

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD



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Greetings from your IAWG Officers and Board of Directors dicembre 2025 Message

Ciao Signore!

Our November Appreciation Dinner was attended by 175 members. Thank you to **Lori Bates and Laurie Donohue** for organizing delicious dinner choices and warm Autumn touches.

Congratulations to Our: 2026 Officers: President, Lori Bates, Vice President, Donna Silvers, Secretary, Andrea Bin, and Treasurer, Yvonne Bushman.

Our 2026 Board of Directors: Pat Armanino, Diana Cernobori, Marie Cohn, Laurie Donohue, Chris Ercoli, Mary Pardini and Nancy Pyle.
We look forward to your Official Installation in January.

Thank you to **Anna DuPont** for organizing our **Graton Casino Bus Trip**. There were **44 ladies** that attended this very enjoyable day. Thank you to **Elise Piepmeier** for assisting Anna with the Bingo games on the Bus with great prizes. Hope to do it again next year!

December 8th is our annual festive Christmas Toy Drive Dinner. Please bring an unwrapped toy. An alternate gift idea was suggested for older children. A gift card for: Starbucks, Chipotle, Target, Amazon and Bath & Body. If you decide on a gift card, they will be accepted at the flyer table. The San Mateo firefighters will collect these gifts for the annual Toys for Tots Program and they will distribute the gift cards appropriately.

The **Woman of the Year Nomination** ballots are due **December 8th**, the night of our **Christmas Dinner**. The recipient will be announced at our January 12, 2026 Dinner Meeting.

As 2025 comes to a close, The Officers and Board of Directors wish each of you and your Families The happiest of Holidays! This **Christmas** may your Blessing be many, your worries few and days spent with those who mean the most to you... Cheers to Family bonds that grow stronger, love that deepens and moments we forever treasure.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A VERY HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Grazie e stai bene!
Arlene Bin-Di Nitto
President



**SAVE THE DATE
2025-2026**

PAY YOUR DUES!

**WOMAN OF THE YEAR
APPLICATION**
(see page 5)
**PREVIOUS WOMAN OF
THE YEAR WINNERS**
(see page 6)

**Monday, December 8
Christmas Dinner and Toy
Drive** (see page 7)

2026
**Monday, January 1
Installation of New
Members, Officers
& Board of Directors,
Dinner Meeting**
(see page 8)
**Monday, February 9
Lunch Meeting**
(see page 9)

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

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meeting!



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Buon compleanno dicembre



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

CAMMY	FORCHIONE	12/1
RENEE	BOATWRIGHT	12/4
LINDA	DE PALMA	12/4
LILLIAN	PICCININI	12/4
LORETTA	SCIACQUA	12/4
BERNADETTE	CHURSIN	12/7
VICTORIA	CANEVARO	12/8
VALERIE	FREDERICKS	12/8
MARJORIE	GIORDANO	12/9
JOANNE	SILVESTRI	12/9
VIOLET	GUERRA	12/10
VALERIE	SCHICK	12/10
GLORIA	MIROWSKI	12/11
MARY	PARDINI	12/13
BARBARA	GABLIN	12/14
BEVERLY	FLINN	12/14
TINA	FATICA	12/17
ELAINE	ROBINSON	12/17
ESTHER	CALVILLO	12/18
LISA	GIULIACCI	12/19
SUSAN	CANALE	12/23
ANNA	ZAMMATARO	12/23
CHRISTINE	ERCOLI	12/23
GINA	ROSSI	12/27
CATHERINE	SARTI	12/28
KAREN	TOMAN	12/28
JULIE	GUGLIELMI	12/29
NANCY	CARLUCCI	12/30

TREASURER'S REPORT - 10/31/2025

DEPOSITS:	Membership	\$1,950.00
	Bingo	\$19,800.00
EXPENSES:	Bingo Lunch	\$11,040.00
	Bingo Expenses	\$1,545.42
	Office	\$89.12
	Scholarships	\$6,000.00
	PIASC Rent	\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$18,274.54
BANK BALANCE		\$33,662.06
CD 7422		\$33,572.09

Apology for the misspelling of Carol Conroy's name on the donation page of the November newsletter

Apology for missing Mary Ann Waterman's 11/5 birthday! If your birthday was missed on any monthly listing, please email me to make the correction! parmanino135@gmail.com



Sunshine and Mani Di Angeli Notices



Get well wishes:

- Anna Murphy

HAPPY 92 MARJORIE

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

GRATON BUS TRIP 2025



Member Appreciation Dinner Monday, November 10, 2025



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THESE AND MORE
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The **Nominating Committee** would like to thank all the candidates who chose to run for a position on the Board and participated in the election. After tallying the votes, which were all very close, one candidate decided to withdraw her name from the roster. Congratulations to the following **Officers and Board of Directors for 2026**. We look forward to an exciting and fun filled year ahead!

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Our 2026 Board of Directors: **Pat Armanino, Diana Cernobori, Marie Cohn, Laurie Donohue, Chris Ercoli, Mary Pardini and Nancy Pyle**

\$75

MEMEBERSHIP DUES

\$75

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

Be a Part of our Great Organization!

