

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

VOLUME XX1X NO. 7 AUGUST 2023

[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)



## IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors AUGUST 2023 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

Ciao. Welcome back after our summer respite and hope you are enjoying your summertime. In reference to our last Dinner Meeting, June 12<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed 18 new members into our Guild. **Renee Boatwright, Sally Busalacchi, Victoria Canevaro, Marie Cohn, Lisa Disco, Denise Galway, Melissa Granetz, Jean Grant, Nikki Huth, Beverly McDonald, Suzanne Mero, Renata Nordell, Janet Shapiro, Giovanna Sodini, Giulia Solari, Ginger Tantillo, Geri Travins, and Victoria Vozza.** Benvenuti ladies we are happy to have new members to celebrate our culture. We offer the new members and remind all members that we do have groups you might enjoy. Beginners are definitely welcome! These are the groups and the contacts.

**Pedro:** Mary Pardini – [pardinimc@gmail.com](mailto:pardinimc@gmail.com)

**Bocce:** Lana Vorrises – [lanaladuca@comcat.net](mailto:lanaladuca@comcat.net)

**Book Club:** Cathy Barrone – [minirose\\_sonoma@yahoo.com](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

Unfortunately, our Graton Casino Bus Trip was cancelled due to minimal sign ups. Our sincere thanks to **Mary Pardini** for all her efforts.

On **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, a floral arrangement and our best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Jennifer, PIASC Manager, from the Italian American Women's Guild. We wish her well.

As we proceed to the later part of the summer and approach the fall we want to reiterate please do not contact Jennifer or mail any reservations for our Dinner/Lunch Meetings to the Club. Please contact the name only provided on the flyer. If you cannot print it out, flyers are always available the month prior to our monthly dinner or lunch meeting, or write your name, phone number, menu choice, who you wish to sit with and if you need a ride on a piece of paper and mail it with your check to the contact person only.

For your convenience, each month we will have a **FLYER TABLE** set up. It will be located behind the Greeter Table. Flyers for upcoming months Dinner or Lunch Meetings, Events and Membership applications will be available.

Our **Bingo Lunch Buffet** will take place in **October** and it's a day of fun and surprises and it is our major fundraiser for the year. As this event is successful and allows us to grant scholarships we are hoping for another successful year. Your help is needed for baskets, donations, and assistance is needed on the actual day of the event. Please contact **Donna Silvers, Chair** – [donnaags@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaags@sbcglobal.net) or 650-238-4284.

Signup sheets and Merchant letters will be available at our **August Scholarship Dinner**.

For any of your updated Roster information, please contact **Roberta Bernat** [rbernat@att.net](mailto:rbernat@att.net)

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** is our **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S DINNER**. THIS IS A REMINDER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE DINNER IS **AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see you there.

Newsletter correspondent,  
Corinne Verili Courtney

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2023

**Monday, August 14**

Scholarship Recipients  
Recognition Event

(see page 5)

**Monday, September 11**

IAWG Luncheon

(see page 6)

**Sunday, October 15th**

Bingo Fundraiser

(see page 7)

**NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS!  
NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS!**

Making New Friends and Getting  
Reacquainted!

Wearing **NAME TAGS** makes this  
easy. Please Contact  
**Arlene Bin Di Nitto**  
[ambindinitto@gmail.com](mailto:ambindinitto@gmail.com) to  
request a **NAME TAG** and it will be  
available at the next meeting!



[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)





|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| RITA SPES         | August 1  |
| MARGIE OCCHIPINTI | August 1  |
| VIVIAN SANTILLI   | August 2  |
| LINDA WATSON      | August 3  |
| IRIS BAGNESCHI    | August 4  |
| ARLENE CALLEGARI  | August 4  |
| RENATA NORDELL    | August 5  |
| DENISE GALWAY     | August 6  |
| CECE MACNAUGHTON  | August 8  |
| EMMA CIARDELLI    | August 9  |
| SANDRA FERRARI    | August 9  |
| MICHELE PACQUET   | August 13 |
| CAROL CORVINO     | August 13 |
| NICKI ZARGANIS    | August 16 |
| CAROLIN LENCIONI  | August 17 |
| KIMBERLY KOUKIS   | August 19 |
| CARMELA DI MAURO  | August 21 |
| LANA APPENRODT    | August 21 |
| THERESA GOTSHALK  | August 22 |
| ROSE FLAHAVAN     | August 23 |
| VIRGINIA O'BRIEN  | August 23 |
| DONNA SKOVGAARD   | August 24 |
| DINA FORNESI      | August 25 |
| PAT BOISSON       | August 25 |
| MARIA BERTOLLO    | August 26 |
| MARILYN PIAZZA    | August 27 |
| KAREN ANDERSON    | August 27 |
| PASQUALINA CAMPI  | August 29 |
| SALLY BUSALACCHI  | August 30 |

