

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April Showers bring May Flowers

We had a very full agenda for our April 8th dinner meeting. A big thank you to **Linda Koelling** for speaking on the "State of our County". Her talk was very informative regarding traffic, community planning and generated questions from our members.

Mena Fadelli spoke on how the Nomination Committee will be reaching out to members to fill the candidate slates for the officer and board positions. Our current officers and board members will be completing their assignments in December. This membership has many individuals who would make wonderful Officers and/or Board members. Please reach out to the Nominating Committee regarding your interest in these positions to help our Guild continue to move forward.

As outlined in the Bylaws, a review of our dues was discussed. A proposal for increasing our dues from \$50 per year to \$75 per year was addressed. Dues have not been changed since 2006. There was discussion for both increasing the dues of the Guild to broaden activities for members as well as keeping the dues at their current rate. A vote is needed by the membership to determine our dues starting in 2020. Talking points regarding why the need for the increase of dues and a ballot are enclosed in this issue. Please be sure to review this insert and vote.

The potential of having an IAWG Bocce league was announced. This league will be for members of the IAWG on Wednesday mornings starting in September for nine weeks. Mario and Nella Conti would be coordinating the schedule and teams. If you are interested in playing Bocce on Wednesday mornings starting in September, please contact me at gmozini@sanbrunocable.com.

Sue DeVincenzi and Arlene Callegari hosted a wonderful luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center on April 10th. Everyone attending enjoyed good food and great conversation with their friends.

At our April 8th meeting members brought clothes for the Mani di Angeli Clothing Drive. These clothes were donated to St. Francis Center in East Palo Alto. Thank you to all who participated in the clothing drive.

April birthdays were celebrated for members at the meeting along with singing a rendition of "Happy Birthday".

May 13th is our Mother's Day Dinner. We are looking forward to celebrating a fun evening with our mothers, daughters, granddaughters and special individuals. The deadline for making a reservation is May 6th. A flyer is on our website (IAWGSM.org).

June 11th, at our regular dinner meeting, we will be initiating new members into the IAWG. (Flyer enclosed)

Summer begins, may all of us have a safe Memorial Day!!!

Gail Mozzini

Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see. –Confucius



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2019

May 12^h
Mother's Day

May 13th
Mother's Day Dinner

May 27th
Memorial Day

June 11th,
General dinner meeting



**Everything looks better in color! Check out the newsletter on our website:
<https://iawgsm.org>**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



wishing
you
a
Speedy
recovery

- Member Sue Bertolozzi's husband Rudy
- Member Janet Allara
- Member Terry Goblirsch
- Member Maria Brostrom's husband

JEAN ALLARD	May 1
CHERYL TUFO	May 1
ANNA DUPONT	May 2
JEANETTE RUDDEN	May 2
CONNIE TALLERICO	May 4
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CATERINA MAESTRINI	May 5
ROSE RILEY	May 6
THERESA CASELTON	May 7
JEANNETTE ROSSI	May 8
JANICE SALVATO	May 10
DONNA CERVELLI	May 12
CATHERINE LUCCI	May 12
SHIRLEY NUSSBAUM	May 13
MAVIS DIANDA	May 13
JENNY BENNER	May 16
DOLORES BAUER	May 16
LINDA GEMELLO	May 16
PIA MORO	May 17
MARIE SATTUI	May 17
JANET ALLARA	May 18
JANET EDDY	May 21
JANET INGERSOLL	May 23
CELIA CAVALLINI	May 25
GLORIA LAGOMARSINO	May 25
LINDA KOELLING	May 25
BARBARA PORATA	May 27
LISA MASKARICH	May 27
STEPHANIE CORTI	May 28
JUNE ERRICO	May 30
SHARYL TRAILER	May 30



Condolences

- Eileen Figone's mother, Margaret "Peggy" Clarke
- Kathy Flanagan's sister Pauline Pezzolo



IN MEMORY

Charter member, LENA VENTURELLI passed away after a brief illness on April 13, 2019 at the age of 88. She is survived by Frank, her husband of 68 years and their two children, Debbie (Robert) Ruiseco and David (Nicole) Venturelli, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Lena was preceded in death by her twin brother Alfred Cerro and her sister Aurora Bini. Also survived by cousins in IAWG, fellow charter members, Lubiana Cernobori and Iris Bagneschi.

Lena grew up on a small ranch in Redding, California and moved to San Mateo in 1948. She was also a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, and American Legion Women's Guild.

