

IAHF NEWS



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President's Message

By Ken Borelli

Dopo Il Anno Della Cultura Italiana?

Or what follows after the Year of Italian Culture in the USA initiative? That was part of the table talk for those who won the dinner at the Italian Consulate in September. In many ways the dinner did serve as a focus group regarding several timely topics. Key to the discussion was how to energize the concern of the Italian government in promoting more usage and appreciation of the Italian language locally. While more and more of us visit "Italia" the local reality is it is becoming harder and harder to find vital examples of the language in our schools and community educational institution. The latest concern is very local about the status of the Italian Language Studies at San Jose State University. It is under review

by the school administration and without much community support looks like it may be phased out. At this year's Italian Family Festa, at our community services booths, several students and teaching staff were getting the word about how to try to save the program. Hopefully we will update you soon



about these activities. We will also try to share these concerns on our website too.

For the most part the Italian language is not a big part or plays a major roll for many of us in our daily interactions, as it was for our parents and grandparents, and still is for many of the newer immigrant groups. Assimilation and multi-ethnic families also mean less emphasis on the Italian language. We also need to add an historic perspective into this mix, helping to expedite the decline of spoken Italian at home was the World War II years where frankly it was not patriotic to "speak the enemy's language". That major experience, coupled with the internment of Italians impacted our parents and/or grandparents, and set in motion a gradual decline in spoken Italian at home.

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Could You Become an Italian citizen?

reprinted from Mauro Battocchi, Italian Consul General blog

Did you know that since 2011 over 1500 Americans from the North-West Pacific Consular jurisdiction were granted Italian citizenship at the Consulate General of Italy in San Francisco? Most were claimed through lineage, but a small portion were also granted citizenship through marriage. Recent entries to Italian citizenship include Francis Ford Coppola, Rick

Belluzzo, Mario Rosati (WSGR), Robert Mondavi of Mondavi Wines and many more.

Could you also qualify? Let's find out. See below for a summary of qualifications and requirements for attaining Italian citizenship. Many documents are required, but don't despair: when that day comes, it will be full of joy!

First off, consider where you are a resident. In order to ap-



LtoR future Italian citizen, Mauro Battocchi, Italian Consul General

ply for citizenship at the Consulate in San Francisco, you must be a resident of CALI-

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Our Mission Statement:

"The IAHF shall preserve and promote the rich culture of Italy, increase awareness of its history and recognize the achievements and positive contributions made by Americans of Italian descent."

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The IAHF is having a food drive in support of The Salvation Army, Bring in your non-perishables between November 1 - December 19

What's Going on at the IAHF...

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENING

Come for a special viewing of: **"Finding the Mother Lode: Italian Immigrants in California"**. Meet and discuss with the directors, Gianfranco Norelli and Suma Kurien. **ONLY SOUTH BAY SHOWING!** Italians first came to California in large numbers with the Gold Rush. While most found little gold, they did find a mother lode in farming, fishing, commerce and making wine.

Finding the Mother Lode documents the experience of Italian immigrants in California, which was markedly different from that of their compatriots elsewhere in the United States. Through stories set in seven Italian communities throughout California, this film examines how economic and social mobility became possible for many Italians in the Golden State.



It is also a look at how immigrant identity is maintained and transformed as immigrants become assimilated into mainstream America.

The current film is a follow-up to the filmmakers' critically acclaimed Pane Amaro (Bitter Bread) on the Italian immi-

gration to the East Coast. Finding the Mother Lode too, is based on extensive research and weaves together oral histories by community members with scholarly analyses which provide the larger historical context.

Tuesday, November 12

6:00 pm Meet the Directors Reception-light refreshments and cash bar

7:00 pm Movie premiere

IAHF members \$10.00, non-members \$12.00, students with valid ID \$5.00

RSVP by contacting the IAHF office at 408-293-7122 or iahfsj@sbcglobal.net.

Opera Night

Friday, December 6 - Home for the Holidays - World of Italian Opera. Featuring arias from the Italian Repertoire, songs from Napoli and seasonal music performed by Opera San Jose.

Enjoy beautifully crafted items at our holiday boutique, featuring award winning artist and IAHF member, Nancy Crowley "From Bella Italia" collection.