Reach out to the Officers and more...

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto  | ambindinitto@gmail.com |
| Vice President-Charlene O'Malley | charomalley@aol.com    |
| Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman       | ybushman@sbcglobal.net |
| Secretary - Andrea Bin           | binny1943@gmail.com    |
| Events - Lana Vorrises           | lanaladuca@comcast.net |
| Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine | firenzi@comcast.net    |

TREASURER'S REPORT 06/30/2023



Thank you IAWG from:

- Mission Hospice for the \$1000 donation from IAWG sent in December 2022.
- Ferrari family to Mani di Angeli for the angel statue in remembrance of their daughter Sheryl Alioto.
- Yolanda Machi and family for the orchid plant in memory of her husband Joe.

Mani di Angeli

If there is an IAWG member or family member who has passed away, please call or text me so that a memento from Mani di Angeli can be delivered.

Volunteers are always needed to help support Mani di Angeli  
**Barbara Valle, Mani di Angeli Chair**  
call or text 650.302.0667

Submitted by: Jo Amoroso, Sunshine Chair

*Speedy recovery to member:*

- Barbara Valle
- Jennifer (PIASC Manager)

*Condolences to member:*

- Debbie Lorber on the passing of her mother Alice Silici

Sunshine

If there is an IAWG member who is ill or having major surgery please email me so I can send a *Get Well Card* to them.

**Jo Amoroso, Sunshine Chair**  
bestnonni44@gmail.com or 650.347.9309

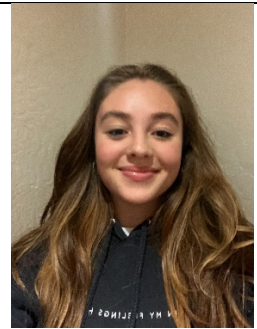
# 2023 IAWG Scholarship Recipients

It is with great pleasure to introduce the 2023 IAWG Scholarship Recipients.



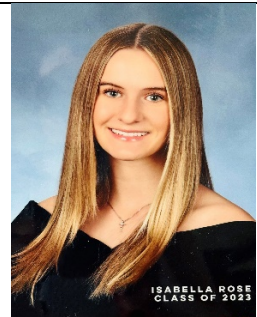
**Shelby Bates** - Shelby is currently a student at USC. Her sponsors are Carol Passalacqua & Joan Giannini Shouts.

*Hi! I'm Shelby Bates, and I am currently entering my senior year at the University of Southern California. I am pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Economics & Data Science. Along with my undergraduate curriculum, I am also simultaneously taking graduate level courses for my Master of Studies in Law (with a Business Law certificate) at the USC Gould School of Law. As of now I am on track to obtain my undergraduate degree in May of 2024 and my graduate degree a few months later in August.*



**Luciana Lewis** - Luciana is a graduate from Aragon High School. Her sponsor is Kerri Lewis.

*Hello. My name is Luciana Lewis and I will be attending Chico State in the fall. I am so excited to begin this new part of my life while studying to become a nurse. My dream is to become a Pediatric ICU nurse to help children who need it the most. I could not do it without the support of my family and friends. I also want to thank the Italian American Women's club as they are also helping make this dream come true. Thank you.*



**Isabella Pignati** - Isabella is a graduate from Saint Francis High School. Her sponsor is Eda Rose Pignati .

*Hello, I am Isabella Pignati, granddaughter of Edie and Bernie Pignati, will be attending Clemson University in the Fall as an Honors College student, studying Business with an emphasis in Financial Management. Thank you to the Italian American Women's Guild.*



**Sophie Radigue** – Sophie graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School. Her sponsor is Phyllis Tognotti.

