

# the People We Are

September 2020

## Professional Women's Association of Rome Monthly Newsletter

FIRST ISSUE 2020/2021

Dear Cecilia,

Now is the time to activate this network, stay connected, and continue to make a difference for women.

**Welcome back PWA community!**

### President's Message

**"BOLD"**

Building Opportunities through Leadership & Development



**President**

**Dear Members and Friends,**

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." This powerful quote by Helen Keller will forever stand the test of time.

The question I kept asking myself is how can PWA provide timely value for our members and in our community? This considering the setbacks most of us are still enduring during a global pandemic caused by Covid19, with a background of protests over racial injustice and record unemployment.

As always, the key value of PWA comes from your active engagement. Our members are what make PWA a vibrant community of trust. I love hearing from you.

[Read the letter here.](#)

Gerlie Saura

### The People We Are: Catherine Costaggiu

Catherine is an international arbitration lawyer with over 5 years post-qualification experience in a first-rate American-based law firm. I met her thanks to the last PWA Elections process, in which she demonstrated her willing to collaborate by providing new ideas and a taste of her sparkling personality.

Meet one of our members whose contribution is really valuable for PWA. Read her **inspiring story** here: [Cat has nine lives!](#)



CATHERINE COSTAGGIU:  
"BE YOUR OWN ROLE-MODEL!"

### Monthly Conferences PAUSE, RESET, RESTART

[Join today's e-conference!](#)

### THEME OF THE YEAR 2020 - 2021



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### PWA LEADERSHIP Spotlight

The **PWA Board and Team** is composed of women with complementary skills, committed to a common purpose: help PWA thrive!

**Meet the new Board 2020-2021**



### PWA MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

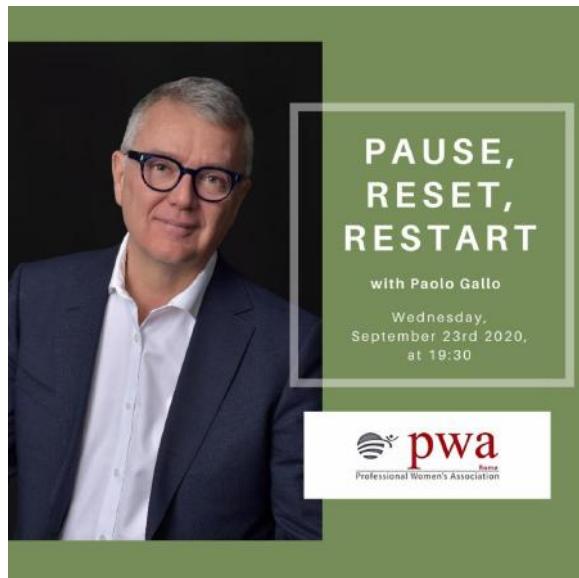
**Existing members:** Renew your membership by December 2020 at a reduced fee!

**PWA guests,** become part of PWA community! [Contact us for information.](#)

**Brand new digital membership:** Join us from any part of the world for a cross-contamination of ideas!

**Young members:** Access our diversified network and chose your informal mentor!

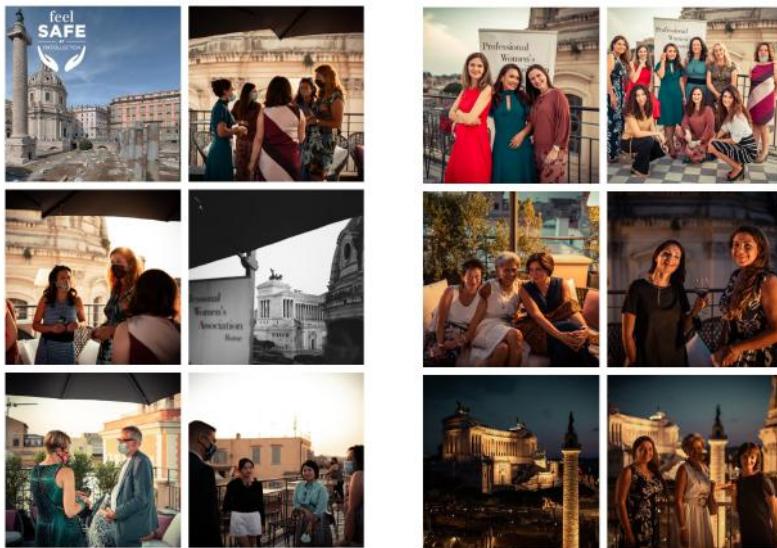
**Friends of PWA:** Thank you for being by our side!



