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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October is here and we're starting to get ready for Halloween and the holidays that follow!!

September 9th was our White Elephant Dinner. There were 155 members and friends at the dinner. A big **thank you** to Rickie Bolin and her team for putting together a fantastic evening. With great food and wonderful "treasurers", we browsed and bought, which made this a fun evening.

September birthday wishes were extended to our members at the dinner. They were recognized with cupcakes and *Happy Birthday* was sung.

October 14th will be our next dinner meeting. Reservations must be received by October 8, 2019. The flyer was in the September newsletter and is on the website under Events category (IAWGsm.org). This will be an interactive meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Mena Fadelli and her team will be actively seeking nominations for the remaining vacancies for Treasurer and President at our October meeting. It has been suggested that the Presidency be a shared position – this is a fantastic way to lead the IAWG. Members have been nominated for the Vice President, Secretary and Board. To keep the Guild in existence, all positions must be filled. Feel free to talk with the nomination committee or current officers and board members regarding the open positions. These last two years our officers and board members have enjoyed working as a team to support the IAWG. We have a wealth of talent in our membership. We need membership to step-up to keep this organization moving forward. Elections will be held at our November meeting.

Charitable Contribution nomination forms were passed out at our September meeting. Forms can also be found on the IAWG website under the *Resource* category. These forms will be collected at our October meeting with your suggestions for charities to be donated to by the IAWG. At the November meeting, a compilation of your suggestions will be passed out and the members will vote on the charities the IAWG will donate to for 2019.

Woman of the Year nomination forms will be passed out at our October meeting. These forms can also be found on the IAWG website under *Resources*. The completed forms will be collected at the November meeting or can be mailed to me. (Information is on the form).

October 20th will be the IAWG Bingo Brunch/Lunch Fundraiser (Flyer on IAWGsm.org). The Bingo Brunch/Lunch Fundraiser will be exciting this year with a live auction added to the festivities. Check out some of the auction items on the website under Events (also on page 3)

November 6th will be an IAWG Movie Tour field trip (Flyer enclosed and at IAWGsm.org under Events). **November 11th** will be a Pizza Dinner Meeting for members only (Flyer enclosed and at IAWGsm.org under Events). **December 9th** will be our members' Christmas Dinner.

Ciao for now,

Gail Mozzini



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2019

October 1st

IAWG Luncheon at Izzy's
(Flyer on Website)

October 14th

Dinner Meeting
(Flyer on Website)

October 20th

IAWG Bingo Brunch/Lunch Fundraiser
(Flyer on website)

November 6th

IAWG Movie Tour
(Flyer Enclosed)

November 11th

Pizza Dinner Meeting
(Flyer enclosed)

December 9th

Members' Christmas Dinner



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

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference - Sir Winston Churchill



Birthdays of the Month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

wishing
you
a
Speedy
recovery

- Member Pia Moro



MARLENE SPANO	October 4
DORIA EAKER	October 4
DONNA SILVERS	October 5
JOYCELYN FIRENZI-PINE	October 7
GIORGINA MANTIA	October 7
SUZANNE BERTOLOZZI	October 8
JENNETTE GONZALEZ	October 8
LORENE MUMMERT	October 9
KIMBERLY CIMINO	October 10
KATHLEEN SEMENZA	October 12
ELISE PIEPMEIER	October 12
ROSETTA BIOSIC	October 14
DEBRA COSTANZO	October 15
JEAN LOMBARDI	October 15
LAURINDA BUSALACCHI	October 16
LORETTA GRECO	October 17
ROBERTA BERNAT	October 18
LORI VOREYER	October 18
SILVANA MASSA	October 18
MARIA COLOMBO	October 20
JOYCE CAHALAN	October 22
CHARLOTTE CONWAY	October 22
ANNA RAMACCIOTTI	October 22
MARIANNE SMITH	October 23
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THERESA NIELSEN-STEVENSON	October 24
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SUSAN PUCCI	October 26
LINDA AVELAR	October 28
TINA CANEPA	October 28
MARIE BAEZA	October 29
KRISTEN NANNA	October 30
DIANA BALESTRERI	October 31

