

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors

### MARCH 2024 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

Ciao ladies,

One hundred and two ladies from our Italian American Women's Guild attended the **first Luncheon of 2024**. Our sincere appreciation to our hostess Andrea Bin for the lovely festive Valentine's Day theme and merriment. In addition to our **October Bingo Luncheon**, we have added **April** as a Luncheon meeting. We had a very full day of merriment, surprises, and emotion.

The following members were recognized for the very significant roles they play in our **Guild**.

**Newspaper Publisher & Webmaster, Pat Armanino**  
**Membership, Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine and Roberta Bernat**  
**Historian, Linda Watson**  
**Newsletter Correspondent, Corinne Courtney**  
**And Greeters, Donna Silvers and Charlene O'Malley.**

Grazie mille for your continued support to our Guild.

Events Chair **Lana Vorrises** and **Mary Pardini** announced upcoming events. The **Limoncello** Class demonstration, tasting, lunch and shopping, will occur in **May**. In **July** we are invited to celebrate **Giants Italian Heritage Night** at **Oracle Park**. Two very exciting and entertaining events. All Flyers for these events will be in our **newsletters**, available on our **Flyer Table** at all monthly meetings, and on our website <https://iawgsm.org>

**SAVE THE DATE** for a **Special Event on Wednesday, September 18th!** Featuring, San Francisco's **Kevin Blake**, Illusionist and Magician from **America's Got Talent!** Details to follow

We were honored to share an emotional story by **Brad DeSoto** and his family who were introduced by **Lana Vorrises**. Brad represented his family in the heartfelt story about his father, **Col. Ernest DeSoto**, whose fighter jet crashed in the **Vietnam War**. With courage and years of determination, by his mother, **Joyce DeSoto**, his father's remains were rescued from a hill in the dense forest of **Vietnam** and returned home to his family **54 years** later. Brad presented us with a video of his father's fervent return from Vietnam to **San Francisco Airport** last year. From there the family was able to have a proper funeral and closure. Truly an amazing story and our thanks to the DeSoto family for sharing with us.

Along with our **February Birthdays**, **Carolyn Kristovich** was acknowledged and presented with a complimentary dinner certificate in celebration of her **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** **Buon compleanno!**

Wishing you a **Happy St. Patrick's Day**. All though the holiday originally started as a Christian feast day celebrating the life of St. Patrick and the spreading of Christianity to Ireland, today it is a day of revelry and a celebration of all things **Irish**. Don't forget to wear **Green**.

In the spirit of Christianity the **Officers and Board of the Italian American Women's Guild** wish you and your families a very **Happy Easter**.

Buona Pasqua.

Newsletter correspondent,  
Corinne Verili Courtney



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2024

### Monday, March 11

Dinner Meeting &  
Easter Boutique  
(See pages 4 & 5)

### Monday, April 8

Lunch Meeting  
(See page 6)

### Monday, May 13

Mother's Day Dinner  
(See page 7)

### Saturday, May 18

Limoncello Event  
(See page 8)

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available on our website  
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greeter's table

## 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!



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# Birthdays of the Month

## MARCH

SALLY	PRATALI	3/2
EILEEN	FIGONE	3/5
BARBARA	LAZZARI	3/6
PAT	ARMANINO	3/7
JANET	SHAPIRO	3/10
JUDY	EVANGELISTA	3/11
LARUE	LARUSSA	3/13
JANET	O'KEEFE	3/13
ROSALIND	SPINA	3/13
JEAN	VOLKMAN	3/13
FRANCES	BENSON	3/14
ADELAIDE	SCIANDRI	3/14
GRAZIA	PAOLINELLI	3/15
CHUCKIE	RAMIREZ	3/15
ROBERTA	ROMANI	3/15
NANCY	MORRIS	3/16
MARJORIE	MILANI	3/17
JEAN	DI SALVO	3/20
CHARLENE	HARAMES	3/20
ANDREA	BIN	3/21
GIOVANNA	SODINI	3/21
DEBORAH	LORBER	3/23
NELLA	CONTI	3/24
NELLA	MORELLO	3/24
MENA	FADELLI	3/25
KATHLEEN	O'MARIE	3/28
DOREEN	MAZZEI	3/30
CORINNE	COURTNEY	3/31

Reach out to the Officers and more...

