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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Summer Time is a Busy Time

The months of June, July and August can certainly be busy months. Graduations, Father's Day, weddings, vacations, July 4th holiday and for us here at the IAHF, it means final prep for our 42nd Annual Italian Family Festa!

All our Festa chairs, co-chairs and volunteers are working diligently to ensure we bring to you another two days that are packed with good food, local Bay Area wines, entertainment, cultural exhibits and exciting activities for the kiddos.



For our 2nd Annual Mayoral Grape Stomp, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan will be defending his title won

from last year's stomp. He will be going up against two local mayors who will have won two heats. And, this year, we bring two new attractions to our Festa: Italian cars and a fashion show of authentic and handmade Italian native wear! We will also have on display a beautiful native dress from Rome dating back to the late 1800s. A definite must see! Stay tuned for next month's issue as it will be packed full of all the Festa happenings!

### The IAHF in Social Media

Do you follow the IAHF Facebook page? Instagram? If not, please search us up the next time you're perusing through those platforms and give us a follow. Also, if you could share our Festa posts and invites, that will spread the news to your friends and families about our Festa coming up! Our Festa has been a meeting ground for people to catch up with friends and loved ones over a glass of wine, a plate of spaghetti and meatballs or a gelato!

### Festa donations are needed

By now, you will have received a letter in the mail asking for donations to help with the cost for our Italian Family Festa. Thousands of man hours are collectively logged throughout the year to make this 2-day event possible. Not to mention the thousands of dollars it takes even before the event is held! Would you please consider what you can do today to lessen the cost burden on the IAHF? You can either mail in a check or call the office and give your donation over the phone. It would be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by 25,000 people and more! Thank you all, in advance, for your generosity!

~~~Dana Zuccarello Aguirre

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### JULY

• July 11, Thursday / Cooking Class - Join us to learn how to make three favorite Summertime pasta dishes. Nanci Wilborn shares a family recipe from the Liguria region. A caterer will teach us how to make Pesto pasta. Ken Borelli will teach us how to make pasta Primavera / 7-9pm / At the Hall \$25 for members / \$30 for non-members / Make reservations <u>online</u> or by calling the IAHF at 408 293 7122.

• July 12, Friday / Arobactic Italian Fleet / 1:30 pm / Crissy Field-Veteran's Overlook San Francisco

• July 18, Thursday / Guest Speaker Shelley Lindgren on Italian Wines / 6:00 pm social/light buffet and tasting of Italian varietal wines, 6:30 pm lecture followed by Q&A / At the Hall \$20 IAHF members; \$25 non-members / Make your reservation now by going <u>online</u> or by calling the IAHF at (408) 293-7122.

• July 25, Thursday / Cena Fuori / Tomatina's / 7-9 pm / \$45 inc. tax and tip / Make reservations <u>online</u> or by calling the IAHF at 408 293 7122. Make checks are payable to Ken Borelli at the door.

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• August 3-4, Saturday and Sunday / Festa 2024/ History Park San Jose / Sign up <u>online</u> to volunteer - scan the QR code below to go to our sign-up page.

### SAVE THE DATE

• September 5, Thursday / Cooking Class - Kathy Lohman will teach us how to make a delicious Italian Holiday Cake.

### ONGOING CLASSES

**Italian Language Classes** / Conversational and Intermediate - Online classes / Weekly Monday and Wednesday / 6pm-7pm / Join by Zoom, Google Meet or call 1-413-400-3169 (PIN 367 186 912#).

Italian Cooking Classes / Items from a variety of Italian regions / At the Hall / Thursday 7pm.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FESTA**

*Many hands make light work* - which is especially true for our annual Festa. IAHF needs volunteers to ensure our booths are fully staffed to serve the 100,000 visitors over the 2 days of the event.

It's easy to sign up for a shift. Go to the Festa Volunteer <u>website</u>, choose the activity you want to help with, then pick from day and hours that fit your schedule.

Volunteers are needed in these areas and more:

- Food and beverage booths
- Membership
- Ticket and raffle sales
- Bocce court
- Cultural village
- Grape stomp

Sign up today and be prepared for joining in the fun at Festa!



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## **PRE-FESTA EVENT - A CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN WINE!**

On Thursday, July 18, the IAHF will host a special evening with Shelley Lindgren, co-author with Kate Leahy of Italian Wines - Regions, and Grapes of an <u>Iconic Wine Country</u>. Shelley will explore the subject and bring along copies of her book for review and sale.

Shelley is a renaissance lady and the owner of a new favorite restaurant, A16, on Chestnut Street in San Francisco. It was a definite pleasure planning this event at her restaurant. I also found out she has ventured into the local scene, Italian varietals in San Juan Bautista, Napa, and Sonoma counties. In addition, she is also able to provide Italian specialty vegetables that are grown along with the grapes among the vineyards which are all served at A16.

