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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

April showers will bring May flowers as the saying goes. The blossoms of spring and the new buds on the trees and plants, signify a reopening of new life which is something we are beginning to experience again. Malls and restaurants are reopening to larger capacities and with the distribution of the vaccines, people are becoming more comfortable gathering together again and enjoying each other's company. A breath of fresh air!

The months ahead should begin to resemble some normalcy as far as the club goes. A calendar of potential events is listed inside. You will see that our monthly meetings will alternate from luncheons to dinners. As we move forward, we are also going to start planning small group, outside activities as theaters and museums open. We are very optimistic about the future and look forward to getting together more often.

Hope is around the corner and with the celebration of Easter, it seems to provide that spirit and light that creates a calm and peace in our lives. As we celebrate this special day, we know that we can restart, repair and re-examine everything in life because two-thousand years ago, Jesus left the tomb behind. His teachings and his redemption can reshape us.

Life is rapidly changing around us and a variety of issues are surfacing. One in particular has many people concerned. We are now aware of the political activism growing throughout the country called the "cancel culture". In addition to other things, this group is directly affecting our Italian heritage as exhibited by the destruction and dismantling of Christopher Columbus statues in cities throughout our country. The false narrative about Columbus is being challenged by an organization that has formed in an effort to preserve our Italian heritage, customs and culture. I was notified about this a couple of months ago when an organized conference was scheduled for Presidents of Italian/American Organizations. Vice President Sally Pratali was able to participate in my absence and more information about this is inside this newsletter.

As Americans of Italian descent, it is important that we continue to perpetuate our Italian culture and traditions as stated in our mission statement. This is why we are IAWG and through our membership, activities and events, we should continue to encourage women of all ages to join us in an effort to engage and learn from each other as we preserve our heritage. We must impart with our youth who we are as Italian Americans, where our ancestors came from and the contributions that Italians made to the history of this country.

As I have said before, we will get through all these challenges through faith and continued prayer.

Happy Easter..... Buona Pasqua !

God Bless!

Linda Biancalana Koelling

"I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship"- Louisa May Alcott



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2021**

**April 4th
Easter Sunday!**

**April 12th
Spring Luncheon
(Flyer on website)**

**May 10th
Mother's Day Luncheon
(Flyer attached)**

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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
STEPHANIE LUCCHESI	April 5
POLA PIGNATI	April 6
DANA AYOOB	April 8
JOANNE VOLTATTORNI	April 10
ADRIANA DEL CARLO	April 11
MARISA KOENIG	April 12
RITA JONES	April 12
ROSEMARY ARMANINO	April 14
MARIA GIULIANETTI	April 15
TONI WOOTTEN	April 15
HELEN BIRKELAND	April 15
PIERA SICCO	April 17
CORINNE SILVESTRI	April 18
KATHRYN FLANAGAN	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
GERI DEL CARLO	April 25
CLAUDETTE THOMPSON	April 26
CAROLYN CANOBBIO	April 27
LISA DISCO	April 28
BEVERLY FEDERMANN	April 30
GAIL MOZZINI	April 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences to:

- Member Sue Bertolozzi on the passing of her husband Rudy

Speedy recovery to:

- Member Anita Meister



IN MEMORY

DORIA EAKER passed away on February 24, 2021. Born in San Francisco on October 4, 1941 to John Bacigalupi and Jean Duffy. She is survived by her husband, Caleb Victor, and her three children, Scott, Monica, and Jeff and their spouses. Also survived by seven grandchildren and her sister Martha and Steve Gehre.

Doria joined IAWG in March of 2019. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and travel.

Doria will be missed and fondly remembered by the many good friends and family in the Italian-American Women's Guild.

