

# THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD



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## Greetings from your IAWG 2026 President's Message marzo 2026 Message

Dear IAWG Sisters,

Benvenute a marzo! As we welcome the first hints of spring, we also enter a month of profound significance for our heritage and our community. March is a time of renewal, and for the Italian American Women's Guild, it is a month to acknowledge the strength of the women who came before us and the vibrant traditions we carry forward.

This month, we observe *International Women's Day & Women's History Month*. *On March 8, we join the global community in celebrating the achievements of women. The 2026 theme, "Give to Gain," resonates deeply with the IAWG's mission of philanthropy and sisterhood. We also honor Women's History Month, reflecting on the resilient Italian immigrant women who helped shape our lives.*

With that in mind, we have a delightful and special Italian cookbook coming out this year. What better way to share the strength of the Italian women in your family than by submitting a recipe cherished by you or someone you love (see the flyer in this newsletter). It is a wonderful way to salute our heritage!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting on March 9 celebrating the bright season ahead and Festa di San Patrizio.

Con tanto affetto,  
Lori

Lori J. Bates  
President, Italian American Women's Guild



## SAVE THE DATE 2026

**Monday, March 9**  
**Dinner Meeting**  
(see page 6)  
**Monday, April 13**  
**Dinner Meeting**  
(see page 7)  
**Monday, April 20**  
**Kevin Blake Event**  
**(please note deadline change)**  
(see page 8)  
**Monday, May 11**  
**Mother's Day Dinner**  
(see page 9)  
**Sunday July 28**  
**Rose Viscuso**  
**Bocce Tournament**  
(see page 10)

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

## NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS!

Making New Friends and Getting Reacquainted!

Wearing **NAME TAGS** makes this easy. Please Contact **Arlene Bin Di Nitto** [ambindinitto@gmail.com](mailto:ambindinitto@gmail.com) to request a **NAME TAG** and it will be available at the next meeting!



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# buon compleanno marzo

SALLY	PRATALI	3/2
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
LETTY	MORRIS	3/13
CAROL	SCOLA	3/15
CHUCKIE	RAMIREZ	3/15
ROBERTA	ROMANI	3/15
NANCY	MORRIS	3/16
GRAZIA	PAOLINELLI	3/16
MARJORIE	MILANI	3/17
ADDIE	MICHELI	3/18
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
DOREEN	MAZZEI	3/30
CORINNE	COURTNEY	3/31

Happy 101 years, Marjorie!

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TREASURER'S REPORT - 1/31/26		
DEPOSITS:	Membership	\$11,250.00
	January dinner	\$7,730.00
EXPENSES:	January dinner	\$7,899.15
	Mailings	\$43.14
	Office	\$213.67
	Gift	\$215.29
	PIASC Rent	\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$8,421.25
BANK BALANCE		\$44,976.01
CD 7422		\$33,914.13

**Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices**

**In Sympathy :**

- On the passing of Donna Skovgaard's daughter, Kristin
- On the passing of member Nerina Di Bella

**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



**FEBRUARY 9, 2026 LUNCH MEETING**



These and more photos of the event can be found on our web site  
[HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG) under Photo Gallery  
(Photos taken by Linda Watson-Historian)

**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](mailto:gailmozzini@gmail.com)

Applications must be received by April 14, 2026.

**KNITTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!!**

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

Anna Dupont [anna@annadupont.com](mailto:anna@annadupont.com) 650.269.9024

Joyceyn Firenzi-Pine [firenzi@comcast.net](mailto:firenzi@comcast.net)

**SEWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!!**

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

Charlene O'Malley [charomalley@aol.com](mailto:charomalley@aol.com) 650.759.1991

Cathy Borrone [minirose\\_sonoma@yahoo.com](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

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**IAWG COOKBOOK 2026**

Book Title Contest

Winning Prize

A Free Cookbook

Email your idea to Lucy Romoli [Lucy5247@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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



## 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](mailto: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).

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS**

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# Italian American Women's Guild

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH



## KEVIN BLAKE MAGICIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE

As seen on America's Got Talent, Penn & Teller: Fool Us, Thrillist and in his show *The Illusionist at the Palace Theater*, Kevin Blake is a San Francisco-based magician, mentalist and illusionist. His show is a mind-bending experience of sleight of hand and mind that must be seen to be believed!

**DATE:** Monday, April 20, 2026

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. no-host cocktails; 6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. show begins.

