

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD VOCE DELLE DONNE

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IAWG Executive Leaders and Board of Directors febbraio 2025 Message

Greeting from your Officers and Board Members

Ciao ladies. Our first meeting of the New Year was attended by **158 members**. An extensive count and an evening with a large Agenda. Grazie Mille to **Donna Silvers**, our hostess for the evening, for the creative and festive Italian decorations that brightened the room.

Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine initiated fifteen new members into our Guild: **Connie Aguilar, Linda Borg, Diva Coulter, Joanne Cristiani, Beverly Flinn, Valerie Fredericks, Maureen Freschet, Jennifer Gauthier, Rosanne Gianino, Julie Guglielmi, Elisa Donati-Klunis, Natalie Marshall, Madeline Vega, Maryanne Waterman and Anna Zammataro**. Benvenuti ladies it's a pleasure to have you share with us the celebration of our Italian heritage.

Another memorable part of our evening was the installation of our **2025 Officers**: **President Arlene Bin-Di Nitto, Vice President Donna Silvers, Secretary Andrea Bin, Treasurer Yvonne Bushman** and the installation of the **Board of Directors: Lori Jean Bates, Tina Canepa, Laurie Donahue, Arlene Garcia, Cathy Lucci, Deb Robbins, and Barbara Valle**. Thank you, ladies, we are fortunate for your time and dedication. **Former Vice President Charlene O'Malley** and former Board of Director **Cathy Barrone** were recognized for their support and contributions.

A moment of silence was respected in memory of the members who have passed in 2024: **Adelaide Sciandri, Marlene Belluomini, Lorrie Vella, Chartered Member Karen Casazza and Rosaleen Nardi** as well as the lives impacted by the devastating Los Angeles Wildfires.

The celebration for the **30th Anniversary of our Club** will be held on **February 10th**. The history of our Guild will be presented along with the Clubs memorabilia. Your attendance at this milestone will be greatly appreciated as we celebrate our **Charter Members**.

We will have **three** Lunches this year, **April, September and October Bingo**. Mark your calendars. The **Pins** representing membership for **Ten and Twenty years** will be presented at our **June 9th Dinner**.

The **Events Committee** have several great events planned for this year. All flyers are available in the **newsletter** on our **website** and on the **Flyer Table** behind the **Greeter Table**. **Always something to look forward to and enjoy.**

As **Valentine's Day** approaches were you aware that the chubby winged baby with the bow and arrow, who is associated with Valentine's, was originally known as **EROS, the Greek God of love**.

Happy Valentine's Day

**Newsletter correspondent,
Corinne Verili Courtney**



SAVE THE DATE 2025

MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE

January 1, 2025

(See page 5 for more details)

**Monday, February 10
30 Year Dinner Celebration**
(see flyer page 6)

**Monday, March 10
Dinner Meeting**
(see flyer page 7)

Tuesday, March 18
(Please note corrected date)
Tasting Event at Del'Oliva
(see flyer page 8)

**Monday, April 14
Lunch Meeting**
(see page 9)

**Thursday, April 24
Food & Wine**
(see flyer page 10)

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available on our website
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will be available at the next



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Birthdays of the Month

febbraio

CAROLYN	KRISTOVICH	2/2
SANDRA	STOPPOLINI	2/2
LINDA	BORG	2/3
HOPE	BARTKE	2/3
RITA	QUINN	2/4
ELENA	QUILICI	2/7
CONNIE	AGUILAR	2/7
KAREN	FERGUSON	2/10
LORI JEAN	BATES	2/11
MARY	NUNZIATI	2/11
KAREN	CELENTANO	2/12
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
LYNNE	GIOVINAZZO	2/22
DANIELA	BIN-OTEIZA	2/25
ROBIN	MAY	2/25
ELENA	TEALDI	2/25
MARY	GIUNTOLI	2/25

Reach out to the Officers and more...

President - Arlene Bin Di Nitto	ambindinitto@gmail.com
Vice President-Donna Silvers	donnaags@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer - Yvonne Bushman	ybushman@sbcglobal.net
Secretary - Andrea Bin	binny1943@gmail.com
Events - Lana Vorrises	lanaladuca@comcast.net
Membership-Joycelyn Firenzi-Pine	firenzi@comcast.net



Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices



Condolences to :

- Jo Anne Miller on the passing of her husband Bill
- Rose Flahaven on the passing of her daughter

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 all new dinner/luncheon flyers

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

Monday, January 13, 2025

Installation Dinner 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

Applications must be received by April 14, 2025.

IAWG BUDGET 2025

CONFIDENTIAL

\$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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Please Contact **Arlene Bin Di Nitto** ambindinitto@gmail.com

to request a **NAME TAG** and it will be available at the next meeting!

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

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 18, 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>



HAPPY EASTER

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street San Mateo, CA

APRIL 14, 2025 LUNCH - MEETING

11AM-No Host Cocktails  12 Noon-Meeting & Lunch to Follow

\$47.00 MEMBERS ONLY

MENU

Family Style Salad w/ Garlic Bread
Mixed Lettuce, Cranberries, Candied Pecans Blue Cheese, Balsamic Dressing
Roasted Leg of Lamb w/ Potatoes & Asparagus
Meat Ravioli's or Tortellini with Pesto
Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soda



Please complete the bottom portion along with a check made payable to IAWG
& mail to: Yvonne Bushman
181 Glenbrook Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066
For questions or further information, please text Barbara Valle at 650.302.0667

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2025,
Checks will be not be accepted after **April 1, 2025.**
PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK EARLY – No Checks at the Door

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

- Circle your Entrée Choice: Roasted Leg of Lamb Meat Ravioli Tortellini with Pesto

Amount Enclosed: _____

I would like to sit with _____

Need a ride: Yes: _____ NO: _____ (If yes, someone will contract you)

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FOOD & WINE



Thursday, April 24, 2025

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Price \$95.00

Lunch at Pietro's Italian Restaurant, a family owned restaurant in Lodi since 1985

Wine tasting and shopping in the beautiful gift shop at Delicato Family Winery in Manteca

**Lunch will consist of:
Caesar Salad, Ravioli with Bolognese and Chicken Piccata
coffee ice tea and water**

Guests are welcome so please invite your friends and family.

Bus Transportation

Please meet in Millbrae behind Living Spaces at the corner of Magnolia and Richmond Drive. Parking is free and the lot is going to be patrolled by sheriff's officers.

Bus leaves Millbrae promptly at 9:30 am, so please arrive by 9:00 am to check in.

We will be playing Bingo and other games on the bus with prize's awarded

Complete bottom portion with a check made payable to IAWG and mail to:

**Elise Piepmeier
795 Berkshire Drive
Millbrae, CA 94030**

elise.piepmeier@sbcglobal.net

Cell: 650-580-9374 Home: 650-697-8198

Reservations must be received by March 14, 2025

No refunds after March 14, 2025

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ **Please mark here if you are vegetarian**

_____ **Please mark here if you are Gluten Free**

Amount enclosed _____

Names if paying for others _____

EVENT FLYERS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE [HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](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
on the 3rd Sunday 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!!

JANUARY Trivia Question: Anne Bancroft (Anna Marie
Louise Italiano)

FEBRUARY Trivia: "this singer is regarded as one of the
all-time top nightclub performers in the country. He was born Anthony
Benedetto and was discovered by Bob Hope in 1949"

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



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pictures of events and
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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)



The Peninsula Italian American Social Club

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ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD 2025

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Celebrating 30 Years!

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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