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## IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors

### OCTOBER 2023 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

Ciao ladies. Our **September** meeting and luncheon was a lovely and successful afternoon enjoyed by 88 of our members. The Mexican lunch was delicious and the décor was very festive. Thank you to **Barbara Valle** and **Tina Canepa** for all your work and dedication it was truly appreciated. For our pleasure we had a guest speaker, **Laurie Miller**, from **Collette Travel** and Tours. **Laurie** presented us with a video "Discover the Colors of New England" which was interesting and beautiful in color. This particular tour will take place **September 30 through October 7, 2024**. Brochures are available in the entrance of the club where other flyers are kept. They will also be available at our dinner Meetings on our flyer Table. For more information please contact **Arlene Bin Di-Nitto** [ambindinitto@gmail.com](mailto:ambindinitto@gmail.com).

In the future in addition to our meeting we will sing **Happy Birthday in Italian** and no longer in English. How exciting to learn to share a few words in Italian and pay homage to our heritage.

Regarding our **Dinner-Luncheon Deadlines**, we do not want to refuse anyone, but if your reservation and check are not received by the due date they will not be accepted...**NO EXCEPTIONS** will be granted. Would you like to have more **luncheon meetings** instead of **dinner meetings**? Please contact **Andrea Bin** at [binny1943@gmail.com](mailto:binny1943@gmail.com) to share your thoughts on **Luncheons**!

If you are unable to print the **flyers** from the newsletters, because of the colors, simply write your **name**, **phone number** and **menu choice** on a piece of paper and mail it along with your check.

We are pleased to announce our recent donations. **\$1,000.00** was sent to the **Maui Strong Fund** and **\$1,000.00** went to **PIASC Hall Beautification Project**. A personal donation for our **Scholarship Fund** was donated by **Janet Allara**. Thank you, Janet, your gift is greatly appreciated.

**ELECTION** time is upon us! See inside for our **Candidate Statements**. We are still hearing from members who may also want to run, so keep an eye out for additional statements in the November Newsletter. Please contact **Sally Pratali** at [sally.pratali@att.net](mailto:sally.pratali@att.net) directly if **YOU** would like to run. Help keep our **Club** vibrant by becoming a **Board Member**.

**October** from the Latin word **octo**, means eight for the eighth month on the **Roman Calendar**. It is now celebrated as the tenth month better known as the month of **Halloween**. A time when all the bizarre and scary people are parading on the streets for treats. Have a fun **Halloween**.

There will **not** be an **October meeting** due to the **Bingo Luncheon Buffet**. Hope to see you there for an afternoon of fun and most importantly our fundraising.

Newsletter correspondent,  
Corinne Verili Courtney



Sign up for an IAWG Officer or a Board of Director's Position!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2023

### Sunday, October 15

Bingo Fundraiser  
(see page 7)

### Saturday, November 11

Make Limoncello!  
**(SOLD OUT)**  
(see page 8)

### Monday, November 13

Meet Your **2024** Candidates &  
Member Appreciation  
Dinner **(FREE)**  
(see page 9)

### Monday, December 11

Christmas Dinner & Toy Drive  
(see page 10)

**All flyers are always  
available on our website  
& on the table behind the  
greeter's table**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2024 membership  
is due on **JANUARY 1st**  
(see page 3)

## NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS!

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Making New Friends and Getting  
Reacquainted!

Wearing **NAME TAGS** makes this  
easy. Please Contact

**Arlene Bin Di Nitto**

[ambindinitto@gmail.com](mailto:ambindinitto@gmail.com) to

request a **NAME TAG** and it will be  
available at the next meeting!



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## ONE LAST BINGO REMINDER

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the **Bingo Luncheon Sunday, October 15th**. The deadline for reservations is **Wednesday, October 4th**. Please mail early as tables are filling up. The deadline for donations is **Friday, October 6th**.

**Hoping to receive more items for the raffle.**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (650)238-4284 or email me at [donnaags@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaags@sbcglobal.net). Thank you everyone in advance for all your help.

