

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*As summertime continues, hope you are enjoying making happy memories with family and friends!!!*



At our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting 23 members were installed into the IAWG. We welcome our new members: **Theresa Caselton, Linda Cerini, Stephanie Corti, Carol Corvino, Diana Coyle, Christine Cronin, Dona Edlund, Karen Elmore, LaRue LaRussa, Olga Longstreet, Deborah Lorber, Catherine Lucci, Janice Mattei, Patricia Pilara, Janice San Filippo, Concetta Shackleton, Vivian Southard, Rosalind Spina, Sandra Stoppolini, Theresa Trapani, Barbara Valle, Michelle Wilkinson, Kathleen Youngdahl.**

Belated Happy Birthday to the members who celebrated their birthdays in June and July. Cupcakes were served to those members who were at the June 11<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting.

At our **Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** dinner meeting we will be celebrating and meeting our Scholarship recipients. Deadline to purchase the tickets for this dinner is August 6<sup>th</sup>. The flyer is on our website (IAWGSM.org).

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** we will have our White Elephant Dinner. The flyer is enclosed.

Please start thinking about charities you would like to give a donation from the IAWG at the end of the year. We will be passing out forms at the September meeting. These forms will need to be returned at our October meeting.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** will be our next pasta dinner meeting. During this meeting we will be collecting your charity designation forms. Also, we will be passing out forms for *Woman of the Year* nominations.

Our Bingo Brunch fundraiser will be on Sunday, **October 14, 2018**. Mark your calendars for this fun event.

**Save the Date** - An IAWG luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018** at *The Vans*. The luncheon will be hosted by Susan DeVincenzi and Arlene Callegari.

*Ciao for now,*

Gail Mozzini

*A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. Francis of Assisi*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 13, 2018  
General Dinner Meeting

September 10, 2018  
White Elephant dinner  
(see flyer enclosed)

October 8, 2018  
Pasta Dinner Meeting

October 14, 2018  
Bingo Brunch

November 7, 2018  
IAWG Luncheon @ The Vans

(Check out these and other events)

<https://iawgsm.org>



**Everything looks better in color! Check out the newsletter on our website:**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Birthdays of the Month

RITA SPES	August 1
VIVIAN SANTILLI	August 2
ANN GUIDI	August 3
LINDA WATSON	August 3
IRIS BAGNESCHI	August 4
KATHLEEN YOUNGDAHL	August 4
ARLENE CALLEGARI	August 4
CECE MACNAUGHTON	August 8
EMMA CIARDELLI	August 9
SANDRA FERRARI	August 9
JENNIFER CASTELLO	August 11
MICHELE PACQUET	August 13
CAROL CORVNO	August 13
MEG MILANI	August 14
TINA AVELAR	August 15
CHRISTINE CRONIN	August 15
NICKI ZARGANIS	August 16
JOYCE COZZARIN	August 17
CAROLIN LENCIONI	August 17
PATRICIA PILARA	August 17
GWEN MATTEUCCI	August 18
CAROL VERNARECCI	August 19
KIMBERLY KOUKIS	August 19
SUSAN PALLARI	August 20
CARMELA DI MAURO	August 21
ROSE FLAHAVAN	August 23
VIRGINIA O'BRIEN	August 23
GIULIANA PINOCHI	August 23
DONNA SKOVGAARD	August 24
CELESTE WILD	August 24
DINA FORNESI	August 25
JOAN RATTI	August 25
ELSIE TONELLI	August 25
MARIA BERTOLLO	August 26
MARILYN PIAZZA	August 27
ELSA THORNE	August 28
SHARON LYSEK	August 30
RITA ARNOLD	August 31

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you  
a  
*Speedy*  
recovery

◆ JOAN RATTI



*In  
Sympathy*

Member VILMA PARISE was born February 20th, 1939 and passed away on May 25th, 2018. Vilma was the wife the late Sal Parise and the mother of Lori (Mike) Burns and Chris (Mark) Sevieri. The Noni of four grandchildren and great-grandmother of four.

Vilma joined IAWG in 2007 and was on the scholarship committee. She will be clearly missed and fondly remembered by the many good friends in the Italian-American Woman's Guild.

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

Jeri Lucia-Johnson  
Sunshine

*Condolences*

- Dina Fornesi's mother
- Annamaria Sozzi's husband Joe



# Mani di Angeli News

## ◆ Knitting

June 1, 2018, what an amazing day. The remarkable ladies of the “knitting group” out did themselves. There were over 250 knitted items that included hats and booties for preemies, knitted sweaters and had hats for babies, knitted hats for chemo patients, lap blankets, shawls and poncho’s for the elderly. The time and love put into these items cannot be described.

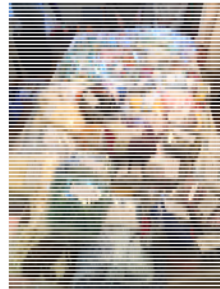
After sorting, labeling and packaging the items we had a light lunch and enjoyed each others company in the warm afternoon sun.

