

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buon Anno Nuovo 2019!!

Looking forward to 2019 being a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for all our members and their families.

My second year as President of the IAWG is beginning, I'm happy to be starting another year and look forward to working another year with our officers and board. The 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.

December 10th was our Christmas Dinner and Toy Drive. Joycelyn Finzenzie-Pine and her team set a beautiful, festive holiday atmosphere with lovely table decorations, wonderful menu and entertainment. Maria Pignati played the piano and sang Christmas carols. Our evening had a fantastic holiday spirit.

The *Toys for Tots* program received donation of toys from the 196 members who attended this wonderful evening. Firemen from the San Mateo Fire Department came to collect the toys for distribution to children in our community. The firemen also took time to chat and visited with our members.

January 14th will be our dinner to welcome and initiate new members into the IAWG. Also, our Officers and Board will be sworn in for their second year. An extra-special part of the evening is to announce our *Woman of the Year*.

For **2019** we will be continuing dinner meetings. These meetings are a perfect time to meet with friends and discuss IAWG business and activities.

February 11th will be the *Getting to Know You* dinner meeting (flyer enclosed).

February 20th the events committee is sponsoring a trip to the Disney Museum at the Presidio in San Francisco with a lunch at the Presidio Café (flyer enclosed).

Saturday, March 16th the Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament will be taking place. Mark your calendars, more information will be in next month's newsletter. There is a preview of the **2019 events calendar** on page 2 of this newsletter, a full version on our website: <https://iawgsm.org> under **Events** and a copy will be available in the February newsletter.

Ciao, Happy New Year,

Gail Mozzini

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams - Franklin D. Roosevelt



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 1, 2019
Happy New Year!

January 14, 2019
Installation and Initiation Dinner

February 11, 2019
Getting to Know you!
Dinner Meeting (Flyer enclosed)

February 20, 2019
Trip to Walt Disney Family Museum
(Flyer enclosed)

March 16, 2019
Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament
(more info to follow)



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

<https://iawgsm.org>

Minutes of General Meeting December 10, 2018

President Gal Mozzini called the Christmas Dinner Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Marie Pignati led us in a prayer. Marie also sang a few Christmas tunes, with everyone joining in the singing.

All officers and board members were present except board member Mary Dietrich.

The December meeting was fabulous in every way. Sincerest thank you to Joycelyn Firenze-Pine and her talented team for all their hard work. The room was decorated so nicely. The tables looked stunning with gorgeous centerpieces. The Toy Drive was very successful. IAWG members showed their usual tremendous generosity. Several firefighters from the San Mateo Fire Department came, mingled with our members, and picked up all the donated toys for various San Mateo facilities for distribution to those children who might not otherwise have toys for Christmas.

December birthdays were acknowledged. Each celebrant received a birthday cupcake. Then everyone sang Happy Birthday to them.

Membership Chairperson Firenze-Pine reminded us that 2019 membership renewals are due in January.

The beautiful table Centerpieces, made by Denise Barsi and Charlotte Conway, were raffled to lucky winners at each table.

President Mozzini wished all a very Merry Christmas

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Benson

IAWG 2019 Calendar	
Jan 14 th	IAWG Meeting - Installation Dinner & Initiation - 5:30 P.M.
Jan 16 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Feb 11 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M.
Feb 20 th	Event - Disney Museum & Lunch - Flyer in January Newsletter
Feb 20 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Mar 11 th	IAWG St. Patrick's Dinner - 5:30 P.M.
Mar 16 th	Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament - Information in February Newsletter
Mar 20 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Apr 8 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M.
Apr 17 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.

The full version of the IAWG 2019 Calendar can be found on our website: <https://iawgsm.org> under **Events**
It will also be available in the **February Newsletter**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birthdays of the Month

To Member Jean Jones
Thinking of you and wishing you well from your
IAWG



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
ANITA MEISTER	January 23
THERESA TRAPANI	January 23
MARLENE BELLUOMINI	January 26
PATRICIA WODARCZYK	January 30
CYNTHIA MALATESTA	January 31

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DUES Payment for your 2019 membership was due on January 1st. DUES

DUES The yearly membership fee is **\$50.00** and if you haven't already done so please send Your check to : DUES

DUES Joycelyn Firenzi-Piune DUES

DUES 355 Hillsborough Boulevard DUES

DUES Hillsborough, CA 94010 DUES

DUES Be a part of a great Organization! DUES

DUES Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine DUES

DUES Membership Chairperson DUES

DUES (650) 678-8765 DUES

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Italy during the Advent season displays Nativity scenes with great imagination, art and beauty. According to the New York Times “Italians have been erecting Nativity scenes for a very long time: St. Francis of Assisi is credited with setting up the first one on Christmas Eve in 1223, in the town of Greccio, north of Rome.” The crèches in the south of Italy, particularly in Naples, are famous for the variety of people represented. From rich to poor, carpenters and fishermen to lords and ladies, the nativity scenes are vivid snapshots of life during the time they were made. The styles may be simple or elaborately representative of the Renaissance period. More about this can be read at <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/21/world/what-in-the-world/nativity-scenes-rome.html>

