

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD



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Greetings from your IAWG 2025 President's Message gennaio 2026 Message

Ciao Signore!

Another successful Christmas Dinner hosted by **Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine** with her creative flair of Angelic and holiday decorations. It was wonderful to see **198** most generous members that attended the event. The tables were filled with an abundance of so many wonderful Christmas toys and gift cards for the annual **"Toys for Tots Program"**. The presents were gratefully collected by the **San Mateo Firefighters**.

Lucy Romoli held a captive audience when she outlined exciting details for our **IAWG 2026 Cookbook**. Flyers are enclosed in this newsletter and copies can be found on the flyer table at each meeting.

We were entertained by the profound and beautiful voice of **Maria Pignati** who sang a traditional Christmas song and two other carols in Italian. Thank you, **Maria!**

As my last President's message, thank you to our **Officers, Board of Directors, Committees** that are an invaluable support to our club, and to our valued members. Because of each of you, our Club will thrive.

I welcome our **2026 Officers and Board of Directors**, congratulations to each of you.

I am grateful for the support and kindness shown to me during the past 3 years.

I wish each of you and your families the very **Happiest and Healthy New Year.**

Grazie I cuore,
Arlene Bin-Di Nitto



**SAVE THE DATE
2026**

PAY YOUR DUES!

(see page 6)

**Monday, January 12
Installation of New
Members, Officers
& Board of Directors,
Dinner Meeting**

(see page 7)

**Monday, February 9
Lunch Meeting**

(see page 8)

**Monday, March 9
Dinner Meeting**

(see page 9)

All flyers are always
available on our website
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& on the table **behind the
greeter's table**

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Buon Compleanno gennaio

MARLEEN	MASON	1/1
MARIANNE	SMITH	1/1
CAROL	CONROY	1/2
SUSAN	DAN	1/3
DINA	CARRASCO	1/4
JOAN	SHOUTS	1/4
MARIA	PIGNATI	1/6
JOANNE	REGALIA	1/6
DENISE	DE VILLE	1/8
NATALIE	MARSHALL	1/12
JOANNE	AIELLO	1/14
JOSEPHINE	AMOROSO	1/16
MARY ANN	GNECCO	1/18
JANIS	CARDINALE	1/21
DIANE	SMITH	1/23
DEB	ROBBINS	1/24
LORI	BATES	1/25
BETTY	BESSIERE	1/25
ROSE	MOISEFF	1/25
LYNN	GALLO	1/28
MARY	PASQUALI	1/28
DENISE	NARDI	1/31

REACH OUT TO.....

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TREASURER'S REPORT - 11/30/2025

DEPOSITS:	Membership	\$3,975.00
	Graton Event	\$2,025.00
	Newsletter Ad	\$110.00
EXPENSES:	Nov Dinner	\$8,422.03
	Mailings	\$141.30
	Office	\$60.00
	Event	\$1,750.00
	PIASC Rent	\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$10,423.33
BANK BALANCE		\$33,755.31
CD 7422		\$33,662.06

CHARITIES FOR 2025

	Caring Hands In Health	500
	Saint Francis Center	1000
	CORA	1000
	LA Fires	1000
	Texas Children's Hospital	1000
	(Texas floods)	



Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices



Speedy Recovery:

- Gail Mozzini
- Maria Giulianetti
- Barbara Valle

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
2 call or text 650.302.0667



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

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 2026.

The IAWG Scholarship Fund was established as an investment in the educational promise for our young men and women. Our members have a 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 well-rounded individuals. Also, applicants 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.

Please send the student's name, address and sponsor's name to Committee Chair, Gail Mozzini, to request an application packet. Her contact info is: gailmozzini@gmail.com

Applications must be received no later than April 14, 2026.



IAWG COOKBOOK 2026

Book Title Contest

Winning Prize

A Free Cookbook

Email your idea to Lucy Romoli Lucy5247@sbcglobal.net

Submit your title for IAWG 2026 cookbook by May 2026 dinner meeting
Winner will be announced at June 2026 dinner meeting



IAWG COOKBOOK 2026

History, Heritage and Legacy

Version 2

(Resubmit recipes from 2007 cookbook, “La Cucina”)

Pictures and words will tell the history of IAWG San Mateo and highlight its achievements. Members’ recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation along with a brief description will bring our Italian heritage to life and become part of our legacy.

