

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Summer is around the corner and life seems to be readjusting and making a come-back. The county is moving forward and lifting some restrictions more in line with the State's phase 2 openings. This shelter at home has been challenging but as we now begin to move forward we can identify strategies so we can continue with the social gatherings of the Guild....safely and responsibly.

We have decided to proceed with our meeting schedule as designated for the year with an exception. Because we didn't have meetings in April and May, we've planned a summer barbecue for July. Normally that has been an off month because of vacations. But the Board felt that for just this year, many people will be staying close to home. It's important for our mental health that we slowly re-engage in our social life again and a nice open-air barbecue will be good for this. I have been informed that communities on the Peninsula will not be celebrating fourth of July so we will have this event to also celebrate our nation's birthday. In August we are also planning to celebrate and congratulate the scholarship winners. (flyer inside)

The Board decided that the June meeting will not be a dinner meeting but instead an Ice Cream social. At this meeting we will be installing new members as well as having a group conversation about how we will continue activities/meetings going forward under new social guidelines. I want to hear from you so together we can plan the rest of this year. I always say, where there is a will, there is a way and I am confident that together we can get back into the swing of things. This is the IAWG 's 25 anniversary year and we will continue to celebrate the vision that was started in 1995. Please know that, anything we do with regards to future social gatherings will require appropriate precautions so we can respect health and safety of all our members.

What I have laid out to you in this message may sound overly optimistic and for some members make them apprehensive, but I want to tell you how much I care about all of you, your physical well-being and mental health. I want to encourage you all to trust your common sense and follow what is right for you personally. We have had enough time sheltered in our homes to know, that, with reasonable precautions, like wearing masks and washing our hands we can slowly move forward with life again. At all of our future meetings, we will follow the county/state guidelines for social distancing while still being able to come together. Of course, having this or any of our events depends on whether the club is open and the capacity that will be allowed. I will share information as I receive it. Stay tuned and stay safe!

God Bless!

Ciao

Linda Biancalana Koelling



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
2020**

**June 8  
Ice Cream Social  
Installation/Meeting  
(flyer on page 5 and website)**

**July 13  
Summer BBQ  
(flyer enclosed and on website)**

**August 10  
Dinner Meeting  
Scholarship Recipients will be  
presented  
(flyer enclosed and on website)**



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<https://iawgsm.org>**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Prayers go to:* Gilda Tarzia

*Condolences:* On the passing of Tina Canepa's mother  
On the passing of Mena Fadelli's brother in law

ANITA BOGDANOFF	June 2
ANGIE FANUCCHI	June 2
MARLENE PESENTI	June 3
DORENE MARELICH	June 4
MADELINE MIRANDA	June 4
GILDA TARZIA	June 6
LISA MARTINELLI	June 8
SARAH QUINTEROS	June 12
DEBBY EVANS	June 13
FRANCA BENVENUTO	June 13
ELAINE GARBARINO	June 14
BRUNA FAZIO	June 16
ALBA CUNEO	June 17
KATHLEEN NEVIN	June 18
RICKIE BOLIN	June 18
KATHLEEN CENDAK	June 19
CHARLENE LUNNY	June 19
BARBARA TURNER	June 22
AMALIA MODENA	June 22
DORENE CAMPANILE	June 23
LISA NARDI SARTOR	June 24
MARY TRESMONTAN	June 25
DEANNA CONSANI	June 26
JOYCE BRUCATO	June 27
LORETTA FONTANA	June 27
ANGELINA VITRANO	June 28

MARILENA VERONA	July 3
ROSANNE PETRELLA	July 3
JANICE SAN FILIPPO	July 3
MARLENE CRISTANELLI	July 7
ELEANOR NURISSE	July 7
ANNA MURPHY	July 8
LORI CLYNE	July 9
ARLENE GARCIA	July 9
SANDRA MESITA	July 10
PEGGY TARANTINO	July 10
DOROTHY LAGOMARSINO	July 12
CHERYL BARRANGO	July 16
IOLE SARI	July 15
ANTOINETTE BALESTRIERI	July 17
SANDRA BENNETT	July 17
JANICE MATTEI	July 19
CATHY BORRONE	July 20
CHARLENE O'MALLEY	July 20
JO ELLEN NIEDER	July 21
MARY FARETTI	July 22
TERESA GOBLIRSCH	July 23
BARBARA VALLE	July 24
FRANCES ROHRER	July 26
EILEEN COFFEY	July 27
LANA VORRISSES	July 27
BETTY BATTAGLIA	July 28
LIANA FIGONE	July 28
SALLY STEVENS	July 29
ANN ADDIEGO	July 30
DEBRA PERRONE	July 31
CAROLYN REGALIA	July 31
LINDA CERINI	July 31



**IAWG MANI DI ANGELI**, We are grateful to you and your group for continuing to provide surgical dolls for **Child Life**. They are extremely needed in these times as we work with patients to help explain **COVID 19** testing.

