026, the club will publish an update to the 100 Year History of the Colombo Club. This 8 1/2 x 11, 90+ page book will be filled with a written update and 300+ color photos of the 2020 2025 history of the Colombo Club. 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. It will not only help pay for publication of the book, but also 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 business 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.

**Grazie mille tutti, Rich Puppione**

### Sponsorships

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|---|---|
| *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, plus a 10 word sentence.....\$50 |
| *1/4 Page Ad (could include a photo)- . \$125 | List your Family Name as a sponsor .....\$35  |

Every sponsor will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

**GET YOUR FAMILY'S PHOTO IN THE BOOK!!** If you have a photo of you/your family, maybe even 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.

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

Please send your sponsorship donation and ad to:

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

\*If you have a question, email me. ([richpup46@gmail.com](mailto:richpup46@gmail.com))



COLOMBO CLUB  
AUXILIARY

B U O N A

# Festa della Mamma

Chaired by  Lisa Baumer

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

Cocktails: 5:00pm • Dinner: 6:00pm

**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 3, 2025

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*