My own great aunt, a cloistered Dominican nun, showed me (10 years old at the time) the exquisite statues belonging to her convent. The clothes were all handmade by the sisters. When my husband and I returned to Italy many years later, the population of the convent was down to only seven nuns. My “Zia Monica” wrapped up the statue they used for Baby Jesus and gave it to us to keep. It dates back more than a century. She explained that it had represented Baby Mary but the sisters removed the symbol M and used it as Baby Jesus instead. The head and shoulders are bisque and the bunting around the baby is silk. It is a very precious and cherished keepsake from the little town of Borgo a Buggiano and especially of my great aunt. – Linda Watson

Mani di Angeli News

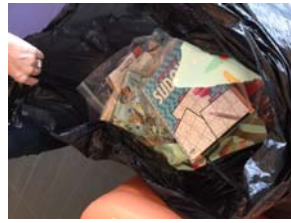
Thank you IAWG Ladies!

Again in 2018, the membership made our food drive with their donation of nonperishable food to Second Harvest Food Bank a success! I was a little disappointed that this year we were not able fill all three barrels, but we were able to fill two and that is still very good! Unfortunately, this year with the local fires there are a lot more people who are suffering from hunger and need our help. Thank you to the IAWG members who did participate in this food drive.

Thank you to the two Mani di Angeli ladies of our sewing group who sewed the wheelchair backpacks, Regina Bortolus and Gwen Matteucci. We donated 30 backpacks and one huge sack of toys to UCSF in San Francisco, they were thrilled to receive such a wonderful donation. Thank you to all the IAWG members who donated the toy items to fill the backpacks. Thank you for always being so supportive and generous in donating items through all the years for our many special causes and fundraisers; without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to accomplish as much as we have for our community.

I would like at this time to report that the IAWG Mani di Angeli ladies for 2018, have been very busy working to help our community. They have made 40 Mani visits to our IAWG members in their difficult time this past year, with a visit and bringing them a little gift to cheer them up. Also, the Mani di Angeli ladies in our sewing group have sewed and stuffed 380 surgical dolls with little gowns on them and delivered to our 5 Child Life Hospitals in our community. Mani ladies have also sewed and stuffed 250 breast cancer heart pillows for 4 breast cancer centers in Palo Alto and San Mateo and sewed 20 fleece blankets for preemies in hospitals which will be added to the knitting items when delivered. I want to thank all the Mani di Angeli ladies who have sewed and stuffed and delivered all these items! A heartfelt thank you 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 in need! Thank you!

Lubiana Cernobori
Mani di Angeli Chairperson



December 13, 2018 was another great event. The knitters of the Ladies Club showed us another fulfilling day. These ladies produced 158 items, which not only included knitted booties and hats for preemies but sweater sets for babies, cuddly baby blankets, adult hats for chemo patients, which were not just knitted but hand sewn with a darling flower. Scarves and shawls were made for the homeless as well and lap blankets for the elderly. We had a lovely homemade lunch, which included quiche and several homemade desserts. Lots of laughter and camaraderie finished this day of love and generosity.

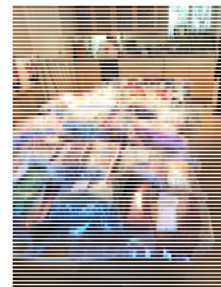
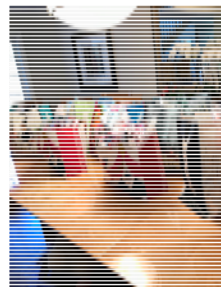
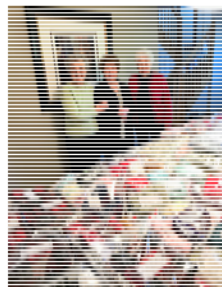
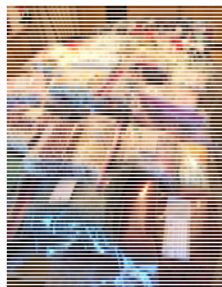
We are always looking for more knitters who would like to join our group to share their handmade items and amazing friendship.

Please contact **Anna DuPont** or **Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine** about joining.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

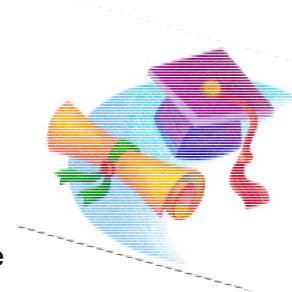
Hugs,

Anna DuPont



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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 2019.

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 a well-rounded individual. Also, an applicant 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.

To request an application, send the student's name and address via email to Gail Mozzini. Her email address is gmozzini@sanbrunocable.com . If you have any questions, you can reach Gail at 650-400-2494.

Applications are DUE April 15, 2019.

" Your historian, Linda Watson, will be away for the February meeting. If anyone, or several of you, can take a few photos of the event I will post them when I return
Please send me an email if you can." Linda



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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

"It is said that this cooking fat was first used in a small town several miles from Milan and that Julius Cesar is thought to have been the first great man to appreciate its culinary value. Until then the Romans had used it for greasing their bodies before sporting competitions and battles. "

Identify this substance

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Answer to December trivia question: Lucrezia Borgia

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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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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