

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It is an honor for me to be serving as the President of the Italian American Women's Guild this the 25th anniversary year. Unfortunately, because of unusual challenges, we must find other ways to celebrate the wonderful community we call the guild. While this should be the big celebratory year, we find ourselves having to postpone a formal celebration until such time that we can all come together.

Twenty-five years ago, according to IAWG history, one woman had an idea. She took that idea to the next step and with a small group of ladies, a vision was created and the guild became a reality. Lubiana Cernobori, Mena Fadelli, Agnes Marcheschi, and Rose Viscuso formed an all-women's club starting with 35 members that would build the kind of friendships that evolved into a type of sisterhood. It did not take too much time until the guild had over 300 members. In addition to wanting to keep our Italian heritage alive, they wanted "to work for the good of the community with their philanthropic efforts". I remember attending some events when the guild was new because my Aunt, Olga Cava, was one of the charter members. I appreciated the friendly nature of the women, listened to them speaking Italian, enjoyed delicious Italian food and had a comforting feeling as though I was in a family gathering. This organization achieved the level of need for which it was intended.

As I read through the 10th anniversary issue, the pictures of the members came alive with a beautiful spirit as I saw them enjoying the many events in which they engaged. Activities included boutiques, Bingo fundraisers, fashion shows and a variety of fun outings. In the spirit of friendship, there were annual picnics, bocce ball games and holiday fun. The pictures showed me people enjoying life coming together for a common purpose.

Through the fun of being and doing things together, they kept to their mission... "to strive to work for the good of the community with their philanthropic efforts". Clothing drives, compassionate service and care packages to name a few were all part of this group's plan to make a difference in their community.

One of the very special investments made by the guild was establishing a scholarship program for our youth. It was the guild's way of promoting the importance of education and to help students achieve their goals. It was disappointing not to be able to congratulate the winners in person this year.

In the next few issues of the newsletter, we will highlight a few of the fond memories of the guild over the years.

Look forward to seeing you at our luncheon on September 14, 2020. (See flyer)

God Bless,

Linda (Biancalana) Koelling



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2020**

Monday, September 14
Afternoon Outside Lunch
2:00 PM
(Flyer Enclosed)

Monday, September 28
Play Day 1:30 PM
(Flyer Enclosed)

Monday, October 12
Columbus Day Luncheon
2:00 PM
(more info to follow)

25th Anniversary Party
(Date to be determined)

Stay Safe!



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



Birthdays of the Month

ANNA NANNA	September 2
ARLENE ROHRER	September 3
MICHELE VALENCIA	September 5
PATRICIA DIXON	September 5
LISA BROWNE	September 5
OLGA LONGSTREET	September 7
ROBIN CANONICA	September 9
CATHY BARRANTI	September 9
DIANE PUCCINELLI	September 10
NANCY PIZZI-SHIDELER	September 10
CAROLYN YOUNG	September 10
DORIS BOLAND	September 10
LUBIANA CERNOBORI	September 12
GEMMA SIMONETTI	September 12
EDNA ACRI	September 13
JUDY TUCK	September 13
LINDA YATES	September 14
THERESE MYZWINSKI	September 15
YVONNE BUSHMAN	September 16
LINDA BENEDETTI	September 17
LORENE (LORRIE) VELLA	September 19
LILIANNE CROARO	September 22
AUDRA DEL CARLO	September 23
MARIA DELLA MORTE	September 24
DONA EDLUND	September 24
JANET SALLEE	September 25
BEATRICE TOMASELLO	September 29
ROSANN AHERN	September 30
KAREN ELMORE	September 30
DEBRA CRESCI	September 30
VIRGINIA MALASPINA	September 30



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION IAWG MEMBERS; Occasionally the guild will communicate **via email** to its members.. If you have not received emails in the past from me, **parmanino135@gmail.com**, then your current email address is not on file. Please send me an email and I will add your email address to the roster.

Thank you!

Pat Armanino—STAY SAFE!

OCTOBER BINGO LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Has been cancelled due to the pandemic!

Rickie Bolin, Secretary

CANCELLED

Dear Members,

At our recent board meeting, I had the idea that we make monetary donations every year and not everyone knows where it's going or what it's paying for, SO it might be nice to know, not just the organization, but a little more detail on where our money is going.

Recently, we contributed \$250 to the food bank, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, which has hubs in both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. In April, May and June, Second Harvest served over 500,000 people- double the amount of people they were serving before the pandemic. The number of new clients, neighbors asking for help for the first time, has increased at least 23%. 95% of the money we donate goes directly to paying for client programs. Not all food is donated to Second Harvest; they do pay for some of it. Second Harvest distributes food itself, as well as through community partners- churches and other organizations.

For more about Second Harvest, visit www.shfb.org

Regards, Rickie Bolin, Secretary

Pictures of the Guild thru the Years!



1995



1999

Lubiana Cernobori thought it would be fun to have an IAWG choir..... and so the music began. The choir first performed at the IAWG Christmas party in 1997.



Julie Bagneschi - Dorene Marelich - Iris Bagneschi - Lubiana Cernobori - Corrine Courtney - Regina Bortolus - Mimi Piparo - Anita Meister - Karen Casazza

"In the Spirit of Friendship" The Bocce Ball Games

Bocce ball dates back to 5200 BC. In 1896 AD the first Olympiad was held in Athens, Greece and became an International Sport. From Greece it went to Italy, France and finally America.

The Italian American Women's Guild adopted bocce on October 14, 1995. Our first tournament held was at Central Park and thirty ladies participated in this event.

