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Greetings from your IAWG 2026

President's Message

aprile 2026 Message

Care Amiche,

Welcome to April! As the spring weather settles in, it brings a wonderful sense of renewal— la primavera —which reminds me of the vibrant energy our Guild brings to the community.

So far, March has been quite a month of sorority, and I want to thank everyone who attended our March meeting. I feel it was very productive. Discussing our budget has been weighing on me and I am glad to have it behind us. I cannot begin to tell you how much we, your officers and board, appreciated your positive feedback. We heard many great ideas on how we can strengthen our budget from the members at the March meeting. The **IAWG Board of Directors** reviewed all the suggestions, weighed the pros and cons, and came to a decision on the next steps.

First, and beginning in **April**, while we will acknowledge birthdays (and sing **Tante Auguri**) at our meetings, we will no longer provide a birthday gift. Next, the **November** dinner will no longer be subsidized; instead, a small token of our thanks will be given to each member in attendance. The third change will be to move that we raise our annual dues from **\$75 to \$100** per year. This is a change that must be voted on by the membership with a quorum. This vote will take place by a show of hands at our next meeting on **April 13**. So please get your reservation in by **March 30**, attend the meeting and let your voice be heard!

As we move into **April**, our focus remains on strengthening the bonds of friendship and, as always, working for the good of our community. I encourage you to mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

- Our **Annual Mother's Day Dinner** on **May 11** will be a lovely event with no meeting so feel free to invite friends and family. Our **June 8** meeting will include **installation** of new members.
- Get your reservation in for **Kevin Blake** Illusionist Dinner and Show by **April 1**.
- **Italian Heritage Night at the Giants** on July 28. A trip to The **Rosie the Riveter** exhibition on August 28. I look forward to seeing many of you this month at our weekly Pedro games, hanging out at the **PIASC** and sharing some la dolce vita together.

Con affetto,

Lori Jean Bates
President, Italian American Women's Guild



**SAVE THE DATE
2026**

**Monday, April 13
Dinner Meeting**
(see page 6)
**Monday, April 20
Kevin Blake Event**
**(please note deadline
change)**

(see page 7)
**Monday, May 11
Mother's Day Dinner**
(see page 8)

**Monday, June 8
Dinner & Installation
of new members**
(see page 9)

**Sunday July 26
Rose Viscuso
Bocce Tournament**
(see page 10)

**Tuesday, July 28
SF Giants Italian
Heritage Night**
(see page 11)

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available on our website
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& on the table **behind** the
greeter's table

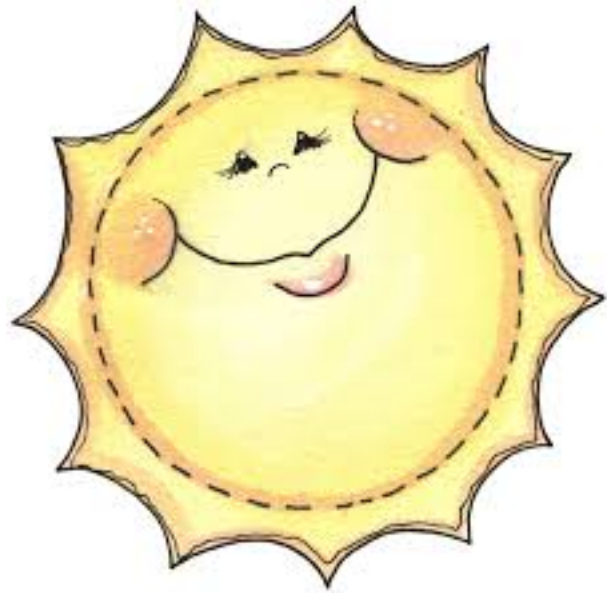
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Making New Friends and Getting
Reacquainted!
Wearing **NAME TAGS** makes
this easy. Please Contact
Arlene Bin Di Nitto
ambindinitto@gmail.com to
request a **NAME TAG** and it
will be available at the next
meeting!



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buon compleanno aprile



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JENNIFER	GAUTHIER	4/2
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DONNA	SALVATO	4/5
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DANA	AYOOB	4/8
JOANNE	VOLTATTORNI	4/10
ADRIANA	DEL CARLO	4/11
ROSEMARY	ARMANINO	4/14
MARIA	GIULIANETTI	4/15
HELEN	BIRKELAND	4/15
TONI	WOOTTEN	4/15
PIERA	SICCO	4/17
KATHRYN	FLANAGAN	4/19
MARILYN	DACHAUER	4/21
ROSALIE	STEINWAY	4/21
DORENE	LUCCHESI	4/23
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GERI	DEL CARLO	4/25
BARBARA	TYSON-CAVALIERI	4/25
LISA	DISCO	4/28
TERESA	PIPER	4/28
ADELE	POLLANO-PERSONENI	4/29
GAIL	MOZZINI	4/30
KARIN	PAYNE	4/30



Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices

Get Well Wishes:
Bernadette Belluomini
Arlene Garcia
Eda Rose Pignati
Barbara Valle



HAPPY 92 MARILYN

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

March 9, 2026 - Dinner/Meeting



Photos provided by Arlene Bin-DiNitto. These and other photos can be found on our website [HTTPS://IAWGSM.ORG](https://IAWGSM.ORG)

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.