REST IN PEACE

Jeri Lucia-Johnson
Sunshine Chair



For Your Information



Please Note: *“The County is Reopening.....”*

The state and the county are allowing more establishments to open to larger crowd capacities. Now classified as the “Orange Tier our community can do the following:

Movie Theaters open....50% capacity

Museums, zoos, aquariums open....50% capacity

Restaurants open.....50%

Mark your Calendars for Future Luncheon/Dinner Events

The following events will have either entertainment, guest speakers or some educational activity. All to be announced as the event gets closer.

April 12— “Spring is Here” (members only)

May 10 — “Celebrating Mothers” (members only)

June 14— Installation (members only)

July 12— Summer Barbecue “A Staycation”

August 9—Scholarship Dinner

September 13—IAWG “Silver Anniversary+ 1” (members only)

October 11—General meeting +

October 17—Bingo Brunch fundraiser (open to non-members)

November 8 —General meeting

December 13—Christmas Dinner & Toy drive

Are you interested in Saving Columbus?

In February, our organization was invited to participate in a Zoom meeting by the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations (COPOMIAO.org). The Zoom meeting was held 02/20/21 and it was "attended" by 354 representatives of Italian American organizations across the country. It is the first ever, "National Italian American Summit Meeting".

The purpose of the Summit is to create a spirit of national unity among the Italian American community throughout our country, to promote preservation of our Italian heritage, values, customs and culture.

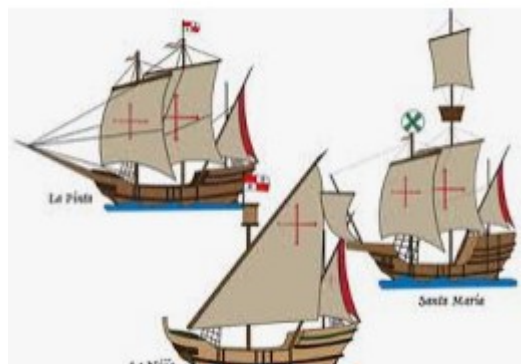
They have organized six national committees to address the following topics:

- 1) Charitable Activities
- 2) Reconnecting with Our Youth
- 3) Italian Language
- 4) Save Columbus
- 5) Museums and Cultural Institutions
- 6) Public Policy

Since the meeting, over 600 people have gone to "italianamericaonline.com" to sign up to volunteer to serve on these committees. They are looking for individual participation as well as organizational participation. I personally signed up and hope to receive updates on the progress of the committees. The committees are starting to meet as we publish this newsletter!

This is just the beginning of great endeavor, and very much in line with our Mission Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Pratali, IAWG VP





????????????Question Corner????????????

The year 2020, will undoubtedly go down in history as the most frightening, anxious and life changing year. We thought it might be interesting to ask members how they dealt with the year, their feelings and what they learned. We will post your answer in future newsletters during the year. Thank you to those who have participated. Your answers are beautiful and inspirational.

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

Here is another member sharing her thoughts:

“If we all received a dollar thinking how many times we wanted to reach out during 2020 and HUG our family and friends, we'd be millionaires! My husband, Ed Johnson, passed away at the beginning of the pandemic and like others in the same situation, no funeral, celebration of life, seeing very few close family, just feeling sad. All I wanted was a big hug, a small hug, just a little contact. As my bubble grew a bit, those hugs meant the world to me, and then family and friends would email or call, someone saying "I love you" or "just wondering how you are doing" and I realized just how much I took all that for granted before.

What did I learn? I learned to appreciate now more than ever, those hugs, the encouragement, the small talk, the laughter and really living and enjoying each day.

For over 22 years I have been 'Sunshine' for IAWG and after 2020 I realize those cards I send out really do bring a little brightness to our members who are ill or having a loved one pass away, we all need that proverbial hug.”

Jeri Lucia-Johnson



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

March trivia answer: St Peter's. Vatican City

April Trivia
“ The first pair are reputed to have appeared in Pisa in 1291 the inventor is attributed to be a Dominican monk by the name of Alessandro Spina”

Answer will be given at the next general meeting and in next newsletter!

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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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,

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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

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Mission Statement

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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