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PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2026

"Peace is more than the absence of war, it is harmony with the universe and with each other"



Dear Inspiring PWA Members,

As the relaxing days of summer, beautiful sunsets, and precious moments to pause and reflect begin to come to an end, we find ourselves looking ahead to a new PWA season. Summer gives us that wonderful gift of time — time to slow down, reconnect with ourselves, and reflect on our goals, dreams, and what truly matters. And as we look back on the past year, we are reminded of just how special it is to share these moments together as a PWA community.

One of those unforgettable moments was our **Summer Party of Peace & Harmony**. Lighting our candles together created a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect on our own inner peace, and think about the harmony and positive energy we want to bring into the world around us. It was truly a magical evening.

A very special thank you to our VP & Social Director, Eleonora Bindi, whose incredible dedication, creativity, and hard work made the evening look absolutely effortless! And, of course, our heartfelt thanks to the entire PWA Board for their support — and for the endless energy and commitment they bring to making PWA the professional women's association in Rome that everyone wants to be part of.

And now... a new PWA season begins!

We are kicking off our new season in a beautiful and relaxing venue, with spectacular views of Rome — the perfect setting to reconnect, meet new members, and start another exciting year together.

For all members who have already renewed their membership, we have a little PWA surprise waiting for you: your very own PWA pin! ✨

And if you haven't renewed yet, there is still time to join us for this special evening. See the registration link below and come celebrate the start of our new season with us!

Thank you for being part of PWA and for making our community what it is.

Here's to another exciting year of inclusion, sisterhood, support, friendship, inspiration, and meaningful networking — in some of the most unique places in Rome.

We can't wait to see you!

We look forward to seeing all of you at our **Welcome back aperitif on the 16th of September and our many exciting events this year we have planned.**

With gratitude and admiration,

Catherine and the PWA Board!

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR WELCOME BACK APERITIF ON TOP OF ONE OF THE MOST ENCHANTING ROOFTOPS ON ROME !

Welcome back aperitivo 16 September



PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NETWORKING & APERITIVO
WEDNESDAY 19:00
SEPTEMBER 16TH

WOMEN
IN BUSINESS

Welcome back Members!

RADISSON COLLECTION HOTEL ROMA ANTICA
VIA DELLE BOTTEGHE OSCURE, 46 ROME
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Mentoring our next generation of future women leaders is how PWA turns the spark of potential into the flame of future leadership. We are proud of all these amazing women who were nominated and to Rana Sky Chau who was our winner.

American University of Rome and PWA Future Leader 2026 Award

and the winner is:

Rana Sky Chau: The Professional Women's Association, is proud to announce the **American University of Rome's 2026 Future Leader Award** winner to Rana Sky Chau. We chose Rana as she represented the essence of our association. A woman with passion,

determination, commitment of being a global citizen, respecting cultures, gender, future projects and helping humanity.

We were particularly impressed with her future plans of establishing a refugee center where immigrants from every part of the world could have support and assistance in integrating into another society.

#PWACreatingfuturewomenleaders#



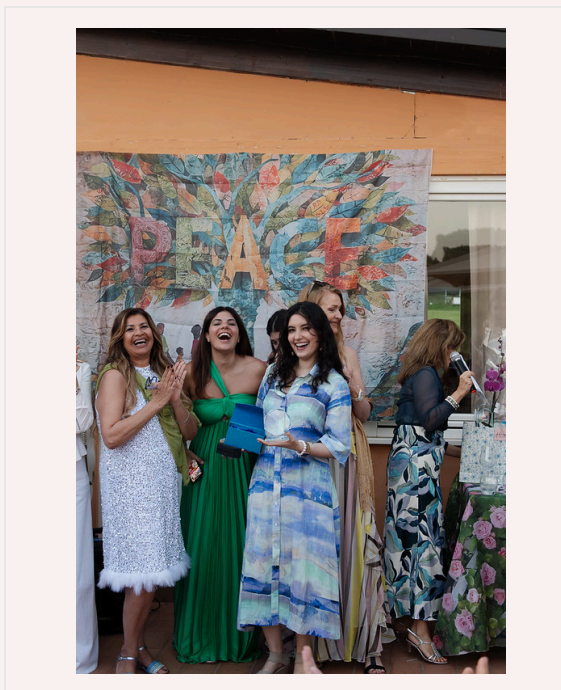
Congratulations also to all of the inspiring women who were nominated for the PWA Future Leader Award: Janna Jasser, Marina Mattei, Ioanna Ivanova, and Morgan Rademacher.