Donna Silvers  
Bingo Chairperson



## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Payment for your 2024 membership is due on JANUARY 1st**  
**Dues not paid by FEBRUARY 1st shall be delinquent**

**Two weeks grace (February 15th), after that she will be dropped from the Guild**

**NO EXCEPTIONS. This is the beginning of a 3 month notice**

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

**Please mail your check payable to IAWG to:**

**Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine**

**275 Uplands Drive**

**Hillsborough, CA 94010**

*Be a part of our great organization!*

**Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson**

**firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765**

Ladies,

It is once again the time of year when we ask members to consider running for the **Board of Directors (BOD)** of the **Italian American Women's Guild**.

This club is fortunate to have a wealth of talented women. And, We Need **YOU** to step up to help the **Club** continue to thrive with new ideas and be a part of the leadership. The Board acts as a team to operate the club day-to-day and plan and execute events throughout the year.

Elections are in **November** and the top seven vote recipients will be our new **Board of Directors for 2024!**

Let **US** know if **YOU** would like to have a greater role in managing the **IAWG**

**Thank you!**

**Your IAWG Nominating Committee,**

**Sally Pratali - [sally.pratali@att.net](mailto:sally.pratali@att.net)**

**Gail Mozzini - [gailmozzini@gmail.com](mailto:gailmozzini@gmail.com)**

**Doreen Mazzei - [dwmazzei@yahoo.com](mailto:dwmazzei@yahoo.com)**



**I'LL DO IT!! I will be an IAWG Officer or on the Board of Directors!**

## CANDIDATES FOR 2024 IAWG OFFICERS



**ARLENE BIN-DI NITTO** – I have been a member of IAWG since 2019 and served on the Board of Directors in 2021 and 2022. I have served on my current position as President for the year 2023. I value the purpose of this club and what it stands for. Because of the importance of the IAWG and its legacy, I am announcing my nomination for the Office of **President** for 2024.



**CHARLENE O'MALLEY** - I have been a member of the IAWG since 2020 and an Officer (**Vice President**) since 2023. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as an Officer for the Club. The membership is growing and the new events past and future are really exciting. We are looking forward to a successful year. As the nominating time approaches, I would like to submit my nomination to continue being Vice President and fulfilling my duties. This is a wonderful group of ladies and I look forward to working with them again.



**YVONNE BUSHMAN**--I have enjoyed my time as **Treasurer** of the IAWG and would like to continue to serve the membership. It has been a great experience working with so many wonderful women on the Board and I look forward to another great year. Thank you for your support.



**ANDREA BIN**--I joined the IAWG in January 2019. I have served as **Secretary** since 2020 and I am looking forward to continue my secretarial duties thru 2024. I am excited to be a member of IAWG and have acquired so many new friends. I look forward to more friendships and happy events in the future.



## CANDIDATES FOR 2024 IAWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**CATHY BORRONE** - I have been a member with IAWG since 2013. I have been on the Board since 2022. I am chairperson for the IAWG Book Club and would like to work with the Board to set up other day functions for the club. I enjoyed being on the Board and looking forward to continue working with everyone in 2024 if re-elected



**TINA CANAPA** - I would like to run for the IAWG Board of Directors for another term. I have enjoyed serving with this fantastic group of ladies and look forward to the next year in which I will be producing a gala and fun show that all can participate. I am also presently the vice president of the Italian Community Service Auxiliary and have been for many years. I reside in Redwood Shores. I have made wonderful friends in this club of great and intelligent women. Let's continue to thrive Ladies



**Chris Ercoli** - I have two grown children and one grandson. I go to Arizona to see my grandson as often as I can. I enjoy traveling, but when I'm home I like to keep busy. I belong to a book club and am trying to take part in the IAWG book club also. I love to play Mah Jong and play as often as I can. I've taken up Table Tennis and have discovered it can be quite a workout! I became a member of IAWG about a year ago. I enjoy the meetings and have met some wonderful women. I also belong to the Roth Auxiliary at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The auxiliary runs the gift shop at the hospital and our profits pay for uncompensated care of children who are not covered by insurance. I was on their Board of Directors for four years. I also belong to Liguria Nel Mondo, an Italian club for members whose ancestors are from Genoa and other areas of Liguria. The purpose of this organization is to keep the Genovese culture alive and to award scholarships to students of Genovese descent. I recently became a member of the Rotary Club of Belmont Redwood Shores. I look forward to working with this organization to help improve, by good works and programs, the lives of so many here and around the world.



