

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's good to hear that many people are signing up to receive the vaccine. This is the turning point I was hoping for; the one silver lining we were all anticipating given what we went through last year. The idea of getting back to meeting together and enjoying some of the Guild's postponed events is something we all look forward to. Being able to feel more normal again and give comfort to those who have been sheltered for so long and unable to be close with family and friends is a miracle come true.

I was thinking about where we were at this time last year. We had just finished installing 23 new members, welcomed a new Board and talked about the guild's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and other events being planned. Then everything came to a standstill and life abruptly changed for all of us. Although life around us changed in an instant, the spirit of the Italian American Women's Guild continued to operate. I am so proud of the members of this organization for the compassionate work that continued through a very dark year. I received thank you notes that expressed appreciation for the support given by our membership.

Inside I list the organizations to whom we provided donations and took excerpts from their notes so the entire membership could see the impact that the IAWG has in our area.

In addition, the compassionate service provided to guild members was also appreciated during difficult times. Of course, because of the virus, we had to modify how compassionate service would work and I want to add, that it was done very successfully, thanks to Lubiana and her committee.

I was very moved by a letter received from a member who lost her husband last year. In it she described the memories and fun experiences she has had through the years as a Guild member. The following is just a small part of that letter:

*"IAWG has been a source of love, inspiration, and comfort for the past 25 wonderful years. Through IAWG, acquaintances became good friends, good friends became better friends and strangers became cherished and lifelong friends."*

I believe this beautiful letter describes the essence of the IAWG....the love, friendship and good works that are done for members and community.

We are looking forward to getting together again. Unfortunately, it looks like we will have to wait a little longer. Maybe the "luck of the Irish" will play a role in our being able to have a St Patrick's day event! More realistically, we are planning for a Spring event on April 12. Mark your calendar for April!

{Remember... membership dues must be in by February 15. I look forward to seeing you all soon and look forward to installing the new members who have been anxiously waiting to become a part of the IAWG.}

Ciao,

Linda Biancalana Koelling

*"The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking." Robert Shuller*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2021

February 8th  
February Installation &  
Initiation  
(Fly **CANCELLED** website)

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

March 9th  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
(if Possible)

April 12th  
Spring event planned  
(More info to follow)



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color! Check out the  
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<https://iawgsm.org>**



# Birthdays of the Month

LOLITA ROSSI	February 1
CAROLYN KRISTOVICH	February 2
SANDI STOPPOLINI	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

### *Condolences To:*

- Member Regina Bortolus on the passing of her son-in-law Ben Tomsy

### *Speedy Recovery To:*

- Member Grazia Paolinelli
- Member Pia Moro

THIRTY-FIVE women in January 1995 came together at the Peninsula Social Club and shaped what our Italian-American Women's Guild is today. One of these charter members was **Gloria De Silva**.

Gloria was the first editor of our newsletter, "Voce Delle Donne." In April 1995 the first issue became a reality. In September of the same year Gloria chaired the first event, a very successful fashion show held at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame. In January of 1996, Gloria was elected as our second president of IAWG, serving from 1996-1998.

Gloria passed away this January and we remember her fondly for her contribution in the early years of the Italian-American Women's Guild.

Jeri Johnson

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Hi Ladies,

First of all, HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you. We made it through 2020! I am sure many of us know of someone who passed away from Covid-19. We have been diligent wearing our masks, washing our hands, and social distancing. I know one of the things I miss most is hugging my family and close friends. Guess we will be doing elbow bumps, or as I was thinking, maybe a little bow to acknowledge each other would be nice and not so awkward. Stay healthy so we can all be together again soon.

In 2020 I sent out twelve Get Well cards, and nineteen Sympathy cards. Members who passed away this year and will be missed are: Jo Doelger, Iole Sari, Gilda Tarzia, Anne Tremaroli, Deanna Consani.

Please take care and email or call me if you know of a member who is ill or passed away.

Thank you ..

Jeri Lucia-Johnson/Sunshine

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## **IAWG- CARES**

The year 2020 was a difficult time for so many families. The women of the IAWG stepped up and showed how much they care. Because of your generosity through the year and the holidays, I thought it important to share with you the comments in the thank you letters I received. You all made a difference in many lives.