**PLACE:** Peninsula Italian American Social Club, 100 N. B Street, San Mateo 94401

**PRICE:** \$85 (includes buffet dinner with salad, pasta and choice of entree chicken piccata or vegetable lasagna, soft drinks, coffee, tea, dessert, tax, tip and 90 minute show)

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS SHEET WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO **IAWG** AND  
MAIL TO: Anna Zammataro, 128 Escanyo Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Questions [annazamm@yahoo.com](mailto:annazamm@yahoo.com) 650-270-7689

Reservation and check must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 2026

**Limited to the first 100 tickets sold! OPEN SEATING!**

*THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS ★ ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS*

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Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85.00 per person      Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are sending in a check for multiple guests, please list each guest's name**



MOTHER'S DAY DINNER  
 ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD  
 MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026  
 PIASC 100 North B Street, San Mateo

5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails - 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
 \$52 Members & Guests



Rolls/butter  
 Spinach salad  
 choice of Entrée  
 Poached salmon with champagne sauce  
 Chicken Marsala  
 included with entrees  
 Green beans and Roasted potatoes  
 or  
 Eggplant Parmesan  
 &  
 Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soft drinks



QUESTIONS: DONNA SILVERS ~ 650.238.4284 ~ donnaags@sbcglobal.com

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION & ENCLOSE WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO  
 IAWG MAIL TO: PAT ARMANINO, 135 EAST BELLEVUE, SAN MATEO. CA 94401  
**CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2026.**  
 No refunds or cancellations after APRIL 27

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE Entrée Choice: **SALMON** **CHICKEN** **EGGPLANT PARMESAN**

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

I need a ride: yes no (someone will contact you)

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# ROSE VISCUSO AL SACCO BOCCE TOURNAMENT

**DATE:** Sunday, July 26, 2026

**TIME:** Check-in time: 8:30 am      Play begins at: 9:00 am

**ENTRY FEE:** \$55.00 which includes Bocce, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch (Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna, Caesar Salad, and Garlic Bread).

**WHERE:** Peninsula Italian American Social Club, 100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401

**Participation is limited to the first 48 paid players. Non-members are also welcomed to play, although IAWG Members will be given first priority.**

**Players will be assigned to a team. Points will decide winners. No Playoffs  
USBF Rules - Live back boards.**

**Cash Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams**

Cost for lunch only is \$36.00 - IAWG members and non-members who are not playing bocce are all welcome to attend the lunch.

**\*\*\*RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY JULY 17, 2026\*\*\***

**No shows at the event will forfeit the entry fee if they have not sent a replacement player**

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**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bocce Player(s)** at \$55.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lunch Only** at \$36.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my check in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make your check payable to: IAWG**

**Mail to: MARY PARDINI-1428 Benito Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**MARY PARDINI - 650 867-4331 or PHYLLIS TOGNOTTI - (650) 796-2076**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:parmanino135@gmail.com)

How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

**FEBRUARY Trivia Answer:** SOCCER



**MARCH Trivia Question:** The first pair are said to have appeared in Pisa in 1291. The inventor is attributed to a Dominican monk by the name of Alessando Spina. What did he invent? :

*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](mailto:watson1441@gmail.com)

Ciao, Linda Watson



## "BOCCE CLINIC"

Learn to play or improve your skills.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 11AM  
Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only.  
Foster City Recreation Center  
650 Shell Blvd  
Foster City, CA  
Lana Vorrises  
650.703.7472

Cancelled until further notice



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:minirose_sonoma@yahoo.com)

MONTH	TITLE	AUTHOR
JANUARY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	NINO'S HEART (BOOK 1 OF 3 SERIES)	JD KEENE
MARCH 18 <sup>TH</sup>	THE AMALFI CURSE (sunken treasure, forbidden love on the Amalfi Coast)	SARAH PENNER
MAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	THE UNRAVELING OF JULIA (Psychological thriller set in a Tuscan villa and vineyard)	LISA SCOTTOLINE
JULY 15 <sup>TH</sup>	AN AMERICAN BEAUTY (true story of Arabella Huntington who became the richest woman in the country during the gilded age)	SHANA ABE
SEPTEMBER 16 <sup>TH</sup>	PRETTY GUILTY WOMEN (one murder, four confessions)	GINA LAMANNA
NOVEMBER 18 <sup>TH</sup>	SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES (mix-ups, mess-ups, and second changes)	JOJO MOYES
<b>Pick book selections for 2027 RECOMMENDED READING</b>		
	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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2801 San Bruno Avenue  
(Corner of Skyline Blvd. and San Bruno Ave.)

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(Near and Pleasant Hill Rd.)

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345 Railroad Avenue  
(Between Church and School Streets)

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Contact Pat Armanino  
for  
Pricing information  
650.281.8725  
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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 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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