

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***Happy Holidays to all and may all have a great New Year !!!!!***

Thanksgiving started the holiday season. I hope everyone enjoyed the day with family and friends.

Our November meeting started with members bringing food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. As usual our members were extremely generous for this worthy community service. A BIG thank you to all !!!

At our Pizza Dinner, the IAWG members voted for our annual donation to a charity. The recipients for 2019 donations are Mission Hospice & Home Care in the amount of \$1000, CORA in the amount of \$1000 and Bay Area Cancer Connection (BACC) in the amount of \$500. Thank you to our members for continuing our philanthropic philosophy.

Also, ballots were collected for the IAWG Woman of the Year. Results will be celebrated at the January meeting.

December 9<sup>th</sup> will be our member Christmas Dinner and Toy Drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl. The San Mateo Firefighters will be collecting the toys for the annual *Toys for Tots* Program. Flyer is at the IAWG website under Events. (IAWGSM.org)

On December 9<sup>th</sup> *Mani di Angeli* would like to collect items to fill backpacks for children in hospital and who are wheelchair bound. Please give your backpack items to Lubiana at the dinner.

January 13, 2020 will be our member dinner to install our officers & board and initiate our new members. We are hopeful to have a full slate of officers for this installation. We now have Vice-President-Linda Koelling, Secretary-Rickie Bolin, Board: Andrea Bin, Geri Gagliardo, Nella Morello, Donna Silvers, Elena Tealdi, Barbara Valle, and Lana Vorisse. As of this writing, we have two/three important positions open, President/Co-President and Treasurer. I am hopeful these positions will be filled before our meeting in January.

As my two years as President of the IAWG comes to a close, I'm honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Guild as President. The members, officers, board and committee members all contributed to the success of our Guild. I want to especially give a tremendous and heartfelt thanks to Doreen Mazzei, Fran Benson, Sally Pratali, Diana Balestreri, Arlene Callegari, Mary Dietrich, Terry Goblirsch, Linda Koelling, Carolyn Regalia, Elena Tealdi, Yolanda Thayer (who was on the board before moving out of the area) and Newsletter Publisher/Webmaster, Pat Armanino. All these ladies worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to ensure all of us enjoyed the Guild events. The incredible teamwork of all the membership along with new friendships will always be a wonderful memory for me. Thank you to all for these remarkable two years.

*Arrivederci, Molte Grazie,*

Gail Mozzini

*Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions. -Dalai Lama*



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2019-2020

**December 9, 2019**

**Collecting items to fill children's back packs (see article page 2)**

**December 9, 2019**

**Christmas Toy Drive and Dinner (Flyer on website)**

**January 1, 2020**

**Happy New Year!**

**January 1, 2020**

**Membership Dues are Due**

**January 13, 2020**

**Installation and Initiation Dinner (Flyer Enclosed)**



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<https://iawgsm.org>**



# Birthdays of the Month

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *Get Well wishes to:*

- Member Adelaide Sciandri
- Member Sue Barsochini
- Member Rose Riley

**Condolences** on the passing of former board member Jean Mantegani

LILLIAN PICCININI	December 4
LORETTA SCIACQUA	December 4
MICHELLE WILKINSON	December 4
RENA KILLIAN	December 5
SUSAN DITO	December 6
HOPE PETERSON	December 6
BERNADETTE CHURSIN	December 7
MARJORIE GIORDANO	December 9
JOANNE SILVESTRI	December 9
CAROLYN FRESHOUR	December 10
VIOLET GUERRA	December 10
ROSALIND MEYNS	December 10
VALERIE SCHICK	December 10
GRAZIELLA CASTELLO	December 14
MICHELLE WILKINSON	December 14
TINA FATICA	December 17
IDA SCIAMANNA	December 18
ANTONETTE MACHI	December 19
LISA GIULIACCI	December 19
JERI LUCIA-JOHNSON	December 20
ANGELA BRUNO-CASTRO	December 20
DOLLY BELTRAME	December 22
SUSAN CANALE	December 23
LORRAINE DEL PRETE	December 23
PHYLLIS RODIGHIERO	December 28
CATHERINE SARTI	December 28



### **Bingo Event of Oct.20th, 2019 a Big Success, submitted by Arlene Callegari**

Want to thank everyone who brought in gift certificates and baskets. And those who brought them the day of the event-Sally Pratalli, Marjorie Giordano, Cathy Barranti, Elena Tealdi and Angela Bruno Castro.

We want to thank ALL the Board Members, who helped organize, assisted and donated to this first of a kind Live Auction and Raffle Bingo Brunch Event.

Want to thank Lorraine Sbragia, Kathy Barranti, Angela Bruno Castro, Jo Amooso, Linda Watson, Mena Fadelli, and Marjorie Giordano. Also a thank you goes out to Mitch Juricic for his humor and calling out the bingo numbers and for getting the most of the Live Auction. Also to Tony Vitrano and his staff.

Our net profit was \$X,XXX.XX

Thank you.

Arlene Callegari, Terry Goblirsch and Mary Dietrich  
Chair-persons of the Bingo Event



## Mani di Angeli

The Mani di Angeli sewing group is sewing wheelchair backpacks for children at Shriners Children's Hospital in Sacramento. These wheelchair backpacks are a gift to the child when they are therapy in the hospital. We will be making the delivery for the first part of December, so it will be a Christmas gift to the children. We are looking for donations of the following items to fill their backpacks.

These donated items must be brand new, no used toys will be accepted by the hospital. These children must not get any germs, as they are in the hospital because they are sick!

