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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors OCTOBER 2024 Message

Greeting from your Officers and Board Members

Ciao ladies. Thank you to **Barbara Valle** and **Tina Canepa** for hosting our **September** Western themed Dinner Meeting. The 96 members who attended enjoyed an excellent BBQ dinner, along with a delicious Warm Apple Square and Vanilla Ice Cream Dessert. Good choice ladies!

We extend our apologies to **Doreen Mazzei** for an incorrect name in our September Newsletter referring to the Scholarship Committee

At our meeting **two by-law revisions** and **one Committee addition Greeter**, were approved by acclimation with a motion to accept and to second. The revisions will go into effect **January 2025**.

Candidates running for office were introduced by Nominating Chair, **Sally Pratali**. When introduced each 2025 candidate expressed the position they were running for. November 11th Appreciation Dinner is the **Election of 2025 Officers** and **Board of Directors**. If you are unable to attend, please mail in your **signed** Election Ballot.

The Nominating Committee, **Sally Pratali, Doreen Mazzei** and **Gail Mozzini** were thanked for their time and efforts in recruiting additional candidates to run for Board position

Bingo is sold out and the deadline for your donations is **September 30**th. Please see enclosed information.

Graton Casino Bus Trip is scheduled for **November 7th**. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind Living Spaces on Richmond abd Magnolia Streets in Millbrae. The bus will leave promptly at 9 AM. The cost is \$45.00 with a \$20.00 play credit per person. Guests are welcomed although we have a limit of 40 people.

Our **Logo** contest was postponed until **November** due to a full September Agenda. Please submit your entries

Our member Virginia O' Brien was acknowledged with a complimentary Dinner Certificate in honor of her August 94th Birthday.

Please see the enclosed notice regarding your **2025 Membership Dueg**. Notices will be included in our Newsletters, with the absolute deadline in February, a total of six months of reminders will be presented giving you a chance to retain your membership in the Club in celebration of your Italian heritage.

Due to our October 20th Bingo Fundraiser, we will not have an October Dinner Meeting.

Enjoy the beauty of the color spectrum of the Fall foliage and the ardor in October. Have an enjoyable and safe Halloween.

Newsletter correspondent, Corinne Verili Courtney

SAVE THE DATE 2024

Sunday October 20

Bingo Buffet (sold out)

(See page 14)

November 7

Graton bus trip (See page 15)

Monday, November 11

Dinner Meeting (See page 16)

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES
ARE DUE

January 1, 2025 (see Page 3 for more details)

NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS! NAME TAGS!

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NANCY **MUNROE** MARLENE **SPANO** 10/4 JANICE **BEOUGHER** 10/5 DONNA **SILVERS** 10/5 JOYCELYN FIRENZI-PINE 10/7 SUZANNE **BERTOLOZZI** 10/8 PATTI WOOD 10/8 ORENE **MUMMERT** 10/9 **ELISE PIEPMEIER** 10/12 KATHLEEN SEMENZA 10/12 ROSETTA **BIOSIC** 10/14 DEBRA **COSTANZO** 10/15 JEAN **LOMBARDI** 10/15 _AURINDA **BUSALACCHI** 10/16 ROBERTA **BERNAT** 10/18 SILVANA MASSA 10/18 LORI **VOREYER** 10/18 JOYCE **CAHALAN** 10/22 CHARLOTTE CONWAY 10/22 ANNA **RAMACCIOTTI** 10/22 10/23 MARIANNE SMITH THERESA **NIELSEN-STEVENSON** 10/24 VIVIAN 10/24 PELLA LUCIANA WITHERSPOON 10/25 DIANE **TRIBULATO** 10/25 SUSAN **PUCCI** 10/26 TINA **CANEPA** 10/28 LINDA **AVELAR** 10/28 **GINA GIAMBRA** 10/30

BALESTRERI

Reach out to the Officers and more...

