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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors

DECEMBER 2023 Message

Greetings from your Officers and Board,

It's beginning to look a lot like **Christmas** everywhere you go. Before we prepare for this exciting time, we must reflect back to our Club festivities this past month.

Tis the season to be jolly as we have a complete set of **Officers** and **Board Members**. **Congratulations** to the Officers and Board: **President Arlene Bin-Di Nitto, Vice President Charlene O'Malley, Secretary Andrea Bin, and Treasurer Yvonne Bushman**, Board members **Cathy Barrone, Tina Canepa, Arlene Garcia, Cathy Lucci, Deb Robbins, Donna Silvers, and Barbara Valle**. With anticipation and excitement similar to **Santa Claus** coming to town the elections took place during the **Members Appreciation** meeting and dinner attended by **165** members. This lovely and enjoyable evening was hosted by **Arlene Garcia** with creative centerpieces arranged by **Kerri Lewis**. Thank you both for your time and efforts. **Pins** marking their **ten-year**, anniversary with our Club, were presented to **Jean Volkman** and **Carmela Di Mauro**. We also celebrated **October** and **November** birthdays for 31 members with favors while the choir of Angels sang **Happy Birthday in Italian**. This definitely wasn't a silent night.

Rudolph the red nose reindeer just delivered a note from our president Arlene reminding us that more **lunch** meetings will be added in **2024**. Also reminding us that **Woman of The Year** forms are due at the **December 11, 2023** Dinner Meeting and will be announced at our **January 15, 2024** Dinner Meeting.

The Club will be closed the first two weeks of January.
Our January Dinner Meeting will be the 3rd Monday, January 15, 2024 instead of the second Monday. (Please make note)

Hark the herald angels sing we need volunteers for **Bingo, Mother's Day**, monthly dinner or lunch meetings. If you are interested, please **contact** one of the **Board members**.

During this holiday season some might travel and enjoy a **white** Christmas while others will remain by the home fires listening to the Bells of Christmas. On this O Holy Night, we remember Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem. Joy to the world the Lord has come.

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Have yourself a **Merry Little Christmas. Buon Natale.**

From the Officers and Board of the Italian American Women's Guild, we extend to you and your families, a very **Merry Christmas**.

Newsletter correspondent,
Corinne Verili Courtney

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2023-2024

Monday, December 11
Christmas Dinner & Toy Drive
(see page 6)

2024
Monday, January 15
(please note date change)
Dinner Meeting
(See page 7)

Saturday, February 3
Chocolate Tasting Tour
(See page 8)

All flyers are always
available on our website
[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)
& on the table behind the
greeter's table

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

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CAMMY FORCHIONE	December 1
LILLIAN PICCININI	December 4
LORETTA SCIACQUA	December 4
RENEE BOATWRIGHT	December 4
BERNADETTE CHURSIN	December 7
VICTORIA VOZZA	December 8
MARJORIE GIORDANO	December 9
JOANNE SILVESTRI	December 9
KERRI LEWIS	December 9
CAROLYN FRESHOUR	December 10
VIOLET GUERRA	December 10
VALERIE SCHICK	December 10
GLORIA MIROWSKI	December 11
MARY PARDINI	December 13
TINA FATICA	December 17
ELAINE ROBINSON	December 17
ANTONETTE MACHI	December 19
LISA GIULIACCI	December 19
SUSAN CANALE	December 23
CHRISTINE ERCOLI	December 23
CATHERINE SARTI	December 28
PAULA AUSANO	December 29
DEBORAH ARBASSETTI ALFARO	December 31

Reach out to the Officers and more...

President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto	ambindinitto@gmail.com
Vice President-Charlene O'Malley	charomalley@aol.com
Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman	ybushman@sbcglobal.net
Secretary - Andrea Bin	binny1943@gmail.com
Events - Lana Vorrises	lanaladuca@comcast.net
Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine	firenzi@comcast.net

TREASURER'S REPORT		

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Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices



Sympathy To:

◆ Member Adele Della Santina on the passing of her sister-in-law

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Mani di Angeli



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



Sunshine

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

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Payment for your 2024 membership is due on

JANUARY 1, 2024

Dues not paid by **FEBRUARY 1, 2024** shall be Delinquent. There is a two week grace period until **February 15, 2024**, after that you will be dropped from the Guild **NO EXCEPTION!**

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

Please mail your check payable to IAWG to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

275 Uplands Drive

Hillsborough, CA 94010

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson

firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

Be a part of our great organization!

