



**July 2025**

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

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## Past President's Night

### Saturday, July 26

#### Menu:

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

Dance Music by the  
George Campi Band

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

5:30 pm Cocktails  
7:00 pm Dinner  
Dancing follows

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on July 20. Call 510-653-9716,  
press 1 to make reservations, press 4 for the family dinner.

**COLOMBO CLUB**  
*105th Anniversary*  
**AUGUST 23 2025**  
**COCKTAILS 5:30 DINNER 7 PM DANCING FOLLOWS**  
**MENU: SALAD, RAVIOLI, NEW YORK STRIP, DESSERT, WINE AND COFFEE**  
**FEATURING THE DENNIS CRUDA BAND**  
\$33 MEMBERS, \$38 GUESTS,  
\$16 CHILDREN AGES 6-12 YRS  
MAKE OR CANCEL RESERVATIONS  
BY 6 PM ON AUGUST 18. CALL  
510-653-9716, PRESS 1 TO MAKE  
RESERVATIONS, PRESS 4 FOR  
THE FAMILY DINNER.

## Birthday Dinners

Family Nights

**July 10 and 24**

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

**Birthday Dinners**  
**Father-Daughter Nights**  
**Thursday, Aug 14 (Co-ed)**  
**Thursday, Aug 28 (Co-ed)**  
**Menu:** Salad, Pasta, Italian Ham,  
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, July 10 (Co-ed)**

**Thursday, July 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.

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## BACK-to-SCHOOL Dinner

**Saturday, August 9th, 2025**  
Cocktails & Bake Sale: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm

**MENU:**  
Colombo Club Salad & Rolls, Pesto Pasta, Roasted Chicken,  
Veggies, Dessert, Wine, and Coffee

**RESERVATIONS:**  
Mary Pandolfo • (510) 276-7681  
Make reservations by Saturday, August 3, 2025

Auxiliary Members/Spouses	\$33.00
Guests	\$38.00
Children 6 to 12	\$16.00
Children 0 to 5	FREE

**Cancellation:** A \$15 fee per ticket applies if you cancel within 3 days of the event.  
**No-Show:** You will be charged the full ticket price if you do not attend the event.

**DRESS ATTIRE:** Business Casual  
**PARKING AVAILABLE**  
at the UMC across the street

**GEORGE CAMPI**  
playing Accordion music

# President's Message

Ciao a Tutti!

Hard to believe that June has already passed! I had a great time celebrating with so many granddads, dads, and sons this past month. It was a bonus to have some of the moms join us for this celebration as well! Of course, it's always nice to see "kids" coming home from college and returning to the Colombo Club for a great meal of spaghetti and meatballs! A big thank you to David Rinetti of the Oakland A's for donating the memorabilia and to Billy Castell and Marty for handing out the items after dinner.

Our Pizza Night was a great time. We are so fortunate to have Danny Foster, the member who makes all the focaccia for the birthday dinners, volunteer to make all the pizzas every other year for this dinner. Nothing beats pizza for dinner, except for pizza for dinner at the Colombo Club!! Thank you to Danny and all who attended!

Happy 4th of July! I trust that everyone is now deep into enjoying the summer months with family and friends.

This month all of our birthday dinners are Family Nights. That means, you are welcome to bring the ENTIRE family (and friends) to enjoy our always popular Italian Pot Roast. I have yet to meet a guest that didn't walk away as a satisfied and stuffed customer! Please support the club this month by giving your cook a night off, and join us at the club for a wonderful meal!

Additionally in July, we celebrate Past Presidents Night. This is a FREE dinner for all members of the club, we encourage you to bring your family and guests to honor our past presidents with us! Not only is it a special menu, there will also be dancing in the ballroom after dinner! The dinner is July 26.

August is Father-Daughter month and both meals will be dedicated to these special people. This was always a very special occasion for my daughter and me. I would encourage you to plan to attend this meal with your daughter! Of course, family and friends are always welcome.

Also, in August is the 105th Anniversary of the Colombo Club. It will be held on August 23 with its own special menu followed by dancing after the meal. Make your reservation now, and I hope to see all of you there.

If you're considering volunteering at the Club, we're 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, and it's critically important to the financial success of the club. When you are asked to help, please step up and say that you will.

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!

Ci Vediamo,

**Joe Ianora, President** – jianora1@gmail.com

# Women's Auxiliary President's Message

Summer is in full swing, Happy 4th of July!

As all the kids have graduated and want more things to do, we will be vacationing and spending time with them at the pool. Also showing them our skills in the garden and hopefully teaching them some of our favorite recipes in the cucina as well as other traditions – but most of all celebrating and eating with family and friends.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 9th. We will be having our Back-to-School Dinner and hope to have the dining room full. (See flyer.)

Be sure to catch any co-ed dinners that the men are putting on this for July and August (psss, they will be celebrating their Anniversary in August).

Please let us know if a member has been sick or hospitalized by calling our Sick & Sunshine Ambassador, Elaine Kleiss at (925) 858-9245.

Buon Compeanno to our July born members.

Stay cool and hydrated in the dog days of Summer.

Godersi la vita,

**Renee M. Amaro**

Colombo Club Auxiliary President

reneeamaro@comcast.net



**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.

## In Memoriam

**Bob Anderson**  
member since 2007

# Buon Compleanno!

Christopher Angerame  
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 Albert M. Badella  
 Mark A. Baeta  
 Mitch Baird  
 Jason Bardellini  
 John Barry  
 Brian Barsamian  
 David A. Bevilacqua  
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## Grazie Mille Incentive Program Donors

Thank you to these generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in May: Fredi Moehl, Tom Bradley, Dino Rinetti, Michael Covione, Aaron Yang, Jerry Jennaro, Joe Gennaro, James Bartha, Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Danny Foster, Stefan Molnar, Bryan Baptist, Tim Tomei, Steve Lindquist, John Porras (Crown Wine & Spirits), Craig Jaber (Royal Auto Repair).

