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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors NOVEMBER 2023 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

Our **Bingo Luncheon Buffet** was an incredible afternoon. Two hundred fifty ladies and gentlemen attended the event purchasing raffle tickets and biding on the Auction. We would like to thank **Donna Silvers** for her hours of time and efforts resulting in the enjoyment and success of our Bingo fundraiser. Our thanks to **Yvonne Bushman** for the very difficult and time-consuming effort to accommodate our members and guests with their seating preferences. Those who donated items for our raffle contributed to our success and we are most thankful for your generosity. It's amazing how many people enjoy playing Bingo and it is so satisfying because **it financially supports** our **Scholarship fund** and **Charitable Donations**.

Please see the flyers of the coming events in this newsletter. Important forms to pay attention to are:

Candidates running for the 2024 Board of Directors along with your voting ballots that must be signed to count. (see page 7)

2023 Woman of the Year Form that requires a signature. (see page 8) **Christmas Toy Drive and Dinner Flyer** (see page 11)

2024 Membership dues which are due January 1, 2024.

Flyers are also available on our Flyer table at all meetings along with our **2023 Membership Roster** and New Member Applications.

Please pay special attention to the important flyers of coming events that require your response

So many things to look forward to in the near future.

This is the time of year when we celebrate **Thanksgiving**. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held every November. Previous to this Thanksgiving was celebrated as a thanks to God, however, it was proposed religious demonstration of piety was not appropriate for a government based in part on the separation of church and state. While religious thanksgiving services continued there were no further presidential proclamations marking Thanksgiving until the civil War. Imagine all those turkey's we've consumed through the years.

From the Officers and the members of the Board we wish you a bountiful and happy Thanksgiving

Newsletter correspondent, Corinne Verili Courtney



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2023

Saturday, November 11

Make Limoncello!

(SOLD OUT)

Monday, November 13
Meet Your 2024 Candidates &
Member Appreciation
Dinner (FREE)

(see page 10)

Monday, December 11 Christmas Dinner & Toy Drive (see page 11)

All flyers are always available on our website & on the table behind the greeter's table

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2024 membership is due on JANUARY 1st (see page 3)

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 to
request a NAME TAG and it will be

available at the next meeting!



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Vice President-Charlene O'Malley

Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman

Secretary - Andrea Bin

Events - Lana Vorrises

Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

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TREASURER'S REPORT
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE—JO AMAROSO, CHAIR

Get well wishes To:

Susan Pucci

MANI DI ANGELI—BARBARA VALLE, CHAIR

Sympathy To:

- The Guild extends sincere sympathy to the family of member Lisa Maskarich. Lisa is survived by her husband Michael and loving family. A Guild member since 2017
 - May 1965 October 2023 May she rest in Peace
- Terry Goblirsch on passing of husband Richard

<u>Mani di Angeli</u>

November 30



SUZANNE MERO

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



<u>Sunshine</u>



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

Dear Members.

Thank you members and your guests for attending and supporting our annual Bingo Fundraiser this year. We had close to 260 attendees which made for a fun day. Our profit from Bingo, the raffle and the auction was **\$6325.96**.

I would like to thank **Yvonne Bushman** for her hard work collecting reservations. This is not an easy job with such a large group but Yvonne did a great job. Thank you **Arlene Bin-DiNitto** for the lovely Fall centerpieces. Twenty-six guests were lucky enough to take one home.

Thank you to all the Volunteers, especially everyone that came early in the morning to set up. Everyone's help was invaluable. Thanks so much: Arlene Bin-DiNitto, Charlene O'Malley, Andrea Bin, Yvonne Bushman, Cathy Borrone, Tina Canepa, Arlene Garcia, Barbara Valle, Nancy Munroe, Janet Sallee, Donna Salvato, Scarlett Salvato (Donna Salvato's Granddaughter), Carol Conroy, Edna Acri, Carmela DiMauro, Jean Volkman, Mary Pardini, Deb Robbins, Cathy Lucci, Sally Busalacchi, Geri Travins, Janet Shapiro, Lori Bates, Lana Vorrises, Giulia Solari, Giovanna Sodini, Sally Pratali

Thank you everyone for all the very generous gift baskets and gift cards: Edna Acri, Lana Appenrodt, Eileen Barsi, Lori Bates, Janice Beougher, Andrea Bin, Arlene Bin-DiNitto, Cathy Borrone, Sally Busalacchi, Yvonne Bushman, Tina Canepa, Carol Cohn, Carol Conroy, Corrine Courtney, Janet Cuschieri, Adriana DelCarlo, Carmela DiMauro, Jean DiSalvo, Anna DuPont, Janet Eddy, Angie Fanucchi, Arlene Garcia, Marjorie Geordano, Theresa Gotshalk, Josephine Longhitano, Cathy Lucci, Charlene Lundy, Virginia Malaspina, Betsy Marr, Robin May, Doreen Mazzei, Kathy McKibben, Barbara Millett, Madeline Miranda, Gloria Mirowski, Nancy Morris, Gail Mozzini, Nancy Munroe, Virginia O'Brien, Margie Occhipinti, Charlene O'Malley, Mary Pardini, Eda Rose Pignati, Sally Pratali, Anna Ramacciotti, Elaine Robinson, Janet Sallee, Donna Salvato, Marie Sattui, Marlene Spano, Diane Tribulato, Barbara Valle, Jean Volkman, Lana Vorrises, John Zarganis, Nicki Zarganis. Thanks again.

