

Ligure Club Bollettino

February 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ciao Members and Friends of the Ligure Club,

We kicked off the new year with a large dinner gathering, welcoming more than 350 members and guests! The ravioli and roast beef were outstanding. A special thank you to our talented cooks — Andy Rubini, Ray Parenti, Jimmy Chegia, and Gabby Schoefer — for another fantastic meal. I'd also like to recognize our wait staff, the setup crew, and everyone who helped with the raffle and lent a hand throughout the evening. Events like this are only possible because of the many members who step up and pitch in.

Our annual Alameda Night, chaired by Joe and Mike Perillo, will take place on Tuesday, February 24th during our February Birthday Dinner. The menu will feature Tortellini with Pesto and Sausage & Peppers — always a crowd favorite. The February dinner is open to both men and women, and we encourage you to make your reservations early.

Just a few days earlier, on Saturday, February 21st, the Ligure Club Scholars will host our annual Crab Feed. It promises to be a wonderful evening at a very reasonable price of \$75 per person. For those who prefer an alternative, chicken is available for \$50. Please see the flyer for full details. We expect a great turnout and would be grateful for any raffle prize donations. All proceeds benefit the Ligure Club Scholarship Fund.

To reserve your spot for either the Crab Feed or the February Birthday Dinner, please call 510-869-4337, email reservations@ligureclub.com, or visit LigureClub.com. Reservations must be made by 6:00 p.m. two days prior to each event. When reserving, please include your name, the number of members and guests in your party, any special seating requests, and your menu choice if you would prefer chicken at the crab feed.

The 2026 LSI College Sponsorship Forms are now available for members interested in sponsoring qualified college-bound high school seniors. Please refer to the accompanying notice on the second page of this bollettino for more information.

Your 2026 Ligure Club dues are now due. Membership continues to be a tremendous value at \$120. Dues can be paid online at LigureClub.com or by mailing a check to our post office box. Member benefits include a free birthday dinner, four Steak & Beans dinners at our members' meetings, and a complimentary invitation for you and a guest to our 2026 Anniversary Dinner.

We also had a terrific turnout of over 100 members at our January Steak & Beans Members' Meeting. During the meeting, we inducted five new members into the club. That evening, Stefano Musetti and David Conti were welcomed to the Ligure Board of Directors, and our President-Elect, Joseph Santini, introduced himself to the membership. As Joe completes some previously scheduled travel and work commitments in the coming months, he will transition into the full-time role of President.

As my term winds down, I want to say what an honor it has been to serve as your president. Thank you to each of you who helped make these past four years so meaningful. I've had the privilege of getting to know so many wonderful members, as well as members of the broader Italian community throughout the Bay Area. Our membership has grown significantly, and we are close to securing another 20 years of partnership with our Fratellanza brothers.

I look forward to supporting Joe during the transition and to many more successful years ahead for the Ligure Club.

Wishing you all a very happy Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day weekend.

David Franco

Ligure Club President



In Memoriam

Brian Poncini

September 10, 1947 – January 3, 2026

A member of the Ligure Club since June 1975

Ligure Club President - 1988 - 1993 & 2004 - 2006



February Birthday Dinner

Tuesday, 24 February 2026

At the Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th Street, Oakland

ALAMEDA NIGHT

Chaired by Joe Perillo and Mike Perillo



Cocktails @ 6:00PM

Dinner @ 7:00PM

Members: **\$30**

Guests: **\$35**

Menu:

Green Salad, Tortellini con Pesto

Sausage & Peppers

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 February Boys!

George Baldocchi, Bruno Bartolini, Daniel Bosshart, Clarick Brown, Paul Brown, Chuck Canepa, Paul Casale, Brian Clabby, Ron Del Favero, Luciano Ferrari, Manuele LaTorre, Roger Laurel, Mike McJilton, Gene Meshechek, Nick Miloslavich, Jim Orio, Chris Paterson, Danny Pilat, Jimmy Propst, Tom Revelli, Don Sims, Bob Stettler, and Miguel Valenzo.

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, 10 February 2026 at the Fratellanza Club
Board Meeting at 6pm, Membership Meeting at 7pm

SPUNTINO TO FOLLOW

NEW MEMBERS



New members joining the club this past month include Nicolas Starr (912), Thomas Draper (913), Randy Lamont (914), Justin McJilton (915), and Joe Ianora (916). Welcome to the club!

Upcoming Ligure Club Events

- Members' Meeting - Tuesday, February 10th, Spuntino.
- Ligure Club Crab Feed - Saturday, February 21st.
- Birthday Dinner - February 24th, Alameda Night.
- Members' Meeting - Tuesday, March 10th, Spuntino.
- Birthday Dinner – Tuesday, March 24th, Floral 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 94609-2031.

LIGURE CLUB CRAB FEED

Benefiting the LSI Scholarship Fund

Saturday, 21 February 2026

At The Fratellanza Club, 1140 66th Street, Oakland

Chaired By:

Dave Franco, John Pryor & the LSI Board of Directors

Cocktails @ 6:00pm

Dinner @ 7:00pm

Members & Guests: \$75

Children 10 & Younger: \$20

Menu:

Green Salad

Garlic Bread, Risotto, Crab

Wine, Coffee & Dessert



Reservations taken on a first come, first served basis. Please call in your reservations at 510-869-4337. Reservations will not be accepted after 6 pm, Thursday, February 19th. Cost for children 10 years and younger is \$20 per child. For those that will not be eating crab, a chicken option is available at \$50 per person, and \$20 per child. When making your reservation please specify the number of members, guests, children, and chicken options there will be in in your group. All are welcome! Prices are subject to change. All proceeds to benefit the LSI Scholarship Fund.

