

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is an expression of gratitude, especially to God. It has been an annual National holiday in our country celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. As some members may know, Italians living in Italy do not celebrate Thanksgiving as we do. They have many holidays called La Festa del Ringraziamento (or Festival of Thanks), which refer to a variety of religious holidays held throughout the year to honor patron saints. I'm sure we can agree that Italians love any holiday that brings together friends and family and of course food!

I think one thing we can all be thankful for is that 2020 will be coming to an end soon. This year will go down in history as the year to forget. I hope we will all take a moment during this Thanksgiving month and reflect on the year; not on the negative but on the blessings we have; our families and the friends we enjoy.

For the past few months, the board and I have tried to make some modifications with our activities and events to be able to keep some semblance of normalcy for members. The Lunch time meetings the fun bocce events, all brought friends together safely to enjoy each other's company and have a few laughs. I appreciated those opportunities to get together.

This is also the time of year when the Guild determines the charities that we wish to support. The Board decided that we would proceed to make donations to the charities the members voted on last year; Bay Area Cancer Connection, CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) and Mission Hospice. We also voted to add another organization this year and that is the Red Cross. With all the fires that destroyed so many homes and disrupted so many lives, we decided that the Guild would make a contribution to the Red Cross this year on behalf of the fire victims.

As we near the Christmas season, we know that many families will be faced with many challenges which is why I am encouraging the membership to please consider joining us in contributing to the Toys for Tots program being organized by the St Vincent center in Redwood City. (information inside)

And speaking of Christmas, given the ability to have our meetings inside again, we are moving ahead and planning a Christmas event for December 14. (More Information to follow) We of course will still follow the safety guidelines in place.

Our Thanksgiving luncheon on November 9, will be held inside to accommodate additional members. This is an exciting change. I hope more of you will be able to join us for a real Thanksgiving feast. (see flyer inside)

"Felice Ringraziamento"

Be safe my friends!

Ciao,

Linda (Biancalana) Koelling

"Every Moment is a fresh Beginning" T.S. Eliot



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2020**

**Monday, November 9,
Thanksgiving luncheon
(Flyer Enclosed)**

**Monday, December 14
Christmas Event
(More info to follow)**

**25th Anniversary Party
(Date to be determined)**



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newsletter on our website:
<https://iawgsm.org>**



Birthdays of the Month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences to:

- Mena Fadelli on the passing of her husband Claudio
- Jeannie Bennar on the passing of her husband Warren

Get well wishes to:

- Hope Bartke after surgery

MENA CURCI	November 1
IVANA PANONTIN	November 2
RENEE TASSIO	November 2
MIRANDA ZANETTE	November 2
NANCI RATTI	November 3
MARA BARSOTTI-MILLIS	November 4
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LOUISE RAINEY	November 4
GERALDINE GAGLIARDO	November 5
JOSEPHINE DOELGER	November 8
ANNA MARIA SOZZI	November 8
LENORE ROUNSAVILE	November 8
LORRAINE SBRAGIA	November 9
PHYLLIS TOGNOTTI	November 10
LILLIAN LA PIRA	November 11
CONNIE CLEMENTE	November 15
SUSAN DE VINCENZI	November 15
MARISA PIANA	November 15
CARLA DORN	November 15
BERNADETTE BELLUOMINI	November 16
JUDY BALDI	November 18
ANGELA RAGGIO	November 18
SUSAN MCGUIRK	November 19
CAROLYN HENSLEY	November 20
YOLANDA MACHI	November 20
SHARON ONDRY	November 22
ARLENE BIN DI NITTO	November 23
MIRELLA EIRAS	November 25
EVELYN SERRATO	November 27
EDA ROSE PIGNATI	November 28
ROSE FRANCESCHI	November 29

IN MEMORY

One of the founding members of the Italian-American Women's Guild, DEANNA CONSANI, passed away on October 14, 2020. She was our first treasurer in 1995 and was president from 1998 - 2000.

Deanna was a San Francisco native, born on June 26th 1942. Deanna is survived by her husband of 55 years, Alessandro, whom she met in Lucca, Italy, and married shortly after in San Francisco. Also survived by two sons, Mark and Kevin and their spouses, and Nonna to six grandchildren.

Deanna graduated from Balboa High School in San Francisco where she was student body vice president. She was involved with the Masonic family and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 59 years. She volunteered with Shriners Hospital and had a 25-year career in real estate. Also spent time with the 'Curvy Chicks' of the Red Hat Society.

Deanna was a very private woman and over the years faced many hardships, but had unimaginable courage and strength. She always had a friendly 'hello' when seeing her at IAWG and the sweetest smile.

Deanna will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by the many good friends and family in the Italian-American Women's guild.