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### Attention Members - Here's a Leadership Opportunity!

If you think you want to be a leader of the Colombo Club and are a current member in good standing for at least a year, let Dino Rinetti know and he will inform you of what you need to do. You can run for an officer's position (President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent at Arms) or a Board Member. You can reach Dino at (510) 909-7569 or by email at r8rdiz@yahoo.com.

### Work Party, Saturday August 16

Attention Members: We will have a Work Party at the Colombo Club on August 16, 2025. We will start at 8:00 am and work till 12:00 Noon. We will then sit down to a fabulous Colombo Club lunch. If you can help out your Club please call the Special Events Line at: (510) 653-9716, then press 1, then 6 and leave your name and phone number. It will be much appreciated! Thank you.

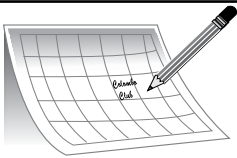


## Our Cultural Heritage

# Richard & Christian Valenti and Spouses' Trip to Italy



The trip started out in Tuscany to sample “la dolce vita” first hand in the Tuscany country side. It was wonderful to see the small villages, castles, wineries. We tasted the parmesan cheese at a cheese producer’s business. We ate at some small local restaurants. We even got to hunt for truffles with a few specially-trained dogs. We went to a Ferrari factory and took cooking classes in one of the towns. Every day was such an amazing exciting experience. We rented a house that had a traditional wood oven where we even baked our own pizza.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Birthday Dinners, Family Nights,**  
*Pot Roast & Pasta*  
**July 10 - Co-ed**  
**July 24 - Co-ed**

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

**Aug 9 - Auxiliary Back to School**  
**Dinner,** Pesto Pasta and Roast  
Chicken

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

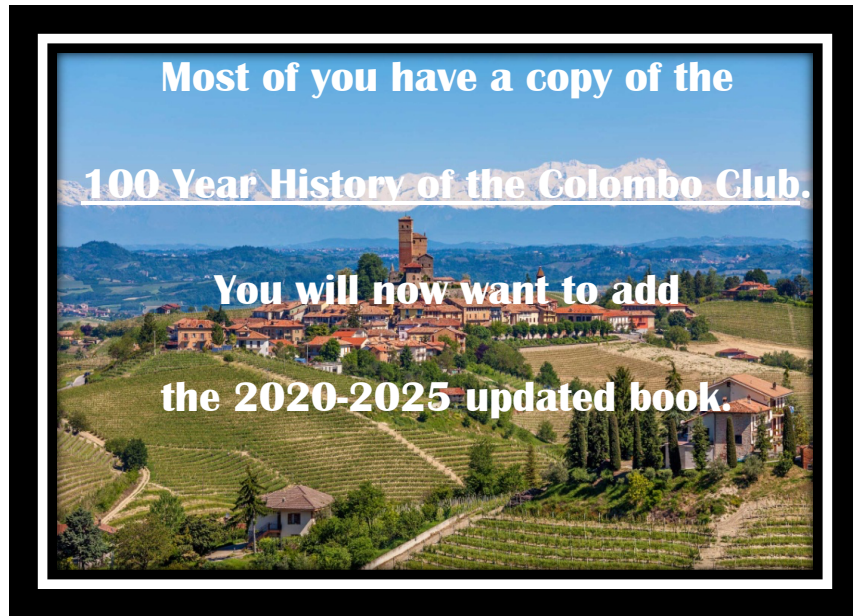
**Aug 23 Colombo Club**  
**Anniversary,** New York  
Strip & Ravioli

**Birthday Dinners, Chicken**  
*Cacciatore, and Pesto*  
*Pasta*  
**Sept 11 - Men Only**  
**Sept 25 - Co-ed**

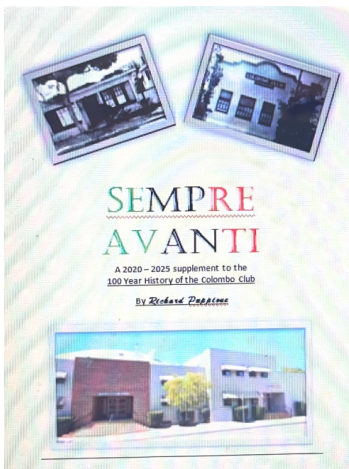
**Birthday Dinners, Sausage**  
*& Peppers, and Pasta a la*  
*Anna*  
**Oct 9 - Men Only**  
**Oct 23 - Co-ed**

**Oct 18 Family Dinner,**  
Halloween Costume Party,  
Pot Roast

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## Time Is Running Out to Get Your Sponsorship in the 2020 -2025 Colombo Club History Book and include Your Personal message/photo.



In January 2026, the club will publish a supplement 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 250+ color photos of the recent Colombo Club events. It is a must addition to your club 100 year history book. In order to help make this happen, **please consider buying into the sponsorship pages of the book** to help pay for its publication. Money raised from this project 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, photo included in the book, please send your business ad or card, family name, family best wishes/photo to the address below with your donation. When the book is published it will sell for about \$15 depending on the production costs.

**Grazie mille tutti, Rich Puppione**

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

Please send your donation and ad to:

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

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



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