

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buon Anno Nuovo 2018!!

Looking forward to 2018 being a healthy and happy New Year for all our members and families of the IAWG!!

As my first year as President of the IAWG starts, I'm excited about working with our new officers and board. This fantastic group includes Doreen Mazzei Vice-President, Fran Benson Secretary, Sally Pratali Treasurer and our Board of Directors, Diana Balestreri, Arlene Calegari, Mary Dietrich, Terry Goblirsch, Carolyn Regalia, Elena Tealdi and Yolanda Thayer.

A big THANK YOU to our current officers and board -- President, Kathy Flanagan; Vice-President, Valerie Schick; Secretary, Holly Borghello; Treasurer, Roberta Bernat and Board Members, Denice Barsi, Maria Colombo, Mary Gambertoglio, Charlene Harnames, Virginia Malaspina, JoAnne Miller, Connie Tallerico. They created an atmosphere of fun and happy times with excellent events.

December 11<sup>th</sup> was our Christmas Dinner and Toy Drive. Thank you to Joycelyn and her team of Denice Barsi, Miranda Zanette, Rita Spes, Mirella Eiras, Janice Salvato and Charlotte Conway for making sure we had a festive evening. Our evening had true holiday spirit with singing Christmas carols and a special carol of *Tu Sciendi Dalle Stelle* lead beautifully by Giuliana Pinochi. Our evening was concluded by a visit from Santa Claus. It was so nice of him to take time out of his busy schedule to drop-in!!!

We had 224 members attend our dinner and they brought toys for the *Toys for Tots* program which were collected by the San Mateo Fire Department. The fire department was appreciative of our generosity.

January 8<sup>th</sup> will be a dinner to welcome new members and install these members into the IAWG, install our new Officers and Board, and say thank you to our Officers and Board who are retiring. An extra-special part of the evening is to announce our *Woman of the Year*.

Due to the favorable turnout for our dinner meetings in 2017, we are going to start 2018 with dinner meetings. These meetings will give us time to meet with our friends and work on IAWG business at the same time. The February 12<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting theme will be *Getting to Know You* (flyer enclosed). Also, enclosed is our calendar for 2018.

Ciao, Happy New Year,  
Gail Mozzini

*"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting." - Paulo Coelho*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**January 8, 2018**  
**IAWG Installation Dinner**  
**and Initiation**  
**No Host Cocktails 5:30 p.m.**  
**Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**February 12, 2018**  
**General Dinner Meeting**  
**Getting to know you!**  
**5:30 p.m.**



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# Birthdays of the Month

MARLEEN MASON	January 1
MERLE BELLANTI	January 2
DINA CARRASCO	January 4
MARY JANE RAGGIO	January 4
PEGGY ARATA	January 5
MARIA PIGNATI	January 6
VANA FERRARI	January 7
CAROL GALLUCCI	January 10
JEAN TERNULLO	January 12
LINDA SMALL	January 12
JOSEPHINE AMOROSO	January 16
YOLANDA THAYER	January 16
MARY ANN GNECCO	January 18
JANIS CARDINALE	January 21
ANTONIA FERRETTI	January 22
ANITA MEISTER	January 23
GELTRUDE INFERRERA	January 25
JEANETTE PIGOZZO	January 25
MARLENE BELLUOMINI	January 26
DIANA MAIONCHI	January 30
PATRICIA WODARCZYK	January 30
CYNTHIA MALATESTA	January 31



**Congratulations** to member *Sue Pallari*, who became a Nonni for the first time with the birth of twins, *Sam and Emma*.



## In Sympathy

Mary Mazzei, past member, mother-in-law of Doreen Mazzei and aunt to Linda Watson, passed away on December 6, 2017.



### IN MEMORY

JOAN (BELLANTONI) REDLICK passed away on November 28, 2017. Born on February 3, 1936, in San Francisco and graduated from Balboa High School. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Harry Redlick, and the mother of two children, Michael (Lynn) and Denise (deceased) and three grandsons. Also survived by her sister, IAWG member Carolyn Kristovich.

Joan worked at San Mateo High School as secretary to the dean for 23 years. When she retired in 2000, she volunteered for the Career Closet, Blood Bank and San Bruno Elementary School district. Her special interests were traveling with her husband, reading, fashion and gardening. A member of IAWG since 2008.

Joan will be truly missed by her family and fondly remembered by so many good friends from the Italian-American Women's Guild whom you could always find together at a table during many events at the club.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Jeri Lucia-Johnson  
Sunshine Chair



**Italian American Women's Guild  
Christmas Dinner Meeting Highlights  
December 11, 2018**

President Kathy Flanagan opened the Dinner Meeting with the wonderful news that we have a President and Vice President! Gail Mozzini has agreed to take on the task of President with Doreen Mazzei as her Vice President. Thank you both for stepping forward to keep the IAWG active and running. We know the Club will do well under your leadership.

Chef Mateo and his assistants, Ricardo and Skylar made a tasty Dinner of Chicken and Veal Scaloppini. Mini Cream Puffs for dessert were made by Dianda's Bakery. Roberta Bernat did the reservations and seating which is a job in itself. Joycelyn and her team of Denice Barsi, Miranda Zanette, Rita Spes, Mirella Eiras, Janice Salvato and Charlotte Conway did a beautiful job with the tables and decorations. The Centerpieces were flocked Christmas trees and were given to the winner who had the Ferrero Roche Candy favor at each table. Thanks to all of you for a festive and tasty evening.