6:00 - 7:15 pm. Boutique and cash bar
7:15 - 8:30 pm. Dinner
8:30 - 10:30 pm. Music from World of Italian Opera

IAHF members \$33.00, non-members \$36.00, students with valid ID \$20.00

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La Divina Book Club

The Twila Venuti Library is hosting a a childrens reading with a special guest, Claudia Cerulli who is an author of children's books. Claudia's focus is on bilingual children's books in Italian and English. Our library has two of her books, Carnevale Italiano and Ottavia E I Gatti Di Roma. Great books for language students and anyone interested in Italian culture and traditions. We will have readings and watch some Italian children's programming on the television. Bring your children, grandchildren or just come and reconnect with your inner child. **Thursday, November 21, from 1:00-2:30 pm.** More info on page 5. Please call Volunteer Librarian at 408-693-9250, to sign up.

Una Festa del Ceppo

Thursday, December 19 will be our "Festa del Ceppo", a sampling of holiday cuisine from throughout Italy, plus a special art show "Bella Italia", featuring the paintings of Nancy Crowley.



Nancy Crowley, painting

Members \$12.00, non-members \$14.00.

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Napoli che canta e incanta

"Napoli che canta e incanta" was a fantastic event held in San Francisco on October 24. In attendance was Luigi de Magistris, Mayor of Naples, the Consul General of Italy in addition to many other dignitaries. The dinner featured Maestri Monzul who is the Master of Neapolitan Noble Cuisine.

Shown left to right, in attendance was IAHF member, Richard Stewart, his mother Francesca Stewart, a Naples native and WWII war bride, shown below being warmly greeted by Mauro Battocchi, Consul General of Italy.

There was also an Italian War brides exhibit which shared Francesca's story of Naples during WWII, how she fell in love with an American soldier and how they wed in war torn Italy.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ **NOVEMBER 7, 11:00 a.m.**
Regional lunch, Trentino Alto Adige
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 12, 6:00 p.m.**
MOVIE NIGHT: Finding the Mother Lode: Italian Immigrants in California
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 14, 6:00 p.m.**
Annual Members Dinner
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 21, 1:00 p.m.**
La Divina Book Club
- ♦ **DECEMBER 6, 6:00 p.m.**
Home for the Holidays - World of Italian Opera and Boutique
- ♦ **DECEMBER 19, 11:00 a.m.**
Regional lunch, Una Festa del Ceppo

We have been working very hard to keep our website up to date.

We encourage everyone to visit the website for more event information, movie trailers, to renew your membership or just to find out what's new.

We will be making improvements and added resource information such as how to get your Italian citizenship.

So please check the website often to stay informed.

The complete Calendar of Events can be found on the IAHF website at:
www.iahfsj.org

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Regional Lunch 11am	8	9
10	11	12 Movie Night 6pm	13	14 Members' Dinner 6pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Book Club 1pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	 28 Give Thanks	29	30

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Opera Night 6pm	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Festa del Ceppo 11am	20	21
22	23	24	 25	26	27	28
29	30	 31				

BRING YOUR FOOD DONATION TO THE IAHF

It's the season of giving so for the months of November and December we will have a Salvation Army food barrel at the IAHF. If you are coming to any of our events why not bring a food donation, or you can drop off a donation during IAHF business hours. Together we can help brighten the holiday season for those less fortunate.

President's Message—Dopo Il Anno Della Cultura Italiana?

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Even so it is important to frame, "Why it is important to keep and or promote these linguistic skills"? First, and foremost, is for personal reasons. For many of us, myself included as I write this article from "Roma", I want to be able to communicate with my family in Italy. I am sure there are those with similar needs. Likewise for advanced educational and business goals it truly is an advantage for our youth to have an awareness of these language skills. And it goes without saying if you are going to study and work in the arts, especially music and opera, knowledge of Italian is critical to ongoing studies and similar activities. There was even some discussion at the consulate dinner of "bridge activities" with other Latin languages. Obviously, locally, the closest Latin language spoken is Spanish, and perhaps "bridge courses" can easily promote the use of Italian for those with some knowledge of Spanish, perhaps even French and Portuguese too.