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### TREASURER'S REPORT -01/31/2024

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Sunshine and Mani di Angeli Notices



### Sympathy to Member:

Maria Bertollo on the passing of her husband Walter



Alegio Chocolate Tasting Event 2/3/2024

### Mani di Angeli



If there is an IAWG member or family member who has passed away, please call or text me



so that a memento from Mani di Angeli can be delivered.

Volunteers are always needed to help support Mani di Angeli

**Barbara Valle, Mani di Angeli Chair**  
call or text 650.302.0667



### Sunshine



If there is an IAWG member who is ill or having major surgery please email me so I can send a *Get Well Card* to them.

**Jo Amoroso, Sunshine Chair**  
bestnonni44@gmail.com or 650.347.9309

## 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](mailto:gailmozzini@gmail.com)

Applications must be received by April 15, 2024.

## **MEMBER'S HELP IS NEEDED!!!!**

**UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Child Life reached out to the IAWG with an imminent need of scent hearts for their intensive Care Nursery.**

Please contact Arlene Bin-Di Nitto ...[ambindinitto@gmail.com](mailto:ambindinitto@gmail.com)

## **Bring your own Bag!!**

Regarding take home dinners or lunches, for yourself or a friend... the club will no longer provide plastic bags. If you are taking dinners or lunches for yourself or members that are unable to attend, **please bring a bag.**

## **DON'T GET SCAMMED!!**

**Attention Members:** Some members have been sent hacking emails asking for money to be sent to cover certain club expenses. Please do not respond to these emails and delete immediately

**Be Safe!**

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**EASTER BOUTIQUE**

*Easter items for your baskets and gifts to buy for yourself*

**BOUTIQUE WILL OPEN  
AT 4:30 PM.  
LOCATON: REAR OF THE  
ROOM**



**LOOK FOR THE EASTER  
BOUTIQUE FLYER IN THIS  
NEWSLETTER**

**HAPPY EASTER**

**HAPPY SPRING**

**ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD**  
Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA.

**MARCH 11TH DINNER/MEETING**

No Host Cocktails 5:00 pm  
Dinner/Meeting 6:00 pm

**\$43.00 MEMBERS ONLY**

**DINNER MENU:**

**Mediterranean Salad (family style) Roll & Butter, Baked Spiral Cut Ham with Pineapple Glaze or Chicken Piccata w/Scalloped Potatoes & Asparagus Bomba and Coffee**

Please send the bottom portion along with a check payable to: IAWG and mail to:  
Cathy Borrone  
425 N. El Camino Real #210  
San Mateo, CA 94401

For questions or further information, please call:  
Cathy Borrone  
at 650-242-1685 or email [minirose\\_sonoma@yahoo.com](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

**CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1st, 2024. CHECKS WILL BE REFUSED IF RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 1st, 2024 (RECEIVED NOT POSTMARK) AVOID THIS PROBLEM-SEND YOUR CHECKS EARLY.**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS**

MEMBERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREE:      HAM      CHICKEN      VEGETARIAN**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH \_\_\_\_\_

Need a ride: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, someone with contact you)

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Italian American Women's Guild

# Easter Boutique

Monday, March 11, 2024

Please join us before and after our dinner meeting  
for a shopping experience!

Many beautiful items for Easter will be offered by  
Teri Martin of Precious Memories.



Teri Martin operated a boutique store in  
San Bruno from 1985 and to 2017.

She now sells her wares on ETSY under the name of  
Our Designer as well as holding private events.

The boutique will be open from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, close during  
dinner and then reopen again after dinner. Accepted forms of  
payment are: credit card, cash, check and Venmo.