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

REST IN PEACE

Jeri Lucia-Johnson
Sunshine



Mani di Angeli News



THANK YOU IAWG MEMBERS

Thank you to all the members who participated with donations for the clothes drive. It was a huge success. We filled the truck that delivered the items to **St. Francis Center in Palo Alto**. **Sister Christina** and her helpers were so happy to see the amount of clothes donated. They were in need of donations to fill their clothing closet. **Mani Di Angeli** appreciates all the members who support these causes and drives. That is what makes the **IAWG** outstanding with all the Philanthropic works we do.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to **Steve Silverstrini** who picked the items and drove them to the St. Francis Center. Thank you Steve!

LUBIANA CERNOBORI
MANI DI ANGELI CHAIRMAN



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We are holding the next stuffing of surgical dolls on Monday, May 6, 2019 11:30 AM— 4:00 PM

Mother's Day Essay

"My Mother. The most essential woman in my life at this time is my wonderful mother. My mother has definitely influenced my life because she is the most incredible woman that I know. My mother has taught me the difference between right and wrong and to make the important choices I have in my life. She has taught me to think twice about what I'm doing in my life and to think smart. She's been wise enough to send me to the greatest school, Saint Cecilia. She has made me the "A" student I am today. I love to listen to people who know what they are doing. That's why I love listening to my mother. She has taught me to get along with other family members using peaceful means, and that we must all learn from each other and also from our mistakes. This special woman is always there when I need to talk to someone and is always open to my ideas. She's also a gourmet cook and has taught me how to cook breakfast for the family. My mother participates in my studies and is always concerned about my schoolwork. She also participates in curricular activities such as running, biking, tennis and many other enjoyable sports. Thirteen years ago my mother took a very hard job. The job description specified: "Long hours, low pay, little time off. Must be willing to work overtime, weekends, holidays, and summer vacations. Energy, intelligence, imagination, agility, and flexibility are required. Must have the ability to lead, instruct, and guide, coupled with a warm, loving, and affectionate personality. On the job training offered." Mom, thanks for taking the job. You're the greatest."

Peter Lunny

(Peter is the son of Charlene Lunny and grandson of Evelyn Serrato)



Ladies,

October will be here before you know it and the Nominating Committee has started contacting members for 2020 candidates. This is your opportunity to give back to our wonderful Guild by volunteering for one of the offices. Remember ALL offices will be available as present Board members will be termed out. We look forward to speaking with you soon. If you have any questions or to volunteer please call any of the committee members:



- Jo Amoroso 347-9309
- Mirella Eiras, 595-4232
- Marjorie Giordano 342-3900
- Mary Ann Gnecco, 299-0826
- Mena Fadelli 345-2553



Rationale to Increase IAWG Dues

As per Article III, Section 1-D of the IAWG Bylaws,

“Membership dues shall be determined on an annual basis to cover operating expenses of the Guild.”

A proposal was presented to the Guild membership at the April dinner meeting, and is now up for a vote in June to raise dues by \$25.00 effective January 1, 2020 (total \$75.00 per year). The last increase of dues was effective January 1, 2006.

Last year, 2018, the Guild made a profit of \$750.00. This was after all expenses were paid and revenue collected. The increase in dues to \$75.00 per year will help to generate necessary funds along with other income to operate the Guild within budget for 2020. Meeting the budget with these funds for the year will allow the Guild to begin using monies from the checkbook balance, currently at \$55,000, to subsidize some events, such as monthly dinners, Guild excursions and increase contributions for philanthropic endeavors.

This is an opportunity for membership to vote on this very important matter. There are two ways to submit your vote, 1) in person at the June meeting, or 2) by mail.

BALLOT

Attending June 11, 2019 meeting, please bring completed ballot to meeting.

2) Unable to attend the June 11, 2019 meeting, please mail completed ballot by Friday, May 31, 2019

To: Gail Mozzini
575 Cedar Avenue
San Bruno, CA 94066

_____ Yes, Increase dues to \$75/per year starting January 2020

_____ No, Keep dues at current rate of \$50/per year starting January 2020

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

For votes to count, printed name and signature **must** be completed

Italian American Women's Guild Minutes of General Meeting April 8, 2019

President Gail Mozzini called the meeting to order at 6:30 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked all to take a moment of silence for Kathy Flanagan, whose sister passed away recently.

Secretary Fran Benson pointed out that the minutes of the March Dinner Meeting are in the April newsletter and invited discussion about them. No one had any question and the March minutes were accepted. All Officers and Board of Directors were present except Terry Goblirsch and Yolanda Thayer. Fran Benson read the Correspondence which consisted of thank you notes to IAWG and Mani di Angeli.