Much of the discussion at dinner centered around college level and adult learners, and that has its own expertise, but if we want to get down to basics, the issue then becomes how to make the language more accessible to children in early educational programs, such as Italiano per bambini". We at the IAHF did experiment with summer school youth programs under Nancy DeVincenzi Melander's leadership several years ago, but the question of sustainability also becomes an issue along with formalizing a youth

program at the IAHF. In addition, under Delia Schizzano's guidance we have quite a menu of Italian classes along with Italian movies for adult learners. In line with this program, we at the IAHF are at a "planning stage" to really focus on the Italian language with two of our board members who are currently involved in language programs locally, Marie Bertola who teaches at Mission College and Santa Clara University, and our newest board member Pam Lyons former President of the Mission Community College Italian Club (2012-2013). She is also taking up the challenge of making our library into a true research and learning center. One of her goals is developing educational and linguistic resources for youth. Read Pam's library article to learn more!

I mention all these activities as a way of highlighting the building blocks at our disposal to be a part of promoting language as heritage. Even our scholarship program has a part to play with the two Bocciardi scholarships offered yearly based on the importance of second language skills to educational development. At a certain point even this newsletter can be more of a catalyst for incorporating a greater appreciation of our language skills. That was also one of the goals of our former board member Corrado Russo, who sadly passed away two months ago. Prior to that he and his wife Zina had wanted to promote more use of the language in our newsletter. We need to make sure this vision is realized. In a sense this article is kind of an inventory of potential resources. It

is a first step, and the challenge now for 2014 and beyond is to make more visible one of the understated parts of our heritage--a greater appreciation of the language itself. "Saluti da Roma!"

Keep the Italian Language Alive!

Contact SJSU Italian Program

Find out what you can do to keep the program going.

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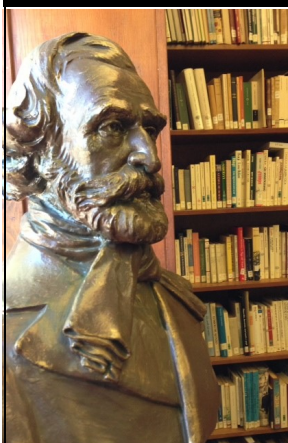
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Contact USAuPair at 503-675-5333 or go to www.usaupair.com for more information.

Host an Italian Student

Mondo Insieme Italy/World Heritage USA (Student Exchange Programs)
Valeria Sessini949 310-5612 or go to www.whosts.com for more information.

The Twila Venuti Library NEEDS YOU!



This Christmas season, think of your Library and donate some time.

What are the library needs?

- People to help sort, identify, and help inventory photos and newsletters
- Donations for new books and media
- Donations of children's books/media in Italian/English or with Italian stories for children
- Two reading chairs in excellent condition
- Always, any donations of historically relevant material, past or present

Please contact Volunteer Librarian Pam, polpap@prodigy.net or 408-693-9250.

Could You Become an Italian Citizen? —continued

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FORNIA (except San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial Valley, Orange Counties), ALASKA, HAWAII, IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON, UTAH, WASHINGTON STATE or the Administrative Territory of the Islands of Marianne. If you're not a resident these areas, you can apply to the Consulate under whose jurisdiction you reside.

Second, see if your family tree matches requirements to claim citizenship. To demonstrate you have a right to citizenship, you must show that citizenship was transmitted from your Italian-born ascendant to you. Italian citizenship was exclusive until 15 August 1992; so, until that date, the voluntary acquisition of any non-Italian citizenship meant the automatic renunciation of one's Italian

citizenship for people who were born with Italian citizenship. However, children born to Italian citizens in the United States or other countries with *jure solis* — meaning you are a citizen automatically if you are born within the national boundaries — acquired their foreign citizenships involuntarily because of their birthplaces. Therefore, these children can claim citizenship by descent if and only if they can prove that their Italian-born ascendant was an Italian citizen at the moment of their births. Subsequently, they can pass citizenship onto their children, grandchildren, and so forth — barring a loss of citizenship somewhere along the line.

Confused yet? Don't worry, here is an example.

Mario's grandfather Luigi emigrated to the States in 1900. His father, Pietro, was born in 1912, and Luigi naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 1925. Pietro inherit-

ed citizenship because Luigi was a citizen at the moment of his birth. Mario, born in 1950, inherited citizenship from Pietro, unless Pietro renounced his right to Italian citizenship (for example, by acquiring a third citizenship prior to Mario's birth or by a declaration before an Italian authority).