\* \* \* **HAPPY EASTER** \* \* \*

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*Spring Has Sprung*

**ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN’S GUILD**

Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
100 North B Street San Mateo, CA 94401

**April 8, 2024 Lunch Meeting**  
11AM – No Host Cocktails 12PM Lunch

**LUNCH MENU**  
**Italian Salad w/Rolls & Butter**  
**Chicken Scallopini, Ravioli Bolognese or Vegetarian**  
**Dessert & Coffee**

**\$41.00 MEMBERS ONLY**

**Please return the bottom portion along with a check payable To IAWG and mail to:**

Andrea Bin  
1501 Sequoia Avenue  
San Bruno, CA 94066

For questions or further information, please call Arlene Garcia at 650.455.3305

***Reservations must be received by April 1, 2024***  
***CHECKS RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE REFUSED***  
***(No refunds or cancellations after the due date - No tickets sold at the door)***

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

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

ENTRÉE CHOICE: (please circle) Chicken Scallopini Ravioli Bolognese Vegetarian

I would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS**

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

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**MOTHER'S DAY DINNER  
ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024**

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

**5 PM Cocktails**  
(Signature bar drink is an Aparol Spritz)

**6 PM Dinner**  
**\$43 Members & Guests**

**DINNER INCLUDES:**

English Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter  
Chicken Milanese

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes and Asparagus  
OR

Spinach Vegetarian Lasagna  
Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soft drinks

For further information please contact  
Yvonne Bushman @ 650.619.6213  
or [ybushman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ybushman@sbcglobal.net)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION & ENCLOSE WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO IAWG

MAIL to: **Yvonne Bushman**  
**181 Glenbrook Lane**  
**San Bruno, CA 94066**

**CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024. Checks received after May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be refused and returned. No refunds or cancellations after May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

Please **CIRCLE** Entrée Choice: **Chicken Milanese**      **Spinach Vegetarian Lasagna**

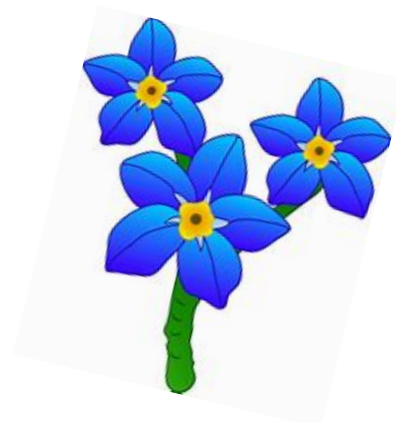
**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to sit with** \_\_\_\_\_

**I need a ride:** yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ (someone will contact you)

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Italian American Women's Guild  
**Make Limoncello!**

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Gioia Company, 16395 Roseleaf Court, Los Gatos

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

Saturday, May 18th

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:  
 Mary Pardini, 1428 Benito Ave Burlingame, CA. 94010

For questions or further information, please contact  
 Mary Pardini at: pardinimc@gmail.com or 650-867-4331

*Reservation and check must be received by April 26, 2024*

(Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations.) 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*

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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**

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**Arlene Bin Di Nitto**

**ambindinitto@gmail.com** to

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**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



**"BOCCE CLINIC"**

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Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only.

Foster City Recreation Center

650 Shell Blvd

Foster City, CA

Lana Vorrises

650.703.7473

[lanaladuca@comcast.net](mailto:lanaladuca@comcast.net)



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

**Answer to FEBRUARY trivia:** Perfume (cologne)

**MARCH Trivia:** "handguns manufactured in this Tuscan town in the 16th century gave us what word that is used to describe this type of weapon"

**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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**WEB SITE!**

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IAWG BOOK CLUB  
BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2024

WE MEET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH  
TIME 11 A.M. UPSTAIRS

Members and guest are welcome. Contact Cathy Borrone  
Phone: 650-242-1685 email: [minirose\\_sonoma@yahoo.com](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
JANUARY 17TH	THE HOTEL RIVIERA	ELIZABETH ADLER
MARCH 20TH	THE STAR-CROSSED SISTERS OF TUSCANY	LORI NELSON SPIELMAN
MAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> (Note date change)	ELIZABETH STREET	LAURIE FIABIANO
JULY 17TH	ETERNAL	LISA SCOTTOLINE
SEPTEMBER 18TH	LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN	LISA SEE
NOVEMBER 20TH	THE HONEY BUS	MEREDITH MAY

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1825 El Camino Real  
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BELMONT  
1025 Alameda de las Pulgas  
(Corner of Balston Ave. and Alameda)

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

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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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