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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy St. Patrick's Day

February 12, 2018 the IAWG's general dinner meeting was held. The theme for the evening was *Getting to Know You*. There were approximately 100 ladies enjoying the evening and hopefully learning new things about each other.

Sandra Bennett and Cheryl Tufo were presented with their ten year pins at the February meeting. Nineteen IAWG members were acknowledge for ten years with the Guild at the January meeting and eight members were presented their pins at that January meeting.

January and February birthdays were celebrated. The birthday ladies who attended the meeting were presented with a cupcake and *Happy Birthday* was sung in English & Italian. This will be a celebration we will enjoy at all general meetings.

The *Getting to Know You* theme was kicked off with the Officers & Board members giving brief biographies about themselves. Committee chairpersons were introduced and they presented highlights of their committee. The committees are: Mani di Angeli, Knitting, Door Prizes, Events, Greeters, Historian, Newsletter Publisher & Webmaster, Nominating, Refreshments, Scholarship and Sunshine. Lubiana Cernobori & Regina Bortolus showed the items their group makes for children in hospitals, i.e., surgical dolls, premie hats & booties, backpacks for wheelchairs, as well as heart pillows for breast surgery patients. Anna DuPont & Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine showed the lap blankets and hats their group made for patients at assorted medical and assisted living facilities.

Each table shared their talents, interests with each other and a spokesperson for the table reported out to the group. Our members are quite talented and diverse. Some of the findings were: a former mayor, an off-Broadway star, someone who has traveled to all fifty states, another member traveled to 22 countries in one year. We have a member who will be 101 in March, Rose Pecci.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is March 12th. Deadline to for a reservation is March 7, 2018. Flyer is on the IAWG website under the Event category.

The **Bocce Tournament** has been cancelled due to issues with the PIASC bocce ball courts.

April 9, 2018 will be our General Dinner Meeting. See enclosed flyer for the details.

April 24, 2018 Sue DeVincenzi will be hosting an IAWG luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. See enclosed flyer for the details.

Top of the day to you

Gail Mozzini

Life is like a cup of tea, it's all in how you make it! Irish Saying  *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 11, 2018
Daylight Savings Begins
Spring Ahead!

Gypsy 2:00 PM Matinee

March 12, 2018
ST. PATRICK'S DINNER
5:30 PM

April 9, 2018
General Dinner Meeting
5:30 PM

April 24, 2018
Luncheon @ Basque Cultural
Center
11:00 AM

(Check out these and other events)

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Everything looks better in color! Check out the newsletter on our website: Need another copy of an Event flyer? Print it from the EVENTS page on our website. iawgsm.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays of the Month



DEBORAH BOLIN	March 1
JEAN WATTERSON	March 1
SARAH (SALLY) PRATALI	March 2
EILEEN FIGONE	March 5
BARBARA LAZZARI	March 6
PAT ARMANINO	March 7
GLORIA BERNARDINI	March 8
ROSE PECCI	March 8
EDWINA SMITH	March 10
JANET O'KEEFE	March 13
JEAN VOLKMAN	March 13
ADELAIDE SCIANDRI	March 14
GINA PORTOLAN	March 14
GRAZIA PAOLINELLI	March 15
ROBERTA ROMANI	March 15
MARJORIE MILANI	March 17
FRANCES BENNETT	March 18
ELAINE THOMPSON	March 19
JEAN DI SALVO	March 20
CHARLENE HARAMES	March 20
NELLA MORELLO	March 24
NELLA CONTI	March 24
MENA FADELLI	March 25
DIANA GALLETTA	March 26
NORMA SHEEHAN	March 27
KATHLEEN O'MARIE	March 28
REGINA BORTOLUS	March 28
VALLARIE KILKENNY	March 28
JEAN JONES	March 29
DOREEN MAZZEI	March 30
MELANIE PARKER	March 31
CORINNE COURTNEY	March 31

Charter member **Rose Pecci** will turn **101** years old on **March 8th**. Happy Birthday Rose and best wishes from your IAWG!

wishing
you
a
Speedy
recovery

- * *Connie Clemente*
- * *Virginia Malaspina*
- * *Joanne Voltattorni*
- * *Frances Bennett*
- * *Carmella Rinaldi's husband Guido*
- * *Emma Ciardelli's husband Angelo*

In
Sympathy

- ◆ *Grazia Paolinelli's brother-in-law Wayne Mantia*
- ◆ *Nanci Ratti's father-in-law and Angie Vitrano's grandfather*
- ◆ *Norma Costa's brother Aldo Ghiozzi*

IN MEMORY

CAROL BONITA (STRINGER) BONNER passed away on January 22, 2018. Carol was born in San Francisco on December 8, 1946 and is survived by her husband of 48 years, Jesse Bonner. Survived by her three children, Keith, Kory, and Kacie and five grandchildren.