Organization to whom we made donations in 2020:

**CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse)...** *"Thank you so much to the Guild members! Your continued support truly warms our hearts". "Because of you, there is a place to turn in someone's darkest hour."*

**OKIZU...** *"Thank you for your generous gift. While we were heartbroken by the devastation caused by the West Zone fire, we were encouraged and inspired by the strength and love of our community.... Our organization is a vital part of healing for kids and families affected by childhood cancer."*

**BAY AREA CANCER CONNECTIONS (BACC)....** *"We are so grateful to the amazing women of the IAWG for all the ways you support BACC clients. Your generous hearts and hands make a big difference for people facing cancer right now". "Your thoughtful investment directly supports our commitment to provide all programs and services free of charge."*

**MISSION HOSPICE & HOME CARE....** *"We are so grateful for your continued most generous support! Thank you. Your contribution enables us to provide professional and compassionate end of life care to patients and families in San Mateo County."*

**SECOND HARVEST, SILICON VALLEY.** *" We are so very appreciative of your donation to help feed families who had a difficult time this year", Thank you!*

### **Mani di Angeli Committee Report**

Nothing keeps these committee members from providing such wonderful and compassionate service. They are amazing and caring women who provide love and comfort to others. They continue to serve and make a difference in the lives of our members and community.

**The committee did the following in December:**

12/24/20 **Grazia Paolinelli** fell, broke her shoulder and had surgery. Lubiana brought her a plant and card.

12/26/20 **Pia Moro** was hospitalized for 10 days with an intestinal infection. Lubiana sent her a plant and sent a card.

12/14/20 we delivered 23 surgical dolls with gowns to **Kaiser Permanente, Santa Clara**. Child life services. Also sent 6 fleece blankets for premies in NICU.

In addition, I received a very nice note from BAY AREA BORDER RELIEF, thanking the IAWG for the dolls made for children at the border in Texas.

**This committee is now working on finishing sewing and stuffing dolls for Shriner's Children's Hospital in Sacramento.**

Any member who would like to offer some time and help towards the work this committee does, please reach out to Lubiana Cernobori. This is something you can do in your own home if you choose.

## **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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## News from the Board



At the January board meeting we elected Board member Andrea Bin to the position of Board Secretary. The secretary position was available after Rickie Bolin's resignation. We thank Rickie for her service as Secretary last year and welcome her assistance with some of the special events when we are able to have them. We thank Andrea for accepting the job of Secretary.

With that, we now have a board position open and invite interested members to consider serving as a board member. Please contact me to discuss the position at:

[LindaKoelling68@gmail.com](mailto:LindaKoelling68@gmail.com) or call Linda 650-464-2479. Thank you!



You may recall, we had a few Bocce events last year in Foster City. These very enjoyable outings were fun and well received by members. **Lana Vorrises** organized these events and given the response she received, is now going to organize a Bocce Clinic at the Foster City Bocce courts on Shell Blvd., Wednesday mornings at 11:00 from February 10- March 3. The clinic is free! You must sign up to participate. All interested Bocce enthusiasts should contact Lana and reserve a spot on the list. It's a fun sport and it is a good time for people to get together enjoy each other's company. If you are interested, please call Lana: 650-703-7473



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The year 2020, will undoubtedly go down in history as a most frightening, anxious and life changing year. We thought it might be interesting to ask members how they dealt with the year, their feelings about the experience and what they learned from it.

We'd like you to consider answering these questions and we will post them in the newsletters during this year.

Question #1 What did 2020 teach you, what did you learn from the experience?

Question #2 How did your Italian heritage help you cope during 2020?



Send your answers to: [Lindakoelling68@gmail.com](mailto:Lindakoelling68@gmail.com)

## ***Thank You ! ! ! !***

The Italian American Women's Guild has a long history in assisting students through our scholarship program. As the 2021 IAWG Scholarship Program begins, it is a pleasure to reflect on how past recipients appreciate the IAWG's educational support.

*The scholarship monies help with the small costs of education, i.e., books, meals, lab fees. Having these items paid for allows me to focus on my classes.*

*I'm looking forward to attending Boston College at the end of August and your scholarship really helps me out!*

*I will be going to school to obtain a degree in nursing. I really appreciate the scholarship monies. It will help me pay for school.*

After receiving an email on a first peer reviewed journal article to be published, a past recipient sent a letter thanking the IAWG. Here's is a brief segment of his letter:

*This reminded me that we never reach milestones in life by ourselves. I am grateful to the Italian-American women in my life – my mother, my grandmother, my great-grandmother – who have taught and encouraged me so much. Likewise, I am grateful to all the members of IAWG for supporting me as a young student. Thank you so much for your kind and generous support.*

It is a pleasure to hear how our programs help recipients. Thank you to the IAWG members for continued support of the Scholarship Program.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Scholarship application packets are available. Please send the **student's name**, **address** and **sponsor's name** to Committee Chair, Gail Mozzini, to request an application packet.

Her contact information is:  
[gailmozzini@gmail.com](mailto:gailmozzini@gmail.com)  
or 650-400-2494.

**Application packets need to be postmarked by**

**APRIL 15, 2021**



### **FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY**

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

The answer to January trivia question is

**pickly pear**

February Trivia.

" in regard to taxation, a Roman emperor told an over-zealous tax collector " sheer my sheep, don't fleece them. ". Who was this emperor?

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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## 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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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  
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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