**ARLENE GARCIA** - I have been a member of the IAWG since 2019 and I'm a current member of the Board of Directors. I would like to continue to be on the Board as I have enjoyed working with our members addressing their concerns and issues regarding ways to improve our operations. I currently am a Pedro teacher for our Club and I am on a Bocce Team that consists of current Club members. Our Italian Club is full of wonderful women whom treasure their Italian heritage and love to meet and enjoy friendships. I am proud to represent you and I would be very grateful for your vote.



**NEW CANDIDATE-Your bio here! Sign up for an IAWG officer or board of director's position!**

## CANDIDATES FOR 2024 IAWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)



**CATHY LUCCI**--I enjoy being on the board very much because it is nice to get involved in the club. I would like to continue being on the board and bring some new ideas to the club in 2024



**DEB ROBBINS**--I thoroughly enjoy being a member of the IAWG. I have been a member for one year and have made numerous new friends. I am currently on the Events Committee, Bocce Team, and partake in the Book Club. I truly feel the Club is like my second family. I would like to get more involved working with these amazing and talented women, not only helping the Club continue to thrive with new ideas and be part of the leadership, but also in supporting our Italian heritage.



**DONNA SILVERS**--This past year has been an amazing experience being a member of the IAWG Board. I would love to continue working with so many wonderful ladies to keep the club traditions moving forward



**BARBARA VALLE**-- I have been an IAWG member since 2018. It has been a wonderful experience to serve on the Board for the past 3 years. Our club has grown in Membership and activities. It would be my honor to continue to serve on the Board in 2024. I would gratefully appreciate your vote.



**NEW CANDIDATE**--Your bio here! Sign up for an IAWG officer or board of director's position!



Italian American Women's Guild



Luncheon Buffet

Sunday, October 15, 2023

(Proceeds will benefit the IAWG Fund)

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA

11:00 a.m. No-Host Cocktails

12:30 p.m. Luncheon Buffet

Menu

Specialty Cocktail - Bellini \$8.00 per cocktail

Luncheon Buffet includes: House salad, rolls and butter, Muffaletta Sandwich, Ravioli Bolognese, Cheese Tortellini in Pesto sauce, Coffee/Tea Buffet and Assorted Cookies

\$45.00 per person

Bring your friends/husbands for an afternoon of friendship, good food, raffles and great Bingo!!!!

Three complimentary raffle tickets. Limit 10 persons per table

DEADLINE: Wednesday October 4, 2023

(No Refunds for cancellations after October 4, 2023)

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to IAWG and mail to:

Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane
San Bruno, CA 94066

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$45.00 per person (Members & Non-Members)
(Number Attending) If paying for multi-people, please list their names.

No tickets sold at door

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below who you would like to sit with. Limit 10 per table.

Please bring a friend for an afternoon of friendship, good food, raffles, and a great time.
Hope to see you there!





# Italian American Women's Guild Make Limoncello!



Saturday, November 11, 2023

Gioia Company, [redacted] Court, Los Gatos



Gioia Company works directly with Italian artisans to bring the finest hand-crafted goods, gifts and jewelry to Los Gatos. While at Gioia we will learn to make limoncello, enjoy lunch and shopping for unique Italian treasures.

Saturday, November 11  
Noon to 4pm or later

\$55 per person (Includes limoncello class, lunch, limoncello tasting and shopping.)  
Bring 8 whole lemons, 34 oz. Everclear or vodka, a peeler and a glass jar w/lid to hold 34 oz. of liquor.