It has been a common observation when traveling to Italy and sampling the local wines that they taste so much better than at a local restaurant. Some people attribute it to the ambiance and fun of

the trip. To some extent that may be true. At the same time, the reality is that Italy is a country with a dazzling array of wines, many of them from small family-owned wineries with unique varietals that never make it beyond the local market.

Shelley's and Kate's book begins to close that knowledge gap with a systematic survey of many of the regional varietals in Italy today. The chapters include an exploration of regional distinctions and differences, including varietals planted. Their book was over 7 years in the making and is a must for all aficionados of Italian varietal wines.

I am reminded too, when the IAHF had a wine tasting and pairing at the famed Guglielmo Winery (which we want to do again this year), we tasted wines from a small planting of grapes from their family's origins. I also found this to be the case at Bargetto Winery, so I am wondering how many of those Italian varietals are being produced in our region. The book, Italian Wines, is a must to appreciate Italian varietals. Of course, another neat way to intro-

duce yourself to Italian wines is to visit the Wine Tasting Garden at the Italian Family Festa in August!

#### ITALIAN WINES-A PRE-FESTA EVENT

Thursday, July 18, 6-7:30pm

- 6:00 pm social/light buffet and tasting of Italian varietal wines;

- 6:30 pm lecture followed by Q&A.

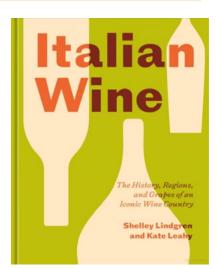
Make your reservation now by going <u>online</u> or by calling the IAHF at (408) 293-7122.

\$20 IAHF members; \$25 non-members

"In vino veritas!" Ken Borelli











Watch for the 2024 Italian Family Festa Edition of our news-





### that takes time, talent, dedication and money.

Lots of money. The following list reflects just the beginning of those who have made a financial commitment as a Festa Sponsor. This list will continue to grow over the next couple of months. Some have been helping us for years, some are brand new. We are very grateful to all our sponsors.





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## We Appreciate Our Donors - Cedolini Family

We are proud to count as our IAHF members Anthony Cedolini, PhD and his wife of 60 years, Clare De Rose Cedolini. Their regular generosity over many years has benefitted many worthy and fortunate scholarship recipients. Now we are putting to good use their recent huge donation to the IAHF in honor of their dear uncle and aunt, Lee and Al DeRose, two early, and devoted members of the IAHF.

The DeRose family was already a part of our Valley of Heart's Delight history with their apricot, prune and cherry orchards; and they truly entered into California history when they purchased a large and par-

tially abandoned vineyard in Hollister which had a quite illustrious history. Founded in 1854 by a French immigrant, the vineyard eventually produced awardwinning wine, taking silver at the 1900 World Expo in Paris. Tony and Clare happened to be driving through the Hollister area in 1988 when they spotted the forsale sign on this sprawling piece of vineyard property in the Hollister area. Clare's Uncle AI, along with Tony and Clare Cedolini, and Nick and Pat DeRose (Clare's brothers) purchased the property in 1989.

Generations of the Cedolini-DeRose family have been agriculturalists. Clare's grandparents were from a long line of wine makers in Cosenza, Calabria. After Clare's father retired from their fruit ranch in Willow Glen, Clare's Uncle Al, brothers, Pat and Nick DeRose and Clare's husband Anthony Cedolini joined the family's ancestral path with the decision to revitalize the old Hollister vineyard. The healthy vines were returned to productivity, and Pat nurtured 100 acres of centuryold, abandoned vines, bringing them to delicious fruition. Anyone who has savored the velvety fruitiness of the DeRose Negrette will appreciate all the hard work that went into the revitalization of these ancient vines, the oldest in California. The vineyards have been in production for 170 years.



of us have enjoyed his book The Classroom of Life: Tools and Skills to Overcome Obstacles and Adversity by Anthony Cedolini, Doctor of Psychology which is available in our IAHF library. He shares with us a wealth of knowledge gleaned from his long, interesting career. This remarkable book carries a can-do message throughout every chapter and is both realistic and inspirational.

Clare is a retired educational diagnostician and consultant, as well as a retired elementary special education teacher. She worked at San Jose Children's Health Council and Santa Clara Unified School District

for over 25 years. Tony and Clare conducted a private practice called Educational Associates through which they evaluated children suspected of having learning disabilities. All of these roles were very gratifying to her.

Clare and Tony are blessed with three remarkable children. Maria, an elementary school teacher, follows in her father's footsteps and has published four books. Has a new family tradition begun? Antonia served the community as a social worker for twenty-two years and is now a business owner. And all the family join together to support Peter at his restaurant, Mangia Mi,where you will find fantastic Italian meals paired with spectacular DeRose wine. Many of us have been served memorable meals by Pete both at the IAHF and at his beautiful Danville restaurant.

The DeRose-Cedolini family is an IAHF treasure. We are grateful for the friendship and support of this remarkable family.

