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The Colombo Club
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Sunshine Chair, Gordon Bowman
gbowman999@yahoo.com

Surf & Turf Family Dinner Saturday, March 21

Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Members & Guests \$60

Make Reservations online
www.thecolomboclub.com

Antipasto, Salad, Tortellini
with Cream Sauce, Steak &
Shrimp, Dessert, Wine and
Coffee

Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday, March 28

Featuring dancers from the
McBride School of Irish Dance
during cocktail hour



Pasta, Corned Beef & Cabbage,
Dessert, Wine and Coffee

Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Auxiliary Members/Spouses \$33
Guests \$38
Children 6-12 yrs. \$16
Children 0-5 yrs. FREE

Make Reservations by 3/21:

Lisa Baumer
(510) 912-3002

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Saturday, April 11

Old Fashioned Family Dinner

Cocktails 4 pm
Dinner 5 pm

Members & Guests: \$25

**Menu: Salad, Spaghetti &
Meatballs, Dessert, Wine
and Coffee**



Saturday, April 25

Scholarship Family Dinner

Awards 4 pm
Cocktails 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm

Members\$33
Guests.....\$38

**Menu: Salad, Pasta, Pork Scallopini,
Dessert, Wine and Coffee**

Birthday Dinners

Mar 12 and 26

Salad, Pasta, Corned Beef &
Cabbage, Dessert, Wine &
Coffee

Birthday Dinners

Thursday, Apr 9 (Men only)

Thursday, Apr 23 (Co-ed)

Thursday Apr 30 (Co-ed)

**Menu: Salad, Pasta Fagioli, Sausage &
Peppers, Dessert, Wine and Coffee**

Start Time 5:30 pm Cocktails; 7 pm Dinner

\$33 Members, \$38 Guests

\$16 Children 6-12 yrs

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Thursday, March 12 (Men Only)

Thursday, March 26 (Co-ed)

For reservations, please use the website

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Please use the phone as a backup only: (510) 653-9020.

To cancel reservations use the Contact Us tab on the website.

For a full refund, you must cancel by 7 pm, Sunday before the dinner.

Cashless policy will be followed.



**Check the website
for the
Calendar of Events!**

President's Message

Ciao a tutti, February asked a lot of us. We gathered to honor Rich Puppione, and while it was difficult, it was also a beautiful reminder of the kind of man he was—and how much he meant to this club. Thank you for showing up with your prayers, your presence, and your love for Rich and his family.

On a brighter note, our front bar received a wonderful facelift. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, and to the Vittoria family for organizing it all.

Volunteers included:

Dennis Foley	Walt Edgerley	Albert Traille
David Limato	Roger Moirano	John Nardi
Jim Haywood	Richard Perry	Dave Nardi
Randy Thomas	Ezio Maiolini	Donny Ceremello
Carm DeMaio	Larry Bellusa	Kathy Gorham
Stefan Molnar	Joe Ianora	Patti Russo
Jeff Ryan	Matt Moran	Tianne Rinetti-Vittoria
Mark Worrell	Vince Fratangelo	Perry Vittoria

All of February's events were a huge success. All three crab feeds sold out, and our birthday dinners were well attended. Thank you for coming out and supporting the club!

March will be a full month as well. Besides our famous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner (a nod to our Irish friends), we'll take any opportunity to celebrate and enjoy great food together. This year, the Women's Auxiliary is adding a special treat: Irish dancers at their family event. Personally, I think we ought to celebrate St. Joseph's Day too—but I was outvoted!

We're also trying something new: a Surf and Turf dinner. Seating will be limited, so please reserve early. I can't wait to see you at one—or more—of these events!

Speaking of participation, here are a few ways you can help out around the club:

- Attend a work party (lunch provided!)
- Volunteer to help sell incentive tickets
- Donate a prize to our incentive program
- Help run prizes to the lucky winners
- Recruit and sponsor a new member for the club

Any of these make a huge difference to our club.

I also have a special request: we now have a new coffee bar in the ballroom, and I'm looking for one or two volunteers to staff it after dinners. If you're interested, please email me.

Our annual membership dues are now due. These funds are critical to the operation of the club. It's easy to pay your dues online at www.thecolomboclub.com. Thank you for your continued membership and support! If you have a friend who 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.

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Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Gia Marzo?

Wow! This year is flying by. Where has winter gone? Besides the cold, we've hardly had any rain or snow in the mountains. It came so late this year. Although, it's so nice when you walk around the neighborhood to see all the new growth. I love all the new flowers, trees and bushes are getting their new leaves and the birds are nesting; my tulips and daffodils have already finished showing their beautiful faces. Now, I hope you are all thinking of amending the soil and of all the things you will plant in your gardens this spring.

