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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Monday, February 11, 2019 the IAWG's general dinner meeting was held. The theme for the evening was *Getting to Know You – It Takes A Village*. There were approximately 100 ladies enjoying the evening and learning about the philanthropic activities the IAWG does through its committees and volunteers.

Doreen Mazzei presented a special recognition to eleven of our members who were 90 plus years of age. The ladies at our Monday meeting were Elsie Tonelli, Evelyn Serrato, Maria Serrato, Anna Nanna and Anita Meister. Those not at the meeting were Mary Faretti, Marjorie Milani, Rose Pecci, Anne Tremanoli and Adelaide Sciandri.

Committee chairpersons were introduced and they presented highlights of their committees. The committees are: Mani di Angeli, Knitting, Door Prizes, Events, Greeters, Historian, Newsletter Publisher & Webmaster, Nominating, Refreshments, Scholarship and Sunshine. Lubiana Cernobori & Regina Bortolus showed the items their group makes for children in hospitals, i.e., surgical dolls, backpacks for children's wheelchairs, as well as heart pillows for breast surgery patients. Anna DuPont & Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine showed the blankets and hats their group knits or crochets for patients in pediatrics. Also, these groups are making hats and scarves for the homeless.

A new section will be starting in the newsletter each month focused on members' ancestry. Doreen Mazzei introduced this new feature for the newsletter. She will be writing a snippet of her family ancestry for the March newsletter. Members are encouraged to share their stories for the newsletter and submitting to Part Armanino. It is important to keep these articles focused on a short segment of their ancestry. One story will be printed an issue.

February birthdays were celebrated. The birthday ladies who attended the meeting were presented with a cupcake and *Happy Birthday* was sung.

March 11th will be our St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Deadline for reservations is March 4, 2019. Flyer is on the website. **March 16th** will be the Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament. Space is limited submit your reservation as soon as possible. Flyer is on the website. **April 8th** is our General Dinner Meeting. We will be having a speaker at this meeting. Linda Koelling, IAWG member and former mayor of Foster City, will be speaking about the "State of our County" relative to traffic, community planning, etc. (Flyer on page 4 and also website) **April 10th** Sue DeVincenzi will be hosting an IAWG luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. (Flyer enclosed) **May 5th**, Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields. (Flyer enclosed)

Top of the day to you!!!!

Gail Mozzini

May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty . . . Irish Proverb



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2019

March 10th

**Daylight Savings Begins
Spring Ahead!**

March 11th

St Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting
(check website for details)

March 16th

Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament
(check website for details)

April 8th

General Dinner Meeting
(Flyer on Page 4)

April 10th

Quarterly Luncheon
(Flyer Enclosed)

May 5th

Day at the Races
(Flyer Enclosed)

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Birthdays of the Month

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ◆ To Member Susan Pucci
- ◆ To Member Josephine Dolger
- ◆ To Member Joan Ratti
- ◆ To Member Dorothy Lagomarsino

DEBORAH BOLIN	March 1
JEAN WATTERSON	March 1
SARAH (SALLY) PRATALI	March 2
EILEEN FIGONE	March 5
BARBARA LAZZARI	March 6
PAT ARMANINO	March 7
GLORIA BERNARDINI	March 8
ROSE PECCI	March 8
EDWINA SMITH	March 10
JANET O'KEEFE	March 13
JEAN VOLKMAN	March 13
ROSLAND SPINA	March 13
LARUE LARUSSA	March 13
ADELAIDE SCIANDRI	March 14
FRANCES BENSON	March 14
ROBERTA ROMANI	March 15
MARJORIE MILANI	March 17
FRANCES BENNETT	March 18
ELAINE THOMPSON	March 19
JEAN DI SALVO	March 20
CHARLENE HARAMES	March 20
ANDREA BIN	March 21
DEBORAH LORBER	March 23
NELLA MORELLO	March 24
NELLA CONTI	March 24
MENA FADELLI	March 25
DIANA GALLETTA	March 26
NORMA SHEEHAN	March 27
KATHLEEN O'MARIE	March 28
REGINA BORTOLUS	March 28
VALLARIE KILKENNY	March 28
JEAN JONES	March 29
DOREEN MAZZEI	March 30
MELANIE PARKER	March 31
CORINNE COURTNEY	March 31



