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gbowman999@yahoo.com

Saturday, October 18 Halloween Dinner & Costume Contest

5:30 pm Cocktails

7 pm Dinner

\$33 members, \$38 guests,
\$16 children ages 6-12 yrs

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

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on Oct. 13
Call 510-653-9716 or register online, thecolomboclub.org

House Chairman

After 12 years of dedicated service, Past President Tony Tedeschi will be stepping down as House Chairman at the end of this calendar year. The Colombo Club Board of Directors will interview Club Members interested in applying for the position and vote to appoint the new House Chairman. The House Chairman is the day-to-day manager of the Club, responsible for supervising Club staff. If you are interested in being considered for this position, then please contact Tony Ballestero, Chairman, at ballestero@protonmail.ch. Thank You.

Tuesday, November 18

Polls Open 5 pm - 7 pm

Cocktails 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Meeting follows

\$30 Members Only

Tortellini Soup

Assembly Meeting

Election and Dinner

It's almost time to vote! See page 3 for the ballot.

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

Birthday Dinners

Oct 9 and 23

Salad, Pasta a la Anna,
Sausage & Peppers, Dessert,
Wine & Coffee

Birthday Dinners

Thursday, Nov 6 (Men only)

Thursday, Nov 20 (Co-ed)

Menu: Salad, Risotto, Roast Beef,
Dessert, Wine and Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails; 7:30 pm Dinner

\$33 Members, \$38 Guests

\$16 Children 6-12 yrs

Reserve online or 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, Oct 9 (Men Only)

Thursday, Oct 23 (Co-ed)

For reservations, please use the website
www.TheColomboClub.com

If you have trouble, call (510) 653-9020.
To cancel reservations call by 7 pm Sunday before
the dinner. Use the same extensions, above, to
cancel.



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13

[Complete the reservation form here for your family including your child or grandchild.](#)

Hurry! **Reservation deadline is October 15.**

President's Message

Ciao a Tutti! Fall is in full swing and so is the Colombo Club! October is always a busy month for the club with its ever-popular Sausage and Peppers Dinner menu. Please make sure to make your ONLINE reservations early for this event!

Additionally, we have our Halloween Party with fun and games for kids of all ages! Please make sure to come early as there will be many events to partake of prior to dinner... and, a pinata after dinner!

I want to highlight three progressive changes for our Club:

Web Site – We now have a robust web presence! We encourage you to visit our newly revamped website. You can order meal tickets, pay dues, read the newsletter, sign up for events, and much, much more. www.thecolomboclub.com

Online Reservations – On-line reservations will be in full swing by November. We know change can be hard, so to that end we have a couple of events that will be on-line only to give you a chance to practice. The next opportunity to practice ordering tickets online will be October 9th. You will still be able to “call in” for these events; however, starting in November we want to encourage all of our members to make their reservations online. Please go to our website to check out the FAQ's on how this will be handled.

QR Code for New Members – Do you have someone who would like to be a member? Have them scan the QR code at the club and fill out the application electronically or go to our website! (<https://www.thecolomboclub.com/membership/>)



On November 6th our newly appointed SF Consul General, Massimo Carnelos will be joining us for dinner! This is a great opportunity to hear from our new CG.

As always, if you're considering volunteering at the Club, please see or email me! We are always looking for people to sell incentive tickets, tear tickets, hand out prizes. It's a great way to become involved and only takes a little bit of time.

Ci Vediamo,

Giuseppe Ianora

gianora1@gmail.com

Women's Auxiliary President's Message

It's October, when things are winding down in our summer gardens and our fall seedlings are beginning to take off. It is also time to gear up for the holidays which kick off this month starting with Halloween. The Colombo Club Men are having a Co-Ed Halloween Dinner and Costume Contest on Saturday, October 18th. It will be fun for the kids with lots of decorations & Pignatte after dinner. Make your reservations online or call (510) 653-9716. Please dress up, all ghouls and goblins are welcome.