Joycelyn thanked all the members who brought and made over whelming donations of toys for the *Toys for Tots* program. The fire department collected the toys and thanked everyone for their generosity.

**Old Business:** Kathy announced the entire IAWG 2017 Charitable Donation of \$2,000.00 went to the Red Cross for aid in the North Bay Firestorm.

**New Business:** Channel 7 Newsman, Vic Lee has made a visit to one of the Mani di Angeli doll stuffing gatherings to see what they are all about and what they do for the community. His human-interest story will air on December 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. IAWG will be famous for a least a few minutes thanks to Lubiana, her committee and Vic Lee's story.

*Installation* of the New IAWG Officers and Board Members will take place at the January 8, 2018 Dinner Meeting. New Members will also be inducted. Roberta is taking the dinner reservations.

*Woman of the Year* will be announced and presented with a token of the clubs appreciation at the January Dinner Meeting.

Carmella Di Mauro did a *Gavel Down* for outgoing President, Kathy Flanagan and thanked her for her two years of service as President. The evening closed with 3 Christmas Carols sung by the membership.

As outgoing Secretary, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members and the kind ladies of the IAWG for your ongoing support over the last two years. It was memorable.

Respectfully,

Holly Borghello



# ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE FOR 2018



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 2018.

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, or graduate school. (Minimum 12 units per semester.)
- Applicants must demonstrate academic ability as well as being a well rounded individual.
- 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. Gail's contact info is: [gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com) or 650-400-2494.

**Applications are DUE April 16, 2018**

## THANK YOU IAWG LADIES!

Thank you ladies for coming through on bringing donations of nonperishable food to fill the three barrels for the Second Harvest Food Bank. They were very happy to see those barrels overflowing when they picked them up! Especially this holiday season there are so many families suffering from hunger in our immediate Bay Area. If we can be of help even a little it is better than nothing at all. We are fortunate to have such a great and thoughtful membership who always come through to help others. Again, thank you!

Also, thank you to the ladies who donated to the toy drive with items to fill the wheelchair backpacks. This year we collected 5 huge sacks of toy items and decided it would be too much for just one hospital, so I gave two sacks of toys and 19 wheelchair backpacks to Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara. Also I gave three sacks of toys and 19 wheelchair backpacks to California Pacific Medical Center. These wheelchair backpacks were sewn by our Mani di Angeli sewing group specialist Regina Bortolus. Both hospital were very happy and thankful to receive these wonderful donations, they said this will surely put a smile on those children at Christmas! I would like to say thank you to the IAWG membership who have always year after year been so supportive and very generous in donating these toys at Christmas time. Without your generosity we wouldn't be able to accomplish as much as we have for our community. A heartfelt thank you go out to all of you and I ask for your continued support! There isn't anything more satisfying to the soul than to give to others and help those suffering and in need, especially to those parents that have a sick child in the hospital for a long time and at this time of year!

Lubiana Cernobori Mani di Angeli Chairwoman





# 2018

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We have some openings for committees. Below are the openings we need to fill. If you are interested and want more information about the opening, please contact Doreen Mazzei ([dwmazzei@yahoo.com](mailto:dwmazzei@yahoo.com)) or Gail Mozzini ([gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com)):

Events Committee - One opening  
Historian - One opening  
Nominating Committee - Three openings  
Refreshments - Three openings

Thank you.



## New Year's Resolutions?

Lose weight, go to the gym, walk everyday, etc. We rarely stick to those resolutions.....How about? Coming to more IAWG monthly meetings, supporting events with your attendance, volunteering for a committee, making a donation to the Scholarship Fund or food basket drives, soliciting new members for the club, checking the website and getting more involved in your Guild!

Think about it!



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[www.iawgsm.org](http://www.iawgsm.org)

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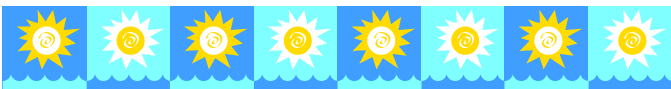
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Payment for your 2018 dues was due on  
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## SUNSHINE

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



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Our 'Italian-American Women's Guild' Facebook page is growing new members each month. Join in on the conversation about anything Italian and updates on club activities. Just search for the Facebook page as written above with the hyphen and apostrophe. The posts are limited to our club members, however, your friends will see your posts. When they jealously wish to get in on the action, ask them to join the club. If you have any difficulties finding our Facebook page, feel free to email me at [watson1441@gmail.com](mailto:watson1441@gmail.com)."

Ciao,  
Linda Watson



## NEWS DEADLINE

Please submit any articles, recipes, births, get well wishes, sympathy, etc. to [parmanino135@gmail.com](mailto:parmanino135@gmail.com) (or call 650.347.8474) by the **3rd Friday of the month**. Your input is appreciated!



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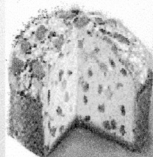
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The purpose of the Italian American Women's Guild is to bring together Bay Area women of all ages with common heritage to perpetuate Italian cultural traditions in a spirit of friendship and support. The Guild intends to promote the social and educational enrichment of its members and strives to work for the good of the community at large with its philanthropic efforts.

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