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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors GENNAIO 2025 Message

Greeting from your Officers and Board Members

Felice anno nuovo 2025!!!

We said ciao to 2024 with our successful December dinner. We thank you **Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine**, for creating such holiday flair with your creative table decorations, as always, you really outdid yourself. With **184** members in attendance, the room was full of smiles, laughter and much socializing.

We were entertained by the beautiful voice of **Maria Pignati** who led us in singing Christmas Carols. She also sang her favorite childhood Italian Christmas Carol which brought back memories for some of us. **Thank you, Maria, you are amazing.**

One of the highlights of our evening were the **Firefighters** from **Station 21** who were very thankful for all the toys they collected for their **Toys for Tots Program**. The generosity of our guild will bring smiles and excitement to many children. Another special part of our evening was the recognition of **Jennifer**, our previous **General Manager**, who received a Spa Gift Certificate and a bouquet of flowers from **Joycelyn** as recognition for her support and service to the IAWG.

The **IAWG** is a separate entity from the **PIASC**. We have no control over the increase of prices. I am sure that you noticed this increase with our **30th Anniversary Dinner** flyer in **February**. Just to clarify, the initial flyer in the December Newsletter has an incorrect price of \$46.00. An email was followed with the corrected price of **\$48.00**.

We look forward to the **New Year** with hope and faith.

From your Officers and Board of the Italian American Women's Guild Felice anno Nuovo.

Newsletter correspondent,
Corinne Verili Courtney



HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY IAWG!!

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SAVE THE DATE 2025

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

January 1, 2025

(See Page 3 for more details)

Monday, January 13

Installation Dinner Meeting
(see flyer page 6)

Monday, February 10

30 Year Dinner Celebration
(see flyer page 7)

Monday, March 10

Dinner Meeting
(see flyer page 8)

Tuesday, March 20

Tasting Event at Del'Oliva
(see flyer page 9)

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

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Birthdays of the Month

January

MARLEEN	MASON	1/1
MARIANNE	SMITH	1/1
MERLE	BELLANTI	1/2
CAROL	CONROY	1/2
SUSAN	DAN	1/3
DINA	CARRASCO	1/4
JOAN	SHOUTS	1/4
MARIA	PIGNATI	1/6
JOANNE	REGALIA	1/6
VANA	FERRARI	1/7
DENISE	DE VILLE	1/8
CAROL	GALLUCCI	1/10
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 the Officers and more...

President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto	ambindinitto@gmail.com
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TREASURER'S REPORT -11/29/24

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Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices



Sympathy to the family on the passing of Rosaleen Nardi

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 your dinner choices.

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



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 2025.

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 are due no later than April 14, 2025.

IAWG CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE & DINNER





These photos and more taken by Linda Watson can be found on our website, <https://iawgsm.org>



\$75

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payment for your 2025 membership is due on

JANUARY 1, 2025

Dues not paid by **FEBRUARY 1, 2025** shall be Delinquent. There is a two week grace period until

February 15, 2025, after that you will be dropped from the Guild
NO EXCEPTION!

The yearly membership fee is **\$75.00**

Please mail your check payable to IAWG to:

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

275 Uplands Drive

Hillsborough, CA 94010

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson

firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

Be a part of our great organization!

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SEWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Anyone interested in joining the sewing committee, please contact

charomalley@aol.com 650.759.1991



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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Italian American Women's Guild

Monday, January 13, 2025

Installation Dinner Meeting

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo
5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Dinner Includes:

Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread

Cost - \$43.00 Members Only

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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

For questions or further information, please call
Donna Silvers 650-238-4284

Reservation deadline is January 3, 2025

(No Refunds for cancellations after January 3, 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 ☐ Meat Lasagna ☐ Eggplant Parmesan ☐

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

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

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Italian American Women's Guild

An evening Celebrating **30** Years of Friendship, Service & Support
Honor our Chartered Members
Learn about the Beginnings of our Guild

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street San Mateo

February 10, 2025
5 PM No Host Cocktails 6 PM Dinner Meeting

MENU

Spinach & Cranberry Salad with Garlic Bread
Salmon, Roasted Chicken or Vegetarian Lasagna
Sautéed Green Beans with Caramelized Onions
Roasted Red Potatoes with Rosemary & Garlic
Bomba, Coffee, Iced Tea & Soda

Cost – \$ 48 Members Only

Please mail the bottom portion to:
Andrea Bin
1501 Sequoia Avenue San Bruno, CA 94066
Any questions, please call Andrea at 650.291.0993

Reservation deadline is January 31st – Please mail early
(No refunds or Cancellations after January 31st, (No tickets sold at the door)

Members Name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Entrée choice: () Salmon () Roasted Chicken () Vegetarian Lasagna

I would like to sit with: _____

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

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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
Or

Vegetarian Lasagane

Dessert and Coffee

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

Andrea Bin
1501 Sequoia Avenue
San Bruno, California 94066

For questions or further information, please call
Andrea Bin at 650-291-0993 or email binny1943@gmail.com

Reservation deadline is March 1st - Please mail early
(No refunds or cancellations 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 Enclosed _____

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**Tasting Event at Del'Oliva
1440 Burlingame Avenue
Burlingame**

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 paddingimc@gmail.com

Reservation deadline is March 10, 2025

(Parking available behind the store)

Name _____ Phone _____

Amount _____

Guests _____

This and all event flyers can be found on website <https://iawgsm.org>

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. The newsletter will be emailed
out by the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you do not
receive a newsletter 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!!

DECEMBER TRIVIA ANSWER: Hugo Spritzer

JANUARY Trivia: She won the Golden Globe award in 1968 for
her performance as Mrs. Robinson in the movie The Graduate.

Who is she? **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



**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 SCOTTLIN
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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 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 Alameda Ave. and Alameda)

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

WALNUT CREEK
 1660 Palco Verde Mall
 (Leaky and Pleasant Hill Rd.)

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 345 Railroad Avenue
 (Between Church and School Streets)



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 650.281.8725
parmanino135@gmail.com


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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 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.

<https://iawgsm.org>