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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buon San Valentino!!!

Monday, January 14, 2019, the Installation & Initiation dinner was a perfect way to start the IAWG year. There were 166 ladies enjoying a great evening. The atmosphere for the evening was started with the decorations and organization for the event. Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine and her team, Roberta Bernat, Denice Barsi, Diana Balestreri, Carolyn Regalia, Fran Benson and Doreen Mazzei, are to be thanked for all their work.

Twenty eight new members were installed into the IAWG on Monday night. All the new members are: Karen Andersen, Kathie Asaro, Betty Bessiere, Andrea Bin, Arlene Bin DiNitto, Lisa Browne, Eileen Coffey, Carol Conroy, Debra Cresci, Carla Dorn, Janet Eddy, Debby Evans, Ginger Fontaine, Geraldine Gagliardo, Arlene Garcia, Lisa Giuliacci, Julie Ann Maggio, Giorgina Manita, Amalia Modena, Therese Myzwiniski, Kristen Nanna, Theresa Nielsen-Stevenson, Shirley Nussbaum, Karin Payne, Josephine Pisa, Lenore Rounsaville, Donna Salvato, Donna Smith, Diane Tribulato and Camele Wanat.

Joycelyn swore in the re-elected Officers & Board members for 2019. They are President, Gail Mozzini; Vice-President, Doreen Mazzei; Secretary, Fran Benson; Treasurer, Sally Pratali; Board Members, Diana Balestreri, Arlene Calegari, Mary Dietrich, Terry Goblirsch, Carolyn Regalia. Board members Elena Tealdi and Yolanda Thayer were absent.

Ten IAWG members were acknowledge for ten years with the Guild. They are: Andriana Del Carlo, Audra Del Carlo, Susan Canale, Karen Ferguson, Kathleen Semenza, Phyllis Rodighiero and Barbara Tyson-Cavalieri.

A special recognition was given to Mirella Eiras and Piera Sicco who have been warm and friendly greeters for many years at the IAWG meetings. They have decided to retire their positions. Doreen Mazzei and myself presented both ladies with a thank you gift of appreciation.

The IAWG *Woman of the Year* for 2018 was introduced – Jean Allard. Jean is a charter member of the IAWG. She has been a board member, on the refreshment committee, and has chaired the White Elephant dinner fundraisers and has been available to help as needed. It was with great pleasure and gratitude the IAWG presented Jean Allard with this recognition. Kathy Flanagan, 2017 Woman of the Year, presented Jean her gift.

The dinner meetings are a perfect time to meet with friends and discuss IAWG business and activities. This year members will be able to make a selection of their entrée for dinner.

February 11th will be the *Getting to Know You* dinner meeting flyer on the website (iawgsm.org). **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 on the website (iawgsm.org). **March 11th** will be the *St. Patrick's Day Dinner* (flyer enclosed). **Saturday, March 16th** the *Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament* will be taking place (flyer enclosed).

Stay healthy,

Gail Mozzini

Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love. - Mother Teresa



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 11, 2019
Getting to Know you!
Dinner Meeting
(check website for details)

February 20, 2019
Trip to Walt Disney Family Museum
(check website for details)

March 11, 2019
St Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting
(Flyer enclosed)

March 16, 2019
Rose Viscuso Bocce Tournament
(Flyer enclosed)

April 8, 2019
General Dinner Meeting
(more info to follow)



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<https://iawgsm.org>

Minutes of General Meeting January 14, 2019

Installation and Initiation

President **Gail Mozzini** called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Because of the heavily packed agenda, the business items were interspersed with the delicious dinner.

Gail introduced **Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine** who served as Mistress of Ceremony for the Initiation and Installation ceremony. There are thirty new members joining the **IAWG**. The new members were sworn in. The new members are: **Karen Andersen, Kathie Asaro, Betty Bessiere, Andrea Bin, Lisa Browne, Eileen Coffey, Carol Conroy, Debra Cresci, Arlene DiNitto, Carla Dorn, Janet Eddy, Debby Evans, Ginger Fontaine, Geraldine Gagliardo, Arlene Garcia, Lisa Giuliacci, Julie Ann Maggi, Giorgina Mantia, Amalia Modena, Therese Myzwiniski, Kristen Nanna, Theresa Nielsen-Stevenson, Shirley Nussbaum, Karen Payne, Josephine Pisa, Lenore Roundsville, Donna Salvato, Diane Smith, Diane Tribulato and Camele Wanat.**

Joycelyn then introduced the re-elected **Officers and Board of Directors**, and they were sworn into office for 2019.

Ten years members were recognized and presented with their ten year pin. They are: **Adriana Del Carlo, Audra Del Carlo, Susan Canale, Karen Ferguson, Kathleen Semenza, Phyllis Rodighiero and Barbara Tyson-Cavalieri.**

Gail thanked Joycelyn for all her work to make the evening such a success. Joycelyn thanked Roberta Bernat who provided so much help to Joycelyn as well as **Denice Barsi, Gail Mozzini, Doreen Mazzei, Diana Balestreri, Carolyn Regalia and Fran Benson.**

Special Recognition was also given to **Mirella Eiras and Piera Sicco**, who have served as Greeters for the IAWG meetings for several years. Mirella and Piera decided to retire from their greeter duties. Gail and Doreen presented them a token of appreciation from IAWG.

