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

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2025

Ciao Signore! I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

A recap of our June Dinner Meeting. Thank you to our hostesses **Donna Silvers** and **Tina Canepa** for your bright and cheerful flamingo decorations. Not to mention the delicious almond bar dessert made by Donna. **110 members** were in attendance for the installation of **7 new IAWG** members.

It seemed our earlier meeting time was well received by many members.

A warm welcome to **Barbara Gablin, Elizabeth Caserza, Angela Giannini, Kathy Menna, Letty Morris, Rosalyn Reilly** and **Carol Scola**. It is a pleasure to have you share with us the celebration of our Italian heritage.

An immense thank you to **Joycelyn Firenze-Pine**, Membership Chair for your time and effort in getting our new members through the initiation process. Our total membership is **324**. To request an updated **June 2025 Membership Roster**, please email **Pat Armanino** at parmanino135@gmail.com

A suggestion to create an **IAWG Family Recipe Cookbook** was well received by the attending members. **Lucy Romoli** volunteered to head this project. Anyone interested please contact lucy5247@sbcglobal.net

If you haven't received your 10- or 20-year pin, please contact **Joycelyn Firenze-Pine** or **Arlene Bin-Di Nitto**. Pins will be presented monthly.

August 11th is our annual **Scholarship Recognition Event**. We hope you can attend to show your support for our deserving recipients.

Don't forget to check out the enclosed flyers for up-and-coming exciting events.

Don't miss our **September Lunch Speaker, Frank Falzon** a highly decorated **SFPD Homicide Inspector**.

The IAWG Officers and Board of Directors

Thank you for your Support

Grazie e stai bene!

Arlene Bin-Di Nitto

IAWG President

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greeter's table

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Buon compleanno agosto

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HAPPY 90TH CAROL!



Sunshine and Mani di Angeli Notices



CONDOLENCES TO:

Iris Bagneschi on the passing of her husband Emil

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Rosemary Armanino

HAPPY 95TH VIRGINIA!

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

JUNE 9TH DINNER MEETING & NEW MEMBER INITIATION



Photos taken by our Historian Linda Watson.
These and more can be found on our website

<https://iawgsm.org>

ROSE VISCUSO IAWG BOCCE TOURNAMENT 2025



1ST PLACE

Andrea Bin
Donna Skovgaard
Phyllis Tognotti
Mary Pardini



2ND PLACE

Madeline Miranda
Judy Baldi
Lubiana Cernobori
Roberta Bernat







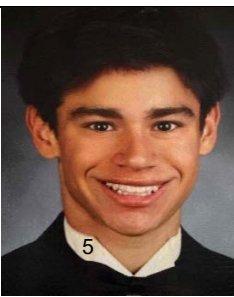


3RD PLACE

Charlene Lunny
Angie Fanucchi
Mirella Eiras
Val Schick

2025 IAWG Scholarship Recipients

It is with great pleasure to introduce the 2025 IAWG Scholarship Recipients.

	<p><i>Dante Dollosso</i> - I will be attending UC Santa Barbara to study economics and accounting.</p>
	<p><i>Tenley Flahavan</i> - Next year, I will be majoring in Marine Science at UC Santa Barbara in the College of Creative Studies! This program will allow me to combine my passion for the ocean and the environment with my interest in communication and education. I am eager to develop innovative ways to advocate for the ocean such as creating workshops for young students that teach them sustainable practices through creative expression.</p>
	<p><i>Sienna Fuss</i> - Hi, my name is Sienna Piazza Fuss. I attended Burlingame High School, and I will be attending San Diego State University for college. I'm currently enrolled in sociology but plan to switch to study marketing and minor in communications. I participated in many extracurricular activities during high school, including varsity softball, National Charity League, and an Italian exchange program through BHS.</p>
	<p><i>Marina Giuntoli</i> - I am attending Santa Clara University this fall and will be working toward a degree in psychology.</p>
	<p><i>Ali Moran</i> - I will be attending Santa Clara University in the fall and plan to pursue a degree in finance with a minor in international business</p>
	<p><i>Lucy Moran</i> - I will be starting my second year at Santa Clara University, where I will continue my pursuit of a degree in both psychology and neuroscience, working towards a career in the medical field.</p>
	<p><i>Matteo Pignati</i> - My name is Matteo Pignati and I graduated from Saint Francis High School in Mountain View this May. I will be attending Santa Clara University, majoring in Business Management. I am honored to have been chosen by the Italian American Women's Guild to receive this scholarship, and I thank the committee members for the generous investment in my future. I also am grateful to my Nonie, Edie Pignati, and my Nunu, Bernie Pignati, for their love and support.</p>

OUR ANNUAL IAWG BINGO FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 19, 2025

Volunteer sign-up sheets and Merchant Donation Letters are available on our Flyer Table.

For Baskets & Gift Card donations please contact

Laurie Donohue, 650.996.0762 or ciaolauried@yahoo.com

Donations may be brought to a General Dinner or Lunch Meeting.

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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NO RAFFLE TICKET

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER DINNERS

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

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!