IAWG Social Committee Event

Limoncello Class at Gioia Company in Los Gatos on **Saturday, Nov 11th**. Each of us prepared a jar of **Limoncello**, had a lovely lunch and found many beautiful **Italian** products for purchase.



Elections!



Thanks to the **Nominating Committee** and our **Club Members** for a successful election of the 2024 IAWG Officers and Board of Directors. Please get to know them, and personally thank them when you see them. They are your "Go To" about anything **IAWG**, anytime!

Your **club** always needs new ideas and representation, and it is never too soon to let your **Nominating Committee** know you are thinking about running for **office** in the **future**.....it is just around the corner! Until then.

Happy Holidays and New Year!

Sally Pratali

Nominating Committee



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



These and more photos of the event can be found on our web site
[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG) under Photo Gallery
(Photos taken by Linda Watson-Historian)

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.



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

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

Dinner includes:

MEDITERRANEAN SALAD FAMILY STYLE
ENTRÉE CHOICE OF: SAUSAGE & POLENTA
ROAST CHICKEN & POLENTA
EGGPLANT PARMESAN
SERVED WITH GREEN BEANS AND ONIONS
GARLIC BREAD
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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NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

I WISH TO SIT WITH _____

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





Italian American Women's Guild

January 15, 2024 Installation Dinner Meeting

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo, 5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails
6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Cesar Salad and Roll
Calamari Steak, Chicken Scallopini or Vegetarian
w/green beans w/onions and rice

Dessert and Coffee

Cost - \$43.00 Members Only

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to *IAWG* and mail to:

Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane
San Bruno, CA 94066

For questions or further information, please call
Yvonne Bushman - 650-619-6213

Reservation must be received by Jan. 3, 2024

(No Refunds for cancellations after Jan. 3, 2024 and no tickets sold at door)

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

If paying for multiple-people, please list their names on back of sheet

ENTRÉE CHOICE (Please circle) CALAMARI CHICKEN SCALLOPINI VEGETARIAN

I would like to sit with: _____

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS

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



Italian American Women's Guild
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- Learn how to taste chocolate like a pro in a blind tasting using all your senses.
- Learn how to pick a great chocolate and not be deceived by mass produced chocolate.
- At closing you will rate and score chocolate according to your 5 senses.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

2-3:30PM

\$45

OPTION: You may bring your own bottle of wine - glasses are provided.

MEMBERS ONLY ♥ LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS ♥ FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS SHEET WITH A CHECK
 PAYABLE TO IAWG AND MAIL TO:

Kathy McKibben, 707 Somerset, Foster City, CA. 94404

For questions or further information, please contact Kathy McKibben at
 kamckibben@mac.com or 650-759-0934

Reservation and check must be received by January 5, 2024
 (Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations)

Number of tickets _____ @ \$45.00 per person Amount Enclosed: _____

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please let us know if you are willing to carpool or need a ride.

Carpool

Need a ride

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

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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!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please email me: **watson1441@gmail.com**

Ciao, Linda Watson



"BOCCE CLINIC"

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 NOVEMBER trivia: POKER

DECEMBER Trivia: Torta di Frutta Secca is a traditional treat during the Christmas holidays. What is this ubiquitous holiday staple?



Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

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

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WEB SITE!

For more information, pictures of events and useful links, please check out our website!

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IAWG BOOK CLUB
BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2024

WE MEET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH
TIME 11 A.M. UPSTAIRS

Members and guest are welcome. Contact Cathy Borrone
Phone: 650-242-1685 email: minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
JANUARY 17TH	THE HOTEL RIVIERA	ELIZABETH ADLER
MARCH 20TH	THE STAR-CROSSED SISTERS OF TUSCANY	LORI NELSON SPIELMAN
MAY 22 ND (Note date change)	ELIZABETH STREET	LAURIE FIABIANO
JULY 17TH	ETERNAL	LISA SCOTTLINE
SEPTEMBER 18TH	LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN	LISA SEE
NOVEMBER 20TH	THE HONEY BUS	MEREDITH MAY

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1825 El Camino Real
(Corner of El Camino and Trcondale Drive)

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1025 Alameda de las Pulgas
(Corner of Balston Ave. and Alameda)

SAN BRUNO
2801 San Bruno Avenue
(Corner of Skyline Blvd. and San Bruno Ave.)

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Mission Statement

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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