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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors FEBRUARY 2023 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

Our January dinner meeting presented an evening filled with business and a surprise. **Sally Pratali** installed our new **President Arlene Bin-Di Nitto**. Arlene in turn installed officers **Charlene O'Malley, Vice President, Andrea Bin, Secretary, Yvonne Bushman, Treasurer**. Returning Board members **Donna Silvers, Cathy Lucci, Barbara Valle, Cathy Barrone, Tina Canepa** and new board members **Keri Lewis, and Arlene Garcia** were installed by Arlene. Thank you for all you have accomplished and are about to endeavor.

We were introduced to nine new members who were initiated by **Jocelyn Firenzi-Pine**. These women are: **Lana Appenrodt** sponsored by **Virginia O' Brien, Dorene Lucchesi** sponsored by **Nancy Monroe, Robin May** sponsored by **Lana Vorrises, Margie Occhipinti** sponsored by **Arlene Garcia, Karin Payne** sponsored by **Diane Smith, Chuckie Ramirez** sponsored by **Arlene Bin-Di Nitto, Carol Wiprut** sponsored by **Lorrie Vella, and Elsie Piepmeier and Juliet Taylor** sponsored by **Jocelyn Firenzi-Pine**. Benvenuti ladies we are happy to have new members to share with us our Italian heritage.

Our woman of the Year is **Sally Pratali** who was warmly received and presented with a beautiful crystal award in thanks and remembrance. Her knowledge and work have been very important for our club. Congratulations and thank you for all you've accomplished working for us.

It was a busy and very enjoyable evening. Thanks to **Yvonne Bushman** for setting the agenda and all the work necessary that accompanies these dinner meetings.

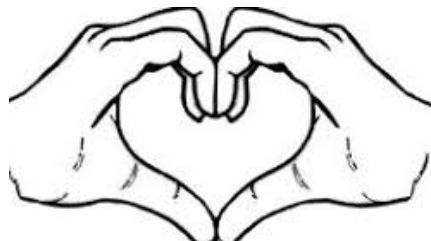
Pat Armanino will continue to email and use USPS mail through March. Ultimately the majority of us will receive our newsletters via email. Because of the increased cost of publication and postage this procedure will be cost efficient.

Ladies a **reminder of importance**. It's imperative to return the bottom portion of the fliers for our dinner meetings along with your check for that reservation. Checks will not be accepted past the deadline nor will a check be accepted at the event. Please read the directions on the fliers and ultimately we will all have a pleasant and relaxing evening.

A little trivia regarding the month of February. February comes from the Latin word februa which means "to cleanse". The month was named after the **Roman Februalia**, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement. This is the time for Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday and for many Christians this is a time to receive penance and absolution. This is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent.

February brings us the great day of amore **Valentine's Day**. A day of love and appreciation presented with Hallmark cards, See's candy, and beautiful red roses. We all seem to be so appreciative and we certainly enjoy this day. Bring on the love and **Happy Valentine's Day**.

Newsletter Correspondent,
Corinne Verili Courtney



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2023

STARTING JANUARY

Newsletters will be emailed out to those with email addresses

FEBRUARY 1
MEMBERSHIP DUES
DELINQUENT
(See page 4)

FEBRUARY 13
February Meeting
(Flyer Page 5)

MARCH 13
DINNER MEETING
(Flyer attached)

MARCH 15
BOOK CLUB (See Page 2)

NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS!

Making New Friends and Getting Reacquainted!

Wearing **NAME TAGS** makes this easy. Please Contact **Arlene Bin Di Nitto**

ambindinitto@gmail.com to request a **NAME TAG** and it will be available at the next meeting!



[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)



CAROLYN KRISTOVICH	February 2
SANDI STOPPOLINI	February 2
HOPE BARTKE	February 3
RITA QUINN	February 4
ELENA QUILICI	February 7
ROSALEEN NARDI	February 9
KAREN FERGUSON	February 10
CAROLINE CANNIZZARO	February 10
MARY NUNZIATI	February 11
LORI JEAN BATES	February 11
KAREN CELENTANO	February 12
BARBARA MILLETT	February 14
GINGER FONTAINE	February 14
GLORIA HEFFRAN	February 15
DANIELA ROSSI	February 16
ROSALIE SHAW	February 18
NELLA TAURIAN	February 19
ELIZABETH MARR	February 19
MARY DIETRICH	February 20
LISA RUGGERI	February 20
LYNN GIOVINAZZO	February 22
MARY GIUNTOLI	February 25
ELENA TEALDI	February 25
DANIELA BIN-OTEIZA	February 25
ROBIN MAY	February 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reach out to the Officers and more...	
President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto	ambindinitto@gmail.com
Vice President - Charlene O'Malley	charomalley@aol.com
Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman	ybushman@sbcglobal.net
Secretary - Andrea Bin	binny1943@gmail.com
Events - Lana Vorrises	lanaladuca@comcast.net
Nominating - Mirella Erias	eiras mirella@yahoo.com
Sunshine - Jo Amoroso	bestnonni44@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT -12/31/2022		
DEPOSITS:	Newsletter Ad	\$110.00
	December dinner	\$6,480.00
	Membership Dues	\$11,250.00
EXPENSES:	CHARITIES	\$3,500.00
	Bay Area Cancer	\$500.00
	Caring Hands In health	\$500.00
	Help A Mother Out	\$500.00
	Mission Hospice	\$1,000.00
	CORA	\$1,000.00
	COLORPRINT	\$549.03
	MANI	\$155.36
	DECEMBER DINNER	\$7,022.58
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$11,226.97
BANK BALANCE		\$33,754.50
CD 7422		\$25,360.45
CD 2734		\$20,120.53

Get well wishes to members:

- Corrine Courtney
- Jeannette Rossi

Condolences to members:

- Nerina Di Bella on the passing of her sister Maria
- Daniella Rossi on the passing of her husband John. He is also member Piera Sicco's son-in-law



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!



