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Birthday Dinners

May 8 and 22

Salad, Tortellini Alfredo,
 Pork Roast Dessert, Wine &
 Coffee

**Birthday Dinners - Father &
 Sons Nights**

Thursday, June 12 (Men)

Thursday, June 26 (Co-ed)

Menu: Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs,
 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**

Sold Out Thursday, May 8 (Men only)
Thursday, May 22 (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
 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

Family Dinner Pizza Night! Saturday, June 21



Featuring world-famous pizza by
 Colombo Club favorite Danny Foster!

5 pm Cocktails
 7 pm Dinner

after dinner Pignatta for Kids; Popcorn

Make reservations by 6 pm on June 17
 Call 510-653-9716, press 1 to make
 reservations,
 press 4 for the family dinner.

Members and Spouses: \$33/person
 Guests: \$38/person
 Children 6-12: \$16/person
 Children under 6 years: Free



Assembly Meeting and Dinner

Tuesday, May 13

Cocktails 6 pm
 Dinner 7 pm
 Meeting follows

\$30 Members Only

Minestrone Soup &
 Bagna Calda Salad

Call for reservations:
 (510) 653-9020. Press
 1 to make reservations,
 then press 6 for Special
 Events

President's Message

Ciao a Tutti!

Having been in the school system for the past 38 years, May always signals that school is almost out for summer! I love the change to warmer weather, planting my garden (my garlic is already growing strong!) and enjoying longer sunlit days!

As we roll deeper into Spring, the Club is also revving up for many wonderful events. Before that, let me cover some of the past events. As you all know, April is our Sausage and Peppers month – always a sell-out crowd. This year was no different. We had sell-out crowds for both dinners. Additionally, our Family Dinner which also hosted our Scholarship recipients was a great success. Congratulations to all the scholarship winners, they were an incredible group of accomplished men and women!

Future events in May and beyond:

First, please join me in celebrating our Mothers. The Women's Auxiliary is hosting "Festa Della Mamma" – a celebration of our mothers and all women. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 10th.

Second, The Men's club is having a special Assembly Meeting and Dinner, on Tuesday, May 13th. This is a great time to get a better understanding of the club operations, ask questions, and meet the board. Additionally, we will be inducting new members this night, so please come and support our new inductees.

Third, our first birthday dinner in May on the 8th is sold out. The second one on May 22 is still open (Coed). The menu will be pork roast and tortellini.

As we move through May and into the summer months, the club is gearing up for many exciting events, so plan ahead as you won't want to miss these.

June - Father & Sons Nights at the Birthday Dinners. The menu is spaghetti and meatballs, a fan favorite! Please celebrate with us on the 12th (Men only) and 26th (Coed).

June 21- our amazing Pizza Night for the entire family! Make your reservations now, this will be a sell out!

July Birthday Dinners is also busy with our menu of Pot Roast and Pasta on July 10th (Men only), and 24th (Coed). We also will celebrate our Past Presidents Night with a very special dinner on July 26th.

A couple of reminders:

This is our home; please make sure the guests you bring to the club are persons you would bring into your own home for a meal.

As the weather turns nicer and it warms up, I want to remind you that the club has a specific dress code that will be enforced...please review it, so you are not surprised if you are approached by a board member regarding your choice of attire.

Our web site is being updated and improved. Please check it out!

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.

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!

Joe Ianora, President, jianora1@gmail.com

Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Ciao, come stai?

I'll bet your Easter was made memorable with your family sharing Italian traditions and fantastic food along with Easter egg hunts with the littles.

Last month we added several new members to our Auxiliary.

This month we will celebrate Mother's Day, May 11th, and Memorial weekend May 24th – 26th.

I hope you have made reservations with Mary Pandolfo for our Mother's Day Dinner on May 10th. Let's celebrate Mom, please bring other relatives and friends to make it extra special (see flyer). As always, I want to thank the volunteers, decorators and donations given to help make our dinners exceptional. Your help is much appreciated.

Each month the Men have a Coed dinner that we may attend. This month it's May 22nd. They will be serving Pork roast and Tortellini Alfredo. Sounds good to me. Reservations can be made on the Colombo Club website.

Auxiliary members - Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm, in the Isabella Room.

Buon Compleanno to all our Spring May-born ladies.

If you are of Italian descent 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.

Tutto il meglio, rispettosamente,

Ciao,

Renée Amaro, Colombo Club Auxiliary
President
reneeamaro@comcast.net

Buon Compleanno!

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Thank you to these generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in April: Fredi Moehl, Frank Hennefer, Dino Rinetti, The Bradley Family, Lonnie Chase, Troy Brincat, Domenic Torchia, James Peterson, Michael Covione, John Morris, Aaron Yang, Jerry Jennaro, Joe Gennaro, James Bartha, Mr. O'Halloran, Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Danny Foster, Stefan Molnar, Tim Tomei, The Wild Hogs MC, John Porras (Crown Wine & Spirits), Craig Jaber (Royal Auto Repair).

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients:

The Colombo Club and Colombo Club Auxiliary held the annual scholarship awards presentation and dinner on April 26. 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: **Caiden Castelluccio, Tanner Castelluccio, Diana Olmos, Emma Vernon, Giancarlo Matteucci, Logan Nardi, Madeline Mejias, Marco Quintana, and Triscella Saucedo-Duncan.**

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.

– Tony Ballestero, Scholarship Chairman

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We will put a link on our club website, 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.

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Matt & Vickie Bottero's Trip to Puglia, Italy



We sailed on a Mediterranean cruise last May 2024. The cruise started from Venice (Trieste), which included a gondola ride and took us through stops in Croatia, Greece, and Sicily prior to landing in Naples, Italy.

From there we sailed to Rome (Civitavecchia) and Florence (Livorno) ending the trip with stops in France and Spain. My most memorable stops included a two-day trip through Tuscany (wonderful vistas and wine). Our visit to Florence was breath taking (Netunno statue). I could have gotten by just eating one of these sandwiches everyday at lunch. Awesome salumerias everywhere!!!



The highlight of the trip was three days in Rome. Visiting the Vatican, Pantheon and Coliseum / Forum will be cherished forever. The energy and spirit of Rome is truly intoxicating.

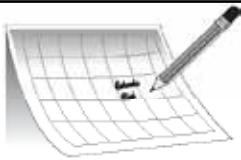
I had the best sandwich (mortadella, ham and asiago cheese) of the trip from a little salumeria just outside of the Pantheon.

Send me your photos and a brief write up of your trip to Italy and I will publish them in one of our next newsletters. Rich Puppione (richpup46@gmail.com)



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.



Mark Your Calendar

Birthday Dinners, Pork Roast & Tortellini Alfredo
Sold Out May 8 - Men Only
May 22 - Co-ed

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

May 13 - Assembly Meeting & Dinner, Minestrone Soup & Bagna Calda Salad

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

Birthday Dinners, Father & Daughter Nights, Italian Ham & Pasta
Aug 14 - Men Only
Aug 28 - Co-ed

Aug 28 Colombo Club Anniversary, New York Strip & Ravioli

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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*