Come celebrate your Italian Pride by attending the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco on October 12th. It is a lot of fun for everyone, also it's the same day that the Blue Angels fly overhead & San Francisco's Fleet Week. Then on the 19th, the I. A. F. Coronation Dinner to celebrate and support the new 2025-2026 Court with Queen Guiliana Sorbi & Princesses Luciana Bagneschi, Emily Stenzler and Valentina Grazzini. It will be held at the Fratellanza Club. You are all invited as we all are members of the Italian American Federation (I.A.F.)

At the Auxiliary meeting on October 15th, we will be introducing the candidates for the election in November.

Buon compleanno alle nostre ragazze che festeggiano il compleanno di Ottobre.

The annual Polenta Dinner with games (Tombola and Cake Walk), chaired by Frances Bienati & Laurie Castell will be on November 8th. Please make your reservations early. This is our best-attended event. Don't get left out. See flyer for details.

If you know a member who has been sick or hospitalized, please contact our Sick & Sunshine Ambassador: Elaine Kless at (925) 858-9245.

Goditi questo mese,

Renee M. Amaro

Colombo Club Auxiliary President

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

News & Notes

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Colombo Club 2026

Election for Officers and Board Members POLLS Open at the Club

Thursday, October 9, 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Thursday, October 23, 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Tuesday, November 4, 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Tuesday, November 18, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Officers: One-Year Terms
Vote for Seven

President: Joe Ianora

First Vice President: Vince Fratangelo

Second Vice President: Mark Rezente

Corresponding Secretary: John DeRespini

Financial Secretary: Perry Vittoria

Treasurer: Matt Moran

Sergeant at Arms: Marc Emeldi

Board of Directors:
Three Year Terms

Vote for Four

*Mark Amaro

*Rich Puppione

Randy Bodas

Gordon Bowman

Mike Covione

Freddi Moehl

Stefan Molnar

Patrick Scalise

* Incumbent

Our Cultural Heritage

The Angerame Trip to Italy

Matthew Angerame took Italian in high school instead of Spanish, which had been an issue for him in middle school. His dad told him that if he could pull off straight A's in Italian freshman year, he would take him to Italy. After Matt earned straight A's, his dad felt that he had to make good on the bet. With that the entire Angerame family was off to Milan, Florence, Venice, and Chris's personal favorite, Rome.

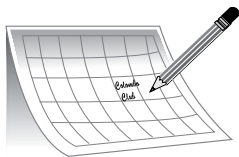


The family spent over a week eating fantastic food, seeing awesome sights and driving rental cars where they weren't allowed. In spite of the entire family being flu-stricken at some point during the duration of the trip, they had a great time. Matthew was able to put his Italian to good use speaking Italian to people and making family memories.



Please Consider Sponsoring the Club's Newest Book on the Colombo Club

In January 2026, the club will publish a supplement to the 100 Year History of the Colombo Club. This 8 1/2 x 11, 110+ page book will be filled with a written update and 350+ color photos of the recent Colombo Club events. It is a must addition to your club 100 year history book. Read more on the flyer. The deadline for ads is September 30, 2025.



Mark Your Calendar

**Birthday Dinners, Roast Beef
and Risotto**
Nov 6 - Men Only
Nov 20 - Co-ed

**Nov 8 - Women's Auxiliary
Polenta and Games Night**

**Nov 18 - Assembly Meeting &
Dinner**

**Birthday Dinners, Spaghetti &
Meatballs**
Dec 4 - Men Only
Dec 11 - Co-ed

**Dec 6 - Women's Auxiliary
Anniversary Dinner**

**Dec 13 Children's Christmas
Party**

Colombo Club Online Ticket Sales and FAQs

Rationale for the change

This fall, the Club will transition to taking most reservations and payments for events online. No worries if you are not proficient in placing online orders. We will help anyone trying to make online payments. If this doesn't work for you, then we will ask you to prepay for future events when you are at the Club or send in a payment. It's important that we receive your payment prior to the event reservation cutoff date, or before the event is sold out

Why are we changing the reservation process?