A special **thank you** to **Franca Marchetti** for all the work she does to generate donations from local merchants. Franca sends out more than 100 letters every year. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

One final thought. It takes many people to make this event a success. **Thank you** to all the amazing women that I had the opportunity and pleasure to work with.

Donna Silvers Bingo Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2024 membership is due on JANUARY 1st Dues not paid by FEBRUARY 1st shall be delinquent

Two weeks grace (February 15th), after that she will be dropped from the Guild

NO EXCEPTIONS. This is the beginning of a 3 month notice
The yearly membership fee is \$75.00
Please mail your check payable to IAWG to:
Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine
275 Uplands Drive
Hillsborough, CA 94010
Be a part of our great organization!
Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

CANDIDATES FOR 2024 IAWG OFFICERS



ARLENE BIN-DI NITTO – I have been a member of IAWG since 2019 and served on the Board of Directors in 2021 and 2022. I have served on my current position as President for the year 2023. I value the purpose of this club and what it stands for.

Because of the importance of the IAWG and its legacy, I am announcing my nomination for the Office of **President** for 2024.



CHARLENE O'MALLEY - I have been a member of the IAWG since 2020 and an Officer (**Vice President**) since 2023. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as an Officer for the Club. The membership is growing and the new events past and future are really exciting. We are looking forward to a successful year. As the nominating time approaches, I would like to submit my nomination to continue being Vice President and fulfilling my duties. This is a wonderful group of ladies and I look forward to working with them again.



YVONNE BUSHMAN--I have enjoyed my time as **Treasurer** of the IAWG and would like to continue to serve the membership. It has been a great experience working with so many wonderful women on the Board and I look forward to another great year. Thank you for your support.



ANDREA BIN--I joined the IAWG in January 2019. I have served as **Secretary** since 2020 and I am looking forward to continue my secretarial duties thru 2024. I am excited to be a member of IAWG and have acquired so many new friends. I look forward to more friendships and happy events in the future.

CANDIDATES FOR 2024 IAWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CATHY BORRONE - I have been a member with IAWG since 2013. I have been on the Board since 2022. I am chairperson for the IAWG Book Club and would like to work with the Board to set up other day functions for the club. I enjoyed being on the Board and looking forward to continue working with everyone in 2024 if re-elected



TINA CANAPA - I would like to run for the IAWG Board of Directors for another term. I have enjoyed serving with this fantastic group of ladies and look forward to the next year in which I will be producing a gala and fun show that all can participate. I am also presently the vice president of the Italian Community Service Auxiliary and have been for many years. I reside in Redwood Shores. I have made wonderful friends in this club of great and intelligent women. Let's continue to thrive Ladies



Chris Ercoli - I have two grown children and one grandson. I go to Arizona to see my grandson as often as I can. I enjoy traveling, but when I'm home I like to keep busy. I belong to a book club and am trying to take part in the IAWG book club also. I love to play Mah Jong and play as often as I can. I've taken up Table Tennis and have discovered it can be quite a workout! I became a member of IAWG about a year ago. I enjoy the meetings and have met some wonderful women. I also belong to the Roth Auxiliary at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The auxiliary runs the gift shop at the hospital and our profits pay for uncompensated care of children who are not covered by insurance. I was on their Board of Directors for four years. I also belong to Liguria Nel Mondo, an Italian club for members whose ancestors are from Genoa and other areas of Ligoria. The purpose of this organization is to keep the Genovese culture alive and to award scholarships to students of Genovese descent. I recently became a member of the Rotary Club of Belmont Redwood Shores. I look forward to working with this organization to help improve, by good works and programs, the lives of so many here and around the world.



ARLENE GARCIA - I have been a member of the IAWG since 2019 and I'm a current member of the Board of Directors. I would like to continue to be on the Board as I have enjoyed working with our members addressing their concerns and issues regarding ways to improve our operations. I currently am a Pedro teacher for our Club and I am on a Bocce Team that consists of current Club members. Our Italian Club is full of wonderful women whom treasure their Italian heritage and love to meet and enjoy friendships. I am proud to represent you and I would be very grateful for your vote.

CANDIDATES FOR 2024 IAWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)



CATHY LUCCI--I enjoy being on the board very much because it is nice to get involved in the club. I would like to continue being on the board and bring some new ideas to the club in 2024



DEB ROBBINS--I thoroughly enjoy being a member of the IAWG. I have been a member for one year and have made numerous new friends. I am currently on the Events Committee, Bocce Team, and partake in the Book Club. I truly feel the Club is like my second family. I would like to get more involved working with these amazing and talented women, not only helping the Club continue to thrive with new ideas and be part of the leadership, but also in supporting our Italian heritage.