\$75



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



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

WOMAN OF THE YEAR (PAST WINNERS)

<u>AWARD WINNER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AWARD WINNER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
FRANCIA CHIAPPE	1996	DIANNE BACIGALUPI	2011
GLORIA DESILVA	1997	DENISE DEL GROSSO	2012
MARLENE BELLUOMINI	1998	JOYCELYN FIRENZI-PINE	2013
MIRANDA ZANETTE	1999	ROBERTA BERNAT	2014
MENA FADELLI	2000	GAIL MOZZINI	2015
ROSE VISCUSO	2002	REGINA BORTOLUS	2016
DOREEN MAZZEI	2003	KATHRYN PEZZOLO-FLANAGAN	2017
DANA GAFFNEY	2004	JEAN ALLARD	2018
JEANNETTE HALL	2005	PAT ARMANINO	2019
IRIS BAGNESCHI	2006	LINDA KOELLING	2021
LINDA SMALL	2007	SALLY PRATALI	2022
LUBIANA CERNOBORI	2008	ARLENE BIN DI NITTO	2023
CARMEN PATANE	2009	ANDREA BIN	2024
CECE MCNAUGHTON	2010		2025



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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!



NO RAFFLE TICKET

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER DINNERS

Cocktails will be at **5PM** — **Meetings** will begin at **5:30PM**.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!

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

IAWG CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE & DINNER

Monday, December 8, 2025

No Host Cocktails 5:00 P.M. Meeting 5:30 P.M. Dinner to Follow

Cream of Tomato Soup with Croutons
CHOICE of ENTRÉE
Chicken Saltimbocca
Or
Eggplant Parmigiano
Served with Swiss Chard & Creamy Polenta

Dessert by Dianda's
Iced Tea, Coffee & Soda

Herman's Drink of the Evening
Manhattans – Martinis

\$6.00

COST \$48.00 (Members Only)

Please bring an **unwrapped item** for the
San Mateo Firefighters' Toys for Tots
Suggested: Toys, Board games, sporting goods, books, art supplies.

Reservation Deadline is **NOVEMBER 24th, 2025**

(no refunds after the deadline – no tickets sold at the door)

Please return the bottom portion of this form with your check,
made payable to IAWG and mail early to:

Andrea Bin~1501 Sequoia Avenue~ San Bruno, CA~94066-2648

Any questions, please contact Joycelyn at: 650.678.8765 or firenzi@comcast.net

NAME _____ PHONE _____

DINNER CHOICE: (Please circle) Chicken Saltimbocca Eggplant Parmigiano

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ I wish to sit with: _____

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

Flyers can always be found on the table behind the Greeter's table and online

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**Italian American Women's Guild
Monday, January 12, 2026**

***Installation of New Members,
Officers & Board of Directors
Dinner Meeting***

PIASC 100 North B Street, San Mateo
5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Meeting ~ Dinner to follow

Menu

Insalata di Casa, Rolls and Butter

Choice of:

**Calamari Steak--Chicken Piccata--Eggplant Parm
Includes Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Soda**

\$48.00

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet with a check made payable to **IAWG** and mail to:

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

Questions call or text: Mary Pardini 650.867.4331

Reservation deadline is December 30, 2025

(No Refunds for cancellations after December 30, 2025 and no tickets sold at door)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: ___\$_____

If paying for multiple-people, please list their names on back of sheet

I would like to sit with: _____

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Calamari Steak Chicken Piccata Eggplant Parm

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

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

This and all flyers can be found on our website: <https://iawgsm.org> under Events



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)

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS TO RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET

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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!!

NOVEMBER Trivia Answer: Italian Swiss Colony

DECEMBER Trivia Question: What is the most common surname in Italy?

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

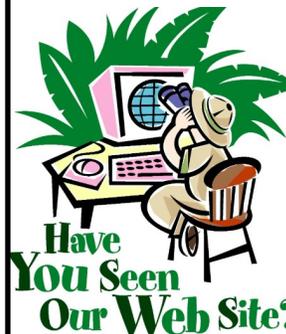


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 Foster City Recreation Center
 650 Shell Blvd
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For more information, pictures of events and useful links, please check out our website!



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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 21ST	NINO'S HEART (BOOK 1 OF 3 SERIES)	JD KEENE
MARCH 18TH	THE AMALFI CURSE (sunken treasure, forbidden love on the Amalfi Coast)	SARAH PENNER
MAY 20TH	THE UNRAVELING OF JULIA (Psychological thriller set in a Tuscan villa and vineyard)	LISA SCOTTOLINE
JULY 15TH	AN AMERICAN BEAUTY (true story of Arabella Huntington who became the richest woman in the country during the gilded age)	SHANA ABE
SEPTEMBER 16TH	PRETTY GUILTY WOMEN (one murder, four confessions)	GINA LAMANNA
NOVEMBER 18TH	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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BURLINGAME
1825 El Camino Real
(Corner of El Camino and Trousdale Drive)

BELMONT
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 Pleasant Hill Rd.)

DANVILLE
145 Railroad Avenue
(Between Church and School Streets)



Contact Pat Armanino
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650.281.8725
parmanino135@gmail.com

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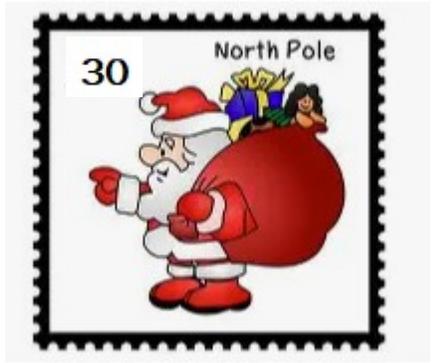


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Celebrating 30 Years!

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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