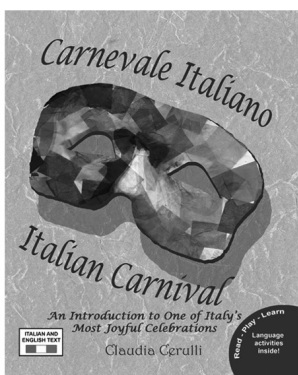
Got it? The real crux is really whether your Italian ascendant still had Italian citizenship at the moment his or her child was born in the United States. Take a look at your family tree. Any luck?

A Guide to Italian Citizenship can be downloaded at the IAHF website, iahf.fs.org.

UPDATE Twila Venuti Library & La Divina Book Club

submitted by Pam Lyons

La Divina Book Club have been given a donation of several children's books, just in time for the holiday season! If you are a parent or a grandparent or just love Italian you will not want to miss this! The BIG news is that Long Bridge Publishing's author, Claudia Cerulli will be our guest speaker at the Thursday, November 21 book club meeting from 1:00-2:30 pm.



Claudia was born in Rome but has lived in the Bay Area for a few years. Her writing focuses on bilingual children's books in Italian and English. Our library has two of her books, *Carnevale Italiano* and *Ottavia E I Gatti Di Roma*. *Carnevale Italiano* is a wonderful book for children (and adults young at heart!) which covers the history of Carnival, the most famous carnivals, pictures of the main historical characters, recipes, a map and word games. All this at a level children can understand.

Ottavia E I Gatti Di Roma is a delightful story about a curious kitten and her cousin Julius, who want to see the world beyond their home in the Colosseum. They get lost and in the process see all the famous places in Rome before an older cat helps them find their way home.

In addition, the library has acquired the following books appropriate to the upcoming season and children. *Adriano, Il Cane Di Pompei*, *Coloriamo il Natale!* *Calendario dell'Avvento da Colorare*, *Ci Vuole un Fiore* (with CD), and *The Silverspoon for Children* (Favorite Italian Recipes). Forget Disney's version of Pinocchio! The library now has Carlo Collodi's *Pinocchio* in paperback. These books can be seen Nov. 21st.

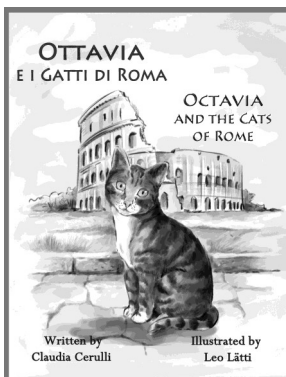
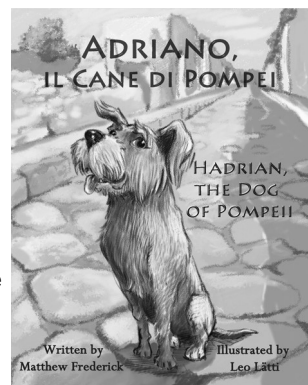
If you don't read, understand or speak Italian, don't let that stop you from checking out the library or the book club. We all learn from others and have fun, too. The important thing is to keep the culture and language alive, especially for our children and grandchildren.

For adults, new books include; *The Italian Home for Children* (an "Images of America" picture book) by Christopher F. Small, the Director of this famous east coast orphanage which was founded during the influenza epidemic of 1918 in the North End of Boston. Also recommended for Italian readers, the paperback copy of a reproduction of *Il Contadino Astologo* by Anonymous.

If you are looking for bilingual Italian American books for your children or grandchildren, you will not want to miss the November 21 @ 1-2:30pm book club at the IAHF library.

Claudia Cerulli will be present with the Long Bridge Publishing books to review. We will have readings and watch some Italian children's programming on the television.

Please contact Volunteer Librarian, polpap@prodigy.net or 408-693-9250.





"I am very proud of my Italian Heritage and my family's contributions over the years to Italian culture in the greater Bay Area. The IAHF is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to stay in touch with our roots and not forget where our families came from. I look forward to serving as Membership Chair and helping the organization improve. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, your family or your friends, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Grazie!"

-Mike D'Ambrosio

Realtor & Membership Chair of the IAHF-San Jose



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For every closed transaction referred by IAHF members, I will donate a portion back to the IAHF general fund!



