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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Bunny Day !!!

Monday, March 11, 2019 the IAWG's St. Patrick's dinner meeting was held. There were approximately 160 ladies enjoying the evening. The evening had beautiful decorations, good food and great conversation. A big thank you to Diana Balestreri, Carolyn Regalia and Mary Dietrich for creating this special evening.

Adelaide Sciandri brought two beautiful orchid flower spikes to our dinner with instructions. They were to be given to the lady who is married the shortest time and the lady who has been married the longest time present at the dinner. The recipients were Tina Avelar-Hooper, married six months and Rose Riley married 67 years. Thank you Adelaide for adding a special touch to our evening.

February 20th the Events Committee coordinated a great trip to the Disney Museum with a docent tour and lunch at the Presidio Café. Twenty-five members enjoyed this excursion to the Presidio on a wonderful sunny day. The IAWG provided transportation for this event. A great time was had by all. Thanks to the Event Committee for organizing such a fun day.

We celebrated March birthdays. The nineteen ladies who attended our meeting were presented with a cupcake and *Happy Birthday* was sung.

Mani di Angeli will be having a clothes drive benefiting St. Francis Center in East Palo Alto. Please bring items for the drive to our dinner on **April 8th**. (See article inside newsletter.)

April 8th is our General Dinner Meeting. We have a very full agenda for this meeting, starting with our guest speaker, Linda Koelling, IAWG member and former mayor of Foster City. She will be speaking about the "State of our County" relative to traffic, community planning, etc. (Flyer on the website. Reservation due by April 2nd.) **April 10th** Sue DeVincenzi will be hosting an IAWG luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. (Flyer on the website. Reservation due by April 8th.) **May 5th**, Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields. (Flyer on the website. Reservation due by April 12th.) **May 13th** is our Mother's Day Dinner for members and guests. (Flyer enclosed.)

Buona Pasqua !!!

Gail Mozzini

The words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels - Hazrat Inayat Khan



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2019

April 8th
General Dinner Meeting
(Flyer online)

April 10th
IAWG luncheon at the
Basque Cultural Center
(Flyer online)

April 21st
Happy Easter

May 5th,
Day at the Races at Golden
Gate Fields.
(Flyer online)

May 13th
Mother's Day Dinner
(Flyer enclosed)



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Italian American Women's Guild
Minutes of St. Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting March 11, 2019

Tonight the St. Patrick's Day dinner meeting was called to order at 6:30. President Gail Mozzini led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diana Balestreri, co-chairperson for the dinner, was introduced. Diana thanked her co-chairs Carolyn Regalia and Mary Dietrich, whose efforts helped make the dinner so nice and the decorations lovely. Diana also thanked Patrick Regalia, Fran Benson, Gail Mozzini and Elena Tealdi for their help in setting up for the evening. Diana also thanked Rose Flanagan, Angie Fanucchi and Mena Fadelli who were the greeters. There were 160 members in attendance.

Gail Mozzini recognized long-time members Marjorie Milani and Adelaide Sciandri. They were presented with lovely small boxed candy.

Adelaide Sciandri brought orchid stems to be presented to the member married the shortest time, and the member married the longest time. They are Tina Avelar-Hooper (married six months) and Rose Riley (married 67 years).

Gail reminded us of the IAWG Luncheon to be held April 10, 2019. There had been an oversight with the March newsletter and the flyer for the luncheon was not included. Pat Armanino sent an email with the flyer to members. However, several of the emails bounced back. Please update your email address with Roberta Bernat. There are flyers on the website.

Lubiana Cernobori asked Gail to mention a clothes drive on April 8th. Laundered and folded clothing for men, women and children should be brought to the dinner meeting on April 8th. The desired new and used clothing includes wool socks, heavy coats, blankets, shoes, toiletries, shampoo, and lotions. This year's donations will be given to St. Francis of Assisi in East Menlo Park. St. Francis of Assisi invites families to come pick up needed clothing and toiletries.

Gail discussed the "ancestry" articles which will appear in upcoming newsletters. The first of these was Doreen Mazzei's in the March newsletter.

In Doreen's absence tonight Arlene Callegari gave the answers to this month's trivia: Sophia Loren said she "owes it all to spaghetti." Spaghetti and meatballs are unknown in Italy as they are never served as a combined entree.

The March birthdays were recognized with 19 celebrants present. Each birthday member received a cupcake and a lovely rendition of Happy Birthday was sung for them.

