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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors marzo 2025 Message

Greeting from your Officers and Board of Directors

Ciao Signore! February's Dinner was a milestone celebration of the **Italian American Women's Guild**. **156** members in attendance, raised their glasses of **Prosecc**o to toast the Chartered members and celebrate **30-year Anniversary of the IAWG**.

Thank you to **Mena Fadelli** and **Doreen Mazzei** for hosting the evening and to **Corinne Courtney** for her creative decorations and gathering of the Guild's memorabilia.

The following Active Chartered Members were introduced **Jean Allard**, **Jo Amoroso**, **Iris Bagneschi**, **Corinne Courtney**, **Mena Fadelli**, **Doreen Mazzei** and **Nella Taurian** and were presented with a beautiful red rose bouquet provided by **Joycelyn Firenze-Pine**

Unfortunately, Charter members, **Lubiana Cernobori, Lillian Piccinini, Maria Giulianetti**, were unable to attend

Speeches were made by **Doreen Mazzei** and **Mena Fadelli. Jo Amoroso** read How The IAWG Started written by **Lubiana Cernobori.**

(read this on page 3)

A heartfelt note was read from Joycelyn Firenze-Pine in appreciation of the friendships made and incredible work that has been done.

It is important that each member check in at the **Greeter table**. At that time, if you will be bringing a dinner home for a member that is unable to attend, there is a form that needs to be completed. Please make sure it is done at check in.

Beginning in **June**, we will make a change to our Dinners. **Cocktails** will still be at **5PM** but our **Meeting** will begin at **5:30PM**.

Be sure to check out the events provided by our events committee for the coming months listed in the newsletter and copies can be found on the table behind the Greeter Table

The Officers and Board of the Italian American Women's Guild wish you a **Happy St. Patrick's Day.**

Grazie e stai bene! Arlene Bin – Di Nitto IAWG President



SAVE THE DATE 2025

Monday, March 10
Dinner Meeting
(see flyer page 6)
Tuesday, March 18
(Please note country ed date)
Tasting (See Julian 12)
(see Julian 13)
(see Julian 14)
Monday, April 14

Lunch Meeting (see page 8) Thursday. April 24 Food & Wine

(see flyer page 9) Monday, May 12, Mother's Day Dinner

(see flyer page 10)

All flyers are always available on our website HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG & on the table behind the greeter's table

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will be available at the next







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VALERIE	CARLEY	3/2
EILEEN	FIGONE	3/5
BARBARA	LAZZARI	3/6
PAT	ARMANINO	3/7
JANET	SHAPIRO	3/10
JUDY	EVANGELISTA	3/11
LARUE	LARUSSA	3/13
JANET	O'KEEFE	3/13
ROSALIND	SPINA	3/13
JEAN	VOLKMAN	3/13
FRANCES	BENSON	3/14
GRAZIA	PAOLINELLI	3/15
CHUCKIE	RAMIREZ	3/15
ROBERTA	ROMANI	3/15
NANCY	MORRIS	3/16
MARJORIE	MILANI	3/17
JEAN	DI SALVO	3/20
CHARLENE	HARAMES	3/20
ANDREA	BIN	3/21
DEBORAH	LORBER	3/23
NELLA	CONTI	3/24
NELLA	MORELLO	3/24
MENA	FADELLI	3/25
KATHLEEN	O'MARIE	3/28
JEAN	JONES	3/29
DOREEN	MAZZEI	3/30
CORINNE	COURTNEY	3/31

Reach out to the Officers and more...

President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto Vice President-Donna Silvers

Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman

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Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

ambindinitto@gmail.com donnaags@sbcglobal.net ybushman@sbcglobal.net binny1943@gmail.com lanaladuca@comcast.net firenzi@comcast.net





Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices





- Nicky Zarganis
- Eileen Barsi

SYMPATHY To

. Gloria Mirowski on the passing of her mother Maria

MENU COSTS

As most are aware there are increases to prices on most items nationwide. Due to these increasing prices, the **PIASC** has no choice but to increase their food and beverages prices. These price increases will be reflected on all new dinner/luncheon flyers

Mani di Angeli



If there is an IAWG member or family member who has passed away, please call

or text me

so that a memento from Mani di Angeli can be delivered.

