

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I researched some fun facts about the month of March, I found that it was not only designated as Women's month, but March brought the first day of **spring** with the **vernal equinox**... it was the start of new beginnings. March is also said to be the month of Optimism which so appropriately ties into our lives right now given the fact that the covid vaccine is now available to us and the dark days of 2020 are behind us. Another fun fact about the month of March are the two birthstones of aquamarine and bloodstone which symbolize courage. We know all too well what many families have had to endure this past year and the strength and courage to withstand the impact has hit a level many of us have never had to experience. I am very optimistic that we are finally on our way to happier days.

In our last newsletter, I asked the question, how did your Italian heritage help you cope with 2020? I received a wonderful response from one of our members which I share inside this newsletter. In addition, and so very timely, I received a message about an Italian-American author, Jennifer Anton, who is launching her new novel, *"Under the Light of the Italian Moon"* on March 8, which is International Woman's Day. It is a historical fiction based on a true story. It spans two decades and is a richly crafted story of bold women resisting destruction, death and fascism during WWII. It is a very emotional tale of one Italian woman's incredible strength and resilience. It might be something that can inspire all of us during difficult times.

I am disappointed that we are unable to have our traditional St. Patrick's Day event this year but please mark your calendars for **April 12** when we will be hosting an enjoyable, Spring luncheon in the outside patio of the club. It will be so nice to see many friends again.

We have some unfinished business to attend with regards to swearing in the board and hopefully getting our new members installed. Our membership is growing and I know you are all anxiously waiting to get back to enjoying our time together. This will be a wonderful event to take a breath of the new Spring air. If all continues to go well, I hope to have more information about future events at that time.

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time, **March 14** and I hope to see many of you at our luncheon **April 12**. Remember that as much as Spring will be in full bloom and the sun will be shining, please bring a sweater or jacket just in case.

Be Safe and God Bless,

Ciao,

Linda Biancalana Koelling

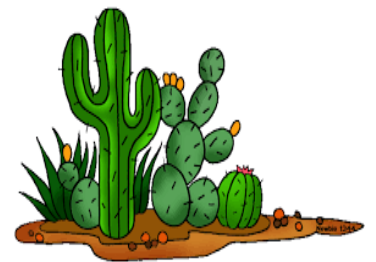
*"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." Albert Einstein*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
2021**

**March 14th  
Daylight Savings begins**

**April 12th  
Spring Luncheon  
(Flyer on page 5)**



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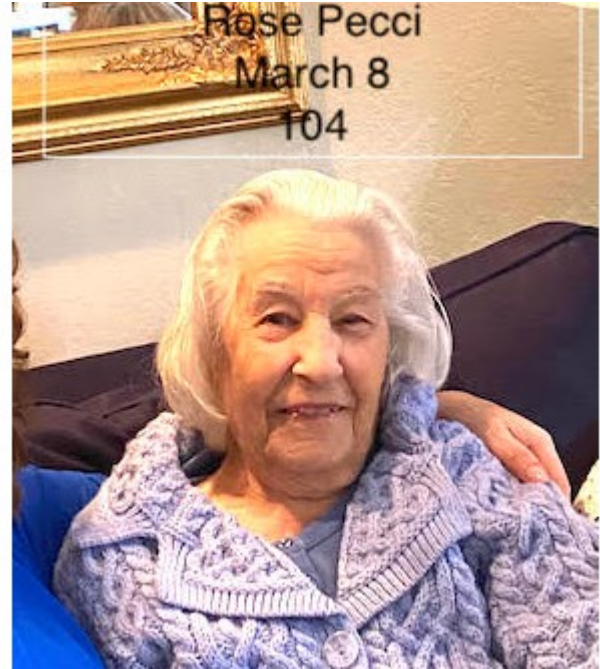


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Apologies to:* Member Lisa Ruggeri who celebrated her birthday on February 20th and was not mentioned in the February Newsletter!

*Speedy Recovery to:* Member Margie Gonzales's husband Bob recovering from surgery

SALLY PRATALI	March 2
EILEEN FIGONE	March 5
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<b>ROSE PECCI</b>	March 8
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JEAN VOLKMAN	March 13
ROSLAND SPINA	March 13
LARUE LARUSSA	March 13
ADELAIDE SCIANDRI	March 14
FRANCES BENSON	March 14
ROBERTA ROMANI	March 15
GRAZIA PAOLINELLI	March 15
MARJORIE MILANI	March 17
FRANCES BENNETT	March 18
ELAINE THOMPSON	March 19
JEAN DI SALVO	March 20
CHARLENE HARAMES	March 20
MARILYN URO	March 20
ANDREA BIN	March 21
DEBORAH LORBER	March 23
NELLA MORELLO	March 24
NELLA CONTI	March 24
MENA FADELLI	March 25
SYLVIA PIGNATI	March 25
KATHLEEN O'MARIE	March 28
REGINA BORTOLUS	March 28
DOREEN MAZZEI	March 30
MELANIE PARKER	March 31
CORINNE COURTNEY	March 31



In last month's newsletter I asked the following questions:

- #1 What did 2020 teach you, what did you learn from the experience?
- #2 How did your Italian heritage help you cope during 2020?

