

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We are crossing into the Autumn season of the year until December's first day of winter. I can't help but be mindful of what each of the seasons highlights for us. Of course, each season is distinguished by special climate conditions and beauty. Did you know that since Autumn falls between a blazing summer and chilly winter, it's considered the "cooling off" season. Night arrives earlier and temperatures begin to drop.

We are very fortunate to experience and enjoy 4 seasons as many areas do not. We've not been able to enjoy spring or summer like we usually do and with the disastrous fires, we experienced many days of poor air quality which prevented many from going outdoors.

What about the very unusual weather day a few weeks ago when the smoke from the fires provided a screen that eliminated the sun from coming through, basically keeping us in semi-darkness as if it were evening. That experience made me think of the saying: "it's always darkest before the dawn" which gives me hope that maybe we are coming to a turning point in this most unusual year and perhaps the time is coming soon when we can again enjoy our IAWG events.

Speaking of enjoying events, I was so pleased with the response to our lunch meeting in September with 37 members registered. We had sun and some blue sky that day and our guest speaker Lynn Gallo taught us how to work on our mental health during trying times. It was so nice to get together. We had a few laughs, great food and just enjoyed being out and about with friends.

The idea of luncheon meetings is being well received and therefore, we will do this again in October and perhaps November, weather permitting. This has provided a new gateway for us to safely come together and engage with one another.

It occurred to me that this newsletter is one avenue besides, emails and phone numbers that members are able to get communications about events, activities and news about other members. At the first meeting of the 35 charter members, the ladies decided that this new organization needed a formal means of communicating with members.

Did you know that in 1995 the VOCE DELLE DONNE was created? Gloria De Silva became editor and Jo Amoroso was co-editor. We need to thank Jo for coming up with the name Voce Delle Donne. In 1996, Gloria was elected president of the IAWG and from 1996- 1999 Jo became editor and Lubiana Cernabori became co-editor. More fun facts about the guild in my next message.

**I hope to see you at our next luncheon meeting on Columbus Day October 12.** We have a fun activity planned for that day.

Be safe my friends!

Ciao,

Linda (Biancalana) Koelling



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
2020**

**October 12  
Columbus Day  
Luncheon Meeting  
(see flyer page 4)**

**October 26  
Bocce  
(info page 5)**

**November 9  
Meeting TBD  
25th Anniversary Party  
(Date to be determined)**



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



# Birthdays of the Month

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:*

- Nancy Ratti recovering from surgery
- Corrine Courtney 's husband

**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. (Please also check your Spam folder)

Thank you!

Pat Armanino—STAY SAFE!

NANCY MUNROE	October 2
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
LORENE MUMMERT	October 9
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
LEONORA VENEZIA	October 24
THERESA NIELSEN-STEVENSON	October 24
VIVIAN SOUTHARD	October 24
LUCIANA WITHERSPOON	October 25
DIANE TRIBULATO	October 25
SUSAN PUCCI	October 26
LINDA AVELAR	October 28
TINA CANEPA	October 28
MARIE BAEZA	October 29
KRISTEN NANNA	October 30
GINA GIAMBRA	October 30
DIANA BALESTRERI	October 31

### TOYS FOR TOTS IS COMING

It is doubtful that we will be able to have our beautiful Christmas dinner program this year, but as a club, we are still going to be participating in Toys for Tots programs.

This year has been very difficult for families, some more than others. I was contacted by the St. Francis Center in Redwood city and their Toys for Tots program that they are setting up will be to ask for gift cards from Target. The idea is that families who are involved in that particular program can use those gift cards for toys, clothing or food. We are also checking other programs where we can specifically provide a toy or game for a child. There will be more information about this in our next newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Sally Pratali.

A QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

**"NATURE ALWAYS WEARS THE COLOR OF THE SPIRIT"**

BY Ralph Waldo Emerson



## "In the Spirit of Friendship" ..... Tea at the Palace

Come fall, many members look forward to spending a relaxing afternoon sipping tea at the beautiful and historic Garden Court at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. It is an experience that takes you to a time of days-gone-by as mothers, daughters, granddaughters, family and friends of LAWG gather together in the elegant Garden Room to enjoy delicious scones and treats, tea sandwiches, and the aroma of steaming hot tea. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon, sharing a cup of tea with family and friends!





# Italian American Women's Guild

October 12, 2020

## **NEW!** Afternoon Outside Lunch/ Meeting/ Social/

Peninsula Italian American Social Club  
100 North B Street, San Mateo, **2:00 p.m. (new social time)**  
**Lunch at 2:30pm**  
**General Meeting/ Special Activity to follow**  
**More Social time: until everyone leaves or 6:00**

### **"October... Columbus Day Celebration"**

The event will be in the beautiful courtyard setting of the club, with a background of Italian music. Meet /greet starting at 2:00 with open bar. Lunch will be served at 2:30 followed by a short business meeting and special activity- making Paper Flowers. (see in formation page 5) Enjoy a simple Italian lunch with wine, coffee, dessert and time to visit with friends. Please bring your mask to wear if you need to go through the building or if it makes you comfortable.

Reservation must be received by: October 6, 2020

Make check payable to IAWG and send to:  
Barbara Valle  
702 South Delaware, San Mateo CA 94402  
For questions or further information call Barbara Valle 650-302-0667

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

Cost: \$32 \_\_\_\_\_ *Entrée (please circle choice)*

*Genovese style Pasta w pesto, green beans/potatoes or*

*Beef Stew w green olives over mashed potatoes, wine, coffee & dessert included....*

*(open bar available)*

Need a ride: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, someone will contact you.)

**Table seating will be set to comply with social distancing**

This and all flyers can be found on our website: <https://iawgsm.org> under Events

## October Luncheon Activity

Ladies, our October Luncheon activity is going to be a lot of fun and very colorful! We are going to **create a hydrangea**.....from coffee filters!

We ask that you bring a pair of scissors and a pencil. All other supplies will be provided. This will be perfect for the holidays!

Lana Vorrises is our creator and arranger and she will be assisted by Donna Silvers. If you have any questions contact Lana at 650-7037473 or [lanaladuca@comcast.net](mailto:lanaladuca@comcast.net)

A bit of trivia: Who sang the song Paper Roses??? Answer at the luncheon!



## BOCCE TIME AGAIN

**Save the date: Monday October 26**, Foster City Bocce Courts on Shell Blvd. along the lagoon. Let's once again get back to the courts and enjoy some time in the sun. This is a free event but you'll need to sign up with Lana Vorrises, our event Coordinator.

Contact her at : [lanaladuca@comcast.net](mailto:lanaladuca@comcast.net) or call her 650-703-7473



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pictures of events and  
useful links, please  
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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

Sept trivia answer: Dante Alighieri

**October Trivia:**

This Piedmontese city serves as the center of Italy's automotive industry."

**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!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please email me:  
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Ciao,  
Linda Watson



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## NEWS DEADLINE

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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## 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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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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