Volunteers are always needed to help support Mani di Angeli

Barbara Valle, Mani di Angeli Chair call or text 650.302.0667



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Sunshine



If there is an IAWG member who is ill or having major surgery please email me so I can send a *Get Well Card* to them.

Jo Amoroso, Sunshine Chair bestnonni44@gmail.com or 650.347.9309

HOW THE IAWG STARTED by Lubiana Cernobori

A dream became a reality. From 1985 to 1990 the Peninsula Social Club was a men-only club. All the activities were for men, except for dinner dances that included women. I was often left home alone while my husband would go to the club for fun with his friends. I asked President Ray Colombo to let me organize a one- time women-only dinner; he agreed because he knew me and my family well since we had come from Italy. We put an announcement in the Pensogram newsletter, and 350 women showed up for the dinner! Given the big success of the event, Ray agreed to let me organize dinners. At the next dinner I passed out a questionnaire to learn what activities the women were interested in. Afterward I started organizing monthly dinners with guest speakers and encouraged women to attend and bring their female coworkers and friends. We had large turnouts! The women loved the dinners, and the hall was full every month. This encouraged me to do more. Together with other ladies, we organized various fundraising events and raised a lot of money for the club, which supported the club's remodeling. However, some men complained that the women were "taking over the club" and resented having us around. I realized that the women needed their own club where they could get together and socialize, engage in philanthropic work, and keep the Italian Heritage alive.

I discussed my idea for a women's club with PSC board member, **Bruno Freshet**. He said he would bring this idea to the board of directors. Soon after, Bruno called to tell me that the board invited all interested women to the next board meeting because they had a proposal to make to us! In **October 1994**, **Mena Fadelli**, **Rose Viscusso**, **Agnese Marcheschi**, **and I** attended the board meeting. The board proposed that the women start a separate all women's club. They said we could use the upstairs hall as its meeting place for our monthly meetings, at the price of \$1 per year, but that we would no receive other special perks, such as price breaks on dinners, etc. Additionally, the women's club would be treated as an outside party.

The other ladies that attended the meeting didn't think the proposal would work since we had nothing to start with--no money, insurance, nor a place to hold dinners and events. They decided to think it over for a while. I, however, was determined to continue the effort. In January 1995, I asked the PSC to put an announcement in their Pensogram newsletter directed at the members' wives to see who would be interested in forming a women's club. The meeting was set for **January 20, 1995**.

I knew it was important to get support and therefore contacted **Mena Fadelli, Karen Casazza, Vicky Diodati, Miranda Zanette,** and a newly interested friend, **Angela Shakely,** who had seen the announcement in the Pensogram. We met several times at Speido's restaurant in downtown San Mateo. Over dinner, we planned the agenda for the meeting—focused on asking the women who attended what type of activities they were interested in and who wanted to be involved in our efforts.

On Thursday, January 20, 1995, the six of us sat in the empty PSC upstairs hall listening for footsteps coming upstairs; we were worried that nobody would come. But little by little women arrived. We were delighted to have 37 ladies attend. We asked who had prior experiences and talents and were interested in serving on the board. **Doreen Mazzei, Gloria De Silva, Mena Fadelli, Karen Casazza,** and others agreed to serve on the board. At our first meeting, we discussed the structure for the club—its name, process for voting of officers, etc.

At our second meeting we took nominations for officers and Board of Directors, and the women in attendance cast their votes that same **night**: **Karen Casazza became president**; **Mena Fadelli, vice president**; **Doreen Mazzei, secretary and Deanna Consani, Treasurer. Gloria De Silva, Carol Kessler**, and I were elected to the Board of Directors. Later the board finalized the club's mission statement and by-laws, secured insurance and the **Italian-American Women's Guild** was on its way!

The dream became reality!



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications packets are available. Please send the student's name, address and sponsor's name to Gail Mozzini. Her contact information is:

gailmozzini@gmail.com

Applications must be received by April 14, 2025.