Members Only \*Limited Space\* First Come, First Serve

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check payable to IAWG to:  
Kathy McKibben, 707 Somerset, Foster City, California 94404

For questions or further information, please contact  
Kathy McKibben at kamckibben@mac.com or Anna DuPont at anna@annadupont.com

*Reservation and check must be received by October 18, 2023  
(Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations.)*

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Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 per person      Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you are willing to carpool or need a ride.       Carpool       Need a ride

**ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER**

Peninsula Italian  
American Social Club  
100 North B Street



**MEET YOUR  
CANDIDATES  
ELECTION OF  
2024 OFFICERS  
AND BOARD**

**5:00PM NO-HOST  
COCKTAILS -  
6:00PM IAWG  
HOSTED DINNER**



**MENU**



**Lasagne Bolognese or Vegetarian Lasagne  
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread  
Coffee and Dessert**

**MEMBERS ONLY - OPEN SEATING**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG**

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please return your reservation by mail, NO LATER THAN November 1st to:

**Arlene Garcia  
2591 Carmel Dr. San Bruno CA 94066**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ARLENE AT (650)455-3305**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lasagne Selection: Bolognese\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian\_\_\_\_



***IAWG Christmas Toy Drive & Dinner***  
***Monday, December 11, 2023***

**No-Host Cocktails at 5:00 pm - Dinner at 6:00 pm**

Dinner includes:

MEDITERRANEAN SALAD FAMILY STYLE

ENTRÉE CHOICE OF: SAUSAGE & POLENTA  
ROAST CHICKEN & POLENTA  
EGGPLANT PARMESAN

SERVED WITH GREEN BEANS AND ONIONS  
GARLIC BREAD

DESSERT AND COFFEE

**Cost \$43.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)**

**Bring an unwrapped item for the San Mateo Firefighters' Toys for Tots Program. Suggested items: toys, board games, sporting goods, books, art supplies (no stuffed toys, please) (Minimum value \$15.00)**

**Deadline for Reservations is December 6, 2023**  
**(No refunds after December 6 and no tickets sold at the door.)**

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

**Roberta Bernat**  
**111 Spinnaker Street**  
**Foster City, CA 94404**

If you have any questions, contact Joycelyn at: 650-678-8765 or firenzi@comcast.net

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRÉE CHOICE: SAUSAGE & POLENTA** \_\_\_\_  
**ROAST CHICKEN & POLENTA** \_\_\_\_  
**EGGPLANT PARMESAN** \_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

**I WISH TO SIT WITH** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Need a ride: Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_ **(If yes, someone will contact you.)**



Anyone interested in learning to play Pedro can join on the last Wednesday of the month at Foster City Recreation Center at 1:30.



The IAWG will be sending out the **monthly newsletter** to email addresses on file. The newsletter will be emailed out by the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you do not receive a newsletter please email me

**parmanino135@gmail.com**

**ADDRESS CHANGES, ETC.**

If you have a change in your name, address, email or phone number, please contact Roberta Bernat

**rbernat@att.net or 650.200.9095**

**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

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**IAWG BOOK CLUB NEWS**

All members are welcome to join us if they have not read the book we are discussing. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Cathy Borrone 650-242-1685 email: [minirose\\_sonoma@yahoo.com](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: UPSTAIRS AT THE PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB (PIASC)

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
NOVEMBER 16TH	WOMEN IN SUNLIGHT	FRANCES MAYES
JANUARY 18TH	ONE ITALIAN SUMMER	REBECCA SERLE
MARCH 15TH	THE SHOEMAKER'S WIFE	ANDRIANA TRIGIANI
MAY 17TH	THE CIELO	PAUL SALSINI
JULY 19TH	DEATH AT LA FENICE	DONNA LEON
SEPTEMBER 20TH	THE GOOD LEFT UNDONE	ANDRIANA TRIGIANI
NOVEMBER 15TH	PICK BOOK SELECTION FOR 2024	

**How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!**

**Answer to SEPTEMBER trivia: *Pizza Parlor***

**OCTOBER Trivia:** in ancient Rome a wet sponge attached to a stick was used in lieu of what modern day convenience



**Answer will be given at the next general meeting!**

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei:

Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile

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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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