President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto
Vice President-Charlene O'Malley

Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman

Secretary - Andrea Bin

Events - Lana Vorrises

Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine

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firenzi@comcast.net

TREASURER'S REPORT -08/31/2024

JENNIFER IS LEAVING THE PIASC!!!

The Italian American Women's Guild would like to express their sincere appreciation to **Jennifer, PIASC General Manager**, for her hard work and dedication that she has provided to the IAWG.

Jennifer has been so instrumental in making sure that our Guild ran smoothly and efficiently. She has always been available to cater to our needs and concerns in a very professional manner. We were confident in knowing that Jennifer always handled it all.

Words are not enough to express our gratitude. We will definitely miss her expertise and welcoming smile.

It has been a true pleasure to work with Jennifer. We are sad to see her go and wish her the very best. Jennifer has become a friend to so many.

Thank you to an amazing Lady from the bottom of our hearts!!!!

Ti auguriamo ogni bene ...

Jennifer's last day with PIASC is September 28th, 2024



Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices

Sympathy to the family on the passing of Jerilynn Lucia Johnson

Marlene Belluomini



<u>Mani di Angeli</u>

10/31



DIANA

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

Deadline for Bingo Donations is September 30th, 2024

If you are **ordering** gift baskets online, please have them sent **directly** to: Arlene Bin-Di Nitto 210 Elder Avenue Millbrae 650.291.4756

Charlene O'Malley 330 Elder Avenue Millbrae 650.759.1991 Please contact Arlene or Charlene before your **delivery!**

If you are unable to deliver, please contact **Cathy Borrone 650.242.1685**



Thank you for your generosity!





MEMEBERSHIP DUES

\$75

Payment for your 2025 membership is due on January 1, 2025 Dues not paid by February 1. 2025 will be delinquent More info to follow in future Newsletters or contact

\$75

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine, Membership Chairperson firenzi@comcast.net (650) 678-8765

REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS SEE BALLOT PAGE 7

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.

Visit out website!





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NEWSLETTERS

Check it out!!



CANDIDATES FOR 2025 IAWG OFFICERS



PRESIDENT

Arlene Bin-Di Nitto -- I have been a member of IAWG since 2019 and have served on the Board of Directors since 2021, serving as President in 2023 and 2024. I am announcing my nomination for the Office of President for one final term in **2025**.

I truly value this Guild and the legacy it has created, and as such, I am imploring the membership to seriously consider running for Office of the **President** for the **2026** term. Should no one run and fill this position, the Guild will no longer be able to operate and therefore, sadly, will have to permanently close



VICE-PRESIDENT

DONNA SILVERS – I am running for the office of Vice President. For the past four years I have been a Board member of the Guild. During this time I have had the opportunity to work closely with an amazing group of ladies with the same goal for the club. The Guild's Mission Statement states that it intends to promote the social, cultural and spirit of friendship. I have seen first hand how the Guild Officers and Board have accomplished this. I feel as Vice President, that I would be in a better position to help the Guild President with her duties and to continue with the goals of the Guild.



TREASURER

YVONNE BUSHMAN--I have been Treasurer for the past three years. I have enjoyed the job and feel like I have organized the procedures to make everything work easier and more efficiently. I would like to continue in this position and am asking for your support.

Thank you.



SECRETARY

ANDREA BIN--Since joining the IAWG in 2019, I have sincerely enjoyed being a member of this new family of friends. I have served as Secretary since the fall of 2020. I ask for your vote to continue this journey as your Secretary for 2025. I will do my best to keep our club moving forward and act in the best interests of the club at all times.

CANDIDATES FOR 2025 IAWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS



LORI BATES-- I have been a member of IAWG since 2022 and I cannot begin to express how much benefit I have received from just two years as a member. The sense of community I have experienced and the friends I have made in such a short time warms my heart.

I am currently serving on the events committee, which I have truly enjoyed, but have become interested in learning more about and getting involved in the day-to-day running of the club. I like collaborating with interesting and fun people who have similar interests and values. I hope to give back to the club in a more significant role and share my passion for our Italian heritage.



