



The Galilean

RICHMOND GALILEO CLUB

NEWSLETTER 2025

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Email Reservations to
thegalileoclub@yahoo.com
or call 510-620-9797

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

May 5 th	Karaoke in the Sport's Bar	6 -9 PM
May 7 th	General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM
May 9 th	E-Z Friday Mother's Day Dinner	7:00 PM
May 15 th	Men's Birthday Dinner	7:00 PM
June 4 th	Member Appreciations Dinner	7:00 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our monthly General Membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 7th - 7pm.

MEN'S BIRTHDAY DINNER on May 15th

Our kitchen will be serving up **RAVIOLI & Roasted Pork Loin** plus Salad, Rolls, Veggies, Wine, Coffee & Ice Cream for **\$35 per person / \$15 for those under 12**, and free for our 50 year members and May birthday boys
5:45 PM Cocktails / 7:00 PM Dinner.
Reservation deadline is Sunday, May 11th

MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS

John Carlson	2 nd	John Pitts	14 th	Jon McCargar	22 ⁿ
Tony Carracci	5 th	Simon Ellis	15 th	Don Accornero	23 rd
Seth Boyard	5 th	Keith Silva	16 th	Andrew LoCascio	24 th
Nick Bloisa	7 th	Marc Andaya	18 th	Joey Schlemmer	24 th
Ron Artale	8 th	Tony Raffanelli	19 th	Mark Sutherland	26 th
Larry Delorefice	13 th	Ron Rossi	19 th	Gary Del Simone	30 th
Evan Pollard	14 th	Manuel Martinez	19 th	Nick Savio	30 th
		Sergio Hacsbaert	19 th		

ODDS AND ENDS

KARAOKE NIGHT is Monday, May 5th – 6-9 PM

Bring your voice, your friends voice, and some snacks to share or just come and listen to the next American Idols.
No reservations needed and admission is free.

MEMBERS APPRICIATION DINNER – June 4th

A free dinner for "members" will be served following our June general membership meeting.
Members may bring their spouse for a donation fee.
Please mark your calendars for this date and our kitchen will surprise us with their Wednesday Blue Plate Special.

DONT FORGET that you can rent the Galileo Club
for a special event. (Birthdays, Weddings, etc.)

Check our AD page for contact information.
Remember, Galileo Club members get a discount!

Have you asked a friend or relative to join the Galileo Club lately? No? What are you waiting for? We have openings in both regular and associate memberships. You can get applications on our website or at the club.

To email club photos, to be considered for the 2026 calendar, please send them to:
galileocalendar94804@gmail.com

MOTHER'S DAY & GALILEO SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 9th – 7:00 pm

Come join us for an evening with your family and friends as we hand out a few Don Diani Scholarships to deserving high school students, and celebrate our Mom's with a fantastic meal of Chicken Marsala, Pasta, Salad, Fresh Green Beans, Wine and Dessert.

Bar opens at 6pm / Dinner at 7pm

\$35 adults / \$15 children 6 – 12 / Under 5 – Free

RESERVATIONS by Monday, May 5th



GALILEO CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Friday, September 12th at Vallejo's Blue Rock Golf Course. A Bar-b-q Rib dinner will follow at the club. More information will follow. Get your teams together.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Saluti a tutti! (Greetings to all!) Well April came and went bringing April showers and hopefully May flowers.

Bocce ball season is in full swing, or should I say roll? We started out with a one-day tournament consisting of several East Bay Italian club teams in fierce competition. We have now started out league play on *Monday* nights. And *Monday* nights aren't just for bocce anymore.

A well-attended karaoke night on *Monday* the 7th brought out some incredible talent as well as fabulous food. Thanks Vince, for getting this going! As long as we're thanking Vince, we need to mention Movie Night on *Monday*, the 14th. Great new addition to our calendar.

The Easter brunch/ kid's party featured an appearance by the Easter Bunny who handed out candy to the kids and oversaw an egg hunt for the little ones!

At the Men's birthday dinner on the 17th, we presented Mark Traverso with his 50-year membership medallion, which made all of us members envious. Now Mark gets to eat for free at these meals. Congratulations, Mark.

Let me remind you member to get your friend to join the club, and someday they might be able to eat for free. ☺

Sunday, April 27th we had our annual Joe Meneghelli Bagna Cauda feast. Joe's grandson Aaron outdid himself with a delicious feast! Thank you Aaron!
Lots to look forward to in May including our Mother's Day / scholarship dinner on the 9th.

I can't wait to see you participating in our events and, speaking of participating, there are many ways to help our club. The 2nd Saturday work parties are fun, productive and a great way to meet your fellow members. Be at the club at 9AM and join in.

Thanks for all you guys do for our club!

Until next time ... ciao.

David

Bollettino Donne

Good food, good friends & good times!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The weather is nicer every day. It's great to get outdoors, take a walk, have a cocktail on the back deck and listen to the birds sing, everything is in bloom.

As I look back over the last few months, I see the same names repeatedly when I thank people for helping with the various events. Some of these members work at every event, one or two days, prepping for the event and working at or cleaning up after.

When we **joined the Auxiliary**, we all took the oath and one of the lines emphasized was: **I WILL PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES**. Participate can mean many different things, help with set-up, serving, clean-up, selling raffle tickets, in the kitchen, folding napkins, decorating, making center pieces, sandwiches and cookies, baking goodies for our Spuntino. It even means attending events.

