

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD



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Greetings from your IAWG 2026 President's Message febbraio 2026 Message

Ero così nervosa per la mia prima riunione da socia!

It turned out to be my great pleasure to host the meeting as the new president of **the Italian American Women's Guild**. It is a privilege to step into this role and I am excited about getting to know you all.

We had a very full meeting with an installation ceremony for **27 members**, swearing in of **officers and board members, Woman of the Year presentation**, and so forth. It was the most new members we've had installed at one time! This brings our total membership to 350.

I am sorry to say that not all members have **paid their dues**, which are considered delinquent by **February 1**. If dues are not received by **February 15** those who have not paid will lose their membership in the IAWG.

As we move forward, my goal is to ensure our club continues to be a welcoming and engaging space for all members. I look forward to working alongside our **Officers and Board of Directors**, as well as the membership, to introduce fresh activities while preserving the traditions that make our club special.

I encourage you to reach out with your ideas, suggestions, and feedback. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of our club.

Auguri per un 2026 felice e in salute,
Lori

**SAVE THE DATE
2026**



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**Monday, February 9
Lunch Meeting**
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**Monday, March 9
Dinner Meeting**
(see page 8)
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Dinner Meeting**
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Kevin Blake Event**
(see page 10)

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
meeting!



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compleanno febbraio

CAROLYN	KRISTOVICH	2/2
SANDRA	STOPPOLINI	2/2
LINDA	BORG	2/3
HOPE	BARTKE	2/3
RITA	QUINN	2/4
YVONNE	BERGERO	2/5
ELENA	QUILICI	2/7
CONNIE	AGUILAR	2/7
KAREN	FERGUSON	2/10
LORI JEAN	BATES	2/11
MARY	NUNZIATI	2/11
JEAN	GRANT	2/12
GINGER	FONTAINE	2/14
BARBARA	MILLETT	2/14
MARLENE	TAORMINA	2/15
DANIELA	ROSSI	2/16
ROSANNE	GIANINO	2/17
LISA	GUERRERO	2/18
ROSALIE	SHAW	2/18
ELIZABETH	MARR	2/19
NELLA	TAURIAN	2/19
MARY	DIETRICH	2/20
BEVERLY	MCDONALD	2/20
LISA	RUGGERI	2/20
DANIELA	BIN-OTEIZA	2/25
ROBIN	MAY	2/25
ELENA	TEALDI	2/25
MARY	GIUNTOLI	2/25

Happy 92 years, Carolyn!

REACH OUT TO.....		
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TREASURER'S REPORT - 12/31/25		
DEPOSITS:	Membership	\$1,725.00
	December dinner	\$9,408.00
EXPENSES:	Dec dinner	\$10,008.00
	Mailings	\$37.05
	Office	\$87.17
	Charities	\$2,500.00
	PIASC Rent	\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$12,682.22
BANK BALANCE		\$32,212.09
CD 7422		\$33,828.98

Dues are Due!

Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices

In Sympathy :

- On the passing of Carolyn Young's husband Dave
- On the passing of Member Kathleen O'Marie

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

Monday, January 12, 2026



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)



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

MEMEBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!

\$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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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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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

Applications must be received by 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

Pay Dues



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)

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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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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 who is one of the most in-demand entertainers in the nation. 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: \$85.00 (Includes three-course buffet dinner, 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 So; San Francisco, ca 94080

Questions annazamm@yahoo.com 650-270-7689

Reservation and check must be received by Friday, April 10, 2026.

Limited to the first 100 tickets sold! OPEN SEATING!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS - Invite your friends, neighbors, & colleagues.

★ ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS

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

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!!

JANUARY Trivia Answer: NAPLES

FEBRUARY Trivia Question: One of the earliest references to this game came out of Italy, where it was played circa 1410 and went by the name of Calcio. What is the modern descendent of this game?

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

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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
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(Between Church and School Streets)



Contact Pat Armanino
for
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parmanino135@gmail.com

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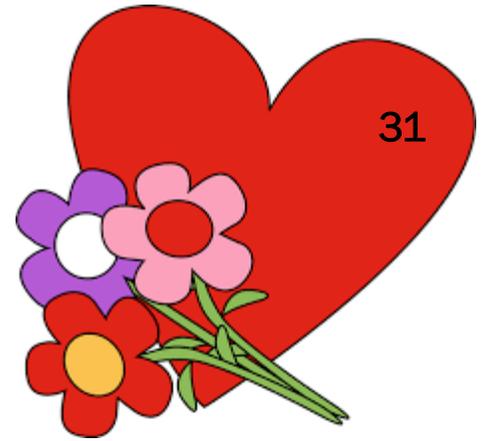
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Mission Statement

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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