

Ligure Club Bollettino

April 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Amici e Fratelli,

It is a great pleasure to address you for the first time as your incoming President. Renewal is essential to our growth, bringing the new energy and direction needed to keep our family united and thriving.

As spring arrives and the first quarter of 2026 concludes, we look forward to the upcoming seasons. We have already enjoyed three successful birthday dinners and a Crab Feed this year.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that we have renewed our lease with the Fratellanza Board, committing ourselves to twenty more years under the same roof. We will continue our monthly birthday dinners and special events for years to come.

Our leadership is also committed to bringing back the Ligure Women's Club. Establishing a Women's Club will elevate our partnership and promote greater family integration. We sincerely thank everyone whose hard work made our recent events a success.

Our March birthday dinner "Floral Night" was attended by 260 Members & Guests. We served Polenta & Beef and Sausage Stew, salad and cold cuts. We extend our gratitude to the chefs, Gabby, Jimmy, Ray, and Brad, the wait staff, set-up crew and all others who helped to make the event a great success. A special thank you to Bob Lovi, who chaired this event.

We encourage new members to join our dinner committees to experience our camaraderie firsthand. We also invite members to volunteer as waiters; those who serve will have their dinner comped and find themselves integrated into the club community much faster.

In addition, we are working on a new partnership with the Oakland Roots soccer team for an Italian Heritage Night at the Oakland Coliseum. This event, scheduled for August 15th, is for all Bay Area Italian clubs and is supported by the Italian American Federation. The evening will include a large tailgate party in the North Parking lot, and individual clubs are welcome to organize their own gatherings.

On a personal note, I look forward to meeting each of you. My heritage spans both Italy and Brazil; my father's family hails from Treviso, Padova, and Rovigo, while my mother's family comes from Naples and Palermo. We have always celebrated our heritage within our communities, and I am proud of the deep Italian roots found in Brazil.

Finally, if you have not yet renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so. We value your membership and count on your continued support. Steak and Beans, and general assembly, will be held on April 14th and birthday dinner on April 28th. Please make your reservations early.

Abbracci a tutti,
Ligure Club President
Joe Santini
joesantini@gmail.com



April Birthday Dinner

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

At the Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th Street, Oakland

FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT

Chaired by Paul Berlin, Larry Eade, and Gary Foppiano



Cocktails @ 6:00PM

Dinner @ 7:00PM

Members: \$30

Guests: \$35

Menu:

Cold Cuts, Seafood Salad

Bowtie Pasta w/ Pesto

Pork Shoulder & Roasted Potatoes

Wine, Coffee Royal & Dessert

To attend, either call the reservation line, or send an email to reservations@ligureclub.com, or reserve online at www.ligureclub.com. Raffle gifts greatly appreciated.

Buon Compleanno & Tanti Auguri!

Happy Birthday to our April Boys!

Mark Allegrotti, Chuck Blay, Mike Bosworth, Nick Buscovich, Ed Bussa, Michael Canizzaro, James Chegia, Steve Crosetti, Bryan Delaney, Stuart Englehart, Mark Figone, Gary Foppiano, Paul Giacoletti, Charlie Herrravillar, Richard Kirby, Ronald Lorenz, Robert Lucarini, Chuy Lozano, Jerry Marshall, Richard Meier, Rick Michardi, Phillip Moscone, Eric Nielsen, Gerald Niesar, Thomas Niesar, Tony Ratto, Frankie Ridolfi, Leonard Rossi, Casey Scheld, Richard Shuler, David Traverso & Kyle Vallone.

**DINNER IS FREE FOR PAID UP BIRTHDAY BOYS, AND 50 YEAR MEMBERS
LADIES 21 YEARS AND OLDER WILL BE WELCOME AT THIS EVENT**

Remember to make your reservations as early as possible, and no later than 6:00 pm the Sunday before the dinner, and clearly state both your name and club membership number. If you call in a reservation and then have a cancellation, please call the reservation line, or send us an email regarding your cancellation ASAP. It does help, as it allows the club to adjust the amount of food procured for these dinners.



LIGURE BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at the Fratellanza Club
Board Meeting at 6pm, Membership Meeting at 7pm
STEAK & BEANS

You must call the reservation line at (510) 869-4337 by 6:00 pm the Sunday before the meeting if you plan to attend and want a steak. No reservation, no steak, but you can have all of the beans you want!

GRAZIE - GRAZIE - GRAZIE

We wish to thank all those who donated prizes for last month's Birthday Dinner raffle including, The Lapenna Family, Royal Auto Repair (Craig Jaber), Dan Bosshart, Fr. Jack Lau, Nick Miloslavich, and Michael Perillo.



Upcoming Ligure Club Events

- Members' Meeting - Tuesday, April 14th. Steak & Beans. Reservation required to attend.
- Birthday Dinner – April 28th. First Responders Night.
- Members' Meeting - Tuesday, May 12th. Spuntino.
- Birthday Dinner – Tuesday, May 26th. Veterans Night.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for 2026 will be \$120 for general members and \$0 (no cost) for members that have been with the club for 50 years or more, and are now due and payable by **March 31st**. After this date, dues for general members will be **\$140 until the May 31st deadline**. After this deadline, members with unpaid dues will be dropped from the membership. Please send your checks to the Ligure Club at 4900 Shattuck Avenue, Box 22868, Oakland, CA 94609.