At the May meeting we will discuss the potential use of program called SignUp. SignUp will send out notices to members alerting them when we need help, what kind, time frames, and how many volunteers are needed. It will also send out reminder notices to members that have signed up to volunteer. This will make it easier for members to sign up and get engaged in activities.

I encourage ALL MEMBERS to get involved in OUR wonderful club. It is through **your ACTIVE PARTICIPATION** that our club will continue to grow and prosper. Members that help have said how much fun they have when we work together. So come down, lend a hand, have a cup of coffee and a goody. Who knows you might even make new a friend or renew an old friendship along the way.

See you at the club!

Beth

EASTER BRUNCH AND KIDS PARTY – RECAP:

The Easter Bunny was not the only one hopping on Sunday, everyone that volunteered was on the move. Eggs were being scrambled, bacon and sausage were in the ovens, pancakes cooking on the grill and Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's were mixed. All the kids in attendance had fun hunting Easter Eggs, decorating cookies, and getting their faces painted. Thanks to everyone that helped with the set-up, cooking, serving, with the kids and clean-up. The following members volunteered their time and energy and were of great assistance in making this event possible and a success. Thanks to: Peggy Brown, Diane Diani, Alda Ronan, Dwight & Gina Moberg, Barbara Nardi, Lydia Cruz, Laurie Cullen, Linda Granko, Allison Rietdorf, Margaret Baker, Lana Martarella, Cindy Aiello-Carrell, Judy Valladao, Christina Hanski, Tom and Sue Wright, Melinda Brignone, Alan & Jane Del Simone, John & Carole Padlo, Susanne Taylor, Renee Howell, Ruthie Abelson-Olivas Marilyn Garrett, Maureen Speelman, Nancy Ingram, Juels Klotz, Gloria Maltagliati, Mark Rietdorf, Kevin Rietdorf, Tim & Glenda Rau, Adrienne Pearse, Gary Leone, and Tracy Frizzi. Special Thanks to Jim Findley for being the Easter Bunny and Jodie Capriotti for arranging for the face painter.

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Linda Peralta	1 st	Carol Swift	4 th
Patty Pistello	4 th	Cheryl Ellis	5 th
Kerri Sullivan	5 th	Thelma Poloni	6 th
Valentina Bellah-Betti	7 th	Judy Valladao	15 th
Renee Amaro	16 th	Tracy Frizzi	16 th
Diana Bordisso	21 st	Rose Bright	31 st

MONTHLY MEETING

Be Connected. Be heard. Be informed.

May 7th is our next Auxiliary Monthly Meeting. Bar opens at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm. Come to the meeting and see what is going on at your club.

MEMBER NEWS:

Please keep Diane Ottiviano and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Diane's Mother Berdina Taliaferro passed away at the age of 105. Berdina's mind was sharp as she was able to live in her home on her own until her passing, how great is that?

THE 4th ANNUAL JOE MENEGHELLI

BAGNA CAUDA DINNER:

It was another day of "GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS & GOOD TIMES" at the club. **A SPECIAL AND BIG**

THANK YOU to CHEF AARON MENEGHELLI for his hard work and leadership in the kitchen, he did it all. This event takes 3 plus days to prepare for so THANKS to everyone involved: Adrienne Pearse, Laurie Cullen, Margaret Baker, Nancy Clabby, Nancy Transue, Nancy McDonough, Mark Rietdorf, Tom & Sue Wright, Don & CJ Accornero, Mike Meneghelli, Ruthie Abelson-Olivas, Melinda Brignone, GianCarlo Traverso, Elaine Findley, Allison Rietdorf, Diane Diani, Franca Cortese, Paula Meneghelli, Judy Valladao, Carol DuPont, Christina Hanski, Seth Bolyard, Susanne Taylor, Jeff Frazzitta, and Gary Leone. These folks did it all: set tables, minced fresh garlic, chopped veggies, made Biscotti cookies, served the dinner, and cleaned up afterwards. **THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH FOR MAKING THIS EVENT SUCH FUN AND A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.** Special Thanks to John Ziesenhenné for his donation towards the new burners.



MAMMA MIA: Thursday, May 1st

We will board the bus starting at 9:30 and head to the city for lunch and then on to Mammia Mia.

EZ FRIDAY MOTHER'S DAY &

DON DIANI SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025:

Join us as we celebrate **MOTHERS** and recognize **GRADUATING SENIORS** with Scholarships.



Bring your moms, dads, daughters, sons, cousins, friends and neighbors and Grads, and join us for another night of "**GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS & GOOD TIMES!**" at the Galileo Club. Festivities start when the bar opens at 6:00p.m. dinner is served at 7:00p.m. Reservations are due by Monday, May 5, 2025.

The menu will include salad, pasta, chicken marsala with fresh veggies, bread, wine and dessert of course. All this good food and fun for \$35.00 for adults, kids 6-12 \$15.00 and under 5 free. To make reservations call the club at 510-620-9797 or send an email to thegalileoclub@yahoo.com. We need help with set-up and Thursday, May 8th at 10:00, so come down and lend a hand.

QUEEN SELECTION APPLICATION:

Applications for the '25-'26 Queen Coronation are available and included with this email. Submit your completed application to **Lisa Mitone by 6.22.25**. It has been a while since the Galileo has sponsored an applicant, so please encourage your daughters, granddaughters to enter and represent our club. Applications are available at the club or call Patty Pistello at 510-417-1406 for an application.