Condolences

- ◆ On the passing of Kathleen Freschet a former long time member of the IAWG and member Jenny Benner 's sister-in-law on January 27, 2019
- ◆ On the passing of Member Charlotte Conway's sister on January 28, 2019

2018 Sunshine Report

Hi Ladies..

During 2018 I sent thirty-six cards to our members on behalf of IAWG. Thirteen GET WELL cards, three THINKING OF YOU cards and twenty SYMPATHY cards.

Three members passed away in 2018. Carol Bonner in January, Vilma Parise in May and charter member Angela Sheakley in December.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone if you know of a member who is ill or had an operation to call or email me. I will send the member a Get Well card. If a member, family member or close relative has passed away please let me know and a Sympathy card will be sent.

Thank you to those who have contacted me. Without your help we might not know right away.

Jeri Lucia-Johnson/Sunshine
jerilucianotes@msn.com



Mani di Angeli News!

Doll and Heart Pillow Stuffing Monday, February 4, 2019

A group of IAWG women braved the rain and cold to stuff over 60 dolls.

They also stuffed 48 Breast Cancer Heart Pillows and sewed them up ready for delivery. The Pillows were delivered to Palo Alto Medical Foundation Oncology Department in Palo Alto. The dolls were delivered to Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Menlo Park and UCSF Benioff Medical Center Child Life Services in San Francisco

It was a very productive day! Thanks to all!



Mani di Angeli would like to invite all IAWG members to participate in our annual clothing drive. This year's donations will benefit St. Francis of Assisi in East Menlo Park. Donations will be collected at the April 8th IAWG General Meeting.

We are asking for used clothing for women, men and children. Wool socks, heavy coats, blankets, shoes, toiletries, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. Also slightly used or new children's pajamas. All clothing must be laundered and folded.

These donations are not sold and go directly to low income families in our community. St. Francis of Assisi invites families to come in and pick up needed clothing and toiletries.

Minutes of General Dinner Meeting Monday, February 11, 2019

President **Gail Mozzini** called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and **Elena Tealdi** and **Mary Dietrich** were absent.

Gail reported the recent deaths of two members: Charter Member **Angela Sheakley** and longtime member **Kathleen Freschet**. Everyone observed a moment of silence in their honor.

Treasurer's Report:

CONFIDENTIAL

Vice-President **Doreen Mazzei** gave special recognition to members aged 90 years and older. The members in attendance were: **Elsie Tonelli, Evelyn Serrato, Maria Serrato, Anna Nanna, and Anita Meister**. Those not in attendance were **Mary Faretti, Marjorie Milani, Rose Pecci, Anne Tremaroli, and Adelaide Sciandri**.

Since the theme of this meeting was "**It takes a village**", the work of IAWG members on all the various committees was highlighted. **Lubiana Cernobori chairs Mani di Angeli**. This group sews, stuffs and dresses dolls used by various local hospitals. Nurses show their child patients what procedures will be done by "performing" them on the dolls. Also they create heart pillows for breast cancer patients following surgery. The group also makes backpacks for wheel chair bound children. The backpacks go on the back of the wheelchairs so the children can carry their personal items. At Christmas time IAWG members donate items for the backpacks. Food items are also collected at Christmas time for distribution to food pantries.

Anna DuPont and **Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine** showed the work of their **Knitting** Committee members. They knit and crochet baby jackets with matching caps for babies. Also, stated if anyone wants to help the committee or has yarn, please contact Anna or Joycelyn.