~~~Linda Gaudio Binkley

Now, Clare and Tony's nephew, Al, joins the generations as the current winery manager. Under his leadership, the vineyards and winery continue to expand... all the way to Chile!

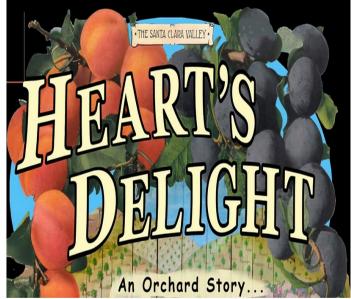
Besides many years of vineyard bookkeeping and wine bottling, Tony also built a successful practice as a psychologist. Many



# An Evening of An Orchard Story

### **HEARTS DELIGHT -- SO MANY MEMORIES**

On Wednesday, May 22, the IAHF presented a film called Hearts Delight--An Orchard Story. It was codeveloped by Marylin Messina and produced by Chip Curry. They explained that the film was the product of a discussion between them about the historical significance of all the orchards and agriculture here in this Valley less than 50 years ago. Several generations have grown up since those times, and memories of the Valley of Hearts delight go very deep in Santa Clara County, especially with members of the IAHF. The film was presented within the framework of "the four seasons in the life of an orchard," especially around the Berryessa area.



The film was also a tribute to Marylin's grandpar-

ents as well as a glimpse into a slice of Santal Clara County life when the Valley was an agricultural powerhouse for the entire nation. Marylin noted it was also an acknowledgment of the many Italian immigrants and their families who lived and worked here during those times. From all the discussion that followed the film, it was an experience that resonated among the audience of about 100 who represented so many connections to the Valley of Hearts Delight, including the Mayor of Milpitas, who paid a special visit to the event. Orchardists, farmers, former and retired aggies, garden club people and many old timer-families added to this magical night.

The film also underscored the unique project regarding the Santa Clara County Grant-sponsored history boards, photos and archival work. The Messina Family as well as Chip Curry set the bar by producing and sharing a first-hand account with this film. The film is also on YouTube as "Hearts Delight-An Orchard Story." We are going to try to edit the discussions since they were such a rich testimony to Santa Clara County's amazing history.

A word too about the refreshments we enjoyed during the evening. It was a mini buffet themed around nature's bounty in Santa Clara County. For example, we had dried fruit from George Darteny's Portuguese Heritage Ranch, local walnuts and honey in the form of baklava from Sharon Mc-Cray, Emma Prusch Park tomato and pepper seedlings, pink grapefruit from Rose Crimi, biscotti and pizzelle by Kathy Lohman and Maria Bandy, along with pasta primavera, sauteed polpette, an array of veggies, sauteed mushrooms, fennel salad, polenta slices and an olive medley. In addition to those already mentioned, appreciation to Christi Gilchrest, Azie Habib, Louie Lombardo, Joe Lucito, Nora Monette, Rebecca Morici and Stanley Olivar who helped with the refreshments and the event. Special thanks to Rebecca who set the tables with fresh white roses from her garden!

~~~ Ken Borelli





### Cena Fuori - Maggio 2024

We liked it so much last July, we came back this last May! A sure compliment to a cook/chef – no matter if it is at home or at a public restaurant – is to ask for and take seconds – servings or visits!

"La Famíglía da Cena Fuorí" - as that is what we have become - gathered inside this quaint and intimate restaurant unassumingly tucked away in a small shopping center at the corner of Curtner and Union Avenues in San Jose.

The owner, George, was excited to welcome the 32 of us back where we were his exclusive guests for the evening! He and his staff were attentive to the usual thirsty crowd while we socialized and shared vacation plans, Festa plans and gregarious small talk.

Our supper started with a fresh crisp insalata mista that was garnished with shaved parmesan cheese and – to everybody's delight - abundant baskets of garlic knots were delivered at the same time!

The entrees started coming, and we all started ogling each other's plate while waiting for our own -the choices we were offered included Lobster Ravioli in a creamy Marsala wine sauce; Lasagna with mushrooms with a homemade meat sauce; and Chicken Marsala served with mushrooms and penne pasta. All were plated very appealingly, and the foods were hot and delicious. For those who still had room, huge slices of tiramisu were devoured for dessert.

George – who is Greek - has in the been food industry tor many years. Opening this restaurant fulfilled his lifelong dream and allowed him to embody what he learned from his mother and grand-mother, both of whom loved to cook and share their hospitality with others. He shared the



secrets that go into creating his signature Marsala Sauce! Watch for his appearance on the Culinary Stage at this year's Festa!

As always, thank you, Ken, for introducing us to this home-y neighborhood gem! And thank you, Stanley, for your great photography talent! We are pretty much the same friends who continue to enjoy these monthly adventures – we welcome you to join our familigia!