We are **proud** to recognize these exceptional women for their talent, dedication, and commitment to making a difference. Each of you represents the spirit of the future of PWA, and we are delighted to celebrate your achievements!

Speical thanks to **Adriana Calo'** who personally guided and helped many of these inspiring young women.



Congratulations to our Member of the year Olga Pagliaroli and our Woman of the Year Adriana Calo'. Women that keep us inspired and that are unstoppable!



HER Health Matters Conference 21 October

Save the Date October 21st HER Health Matters Conference and Workshop format at Rome City Institute.



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CONFERENCE

"HER HEALTH MATTERS"

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ON
WOMEN'S HEALTH & PREVENTION

OCTOBER 21ST 2026

Save the Date



IDA SIROLLI
PROGRAM DIRECTOR PWA

18.30 OPENING REMARKS

18.45 CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP

20.30 APERITIF

ROME CITY INSTITUTE

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*Inspiring
Woman
Leader*

[Read about Michele Favorite](#)

  Meet our PWA Inspiring Woman Leader **Role model Michele Favorite** Executive Director Graduate Studies Center Director at John Cabot University.

[Read about Michelle](#)

Another inspirational interview written by our very own talented and inspiring Leadership writer **Danielle DeVine**.

 Read the full article on our homepage or via the link below. Here is an excerpt in the meantime...

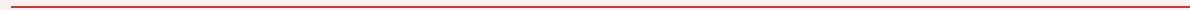
What advice would you give to young people entering the workforce today?

"The job market is becoming increasingly difficult and unpredictable. Many industries are not hiring, and AI is replacing a lot of entry-level roles. There is breaking the social contract between employers and young people."

☕ Take a moment, grab a coffee, and be inspired. ✨

Thank you Danielle!

*Written by **Danielle DeVine** | Leadership writer Professional Women's Association*



PWA PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Stronger Together: PWA Partners Speak



ANTONIO RAGUSA
FOUNDER & DEAN
ROME BUSINESS SCHOOL

"Rome Business School is more than an academic institution—it is a family. We offer our students learning experiences through internships, shadowing and social engagement. Our partnership with PWA, plays a vital role in making these opportunities possible."



“Thank you for being an integral part of our mission and vision.”



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We are deeply grateful for each of you and our partners—
you keep our garden colorful, inclusive and growing!

Stay inspired!

Catherine and the PWA board

- **Catherine Tondellii** – President
- **Eleonora Bindi** — Vice President & Social Director
- **Ida Sirolli** – Program Director
- **Martha Sgherza**– Secretary
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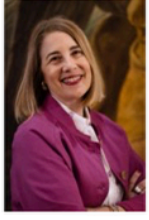
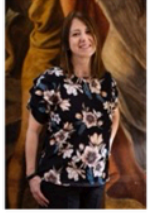


- **Adriana Calò** — Partnership Director and Membership support
- **Daniele Freitas**- Social Media Director PWA

Board support

- **Danielle Devine** — Editor, Leadership and Inspiring PWA member writer.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Each month, we highlight our new, wonderful, and inspiring PWA members. We're thrilled to have you join our community of talented, passionate women dedicated to empowerment, sisterhood, inclusion, and fostering a supportive networking community.

As a member, you will be able to attend conferences at no cost including the aperitivo and you'll have opportunities to connect, learn, and grow alongside like-minded women who are dedicated to making a positive impact.

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VANESSA TORRERO

NEW MEMBER

My name is **Vanessa** and I was born in Turin. Languages and travel have always been my greatest passions. After attending the American School of Turin, I moved to Geneva to study Translation and Interpreting. Life then brought me to Rome. I fell in love with a Roman and moved here when I was very young. Over the years, Rome has truly become my second home and, today, I often feel more at home here than when I return to Turin to visit my mother, who herself spent many years living abroad before moving back.

My family is spread across different countries and has always shared an international outlook. My son, now 29, lived in London for many years before recently moving to Monte Carlo. My daughter studied in the Netherlands and later completed a degree in Neuroscience in London. She is currently living in Paris, where she works for Dior. My sister has been living in New York for almost 40 years. Professionally, after spending many years managing my former husband's real estate portfolio, I fulfilled a long-held dream. Fifteen years ago, together with a close friend, I founded an English language school for children in Rome. What started as an exciting project grew into a successful business. More recently, I have also begun teaching Italian to foreign students, which has allowed me to combine my passion for languages with my love of meeting people from around the world.

With my children now living abroad, I am enjoying a new chapter of life, travelling with my partner, discovering new places, meeting new people and embracing new experiences.