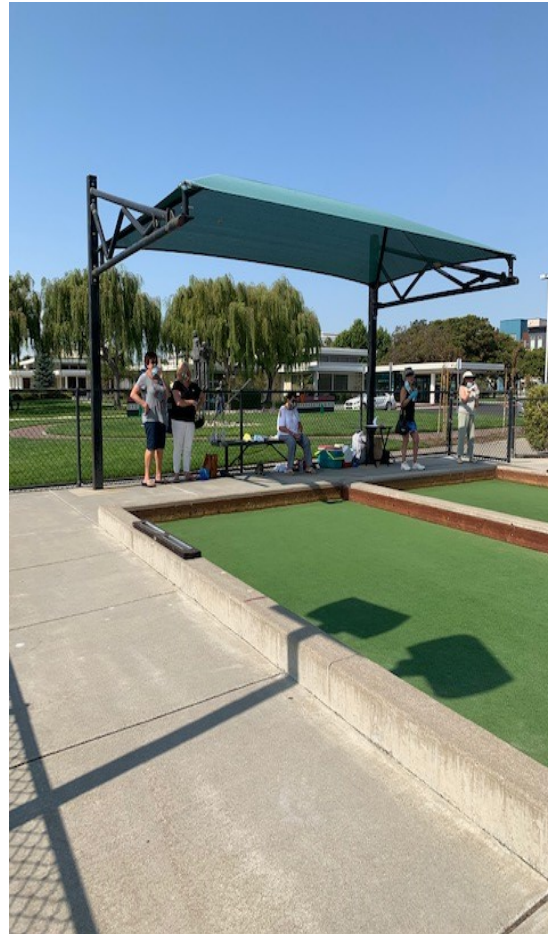
REST IN PEACE

Jeri Lucia-Johnson
Sunshine Chair



BOCCE

It was a “HOT” time in Foster City where 14 ladies braved the 95-degree heat on September 28 to play bocce. A very light breeze came off the beautiful central lagoon to provide a little relief as the teams drank lots of water and enjoyed many laughs. Lana had Italian music playing while teams enjoyed playing Bocce again. This activity will be repeated at the end of October and for however long the weather will allow. Thanks to Lana Vorrises for organizing these special activities.



Toys for Tots

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are going to support the efforts of the St Francis Center in Redwood City by collecting TARGET Gift cards that will be distributed to families in need for the Christmas holiday. The gift card idea provides many options for parents to offer some normalcy of holiday spirit to their families. A basket will be available beginning at our November 9 luncheon for anyone who would like to participate. Just drop off a gift card of any amount in the basket. We will then take these cards to St Francis Center when they are due in December. Thank you in advance for your participation. Let's help other families have a Merry Christmas.

Sally Pratali is continuing to work on the Firefighters toy drive, but they have been busy with the forest fires around the state. We will have more information at a later date. Thank you!

Columbus Day Lunch

Lynn Gallo becomes an official member of IAWG.....Welcome, Lynn!



Making paper flowers was a fun activity... Barbara Valle and Linda Koelling compare their art work! Lana teaches everyone how to make paper flowers



Leadership Selection

This is usually the time of year when we consider elections of the club's leadership positions. I think we can all agree that this has been an unusual year; a year where our activities have been few, and it's only been recently that we've been able to have meals together again. The activities and events we had planned for 2020 are on the back burner and God willing, we are ready to launch them next year. I just wanted to let you know that your officers and the Board have done the best they can given the circumstances we've faced and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the guild in 2021. We are all willing to serve next year in our current capacity and hope that we can enjoy a more normal year of fun, and activities starting January. If any member has a question about this please call or email me. Thank you, Linda Koelling

Coffee Filter Hydrangea

In case you missed it, here is the way you can make your own bouquet of hydrangeas at home

- Cut 8 white basket coffee filters that fit 8-12 cup coffee maker
- These can be colored with food coloring or water paints
- Fold the filter in half, then again in 4ths, again in 8ths and again in 16ths
- We drew a 4leaf clover at the top of the fold with lines drawn down from 2 clover leaves
- Then cut around the clover leaf
- Open all 8 folds after cutting the flower and stack on top of each other
- Pick up all 8 and fold like a taco
- Glue a skewer or floral wire about 2 inches up from the flat edge in the center
- Fold edges over like a cone around the stick and glue the edges
- Wrap the stick with floral tape
- Add leaves if you want



Note: The coffee filters can be dyed any color. They will dry in half an hour. Any water soluble paint can be used such as food color, water color paints acrylic paints diluted with water. Have fun!

FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY

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pictures of events and
useful links, please
check out our website!*

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

October answer: **Turino**

"Almost half of the world's production of Bergamote comes from this region of Italy. The fruit of the bergamot tree furnishes an oil that is used as a perfume." Identify the Italian region which cultivates this fruit.

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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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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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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