ITALIAN CHRISTMAS WORD MATCH

Test your Italian Christmas word knowledge. We bet you know more than you think. (Check your answers on back page)

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|-------------------------------------|-------|---|
| 1. Angel | _____ | il presepio |
| 2. Christmas ball | _____ | San Giuseppe |
| 3. Christmas card | _____ | neve |
| 4. Christmas carol | _____ | kindly old witch who brings children toys on the 12th Night |
| 5. Christmas Eve | _____ | Madonna |
| 6. Christmas present | _____ | pastore |
| 7. Christmas tree | _____ | Babbo Natale |
| 8. Decoration | _____ | slitta |
| 9. Donkey | _____ | palline dell'albero di Natale |
| 10. Epiphany | _____ | albero di Natale |
| 11. Infant Jesus (The Christ child) | _____ | Re Magi |
| 12. La Befana | _____ | pupazzo di neve |
| 13. Merry Christmas | _____ | il regalo di Natale |
| 14. Nativity | _____ | auguri |
| 15. New Year's Day | _____ | Buon Natale |
| 16. Reindeer | _____ | Gesù bambino |
| 17. Santa Claus /Father Christmas | _____ | la festa dell'Epifania |
| 18. Shepherd | _____ | angelo |
| 19. Sleigh | _____ | la vigilia di Natale |
| 20. Snow | _____ | asino (asinello) |
| 21. Snowman | _____ | il canto di Natale |
| 22. St. Joseph | _____ | il biglietto d'auguri |
| 23. The Three Kings or Wise Men | _____ | renna |
| 24. Virgin Mary | _____ | decorazione/addobbo |
| 25. Wishes | _____ | il Capodanno |



Italiani Tradizioni di Natale

Most of you know about the seven fish dinner and La Befana but did you know Italians celebrate with Christmas with bagpipes and flutes? The following are just a few of the unique ways Italians celebrate Natale.

Bagpipe and flute players, zampognari and pifferai, are a part of Christmas celebrations in Rome, Naples, and southern Italy. They often wear traditional colorful costumes with sheepskin vests, long white stockings, and dark cloaks. Many of them travel from the mountains of the Abruzzo region to play outside churches and in popular city squares.

Città di Castello, in Umbria, celebrates Christmas Eve in on the Tiber River. Towards evening, a group of canoeists, each dressed as Father Christmas, with their canoes illuminated by lights, make their way along the river to the bridge at Porta San Florido where a crib is suspended over the water. When they get out of their canoes, they give small presents to the children gathered there.

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Member Spotlight

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER - The Italian Consulate Dinner

On September 25, IAFF members and winners of a special Festa raffle attended a dinner at The Italian Consulate of San Francisco, in honor of The Years of Italian Culture in the U.S.A. It was a special evening with Mauro Battocchi, Consul General of Italy. It was an intimate gathering of twelve people in attendance. The Italian Consulate is in The Pacific Heights area of San Francisco and has a spectacular view which overlooks the Bay and Angel Island.

Ken Borelli, President of IAHF, co-hosted the event with the Consul General of Italy. IAHF member Linda Filice was our official greeter, and served drinks. There was a pre-dinner olive oil tasting presented by Kathy Winkleman of Gioia Company. Dinner was prepared and served by Al and Diana Vellorz of Tony and Alba's Restaurant. Also, there was a demonstration in how to prepare pasta quitarra. We also had a special song, Torne a Surriento, sung to us by Diana. Wines were from Binkley Vineyards-Saratoga-a private awarded winning wine bottled exclusively for friends and family, followed Miramar Estate wines from Ken's collection in Sonoma County were also served.

Also in attendance was IAHF member Richard Stewart, and his guest Italian-born Dovie Formica (son and daughter of WWII Italian war bride Francesca Stewart), Angelia Aguilar and guest Jovita Rich, Karen and Jan Gall, Lisa Palermo and her husband.

Conversations were about Italian art, food, travel and history. Discussions included how the United States and Italy can continue to improve economic, cultural and social relationships along with what will be the focus after the Year of Italian Culture concludes. One of the key issues is the promotion of Italian Language skills in the USA, with additional Italian programs to follow. Also discussed was the visit by Gian Carlo Norelli and his wife and the showing of "Discovering the Mother Lode" Italian Americans in California. That movie will premiere at the IAHF on November 12.

Everyone had a very enjoyable time and left with once in a lifetime memories.



HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY!