~~~Article by Cathy De Maria, photos by Stanley Olivar







# Maggio Cena Fuori Photos













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### Does that look like fun? You can have fun too!

Join us on Thursday, July 27, for our Luglio Cena Fuori at Tomatina's. Make reservations <u>online</u> or by calling the IAHF at (408) 293-7122. Make checks payable to Ken Borelli at the door for \$45 per person







Sunday, June 2nd, was the IAHF's celebration of the Festa della Repubblica. The dinner celebration was followed on the following day with a flag raising at the Santa Clara County Administration Building. Because the anniversary date fell on a Sunday, we were able to have a two-part celebration to honor this important date in modern Italian History.

A brief history lesson - the nation of Italy was founded as a Kingdom in 1861, and its capital was established in Rome in 1870. The dream of an Italian republic goes back to the early origins of the "Risorgimento" with Mazzini and the struggle for Italian independence and unification. It wasn't until the June 2, 1946, plebiscite that originated from the tragic war years when Italy officially became a modern republic. Should you want to explore this fascinating saga further, our IAHF library had a display at the celebration with many relevant books about the founding of Italy that are available to you anytime.

The Sunday event included a very special concert and dance by the famed Aurora Mandolin Orchestra under the direction of Jo Pelligrini. The Italian national anthem was performed by Susanna Jimenez, soprano, and the American national anthem was performed by Dan Burns, tenor. In addition, there was a brief introduction by Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Humanities, William McCraw, from San Jose State University who explained the significance of the date, which emerged from the tragedies of WWII. Mini vendors Kathy Winkelman of Gioa Company with special tables of "Italianita" along with fresh honey from Emma Prusch Park and CD's from the orchestra were also available for sale.

The Aurora Mandolin Orchestra have been playing together for many years, and they make their music seem effortless, which was really an illusion because their range of selections was quite accomplished -from contemporary, though tango to the tarantella. Susana also performed a selection of songs from opera to the Neapolitan classics. The neat thing about the music was you could sit back and enjoy or, if the spirit moved you, "get up and dance." The CD's can be checked out at our library.

The Sunday event boasted an amazing transformation

of backdrops from DJ Eric, which placed you within a European ballroom or within a famed basilica like a scene out of Tosca. Photo ops abound and while he set the bar, in his designs for the Festa della Repubblica, more will come on Polenta Night. So far, these backdrops are my favorite! The bottom line is that the transformation of the Hall is a labor of love for Eric and a gift to all. Grazie Eric! A special thank you to Guglielmo Winery for their donation of the wines for this special occasion.

The food matched the caliber of the event and was catered by Risotto. The meal featured a rich basil cream pasta, sausage and bell peppers, along with antipasti, salad and dessert. The event took on a family celebration with friends and extended families able to participate and have a traditional Sunday afternoon dinner at the IAHF.

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The second part of the celebration occurred on Monday at 11:30 am with the raising of the Italian Flag at the Santa Clara County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street in San Jose. Present at the flag raising was the Honorary Vice-Consul of Italy, Salvatore Caruso, and SCC Board of Supervisor, Otto Lee, District 3. Raising the American Flag was the Honorable Rod Diridon. Both Sal and Rod gave quite engaging perspectives on the event, and how it evolved from the early days of the IAHF, and the Board's vision to celebrate this auspicious day.

A Commendation was also presented by Supervisor Otto Lee along with relevant remarks about the diversity and vitality of the various com-



munities that make up Santa Clara County. It was quite special to see both the American and Italian flags together in recognition of this historic period, which is still in the lifetime memory of many people.

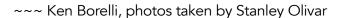


Connecting it all together was Vice Consul General Sal Caruso, introducing his mother, Santina Caruso, who was in Italy during that historic period. Connecting the dots even more, Maria Bandy, who was also pres-

ent attended Santina's wedding in Trabia, Sicily when she was visiting her family there. The

event Co-Chair, Zina Russo, who normally attends the event (she was in Italy at the time attending to family business) was also in Italy when the Republic was founded along with her husband Corrado. As the song goes, "We are Family" and that was evident in both special commemorative activities.

"Viva Italia e gli Stati Uniti d' America!"