*Thank you so much for the wonderful opportunity. I am so grateful to receive this scholarship and I am looking forward to the dinner in August. My plans for college begin at Santa Barbara City College where I will receive an AA degree and have guaranteed transfer to UC Santa Barbara. I will be majoring in Environmental Science. Thank you again.*



**Lucca Volkman** - Lucca is a graduated from Loyola High School. His sponsor is Jean Volkman.

*I am so honored to be a recipient of the IAWG scholarship. This fall, I will be attending Indiana University where I will be majoring in Finance in the Kelley School of Business. I am excited for my new opportunities and plan to take an Italian language class to learn more about my Italian heritage. I am very grateful for the support of the Italian American Women's Guild.*



## BINGO REMINDER

Just a reminder that the Annual Bingo Fundraiser is just around the corner. The date is Sunday, October 15, 2023. The flyer for Bingo is enclosed in this month's newsletter. Donations of baskets and gift cards are greatly appreciated to make this event a big success. Members have been so creative and generous in the past with baskets. They are so much fun to win. I brought a friend last year and she won two baskets. She still talks about what a great time she had. The success of the Bingo event benefits our various charitable organizations in addition to our Scholarship Program. Thank you in advance for your help. Hope to see many of you at Bingo. BRING A FRIEND!

Donna Silvers (650)238-4284 [donnaags@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaags@sbcglobal.net)

## *Luncheon Buffet*



Check out our website for more photos! [HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)





**Italian American Women's Guild**  
**August 14, 2023, Dinner Meeting**  
**2023 Scholarship Recipients Recognition Event**

Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
 100 North B Street, San Mateo,  
 5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner

**Menu**

**Dinner Includes:**  
 Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread

**Choice of One:**  
 Ravioli with Bolognese Sauce  
 Chicken Marsala with Vodka Sauce Pasta and Vegetable  
 Eggplant Parmesan

Dessert and Coffee

\$40.00 Members Only

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to *IAWG* and mail to:

Gail Mozzini  
 575 Cedar Avenue  
 San Bruno, CA 94066

For questions or further information, please call  
 Gail Mozzini, 650-400-2494.

***Reservation must be received by August 4, 2023***  
 (No Refunds for cancellations after August 4, 2023 and no tickets sold at door)

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$40.00 per person - Members Only

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying for multiple-people, please list their names on back of sheet.

I would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRÉE CHOICE:** Ravioli  Chicken Marsala  Eggplant   
 Need a ride: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, someone will contact you.)

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS!**



**Italian American Women's Guild**  
Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
100 North "B" Street, San Mateo

Monday, September 11, 2023 LUNCHEON  
11 A.M. No Host Cocktails 12 P.M. Luncheon & Meeting  
\$43.00 Members Only

**LUNCHEON MENU**

Chips and Salsa  
Southwestern Salad with Lime Vinaigrette  
Chicken Enchiladas  
Or  
Chile Relleno  
Served with Rice and Beans  
Dessert: Churros  
Beverages: Coffee, Tea or Soft Drinks

Please complete the bottom portion along with your check  
made out to: IAWG and mail to: Andrea Bin  
1501 Sequoia Ave, San Bruno, CA 94066  
For questions or information please contact:  
Andrea Bin at: [binny1943@gmail.com](mailto:binny1943@gmail.com)

**CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**  
*Checks received after September 1st will be refused*  
**PLEASE MAIL EARLY...NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your Entree Choice:    Chicken Enchiladas            Chile Relleno            Vegetarian

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

I need a ride: yes \_\_\_\_\_ (Someone will contact you)

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS**

Italian American Women's Guild



Luncheon Buffet

Sunday, October 15, 2023

(Proceeds will benefit the IAWG Fund)

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA

11:00 a.m. No-Host Cocktails

12:30 p.m. Luncheon Buffet

Menu

Specialty Cocktail - Bellini \$8.00 per cocktail

Luncheon Buffet includes: House salad, rolls and butter, Muffaletta Sandwich, Ravioli Bolognese, Cheese Tortellini in Pesto sauce, Coffee/Tea Buffet and Assorted Cookies

\$45.00 per person

Bring your friends/husbands for an afternoon of friendship, good food, raffles and great Bingo!!!!