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2020 membership is
due on January 1st. The yearly membership

fee is **\$75.00**

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Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine
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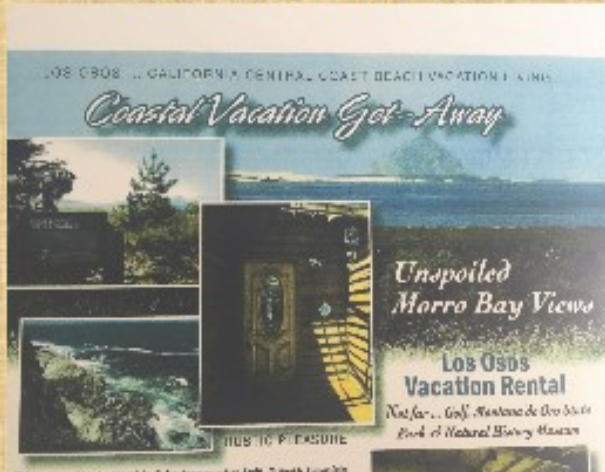
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The Nominations Committee continues to invite all IAWG members who are interested in being a candidate for President or Treasurer. A suggestion has been made and approved by the Board, for a "co-presidency". In other words, two of our members can "job-share" the office of President. Please consider this and let any Committee member know if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jo Amoroso 347-9309
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MINUTES OF IAWG DINNER MEETING AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

President Gail Mozzini called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gail welcomed everyone to a great evening of shopping at tonight's fun event. The Chairperson of this event, Rickie Bolin, welcomed everyone and directed them to place the item(s) they brought on one of the tables provided, and complete the form with their name, short description of the item, and the minimum bid amount and place the form by the item. Rickie told everyone to please feel free to shop and bid on their favorite items.

Gail reminded all that the charitable contribution forms were left on each table and need to be completed and turned in at the October meeting. The charity's Administrative Cost percent must be included. The administrative cost can be found on the organization's website or by a phone call to the organization. The Charitable Contribution forms are available online (<https://iawgsm.org>).

Jean Volkman told us the bus trip to Graton on September 25th is proceeding well and there is still some room available.

The Bingo Brunch on October 20th looks to be a wonderful event with a great auction, as well as the raffle items of baskets and gift cards. The Chairpersons for this, Arlene Callegari and Terry Goblirsch had brought poster size pictures of some of the auction items. They all seem wonderful and can be viewed on the website (<https://iawgsm.org>). (and included on page 3) The flyer for October Bingo Fundraiser is also available on the website.

Elections for the 2020 Officers and Board Members will take place at the November dinner meeting. The Nominating Committee is suggesting a co-presidency (job-sharing) of the president position. Hopefully members step forward to fill the positions.

Doreen Mazzei gave the answers to the Italian trivia: Toscana and Corsican; and Milan.

The September birthdays were celebrated with a cupcake given to each celebrant.

The White Elephant Sale concluded with members going home with their new treasures.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Fran Benson

Friday, September 13th, delivery of breast cancer heart pillows to Palo Alto Medical Oncology Foundation



Our Grandfather, Carlo Gelardi
By Anna Murphy & Toni Wootten

Our grandfather, Carlo Gelardi, was born in Sciacca, Sicily and immigrated to the United States with his family to San Francisco. He learned his trade as a fisherman from his father. In 1906 at the age of 23 he married our grandmother Accursia (Augusta) LaRocca and together they raised twelve children. For many years they all lived on Chestnut Street in flats in North Beach area of San Francisco.

His boat, the *Josie G*, was named after his youngest daughter. It was purchased around 1936 and used until he purchased the *Baby Carl* in 1960. He went out fishing with his sons, Calie and Dotty, in Bodega Bay, Point Reyes, Santa Cruz and Monterey areas. They would often go out for many days or even weeks at a time and fish for salmon or crab. Not an easy way to make a living.

Our grandfather, with his ruddy complexion spoke “broken” English and was very hard working. His mustache would feel scratchy when he kissed our checks. He always had a smile for his many grandchildren. He managed to purchase flats on Bay Street so he could walk down to Fisherman’s Wharf because he never learned to drive. His garage was filled with crab traps; orange buoys hung from hooks and he was constantly repairing heavy fishing nets. He grew vegetables in his very small but well-maintained garden and there was always a small wooden box filled with fresh parsley. The scent of his homemade wine and vinegar that he stored in large oak barrels in his dark cellar still lingers in our memories.

One of our favorite memories was gathering all the family at his house during crab season for a huge cioppino dinner. I remember him coming home with huge buckets of live crabs and clams. We had a feast with plenty of pasta and lots of French bread for dipping. With our little cousins we would collect the crab claws as “weapons” and chase each other through the hall. We also loved to color the clamshells.



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

“Founded in this Italian city in the 11th century it is the home of Europe’s oldest university.”

Name the city in 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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Thank you,

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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.

<https://iawgsm.org>