



# Gennaio

January 2012

1140 66th Street, Oakland, California, 94608

~ Club Room Bar Open ~

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 -5:00 PM

Telephone (510) 547-9435

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5 1st Birthday Dinner 7:30 pm	6	7
8 Bocce League Banquet	9	10	11	12 Bagna Cauda Dinner 7:00 pm	13 Members' Meeting Spuntino 6 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	14
15	16	17 Ladies Birthday Dinner 7:00 pm	18	19 2nd Birthday Dinner (Cioppino) 7:30 pm	20 Friday Luncheon 12 Noon	21
22	23	24	25 Bocce League Organizational Meeting	26	27	28 80th Anniversary Dinner 7:00 pm
29	30	31	 Mark your calendars - our Building Fund Crab Feed is coming February 25th! 			

## Happy Birthday to our Birthday Boys!

Paul F. Accinelli  
Guido Addiego  
Jeff Bell  
Kevin Berndt  
Ralph A. Brignone  
Mark V. Bucedi  
Brian J. Calegari  
Ken Civitello  
Vince Cortese  
Pete J. Covello  
Nick Davis  
Alan De Benedictis  
Bruce De Benedictis

Ronald M. Fadelli  
Vincenzo Frugoli  
Robert Giaramita  
Dave Gibson  
Roy Ginochio  
Gene J. Iacino  
Bill C. Jones  
Mark Kahn  
Vincenzo 'Gino'  
Lomonaco  
Salvatore Lorino  
George R. Marcotte

Bill Miller  
Raymond Negri  
Wayne Nordby  
Pasquale B. Parenti  
Vincent J. Parina  
James Peretti  
Daniel Petri  
George Ricci  
Fred Schlichting  
James Stork  
Gary P. Vannucci  
Paul A. Zampierin  
Richard Zavatero

**2012 dues are now payable.**

**You may send your payment by mail or pay in person at the club!**

**2012 dues are \$150**

**If you have already paid by mail, don't forget to pick up your dues card!**

For reservation confirmation please use email: [fratreservations@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fratreservations@sbcglobal.net)

## 1st Birthday Dinner

January 5, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

**Chair: Alfonso De Pianto**

**Menu** — Fratellanza Salad,  
Rigatoni, Roasted Chicken,  
Roasted Potatoes, Peas &  
Carrots, Ice Cream

**Cost** — \$17 - Members  
\$20 - Guests

Reservations by: Jan 3rd  
510-764-2365 ext 1

## Friday Luncheon

***Third Friday this month!***  
***(January 20th)***

Minestrone ala Michele  
Baked Chicken

**Cost - To be Determined**

Call the Fratellanza Club for  
reservations: 510-547-9435

(Please: No email  
reservations for this event)

## Bagna Cauda Dinner

January 12th, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

**Chair: Joe Scodella**

**Cost** - \$10 - Members  
\$15 - *All* Others

Reservations:

Through Jan 3rd,  
**Fratellanza Men's Club  
Members & Spouses only**

**All others** by Jan 10th

(150 Person Limit)

510-764-2365 ext 5

## Clubroom Bar Open

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
1:00 — 5:00 PM



All prices include sales tax  
Phone 510-547-9435

## 2nd Birthday Dinner

January 19, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

**Chair: Dave Hunter**

**Menu** — Fratellanza salad,  
Penne Pasta w/marinara Sauce,  
Cioppino, Sherbet

**Cost** — \$35 - Members  
\$40 - Guests

(Honorary, Birthday, &  
Certificates \$15)

Reservations by: Jan. 17th  
510-764-2365 ext 2

## Anniversary Dinner

January 28, 2012

**Cocktails:** 6pm **Dinner:** 7pm

**Chair: Past Presidents**

**Menu:** — Caesar Salad,  
Ravioli, Prime Rib Roast,  
Baked Potato, String Beans,  
Napoleon Dessert

**Music: George Campi**

**Cost** — \$25 - Members  
\$30 - Guests

(Fratellanza Club photo  
memorabilia will be on display)

Reservations by Jan. 26th  
510-764-2365 ext 4

Dear Members,

Something very special will occur on the evening of January 28, 2012. On that night, the Fratellanza Club will celebrate its' 80th anniversary!

Our President John Barassi has asked me to be your Master of Ceremonies and I have accepted. Hopefully, this appearance will be an improvement over the last time I was the M.C. in 1982 (the 50th anniversary!). On that night, I was so nervous; I sweated through my suit twice! Why? Because, I missed an entire table of dignitaries during introductions, and I mis-pronounced many names! Stop laughing! Mistakes are not allowed. Not this time.

As your historian/archivist, I can promise a display of photos and artifacts greater than seen anytime before. The collection is so huge that it fills the Bocce room completely, and a portion of the Club room will be used as well. The display will be open for viewing from January 27 through February 4, 2012. Gentlemen, this is your history, come see it; and bring your family.

I encourage everyone to make reservations as early as possible. Don't miss out on a very special event, as many organizations never arrive at this point in their history. From humble beginnings, during the Depression, our Club has grown through the years, and continues to grow through tough economic times that we experience today. Yet, we always find the time to meet with family and friends, break bread, share stories, and have fun. Does it get any better than this? Where? Not anywhere that I know; which means the Fratellanza is it!