• Jigsaw puzzles (24-100) or 150 pieces) • Barbie Dolls • Coloring books and crayons • Pens and Pencils • Play animals (zoo, farm, aquatic, dinosaurs) • My Little Pony toys • See'n Say toys • Nerf toys • Stickers activity books • Action figures • Hot Wheels • Word search puzzles • Playing cards • Uno cards

We will be collecting the items up until the December General Meeting.

THIS IS A DIFFERENT DONATION COLLECTION THAN THE CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING TOY DRIVE

Any questions please call Lubian Cernobori 650.341.9522



## ***ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

It is the time of year for high school seniors to start thinking about scholarship monies to help with higher education costs. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce acceptance of scholarship applications for 2020.

The IAWG Scholarship Fund was established as an investment in the educational promise for our young men and women and because of our deep belief in the power of education to help young people achieve their dreams.

### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be relatives of IAWG members in good standing, (i.e. children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews).
- Scholarships will be awarded for full-time enrollment in an accredited community college, four year college or university. (Minimum 12 units per semester.)
- Applicants must demonstrate academic ability as well as being a well-rounded individuals. Also, applicants must express how their Italian heritage has influenced them.
- Awards will be for one year and recipients will be required to reapply for subsequent funding. An applicant may only be awarded a scholarship for a total of two years.

Please send the student's name, address and sponsor's name to Committee Chair, Gail Mozzini, to request an application packet. Her contact info is: [gailmozzini@gmail.com](mailto:gailmozzini@gmail.com) or 650-400-2494.

**Applications are DUE April 15, 2020.**

# MINUTES OF IAWG PIZZA DINNER MEETING NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2019

President Gail Mozzini called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gail welcomed everyone and hoped they would enjoy the evening. There was a moment of silence in remembrance of our veterans and their families.

Arlene Callegari, Terry Goblirsch, Carolyn Regalia and Elena Tealdi were absent.

Secretary Fran Benson reported that the Minutes of the October meetings were in the November newsletter and, since no one had any questions or problems with the October minutes, they were adopted. Fran read the current correspondence but, since the correspondence had been read in the October meeting, there were only two additional notes: the first from Jeanette Rudden for the plant and get well wishes during her recent recovery; and from Arlene Bin Di Nitto in remembrance of her deceased brother, Richard.

Treasurer Sally Pratali reported:

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Mary Dietrich reported on the Bingo Brunch. It was a wonderful success with a net profit of over \$X,XXX.

Jean Volkman reported on the Movie Tour. Everyone enjoyed this very much. The bus tour included over twenty San Francisco locations where movie scenes had been shot and the scene was simultaneously shown on a TV screen on the bus. Bloopers were pointed out where the movie scene didn't exactly match the reality. Lunch at Mel's Diner was included. Members who didn't go on the tour can book it individually by going online to the guided movie tour company. Brian is the company owner.

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine spoke about the two upcoming dinner meetings. On December 9<sup>th</sup> the Members' Christmas Dinner will again include a Toy Drive...a team of San Mateo Firefighters will pick up the donated toys for their Toys for Tots program. The dinner cost is only \$30 with the IAWG subsidizing the additional cost. It will be a wonderful dinner. The absolute deadline for reservations is December 4<sup>th</sup>. The flyer is available on the IAWG website. Joycelyn spoke briefly about the January 13th Dinner Meeting which will include the Installation of the new Officers and Board, and the initiation of new members. Prospective new members must submit their applications by end of November. Joycelyn reminded us that the \$75 membership renewal needs to be sent to Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine.

Gail Mozzini distributed Charitable Contribution ballots which listed the charities that were suggested earlier by the members. The ballots will be reviewed to determine which charities will receive the IAWG donation. Doreen Mazzei strongly suggests that the Guild select two charities and each year the IAWG would donate to those same two charities.

Woman of the Year nomination forms were distributed and completed ones collected for tallying by Gail. Completed and signed forms may be sent to Gail Mozzini at address shown on form by end of November.

Ballots were distributed for 2020 Officers and Board of Directors. There is no nominee for the two co-presidents or the treasurer as of this time, but the ballot was accepted as far as it goes. Gail Mozzini, Doreen Mazzei and Linda Koelling each spoke passionately about the importance of being an officer to help lead the Guild in the direction the membership wants. At the request of one of the members, Gail read the Job Descriptions for the vacant positions.

Doreen Mazzei gave the answer to the Italian trivia question: BACCALA

November birthdays were celebrated with a cupcake presented to each celebrant and all sang Happy Birthday.

The three raffle prizes were awarded.

.Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm'

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary Fran Benson



## My Ancestry

No one submitted a “My Ancestry” article for this edition. If you want your Ancestry to be featured in a future newsletter please send in via email to [parmano135@gmail.com](mailto:parmano135@gmail.com)

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Payment for your 2020 membership is  
*due on January 1, 2020*

The yearly membership fee is **\$75.00**

Please mail your check to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine  
355 Hillsborough Boulevard  
Hillsborough, CA 94010

*Be a part of our great organization!*

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine  
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(650) 344-4949

### SAN FRANCISCO MOVIE TOURS

We had a fabulous time on this trip. Brian, the owner, sent an email saying how much he and Maria, our guide, had a good time with our group. In this email, Brian indicated if you want to contact him directly to book a reservation call 415.624.4949 or email him at [info@sanfranciscocomovietours.com](mailto:info@sanfranciscocomovietours.com) He could give you an extra 10-15% discount off the regular rates. The website is [www.sanfranciscocomovietours.com](http://www.sanfranciscocomovietours.com)

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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

What Italian island has been called  
“Jewel of the Mediterranean“?

*Answer will be given at the next general meeting!*

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei: Source HERIT-AGE 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!

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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  
Mani di Angeli

Lubiana Cernobori, Mani di Angeli Chair  
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