# 2024 IAHF Scholarship Luncheon

The Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF) Scholarship Luncheon <sup>7</sup>Dream, Believe, Achieve," was held on June 9, 2024<u>,</u> the IAHF at Hall. The luncheon was a celebratory event recognizing and honor-



ing nine scholarship recipients and their exceptional academic achievements, leadership and community service. It also celebrated the power of education and the vital role of our donors who make these scholarships possible through their generosity. IAHFs mission of providing financial support through

scholarships to students of Italian descent began in the 1970s and continues even stronger today.

Over eighty guests were welcomed by the emcee, Marie Dalldorf, to the elegantly decorated Hall. The Italian summertime theme was reflected in the bright and freshly cut lemons and foliage that were provided by Mary Pizzo and that decorated the white tablecloths; white chair covers provided an even more festive look. Backdrops of Italian scenes provided by Eric Anctil, Delia Schizzano's son, beautifully framed the front of the Hall where the speakers and recipients spoke, making it seem like you were in Italy. At the entrance to the Hall, guests were greeted by a poster with photographs of this year's recipients.

The event began with donors, recipients, family and friends socializing, while light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres were served. Stanley Olivar played background Italian music on the grand piano that set a very celebratory tone. Three guest speakers were introduced and welcomed: California State Senator Dave Cortese; Honorary Italian Consul of San Jose Salvatore Caruso; and the Education Attaché Dirigente Scholastico Consulate General of Italy, San Francisco, Daniela Mazza.

Attendees commented positively about each guest speaker's remarks, finding their messages genuine and engaging, and weaving personal anecdotes and insightful reflections about their Italian and Italian-American experiences. Senator Cortese included reminiscences of his time in high school highlighting a host of Italian friends linking this area to the longstanding contributions of Italians. The Honorable Consul Salvatore Caruso reminded us that when Italians talk of love, we say "Ti voglio bene," which roughly translates as "I want the best for you," a theme that reflected the sentiment of the event. The Consular Education Attaché, Daniela Mazza, spoke about building a bridge between the IAHF and the consulate to encourage collaboration to expand offerings of Italian language\_classes in the South Bay.

Before the award

presentations began, guests were treated to an Italian-themed luncheon that included two different pulled pork sliders: Italian and BBQ (prepared by Felix Dalldorf), Ligurian "sugo" (prepared by Marie Dalldorf) over rigatoni pasta (cooked by Ken Borelli and Joe Locito), salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, pizza prepared by Dave Perzinski and Lucia Clementi, cake, and refreshments.

Then came the time for the presentations. Donors spoke with pride as they described their recipient's educational journey, academic achievements, personal growth, challenges they faced, their community involvement and the hard work and dedication it took to achieve their educational goals. Recipients' remarks expressed their heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to their donors for the scholarships they were awarded and the significant impact they would have on their education, and the honor they received. Recipients also shared personal stories about the challenges and difficulties they faced and how they dealt with them.

Everyone who worked to make this event possible was thanked; the generous scholarship sponsors, the dedicated Scholarship Committee (Marie Bertola, Felix Dalldorf, Heather Hanson, Mary Pizzo, Jan Prinzivalli and Maureen Susino) and others who helped make the event a success.