LOST & FOUND – TWO ITEMS

Item 1 - Did you, or someone you know lose a bracelet at the Ligure Club's 91st Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 15, 2025?

Item 2 - Did you, or someone you know lose a pair of women's glasses at the Ligure Club's Crab Feed on Saturday, February 21, 2026?

If you know anything about the above noted items, then then please send an email to John Pryor at ligureclub@yahoo.com so that we can return one or both of these items to their owners.



2026 Officers

President: Joe Santini
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 2nd Vice President: Tony Sorth
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 Treasurer: Sandy Angeli
 Sergeant at Arms: Michele Gasparro
 Conductor: Tony Sorth

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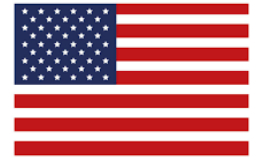
MARCH BIRTHDAY DINNER PHOTOS

Photos taken by John Pryor





Italian American Federation
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2026 – 2027 QUEEN CONTEST SELECTION – RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All candidates must be of Italian descent.
2. The candidate will be sponsored by one of the Italian Clubs in the Italian American Federation of the East Bay (IAF).
3. All candidates must be: (a) enrolled in high school (Graduating 8th graders entering high school are qualified); (b) should not reach her 25th birthday before the first day of September in the year of the contest; and (c) must be single.
4. The candidate must: (a) complete the application & **submit it to the sponsoring Club President/s**, (b) meet the deadline of submission, June 22, 2025.
5. Clubs sponsoring candidates will pay a **\$75 fee** for each candidate. This is to be included with the application.
6. The successful candidate (Queen) and/or (Princess) should be available to participate, by invitation, in various functions throughout the year.
7. Candidates are required to attend ALL Anniversary Dinners in addition to the Queen Coronation Banquet, The Heritage Day Parade in S.F. and at least two (2) philanthropic club sponsored events (children's Christmas party, Italian Clubs picnic, etc.)
8. **All candidates must attend the formal Queen Coronation in proper formal dress as well as appropriate attire when representing the IAF.**
9. **The selection of the Queen date and location will be provided at time of confirmation.**

The candidates will be judged by a panel on the following:

- ❖ Composition & Organization
- ❖ Short Personal Introduction
- ❖ Delivery
- ❖ Appearance (a) Grooming & Dress (b) Poise & Posture
- ❖ Voice Clear & Understood
- ❖ Eye Contact with Judges/Audience
- ❖ Body Language
- ❖ Answers to Questions (Poise and Confidence)

SPONSORING CLUBS:

Please submit completed applications to the Italian American Federation President,
Lisa Mittone BY June 15, 2026, along with the \$75.00 club sponsor fee for each contestant,
Please make checks payable to the IAF of the East Bay.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact:

Lisa Mittone, IAF President at 925-549-5472 or iafeastbay@gmail.com or

Toni Alstad, IAF Secretary at calstad@aol.com



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2026-2027 Queen Court Application

Entering High School and must not exceed age 25 as of October 2025

Applicant MUST be of **Italian descent** and Sponsored by an IAF Affiliated Club

Full Name: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____ Birthday _____

School Attending/Place of Work _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____

Sponsoring Italian Club: _____

Signature of Sponsoring Club Officer: _____ Date _____

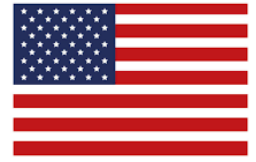
Signature of Co-Sponsoring Club Officer: _____ Date _____

Applications must be submitted to the sponsoring club no later than **June 15, 2026**

You will receive an email confirmation from the IAF of receipt of your application.



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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

How did you hear about the Italian American Federation of the East Bay (IAF) Queen Contest?

If you are a past court member, why would you like to continue with the IAF court? (if new please leave blank)

The Queen and her Court reign for one year: October 2026 – October 2026

As a member of the IAF Court you are committing to being an ambassador for our Italian Heritage.
Participation in Italian Heritage events are a requirement.

The Queen is expected to attend ALL Anniversary Dinners along with her court, if the Queen is unable to attend, one of the Princesses will be asked to speak on behalf of the Queen and the Court. Please be sure that you will be able to make the following commitments.

All Club Anniversary Dinners (dates will be provided at interview), Coronation Dinner (9/13/26), Italian Heritage Parade in SF (10/11/26), Queen Selection Events.

I have read the requirements and regulations and am able to fulfill items #6 through #9 as listed and I submit my name as a contestant in the Queen Contest Selection that is sponsored by the Italian American Federation of the East Bay.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Any questions please contact: Lisa Mittone at iafeastbay@gmail.com OR Toni Alstad at calstad@aol.com

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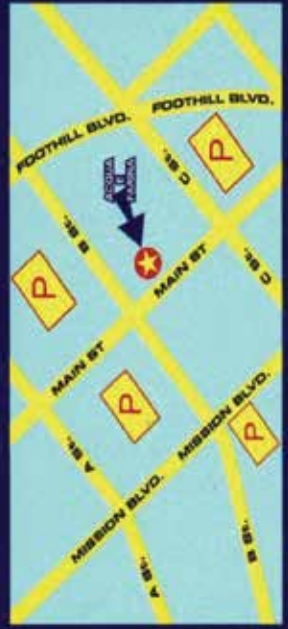


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