The other committees were introduced. Their chairpersons gave a synopsis of the work performed and all stressed their need for more volunteers. Volunteer sign-up sheets had been distributed and will be used in contacting members as the need arises. The committees and chairpersons are listed on the back of each newsletter and you are encouraged to contact them for information if you are interested. These committees are: **Door Prizes** (purchases raffle prizes for the dinners); **Events** (plan exciting outings); **Greeters** (Cathy Barranti and Rose Flahavan, our two new greeters) **Newsletter Publisher** and **Webmaster** (Pat Armanino organizes all the material for the newsletter each month and keeps the website up-to-date); **Nominations** (2019 ends the two-year tenure of the present Officers and Board of Directors. This committee will be reaching out to members to fill these positions in accordance of the by-laws); **Refreshments** (purchase the wonderful cookies served at the dinners); **Scholarship** (sends application packets as requested and reviews completed applications, selects top recipients), and **Sunshine** (sends get-well and bereavement cards to members, write obituaries for the newsletter.)

Doreen Mazzei gave the trivia answer: **Bigolo** is a large pasta maker kept out on the dining table. Doreen introduced an "ancestry" section for our newsletter. These articles will begin appearing in the March newsletter. Members are encouraged to share their stories by writing and submitting an article to Pat Armanino. It is important to keep these articles short, perhaps a segment of an ancestry. Newsletter deadline is the third Friday of each month.

February birthdays were celebrated with a cupcake given to each celebrant; and the members sang **Happy Birthday**.

Raffle prizes were presented to the three winners. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Fran Benson



Italian American Women's Guild April 8, 2019 Dinner Meeting

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo, 5:30 p.m. No-Host Cocktails
6:30 p.m. Dinner
\$32.00 (Members Only)

Menu

Dinner Includes:

Antipasto, Salad, Garlic Bread
Choice of Tortellini with Marinara Sauce
or Half Roasted Chicken with Vegetables
Dessert and Coffee

(If desired, bring your own bottle of wine, no corkage fee).

For questions or further information, please call
Doreen Mazzei, 650-207-0640 or Gail Mozzini, 650-400-2494.

Reservation must be received by: April 2, 2019

(No Refunds for cancellations after April 2, 2019 and no tickets sold at door)

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to *IAWG* and mail to:

Arlene Callegari
16 Amy Drive
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Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ @ \$32.00 per person (Members Only)

Of Members If paying for multiple-people, please list their names.

Amount Enclosed: _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Tortellini with Marinara Sauce Half Roasted Chicken Vegetarian

Need a ride: Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, someone will contact you.)



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MY ANCESTRY by Doreen Mazzei

My maternal grandparents were Luigi and Rosi Tomasini. Luigi was born on December 28, 1890, in Cardono al Campo, Providence of Busto Arsizio. Nonno came to America in April 1914. Rosi Ferrario was born on August 19, 1897 in Magnago, Italy. Nonna arrived in New York Harbor in December 1919.

Luigi and Rosi met in South San Francisco through mutual pisani, they were married in St Peter's and Paul's Catholic Church and held the wedding reception at Fiori d'Italia.

Nonno built the house on Commercial Ave, this was our home until my mother, Rena died in 2007.

I grew up learning all things Italian. We made ravioli, gnocchi and no fast food for us, Nonno kept a big garden and raised chickens and rabbits. We made sugo from our tomatoes. I remember the sacks hanging in the basement dripping with the tomato juices. Nonno made wine in the basement, which held his wine barrels and the big, big vat. At our table, we children had a glass of milk and if we wanted, a small glass of Nonno's wine

Nonno and Nonna are gone but the memories live on

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications are available. Please send Gail Mozzini an email with the student's name & address To request an application packet. Her contact information is: gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com or 650-400-2494.

Applications need to be postmarked by April 15, 2019.



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

Something a little different Here are two questions

"Who said "Everything you see, I owe to spaghetti."

And

"Is this statement correct? Spaghetti and meatballs was an entirely unknown dish in Italy"

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei: Source HERITAGE 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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Thank you,

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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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