TREASURER'S REPORT
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ATTENTION KNITTING LADIES:

The Bay Area Cancer Connections is looking for ladies who would be interested in knitting some warm scarves. They are low in supply of scarves to include in their Comfort Totes! If you have any questions, please let me know!

Lubiana Cernobori
Mani di Angeli Chairman

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2023 membership is due on JANUARY 1st. Dues not paid by FEBRUARY 1st shall be delinquent.

The yearly membership fee is **\$75.00**

Please mail your check to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

275 Uplands Drive

Hillsborough, CA 94010

Be a part of our great organization!

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

Membership Chairperson

(650) 678-8765

firenzi@comcast.net

Congratulations are in order!!

10 year membership pins will be awarded at the March dinner meeting.

Please try to attend to honor these ladies!

If anyone has missed receiving their 10 year pin, from prior years, please contact Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications packets are available. Please send the student's name, address and sponsor's name to Gail Mozzini.

Her contact information is:

gailmozzini@gmail.com

Applications must be received by **April 15, 2023.**

EMAIL CHECK

The newsletter will be emailed out to all members that have email addresses.



FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY

The IAWG will be sending out the **monthly newsletter** to email addresses on file. It will also be sent via USPS. This will be a test to see if members like getting the newsletter via email. If you have an email address and if you have not received an email from me parmanino135@gmail.com please email me back and I will check to be sure your email address is correct and on file. Please also check your SPAM or JUNK folders for my emails.

Pat Armanino

parmanino135@gmail.com

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

Answer to FEBRUARY Trivia:

Franklin Mieali

MARCH Trivia: What Christian bishop was killed in Rome on the 14th of February AD270?

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei:

Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by

Leon J Radomile

Italian American Women's Guild January 9, 2023, Installation Dinner Meeting



2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2023 JANUARY NEW MEMBERS!



CHECK OUT these and other PHOTOS on our WEBSITE IAWGSM.ORG under PHOTO GALLERY

(Pictures taken by Linda Watson-Historian)



**Italian American Women's Guild
February 13, 2023, Dinner Meeting**

"Have a Heart"



Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo
5:30 p.m. No-Host Cocktails
6:00 p.m. Dinner

\$38.00 (Members Only)



Dinner Includes:

Caesar Salad & Roll
Tortellini Bolognese or Gnocchi Pesto
Bomba & coffee

Deadline for Checks is February 6, 2023
No refunds or cancellations after February 6, 2023.

Please return the bottom portion of this form and check payable to IAWG to:

Andrea Bin
1501 Sequoia Avenue
San Bruno, CA, 94066

If you have any questions, contact Andrea Bin 650-291-0993

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Tortellini Bolognese Gnocchi Pesto

AMOUNT Enclosed _____

I WISH TO SIT WITH _____

NEED A RIDE? YES NO



*All event flyers can be found on our website iawgsm.org/events
Please wear your nametags!*



SUNSHINE

If there is an IAWG member who is ill or having major surgery please call or email me so I can send a *Get Well Card* to them. Also, if a family member or relative has passed away, please let me know and I will send a *Sympathy Card*.

Jo Amoroso, Sunshine Chair

bestnonni44@gmail.com or 650-347-9309

IAWG FACEBOOK PAGE

Our IAWG Facebook page is gaining new members each month. Join in the conversation about anything Italian and club events. Search for the:

Italian-American Women's Guild (exactly as written) Posts are limited to club members, however your friends will see them. If they want to get in on the action, have them join the club!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please email me:

watson1441@gmail.com

Ciao,
Linda Watson



Mani di Angeli

If there is an IAWG member or family member who has suffered a death, injury or illness, please call or email me so that a memento from Mani di Angeli can be delivered.

Also, Volunteers are always needed to help support

Mani di Angeli

Lubiana Cernobori, Mani di Angeli Chair

lubiana2242@icloud.com or 650.341.9522



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BELMONT
 1085 Alameda de las Pulgas
 (Corner of Ralston Ave. and Alameda)

SAN BRUNO
 2801 San Bruno Avenue
 (Corner of Skyline Blvd. and San Bruno Ave.)

WALNUT CREEK
 1600 Palco Vendas Mall
 (Glory and Pleasant Hill Rd.)

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Italian American Women's Guild is to bring together Bay Area women of all ages with common heritage to perpetuate Italian cultural traditions in a spirit of friendship and support. The Guild intends to promote the social and educational enrichment of its members and strives to work for the good of the community at large with its philanthropic efforts.

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