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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I can't believe we are in the month of May already. How time flies! May is the last full month of Spring as we enter the Summer months. I'm looking forward to the warmer days when we can enjoy more of the out-doors and celebrate life again. I hope you are all taking time to walk in the sun and enjoy the nice weather.

Mother's Day is this month and I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members a very Happy Mother's Day and know how much you are loved and appreciated. I hope that you will be able to enjoy your special day with your families.

A fun fact: Did you know that Mother's Day or "La Festa della Mamma", was first celebrated in Italy in May 1957, 50 years after it was founded in the United States? I read where a parish priest began the tradition in Assisi, a beautiful hillside town in Umbria, with great festivities. Many in the surrounding cities got word and joined the appreciation of the women whose unconditional love and hard work helped them become who they are. The day was so successful that just one year later, the holiday was adopted across Italy's 20 regions. Today, Mother's Day is more widely celebrated than ever. Young or old, children strive to visit their family home in time for *La Festa della Mamma*. Of course, as families move further away from one another, those traditional family gatherings are changing. Thankfully, we now have the technology to help families stay close through the use of face time and zoom calls. For this past year, they have been the next best thing to being together in the same place.

Our April 12, luncheon/ meeting was a delight. It was great to see so many members in attendance enjoying time together. Good food, good friends, and lots of laughs were the order of the day. I only wish more of you could have come but only 70 members were able to attend. We had a waiting list! However, for our Mother's Day celebration, we will be able to have many more so get your reservation in now!

We installed two new IAWG members, Kathy McKibbon and Mary Pardini. Please take time to introduce yourselves and welcome them when you see them. We look forward to installing other IAWG applicants who have waited since last year to become members at our June meeting. **Just a reminder.** Please wear your name badges when you attend the Guild events. If you don't have one, please let me know and I will have one made for the next meeting. See you then.....

Ciao,
Linda (Biancalana) Koelling

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do". Mother Theresa



Buona festa della mamma

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2021

May 10

Mother's Day Luncheon
(Flyer enclosed)

June 14

Installation (members only)
(Flyer enclosed)

More info to follow

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

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



Birthdays of the Month

JEAN ALLARD	May 1
CHERYL TUFO	May 1
ANNA DUPONT	May 2
JEANETTE RUDDEN	May 2
CONNIE TALLERICO	May 4
MARVELLE MARSHALL	May 4
ROSE RILEY	May 6
JEANNETTE ROSSI	May 8
JANICE SALVATO	May 10
DONNA CERVELLI	May 12
CATHERINE LUCCI	May 12
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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

- Carol Young' on the passing of her brother
- Mirella Eiras on the passing of her mother

Are you interested in Saving Columbus?

We mentioned in last month's newsletter that 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 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. If any member is interested, go to the website and sign on.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Pratali, IAWG VP



For Your Information

Bocce Ball games will resume in May. We will be playing practice games. Future tournament to be determined. Let us know if you're coming!

When: Every Wednesday in May Starting May 5

Time: 9:30 AM.

Where: Foster City Bocce Courts

Location: 650 Shell Boulevard, Foster City

Lana Vorrises

650 703-7473

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For pet lovers

On a recent trip to my daughter's, in Southern California, we were shopping in downtown San Clemente and stopped at a pet store on the avenue. I could not believe what I saw. A pastry section for pets! They sold cannoli's "animal style". Even animals enjoy Italian!



MINUTES OF IAWG GENERAL LUNCHEON MEETING APRIL 12, 2021

President Linda Koelling called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Linda welcomed everyone back to our monthly meetings since the 2020/21 covid absence of activities. She then introduced the 2021 officers and board members. Linda Koelling, President, Sally Pratali, Vice President, Andrea Bin, Secretary, Yvonne Bushman, Treasurer. Board Members: Jean Allard, Arlene Bin DiNito, Nella Morello, Donna Silvers, Elena Tealdi, Barbara Valle, Lana Vorrises.

Linda also entertained the members with a heaven/hell joke which brought lots of laughter.

New members Kathy McKibbon and Mary Pardiini were introduced and installed. Each member shared details about themselves. Each received a bouquet and welcome package.

Treasurer Yvonne Bushman gave the treasurer report.

Lubiana Cernabori gave the Mandi di Angeli report.

Jerry Johnson gave the Sunshine report

Secretary, Andrea Bin, reported on the thank you notes received. She also spoke about the May Mother's Day lunch. The cost of \$35.00 for lunch and all Covid rules to be followed. 100 members allowed to attend the lunch.

Linda spoke about the upcoming events for the year.

Linda mentioned Sally Petralli joined a zoom meeting re: Preserving Italian Heritage. More to come later. Birthdays for January, February, March, April were announced. Each received a cupcake.

Trivia question was read by Doreen Mazzei and the answer was "Spectacles".

Kathy Lucci spoke about Easter tradition in Italy. Each table spoke about something they learned during Covid lockdown. Centerpieces were given to one person at each table according to their birthdate. A good time was had by all!

Meeting adjourned 3:30p.m

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Bin





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

Now that we are meeting in person again, we'd like to hear from you! We are planning to have guest speakers at some of our future meetings and we'd like your suggested topics of interest. Whether something pertaining to arts and crafts, Traditional/Historic topics, health, Education, Travel or something else of interest. We would like to know so that we can find the speakers to accommodate. Please let us know. Lindakoelling68@gmail.com

What fun and interesting books did you read? During this past year while spending time inside our homes, many of us chose to read a good book to pass the time away. I'm sure there were many good books read by our members. Would you like to share the titles of some of those books with others? Send me some of your favorites and I'll share them in the next newsletter! Thanks; Lindakoelling68@gmail.com



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

May Trivia question: Synonymous with Turin Napoleon called them Les petites batons de Turin. In Italian they are called Grissini. What are they?"

April trivia answer Spectacles (eye glasses)

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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Also, Volunteers are always needed to help support
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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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