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ARIANNA CHECCHI

NEW MEMBER

I'm **Arianna** and I am a senior Public and International Affairs professional with about eighteen' year experience in global companies. Due to my job, I have lived in Brussels, Milan, London and Rome – which has become my home for the past 12 years.

Since Uni, my strongest interest has been International Relations; a passion that brought me to study, work, live and travel around the world, discovering different cultures and making life lasting friendships.

In my free time I like to practice pilates, mindfulness, outdoor activities as well as to sail around the Mediterranean. I also enjoy any form of art from music, to cinema, modern dance, and handcrafting.

By joining WPA, I expect to find new inspiration and energy from a group of smart, successful, international women with different backgrounds, interests and careers. In addition, through WPA, I would like to help younger women to navigate the complexity of their early career.

I am delighted to join PWA and look forward to participating in its activities, getting to know its members and becoming part of this wonderful community. I am grateful to Cristina for introducing me to such a welcoming and inspiring group.



I'm **Dina** and I went to St. Stephen's and am on the board now and love all things Rome & Italy :). I'm excited to make friends here and enjoy the city in new ways and to learn and support everyone too.

I lead mindfulness retreats to cultivate joy (actually hosting one in Panarea July 28-31 if anyone is interested in joining us!) and train and certify people to become meditation teachers. I also work with companies (Microsoft, McKinsey, etc.) and individuals (a lot in the music industry which is fun!) on mindfulness and living with more joy and freedom and write about mindfulness for entrepreneurs in magazines and newspapers, etc.

On the personal side I love hosting dinner parties and meeting new people and also love learning, meditation, swimming, snorkeling, and traveling.



My name is **Mariella**, I'm 27, law graduate living in Utrecht for the past 5 years and working across impact-related fields such as at the Gender Equality Law Network, Impact Hub Amsterdam, Global Young Leaders and an innovative startup in the field of youth mental health and social impact.

On the side, I trained as holistic wellness practitioner in yoga, sound therapy, Somatic Experiencing (lev1) and other related disciplines working with women for nervous system care and relational awareness.

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**TAMIRIS
ARGIMBAEVA**
NEW MEMBER

My name is **Tamiris**, and I am the founder of Tamler Jewelry, a brand I established seven years ago. What began as a dream to create unique and meaningful pieces has grown into a business that reflects my passion for creativity, quality, and craftsmanship. We create not only jewelry, but also a positive and supportive work environment where people are encouraged to grow, develop, and thrive.

I am delighted to join this wonderful community. I strongly believe that women need the support, understanding, and encouragement of other women. By sharing our experiences, inspiring one another, and growing together, we become stronger both personally and professionally.

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ANTONELLA RESSA
NEW MEMBER

I'm **Antonella**, an HR professional focusing on Total Rewards, Benefits, and Wellbeing. I'm originally from Apulia in Southern Italy, but I've been living here in Rome for the last 10 years.

Outside of work, I'm at my happiest outdoors hiking in nature, catching live music concerts, or experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen!

What inspired me to join PWA is the incredible energy of this community and the powerful idea of women supporting women. I wanted to step out of my comfort zone, share fresh perspectives, and build genuine, fruitful connections with all of you inspiring women. (A big thank you to @~Krisztina Szaraz for introducing me to this great network!)

So happy to be here and really looking forward to meeting you all soon!

WELCOME TO PWA!



**GABRIELLA
IMPALLOMENI**
NEW MEMBER

WELCOME TO PWA!



EMMA OBETZ
NEW MEMBER

I'm **Gabriella** Impallomeni. I work in digital marketing, with a focus on social media advertising and online visibility strategies. I'm passionate about helping businesses grow through effective communication and targeted campaigns.

I joined PWA to connect with like-minded professionals, expand my network, and exchange ideas and experiences that can create new opportunities for collaboration and growth.

My name is **Emma** and I'm from Maryland in the United States. I am currently a student and the American University of Rome and I graduate this December with a Bachelor's degree in Travel & Tourism Management and a minor in International business.

I currently am completing and internship that aims to bring the student community of Rome together through a networking organization. This is not only an internship but a passion project of mine as I believe students deserve whatever opportunity life has to offer them and this initiative can help make that happen for so many people.

I love to travel and am happy to say I've done a lot of that during my 3 years in Rome. From city to nature experiences, I love it all!

I aspire to be a destination wedding coordinator as it has been my dream ever since I worked for a wedding venue in my hometown. It is truly beautiful what you can create for someone on the most memorable day of their life and I loved being apart of it.

I was inspired by the PWA's community and how supportive, uplifting, and encouraging it is. This is something I wanted to have as I start my career and give to others as well.



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