As the event ended, some final sentiments were shared with the recipients and their supportive families who are on the journey with them. Go out and change the world, use the power of education to transform your life, embrace challenges with confidence, appreciate the opportunity you were granted today, and embrace the responsibility to create occasions to connect and share your Italian heritage and culture. Then it was time for pictures!

~~~ Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair



# 2024 IAHF Scholarship Luncheon Photos





























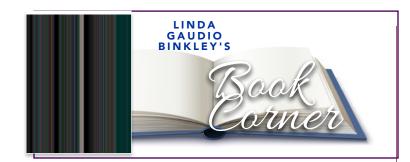




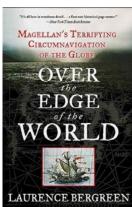








### Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's



Terrifying Circumnavitage of the Globe By Laurence Bergreen

Over the Edge of the World, Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe by Laurence Bergreen Is a remarkable and fascinating book for those who have an interest in history and the fabulous Age of Exploration. The book is 400 pages, but the writing style which splits the chapters into sections makes the reading swift and easy.

Magellan's navigational brilliance is highlighted throughout the book. At last Columbus's great and misleading error of believing he had reached the Indies is revealed and corrected. The passage to the east by going around South America is accomplished and the shocking vastness of the Pacific Ocean is revealed. Like Columbus, Magellan greatly underestimates the size of the Earth. This gross misjudgment proves to be the death of many of his men. Nevertheless, this incredible journey could not be repeated by anyone for more than half a century when Sir Francis Drake strictly adhered to Magellan's navigational notes and safely rounded the Cape.

The book dwells heavily on Magellan's complex and conflicted personality. He is a man of fiercely strong convictions, absolutely confident in his navigational decisions, a man dedicated to Christianizing newly found populations. Yet, he is despised by his crews and his Captains-General. His brutality throughout the journey is sometimes unreasonable and unpredictable. He survives one mutiny, but one ship abandons the fleet and returns to Spain.

As the Armada continues through the South Pacific,

Magellan is initially determined not to become involved in tribal disputes. Unfortunately, probably due to the resistance of a tribe to convert, Magellan commits his troops to a bloody battle. The details of this battle are interesting and very disappointing. If he had a back-up plan, it certainly didn't work, and it is clear that there is no heroic attempt by his crew to save him from his ignominious death. Magellan's primary task was to round the tip of South America, reach the Spice Islands, and return with five boatloads of cloves. At that time cloves were more valuable than gold. He seems to have gotten off track somehow, being overly focused on Christianizing.

One of his surviving Captain-Generals, a Basque name Elcano, brings the meager remains of the armada back to King Charles in Spain. Even considering the loss of men and ships, the expedition is a financial success due to the immense value of one boatload of cloves. King Charles funds further expeditions, but none are successful in rounding the Cape.

The true hero of this story, and the reason this book appears in this column is Antonio Pigafetta. This remarkable Venetian, enamored with Marco Polo's story, convinced Magellan for permission to accompany him on the Flagship Trinidad. Pigafetta would be the diarist for this fabulous journey circumnavigating the globe. Magellan agreed, instructing Pigafetta to note all that he sees and hears apart from navigational specifics.

From Pigafetta we learn details about the interaction between Magellan and his men. We read about the islanders and their many customs, some involving what must have seemed bizarre practices of a sexual nature. His details are precise and explicit. Endlessly curious and linguistically talented, Pigafetta learns to communicate with natives and includes much of their history in his eloquent writing. His observations cover their unique food, family and courting systems, boating styles and cannibalism. After Magellan's death, Pigafetta joins Elcano on the last remaining ship, the Victoria, and returns with him to Spain.

Pigafetta's fabulous archival information is why Author Bergreen is able to bring us this fascinating, colorful and truthful account. Appreciation extends to Pigafetta's epilogue which informs us of the aftermath of the circumnavigation and what became of the remaining few sailors and ships. Over the Edge of the World is an unforgettable story which I highly recommend.

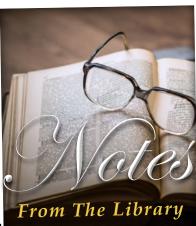
### Italiano for this month: Da asporto - take-out or to go, as opposed to eat-in.

Pizza da asporto = pizza to go Vino da asporto = wine to go Gelato da asporto = ice cream to go Piatto o pasto da asporto = meal to-go

In front of a word beginning with a vowel, the preposition "da" is elided only in the expressions d'ora in poi (from now on), d'ora in avanti (from now on), and d'altra parte (on the other hand). Otherwise, the full form must be kept.







Continuing Dr. Vari's Legacy: Engaging with my Community and my Heritage through a Summer Internship at the IAHF

Buongiormol My name is Vanessa Sordello and I am a rising senior at Santa Clara University studying Sociology, Italian Studies and International Business. I was born and raised in the California Bay Area with a younger sister and a large extended family. My father's family immigrated from Italy in the late 19th century and settled in San Jose and Campbell where farming became their lifestyle. As a third generation American, I have been granted many opportunities to explore my heritage. In fact, in the Fall of 2023 I spent 4 months studying abroad in Perugia, Italy. It was both exciting and rewarding putting my knowledge of the Italian language and culture into practice..

Thanks to the <u>Vari Italian Studies Fellowship</u>, this summer, I will be undertaking an internship at the Twila Venuti Library at the IAHF under the mentorship of SCU Italian Studies professor Evelyn Ferraro and the supervision of Madeline Damiano, the librarian, helping digitize its archival material and cataloging its precious contents. The library, which houses numerous archives, exclusive collections, and historical documents, holds significant importance for the Foundation and the Italian-American community in the region.

A few Santa Clara University students have interned at the IAHF before me, contributing to a significant collaboration that began during the Covid-19 pandemic, under the leadership and mentorship of SCU Italian Studies professors Marie Bertola (also a longstanding IAHF board member) and Evelyn Ferraro.

The Vari Italian Studies Fellowship

is generously funded by the Dr. Victor and Julia Vari Italian Studies Initiative. Dr. Vari, a distinguished Italian professor at SCU and an active member of the IAHF, left a profound legacy as one of SCU's longestserving and esteemed educators. This initiative seeks to uphold Dr. Vari's passion for the Italian language, intercultural dialogue, and community engagement. I am eagerly anticipating this enriching experience and learning opportunity. I am excited to connect my personal family history with the broader community and explore new horizons. I will provide regular updates on my progress.

#### A presto!