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Italian American Women's Guild

Monday, August 11, 2025

Dinner Meeting

2025 Scholarship Recipients Recognition Event

Peninsula Italian American Social Club

100 North B Street, San Mateo,

5:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu

Dinner Includes:

Family Style Salad with Rolls & Butter

Choice of One:

Chicken Marsala

Served with Wild Rice Pilaf & Green Beans with Onions

Vegetarian Lasagna

Dessert, Coffee, Tea, & Soda

\$47.00 Members Only

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

For questions or further information, please call

Gail Mozzini, 650-400-2494

Checks must be received by July 30, 2025

Checks will not be accepted after July 30, 2025

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK EARLY -- No Checks at the Door

Member's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Cost \$_____ per person - Members Only

Amount Enclosed: _____

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

I would like to sit with: _____

CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE: Chicken Marsala Vegetarian Lasagna

Need a ride: Yes

No

(If yes, someone will contact you.)



Coyote Point Stroll

Thursday, August 28, 2025

10:30 AM - Coyote Point

Did you know that at one time there was a Board Walk there
that rivaled Coney Island?
Let's walk together as Lana gives us the fascinating history of
Coyote Point!

Easy stroll - paved road, mostly flat, 2 miles

Entrance is \$6.00 per car and free for seniors weekdays
Meet at the Magic Mountain parking lot to the left of the
entrance kiosk

Bring a brown bag lunch and join us after the stroll in the
Magic Meadow picnic area, behind the parking lot. Bottled
water will be provided.
(Guests Welcome)

Please call or text your RSVP by August 25th to:

Deb Robbins (650) 678-2696





ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GUILD

*Peninsula Italian American Social Club
100 North B Street San Mateo*

LUNCH MEETING Monday, September 8, 2025

GUEST SPEAKER--HOMICIDE INSPECTOR FRANK FALZON

11AM-NO Host Cocktails-12 Noon Lunch-Meeting

LUNCH MENU

Family Style Summer Salad & Rolls

With choice of:

Hawaiian Pork Ribs

Huli Huli Chicken Thighs

Eggplant Parmigiana

Dessert

Coffee, Iced Tea, Soda

\$48 MEMBERS ONLY



For further information please contact

MARY PARDINI @ 650.867.4331

**Please return the bottom portion along with your check payable to IAWG
and mail to: Andrea Bin --1501 Sequoia Avenue San Bruno, CA 94066**

Reservations must be received by August 30, 2025

Checks received after August 30th will be returned.

No refunds or cancellations after August 30th

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECKS EARLY –NO CHECKS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR!!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please circle your choice: Ribs Chicken Eggplant Parmigiana

I would like to be seated with: _____

I will 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!

ALL NEW SHOW!!

DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2025
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: \$90.00 (Includes all-you-can-eat buffet dinner, soft drinks, coffee, tea, dessert, tax and tip) OPEN SEATING FOR DINNER AND SHOW

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS SHEET WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO IAWG AND MAIL TO: Lana Vorrises 2265 Armada Way, San Mateo, CA 94404

For questions or further information, please contact Lana at lanaladuca@comcast.net 650.703.7473

Reservation and check must be received by September 3, 2025

Limited to the first 100 tickets sold! OPEN SEATING!

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS ★ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OR CANCELLATIONS
NO MONEY ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR!!**

If you are sending in a check for multiple guests, please list each guest's name

Number of tickets _____ @ \$90.00 per person Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



Italian American Women's Guild

Peninsula Italian American Social Club

100 North B Street, San Mateo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

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

Annual Bingo Buffet

(Proceeds will benefit the IAWG Scholarship Fund)

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

Buffet Menu

Specialty Cocktail - Espresso Martini \$8.00

Pasta with Pesto, Lasagna with Meat Sauce and Veggie Frittata

Caesar Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad and Rolls

Coffee, Tea, Soda and Assorted Cookies



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

DEADLINE: Monday, September 29, 2025 LIMIT: 10 persons per table

WE CAN ACCOMMODATE 230 PLAYERS

PLEASE RESERVE EARLY FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

RESERVATION IS COMPLETE ONCE CHECK IS RECEIVED BY IAWG

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

For questions or additional information please call Yvonne at 650.619.6213
(NO Refunds or cancellations after September 29th. NO tickets will be sold at the door.)



Member's Name _____ Phone: _____

_____ @ \$50.00 per person Amount Enclosed: _____

If paying for multiple people, please list their names below (first and last name) LIMIT 10 PER TABLE.

_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____



GRATON CASINO BUS TRIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

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 Anna Dupont 650-269-9024 or anna@annadupont.com

Please send the response below along with your check to IAWG

Anna Dupont
176 Flying Mist Isle
Foster City, CA. 94404

Reservations must be received by October 6. No refunds after October 6.

Name _____ Cell # _____

Email _____ Amount Enclosed _____

(If paying for more than one person, please include their names)

PEDRO

If you are interested in playing Pedro, a group of IAWG members gather on most Wednesdays @ 1:30. 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!!



JUNE-JULY Trivia Answer: Italy won World Soccer Series in 2006

AUGUST Trivia Question: what Italian baseball manager won five division titles and one World Series in the 1980s?

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



"BOCCE CLINIC"

Learn to play or improve your skills.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 11AM
Tuesday's at 11AM by reservation only.
Foster City Recreation Center
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Foster City, CA 94404
Lana Vorrises
650.703.7473
lanaladuca@comcast.net

Cancelled until further notice



For more information, pictures of events and useful links, please check out our website!

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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 SCOTTOLINE
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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(Between Curtner and Union Avenues)

LOS GATOS
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.)

DANVILLE
345 Railroad Avenue
(Between Church and School Streets)

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parmanino135@gmail.com

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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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