

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### December Message- A New Year Is Coming!

Dear Friends,

I hope your Thanksgiving celebration was enjoyable. I know that this year has had its struggles and challenges but the good news is, 2020 is almost over. With Christmas around the corner let's focus on the blessings we have and spend as much time with family and friends however you choose to connect with them. There has been some frustration and anxiety with our inability to meet as a large group but the small gatherings we've had, have proven to be successful and appreciated by those who attended.

In this time of Thanksgiving, the board made donations to the charities we voted on last year in addition to making a \$500 donation to Camp Okizu whose Berry Creek camp for children in San Mateo county was destroyed in the fires.

At our November meeting, the members in attendance voted for the existing Officers and Board to continue a second year of service to the Guild. Members in attendance voted unanimously.

**December 14** is our annual Christmas dinner and toy drive. You are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy or game for a boy or a girl. We have a box at the club for you to drop off your toy if you're not coming to the dinner. In addition, the guild is supporting the St. Francis center's Christmas drive by collecting Target gift cards. (see inside)

Please make note that we are planning our new member initiation dinner for Monday **January 11**. (Flyer inside) Note the new start time for our meetings and dinners. The Board and I met to plan our 2021 calendar. I will share that as well as our proposed activities in the next newsletter.

As we continue to work through this very unusual time in our lives, we realize how special our membership is in this guild. The friendships we've built, the fun events and activities shared through this organization, provides the light we need to get us through some of the dark times in life. The IAWG is an amazing group of women who share a common goal of helping, caring and supporting each other as well as community. It is that collective inspiration that strengthens our resolve. I have appreciated your support this year. I couldn't have imagined what 2020 was going to bring when I became your Vice President and then President last year, but together with your Board we have continued to provide opportunities that represent the spirit of the guild. Let us continue to move the mission of the IAWG forward in the new year.

During this holiday season may the light and love of Christ shine on us all. On behalf of the board I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and may we all have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

Be safe my friends!

Buon Natale,

Linda (Biancalana) Koelling



DECEMBER

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
2020-2021**

**December 7  
Bocce Ball  
(See Page 3)**

**December 14  
Annual Christmas  
Dinner and Toy drive  
(See Flyer attached)**

**January 11  
Initiation dinner  
(See Flyer attached)**

**January 1  
2021 Dues are Due!**

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

**April 15  
Deadline for  
Scholarship  
Applications  
(See page 5)**

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

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!" Helen Keller*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Birthdays of the Month

LILLIAN PICCININI	December 4
LORETTA SCIACQUA	December 4
MICHELLE WILKINSON	December 4
RENA KILLIAN	December 5
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
TINA FATICA	December 17
ELAINE ROBINSON	December 17
IDA SCIAMANNA	December 18
ANTONETTE MACHI	December 19
LISA GIULIACCI	December 19
JERI LUCIA-JOHNSON	December 20
DOLLY BELTRAME	December 22
SUSAN CANALE	December 23
LORRAINE DEL PRETE	December 23
PHYLLIS RODIGHIERO	December 28
CATHERINE SARTI	December 28
DEBORAH ARBASSETTI ALFARO	December 31



### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2021 membership is due on January 1st. The yearly membership fee is **\$75.00**

Please mail your check to:

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*Be a part of our great organization!*

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#### Persimmon Cookies

1 cup persimmon pulp  
1 cup chopped nuts  
1 cup chopped raisins  
1 cup sugar  
Half cup butter  
One egg  
1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in pulp  
2 cups of flour  
Half teaspoon each of cloves cinnamon and nutmeg

Cream shortening and sugar add nuts and raisins to flour. Beat eggs and add to persimmon pulp. Add to dry ingredients. Drop from teaspoon onto greased baking sheet. Bake in 350° oven about 15 to 20 minutes or until bottoms are a bit brown. Enjoy

Recipe from Adelaide Sciandri  
Found in "LA CUCINA" IAWG cookbook

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

### Italian American Women's Guild Bocce Ball

**Date: December 7, 2020      Time:1:30 PM**

**Place: Foster City Recreation Center 650 Shell Blvd. Foster City**

**Enjoy informal bocce games... Just come and play and have fun!  
{Please Wear a mask and social distance}**



**Let's Get Creative !**

**A new IAWG group is forming!**

**Several of our members are paper flower artists and they would like to share their talents with you.**

**Days, times, and a place have not been selected yet. If interested in learning this new art form...Call or email Lana Vorrises – 650 703-7473 [lanaladuca@comcast.net](mailto:lanaladuca@comcast.net)**



# IAWG CHRISTMAS TOY AND GIFT CARD DRIVE



Bring an **unwrapped** item for the **San Mateo Firefighters Toys for Tots Program!** Suggested items; toys, board games, sporting goods, book or art supplies. You may drop your items at the **PIASC (Peninsula Italian American Social Club)** on B Street in San Mateo or at **Fire Station 34**, 799 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame, Ca

**You may also bring Target Gift Cards to the PIASC**

# 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 **2021**.

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 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)

Applications are **DUE April 15, 2021**.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY

A simple line drawing of a laptop computer with a blue screen and keyboard.

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WEB SITE!**

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

**How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!**  
**November answer:** Answer: Calabria region. Citrus is the orange

" The Italians claim that in 1565 Bernardo Buontalenti at the request of Cosimo De Medici Invented a concoction of cold cream, zabaione and fruit"  
What did Buontalenti invent?

**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!

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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  
Mani di Angeli**

Lubiana Cernobori, Mani di Angeli Chair  
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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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