Gail Mozzini thanked everyone for a lovely dinner meeting and recited a famous Irish toast: "May you be in heaven before the devil knows you died."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Fran Benson



Mani di Angeli

Annual Clothes Drive

**BENEFITING ST. FRANCIS CENTER IN E. PALO ALTO
RUN BY SISTER CHRISTINA**



Sister Christina operates a two-room school, a youth and community center, free food and clothing distribution, a shower and kitchen, conference rooms, an English tutoring program, legal counseling, after-school recreation and supervision for several hundred kids, a backpack giveaway, an annual Christmas toy giveaway for a couple hundred families and two large and very well used community gardens. Sister Monica Asman established the center 32 years ago with a food distribution program in a small house, the Casita, at 101 Buckingham, E. Palo Alto. Her successor, Sister Christina, noticed a great need and purchased the 24-unity St. Clare Apartments around the corner. Families can pick up for free at the St. Francis clothes closet. There are only two requirements: You must be in severe financial need and you can only pick when it's your turn.



**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATED ITEMS AT OUR IAWG
GENERAL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 8TH**

ITEMS NEEDED:

Used clothing for men, women and children.

Wool socks, heavy coats, blankets, shoes,

Also, slightly used or new children's pajamas.

Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc.

All clothing must be laundered and folded.

PLEASE SHOW HOW GENEROUS THE IAWG CAN BE!

THANK YOU



Birthdays of the Month

JO ANNE MILLER	April 1
MARIA BROSTROM	April 3
NERINA DI BELLA	April 4
MARGIE GONZALES	April 4
SANDRA BAUMGARTEN	April 5
DONNA SALVATO	April 5
POLA PIGNATI	April 6
MARY GAMBERTOGLIO	April 8
JOANNE VOLTATTORNI	April 10
ADRIANA DEL CARLO	April 11
MARISA KOENIG	April 12
CAROLE GIANFERMO	April 14
ROSEMARY ARMANINO	April 14
MARIA GIULIANETTI	April 15
TONI WOOTTEN	April 15
HELEN BIRKELAND	April 15
CYNTHIA RODGERS	April 16
ERNESTNE ZUFFO	April 16
JOAN AURAN	April 17
PIERA SICCO	April 17
CORINNE SILVESTRI	April 18
KATHRYN FLANAGAN	April 19
KATHIE ASARO	April 19
HELEN NARDI	April 19
MARILYN DACHAUER	April 21
MARIA SERRATO	April 21
ROSALIE STEINWAY	April 21
STEPHANIE THOMSON	April 24
ALBA TOBONI	April 24
BARBARA TYSON-CAVALIERI	April 25
CLAUDETTE THOMPSON	April 26
CAROLYN CANOBBIO	April 27
JILL PERINI	April 27
RITA JONES	April 28
LISA DISCO	April 28
BEVERLY FEDERMANN	April 30
KAREN PAYNE	April 30
GAIL MOZZINI	April 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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you
a
Speedy
recovery

- Member Cathy Barranti
- Member Eileen Coffey.
- Member Josephine Pisa



From our charter member, **101yr old Evelyn Serrato**

Lunch With Friends

Today friends **Doreen Mazzei, Sue Panelli**, my daughter, **Charlene** and myself went out to the Ristorante Italiano. The restaurant looks great with the new large windows that bring in more light to the eating area. The food was comforting, great portions and delicious. Service was excellent too. After lunch, we went to see the newly remodeled bocce ball courts. **Wow.** This area looks fantastic.

I'm proud being a member of **IAWG** and will support them as much as I can.

The ladies on the bocce court loved seeing her. (**Miranda, Mirella** and **Regina**)



- Anna and Rick DuPont celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!
- Bea and Bob Tomasello celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary!



MY ANCESTRY by Catherine Lucci

My mother and father were both born in Italy. My mother came to the US with the family as a small child in 1910. My father also came to the US with the family as a small child in 1907.

My Maternal grandmother was from San Severo a city in the region of Apulia and my grandfather was from Santa Croce a city in the region of Abruzzo. My Paternal grandmother was from Pizzo, a city in the province of Catanzaro, Calabria. My grandfather was from Arezzo near Florence in Tuscany.

My mother and father met in San Francisco and were married in St Peter and Paul church in 1930.

My brother and I grew up in the Italian tradition with great Italian food, music and stories told to us about Italy.

I am very proud to say that I had the opportunity to visit the places where they were born in Italy.

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!!

"This innovated rock group of this 1960s and 1970s went by the name of The Mothers of Invention. Identify the Italian American founder of the group and its leader"

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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Ciao,
Linda Watson



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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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