Upon moving to San Bruno in 1976 she was involved in various activities with St. Roberts Catholic Church and School and part of the church council. Carol was also executive assistant to the Director of SFO, executive assistant at Bank of America, assistant vice president and premier banker at Wells Fargo and was the elected City Clerk of San Bruno since 2005. In 2014 Carol received the Presidential Humanitarian Award of Excellence from the City Clerk's Association of California.

Her special interests were water aerobics, painting, gardening, knitting, crocheting and crafts of all kinds. She loved to travel and gamble and enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities.

Carol joined the Italian-American Women's Guild in January 2017 and will be greatly missed by her family, and the many friends she had in IAWG and throughout the Peninsula.

Flags flew over San Bruno City Hall at half staff in her memory.

REST IN PEACE

Jeri Lucia-Johnson
Sunshine Chair

**Italian American Women's Guild
Minutes of General Meeting
February 12, 2018**

President Mozzini opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. The secretary took roll and all the Officers and Board Members were present. The minutes of the January dinner meeting were posted in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

Secretary Benson read the correspondence.

Treasurer Sally Pratali presented the Treasurer's Report.

Ten year pins were presented to Sandra Bennett and Cheryl Tufo.

Vice-President Doreen Mazzei gave the answer to the trivia question appearing in the newsletter (gorgonzola). Each newsletter will have a trivia question and Doreen promises the questions will be increasingly difficult in future newsletters.

Upcoming Events:

The play *Gypsy* will be held at Pacifica Playhouse on Sunday, March 11th, and the deadline to purchase tickets was February 12th.

Sue De Vincenzi announced that the April luncheon will be held April 24th at the Basque Cultural Center. The flyer will be in the March newsletter.

Officers and Board Members each gave a brief autobiography as a means of "Getting to Know You".

President Mozzini introduced the committee chairpersons. Each person explained the purpose of their group. Mani di Angeli co-chairpersons Lubiana and Regina brought samples of the surgical dolls and heart pillows which they create for local hospital patients, as well as wheelchair backpacks.

The other committees are Door Prizes, Knitting, Greeters, Events, Historian, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Refreshment, Scholarship, Sunshine, Webmaster.

President Mozzini invited each table to share their interests with one another. Then they selected a spokesperson to report out to the group. The membership includes a former mayor, an off-Broadway star, an artist, tap dancers, golfers, travelers - including one member who has been to all 50 states, and one member who visited 22 countries in one year. Our member Rosa Pecci will be 101 years old in March. Several members belong to one or more book clubs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by Fran Benson, Secretary



felice primavera

Photos courtesy of Linda Watson, Historian



TO SEE MORE PICTURES (in color) OF THE FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING
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Apologies to Board Member ARLENE CALL-EGARI for the typo/misspelling of her name in the January and February Newsletters.

Linda Watson "I will be out of the country for IAWG events in April. If you can take club photos for me at that time, please email Linda—Watson1441@gmail.com"

Attention Ladies

Mani di Angeli needs help with volunteers to do Mani visits to our members in need. We have members that live as far as San Francisco to San Jose and beyond. When a member from these areas need a Mani visit to bring a little gift and support, we don't have any volunteers that live close to that member that can help go do that visit. Please volunteer to be called on once in a while to do a Mani visit just to the member that lives near your area. The Guild provides the angel figurine for the first visit to that person, second time going to same address, you would be asked to buy a plant and a card, and later you would get reimbursed by sending me the receipt. Please consider volunteering for this as you would get called on to do this only once in awhile. If you have any questions, please call me!

Thank you!

Lubiana Cernobori—Mani Di Angeli -650-341-9522

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications are available. Please send Gail Mozzini an email with the student's name & address to request an application packet. Her contact information is: gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com or 650-400-2494.

Applications need to be postmarked by April 16, 2018.

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

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**FUN FACTS
ABOUT ITALY**

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!
#2

“It blends well with meat, game and fish. It can be eaten with or without sauce, roasted, toasted, fried, or boiled and served straight from a copper pan.”

Answer will be given at the general meeting!



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
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San Mateo



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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



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Please submit any articles, recipes, births, get well wishes, sympathy or to place an ad in the newsletter

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Pat Armanino

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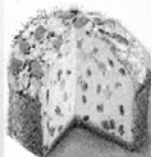
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The purpose of the Italian American Women's Guild is to bring together Bay Area women of all ages with common heritage to perpetuate Italian cultural traditions in a spirit of friendship and support. The Guild intends to promote the social and educational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

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