I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Let's have a great time together!

con un abbraccio a tutti,

**Gianfranco Sciacero**

**From our President -**

Dear members,

I hope everyone celebrated a wonderful Christmas with family and friends! December was a great month to attend events at the club, with all the beautiful and festive decorations. Let me begin my list of thank yous by thanking the decorating committee for doing such a great job this year, as always. Our first birthday dinner was an enormous success with the tortellini and roast pork menu. A big thanks to the Manzone and Nelson families for their annual chairing of this dinner, and also to the cooks, helpers, and wait staff for doing such a superb job. Next on the list was the special Christmas brunch. Thanks to Art and Michele, and all the cook's helpers and wait staff, for making this such a nice brunch. Our Board dinner was a very special event as well. Lillian and Mary Ann served such an amazing dinner and all of us, the Officers and Board, really had an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Board member Russel Carrel chaired our annual traditional Christmas Family Dinner. Many thanks to Russel, the cooks, helpers, and wait staff for such a nice evening. We all danced to the music of singing DJ Gary Savelli which added the crowning touch to the evening! We hope to see more of Gary and his talents at upcoming club dances. The members only Christmas Dinner was very special again this year, with the Ladies Club serving us. We presented special year membership pins to some of our members, and announced our Award

of Merit recipient. Continuing on, I want to give a big thank you to the children's Christmas Party committee for doing the wonderful job that they always do. I will reserve my comments and thank yous about the New Year's Eve Party in my next article.

So many of you had a part, through your hard work and dedication, to making 2011 a wonderful year at the club. There are so many of you to thank individually in this message, that the list would go on and on. All the waiters, helpers, cooks, dish washers, bartenders, dinner chairmen, and committee chairs, what can I say but thanks so much! To all my Officers and Board, thanks for all the guidance and support given to me during my first year as President, and last but not least, to President Lillian Taddei, and all the Officers, Board, and Members of our wonderful Ladies Club. The many acts of kindness, love, and support you give us during the year is so very much appreciated.

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year and I look forward to serving you as President during 2012 with our wonderful Officers and Board members. Our very special 80th Anniversary of the Fratellanza Club will take place on Jan. 28th. It will be a gala and memorable evening that you won't want to miss! I hope to see as many of you as possible sharing in the special festivities of our anniversary.

Once again, all the best for the New Year!

**John Barassi**

**From the Board Chairman -**

I have just enough space left for a few year end notes: Our newest members are, from November: Patrick Hines, Joey Crottogini, Michael Iorio, Tony Aiello, Tom Harryman & Dan Biles. From December we have Joseph Sanchez and Francesco Ruggeri. Welcome one and all! We had 25 new members join our club in 2011! As of today, our membership stands at 491.

Membership is currently open for both Italians and non-Italians. If you have any friends who would like to join, now is the time.

Thank you to all of you who are participating in our new business card ad section. The response has been excellent! If you are interested and missed the deadline, there may be room for one or two more. Please contact me to find out for sure! Happy New Year one and all,

**Jim Taddei**

**2012**

**Fratellanza Officers**

**President:**

John Barassi

**1st Vice President :**

Tim Tomei

**2nd Vice President :**

Bob Porta

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**2012**

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**Did you know?**

## CONFETTI

Well, they used to throw confetti, but it hurts; especially if it is a confetto with almonds! The confettieri, the candy makers, decided to make paper cut outs with pictorial "candy" for throwing. They still made a profit! The Italian name for these bits of paper is "coriandoli". Even though they are not confections, we still throw them and we still call them confetti.

By: D.A. Nocera

### Members please take note:

The initial Fratellanza Club Scholarship Application due date for high school seniors interested in applying for a Louis C. Biondi Memorial Scholarship is fast approaching. Children or grandchildren of current or deceased members of the Fratellanza Club who will graduate from high school in June of 2012 are eligible to apply. **A completed Application along with a senior photo and personal essay are due Feb. 1, 2012. All other requirements detailed on the Application must be completed by March 1, 2012.** Applications detailing requirements are available on the Fratellanza Club's Web Site, or can be obtained from:

Rich Adams, Scholarship Committee Chairman:  
3524 Rubin Drive, Oakland, CA 94602 ~ (510)531-2020

### From the Sunshine Committee -

We send cards, and hope for the best, but sometimes the best does not happen. We sent another card to Paul Nappo, who passed away on December 13. Also, among the members 85 and older, we sent a card to Albert F. Neves, who died just a few days before his 88th birthday. We send our sympathy to their families and friends.

In 2011, we lost Albert Barone, Angelo Matteucci, Arthur D'Amico, Joseph Marchiorlatti, Walter Bates, Leo De Meo, Paul Nappo, and Albert Neves. We also learned of the passing of Nick Lelli, who died some time ago in Pennsylvania. I am afraid that we do not always learn about the passing of members in a timely fashion. We rely on family and friends to inform us, but that does not always happen, particularly if the member moves away from the area.

Other members 85 and over who celebrated a birthday in December were Dominic Giannelli, Sebastian Maggiora, Michael A. Parente, Jr., and Henry Steccone.

We also sent cards to Don Baldwin's wife Toody, who is recovering from surgery, James Olivero, and Sal Barbara.

I hope everyone is having a happy holiday season, and I send along my best wishes for the New Year. Be sure to call or email me if you have any news about our members.

**Bruce DeBenetictis**