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SEWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Anyone interested in joining the sewing committee, please contact charomalley@aol.com 650.759.1991



Beginning in **June**, we will make a change to our **Dinners**. **Cocktails** will be at **5PM** — **Meetings** will begin at **5:30PM**.

Bring your own Bag!!

Regarding take home dinners or lunches, for yourself or a friend... the club will no longer provide plastic bags. If you are taking dinners or lunches for yourself or members that are unable to attend, **please bring a bag.**

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Visit out website!





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Check it out!!





St. Patrick's Day Dinner ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD

March 10, 2025 - Dinner/Meeting

Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100 North B Street, San Mateo

5:00 p.m. No Host Cocktail 6:00 p.m. Dinner

\$48.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)

DINNER INCLUDES:

Salad/Rolls & Butter

Entree: Corned Beef and Cabbage with Boiled Potatoes and Carrots

Vegetarian Lasagane Dessert and Coffee

Please returm the bottom portion along with a check payable to IAWG and mail to:

Andrea Bin 1501 Seguoia Avene San Bruno, California 94066

For questions or further information, please call Andrea Bin at 650-291-0993 or email binny 1943@gmail.com

Reservation deadline is March 1st - Please mail early (No refunds or cancellatiions after March 1st, No tickets sold at the door)

Member's Name:		Phone:
CIRCLE Choice of Entree:	Corned Beef	Vegetarian Lasagane
I WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH		
Need a ride: YES NO (if yes,	someone will contact you).	Amount Eclosed

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Tuesday, March 20, 2025 5:30-7:30

Delight your taste buds! Bring your friends! Experience and sample artisanal olive oils and balsamic vinegar. Gain the knowledge you need to buy and use the oils and vinegars with confidence. Browse the store for specialty foods, wine and imported ceramic gift items

Light Fare of Cheese board, charcuterie board and salad will be served (gluten free and vegan options available)

Wine and non alcoholic beverages available for purchase

\$35.00 per person

Please return the bottom portion with a check made payable to **IAWG** and mail to:

Mary Pardini 1428 Benito Avenue Burlingame, CA 94010

For more info: 650-867-4331 pardinimc@gmail.com

Reservation deadline is March 10, 2025

(Parking available behind the store)

Name	Phone
Amount	
Guests	

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HAPPY EASTER

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD

Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100 North B Street San Mateo, CA

APRIL 14, 2025 LUNCH - MEETING

11AM-No Host Cocktails 12 Noon-Meeting & Lunch to Follow

\$47.00 MEMBERS ONLY

MENU

Family Style Salad w/ Garlic Bread
Mixed Lettuce, Cranberries, Candied Pecans Blue Cheese, Balsamic Dressing
Roasted Leg of Lamb w/ Potatoes & Asparagus
Meat Ravioli's or Tortellini with Pesto
Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soda

Please complete the bottom portion along with a check made payable to IAWG & mail to: Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066
For questions or further information, please text Barbara Valle at 650.302.0667

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2025,

Checks will be not be accepted after April 1, 2025.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK EARLY - No Checks at the Door

Member's Name:	Phone:	
• <u>Circle</u> your Entrée Choice: Roasted Leg of Lamb	Meat Ravioli	Tortellini with Pesto
Amount Enclosed:		
I would like to sit with		
Need a ride: Yes: NO:	(If yes, someone w	ill contract you)

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FOOD & WINE



Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Price \$95.00

Lunch at Pietro's Italian Restaurant, a family owned restaurant in Lodi since 1985

Wine tasting and shopping in the beautiful gift shop at Delicato Family Winery in Manteca

Lunch will consist of: Caesar Salad, Ravioli with Bolognese and Chicken Piccata coffee ice tea and water

Guests are welcome so please invite your friends and family.

Bus Transportation

Please meet in Millbrae behind Living Spaces at the corner of Magnolia and Richmond Drive. Parking is free and the lot is going to be patrolled by sheriff's officers.

Bus leaves Millbrae promptly at 9:30 am, so please arrive by 9:00 am to check in.