COOKBOOK CONTENT:

- IAWG highlights of history and achievements
- Members’ Recipes
 - Favorite Italian recipes that have been handed down from generation to generation.
 - Your name and the year you joined San Mateo’s IAWG
 - Brief Description: 1 to 3 sentences that describe memories surrounding this recipe (from whom, when served, tradition, etc.)
 - Number of Servings
 - List of ingredients with measurements for each
 - Step by step instructions

SPECIAL DATES:

- January 2026 Dinner Meeting: Recipes will start to be submitted
- May 2026 Dinner Meeting: Final date to submit your recipe & cookbook title
- June Dinner Meeting: Winner of Cookbook Title Contest announced
- August 1, 2026: Submit purchase order with payment
- November and December 2026 dinner meetings: cookbooks available

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE:

- Mail to: Deb Robbins: 144 Somerset Street, Redwood City, CA 94062-1824
- Email to: Lucy Romoli: lucy5247@sbcglobal.net
- Bring a copy to an IAWG dinner meeting and give it to one of the committee members.

Your Cookbook Committee,

Lucy Romoli, Laurie Donohue, Deb Robbins, Sally Pratali, Lana Vorrises

IAWG CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE & DINNER

Monday, December 8, 2025



PHOTOS CURTESY OF LINDA WATSON, FIND THESE AND MORE
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MEMEBERSHIP DUES

\$75

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Payment for your 2026 membership is due on **January 1, 2026**

Dues not paid by February 1, 2026 will be delinquent

There is a two week grace period until

February 15, 2026, after that you will be dropped from the GUILD

NO EXCEPTIONS

The yearly dues are **\$75.00**

Please make check payable to IAWG and mail to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine~275 Uplands Drive~ Hillsborough, CA 94010

or contact Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson

firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

\$75

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Be a Part of our Great Organization!



NO NAMETAG

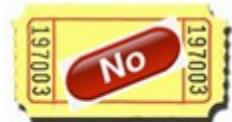
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NO RAFFLE TICKET



KNITTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!!

Anyone interested in joining the **KNITTING** committee, please contact

Anna Dupont anna@annadupont.com 650.269.9024

Joyceyn Firenzi-Pine firenzi@comcast.net



SEWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!!

Anyone interested in joining the **SEWING** committee, please contact

Charlene O'Malley charomalley@aol.com 650.759.1991

Cathy Borrone minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com



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**Italian American Women's Guild
Monday, January 12, 2026**

***Installation of New Members,
Officers & Board of Directors
Dinner Meeting***

PIASC 100 North B Street, San Mateo
5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Meeting ~ Dinner to follow

Menu

Insalata di Casa, Rolls and Butter

Choice of:

**Calamari Steak--Chicken Piccata--Eggplant Parm
Includes Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Soda**

\$48.00

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

Yvonne Bushman~181 Glenbrook Lane~ San Bruno~CA 94066-4031

Questions call or text: Mary Pardini 650.867.4331

Reservation deadline is December 30, 2025

(No Refunds for cancellations after December 30, 2025 and no tickets sold at door)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: ___\$_____

If paying for multiple-people, please list their names on back of sheet

I would like to sit with: _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Calamari Steak Chicken Piccata Eggplant Parm

Need a ride: Yes, _____ No _____ (If yes, someone will contact you.)

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Italian American Woman's Guild



Monday, February 9, 2026 - Lunch/Meeting
Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100
North B Street, San Mateo

11:00 a.m. No Host Cocktails
12:00 p.m. Meeting/Lunch to follow



\$50.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)
LUNCH INCLUDES:

Family Style Spinach & Cranberry Salad with Ciabatta Rolls
Rice Pilaf & Sauteed Green Beans with Caramelized Onions
Entrée Choice

Butter Poached Salmon with Champagne Sauce
Or

Half Roasted Chicken
Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soda

(Dietary restrictions e.g. Gluten Free or Vegetarian Optional)

Please return the bottom portion along with a check payable to IAWG and mail to
Andrea Bin 1501 Sequoia Avenue, San Bruno, CA.
94066 Questions please call Andrea 650-291-0993

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 26, 2026

(NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER JANUARY 26th. NO MONEY ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN)

