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The Colombo Club
5321 Claremont Avenue
Oakland, California 94618
www.TheColomboClub.com

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Birthday Dinners

Sept 12 and 26

*Salad, Pasta with Pesto,
Chicken Cacciatore,
Dessert, Wine & Coffee*

Birthday Dinners
Thursday, Oct 10
Thursday, Oct 24
Menu: Salad, Red Risotto, Roast
Beef, 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, Sept 12 (Men Only)
Thursday, Sept 26 (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.



Colombo Club Invitational Golf Tournament

Sequoyah Country Club

Monday, October 14

11:30 Shot Gun Tee Time

See the flyer in this edition.

Saturday, October 19

Halloween Dinner & Costume Contest

The inflatables, popcorn and cotton candy were a huge hit with all the kids last year and this years' inflatables are bigger and better than ever!

5:30 pm Cocktails
7 pm Dinner
8:30 pm Dancing



**Salad, Pasta,
Pot Roast,
Wine, Dessert, Coffee**

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on October 11.
Call 510-653-9716, press 1 and then press 4 for the family dinner.



Saturday, October 26

Reservations: Call Mary Pandolfo

(510) 276-7681 by Saturday Oct 19

Member & Spouse: \$30/each
Guests: \$33/person
Children 6-12: \$15/person
Children under 6 years: Free

See the flyer enclosed in this issue
for details.

Saturday, November 9

**Tribute Band
Concert & Dinner**



A Tribute To Fleetwood Mac

Cocktails 5 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Show starts 9:00 pm

\$85 per person
Reserve front row seats for an
additional \$100/ for 4 persons

Meal your choice of

- New York Strip
- Roasted Chicken
- Vegetarian

See the flyer in this issue for
details and registration.

President's Message

Saluti A Tutti!

Summer weather will linger in the Bay Area, for at least another few weeks. The children have returned to school, and we look forward to our fall sports and events.

August was a very busy month at the Colombo Club. Our popular Father/Daughter Birthday Dinners were loud and lively! And "Thank You!" to Dave and John Nardi for running another well-attended Bocce Day event at the beautiful Martinez Marina Bocce facility. Everyone always enjoys this event; the competition, the food, and the venue all combine to make it a very enjoyable day. Last, but not least, our 104th Anniversary Dinner was memorable; we always enjoy welcoming our fellow Bay Area Italian Clubs to our annual celebration.

If you are unable to attend one of our Birthday Dinners recently, then please join me in attending the Women's Auxiliary Polenta Dinner on Saturday October 26. Polenta, chicken and Italian Sausage will be a great meal!

Do you like to cook, wait tables, or tend bar? The Colombo Club has paid positions for cooks, waiters, and bartenders available. We are always looking for people to get involved in the club. If you are interested, please contact House Chairman Tony Tedeschi at Ibmtonyt@yahoo.com. or call the Club at 510-653-9716 and leave a message for "Tony T".

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

Children's Christmas Party

It's time to start planning for the Club's popular Children's Christmas Party. See the reservation form in this newsletter for details.

Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Ciao Members,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable. Although very hot. I wish you all a cooler rest of the summer. Boy, time is flying. Celebrating the 104th Men's Anniversary of the Colombo Club Dinner/Dance was a lot of fun with delicious food and live music by the George Campi Band. Lots of smiles and dancing happened that evening.

The East Bay Italian Clubs Bocce Ball Championship with we held on Sept 21st deadline for entry forms is the 16th (Members Only) It will be hosted by the Fratellanza Club.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Maple, who was chosen to be the queen (sponsored by the C.C. Auxiliary) in our Isabella Room, for our IAF. She will be crowned at the Coronation Banquet happening on Saturday the 28th at the Galileo Club. Ashleigh and her Court will be in the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco on October 13th.

Next month on Saturday, October 26th, Frances Bienati & Laurie Castell-Kemp will chair the Polenta Dinner, another Big Auxiliary Event. So, mark your calendars and be sure not to miss making reservations for that one.

Elections are also coming soon. If you would like to be more involved with the Auxiliary or know of another member who would be a good representative, please let me know.

If you know of a member who has been ill or hospitalized, please call Mary Pandolfo our Sick & Sunshine Representative at (510) 912-2906

Ciao

Renée Amaro,
Colombo Club Auxiliary President

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.

Buon Compleanno!