Bocce has become an annual event with more players enjoying the great sport, friendships, and a fun day.

Many thanks to Rose Viscuso for chairing this event since the beginning.



1997

September Luncheon

Ladies, we are trying to find ways to safely come together and enjoy each other's company. This month we are going to start something **NEW!** Instead of a dinner meeting, we are having a luncheon meeting, Monday September 14. The outside restaurant at the club is proving to be successful and given it is a daytime opportunity, more people are wanting to come out and enjoy a great meal and engage in conversation. The board decided that this type of event would be more inviting to members. We are starting at 2:00 and eating at 2:30. A short meeting will follow and I hope to have our guest speaker we had set for the August meeting. Again, the outside eating area will be set according to social protocols and bring your mask. If you've attended the club for lunch, you already know the routine. It's great!

We plan to have the same format for October. Please join us for some good food, good company and just some "get out of the house time". Hope to see you!! **(see the flyer enclosed)**

New Additions to your Board

I want to welcome Yvonne Bushman to our board. Yvonne was installed as a new member of the IA WG in January. She volunteered to be considered for the job of Treasurer. She has great experience in this field and I know will do a fantastic job. At our board meeting she was nominated and then formally elected to the office of Treasurer.

Thank you to Sally Pratali for her work for the past few years as treasurer and continuing the job until such time that we were able to find a qualified candidate. The board then nominated and elected Sally to fill the job of Vice President. I know she will be a great contributor in this position. I was then elected to now be your President.

I want to thank them for their service to this organization and look forward to working with them. Please congratulate these ladies when you see or talk to them!

Thanks, Linda

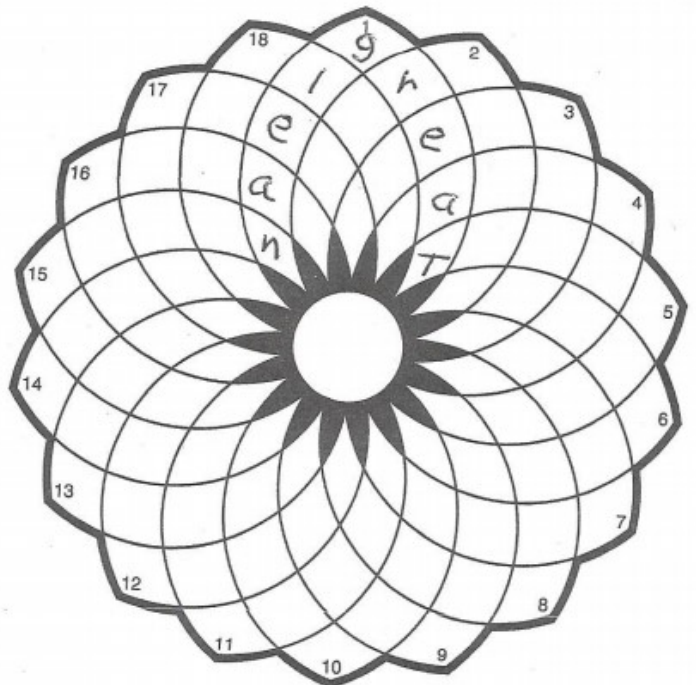
Criss Crossword Puzzle by Lana Vorrises (answers on page 5)

Clockwise

1. Better than average
2. Fold in cloth
3. Armoire
4. Hold tightly
5. Hard shelled mollusks
6. Pus-filled pimples
7. Not here
8. End
9. Thoughtfully clever
10. Group of three
11. Blunder
12. Wide
13. First sign of the Zodiac
14. Steeps (tea)
15. Tanned
16. Sound of pain
17. _____ with envy
18. Sheep's cry

Counterclockwise

1. Collect facts
2. Groom
3. Free from flaws
4. Swindler
5. Shoe spike
6. Explosion
7. Drink in honor of
8. Ape
9. Back of the feet
10. Pulls apart
11. Rub out
12. She wears white
13. Impressive display
14. Bird off-springs
15. Tobacco pipe
16. Excessive desire for wea
17. Increases
18. Forehead features



Criss Crossword Puzzle Answers

Clockwise

1. Great
2. Pleat
3. Chest
4. Clasp
5. Clams
6. Boils
7. There
8. Cease
9. Heady
10. Triad
11. Error
12. Broad
13. Aries
14. Brews
15. Brown
16. Groan
17. Green
18. Bleat

Counterclockwise

1. Glean
2. Preen
3. Clean
4. Cheat
5. Cleat
6. Blast
7. Toast
8. Chimp
9. Heels
10. Tears
11. Erase
12. Bride
13. Array
14. Brood
15. Briar
16. Greed
17. Grows
18. Brows



ITALIAN DONUTS

Olga Cava

2 c. Ricotta cheese
 2 c. flour
 3 eggs
 2 tsp. baking powder

3 Tbsp. sugar
 Pinch of nutmeg
 1 tsp. vanilla (or more)

Mix cheese with mixer. Add sugar, eggs, vanilla, and flour. Deep-fry in preheated corn oil. Drop by spoonfuls into oil. Cook till golden brown. Remove to paper towel. Roll in powdered sugar.

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CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

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

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

August trivia answer: Genoa

“ Who, almost single handedly, made the Florentine dialect the literary standard language of Italy.”

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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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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Please submit any articles, recipes, births, get well wishes, sympathy or to place an ad in the newsletter by the **3rd Friday of the month**.

Your input is appreciated!

Thank you,

Pat Armanino parmanino135@gmail.com Newsletter

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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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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>