Member Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Circle Choice of Entree: Salmon Half Chicken

I would like to sit with: _____
Need a ride: Yes__ No__ (if yes, someone will contact you)

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS TO RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET

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

March 9, 2026 - Dinner/Meeting

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

5:00 p.m. No Host Cocktail
6:00 p.m. Meeting
Dinner to Follow

\$50.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)

DINNER INCLUDES:

House Salad/Rolls & Butter

Entree: Corn Beef and Cabbage w/Roasted Potatoes & Carrots
Or

Seasonal Vegetable Lasagna
Dessert and Coffee

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

Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane
SAN BRUNO, CA. 94066

*For questions or further information, please call
Yvonne Bushman at 650-619-6213 or email ybushman@sbcglobal.net*

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 25, 2026
CHECKS RECEIVED AFTER FEB 25TH WILL BE REFUSED AND RETURN TO MEMBER
_____ NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER FEB 25, 2026 _____

Member's Name: _____
Phone: _____

CIRCLE Choice of Entree: Corned Beef Vegetable Lasagna

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH _____

Need a ride: YES _____ NO _____ (if yes, someone will contact you).

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PEDRO

If you are interested in playing Pedro, a group of IAWG members gather on most Wednesdays @ 1:00. Locations may vary. If interested please email
Charlene O'Malley
charomalley@aol.com

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The IAWG sends out the monthly newsletter to email addresses on file. If you do not receive a monthly newsletter (except July) please email Pat Armanino
parmanino135@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

If you have a change in your name, address, email address, phone number or would like a copy of the roster please email Pat Armanino
parmanino135@gmail.com

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

DECEMBER Trivia Answer: ROSSI

JANUARY Trivia Question: The San Gennaro festival is a popular celebration for Italian Americans in NYC. San Gennaro is the patron saint of what Italian city?

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

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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ATTENTION MEMBERS

10- and 20-year Members that have not received their 10- or 20-year pin, please contact: Arlene Bin-DiNitto
ambindinitto@gmail.com



IAWG BOOK CLUB WE MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 11AM (UPSTAIRS) BOOK SELECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026

Members only!

Any questions contact Cathy Borrone 650-242-1685--email minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
JANUARY 21 ST	NINO'S HEART (BOOK 1 OF 3 SERIES)	JD KEENE
MARCH 18 TH	THE AMALFI CURSE (sunken treasure, forbidden love on the Amalfi Coast)	SARAH PENNER
MAY 20 TH	THE UNRAVELING OF JULIA (Psychological thriller set in a Tuscan villa and vineyard)	LISA SCOTTOLINE
JULY 15 TH	AN AMERICAN BEAUTY (true story of Arabella Huntington who became the richest woman in the country during the gilded age)	SHANA ABE
SEPTEMBER 16 TH	PRETTY GUILTY WOMEN (one murder, four confessions)	GINA LAMANNA
NOVEMBER 18 TH	SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES (mix-ups, mess-ups, and second changes)	JOJO MOYES
Pick book selections for 2027 RECOMMENDED READING		
	The Book Club of Troublesome Women	Marie Bostwick
	The Girl on the Boat (book 1 of 4 series)	Kate Hewitt
	The Wayward Girls	Susan Wiggs
	The Housemaid	Freida McFadden
	Time under Tension	Kristina Fox

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720 Blossom Hill Road
(Corner of Blossom Hill Rd. and Los Gatos Blvd.)

BURLINGAME
1825 El Camino Real
(Corner of El Camino and Trousdale Drive)

BELMONT
1085 Alameda de las Pulgas
(Corner of Ralston Ave. and Alameda)

SAN BRUNO
2801 San Bruno Avenue
(Corner of Skyline Blvd. and San Bruno Ave.)

WALNUT CREEK
1680 Palco Verde Mall
(Geary and Phoenician HWY 92)

DANVILLE
145 Railroad Avenue
(Between Church and School Streets)



Contact Pat Armanino
for
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parmanino135@gmail.com

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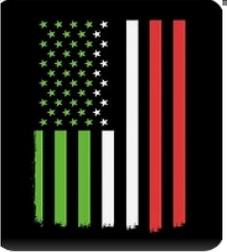
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Celebrating 30 Years!

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 intends 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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