

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all those who attended the Mother's Day Luncheon. We had a great time seeing so many more friends again. We welcomed two new members, Carol Passalacqua and her sister, Joan Shouts. These ladies were among those who have waited since last year to be installed. Each member received a beautiful long stem rose in honor of Mother's Day. Thanks to Lana for organizing a special trivia game for us to play. It had the audience laughing and chattering with one another scrambling for the answers to the variety of questions. For example: Do you know the famous mother who weighs 13,170,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 pounds and will never go on a diet ???

It's so nice to be able to gather socially, once again and with more members being able to attend the events. We have been asked to remind you that when we meet at the PIASC, we will need to honor their policy of wearing masks upon walking into the club and at all times when not seated and eating or drinking. San Mateo County is still vigilant with some establishments about the number of persons allowed in a room together.

We are being told by PIASC, that as more people are being vaccinated, our number of those being able to attend can increase. The best for our Club is when participants are vaccinated but if you're not as yet, please take the obvious precautions for all concerned.

We would like to continue having the current maximum number of 114 attendees, socially distanced, at our events, but this is dependent on everyone doing their part. This is for your safety, **the safety of your IAWG family**, and your peace of mind. It also keeps the club in compliance with the current county Covid rules.

Please note that this can all change at a moment's notice. In the event that you would like to attend our socials, and have not been able to be vaccinated as yet, you can have a Covid test proving negative 48 hours prior to attending any event. Obviously, we are on the honor system and common sense and courtesy apply. Thank you for helping us all to navigate thru these choppy waters and complying with this PIASC request at this time!

Given that we are still wearing masks, **please, please, wear your name tags**. It is difficult at times to identify one another. Each person who joins our organization is given a name tag and proudly wears it. Some name tags were left behind last year so they will be at the front table when you arrive if you think yours might be among those that were left. Starting in August we will ask for a \$1 donation if you do not wear your badge. (money collected will go towards our philanthropic work.)

Let's enjoy the coming summer months and future events!

Ciao

Linda (Biancalana) Koelling

*"The Best way to predict your future is to create it". Abraham Lincoln*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2021

**June 14**

Installation  
(Flyer attached)

**July 12**

Summer Barbecue  
(Flyer attached)

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**More info to follow**

**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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# BIRTHDAYS!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Condolences to Member*

Lisa Martinelli on the passing of her husband Steve

ANITA BOGDANOFF	June 2	MARILENA VERONA	July 3
ANGIE FANUCCHI	June 2	ROSANNE PETRELLA	July 3
MARLENE PESENTI	June 3	JANICE SAN FILIPPO	July 3
DORENE MARELICH	June 4	MARLENE CRISTANELLI	July 7
MADELINE MIRANDA	June 4	ELEANOR NURISSO	July 7
CAROL PASSALACQUA	June 6	ANNA MURPHY	July 8
LISA MARTINELLI	June 8	LORI CLYNE	July 9
SARAH QUINTEROS	June 12	ARLENE GARCIA	July 9
DEBBY EVANS	June 13	SANDRA MESITA	July 10
FRANCA BENVENUTO	June 13	DOROTHY LAGOMARSINO	July 12
ELAINE GARBARINO	June 14	CHERYL BARRANGO	July 16
BRUNA FAZIO	June 16	ANTOINETTE BALESTRIERI	July 17
KATHLEEN NEVIN	June 18	JANICE MATTEI	July 19
RICKIE BOLIN	June 18	CATHY BORRONE	July 20
KATHLEEN CENDAK	June 19	CHARLENE O'MALLEY	July 20
CHARLENE LUNNY	June 19	JO ELLEN NIEDER	July 21
BARBARA TURNER	June 22	MARY FARETTI	July 22
AMALIA MODENA	June 22	TERESA GOBLIRSCH	July 23
DORENE CAMPANILE	June 23	BARBARA VALLE	July 24
LISA NARDI SARTOR	June 24	FRANCES ROHRER	July 26
MARY TRESMONTAN	June 25	EILEEN COFFEY	July 27
JOYCE BRUCATO	June 27	LANA VORRISSES	July 27
LORETTA FONTANA	June 27	BETTY BATTAGLIA	July 28
ANGELINA VITRANO	June 28	LIANA FIGONE	July 28
		SALLY STEVENS	July 29
		ANN ADDIEGO	July 30
		DEBRA PERRONE	July 31
		CAROLYN REGALIA	July 31

### *Congratulations to Member*

Elena Quilici and her husband Stefano, who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 5th, 2021

#### MINUTES OF IAWG GENERAL LUNCHEON MEETING MAY 10, 2021

- President Linda Koelling called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. Linda led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Long stem roses were handed to each member in recognition of Mother's Day along with a raffle ticket.
- Linda began the meeting with one of her funny jokes which brought a roar of laughter.
- Barbara Valle asked the members to look under their coffee cup for a pink flower which meant the member won the table centerpiece which were made by Barbara and Andrea.
- Linda asked that all members please wear their name tags to the meetings. Starting in July if a member forgets their name tag it will cost you one dollar.
- Linda introduced two new members for induction into the club. The new members are: Carol Passalacqua and Joan Shouts Each was given a new member packet and flowers.
- Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.
- Lana Vorrises did the Mother's Day trivia game with 22 questions. There was one member who answered 14 questions and was the winner of a spa package.
- Linda did the drawing for the 3 raffle prizes.
- Eleven May birthdays were celebrated and each received a cupcake.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Andrea Bin



## ?????????????Question Corner????????????????

Last month I asked if you would share the names of some of the books you enjoyed reading last year while passing the time.