~~~ Article submitted by Vanessa Sordello (SCU Sociology and Italian Major, International Business Minor, Class 2025). Comments?

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### LESS WE FORGET THE ITALIAN FRONT IN WORLD WAR II

Following up on Festa della Repubblica activities last month at the IAHF, I want to share with our readers an often-ignored part of the war years, the liberation of the stunning Renaissance City of Orvieto. How it was saved reads like a piece of fiction and indeed an author, David Perry, shared with me a special ceremony in which he participated recently in Orvieto. David is the author of <u>Upon This Rock</u>, an engaging modern novel of intrigue and history steeped in Orvieto lore. A remembrance of the liberation took place on June 14, 2024, the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Orvieto and Walk to the British Cemetery.

What could have happened, as in the case of Monte Casino, did not. The Renaissance jewel of the town, including the incredible cathedral with the Luca Signorelli murals, survived the war years. David noted, " In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Orvieto in WWII, we will be paying our respects to all those who fought against the forces of

Fascism by visiting the British War Cemetery outside Orvieto." The tale of the city's survival included a rare collaboration between "the efforts of three heroic figures: Italian Bishop Francesco Pieri, German Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Lersen and British Major Richard Heseltine."

Orvieto itself will be a special experience if you have never been there before and a treasured memory for those who have. In many ways, we owe a depth of gratitude and at least a pause of reflection to a unique 80-year-old story of the heroism of those who struggled to save the city from the ravishes of war.

~~~ Ken Borelli



# ITALIAN ART NEWS AROUND THE BAY

As a major component of western civilization, renaissance Italian art has been a mainstay of many art institutions, museums and galleries. That observation was recently underscored in this month's "de Young and Legion of Honor Magazine" which announced that beginning October 19, there will be a world class show at the Museum about the "<u>Battle of Pavia Tapestries</u>" along with arms and armor from the "Armeria Farnese" of the Capodimonte Collection of Naples. The exhibit will also bring additional period artwork to display at this special show.

The Legion of Honor museum announced a rare purchase for their permanent collection from the renaissance painter, Lavinia Fontana, entitled "Portrait of Bianca Degli Utili Masselli and her Children"(1568-1605). Lavinia Fontana is among several Italian women artists who represents a breakthrough for women in the arts, especially from Renaissance Italy. Some additional artists to track include Plautilla Nelli 1524-1588, Sofonisba Anguissola 1625, and Artemisa Gentileschi 1593-1653. This is a partial list among quite a few female Italian artists who worked in mainstream Renaissance life. The Legion noted this is the first piece of art by a woman artist prior to 1700 in their museum collection. Their Renaissance role cannot be underestimated as female artists tended to provide a more humanistic and realistic face to the subject matter as well as for their patrons, many of whom came from homes of important families of the day.



And that leads us to modern Italian life and a special museum, Museo Italo

<u>Americano</u> is dedicated to modern Italian and Italian American art. The Museo is located at the Fort Mason Center, the <u>de Young</u> at Golden Gate Park, and the Legion of Honor (celebrating its centennial year) at the stunning <u>Lands End</u> recreation area. The sweeping views of the Golden Gate and Bay Bridge entrances are worth a visit and only an hour away. Plans are also underway to have the participation of II Museo at this year's Festa.

~~~ Ken Borelli

# <u> Italían Folk Costumes - Help Needed</u>

Or "díscover your inner tailor"!

At this year's Festa, we are planning a folk costume fashion show. We have some amazing outfits lent to us by Sandi Strouse and Rosita De Luca as well as some members making their own regional costumes such as Lucia Clementi from Piana degli Albanesi.



We need to have a July work party to do some sewing and repairing of the outfits and that's where some help is needed. Our goal is to have 12-14 cos-





tumes ready for the show on Sunday afternoon, August 4th. If you have any sewing skills, they are gratefully requested.

If you can join a work party, we plan on meeting mid-July to repair and build some regional costumes. Also, if you have a regional outfit, please share with the Festa show. Moreover we also have three outfits for girls for which we need models for the show. Please call Delia Schizzano (1-408-250-7527) or Ken Borelli (1-408-202-5773) so we can plan a sewing party and model fittings, accordingly. See you at the show, August 4th, at 2:00 pm at the