We have added several new members to the group and look forward to adding more ladies that love to knit, crochet and helping others.

Please feel free to call me or Joycelyn if you have questions.

As always,

Anna DuPont



## ◆ Doll and Pillow Stuffing

There was a good turnout on June 25th, we were able to stuff 85 dolls and 30 breast cancer heart pillows. Great Job Ladies!!

All Photos curtesy of Lubiana Cernobori



## Italian American Women's Guild Minutes of General Meeting June 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. All recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership: Chair Joycelyn Firenze-Pine and Roberta Bernat introduced the new members. Each was presented with a flower by Doreen Mazzei, Vice President, who welcomed them and officially initiated them into the Guild.

The new members are: **Theresa Caselton, Linda Cerini, Stephanie Corti, Carol Corvino, Diana Coyle, Christine Cronin, Dona Edlund, Karen Elmore, La Rue La Russa, Olga Longstreet\*, Deborah Lorber, Catherine Lucci, Janice Mattei\*, Patricia Pilara, Janice San Filippo, Concetta Shackleton\*, Vivian Southard, Rosalind Spina, Sandra Stoppolini\*, Theresa Trapani, Barbara Valle, Michelle Wilkinson, Kathleen Youngdahl.**  
\*not present at installation dinner.

Secretary Fran Benson took roll call. All were present except Gail Mozzini. Fran also reported the Thank You notes received in the last month for Mani di Angeli plants, angel statues and notes of kindness.

Doreen Mazzei answered the Italian trivia question: What is known as Pulpo? Answer: **Octopus.**

Scholarship recipients were announced. The five recipients will receive \$1,200 each. The 2018 Scholarship recipients will be honored at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting (flyer in June newsletter).

### Recipients

Daniel vonSavoye  
Caitlin Ciardelli  
Catherine Herrie  
Alyssa Rohrer  
Emma Veprin

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Jean Allard

Doreen acknowledged and thanked the scholarship committee. She mentioned team member Vilma Parise who recently died – RIP Vilma.

The White Elephant dinner will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Jean Allard, Chairperson of the dinner, reminded all that items are needed for White Elephant sale, such as vases and pitchers etc, but no broken items.

The Bingo Brunch is October 14<sup>th</sup>. It raised \$2,350 last year. Co-chairs Terry Goblirsch and Arlene Callegari reminded everyone to come to this event, which promises to be very enjoyable for all. Donation of raffle prizes and gift baskets are appreciated.

Cupcakes were presented to each member celebrating a birthday in June or July. The membership sang "Happy Birthday".

Three raffle prizes were awarded. Lucky winners were Sharon Lysek, Karen Elmore and Kathy Flanagan.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Benson



## SAVE THE DATE

### *IAWG Bingo Brunch*

### *Sunday, October 14, 2018*

if you would like to help and donate a basket for the event, please email Arlene Callegari, [acallega@yahoo.com](mailto:acallega@yahoo.com) or Terry Goblirsch, [terry.golirsch7@gmail.com](mailto:terry.golirsch7@gmail.com) or call Arlene at 650-349-1120 and leave your name, message, and phone number.



## MY ITALIAN BULLDOZER

Being familiar with many of the books by Alexander McCall Smith who is also the author of the No.1 Ladies Detective Agency novels about Botswana, I wasn't sure he could pull off a book about Italians that might ring true about our personalities and idiosyncrasies . I was wrong !

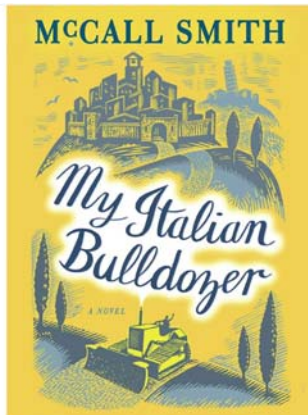
Alexander McCall Smith is the author of many light-hearted novels. MY ITALIAN BULLDOZER is about a jilted renowned food writer whose editor sends him to check out Tuscany so he can finish his latest cookbook and move on with his life. A mix-up with the Italian rental-car reservations leaves him without a car and ends up with an intriguing alternative: a bulldozer.

The story takes us through the Tuscan countryside and we meet a fun group of characters along the way.

How would you park a bulldozer in a small Italian village? Check out this book and you'll find out.

Enjoy!

Jeri Lucia-Johnson



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!  
#6

She was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree. however she is better known for her innovations in the field of education. She developed methods of teaching children that emphasize a child's initiative and freedom of expression. Today schools that use her methods are scattered throughout the western world.

*Name this Italian educator*

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

Trivia curtesy of Doreen Mazzei.



## 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  
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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!

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Linda Watson



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Thank you,

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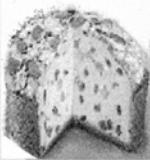
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