Three complimentary raffle tickets. Limit 10 persons per table

DEADLINE: Wednesday October 4, 2023

(No Refunds for cancellations after October 4, 2023)

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to IAWG and mail to:

Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane
San Bruno, CA 94066

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$45.00 per person (Members & Non-Members)
(Number Attending) If paying for multi-people, please list their names.

No tickets sold at door

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below who you would like to sit with. Limit 10 per table.

Please bring a friend for an afternoon of friendship, good food, raffles, and a great time.
Hope to see you there!

Anyone interested in learning to play Pedro can join on the last Wednesday of the month at Foster City Recreation Center at 1:30.



The IAWG will be sending out the **monthly newsletter** to email addresses on file. The newsletter will be emailed out by the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you have an email address and have not received an email from me, please email me back and I will check to be sure your email address is correct and on file. Please also check your SPAM or JUNK folders for my emails.

Pat Armanino

[parmanino135@gmail.com](mailto:parmanino135@gmail.com)

## 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!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please email me:

[watson1441@gmail.com](mailto:watson1441@gmail.com)

Ciao, Linda Watson



How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

**Answer to JUNE-JULY trivia: Pear**

**AUGUST Trivia:** Loving & Living : Her Own Story ((1979) is an autobiography of what great star?

**Answer will be given at the next general meeting!**

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei:  
Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile

### IAWG BOOK CLUB NEWS

All members are welcome to join us if they have not read the book we are discussing. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Cathy Borrone 650-242-1685 email: [minirose\\_sonoma@yahoo.com](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: UPSTAIRS AT THE PENINSULA ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB (PIASC)

| MONTH          | TITLE                        | AUTHOR            |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| NOVEMBER 16TH  | WOMEN IN SUNLIGHT            | FRANCES MAYES     |
| JANUARY 18TH   | ONE ITALIAN SUMMER           | REBECCA SERLE     |
| MARCH 15TH     | THE SHOEMAKER'S WIFE         | ANDRIANA TRIGIANI |
| MAY 17TH       | THE CIELO                    | PAUL SALSINI      |
| JULY 19TH      | DEATH AT LA FENICE           | DONNA LEON        |
| SEPTEMBER 20TH | THE GOOD LEFT UNDONE         | ANDRIANA TRIGIANI |
| NOVEMBER 15TH  | PICK BOOK SELECTION FOR 2024 |                   |



Web Site - [www.diandasbakery.com](http://www.diandasbakery.com)

# DIANDA'S

Italian American Pastry Co. Inc.

Home of

## The Italian Rum Cake

All our products are baked fresh daily

On our premises using the finest ingredients.

Both of our locations in San Francisco and San Mateo are open 7 days a week.

We Feature:

**Wedding Cakes, Almond Torte, St.Honore, Panettone, Candies and Much more!**

2883 Mission St  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415-647-5469

117 Crystal Springs Center  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
650-570-6260



The Peninsula Italian American Social Club

## Open to the Public for Lunch

Tuesday through Friday 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Authentic Italian Menu Designed by  
Chef Matteo Crivello

100 N.B. St  
San Mateo, Ca 94401  
Ristorante/Office 650-343-7981  
Website <https://www.peninsulaitalianclub.org>  
Take Out available





PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!!

**Bayside**  
**BUILDING**  
**MATERIALS, INC.**



2075 SO. NORFOLK STREET  
SAN MATEO, CA 94403  
www.baysidebm.com  
FAX (650) 349-1587  
BUS. (650) 349-5141

GIULIO SBAGLIA



Come in and see why we say...



Behind the hanging beef, the freshest  
fish & poultry and hand-picked tomatoes  
is a tradition for over 60 Years.