Steven Abbey
Sam Abu-Ghaben
Thomas Adair, USMC
John Barassi
Mike Barbanica
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Lorenzo Bazinett
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Anthony Bellomo
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Keith Vanhole
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Luciano Vinci

Grazie Mille

Incentive Program Donors

We thank the generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in August: Michael Covione, Dino Rinetti, Danny Foster, Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Joe Gennaro, Jerry Jennaro, James Bartha, Tim Tomei, James Peterson & Family, Parma Delicatessen & Catering, Craig Jaber - Royal Auto Repair, Vincent Traverso - Kingfish Pub & Cafe, Stefan Molnar, Fredi Moehl.

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.



We salute the Past Presidents of the Colombo Club! Back Row: Dave Nardi, John Mazibrook, Nick Nicora, Domenic Torchia, Rich Puppione. Front Row Joe Guerrero, Billy Castell, Lou Mascola, Tony Tedeschi. Thank you for your leadership gentlemen.

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Our Cultural Heritage

by Rich Puppione



Lou Celia served the club as the Chairman of the Board and was elected to the Board for three separate

terms. He is remembered for always being a very active member, volunteering on work parties and telling jokes at club lunches. He is seen here at a club anniversary dinner with his wife. Lou is also responsible for recognized for making a tumbler "squirrel cage" for the birthday dinner raffles. In June 1980, 20 members volunteered to do extensive cleaning and painting of the club, which took place under the direction of Lou Celia and Ed Basso. It was said that if the members continued to upgrade the kitchen, "Chef George Mossino would be forced to wear a tie while cooking." Dominic stated, "I can personally attest to the fact that Lou and Ed were the driving forces as I am wearing lash marks on my back as a result of Lou's expertise with the whip.

Billy Castell's contributions to the club include: serving as President of the club 1998-1999, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, 3rd vice president, chair of the club's election committee, procured baseball memorabilia from the Oakland A's and handed them out at father/son dinner nights, represented the club in interclub bocce tournaments, gold card member, organized the club's annual trip to the A's vs Giants baseball game at the Oakland Coliseum, Board of Director for many years and volunteer at many Colombo Club events. He is a club gold card member. Billy

is truly a sports aficionado. His baseball career started early in his life. In 1949 in New York when he was 18 years old, he met baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. Recently, he was a member of the Colombo Club bocce team that won the 2023 all Italian Clubs Bocce Tournament. Billy's continued contributions to the club are so important to the growth of the club.



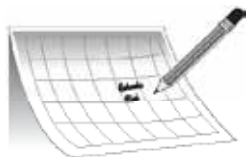
The last featured member of the club who has been a vital part of the growth of the Colombo is Joe Guerrero. Joe recalls that in the early 1950s, when he was out of work during a butchers' strike, he was given the job of setting up chairs and tables in the club dining room for 5 cents a chair.

He also said that no matter how early he got to the club to do this, the job had already been done by some older members who were already there early in the morning to play cards. They told him that he could still get the pay anyway because he needed the money.



Joe still volunteers in the kitchen and setting tables (only he does not get paid the 5 cents a chair anymore). Joe's other contributions include: Colombo Club President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Board of Director, Catering Manager, Colombo Club Work Day Volunteer, Volunteer tubala chair at the Italian Clubs' Annual Picnic, Head Table Setter, Volunteer Cook for Assembly Dinners,

Volunteer Cook at Christmas Lunch for DMV, Volunteer Cook for the Board Dinners, Volunteer Cook for Festa Italiano, Colombo Club Gold Member, House Committee Member, Incentive Program Ticket Seller and Volunteer Cook at the Annual Children's Christmas Party. We are indebted to Joe for his dedication to the club.



Mark Your Calendar

Sept 12 Birthday Dinners,
& **Sept 26** *Chicken Cacciatore*

Oct 10 Birthday Dinners,
& **Oct 24** *Roast Beef*

Oct 14 Golf Tournament

Oct 19 Family Dinner, *Pot Roast*

Oct 26 Women's Auxiliary
Polenta Dinner

Nov 7 Birthday Dinners,
& **Nov 21** *Sausage with Peppers*

Nov 9 Fleetwood Macrame
Dinner & Show, *New York Strip Steak, Chicken or Veg*

Nov 12 Assembly Meeting &
Dinner, *Menu TBA*

Nov 16 Family Dinner, *TBA*

Dec 5 Birthday Dinner, *Spaghetti & Meatballs* (Co-ed)

Dec 12 Birthday Dinner, *Spaghetti & Meatballs* (Men Only)

