

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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Greetings from your Officers and Board,

**DUES WERE DUE 1/1/2024! (SEE PAGE 3)**

Ciao ladies. While ushering in the new year the Italian American Women's Guild held an enthusiastic January dinner meeting.

Joycelyn Firenze-Pine introduced and initiated thirteen new members. They are: **Esther Calvillo, Joyce Carlson, Susan Dan, Linda DePalma, Denise de Ville, Judy Evangelista, Lisa Guerrero, Natalie Hoffer, Rose Moiseff, Lory Najac, Gina Rossi, Karen Toman, and Lisa Wilsey.**

**Benvenuti a tutti.**

Joycelyn proceeded to initiate **Arlene Bin-Di Nitto** as our 2024 President. Arlene, in turn, initiated **Charlene O'Malley** as Vice President, Secretary **Andrea Bin**, Treasurer **Yvonne Bushman** and Board members **Cathy Barrone, Tina Canepa, Arlene Garcia, Cathy Lucci, Deb Robbins, Donna Silvers, and Barbara Valle.** President Arlene thanked **Kerri Lewis** for her service on the Board for 2023.

**Congratulations ladies!**

Vice President **Charlene O'Malley** announced the **Woman of the Year recipient for 2023 Arlene Bin-Di Nitto.** Congratulations to our President for a well-deserved honor. Thank you for leading us forward.

In addition to our October luncheon meeting **February** and **April** have also been scheduled for **luncheon** meetings. I'm sure this will please many women who have difficulties traveling for the evening dinner meetings.

For your convenience flyers for the lunch and dinner meetings are available each month at the flyer table. Don't forget your checkbook. **Your check is due at the time you make your reservation.**

The **ten** and **twenty-year anniversary pins** for some of our members will be presented at the **June installation meeting.**

Ladies, our **Chocolate tasting event** for February 3<sup>rd</sup> has extended invitations to **non-members.** This is a great opportunity to invite a good friend or neighbor.

Event Chair **Lana Vorrises** shared some ideas and plans for 2024. Chocolate tasting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the February 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting we will have a speaker who will talk about the finding of his father's remains from the Vietnam War. At the **March meeting** we will have a **Boutique** and the "how to make **Limoncello**" will be in May. Stay tuned more to come.

Our hostess for the evening was **Yvonne Bushman.** Grazie Mille for all the extensive work to make the evening successful

As Valentine Day approaches just a little history. St Valentine was a nice guy who was kind to children, helped the early Christians, and was executed on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Some legends say he healed and befriended his jailkeeper's daughter and sent her a farewell note "**from your Valentine**".

Newsletter correspondent,  
Corinne Verili Courtney

**SAVE THE DATE!  
2024**

**Saturday, February 3**  
Chocolate Tasting Tour  
(See page 5)

**Monday, February 12**  
Lunch Meeting  
(See page 6)

**Monday, March 11**  
Dinner Meeting &  
Easter Boutique  
(See pages 7 & 8)

**Monday April 8**  
Lunch Meeting  
(See page 9)

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

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**  
**Payment for your 2024 membership  
was due on JANUARY 1, 2024**  
**(see page 3)**

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**Arlene Bin Di Nitto**

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available at the next meeting!



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# Birthdays of the Month

## FEBRUARY

Reach out to the Officers and more...

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ELENA	QUILICI	2/7
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CAROLINE	CANNIZZARO	2/10
KAREN	FERGUSON	2/10
LORI JEAN	BATES	2/11
MARY	NUNZIATI	2/11
KAREN	CELENTANO	2/12
JEAN	GRANT	2/12
GINGER	FONTAINE	2/14
BARBARA	MILLETT	2/14
DANIELA	ROSSI	2/16
LISA	GUERRERO	2/18
ROSALIE	SHAW	2/18
ELIZABETH	MARR	2/19
NELLA	TAURIAN	2/19
MARY	DIETRICH	2/20
BEVERLY	MCDONALD	2/20
LISA	RUGGERI	2/20
LYNNE	GIOVINAZZO	2/22
DANIELA	BIN-OTEIZA	2/25
ROBIN	MAY	2/25
ELENA	TEALDI	2/25
MARY	GIUNTOLI	2/25