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT:  
**WWW.LUNARDIS.COM**



**SAN JOSE**  
4870 Meridian Avenue  
(Corner of Meridian Ave. and Branham Lane)

**SAN JOSE**  
2666 S. Bascom Avenue  
(Between Curtner and Union Avenues)

**LOS GATOS**  
720 Blossom Hill Road  
(Corner of Blossom Hill Rd. and Los Gatos Blvd.)

**BURLINGAME**  
1825 El Camino Real  
(Corner of El Camino and Trousdale Drive)

**BELMONT**  
1085 Alameda de las Pulgas  
(Corner of Alameda Ave. and Alameda)

**SAN BRUNO**  
2801 San Bruno Avenue  
(Corner of Skyline Blvd. and San Bruno Ave.)

**WALNUT CREEK**  
1680 Palco Verde Mall  
(Geary and Phelan Hts Rd.)

**DANVILLE**  
145 Railroad Avenue  
(Between Church and School Streets)



Focused on You—and Your Home!  
Experience & Integrity Matter!

650.766.2424

Email: [violet@violetcguerra.com](mailto:violet@violetcguerra.com)  
[vguerra@cbnocal.com](mailto:vguerra@cbnocal.com)

**Violet Coturri Guerra**

National 2020 Top 2%  
International Diamond Society  
Global Luxury Specialist  
GRI, CRS, SRES, e-Pro  
Certified Relocation Specialist  
CalRE #01189127

[www.violetcguerra.com](http://www.violetcguerra.com)  
[www.VioletGuerra.com](http://www.VioletGuerra.com)

*Fluent in Italian*



COLDWELL BANKER  
1427 Chapin Avenue  
Burlingame, CA 94010



Contact Pat Armanino  
for  
Pricing information  
650.281.8725  
[parmanino135@gmail.com](mailto:parmanino135@gmail.com)

*Remember to Recycle*

CHECK OUT OUR

WEB SITE!

For more information, pictures of events and useful links, please check out our website!

[www.iawgsm.org](http://www.iawgsm.org)

Melanie Parker  
Independent Beauty Consultant



**ADVANCED  
COLOR  
CONSULTANT**

Cell 650-678-0479  
Office 650-571-5430  
[mparker2010@yahoo.com](mailto:mparker2010@yahoo.com)  
[www.marykay.com/mparker16](http://www.marykay.com/mparker16)  
Shop online with me 24/7

MARY KAY

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD  
 P.O. BOX 6411  
 SAN MATEO, CA 94403



| ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD 2023 |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| OFFICERS                            |                       |
| PRESIDENT                           | ARLENE BIN-DI NITTO   |
| VICE PRESIDENT                      | CHARLENE O'MALLEY     |
| SECRETARY                           | ANDREA BIN            |
| TREASURER                           | YVONNE BUSHMAN        |
| BOARD OF DIRECTORS                  |                       |
| CATHY BORRONE                       | KERRI LEWIS           |
| TINA CANEPA                         | CATHY LUCCI           |
| ARLENE GARCIA                       | DONNA SILVERS         |
|                                     | BARBARA VALLE         |
| COMMITTEES                          |                       |
| EVENTS                              | LANA VORRISSES        |
|                                     | LORI JEAN BATES       |
|                                     | ANNA DUPONT           |
|                                     | KATHY MCKIBBEN        |
|                                     | MARY PARDINI          |
|                                     | DEB ROBBINS           |
| HISTORIAN                           | LINDA WATSON          |
| KNITTING                            | ANNA DUPONT           |
|                                     | JOYCELYN FIRENZI-PINE |
| MANI DI ANGELI                      | BARBARA VALLE         |
| MEMBERSHIP                          | JOYCELYN FIRENZI-PINE |
|                                     | ROBERTA BERNAT        |
| NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER                | PAT ARMANINO          |
| NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENT            | CORINNE COURTNEY      |
| NOMINATING                          | SALLY PRATALI         |
|                                     | DOREEN MAZZEI         |
|                                     | GAIL MOZZINI          |
| SCHOLARSHIPS                        | GAIL MOZZINI          |
|                                     | JO AMOROSO            |
|                                     | LINDA AVELAR          |
|                                     | MENA FADELLI          |
|                                     | DOREEN MAZZEI         |
|                                     | BARBARA MILLETT       |
|                                     | LORRAINE SBRAGIA      |
| SEWING COORDINATOR                  | OPEN                  |
| SUNSHINE                            | JO AMOROSO            |
| WEBMASTER                           | PAT ARMANINO          |



**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.

<https://iawgsm.org>