Dec 14 Children's Christmas Party

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69TH Colombo Club Tour

**INVITATIONAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

**Tee off 11:30 AM
Shot Gun
4 Person Best
Ball Scramble**

**Tournament Limit
144 Players
First In First Play
By Order Of Postmark**

Entry Fee \$200

**All Proceeds go to the Colombo
Club Scholarship Fund**

Includes:

**Green Fees, Cart, Tee Prizes,
Hot Lunch and Adult Beverages
at the Golf Club**

**Fantastic Raffle Prizes
TV/Stereo/Golf Clubs etc.
During Dinner**

**Prime Rib / Pasta Dinner
Please ask if you want
chicken or Vegi
To Follow at the Club
5:30pm Cocktails
Dinner at 6:30pm
Dinner Only Guest:
\$35.00 per Person.**



**SEQUOYAH
IT'S BACK**

**SEQUOYAH
COUNTRY
CLUB**

**4550 HEAFEY ROAD
OAKLAND CA 94605**

*Dress Code Will Be Strictly
Enforced At The Country Club
Normal Country Club Dress Code,
Shorts Will Be Allowed*

CLUB HISTORY

J. Clay and Fred R. Sherman, co-owners of Sherman/Clay company, and Col. W. S. Rheem, president of Standard Oil. These men guided the destiny of the beautiful and testing private golf clubs in Northern California. The original clubhouse was completed in 1915.

Oakland Open, one of the premier tournaments on the Pacific coast, was held at Sequoyah from 1938 to 1944 golfers Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Jimmy Demaret



**Tournament Entry
&
Tournament Sponsor
Form on Back**

**Fill out and Return Form
OR GO TO WEBSITE TO
REGISTER AND PAY**

*Check, Cash,
Visa/MasterCard/Discover
Credit Cards accepted*

Please R.S.V.P. early,

**We Will Not
Expand the Field**

**The tournament
has sold-out the
past three years**

**So, get your
reservation in
ASAP**

**If you have any questions,
please contact
tournament chair
Nick Nicora
nnicora@comcast.net**

GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Deadline: Sept 30th, 2024 or
When Field Is Full
Please Enter Handicap or Score You
Usually Shoot

Player #1: _____

PH# _____ Hdcp: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Player #2: _____

PH# _____ Hdcp: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Player #3: _____

PH# _____ Hdcp: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Player #4: _____

PH# _____ Hdcp: _____

Shirt Size: _____

TOURNAMENT SPONSOR LEVELS

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1,600

Includes: Priority Entry into
Tournament, Name and Logo Sign on
Hole, 4 Green Fees,
Tee Prizes, 4 Lunches at Country Club,
4 Dinners to Follow at Colombo Club

GOLD SPONSOR \$500

(Name and Logo Sign On Hole)

COLOMBO CLUB SUPPORTER
\$300

(Published On Flyer and Mentioned at Dinner)

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Out the Information Below

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Zip code: _____

Sponsor Level:

Platinum # _____ @ \$ 1600

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Supporter # _____ @ \$ 300

Total Support \$ _____

Golfers: # _____
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Guest's Dinners: # _____
Guest @ \$35 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Make Check Payable to the
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Mail or Email Form To:

Colombo Club

**5321 Claremont Ave
Oakland CA 94618.**

Attn: Golf Tournament

Or email to: John Mazibrook

jtmazibrook@earthlink.net

**Or WEBSITE FOR PAYMENT &
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Zip: _____

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Security Code: _____

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Signature _____

Date _____

COLOMBO CLUB PRESENTS

(A Rumours Filled Evening)

NOVEMBER 9TH 2024

Fleetwood Macramé

Fleetwood Mac TRIBUTE BAND

THE COLOMBO CLUB WILL COME ALIVE AS WE SIT BACK AND
LISTEN AND DANCE TO THE BEST FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE
BAND
IN THE BAY AREA

Don't Stop, Albatross, Gypsy, Never Going Back Again, Little Lies, The Chain, Rhiannon,
Go Your Own Way, Dreams, Landslide, Say You Love Me

DINNER

BORDENAVE'S ROLLS
ANTIPASTA
COLOMBO CLUB FAMOUS SALAD
COLOMBO CLUB FAMOUS PASTA

CHOICE OF

NEW YORK STRIP
ROASTED CHICKEN UPON REQUEST
DESSERT

VEGETARIAN MEAL AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Cocktail at 5:00pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Show starts at 9:00pm

Dinner & Show

\$85 per person

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW WITH THE FORM
BELOW OR AT THE COLOMBO CLUB WEBSITE

BUY TICKETS
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HERE

ALL PURCHASES MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE
TO EVENT NO WALKUPS

