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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buon Anno Nuovo 2020

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy New Year. 2020 promises to be an exciting year as we begin a new decade! I first want to thank our outgoing officers and board for their service and dedication to this organization. They have done an outstanding job. Thank you to our President, Gail Mozzini; Vice President Doreen Mazzei; Secretary, Fran Benson; Treasurer Sally Pratali; and our Board of Directors, Diana Balestreri, Arlene Calegari, Mary Dietrich, Terry Goblirsch, Carolyn Regalia, Elena Tealdi and Yolanda Thayer.

As my first year helping to steer the IAWG begins, I am looking forward to serving as Vice President and Interim President with our new board of directors. To date : Secretary, Ricki Bolin, Board members: Andrea Bin, Geri Gagliardo, Nella Morello, Donna Silvers, Elena Tealdi, Barbara Valle, and Lana Vorisse. As you can see, we are missing a **President and Treasurer**.

The **December Christmas dinner and Toy drive** was a huge success yielding an abundance of toys for the Toys for Tots program which the San Mateo fire department collected. The dinner and entertainment were enjoyed by 239 members. Thank you to Joycelyn and the committee that put the evening together. It was very festive.

This club is essential to our Italian heritage, to provide a venue in which we share personal history, learn about the different areas in Italy, as well as cultivate friendships. The activities that are organized for the benefit of the members, creates opportunities for fun and enjoyment. The cornerstone of an organization like this, is the historical benefits provided by the most senior members of the club. Their knowledge and history provide so much for the new members. For this reason, starting in 2020, any member over 90 years of age will be considered honorary members and not have to pay annual dues. Therefore, anyone who celebrates their 90th birthday in 2020 will not have to pay annual dues.

I look forward to our **January 13th** dinner meeting to welcome new members and install our new board. In addition we will also announce our **Woman of the Year**.

Ciao and Happy New Year,
Linda Biancalana Koelling



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2020

**January 1st
Happy New Year!**

**January 1st
Membership Dues are Due**

**January 13th
Installation and Initiation Dinner
(Flyer on Website)**

**February 10th
February Dinner Meeting
(Flyer Enclosed)**

**2020 Calendar of Events
Additional Events TBD
(Enclosed)**



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<https://iawgsm.org>**

Birthdays of the Month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Well wishes to:

- Member Lillian Piccinini

Condolences on the passing of Sylvia Pignati's husband Art

MARLEEN MASON	January 1
JOSEPHINE PISA	January 1
MERLE BELLANTI	January 2
CAROL CONROY	January 2
DINA CARRASCO	January 4
MARY JANE RAGGIO	January 4
PEGGY ARATA	January 5
MARIA PIGNATI	January 6
VANA FERRARI	January 7
CAROL GALLUCCI	January 10
JEAN TERNULLO	January 12
LINDA SMALL	January 12
JOSEPHINE AMOROSO	January 16
YOLANDA THAYER	January 16
MARY ANN GNECCO	January 18
JANIS CARDINALE	January 21
ANITA MEISTER	January 23
DIANE SMITH	January 23
CAMELE WANAT	January 24
BETTY BESSIERE	January 25
MARLENE BELLUOMINI	January 26
PATRICIA WODARCZYK	January 30
CYNTHIA MALATESTA	January 31



Corinne & Dave Courtney enjoy the Andrea Bocelli Concert at the Chase Center with Doreen Mazzei & Gail Mozzini. The Courtney's were the successful bidders on the Concert at the October Bingo Brunch Auction.



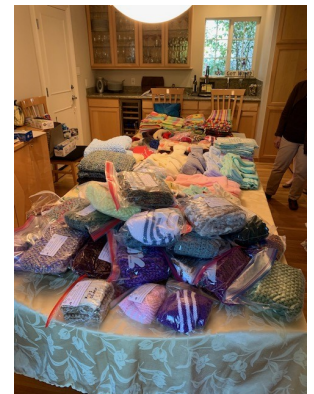
Mani di Angeli News

On **Monday, November 17, 2019**, A group of members got together and had another **stuffing day** at the club we **stuffed 85 dolls and 75 hearts!** Very successful day! —Lubiana Cernobori

On **Thursday, November 21, 2019** our **knitting group** got together to gather and bag over **139 knitted items** with included children's blankets, sweaters, booties, and baby sets as well as knitted caps for adults for chemo patients and for the homeless. Also, these wonderful ladies knitted lap blankets and scarves for nursing homes and homeless. After sorting we had a lovely chat session with coffee and sweets. These donations went to San Mateo County Hospital, Sequoia Hospital, USF, Bay Area Cancer Connection, Ravenswood Family Health Center in EPA, Brookside Nursing home and the homeless. It is always an amazing day to see what these ladies produce and to see the reaction we get from the places we donate to. Thank you again ladies for all your heartfelt work. — Anna DuPont

If you knit, sew or want to get involved in the stuffing of the dolls and pillows. please send your name and email address to parmanino135@gmail.com and you will be sent an email notification for the next event.