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

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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

4 Winner will be announced at June 2026 dinner meeting

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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



**"APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS"
ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD**

Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street, San Mateo, CA
APRIL 13, 2026/DINNER MEETING

5:00PM No Host Cocktails—6:00PM Meeting followed by Dinner-- MEMBERS ONLY \$ 50 .00

MENU:

Garlic Bread
Mixed Lettuce, Cranberries, Candied Pecans Blue Cheese, Balsamic Dressing
Roasted Leg of Lamb w/Potatoes & Vegetable
Or
Chicken Piccata w/Potatoes & Vegetable
Or
Vegetarian Dish
Bomba, Coffee

Please complete and send the bottom portion along with a check made payable to IAWG to:

Mary Pardini, 1428 Benito Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010, (PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECKS EARLY)

For questions or further information, please contact Mary Pardini at (650)867-4331

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 30, 2026/CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 30TH

NO CHECKS AT THE DOOR.

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Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle your Entrée Choice: Roasted Leg of Lamb Chicken Piccata Vegetarian Dish

Amount Enclosed: __\$_____

I would like to sit with _____

Need a ride: Yes: _____ No: _____ (If yes, someone will contact you)

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

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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 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

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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June Summer & Installation dinner ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD



June 8, 2026 - Dinner/Meeting

PIASC 100 North B Street, San Mateo
5:00 p.m. No Host Cocktail ~ 6:00 p.m. Meeting/Dinner to Follow
\$52.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)

DINNER INCLUDES:

Antipasto, Spring Salad, Ciabatta rolls & butter

Entree: Half rosemary and lemon chicken with seasonal vegetables & polenta
Or

Pesto cheese tortellini with seasonal vegetables

Desert: Bomba, Coffee

Please complete the bottom portion along with a check payable to **IAWG** and mail to:
Laurie Donohue~140 Parkview Drive~San Bruno, CA 94066

For questions or further information, please email:

Diana Cernobori at cernobori.diana@gmail.com or call **Laurie Donohue 650-996-0762**

Checks must be received by May 22, 2026

Checks received after May 22nd WILL BE REFUSED AND RETURNED to the member
NO CHECKS AT THE DOOR~ NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS AFTER May 22, 2026

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle your Entrée Choice: **CHICKEN** **PESTO CHEESE TORTELLINI**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ I _____ would

like to sit wit _____

Need a ride: Yes: _____ No: _____ (If yes, someone will contact you)

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

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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

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





**Italian American Women's Guild
San Francisco Giants vs Milwaukee Brewers
Italian Heritage Night
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026**

Join us at Oracle Park for the **Annual Italian Heritage Night** as the Giants take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Enjoy an evening of baseball, community and culture as we celebrate the traditions, flavors and vibrant spirit of the Italian community throughout the Bay Area. This special event package includes a seat ticket as well as a limited-edition Italian Heritage baseball T-Shirt.

Pick up shirt at View Reserve 334 at Top of Ramp until end of 4th inning.

Transportation Options: Drive car or CalTrain Amount enclosed _____

Members and Non-Members are welcome
\$54.00 per person ***Premium Box Left Field Sec 126***
Game begins at 6:45pm

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check payable to IAWG and mail to:
Kathy McKibben, 707 Somerset Ln, Foster City, CA 94404
You will receive your electronic ticket via email from the SF Giants

For questions or further information, please call:
Kathy McKibben, 650-759-0934 or Anna Marie Zammataro, 650-270-7689

Reservation and check must be received by June 22, 2026
(Absolutely NO refunds or cancellations)

Number of tickets _____ @ \$54.00 per person Amount enclosed _____

Member's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Additional Participants _____

Email Address (electronic ticket will be sent to you) _____



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!!

MARCH Trivia Answer: Spectacles

APRIL Trivia Question: Name the four seas that surround the Italian peninsula

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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Learn to play or improve your skills. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday at 11AM Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only. Foster City Recreation Center
 650 Shell Blvd
 Foster City, CA
 Lana Vorrises
 650.703.7473

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



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 SCOTTLINE
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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1085 Alameda de las Pulgas
(Corner of Balston Ave. and Alameda)

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2801 San Bruno Avenue
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1960 Palco Village Mall
(Near and Pleasant Hill Rd.)

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34 Railroad Avenue
(Between Church and School Streets)



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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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