The reasons for this change include:

- Members have requested that we simplify the reservation process and also adopt technology that makes it easier to make reservations
- Eliminating no shows from members that make reservations, but then they or their guests do not attend ("No-Shows") which impact the Club negatively both financially as well as impacting our efficiency
- Responding to members who prefer to pay with a credit card online
- Reducing the administrative burden involved in managing reservations:
 - managing messages on our phone system
 - listening to phone messages
 - eliminating manually creating a reservation list
 - eliminating mistakes due to inaudible phone messages
 - providing receipts via email and acts as a confirmation of payment, and more.

How to make a reservation:

1. Go to the website – thecolomboclub.com
2. Click on the "calendar of events" tab
3. Find the event you want to purchase tickets for, click on it
4. Add your ticket first, then click on "add to cart". You can add more tickets after that
5. Check out and pay
6. You will receive an email confirmation of your order

Frequently Asked Questions:

- I don't have a credit card.
 - We accept debit cards as well
- Can I still call the Club and make a reservation?
 - Yes, for September and October. After that, you can leave a message at the Club and someone will call you to assist with your online purchase.

- Why is the Club changing to online reservations?
- Each event we have a number of “No-Show” reservations. This costs the Club money as we buy food/supplies for the number of reservations our members make via our phone reservation system. Online reservations ensure that the Club is paid for all reservations made. Other private clubs have successfully used this method for years
- What if I’m not comfortable using online technology? Am I not able to attend an event?
- ***Absolutely not!*** We value you as a member and will continue to support all members attending any event that they choose to attend. The payment method that you choose will not impact your ability to make a reservation, but it will change some. You will need to prepay for the event so that the Club receives your payment before the cutoff date or before the event is sold out. So if you see an event that is important to you, please act immediately to get your reservation to the Club.
- What if I can’t make an online reservation?
- The Club benefits when you make your reservations online. This lowers our cost and also protects all members from having to pay for “no-shows”. If you cannot make an online reservation for an event, call our reservation hot line at (510) 653-9716 and leave a message.
- When I make an online reservation, is the information that I provide secure?
- Yes. The Club does not store any of your personal information (name, credit card #, etc.) and our site uses the latest, industry-standard payment security.
- What do I do if I try, but for some reason I am unable to complete an online reservation?
- We want to ensure that if you want to attend an event you are able to pay for and attend that event. If you have an issue when making an online reservation, please contact us via our website (<https://www.thecolomboclub.com/contact/>) and we will reach out to you to troubleshoot the issue or manage payment for the event.
- What if I need to cancel my reservation, after I paid for my tickets?
- Just as before, tickets are fully refundable up to the Sunday before the event (if it’s a Birthday Dnner). We will provide cancellation dates for all events. Contact us via our website and ask for a refund.
- Where do I find the Club events and how do I make an online reservation and pay for an event?
- On our website - [thecolomboclub.com](https://www.thecolomboclub.com)
- Our events are listed on the “Calendar of Events” page - <https://www.thecolomboclub.com/Calendar-of-Events/>



COLOMBO CLUB AUXILIARY

Polenta Dinner

CHAIRIED BY: FRANCES BIENATI & LAURIE CASTELL

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

5:00 PM - COCKTAILS AND GAMES

ENJOY FOCACCIA WHILE PLAYING TOMBOLA AND CAKE WALK

6:30 PM - DINNER

SPECIAL SALAD, POLENTA, CHICKEN,
ITALIAN SAUSAGE, DESSERT, WINE & COFFEE

RESERVATIONS:

MARY PANDOLFO (510) 276-7681

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

MEMBERS/SPOUSES.....	\$33.00
GUESTS.....	\$38.00
CHILDREN 6-12.....	\$16.00
CHILDREN 0-5.....	FREE

CANCELLATIONS: A \$15 FEE PER TICKET APPLIES IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE EVENT.
NO-SHOWS: YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE FULL TICKET PRICE IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT

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