TREASURER'S REPORT		

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**Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices**

**Sympathy To Member:**

- Jeannette Rossi on the passing of her husband Louis
- Arlene Di Nitto on the passing of her mother-in-law, Leonora Di Nitto

**Sympathy To PIASC Manager:**

- Jennifer Gauthier on the passing of her mother-in-law, Susan Trecroci

**Speedy Recovery To Member:**

- Cammy Forchione

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**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**

Correction and apology for the January 24th Birthday Error. It should have read Deb **Robbins** not Rollins

**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**

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Payment for your 2024 membership was due on

**JANUARY 1, 2024**

Dues not paid by **FEBRUARY 1, 2024** shall be Delinquent. There is a two week grace period until

**February 15, 2024**, after that you will be dropped from the Guild  
**NO EXCEPTION!**

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

Please mail your check payable to IAWG to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

275 Uplands Drive

Hillsborough, CA 94010

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson

firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

**Be a part of our great organization!**

## **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.



More photos of the event can be found on our web site

[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG) under Photo Gallery

(Photos taken by Linda Watson-Historian)



IAWG  
JANUARY 15, 2024 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD  
MEMBERS & NEW MEMBERS DINNER MEETING



These and more photos of the event can be found on our web site

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Italian American Women's Guild  
 JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!  
 CHOCOLATE TASTING TOUR

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- Learn how to pick a great chocolate and not be deceived by mass produced chocolate.
- At closing you will rate and score chocolate according to your 5 senses.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024  
 2-3:30PM  
 \$45

OPTION: You may bring your own bottle of wine - glasses are provided.

MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME ♥ LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS ♥ FIRST COME- FIRST SERVE

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS SHEET WITH A CHECK  
 PAYABLE TO IAWG AND MAIL TO:

Kathy McKibben, 707 Somerset, Foster City, CA. 94404

For questions or further information, please contact Kathy McKibben at  
 kamckibben@mac.com or 650-759-0934

Reservation and check must be received by January 30, 2024  
 (Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations)

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 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 February 12, 2024, Lunch Meeting**

***“HAVE A HEART”***

Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
100 North B Street, San Mateo  
11:00 a.m. No-Host Cocktails  
12:00 p.m. Lunch

**LUNCH INCLUDES**

**MINISTRONE SOUP -FAMILY STYLE-BASKET OF ROLLS**

**MUFFALETTA SANDWICH WITH FRENCH FRIES**

**OR**

**GRILLED VEGGIE (VEG & CHEESE) MUFFALETTA WITH FRIES**

**BOMBA ICE CREAM**

**COFFEE, TEA, SODA**

**COST - \$40.00 MEMBERS ONLY**

**RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

**(NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2024 AND NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR)**

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**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: Muffaletta Sandwich      Grilled Veggie Muffaletta (Circle choice)

AMOUNT Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Need a ride Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes you will be contacted)

***All event flyers can be found on our website [iawgsm.org/events](http://iawgsm.org/events)  
Please wear your nametags!***

**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)



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 event 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** \* \* \*





*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)



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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**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"**

Learn to play or improve your skills. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday at 11AM 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 JANUARY trivia:** Finocchios Nightclub

**FEBRUARY Trivia:** The Farina Family, Italians living in Cologne France in 1709 are credited with what invention?



**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!**

*For more information, pictures of events and useful links, please check out our website!*

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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 SCOTTLINE
SEPTEMBER 18TH	LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN	LISA SEE
NOVEMBER 20TH	THE HONEY BUS	MEREDITH MAY

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1025 Alameda de las Pulgas  
(Corner of Balston Ave. and Alameda)

**SAN BRUNO**  
2801 San Bruno Avenue  
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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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