

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was so good to see so many friends attending the January installation dinner after the busy holiday season. I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend the holidays with their family members and friends. Whether traveling or staying close to home, the holidays provide a time for special traditions and eating lots of food and desserts.

What a way to start our 25<sup>th</sup> year! I was reminded that the Italian American Women's Guild began in 1995 making this year our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We must have a celebration at some point this year. More to come on this....!!

Our installation ceremony and dinner was very enjoyable. We said thank you to our outgoing officers and board for their outstanding work over the past two years, and introduced the new team for this year. IAWG member, Jean Allard, will also be joining the new Board for this next year. An opening occurred after the first of the year and Jean accepted an invitation to join the group. Her valuable skills will be a great addition to our already diverse and talented Board. I look forward to working with her.

We welcomed twenty-three new members to the IAWG that night and from the new members that I had the opportunity to meet, they are very eager to get involved with the guild.

As I mentioned at the meeting, we want to provide fun, enjoyable and educational meetings and activities for our members but it takes a collective effort to make it all happen. After collecting the volunteer lists we had at each table, I can tell you that we have some very talented woman who have offered to help with our various future events. We will have volunteer sheets for members to sign at our next meeting as well, for those who may have missed out last month. Remember many hands helping, makes the work is easier.

With February being American Heart Month and promoting Women's heart health we will have a special speaker from the Pacific Stroke association. Should be interesting.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding speakers for other meetings. Let me or members of the Board know what may interest you.

Congratulations to Pat Armanino for being recognized "Woman of the Year" for 2019. She does so much for the guild. Thanks, Pat!

Also, a special congratulations to Anita Meister for celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this month! A very special lady and a charter member,  
**Buon Compleanno, Anita!**

I look forward to meeting more of our new members at the next dinner meeting!

Ciao,

Linda Biancalana Koelling



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2020

February 10th  
February Dinner Meeting  
(Flyer online)

February 15th  
Dues need to be paid or your  
membership ends!

March 9th  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
(Flyer enclosed)

March 29th  
Fashion Show  
(see page 2)



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<https://iawgsm.org>**



# Birthdays of the Month

LOLITA ROSSI	February 1
CAROLYN KRISTOVICH	February 2
SANDI STOPPOLONI	February 2
HOPE BARTKE	February 3
RITA QUINN	February 4
ANNAMARIA CONTE	February 4
ELENA QUILICI	February 7
ROSALEEN NARDI	February 9
KAREN FERGUSON	February 10
CAROLINE CANNIZZARO	February 10
MARY NUNZIATI	February 11
KAREN CELENTANO	February 12
BARBARA MILLETT	February 14
GINGER FONTAINE	February 14
SANDRA KITCHIN	February 15
DANIELA ROSSI	February 16
ROSALIE SHAW	February 18
MARIE DASARO	February 19
NELLA TAURIAN	February 19
CARMELA HOFFMANN	February 20
MARY DIETRICH	February 20
LYNN GIOVINAZZO	February 22
MARY GIUNTOLI	February 25
ELENA TEALDI	February 25
DANIELA BIN-OTEIZA	February 25

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Get Well wishes to:*

- Gilda Tarzia recovering from surgery

### *Condolences:*

- To member Cheryl Tufo's on the passing of her husband Paul
- On the passing of Giordano Stoia, brother-in-law to member Angie Fanucchi and uncle to members Robert Bernat and Elena Quilici
- To member Amalia (Mickey) Modena on the passing of her husband Jerry



### SUNSHINE REPORT 2019

Hi Ladies...

First of all I want to thank members of IAWG who have called or emailed me about a member being ill, had surgery, or in need of a sympathy card or to let someone know we are thinking of them during a difficult time.

During 2019 I send out forty-four cards on behalf of IAWG. Twenty-eight GET WELL/THINKING OF YOU cards and sixteen SYMPATHY cards.

Three members of IAWG passed away in 2019. Angela Sheakley, Lena Venturelli (charter member), Joan Ratti. May they Rest in Peace.

Please let me know if a member is ill or a family member or relative has passed away. Cards will be sent.

Thank you and hope 2020 is a healthy year for all of us.

Jeri Lucia-Johnson/Sunshine

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**SAVE THE DATE**

*SUNDAY,*  
**MARCH 29, 2020**

**IAWG**

**FASHION SHOW**

*Mark your calendar - tell your friends!!!*

*More details to come at February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2020 DINNER MEETING

### Installation and Initiation

Outgoing President **Gail Mozzini** called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With quite a full agenda, the business items were spread throughout the course of the wonderful dinner.

Gail introduced **Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine** as Mistress of Ceremony for the Initiation ceremony. We have 23 new members joining the IAWG, those that were in attendance were sworn in. Others will be sworn in at a later meeting. **Welcome to the IAWG ladies!** (See page 4 for listing of new members)

Our newly elected Officers and Board of Directors were sworn into office for 2020. The newly elected board is: **Linda Koelling**-Vice President/Interim President, **Rickie Bolin**-Secretary, **Sally Pratali**-Interim Treasurer and board members: **Jean Allard**, **Andrea Bin**, **Nella Morello**, **Donna Silvers**, **Elena Tealdi**, **Barbara Valle** and **Lana Vorrises**.

Next was the presentation of the **Woman of the Year** Award. This year's honoree maintains our beautiful website and publishes our monthly newsletter. This year's Woman of the Year recipient is **Pat Armanino**. Congratulations Pat and thank you for what you do!

The January birthdays were acknowledged with special recognition to **Anita Meister** who is celebrating her 100th birthday!

**Doreen Mazzei**, gave us the answer to both Italian trivia questions in the January newsletter: 1. "Torta di Frutta Secca" is better known in the United States as what? **FRUITCAKE** 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? **MILAN**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Rickie Lee Bolin



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Scholarship applications are available. Please contact Gail Mozzini to request an application. Her contact information is: gailmozzini@gmail.com or 650-400-2494.

**Applications need to be postmarked by April 15, 2020.**



Sorry about the misspelling of Board Member, Lana Vorrises name in the January newsletter!

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

JOANNE AIELLO	GINA GIAMBRA
ANNE AMMENTI	SANDRA KITCHIN
DEBORAH ARBASSETTI ALFARO	STEFANIE LUCCHESI
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CHERYL BARRANGO	SUSAN MCGUIRK
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GERI DEL CARLO	LISA RUGGERI
LORETTA FONTANA	ROSALIE SHAW
ELAINE GARBARINO	MARY TRESMONTAN
	MARILYN URO



## 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](mailto:parmanino135@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are delinquent on February 15th

Per our By-Laws members who have not paid their dues by February 15th will be dropped from the membership!

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

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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

"What is the Mostaccioli of Calabria?"

"He was among the wealthiest man in show business and had a reputation for kindness and generosity which had expressed itself in magnificent acts of philanthropy for individuals and organizations"

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

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



## SUNSHINE

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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!

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## NEWS DEADLINE

Please submit any articles, recipes, births, get well wishes, sympathy or to place an ad in the newsletter by the **3rd Friday of the month**.

Your input is appreciated!

Thank you,



Pat Armanino parmanino135@gmail.com Newsletter  
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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 Mani di Angeli

Lubiana Cernobori, Mani di Angeli Chair  
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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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