*Lauren C. Franklin  
Community and Volunteer Liaison  
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital  
Child Life Services*

## **IAWG 2020 Scholarships**

The Scholarship Committee is very pleased to announce the 2020 scholarship recipients. The 2020 Scholarship recipients are

### **Recipients**

Ryan Bender  
Kevin Ciardelli  
Marissa Colombo  
Lucas Gilmour  
Patrick Volkman

### **Sponsors**

Janet Eddy  
Emma Ciardelli  
Maria Colombo  
Fran Bennett  
Jean Volkman

Twenty-three scholarship packets were requested this year and eighteen packets were returned for evaluation.

Each recipient will be awarded a \$1,500.00 scholarship. Congratulations to all of our recipients.

Thank you to our scholarship committee for all their hard work in evaluating the submitted packets. The members of the Scholarship Committee are: Jo Amoroso, Linda Avelar, Fran Bennett, Mena Fadelli, Doreen Mazzei, Barbara Millett, Lorraine Sbragia, and Gail Mozzini.



### **JUST TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE HELPING OUT!**

In response to the needs of families in our communities, the IAWG has made a donation of \$250.00 to Second Harvest Food Bank. Families in our area are in need of our help. If any members wish to donate personally, please send checks to: 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest of Silicon Valley, Attention: Finance Department, 4001 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, San Jose, CA 95134. Make a difference.....every little bit helps! Thank you

### **WE'D LIKE TO KNOW FROM YOU!**

Board member Lana Vorrises would like to get a polling of our members about a future activity. She knows someone who could teach making paper flowers. This would be a fun activity and we want to know how many of you would be interested in learning the technique. It would be something that could be done together while being socially distanced. Let us know how many of you would like to learn how to make paper flowers so we can set up a date for this activity. Please reply to Lana: lanaladuca@comcast.net

## HISTORY FACT- A.P. Giannini

The City of San Francisco Recognized the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of A.P. Giannini, Founder, Bank of America on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. On April 28, 2020, Supervisor Catherine Stefani introduced a resolution commemorating the 150th birthday of A.P. Giannini, Founder, Bank of America. The resolution received a formal vote during the Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 5.

Supervisor Stefani was moved to introduce this resolution after a meeting in March with representatives from the Museo Italo Americano in San Francisco. Currently located at the Fort Mason Center, the Museo has embarked on a capital campaign to renovate a building on Battery Street to serve as its new home that will include a new permanent exhibit saluting the achievements of Italian immigrants in California that will be dedicated to the memory of A.P. Giannini.

In addition, on Wednesday, May 6, the official **150th birthday of Giannini**, the lights of San Francisco City Hall were lit in the colors of the Italian flag in memory of Giannini. The resolution recognized A. P. Giannini for his substantial contributions to San Francisco history, Italian American culture. The son of Italian immigrants, Amadeo Peter (A. P.) Giannini was born on May 6, 1870. He had a long legacy of business innovation, scientific inquiry, civic engagement, disaster response, and immigrant rights in San Francisco. In 1904, Giannini founded the Bank of Italy. From the beginning, he expressly sought to make loans to immigrants, farmers, small businesses, women and minorities because they were systematically excluded from other financial institutions.

In 1906, when the great earthquake struck San Francisco, Giannini personally rescued the bank's gold and currency, and his was the first bank to resume operations. Giannini famously set up shop on a plank over two barrels on a street corner, and started lending money to those in need. By 1923, he was so successful that he was able to merge the Bank of Italy with the Los Angeles bank known as Bank of America and became the CEO. Shortly after the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Giannini created the country's first bank by and for women, the Women's Banking Department—a bank within the bank that gave women access to their own checking and lending accounts, where they could manage their finances without the involvement of their spouses. In 1930, the Bank of Italy was officially renamed the Bank of America, and would soon become the largest banking institution in the world. Giannini helped nurture the motion picture, technology and wine industries in California with his investments, and loaned Walt Disney the funds to produce Snow White, the first full length, animated motion picture to be made in the United States, and also provided capital to William Hewlett and David Packard to help form Hewlett-Packard, which helped established the information technology and computing industry in the Bay Area, and he would finance the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge during the Great Depression. On his 75th birthday, May 6, 1945, Giannini created and endowed the A. P. Giannini Foundation with a personal gift of nearly \$500,000 to support innovative research.





## Italian American Women's Guild June 8, 2020 Installation/Meeting

Peninsula Italian American Social Club

100 North B Street, San Mateo

5:30 p.m. No-Host Cocktails

6:30 p.m. **"Ice Cream Social"**

**FREE** (Members Only)



**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK**

For questions or further information, please call

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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

**Answer to May trivia: Ossobuco Milanese**

"What is the Italian word, now part of the English language, that means an acute, highly contagious viral disease that includes fever, aches, pains, and respiratory inflammation?"

**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  
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!

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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  
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Lubiana Cernobori, Mani di Angeli Chair  
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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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