DONNA SILVERS--This past year has been an amazing experience being a member of the IAWG Board. I would love to continue working with so many wonderful ladies to keep the club traditions moving forward



BARBARA VALLE— I have been an IAWG member since 2018. It has been a wonderful experience to serve on the Board for the past 3 years. Our club has grown in Membership and activities. It would be my honor to continue to serve on the Board in 2024. I would gratefully appreciate your vote.

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD OFFICAL BALLOT 2024

OFFICERS (Vote for one in each office)

<u>PRESIDENT</u>		
o Arle r <u>VICE PRESI</u>		Write in candidate
o Char l <u>SECRETARY</u>		Write in candidate
o Andr TREASUREF	ea Bin (incumbent)	Write in candidate
o Yvon	ne Bushman (incumbent)	Write in candidate
BOARD OF	DIRECTORS (Vote of seven)	
0	Cathy Borrone (incumbent)	
0	Tina Canepa (incumbent)	
0	Christine Ercoli	
0	Arlene Garcia (incumbent	
0	Cathy Lucci (incumbent)	
0	Deb Robbins	
0	Donna Silvers (incumbent)	
0	Barbara Valle (incumbent)	
0	Write in candidate	_
PRINT NAME_		SIGNATURE

Ballot must be signed to be counted

Mail completed ballot to: NOMINATING COMMITTEE, IAWG, PO BOX 6411, SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Mailed Ballots MUST be received by Thursday, November 9th

Or completed ballot may also be brought to IAWG meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023

WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM - 2023

Return this form at the December meeting. If you can't attend the Christmas meeting, mail the completed form to Andrea Bin, 1501 Sequoia Ave. San Bruno CA 94066 or attach and email to Andrea: Binny1943@gmail.com

I would like to nominate	Woman of the Year 2023				
REASON FOR NOMINATION:					
Signature					

For your vote to count, you must be sure to state why nominee deserves this honor and you MUST sign your ballot. Any ballots missing this information will NOT be counted.



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\$55 per person (Includes limoncello class, lunch, limoncello tasting and shopping.)
Bring 8 whole lemons, 34 oz. Everclear or vodka, a peeler and a glass jar w/lid
to hold 34 oz. of liquor.

Members Only *Limited Space* First Come, First Serve

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check payable to *IAWG* to: Kathy McKibben, 707 Somerset, Foster City, California 94404

For questions or further information, please contact Kathy McKibben at kamckibben@mac.com or Anna DuPont at anna@annadupont.com

Reservation and check <u>must</u> be received by October 18, 2023 (Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations.)

Number of tickets	@ \$55.00 per person	Amount Enclose	d:
Member's Name:		Phone:	
Email Address:			
Please let us know if you ar	e willing to carpool or need a ride.	Carpool	☐ Need a ride

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100 North B Street



MEET YOUR
CANDIDATES
ELECTION OF
2024 OFFICERS
AND BOARD

5:00PM NO-HOST COCKTAILS -6:00PM IAWG HOSTED DINNER



MENU

Lasagne Bolonese or Vegetarian Lasagne Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread Coffee and Dessert

MEMBERS ONLY - OPEN SEATING PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

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IAWG Christmas Toy Drive & Dinner Monday, December 11, 2023

No-Host Cocktails at 5:00 pm - Dinner at 6:00 pm

Dinner includes:

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ENTRÉE CHOICE OF: SAUSAGE & POLENTA ROAST CHICKEN & POLENTA EGGPLANT PARMESAN

SERVED WITH GREEN BEANS AND ONIONS
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DESSERT AND COFFEE

Cost \$43.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)

Bring an unwrapped item for the San Mateo Firefighters' Toys for Tots Program. Suggested items: toys, board games, sporting goods, books, art supplies (no stuffed toys, please)

(Minimum value \$15.00)

Deadline for Reservations is December 6, 2023 (No refunds after December 6 and no tickets sold at the door.)

Please return the bottom portion of this form with your check payable to IAWG to:

Roberta Bernat 111 Spinnaker Street Foster City, CA 94404

If you have any questions, contact Joycelyn at: 650-678-8765 or firenzi@comcast.net

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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 do not receive a newsletter please email me

parmanino135@gmail.com

ADDRESS CHANGES, ETC.

If you have a change in your name, address, email or phone number, please contact Roberta Bernat

rbernat@att.net or 650.200.9095

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

TIME: 11:00 AM

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

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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			



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

Ciao, Linda Watson



Learn to play or improve your skills. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday at 11AM Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only. Foster City Recreation Center

650 Shell Blvd Foster City, CA Lana Vorrises 650.703.7473

lanaladuca@comcast.net



How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

Answer to SEPTEMBER trivia: Pizza Parlor

OCTOBER Trivia: in ancient Rome a wet sponge attached to a stick was used in lieu of what modern day convenience

meeting!



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



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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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