Time Change is this month on March 8th (remember to spring forward). Hint: use that day to change batteries in smoke detectors (if they are not hard wired), as well as changing your air filters, and flipping or turning your mattresses. Stay safe and healthy.

Wear a bit-o-green this month for our Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day Dinner on the 28th, Chaired by Elizabeth (Betty) DeRespini and Co-Chair – Elaine Kless. You know the Colombo Club cooks can do a *delizioso pasto per il giorno di San Patrizio*. And they can do it with perfection for our very large, attending members, family and friends. We will have a visit from the McBride School of Irish Dancers as well. A few will be coming to entertain us during the cocktail hour prior to dinner. Don't be late or you will miss them. It's so fun to watch. This is a well-attended dinner so make your reservations early please. *Mangiare bene*. (See flyer for more information).

Auxiliary members will meet in the Isabella Room on March 18th for our monthly general meeting.

Buon compleanno to our March-born members.

Remember to let our Sick & Sunshine Ambassador, Elaine Kless, know if a member has been hospitalized or ill. Please call her: (925) 858-9245.

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.

Rendiamolo un mese fantastico

Renée M. Amaro

Colombo Club Auxiliary President
reneeamaro@comcast.net

Buon Compleanno!

Martin Aiello	Dario C. DeVincenzi	Edward J. Matraia, Jr.
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Mike Covione	Tim Keller	Matthew Van Loan
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Richard Delmonico	Stephen Linqvist	William Walsh
Richard Delsoldato	David Marshall	Mark Williams
John DeMarinis	Quentin Martin	Paul Yezzi

President's Message (continued)

If you have an idea for an event you'd like to see held at our club, and/or if you would like to volunteer, please contact me at my email address below.

I look forward to seeing you at the Colombo Club this month!

Ci Vediamo,

Joe Ianora, jianora1@gmail.com

GrazieMille

Incentive Program Donors

Thank you to these generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in January: Lee Landini, Stefan Molnar, Danny Foster, Vincent Traverso (Kingfish Pub & Cafe), John Porras (Crown Wine & Spirits), Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Aaron Yang, Dino Rinetti, Michael Covione, Fredi Moehl, James Bartha, Joe Gennaro, Jerry Jennaro, Dan Foster, Oakland Fire Department - Tom Reese.

Crab Feed Donation

Thank you to the Radwan family, owners of the Bordenave Sourdough, who donated all of the bread for the January Scholarship Crab Feed.

Last Chance for 2026 Scholarship Applications!

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, 2026.

Scholarship applications are available at the Colombo Club at the bar in the Club Room. Any questions, contact Tony Ballestero at ballestero@protonmail.ch.

2) The Bossola Scholarship for 2026

Applications are available by sending an email request to bossolascholarship@gmail.com. The deadline for completed applications is March 15, 2026.

Book the Colombo Club for your private event. Rent the whole club or have a Party within a Party at one of our dinners. Your guests can enjoy the Ed Basso Room before and after dinner. If you are interested in planning an event please contact our Member Event Coordinator, Kathy Gorham (510) 919-0432.

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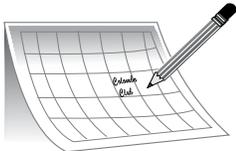
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting, 6 pm	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10	11	12 Birthday Dinner (Men only)	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Family Dinner Surf & Turf
22	23	24	25	26 Birthday Dinner (Co-ed only)	27	28 Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day Dinner
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				



Mark Your Calendar

Apr 7 Board of Directors Meeting

Birthday Dinners, Sausage with Peppers, Pasta e Fagioli
Apr 9 - Men Only
Apr 23 - Co-ed
Apr 30 - Co-ed

Apr 11 - Old Fashioned Family Dinner, Spaghetti and Meatballs

Apr 25 - Family Dinner - Scholarship Awards, Pork Scallopini

May 5, Board of Directors Meeting

Birthday Dinners, Tortellini Alfredo and Pork Roast
May 14 - Men Only
May 28 - Co-ed

May 19 - Assembly Meeting & Dinner
 Bagna Calda Salad, Minnestrone Soup

Make reservations and see additional events on our website at www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/

In Memoriam

Frank Russo

Gold car Member since 1962



Assembly Meeting

and Dinner

and New Member Induction

Tuesday May 19

New Member Induction 5 pm
 Cocktails 6 pm
 Dinner 7 pm

Menu:
 Bagna Calda Salad,
 Minnestrone Soup, Dessert,
 Wine and Coffee

Tickets: \$20 Members Only

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