Treasurer Sally Pratali submitted her report:

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Linda Watson will not be attending the Mother's Day Dinner Meeting, so she asked that members take many pictures and post them on this Facebook so they can be shared.

President Gail Mozzini mentioned that Centerpieces are usually raffled but any extra Centerpieces cannot be taken without speaking to the Chairperson(s) for the dinner. Often the items are already earmarked or may be owned by others.

Gail said the **Italian Heritage article** is needed for the newsletter. Anyone interested in writing an article needs to send it to Pat Armani-no by the third Friday (4/19 this month).

The **Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament** was held March 16, 2019. It was a great event enjoyed by all. Gail also noted that Mario Conti asked if the IAWG would like to have a Women's Bocce Ball League team. The team would play on Wednesday mornings and cost would be approximately \$65.00 (including the award dinner). If anyone is interested, please contact Gail Mozzini.

The Speaker for tonight's meeting was **Linda Koelling**, former mayor of Foster City, addressing the State of the County. She is still involved in San Mateo County issues: housing, business, traffic and transportation. Linda discussed how all these items are effecting our county. She also discussed how the counties in the Bay Area are interacting on these issues. She urged anyone with concerns regarding SB-50 to contact their State representative.

JoAnne Miller from the Events Committee addressed us about the upcoming Golden Gate Fields May 5th. It seems it will be a great time. There is room for more participants, contact anyone on the Event Committee if you have any questions, or see the flyer online.

The Nomination process was discussed. We will need to elect new officers and directors to replace the current team. They will be termed out in December. **Mena Fadelli** from the Nominating Committee said the committee will be contacting individuals to inquire if they wish to be nominated.

Mani di Angeli collected clothes at the April meeting benefitting St. Francis Center in East Palo Alto. Thank you to all the members who brought clothes.

Gail Mozzini urged all members to review their Roster information to make sure their contact information is correct. Pat Armani recently tried to email everyone but many of the emails bounced back due to incorrect email addresses. Please contact **Gail Mozzini or Roberta Bernat** to make corrections.

President Mozzini led a spirited discussion of a proposed dues increase from the current \$50 to \$75 annual dues. Much discussion ensued. Copies of last year's profit/loss statement were distributed. There was input on ways to cut expenses. A ballot will be sent out in the May newsletter for members to vote on this issue. Ballots will also be available at the June meeting.

The answer to the Italian trivia: Frank Zappa was the leader of the group Mothers of Invention.

April birthdays were celebrated with a cupcake presented to each celebrant, followed by a rendition of Happy Birthday sung by all.

The raffle prizes were awarded to three lucky winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Fran Benson

**And in the end
it's not the years
in your life that count;
it's the life in your years.
Abraham Lincoln**

My Ancestry by Dorene Campanile

My grandparents Guglielmo and Teresa Varni, both from Italy. They both came to America landed in New York but came cross country Nonna at 16, 1887 Nonno at 25, 1885. Nonna was from Chiavari, Providence of Genova, Nonno was from Fasisa They met through friends and were married November 16, 1891, she was 19 and Nonno was 27. They lived on Florida St. in San Francisco. They bought a piece of property to build a set of flats on Crescent Ave. to raise their family. In November 1908 he passed away of double pneumonia. Nonna thought her dreams were gone, with 7 children and one on the way. March 1909 my mom was born. Nonna had 8 children 5 girls and 3 boys. Nonno was a scavenger, so with help of all the single men she did their laundry to earn the money to build the set of flats, in 1916 they moved in. I have the original plans for the flats. She ended up with 9 Grandchildren and 19 Great Grandchildren.

By 1935 she not only buried her husband, but 4 of her children and raised one grandson. Before Nonno death he had made wine, of which I still have. I decided one Christmas to open one bottle and it tasted like Brandy. I spoke to a Wine Maker and he said; in those days some of them did make wine with Brandy. I remember Nonna backing cakes, using just her hands as a measuring tool. I also watched her for years, rolling the dough for the Ravioli. She take 2 sticks and twine for marking to cut the raviolis. I have 2 of her dish towels that have been patched and patched again, because money was tight for them. She was not only kind, but the strongest Women I knew. My Mom & Nonna memory will be with me forever. I only wish I could have met my nonno.



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

"The people of this Italian city claim to have invented the table napkins and the fork at a time when most people were still eating with their fingers. Identify the people and their city who made this claim"

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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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!

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watson1441@gmail.com

Ciao,
Linda Watson



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Pat Armanino

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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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