SISTERS OF COLOMBO 2026 NEWSLETTER

SOCIETÁ SORELLE COLOMBO

PRESIDENTESSA MESSAGE **Happy New Year!**

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Presidentessa of the Sisters of Colombo. I am truly blessed to work alongside such an exceptional group of women on our executive team. This past year, we dedicated ourselves to delivering a variety of both new and traditional events, all of which were warmly received by our membership. As we look ahead, we remain committed to our mission of planning meaningful initiatives that celebrate our traditions and preserve our culture and heritage. We are also pleased to share the launch of our new website, an informative resource that highlights who we are and what we have accomplished over the past century. We invite you to explore it and learn more about the rich history of our organization and learn more about this year's events.

Visit us at: www.sistersofcolombo.com

DUES

- Dues are $24.00 per year. Please make cheque payable to 'Sisters of Colombo' or you can e-transfer to sorelledues@gmail.com
- Dues must be paid by March 31 each year to keep your membership in good standing.
- Members who are 12 months in arrears must pay a $5.00 penalty plus all dues in arrears.
- Contact Norma Page with any questions regarding dues
- Dues and/or address changes can be sent to the Sisters of Colombo, 584 Rossland Ave., Trail BC V1R 3M8

MEMBERSHIP

- Members who turn 80 no longer pay dues
- Student Members need to contact Norma Page, when they are no longer a student, at which time they begin paying regular dues to maintain their membership
- Please contact Keri Ferguson if you know someone interested in joining the Sorelle

COMMUNICATION UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Information for the majority of our Sorelle events and meetings will be delivered by email and/or our Website.
- Addresses are not shared!
- If you wish to be added or removed from the list, or need to update your contact info, send us an email: sistersofcolombo@gmail.com
- Please contact Anna Gabana of the Funeral Committee if you know of a member's death or one in her immediate family
- Contact Presidentessa Carmen Davis if you know of a member celebrating their 100th Birthday or 50th Wedding Anniversary

2026 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Past Presidentessa	Liz Burke	250-231-1097
Presidentessa	Carmen Davis	250-825-4534
1st Vice President	Christine Meschi	250-367-6569
2nd Vice President	Keri Ferguson	250-231-3864
Secretary	Jaydeen Ashton	250-365-2255
Vice-Secretary	Norma Page	250-362-9007
Treasurer	Jasmine Simonetta	250-317-4436
Councilors	Nilla Mailey	250-367-9737
	Cindy Abenante	250-364-1848
	Lisa Green	250-231-7432
	Elly Venier	250-368-7382
	Bernadette Ross	250-231-5540
	Danielle Abenante	780-218-3584
Visiting Committee	Cathy McAlpine	250-231-1051
	Linda Wilson	250-368-9924
	Carol Saville	250-362-5287
	Franca Forbes	250-368-9932
	Two Vacant Positions	
Conductress	Sandra Greenwood	250-231-3535
Door Ladies	Sheron McLean	250-368-6511
	Doreen Meschi	250-368-9760
Funeral Committee	Anna Gabana	250-368-5788
	Vacant	

SISTERS OF COLOMBO CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
JANUARY	Friday January 9	**Installation of Officers**: Open to all members! Come out and support your newly elected executive. Ceremony at 6:00 pm, followed by refreshments	Main Hall
	Tuesday Jan. 13	General Meeting - from 7-9 pm. **A Toast to the New Year**! Help us ring in the New Year with a toast and snacks.	Games Room
	Saturday Jan. 24	**Trail Ambassador Debut**. Come out and support our Colombo Lodge candidate, Jordyn Ferguson.	Main Hall
	Sunday Jan. 25	**Old and New Executive Luncheon,** A gesture of appreciation…this is a special gathering for both current and previous year's executives and all Past Presidents. **Followed by Executive Meeting**	Main Hall
FEBRUARY	Sunday Feb. 8	**Founders Day Tea:** One of our annual traditions and celebrations of our founding on February 3, 1924. 1 - 3:00 pm.	Main Hall
	Tuesday Feb. 10	General Meeting - 7:00 pm **Popcorn and Bingo Night**	Games Room
	Saturday, Feb. 21	**Food Safe Level 1 course**: More information to come - Participants must register before January 31st	Games Room
MARCH	Sunday March 1	**Fratelli Supper Meeting:** Open to the Sisters of Colombo and their families to join.	Main Hall
	Tuesday March 10	General Meeting - 7 pm **Cookie Exchange**	Games Room
	Thursday March 19	**Joint Executive Meeting with Fratelli** 7:00 pm	Games Room
APRIL	Tuesday April 14	**Sorelle Dinner Meeting** Meeting at 5:30 pm. Dinner to follow	Main Hall
	Tuesday April 21	**Executive Meeting** 6:00 pm	Archives Room
MAY	Thursday May 7-10	**Silver City Days Bocce Classic**	
	Friday May 8	**Silver City Days Spaghettata**: A Colombo Lodge Tradition	Main Hall
	Saturday May 9	Sorelle hosts a **Gelato Booth** at the Sidewalk Cafe. Sponsored by Rustic Crust	SideWalk Cafe - CominoGym