Next was the very important presentation of the **Woman of the Year Award**. The winner this year is a Charter Member, has been a board member, was refreshment chair, White Elephant chair and often works behind the scenes and provides her time and energy to benefit the IAWG. The honoree is **Jean Allard**. Jean spoke a few words of gratitude for this recognition.

Gail Mozzini reminded all about the February event, a trip to the **Disney Museum and lunch at Presidio Café on February 20th**. There is space for 9 more members to participate in the event. Anyone interested should contact Jean Volkman or Carmela DiMauaro. Also, a flyer is available on the website (**IAWGSM.org**).

We celebrated the January birthdays, with special recognition to **Anita Meister** who is celebrating her **99th** birthday. Anita was given a cupcake and flowers, and everyone sang Happy Birthday to her.

Vice-President, **Doreen Mazzei**, gave us the answer to the Italian trivia question in the January newsletter: **"Butter"**.

Gail Mozzini thanked everyone for making this a special evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Fran Benson



Photos taken by Linda Watson-Historian



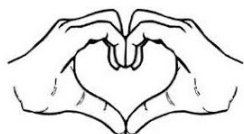
Check out on <https://iawgsm.org>



Attention IAWG Members—Your Help Is Needed!!

Our member Gemma Simonetti, lost her home and all of her belongings in the 2017 Santa Rosa Fire. The photo albums showing the work she and her husband did in their drapery business was destroyed. She is asking anyone who may have had Gemma and her husband make window coverings for their homes and have pictures showing this work to please contact her. She is trying to recreate the albums and replace those memories.

Gemma's address is: 2375 West Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg, Ca 95448. Her phone number is 650-743-6535. Thank you.



IAWG 2019 Calendar	
Apr 8 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M.
Apr 17 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
May 13 th	IAWG Mother's Day Dinner
May 15 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Jun 10 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M. - Installations
Jun 19 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Jul	No IAWG General Meeting or Board Meeting
Aug 12 th	IAWG Scholarship Recipient Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M.
Aug 21 st	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Sep 9 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M.
Sep 18 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Sep 25 th	Event - Graton - TBD
Oct 14 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M. - Nominations
Oct 16 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Oct 20 th	IAWG Bingo Brunch/Lunch Fundraiser
Nov 11 th	IAWG General Dinner Meeting - 5:30 P.M. - Pizza & Elections
Nov 20 st	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
Dec 9 th	IAWG Christmas Toy Drive Dinner - 5:30 P.M.
Dec 18 th	IAWG Board Meeting - 6:30 P.M.



Check out these, other photos and the full 2019 Calendar on our web-site:

<https://iawgsm.org> .





Birthdays of the Month

LOLITA ROSSI	February 1
SUE WORRALL	February 1
RACHEL BOSCHETTI	February 2
CAROLYN KRISTOVICH	February 2
SANDI STOPPOLONI	February 2
HOPE BARTKE	February 3
RITA QUINN	February 4
ANNAMARIA CONTE	February 4
ELENA QUILICI	February 7
ROSALEEN NARDI	February 9
KAREN FERGUSON	February 10
CAROLINE CANNIZZARO	February 10
MARY NUNZIATI	February 11
KAREN CELENTANO	February 12
BARBARA MILLETT	February 14
GINGER FONTAINE	February 14
DANIELA ROSSI	February 16
MARIE DASARO	February 19
NELLA TAURIAN	February 19
CARMELA HOFFMANN	February 20
MARY DIETRICH	February 20
ANDREA SULLIVANI	February 21
MARY GIUNTOLI	February 25
ELENA TEALDI	February 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

- ◆ Our condolences on the passing of Pierina Fanucchi, mother of members Roberta Bernat and Elena Quilici and sister-in-law to Angie Fanucchi



- ◆ Member Charlotte Conway

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

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 DUES

DUES 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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IN MEMORY

Charter member ANGELA SHEAKLEY passed away on December 29, 2018 at age 91. Born in St. Louis, MO. Angela and her husband, Edward, married in 1952 and moved to Burlingame in 1953. They were married for 59 years. She is survived by her three sons, Clark, John, Anthony and two grandchildren.

Angela was our Italian-American Women's Guild's first secretary and served for two years and also helped with various committees.

Angela will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by the many good friends in IAWG.

REST IN PEACE

Jeri Lucia-Johnson
Sunshine

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.**

FUN FACTS ABOUT ITALY

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

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

<https://iawgsm.org>

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

“Until recently, every Venetian home had a bigolo permanently attached to the kitchen table.

What is a bigolo?”

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei: Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile

Answer to January's trivia “Butter”



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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Thank you,

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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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