The more hands the better!



THANK YOU!

Thank you **IAWG ladies** for donating the food goods to the Second Harvest Food Bank, three big barrels were filled to the brim with a little help from another club called the Newcomers. As always there are so many families in need who are suffering from hunger. If we can help even a little, it is better than nothing at all.

Another **big thank you** for all the ladies who donated to the wheelchair backpack collection for the wheelchair bound children in the hospital. We had such a huge amount of toys donated that filled three huge bags, this was even bigger donation than last year. With this donation of toys we also donated 32 wheelchair backpacks that were sewn by Regina Bortolus and Gwen Matteucci, together with 50 surgical dolls with gowns to Shriners Hospital. The donation of toys was so big that we also gave a huge bag of toys to Lucille Packard children hospital. I am sure they will be thrilled to see the amount of great toys donated. I would like to say again thank you to the IAWG ladies who have always been so supportive and generous in donating items through all the years. Without your generosity we wouldn't be able to accomplish as much as we have for our community. A heartfelt thank you to all of you and I ask for your continued support. There isn't anything more satisfying to the soul than to give to others! —Lubiana Cernobori

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is the time of year for high school seniors to start thinking about scholarship monies to help with higher education costs. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce acceptance of scholarship applications for 2020.

The IAWG Scholarship Fund was established as an investment in the educational promise for our young men and women and because of our deep belief in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be relatives of IAWG members in good standing, (i.e. children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews).
- Scholarships will be awarded for full-time enrollment in an accredited community college, four year college or university. (Minimum 12 units per semester.)
- Applicants must demonstrate academic ability as well as being a well-rounded individuals. Also, applicants must express how their Italian heritage has influenced them.
- Awards will be for one year and recipients will be required to reapply for subsequent funding. An applicant may only be awarded a scholarship for a total of two years.

Please send the student's name, address and sponsor's name to Committee Chair, Gail Mozzini, to request an application packet. Her contact info is: gailmozzini@gmail.com or 650-400-2494.

Applications are DUE April 15, 2020.



MINUTES OF GENERAL DINNER/CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE DECEMBER 9, 2019

President Gail Mozzini called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gail and Joycelyn initiated the two new members who had joined the IAWG in June of this year but had not yet been initiated. Everyone welcomed these new members: **Robin Canonica and Michelle Wilkinson**.

The room looked wonderful and the Chairperson of this event, Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, welcomed everyone to the dinner and expressed her hope that everyone would enjoy the evening. Joycelyn thanked all those who worked with her to make the event so successful: her co-chair **Charlotte Conway, Roberta Bernat** who handled the reservations and table assignments, **Michele Pacquet and Mena Fadelli** who organized the toys, and all the women who helped the fire fighters bag the toys. Joycelyn and Charlotte made the great snowman centerpieces!

President Mozzini introduced the Board Members and Officers for 2020, although there are some positions still not filled. We now have: Linda Koelling, Vice President; Rickie Bolin, Secretary; Board Members: Andrea Bin, Geri Gagliardo Nella Morella, Donna Silvers, Elena Tealdi, Barbara Valle and Lana Vorisse. As you can see, the **co-presidents and treasurer** positions are yet unfilled. It is hoped that these will be filled by the January meeting.

Vice-President Doreen Mazzei gave the answer to the Italian trivia question: **Sicily**.

Member **Maria Pignati** provided a beautiful vocal/piano mini-concert of Christmas music and many attendants joined in singing.

Gail Mozzini and Doreen Mazzei presented each December birthday celebrant with a cupcake and all sang Happy Birthday.

President Mozzini wished everyone very Happy Holidays and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary Fran Benson

My Ancestry

No one submitted a “My Ancestry” article for this edition. If you want your Ancestry to be featured in a future newsletter please send in via email to parmanino135@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2020 membership is due on January 1, 2020

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

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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

1. “Torta di Frutta Secca” is better known in the United States as what?
2. “Panettone was kept a culinary secret in this Italian city until the turn of the 19th century. This feathery light bread is as representative of Christmas in Italy as mistletoe is in America. what city in Italy is associated with panettone?”

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei: Source HERIT-AGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile



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*.

Jeri Lucia-Johnson/Sunshine Chair
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or 650-574-3254

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!

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Ciao,
Linda Watson



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Your input is appreciated!

Thank you,

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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
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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

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