TINA CANAPA-- This will be my third year on the board of the Italian American Women's Guild. I enjoying exploring new and innovative ways to promote fund raising opportunities and I plan to actively recruit new members. I enjoy my time being a member and wish to share my enthusiasm with the current members and prospective new members. I was born and raised in San Francisco and relocated to the peninsula in 2020 and am proud to be a member of the IAWG!



LAURIE DONAHUE--I have been a member of the IAWG since 2022. I would love the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors and to be involved in bringing new ideas and activities to our Club. I look forward to supporting our Club as it continues to grow and thrive.



GERI GAGLIARDO--I joined the IAWG in 2019 and have enjoyed the dinner meetings. I've made new friends and enjoy the many activities including the sewing group. I work full time as a Systems Analyst and in my free time I knit, read, bake sourdough, and enjoy spending time in the mountains at my vacation home.

I welcome the opportunity to be on the board to offer suggestions and ideas that enrich our beautiful Italian heritage.



ARLENE GARCIA - I have been a member of the IAWG since 2019 and I have served as a member of the Board for the years 2023 & 2024. I would like to continue to be on the Board as I have enjoyed working with our members addressing their concerns and issues regarding ways to improve our operations. I currently am a Pedro teacher for our Club and I am on a Bocce Team that consists of current Club members. Our Italian Club is full of wonderful women whom treasure their Italian heritage and love to meet and enjoy friendships. I am proud to represent you and I would be very grateful for your vote.



CATHY LUCCI--I have been a member of IAWG for six years and have been on the board for two years. I have enjoyed it very much and would like to continue being on the board. I hope you will vote for me and give me the opportunity to work with my group of board members and officers to bring new ideas and activities to the club



DEB ROBBINS --I thoroughly enjoy being a member of the IAWG. I have been a member for two years and have made numerous new friends. I truly feel the Club is like my second family. I would like to stay involved working with these amazing and talented women, not only helping the Club continue to thrive with new ideas and be part of the leadership, but also in supporting our Italian heritage.



BARBARA VALLE –Being a member of IAWG since 2018 and on the Board of Directors for the past four years, has been my pleasure to work with so many amazing Ladies.

As chairperson of Mani de Angeli Sympathy and involved in Mani de Angeli Sewing, I believe that being involved and active in this Guild is important to its futures success. It has been a pleasure serving our Membership. I would gratefully appreciate your vote for Board of Directors' position in 2025.

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD Official Ballot 2024

OFFICERS ((Vote for one in each office)				
PRESIDENT					
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REASURER					
-		Yvonne Bushma			
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ECRETARY					
_		Andrea Bin			
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OARD OF DI	RECTORS	(Vote for seven)			
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	Geri Gagliardo				Barbara Valle
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OMINATING	COMMITT	EE, IAWG, PO BO	X 6411,	SAN MATEC), CA 94403

Ballots MUST be received by November 11th

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 receipients. 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 veen submitted. All nomination forms are destroyed after they are verified and read.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE		vvoman of the Year 2024
	ST BE SUBMITTED DETAILING YOU	

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



AWARD WINNER	<u>YEAR</u>	AWARD WINNER	<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







Italian American Women's Guild Peninsula Italian American Social Club 100 North E Street, San Mateo, CA.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2024

RINGO BUFFET

Proceeds will benefit the IAWG Fund)

11:00 a.m. No Host Cocktails 12:30 p.m. Buffet

MENU

Specialty Cocktail \$8.00 Witches Brew (Mimosa)

House Salad, Garlic Bread, Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Veggie Frittata, Croissant Rolls, Fruit Salad

Coffee/Tea and Dessert Buffet

\$50.00 per person (Includes 1 set of bingo cards (4 cards per game, six games played)

Invite your friends and family for a fun afternoon Raffle Prizes, Door Prize and Auction