	Tuesday May 12	**Sorelle General Meeting** 7:00 pm	Games Room
	Sunday May 31	**Sorelle Bocce and Dinne**r: Join us for an afternoon of friendship, fun and food.	Gulch Bocce Pits
JUNE	Tuesday June 9	**General Meeting** 7:00 pm followed by the **Strawberry Social**	Main Hall
SEPTEMBER	Tuesday Sept 8	**Dinner Meeting**: 5:30 pm Join us for **Gourmet Hot Dog Night**	Main Hall
	Sunday Sept. 20	**Mountain Soul Wine Tasting: Starting at 1:00 pm.** Join your sisters in an afternoon of Wine Tasting, touring the vineyard, learning about the culture and process of making wine, and grazing on a charcuterie board.	Mountain Soul Winery
	Tuesday Sept. 22	**Executive Meeting** at 6:00 pm	Archives Room
OCTOBER	Tuesday Oct. 13	**Aperativo and Snacks**: An Italian Tradition 4:30 - 6:00 General Meeting to follow	Main Hall
	Saturday Oct. 24	**Harvest Banquet:** Non members are welcome to join in this event which honours and celebrates our 40 year Members: **Mirella Como. Lorraine Fayant, Franca Forbes, Irene Hanley Barb Leavitt, Frances Picone, Lynn Romano.Gale Smyth, and Maria Parisotto**	Main Hall
NOVEMBER	Tuesday Nov. 10	**Mass of Remembrance** to honour our deceased members 6:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church in Trail. **General Meeting** at 7:00 pm Pizza to follow	Holy Trinity Church Games Room
	TBA	**Bowling.** It's the place to be for a fun afternoon of friendly competition, snacks and refreshments.	Glenmerry Bowl Ltd.
	Sunday Nov. 29	**Joint Children's Christmas Party:** A joint Fratelli/Sorelle event for our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews.	Main Hall
DECEMBER	Tuesday Dec. 1	5:00 pm **Executive Meeting** Followed by Dinner for Executive	Archives Room Games Room
	Tuesday, Dec 8	**General Meeting and Christmas Social** at 7:00 pm	Main Hall Kitchen

<u>Volunteers are needed for all events</u> to make them successful. If you wish to help at an event, have an idea or suggestion regarding an event, please contact us at info.sorellecolombo@gmail.com and we will pass on your name to the event Chair. ***Watch for Event Updates and Information via email and on our new website!***

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Photos are always being taken at our events.
- If you **DO NOT** want your photo taken and/or shared on the Sorelle website or Facebook page, please let the photographer know when the photo is taken. We will respect everyone's right to privacy.

COLUMBIA VIEW LODGE TEA

- On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the Sorelle volunteer to host a tea party and bring baking to CVL.
- Please contact **Wendy McIntyre at 250-367-7176** if you are interested in taking part.

SORELLE VISITING COMMITTEE

- The committee regularly visits, sends cards and usually brings treats to our members in Care Home or who are in hospital.
- Please reach out to a committee member to report a member who is ill, injured, in hospital or has moved to a Care Home Facility in our community.

SANCTUARY SNACKS

- The Sorelle brings snacks/baking to Sanctuary on the 3rd week of every month. Volunteers each take one day of that week.
- If you are interested in helping with this, please reach out to one of the executives.

COLOMBO CULTURE COMMITTEE

- This is a joint Fratelli/Sorelle committee that is overseeing the preservation of our Archives Room.
- Donations are welcome but require a form to be filled out.
- Please contact **Cathy McAlpine** if you have questions or wish to donate something.
- Information about donating can also be found on our website.

TRAIL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- The Colombo Lodge is a proud sponsor of the Trail Ambassador Program.
- Congratulations to Jordyn Ferguson, daughter of Keri Ferguson who will be sponsored this year by the Colombo Lodge.
- Danielle Abenante and Jody Audia will be the Sorelle Sponsors that will be supporting and working with Jordyn.

EVENT TICKET REFUND POLICY

• Tickets for events and functions can only be refunded if the Committee organizing the event is given a minimum two days' notice.

Felice Anno Nuovo