Cultural and Culinary Stage.

~~~ Ken Borelli, photos far left is Francis Borelli, far right are from Delia Schizzano





### The IAHF is seeking members to fill 2025 Board vacancies caused by term limitations and incumbents up for re-election.

This is an exciting time to be a Board member. We currently have an enthusiastic and varied Board that broadly represents the diversity of our Italian American Community. The role of our governing Board is to provide oversight for the operations of the IAHF, make the necessary decisions that impact membership and activities in accordance with IAHF Bylaws, and provide the leadership to implement our common vision! It is also a great opportunity to work with a creative team to plan and promote our Italian Heritage and assist the IAHF to carry out its vision and mission statement of sharing our culture and values with the community. We welcome new ideas about things to offer the Italian American community or thoughts about ways to improve what we are already doing.

Board members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, participate in events, chair committees, volunteer as needed and be dedicated to promoting and preserving our Italian heritage and culture. The time commitment is ~15 hours a month outside of the monthly meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, you can read the qualification guidelines and complete the on-line application here: <u>2025 Board Application</u>. Once you've completed your application, all applicants go through a screening process and meet with the Nominating Selection Committee for an interview. Selected Board members will be introduced at our October Membership Meeting and, depending on the number of applications, there may need to be an election. Deadline for application submittals is September 1, 2024.

If you would like more information about becoming a Board member, please feel free to contact me at <u>louie</u>. <u>lombardo@iahfsj.org</u>.

~~~ Louie Lombardo / 4th Vice President



### VOICE YOUR SUPPORT TO RE-NAME GUADALUPE RIVER PARK

There is a petition being circulated that is proposing to change the name of Guadalupe River Park to be Little Italy Park. This park is directly adjacent to Little Italy San Jose. Voice your option using this link or QR code.



# Italían and Sílícían Events Happeníng in July



### Sons of Italy Watsonville Lodge

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http://www.watsonvillesonsofitaly.org/newsandevents.htm



# A PEEK INT® THE BOARDROOM

### A summary of minutes from the June 11, 2024 Board of Directors meeting

**Attendees:** Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, Ken Borelli, Azie Habib, Sharon McCray, Louie Lombardo, Fank De Turris, Joe Lucito, Stephen Ricossa, Anthony Zerbo

## General Board Meeting President's Report by Dana Zuccarello-Aguirre

• Reviewed the May meeting minutes. Add absent members and correct spelling of Nanci Wilborn and Marie Dalldorf (2 places) names to the minutes then it will be accepted into the record.

• Stephen asked if the Executive Board discussed the survey to support the renaming of the park next to Little Italy.

• Dana suggested we reach out to Fiorello's to purchase catering equipment since they are closing their catering restaurant business.

#### **CFO Report by Frank DeTurris**

• Reviewed the IAHF financial status covering the balance sheet, bank assets, with increases in total revenue and net income. He explained how the increases are based on donations for sponsorship of Festa and scholarships, which will be paid out by next month.

• Funds have been set aside to cover Festa expenses.

• Frank explained how funds are set aside for building and equipment repairs/replacement based on estimated life of the initial expense.

#### First VP, Ken Borelli

• Reviewed 2 recent events: Scholarship celebration, Festa della Repubblica, and flag raising with Supervisor Otto Lee. People want the Aurora Mandolin band back.

• Polenta event partnered with Tricarico Club. He suggested partnering with Sons of Sicily for a whiskey tasting event with 4th Street Distillery. To establish teamwork for joint events.

• There are 2 new scholarships added to our IAHF scholarships.

• Festa work in progress includes a walk-thru at the History Park this week.

• Ken encouraged the Board members to express thanks to Eric for these beautiful backdrops decorating the Hall.

• There is a grant available for next year which we plan to apply for to digitize and promote the history boards.

### Second VP, Azie Habib

• No change in Hall rentals

• Final quote of \$2K to change outdoor lighting.

#### Third VP, Sharon McCray

• Working on publicity for Festa. Trying to promote the polenta dinner and other events.

• Sharon discussed how seeing the Lodi Italian Festival ¼ page ad inspired her to consider paying for our Festa to advertise in a wider area.

#### Fourth VP, Louie Lombardo

• Membership update: We have 51 new members since August 2023. Board member outreach to 109 past members resulted in some renewals. He showed a map where our members are located.

• Tony asked about offering a new/different gift for new memberships at the Festa. Possible suggestions for new member incentives are a better wine or raffle tickets.

• Louie encouraged all the Board members to distribute Festa posters and cards.

**Librarian Madeline Damiano** was absent, but she had sent in an email with her report.

• The library intern will start in June.

• The early Festa video is being edited and ready for the Festa.

**Newsletter, Mary Pizzo** was absent, but she had sent in an email with her report.

• The was some discussion of how difficult it is to arrange for bus transportation to go to San Francisco for the Italian art exhibit.

Adjorn

Santa María Teresa Gorettí, prega per noí. <sup>SRO</sup>



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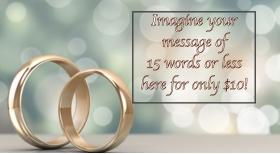
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