Two members, Kathy McKibbon, (new member) and Anna Murphy responded and here are their lists.

### **Kathy McKibbon:** Favorite books:

1. Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan. My father learned about this book at his ‘Amici’ club luncheon a few years ago. It is a wonderful book based on Pino Lella's life story as told by him to the author based in Italy and during WWII.

2. Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. This is a delightful read. A story about a young woman who is a bit of a social misfit with a traumatic childhood. Her journey to find healing and friendships is laced with humor and human kindness.

### **Anna Murphy:** Some of my favorite reads of the last year or so:

1. The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes
2. Etched in Sand by Regina Calcaterra, a sad memoir of five children growing up (Non-fiction)
3. Becoming by Michele Obama
4. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
5. The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson, a long book but so interesting about Winston Churchill
6. The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah
7. The Dutch House. By Ann Patchett
8. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
9. Grit by Angela Duckworth (non-fiction)
10. Untamed by Glennon Doyle (non-fiction)
11. Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

These are all wonderful books but some touch on sad events.

**Would you like to share the titles of some of your favorite books with others? Send me their titles and I'll share them in the next newsletter! Thanks; [Lindakoelling68@gmail.com](mailto:Lindakoelling68@gmail.com)**



## For Your Information **Save the Date!**



Bingo!      Bingo!      Bingo!      Bingo!      Bingo!      Bingo!

### **What: Bingo/Brunch Fund raiser      When: Sunday October 17 Finally!**

Our Bingo /Brunch in October is around the corner and planning has begun. As you know, we were unable to host the Guild's annual fundraiser event last year, but 2021 is a new year. This event is the Guild's opportunity to raise funds for its philanthropic work. Last year IAWG donated funds to more groups than normal because of the extreme needs of so many people in our area.

Committee Chair Arlene Bin-Dinito is looking for members to assist in getting gift certificates and coming up with ideas for basket donations. More information to follow. Contact Arlene if you have questions and/or you'd like to help with the event.

Her email: [amdinitto@aol.com](mailto:amdinitto@aol.com)

## **The Fight for Columbus and More**

Once again, all Italian American groups, clubs, organizations, and lodges are invited to attend. Slots are limited, so please **RSVP as soon as possible** to ensure you have a seat at the virtual table next month.

### **GET INVOLVED IN THE PRESSING ISSUES SURROUNDING OUR COMMUNITY**

In February, The Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations ushered in a new era of collaboration and community-building when it hosted the first-ever National Italian American Summit Meeting (aka NIAS One), with more than 350 groups in virtual attendance.

For the first time in our history, we united Italian America and sparked critical initiatives that attracted hundreds of volunteers. Now it's time to discuss our progress at the next historic Summit (NIAS Two), which will be held on **Saturday June 12th at 11 a.m. EST via Zoom**.

Once again, all Italian American groups, clubs, organizations, and lodges are invited to attend. Slots are limited, so please **RSVP as soon as possible** to ensure you have a seat at the virtual table next month.

During NIAS One, we covered several key topics:

- 1.) Unifying our groups to achieve common goals**
- 2.) Developing 21<sup>st</sup>-century strategies that seek to engage and recruit younger members**
- 3.) Fighting to save Columbus through legal and advocacy efforts**

Committee and Sub-Committee Chairs will now report to us on the progress we have made. There are more details and exciting developments that will be announced in the coming weeks, so please share and read the emails as they come in or visit [ItalianAmericaOnline.com](http://ItalianAmericaOnline.com) — our digital hub — for the latest details.

We are stronger together, and together we are Italian America.  
God bless!

**President Basil M. Russo** *Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations*



**Bocce**



Bocce Ball practice will continue at the bocce courts in Foster City, every Wednesday in June, at 9:30 AM. Please call, text, or email Lana, if you are planning to attend.

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# IAWG 2021 Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee is very pleased to announce the 2021 scholarship recipients. The 2021 Scholarship recipients are:

## Recipients

Marissa Colombo  
Victor Dollosso  
Nathan Johnson  
Sofia Tognotti  
Emily VanNoord  
Sydney Volkman

## Sponsors

Maria Colombo  
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Phyllis Tognotti  
Stephanie Corti  
Jean Volkman

Fourteen scholarship packets were requested this year. Six candidates returned their completed application packets. All six students were extremely qualified. Traditionally, the IAWG awards five scholarships at \$1,500.00 to each student. However, this year we would like to thank the President and the Board for agreeing to finance a sixth scholarship.

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

A heartfelt thank you to the 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.

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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

**Answer to May trivia: Breadsticks**

What is the internationally famous and highly regarded LaCrema Christi?"

*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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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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