DEADLINE: Monday, September 30, 2024 LIMIT: 10 person per table

SEND EARLY: CUTOFF IS MAXIUM 230 PEOPLE (Only 30 seats left)

"FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS"

NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER September 30, 2024. Please return the bottom portion along with a check payable to **IAWG** and mail to:

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

For questions or further information, please call: Cathy Borrone 650-242-1685

NAME:Please indicate who you wou	PHONE:Ild like to sit with :	
Number attending: at	\$50.00 per person TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ase list their names below (first and last name)	
	Need a ride: Yes: No:	

(if yes, someonenwill contact you)



GRATON CASINO BUS TRIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 9:00 AM - 5 PM \$45.00

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Enjoy a day at the casino! Relax on the bus!

Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Richmond and Magnolia Streets in Millbrae behind Living Spaces at **8:30am**.

Parking is FREE!

Bus will leave promptly at 9am.

\$20.00 in play credit for each person upon arrival at the casino. We will board the bus for home at 2:45pm for a 3pm departure.

For questions, reach out to Mary Pardini at 650-867-4331 or pardinimc@gmail.com

Please send the response below along with your check to IAWG

Deb Robbins 144 Somerset Street Redwood City, CA. 94062

Reservations must be received by October 7. No refunds after October 7.

Name	Cell #		
Email	Amount Enclosed		
	(If naving for more than one person, please include their names)		



Italian American Women's Guild

Member Appreciation Dinner November 11, 2024

Meet Your Candidates Election Of 2025 Officers and Board

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

Menu

Garlic Bread Pear & Sliced Almond Salad Meat Ravioli Bolognese

or

Cheese Tortellini with Pesto Dessert and Coffee

Members Only - Open Seating

Please return the bottom portion and mail to:

Deb Robbins 144 Somerset St. Redwood City, CA 94062 For questions please call Deb at 650-678-2696

Please submit your response by NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Please Note
If you respond YES and are a NO SHOW, you may be responsible for payment for the dinner!

Member Name:			Phone:	
	Entree Choice:	Ravioli	Tortellini	

Please Wear Your Name Tags

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

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



"BOCCE CLINIC"

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

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How well do you know your Italian Trivia!!

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA ANSWER: "Milan (city of milliners)"

OCTOBER Trivia: " legend has it that the first wind rose was made by An Amalfi craftsman name Flavia Giova" What is a wind rose?

Answer will be given at the next general meeting!

Trivia submitted by Doreen Mazzei:

Source HERITAGE Italian-American Style by Leon J Radomile





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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 20TH	THE STAR-CROSSED SISTERS OF TUSCANY	LORI NELSON SPIELMAN	
MAY 22 ND (date change)	ELIZABETH STREET	LAURIE FIABIANO	
JULY 17TH	ETERNAL	LISA SCOTTOLINE	
SEPTEMBER 18TH	LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN	LISA SEE	
NOVEMBER 20TH	THE HONEY BUS	MEREDITH MAY	
PICK 2025 BOOKS			

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The Peninsula Italian American Social Club

Open to the Public for Lunch

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

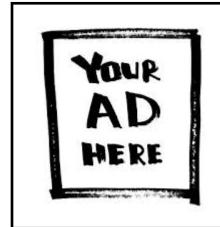
Authentic Italian Menu Designed by Chef Matteo Crivello

100 N B. St

San Mateo, Ca 94401 Ristorante/Office 650-343-7981

Website https://www.peninsulaitalianclub.org

Take Out available



Contact Pat Armanino for Pricing information 650.281.8725 parmanino135@gmail.com

Remember to Recycle

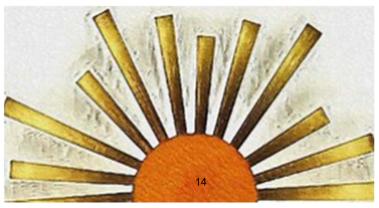


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GIULIO SBRAGIA





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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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