I received one response from Angie Fanucchi who shared the following:

*During this period of being at home from COVID 19 I had the time to translate from Italian to English a book that my cousin who lives in Viareggio, Lucca, Italy wrote. This is also the city where my father was born. Viareggio is located on the Tyranian Sea on the Italian Riviera. It is well-known for its annual "Carnevale". My cousin's book "Ricordando Il Passato" (Remembering The Past) in which he writes about different personal episodes that he experienced in his life.*

*In translating this book it made me more aware of how life once was in Italy, especially during and after World War II. We are very fortunate to have been born in this country called America - "the land of the free and the home of the brave". We are very fortunate that we have not yet internally in our country experienced the destruction, horror and ravages of war (a little at Pearl Harbor).*

*Our Italian heritage is something that we can be truly proud of and continue to keep alive in us. We are resilient people and can work through whatever life brings to us.*

*Take care, Angie Fanucchi*

Send me your answers to the questions above and I will share it in future newsletters. Thank you to Angie!!!



Send to: LindaKoelling68@gmail.com



## **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.**

## **MANI di ANGELI NEWS!**

1-5-21 Regina Bortolus - son-in-law Ben passed away. Mani made donation to Mission Hospice in his memory.

1-24-21 Member Diana Galletta Died. Lubiana brought angel figurine and card to her husband Mario.

1-24-21 Frances Rohrer - her mother died. Lubiana brought plant and card.

Mani sewing ladies ( Regina Bortolus, Miranda Zanette, Angie Fanucchi and myself) made 45 surgical dolls with gowns for Shriners Children's Hospital in Sacramento, also 8 fleece baby blankets for the NICU, and Angie Fanucchi delivered in early February.

Lubiana Cernobori  
Mani di Angeli Chairman



**BOCCE**



We are looking forward to Lana Vorrises Boce events in Foster City this year. Those who participated last year had a fabulous time. Lana said that after Easter she will be organizing similar events. Thanks to Lana for doing this. She always makes sure we have a great time. You'll be hearing more information in future newsletters of times and dates. It will be fun to get together in the sun with friends!!! Stay tuned!

## TIME TO START A VICTORY GARDEN....AGAIN!



When the corona virus had us stuck in our homes, last year, the idea of a Victory Garden made a come-back. Home-grown vegetable gardens became very popular once again. It's that time of year to get those gardens started.

### **Remember to : Plant, Prepare, Preserve**

To get a head start on the growing season, start your vegetable seeds indoors. Cold soil and unsettled weather will challenge seeds sown directly in the garden in early spring.

Cool-season crops that are the easiest to start from seed indoors are broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, leeks, and lettuce.

Warm-season crops to start indoors are beans, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, tomatoes, and squash. Start these crops 6 to 8 weeks before you plan to set them into the garden. Start crops indoors in bio-degradable peat or paper pots that can be planted whole into the garden (that way you won't disturb their roots at transplanting).

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY

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

<https://iawgsm.org>

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

Answer for the February trivia question **Tiberius**

Answer in next newsletter and upcoming meeting

**"Name the world largest cathedral and  
it's precise location"**

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



**Italian American Women's Guild**  
**April 12, 2021 Garden Social/Installation**  
**Luncheon**

Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
100 North B Street, San Mateo

**Welcome at 1:30pm**

**Lunch at 2:00pm**

"A time to come together"

In the beautiful courtyard of the club, with a background of beautiful Italian music, we will have an April luncheon. Please bring your mask to wear if you need to go through the building or if it makes you comfortable.

Reservation must be received by: April 6, 2021  
Please return the bottom portion of this form  
Make check payable to IAWG and send to:

Donna Silvers  
165 Lacrosse Ave.  
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For questions or further information call Donna 650 238-4284

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Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cost: \$32.50 \_\_\_\_\_*

*Entrée Choice (please circle choice)*

*Choice of Filet of Salmon or Chicken Scallopini,*

*Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans with onions, coffee and  
Dessert*

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

**Table seating will be set to comply with social distancing**

This and all flyers can be found on our website: <https://iawgsm.org> under Events



## 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  
jerilucianotes@msn.com  
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!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please email me:  
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Ciao,  
Linda Watson



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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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