48 FRONT ROW TABLE SEATS \$100 for 4 PERSONS

(TABLE SEATS DO NOT INCLUDE DINNER)

Place Cards to Reserve Your Show Seating Handed Out First Come First Serve Night of Event
Place your card on your selected seats and they are yours

Payment For Concert

*Emailed reservations Must be made by Nov 5th.
Reservation by website will take first preference The show could be sold out prior to the club
receiving your email*

Make Check Payable to the Colombo Club Or Use Charge Card Authorization at the Bottom of This Page

**Email to: John Mazibrook: jtmazibrook@earthlink.net
Or WEBSITE FOR PAYMENT & REGISTRATION [HTTPS://THECOLOMBOCLUB.COM](https://thecolomboclub.com)**

Tickets

Single Tickets # _____ @\$ 85.00

Choice of meal

New York Strip # _____

Roasted Chicken # _____

Vegetarian # _____

Front Row Table Seats for Show # _____ @\$ 100 Each (does not include dinner just priority seating)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Zip: _____

Card Number: _____ *Expiration Date:* _____ *Security Code:*

3 Digit Number on Back of Card

Signature _____

Date _____

Happy Holidays
Colombo Club & Colombo Club Auxiliary
5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

August 1, 2024

Dear Member,

On Saturday **December 14, 2024**, at 12 Noon (doors will open at 11:00) we will be holding our 73rd Annual Children's Christmas Party for our members' children and grandchildren, age 12 and under. This event has been made possible by donations from our members (or member's representatives) for the past 72 years.

Please mark your choice of options on the reservation form below.

Option #1: Pick up only (no lunch provided). Just drop by the club's Ed Basso/Isabella Room between 9 am - 10:30 am to pick up your child's (children's) gift(s). **Pre-notification required.**

Option #2 Receive your gift by age groups from Santa and Mrs. Claus as we did before the pandemic. Doors open at 11:00 am. Please **remember**, we start promptly at 12 Noon with the **first age group**, each age group takes about 20 minutes and we don't want your child to miss their opportunity to receive their gift from Santa.

We highly encourage you to click on the "Christmas Party Sign up, click here" below, this will take you to the google document to both sign up and submit the form for the Christmas party. Please fill out the document **as quickly as possible** (this helps Santa with his list). If that is not possible, please print out the attached reservation form, list the name, age, and sex of your children and mail it to the Colombo Club BEFORE October 30th.

Christmas Party Sign up, click [here](#).

If you wish to make a monetary donation (we would greatly appreciate it) either from you, your company or "in memory of," you have two options. Either click on the link below and fill out the google form and make the donation via our website or Send a check to the Colombo Club with the amount to donate and designate you, your company or "in memory of."

Donations for the Christmas party, click [here](#).

If you are mailing the form in, mark the outside of your envelope "CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY" and mail it to the club. **Your reservations must be received before October 30.** Include any donations that you wish to make with your reservation form.

We wish you and yours a very happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Tony Ballestero, Colombo Club President, and Renee Amaro, Colombo Club Auxiliary
President
Joe Ianora and Denise Picetti, Chairpersons, Children's Christmas Party

Mail the form to: **The Colombo Club and Colombo Club Auxiliary**
5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland CA 94618

Children's Christmas Party, 2023
THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE **October 30, 2024**

Circle either Option #1 or Option #2

Option # 1 Drop by the club between either 9-10:30 am (no lunch provided)

I would like to come by the Colombo Club between 9 - 10:30 am on **December 14** to pick up the Christmas gift for my child.

Option # 2 – Attending In Person

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

Last Name of Submitting Member

First Name of Submitting Member

Member's Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Children: All gifts to be picked up must be listed on the same sheet.

Child's Name	Age	Boy	Girl

*If it has been 6 months since the child's last birthday please put the child's age as of their next birthday. All cards may be picked up at the club the day of the event, nothing will be mailed **This form MUST be received by the Club before October 30, 2024 for your children to participate.***

Mail completed form to:

**Christmas Party
The Colombo Club and Colombo Club Auxiliary
5321 Claremont Avenue
Oakland CA 94618**

2024 Children's Christmas Party Donation Form

We are thrilled that you will be donating to this wonderful Christmas event!

Donations

Donation Amount: _____

From: _____ (personal, or company name)

In Memory of: _____

Mail completed form to:

**Christmas Party
The Colombo Club and Colombo Club Auxiliary
5321 Claremont Avenue
Oakland CA 94618**