We will be playing Bingo and other games on the bus with prize's awarded

Complete bottom portion with a check made payable to IAWG and mail to:

Elise Piepmeier 795 Berkshire Drive Millbrae, CA 94030

elise.piepmeier@sbcglobal.net Cell: 650-580-9374 Home: 650-697-8198

Reservations must be received by March 14, 2025

No refunds after March 14, 2025

Name	Phone #	
	Please mark here if you are vegetarian Please mark here if you are Gluten Free	
Amount enclosed		
Names if paying for othe	rs	

EVENT FLYERS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE https://iawgsm.org





MOTHER'S DAY DINNER ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100 North B Street, San Mateo

5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails (Signature bar drink is a Lemon Spritz) 6:00 p.m. Dinner





\$48 Members & Guests Dinner Includes:

Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread
Oven Roasted Pork Tenderloin
Rice Pilaf and Sautéed Green Beans
OR

Vegetarian Lasagna Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soft drinks

For further information please contact Yvonne Bushman @ 650.619.6213 or ybushman@sbcglobal.net



PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION & ENCLOSE WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO IAWG

MAIL to: Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane
San Bruno, CA 94066
CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025.
No refunds or cancellations after May 2nd.

Name:	Phone:		
Please CIRCLE Entrée CI Amount Enclosed: I would like to sit with	hoice: Pork Tenderloin	or	Vegetarian Lasagna
I need a ride: yes	no		(someone will contact you)

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If you are interested in playing Pedro, a group of IAWG members gather on most Wednesdays @ 1:30. The locations vary by week. Please contact Mary Pardini if you are interested

pardinimc@gmail.com

The IAWG will be sending out the monthly newsletter to email addresses on file. If you do not receive a monthly newsletter (except July) please email me.

parmanino135@gmail.com

ADDRESS CHANGES, ETC.

If you have a change in your name, address, email or phone number, please contact Roberta Bernat

rbernat@att.net or 650.200.9095

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

FEBRUARY Trivia Question: Tony Bennett

MARCH Trivia: "Name the hip catholic priest played by actor Dan Novella who was featured on Saturday Night Live"

> Answer will be given at the next general meeting! Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei

Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile

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!

Any issues finding our Facebook page, please

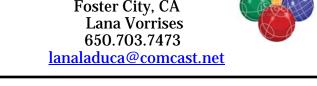
email me: watson1441@gmail.com

Ciao, Linda Watson

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650 Shell Blvd Foster City, CA Lana Vorrises 650.703.7473





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

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IAWG BOOK CLUB

BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2025

WE MEET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH TIME 11 A.M. UPSTAIRS

IAWG Members Only (No Guests) **Contact Cathy Borrone** Phone: 650-242-1685 email: minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
JANUARY 22nd (PLEASE NOTE DATE)	MURDER IN CHIANTI (a Tuscan Mystery)	CAMILLA TRINCHIERI
MARCH 19th	LOYALTY (the rise of the Mafia in Sicily)	LISA SCOTTOLINE
MAY 21st	THE BRIAR CLUB (female boardinghouse in Washington DC in 1950)	KATE QUINN
JULY 16th	THE SPECTACULAR (Radio City Rockettes in 1956 and the Big Apple Bomber)	FIONA DAVIS
SEPTEMBER 17th	EAT AND GET GAS (a family own diner/gas station in 1960)	J. A. WRIGHT
NOVEMBER 19th	LEFT ON TENTH (a second chance at life: a memoir)	DELIA EPHRON
	RECOMMENDED READING	
	ALL THE COLORS OF THE DARK (thriller. love story during 1975)	CHRIS WHITAKER
	THE SICILIAN INHERITANCE (murder, romance and ricotta)	JO PIAZZA
	THE RIVER WE REMEMBER (1958 murder in small Minnesota town)	WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER
	THE LAST BUS TO WISDOM (summer of 1951 Montana)	IVAN DOIG
	THE WOMEN (nurses sent to Vietnam in 1965)	KRISTIN HANNAH
	UNDER THE LIGHT OF THE ITALIAN MOON (Italian women resilience in WW11)	JENNIFER ANTON
	THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HILL (coming of age story)	ROBERT DUGONI

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Mission Statement

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 intents to promote the social and education enrichment of its members and strives to work for the good of the community at large with its philanthropic efforts.

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