

# Ligure Club Bollettino

March 2026



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ciao Members and Friends of the Ligure Club,

Our February Crab Feed fundraiser for the Ligure Scholars was a fantastic evening shared by all. A huge salute to the cooks, Stefano Musetti and Mike Raffo. I also want to express my gratitude to the wait staff and the setup crew for their hard work and dedication. A special thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle. I also want to give a big shoutout to the raffle ticket sellers, who played a crucial role in making the raffle a huge success, considering the size of the crowd. Everyone had a great time, and the Ligure Scholarship Fund had a fantastic night. With your donations, you've helped young students take their next step toward college and their future.

We had around 210 members and guests in attendance for Alameda Night at the February birthday dinner. The Tortellini al Pesto, and particularly the Sausage and Peppers, were excellent. We extend our gratitude to the cooks, Jimmy Chegia, Gabby Schoefer, Ray Parenti, and Andy Rubini, as well as the dedicated setup crew, waiters, and all volunteers who contributed to the raffle. The generous donations of so many raffle prizes were greatly appreciated. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Joe and Mike Perillo, who chaired the dinner and managed the raffle.

Mark your calendars for our March birthday dinner, our annual Floral Industry Night! Bob Lovi, who has chaired the event for many years, will again chair it. Get ready for a hearty beef and sausage stew served with polenta. We expect a good turnout, so I hope to see you all there!

I would like to remind you that the 2026 LSI College Sponsorship Forms are available for Ligure Club members who are interested in sponsoring qualified college-bound high school seniors. Please refer elsewhere in this Bollettino for more information.

If you haven't already paid your 2026 dues, time is short. As I've stated in the past, being a member of the Ligure club is an exceptional value at \$120. You can conveniently pay online at our website, LigureClub.com or mail a check to our post office box.

I wish you all a very happy St. Patrick's Day. Then on March 19th, a day dedicated to San Giuseppe (Saint Joseph), is the day celebrated as Father's Day in Italy. March also marks the beginning term of our new president, Joe Santini. I extend my heartfelt wishes for him and the Ligure Club's continued success for many years to come. I salute Joe and the promising future of the Ligure Club.

Forza Ligure Club!  
Ligure Club Past President,  
David J. Franco



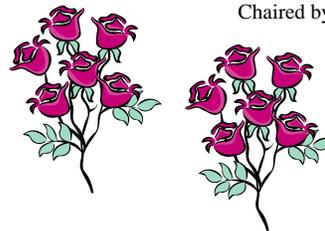
## March Birthday Dinner

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

At the Fratellanza Club, 1140 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland

### FLORAL NIGHT

Chaired by Bob Lovi



Cocktails @ 6:00PM

Dinner @ 7:00PM

Members: \$30

Guests: \$35

#### Menu:

Cold Cuts, Green Salad  
Beef & Sausage Stew w/ Polenta  
Wine, Coffee Royal & Dessert

To attend, either call the reservation line, or send an email to [reservations@ligureclub.com](mailto:reservations@ligureclub.com), or reserve online at [www.ligureclub.com](http://www.ligureclub.com). Raffle gifts greatly appreciated.

### Buon Compleanno & Tanti Auguri!

Happy Birthday to our March Boys!

Mark Amaro, Tom Betti, Dennis Bianchi, Russel Carrel, Jonathan Chase, Mario Chiodo, David Conti, Michael Crosetti, Robert Del Vigna, Antonio Di Candia, Kevin Donohoe, Al Engal, Benton Englehart, Stephen Flowers, Mark Giovanetti, Gil Granucci, David Halligan, Mark Jackson, Tom Leathers, Bob Lovi, Edward Matraia, Jim Minder, Andrew Moglia, William Neill, David Olivero, David Petri, Joe Ricucci Jr, Ken Rossoni & Jared Yuasa.

**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 March 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 Dennis Maslonkowski (917). Welcome to the club!

## GRAZIE - GRAZIE - GRAZIE

We wish to thank all those who donated prizes for last month's Birthday Dinner raffle including, Joe Perillo, Dave Giovannoli, Tony Ratto, Craig Jaber, Alfonso, The Lapenna Family, Dan Bosshart, and Nick Miloslavich.



## Upcoming Ligure Club Events

- Members' Meeting - Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Spuntino.
- Birthday Dinner - March 24<sup>th</sup>. Floral Night.
- Members' Meeting - Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Steak & Beans. Reservation required to attend.
- Birthday Dinner - Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. First Responders 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 31<sup>st</sup>. After this date, dues for general members will be \$140 until the May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## LOST & FOUND

Did you, or someone you know lose a pair of women's glasses at the Ligure Club's Crab Feed on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>? If so, then please send an email to John Pryor at [ligureclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ligureclub@yahoo.com) so that we can return them to its owner.

## GRAZIE - GRAZIE - GRAZIE

We wish to thank all those who donated raffle prizes for this year's Ligure Crab Feed including, The Parenti Family, John Miller, Clarick Brown, Mary Pryor (Ghirardelli), Betty DeRespini, and Nick Miloslavich.

## LIGURE CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 21, 2026 – Photos taken by John Pryor



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER PHOTOS

Photos taken by John Pryor



## 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](mailto:GNiesar@nvlawllp.com) (or 415-882-5300 x 232), John Pryor at [ligureclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ligureclub@yahoo.com), or Peter Revelli at [revellipeter@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Ligure Scholars, Inc.

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www.ligureclub.com

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:

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1136 Amador Ave.  
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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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