2026 LSI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2026 LSI College Scholarship Sponsorship Forms are now available for Ligure Club members wishing to sponsor qualifying college-bound high school seniors. The first step a sponsor needs to take is to contact either Gerry Niesar at GNiesar@nvlawllp.com (or 415-882-5300 x 232), John Pryor at ligureclub@yahoo.com, or Peter Revelli at revellipeter@gmail.com (or 510-206-4759) and request a Sponsorship Form. Note that the application package - which is to be completed by the student-applicant - must be returned via email no later than Friday, March 27, 2026.

By way of a reminder, LSI is a volunteer organization that strives to provide scholarship funding to deserving high school seniors who are applying to a two-year or four-year college. The goal of the scholarship program is multifold - first to recognize and reward high school students for outstanding achievement, second to provide some financial support to these deserving candidates, and third to honor the traditions of our Italian-American heritage in its commitment to higher education.

Over the past 18 years, LSI has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$220,000 to approximately 100+ young scholars in our community. Those wishing to donate to this very worthy cause are encouraged to do so. Please make your donations payable to Ligure Scholars, Inc., and mail them with attention to: Marcello Barbero, 1136 Amador Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER PHOTOS

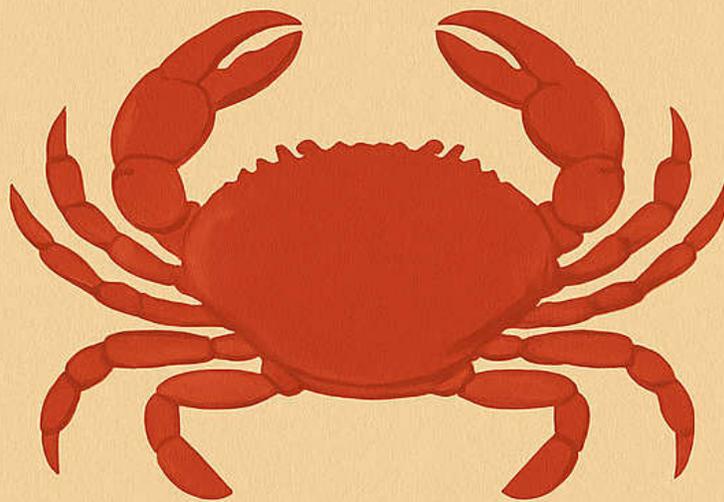
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LIGURE CLUB
CRAB FEED

**CRAB, SALAD, RISOTTO, & DESSERT
PLUS A RAFFLE**



Saturday February 21st

COCKTAILS 6PM - DINNER 7PM

\$75 pp, \$20 ten & under

Chicken available at \$50

RSVP at LigureClub.com or Call 510-869-4337

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LIGURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**





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December 2025

Dear Ligure Club members and friends,

As you know Ligure Scholar, Inc. (LSI) is a volunteer organization that strives to provide scholarship funding to deserving high school seniors as the pursuit of their college educations. Since 2003, LSI has granted more than \$225,000 to 107 young scholars.

The LSI Board strongly believes that fulfilling our mission to help support students in pursuit of a college education is always a worthy cause that pays long lasting dividends.

AND SO, ON BEHALF OF THE LSI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I AM REACHING OUT TO EACH OF YOU ASKING FOR DONATION TO OUR LSI SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The Ligure Club membership and friends have always been generous supporters of the LSI scholarship program, and this year more than ever, I am appealing to you for your continued support. (ONE ADDITIONAL BENEFIT OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS THAT SINCE LSI IS A CHARITABLE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION – IRC 501c(3) PAYER ID NUMBER 61-1543892 - ALL DONATED FUNDS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW). Please make your donations payable to Ligure Scholars, Inc. and mail them with attention to:

Marcello Barbero
1136 Amador Ave.
Berkeley, Ca 94707

Thanks to each of you for your continued support, and please keep safe.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.
Sincerely,
Marcello Barbero
Chair of the LSI Board of Directors

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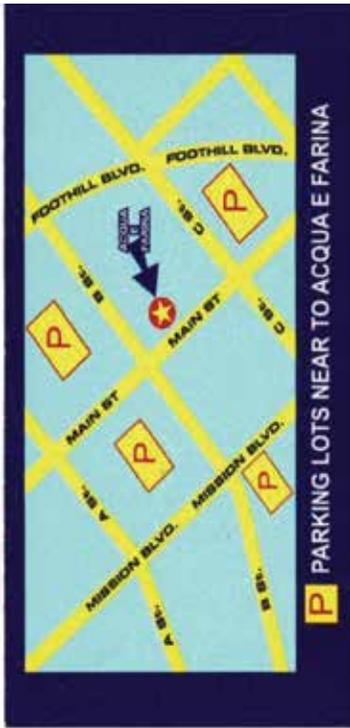


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