

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors DECEMBER 2024 Message

Greeting from your Officers and Board Members

Our thanks and appreciation to **Deb Robbins** for hosting the **November Member Appreciation** and **Election of our 2025 Officers and Board** with **150 members** in attendance. This was a very special evening as Nominating Chair **Sally Pratali** announced our **2025 Officers; President, Arlene Bin-Di Nitto, Vice President, Donna Silvers, Secretary, Andrea Bin, Treasurer, Yvonne Bushman.** Our Board of Directors; **Lori Bates, Tina Canepa, Laurie Donohue, Arlene Garcia, Cathy Lucci, Deb Robbins and Barbara Valle.** **Congratulazioni ladies!**

Our new General Manager, **Steve Bianco**, was introduced to the members. Congratulations on joining the **PIASC**. We look forward to working with him.

Our **Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser** profit was **\$8,296.58**. Thank you to all members for your gracious donations.

Please check out the back of the newsletter for the appropriate committee chairs to be contacted.

Woman of the Year Ballots are due **December 9th**, at our **Christmas Dinner**. They are available in the December newsletter and will be on the flyer table for your convenience

If at any time you are unable to print out a **Dinner Meeting flyer**, you can write on a piece of paper your information, meal choice, who you wish to sit with, and if you need a ride. Mail the paper with your check to the Contact on the flyer prior to the deadline date.

Another important date to keep is our **February 10th Dinner Meeting**. A celebration of the **30th Anniversary of the Italian American Women's Guild**. Please plan to attend to honor these special ladies the Chartered Members that started our Guild in 1995.

It's beginning to look a lot like **Christmas** that magical time of year. The stores began decorating, charity bells are ringing, the Chorale groups are singing, the churches are displaying their scenes, mom and pop are shopping and families are decorating their homes and trees. It's an amazing time of year jubilant and awesome. **Enjoy the festivities and the excitement with your families.**

The Officers and Board of the Italian American Women's Guild extend to you and your families

BUON NATALE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Newsletter correspondent,
Corinne Verili Courtney**

SAVE THE DATE 2024-2025

Monday, December 9
Dinner and Toy Drive
(See flyer page 15)

**2025
MEMBERSHIP DUES
ARE DUE
January 1, 2025
(See Page 3 for more details)**

Monday, January 13
Installation Dinner Meeting
(See flyer page 16)\

Monday, February 10
30 Year Dinner Celebration
(see flyer page 17)

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

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will be available at the next





Birthdays of the Month

DECEMBER

CAMMY	FORCHIONE	12/1
RENEE	BOATWRIGHT	12/4
LINDA	DE PALMA	12/4
LILLIAN	PICCININI	12/4
LORETTA	SCIACQUA	12/4
BERNADETTE	CHURSHIN	12/7
VICTORIA	CANEVARO	12/8
MARJORIE	GIORDANO	12/9
KERRI	LEWIS	12/9
JOANNE	SILVESTRI	12/9
VIOLET	GUERRA	12/10
VALERIE	SCHICK	12/10
GLORIA	MIROWSKI	12/11
MARY	PARDINI	12/13
TINA	FATICA	12/17
ELAINE	ROBINSON	12/17
ESTHER	CALVILLO	12/18
LISA	GIULIACCI	12/19
ANTONETTE	MACHI	12/19
SUSAN	CANALE	12/23
CHRISTINE	ERCOLI	12/23
GINA	ROSSI	12/27
CATHERINE	SARTI	12/28
KAREN	TOMAN	12/28
NANCY	CARLUCCI-SHAUGHNESSY	12/30
DEBORAH	ARBASSETTI	12/30
	ALFARO	12/31

Reach out to the Officers and more...

President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto	ambindinitto@gmail.com
Vice President-Charlene O'Malley	charomalley@aol.com
Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman	ybushman@sbcglobal.net
Secretary - Andrea Bin	binny1943@gmail.com
Events - Lana Vorrisen	lanaladuca@comcast.net
Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine	firenzi@comcast.net

TREASURER'S REPORT -10/31/2024

DEPOSITS:	
Bingo	\$18,494.00
EXPENSES:	
Bingo	\$10,197.42
Storage Unit	\$300.00
Mailings	\$109.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,607.05
BANK BALANCE	\$45,073.40
CD 7422	\$32,518.48



Sunshine and Mani di Angeli Notices



Get Well Wish To:

- ♦ Cece MacNaughton
- ♦ Iris Bagneschi
- ♦ Rosaleen Nardi
- ♦ Barbara Valle
- ♦ Helen Birkeland

ELECTION RESULTS

(Updated information)

Regarding the annual election for **IAWG Officers and Board of Directors** held on Monday, November 11, 2024. After careful tabulation, a tie remained between two candidates, **Cathy Lucci** and **Geri Gagliardo**. Due to a current scheduling conflict, Geri Gagliardo will not be available to perform the duties of the **IAWG Board of Directors** position. A Runoff Election will not be necessary. **Cathy Lucci** will resume her **Board Position for 2025**.

MENU COSTS

As you 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

\$75

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$75

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!

\$75

\$75

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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GRATON CASINO BUS TRIP

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all who went on the Graton Casino bus trip on November 7. We played "Senior Trivia" on the bus, had spa treatments at the casino, and the big winner went home with \$800!



WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION - 2024

For your vote to count, you must be sure to state why the nominee deserves this honor and you **MUST** sign your ballot. Any ballots missing this information will **NOT** be counted. Ballots are read by 3 previous Woman of the Year recipients. You **may NOT nominate any PREVIOUS Woman of the Year**. A **signature** is required to verify your vote and to prove only one vote has been submitted. All nomination forms are destroyed after they are verified and read.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE _____ Woman of the Year 2024

A WRITTEN PARAGRAPH MUST BE SUBMITTED DETAILING YOUR REASON FOR NOMINATION. A ONE WORD DESCRIPTION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

REASON FOR NOMINATION: _____

SIGNATURE _____

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9, 2024

Return this form at the December meeting. If you cannot attend the December meeting, mail the completed form to: **IAWG, Woman of the Year, P.O. BOX 6411, San Mateo, CA. 94403**



<u>AWARD WINNER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AWARD WINNER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
FRANCIA CHIAPPE	1996	CECE MCNAUGHTON	2010
GLORIA DESILVA	1997	DIANNE BACIGALUPI	2011
MARLENE BELLUOMINI	1998	DENISE DEL GROSSO	2012
MIRANDA ZANETTE	1999	JOYCELYN FIRENZI-PINE	2013
MENA FADELLI	2000	ROBERTA BERNAT	2014
ROSE VISCUSO	2002	GAIL MOZZINI	2015
DOREEN MAZZEI	2003	REGINA BORTOLUS	2016
DANA GAFFNEY	2004	KATHRYN PEZZOLO-FLANAGAN	2017
JEANNETTE HALL	2005	JEAN ALLARD	2018
IRIS BAGNESCHI	2006	PAT ARMANINO	2019
LINDA SMALL	2007	LINDA KOELLING	2021
LUBIANA CERNOBORI	2008	SALLY PRATALI	2022
CARMEN PATANE	2009	ARLENE BIN DI-NITO	2023

IAWG CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE & DINNER

Monday, December 9, 2024

5 PM No Host Cocktails 6 PM Meeting - Dinner to follow

MENU

Holiday Salad Family Style
Mixed
Lettuce, Cranberries, Candied Pecans,
Blue Cheese, Balsamic Dressing
Rolls and Butter

CHOICE of ENTREE

Chicken Cacciatore & Polenta or Eggplant Parmigiano & Polenta
Dianda's Ginger Cake,
Coffee, Iced Tea & Soda

COST \$43 (Members Only)

Please bring an **unwrapped item** for the
"San Mateo Firefighters Toys for Tots"
Suggested: Toys, Board Games, Sporting Goods, Books, Art Supplies

Reservation: **Deadline is NOVEMBER 30th, 2024**

(No refunds after the deadline – No tickets sold at the door)

Please return the bottom portion of this form with your check,

Made payable to IAWG and please **mail early** to:

Roberta Bernat, 111 Spinnaker Street, Foster City, CA 94404-3407

Any questions, please contact Joycelyn at: 650.678.8765 or firenzi@comcast.net

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Choice: () Chicken Cacciatore & Polenta () Eggplant Parmigiano & Polenta

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I wish to sit with: _____

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



**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
Calamari Steak, Meat Lasagna or Eggplant Parmesan
Served with Vegetables
Bomba Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda

Cost - \$43.00 Members Only

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!

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



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)

*****PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS*****

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If you are interested in playing or learning to play Pedro. A group gathers on most Wednesdays @ 1:30 The locations vary by week. Please contact Mary Pardini if you are unsure of the location.

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

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Arlene Bin Di Nitto
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available at the next meeting!

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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Learn to play or improve your skills.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday at 11AM
Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only.
Foster City Recreation Center

650 Shell Blvd
Foster City, CA
Lana Vorrises
650.703.7473

lanaladuca@comcast.net



How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

NOVEMBER TRIVIA ANSWER: COFFEE

DECEMBER Trivia: " what do Italians drink at Christmas time, other than wine?"

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei:

Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile



IAWG BOOK CLUB BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2024

**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 24 TH (date change)	THE HOTEL RIVIERA	ELIZABETH ADLER
MARCH 20 TH	THE STAR-CROSSED SISTERS OF TUSCANY	LORI NELSON SPIELMAN
MAY 22 ND (date change)	ELIZABETH STREET	LAURIE FIABIANO
JULY 17 TH	ETERNAL	LISA SCOTTOLINE
SEPTEMBER 18 TH	LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN	LISA SEE
NOVEMBER 20 TH	THE HONEY BUS	MEREDITH MAY

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PICK 2025 BOOKS

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pictures of events and
useful links, please
check out our website!*

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(Corner of Meridian Ave. and Branham Lane)

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2666 S. Bascom Avenue
(Between Curtner and Union Avenues)

LOS GATOS
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.)

DANVILLE
345 Railroad Avenue
(Between Church and School Streets)



The Peninsula Italian American Social Club

Open to the Public for Lunch

Tuesday through Friday 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

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100 N. B. St
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Take Out available



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for
Pricing information
650.281.8725
parmanino135@gmail.com


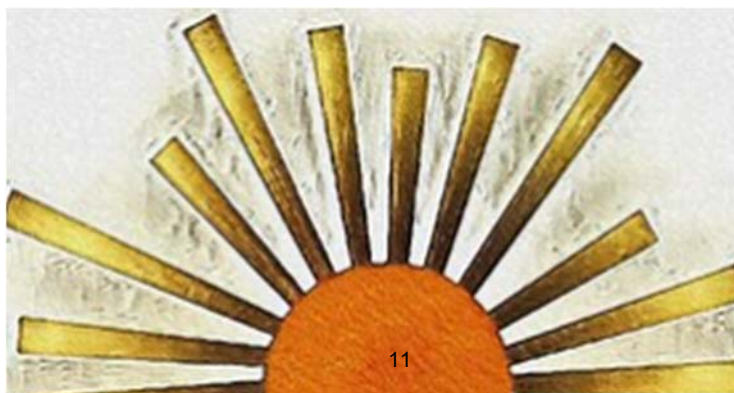
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Mission Statement

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.

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