**The event is live streaming on PWA Facebook Page**  
Last minute registration is available for members [contact us!](#)

## Monthly ConneXion "UNITED", What's your power word?

Check out some of the photos from our first **ConneXion** opening the new PWA's season 2020-2021



## Welcome PWA New Members

Tatiana Wartuschova  
Barbara Pepponi  
Cecilia Sandroni  
Giulia Zimei - Young member  
featuring...



**Barbara Bepponi**  
Non Life Director at  
Groupama Assicurazioni  
S.p.A.



**Tatiana Wartuschova**  
Market Research Expert



**Cecilia Sandroni**  
Cross Cultural  
International  
Journalist and  
founder of ItaliensPR

Graduated in Sociology  
and Social Policy, I have



## SUGGESTED READINGS



### Suggested readings

Sharing some **food for your thoughts** on "Thrive through Transformations" from our members.

Hanna Suni's Crunchy Tales are here:

[7 Rules for effective delegation - CrunchyTales!](#)

And from the **"Take Action"** section of the Sustainable Development Goals website:

[The Lazy Person's Guide to Saving the World](#)

## PARTNERSHIP NEWS

[Global WIN Live 2020 \(30th of September - 2nd of October\)](#)



[Global Careers for Women - Autumn Event 2020 Thursday 8 October](#)



## PWA CLOSING NOTE

We want to close this issue with a touching note **remembering Ruth Ginsburg**, US Supreme Court Judge



Started her career within a multinational actuarial consulting firm (now Willis Towers Watson) and specialised in reserve reviews, pricing and insurance companies' evaluations for M&A, in six different countries.

Speaks Italian, French, English, Spanish and some basic Greek.

15+ years professional experience in marketing research. As a consultant, I help my clients taking right decisions when comes to start or improve their business.

Speaks Czech, Italian, English, and Slovenian.

Over 30 years of experience as a Cross-Cultural International Journalist and founder of ItaliensPR global press platform driven by the belief that arts and human rights education is a major force for growth.

Speaks Italian, French, English, Spanish and German.

**Read their detailed bios in the next weeks.**

**Want to share your opinions and thoughts?**



**We value your stories and insights!** Share your views on Thriving through Transformations and **be a writer in our next Newsletters!**

Email your contribution, in **English**, to:

[newslettereditor@pwarome.org](mailto:newslettereditor@pwarome.org)

**Deadline** for submissions is the 15th of each month.

**Stay Connected**

[Renew your membership](#)

[Send us your suggestions](#)

**PWA Scholarship Grants**

## PWA Community - Opinions

### One Rose for Rome!

"The beauty of the Eternal City is **enchanting** and casts a spell on whomever puts a step on its centuries-old cobblestones. I have been under that spell for over six years now, since the day I moved to Rome as a temporary resident... **I remember that spring** evening on the 22nd March 2019 when I decided to ..."

[\*\*Read this amazing article\*\*](#) by our member, **Ecaterina Schilling**, for her **awe-inspiring story** about how one single beautify action could become a symbol of hope.



## PWA Community - New Section

### Launching the Editor's Note Section

Usually, September is synonym of restart. This September is quite challenging for me, welcoming the Editor's Note in our newsletter. And as if that weren't enough, everyone who played this role amazingly before me has left huge boots to step in! What should I do?

Not knowing, I asked the Board members for help. So, despite the huge amount of work done **behind the scene** to bring you all the best in PWA, they gave me their support: [\*\*Discover their thoughts here!\*\*](#)



Luisa Lopez

Newsletter Editor