The IAHF wants to wish **Matilde and Italo Oliverio Felice Cinquanta Anniversario!!**
May you have many more wonderful years together.

OMISSIONS

ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA DONOR!
GRAZIE Dr. Tony and Clare Cedolini for their generous donation to our Italian Family Festa.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUCEMENT

Due to phone and internet failures at the IAHF offices we are unable to provide a list of new members. All new members will be included in our Jan/Feb issue.

VOLUNTEER

We urge you to get involved. This is **YOUR** organization. We cannot survive without your participation and support. Everyone has a talent they can share. Sign up to volunteer today!

VOLUNTEER CHAIR PERSON needed!

Help coordinate and match our volunteers to the right IAHF projects for them. Contact Nancy Morreale, 408-368-9094

BRAVO! Frank DeTurris

Frank DeTurris has been an IAHF board member since 2012 but his dedication to the community doesn't stop there. Frank also volunteers as a business councilor for SCORE, a non-profit association dedicated to help businesses get off the ground, and help more mature businesses understand and make positive changes for continued growth.

Last August, Frank was recognized for his success and dedication with the 2013 SCORE Award for Outstanding Green Small Business presented to him at the SCORE Awards Gala in Dallas, Texas. In a year with many high quality entries, his mentoring showed superior qualities of entrepreneurship, integrity and community engagement.

BRAVO FRANK! Well done and well deserved!



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In Cucina

Pumpkin Gingersnap Tiramisù

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TOTAL TIME: 45 min plus overnight chilling and thawing

SERVINGS: 12

Pumpkin pie meets tiramisù, with layers of pumpkin-mascarpone custard and gingersnaps brushed with Calvados syrup. In the freezer, the flavors and textures meld to form a deliciously creamy dessert.

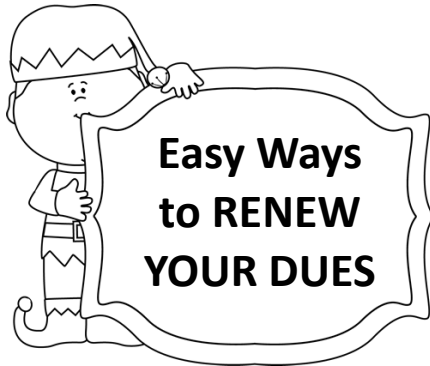
- 3 1/2 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons water
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 quart whole milk
- One 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 pound mascarpone (2 cups)
- 3 tablespoons Calvados or other apple brandy
- 1 1/4 pounds gingersnaps, 1/4 pound finely crushed



1. In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over the water and let stand for 5 minutes. In a large bowl, whisk the yolks, cornstarch, salt and 1 1/2 cups of the sugar until the sugar is moistened. (Note: may be stiff or not mix well but will come together with the milk). In a large saucepan, heat the milk just until steaming. Whisk 1 cup of the hot milk into the yolk mixture. Pour the mixture into the milk in the saucepan and cook over moderate heat, whisking constantly, until boiling and thick, about 5 minutes. Whisk in the pumpkin puree and cook, whisking, for 1 minute. Off the heat, whisk in the gelatin, vanilla and cinnamon. Whisk in the mascarpone.

2. In a small microwave-safe bowl, microwave the Calvados with the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar at high power for 10 seconds, just until the sugar is dissolved.

3. Arrange one-third of the whole gingersnaps in a 9-by-13-by-2 1/2-inch baking dish. Lightly brush the gingersnaps with some of the Calvados and top with one-third of the pumpkin custard. Repeat the layering twice more with the remaining whole gingersnaps, Calvados and custard. Sprinkle half of the crushed gingersnaps on top and press a sheet of plastic wrap directly on the surface of the tiramisù. Freeze overnight.



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1. angelo
2. palline dell'albero di Natale
3. il biglietto d'auguri
4. il canto di Natale
5. la vigilia di Natale
6. il regalo di Natale
7. albero di Natale
8. decorazione/addobbo
9. asino (asinello)
10. la festa dell'Epifania
11. Gesù bambino
12. kindly old witch who brings children toys on the 12th Night
13. Buon Natale
14. il presepio
15. il Capodanno
16. renna
17. Babbo Natale
18. pastore
19. slitta
20. neve
21. pupazzo di neve
22. San Giuseppe
23. Re Magi
24. Madonna
25. auguri