

## President's Message

By Ken Borelli

### 2013 FAMILY FESTA "A FIELD OF DREAMS..."

Ken Borelli

...and now part of very special memories. These memories are in actuality two fold, the first being the actually Festa experience, with awesome foods, music, cultural and culinary exhibits, amazing arts and crafts with a true Italian flavor, along with the outpouring of our Italian American community in the Santa Clara Valle and beyond. The Festa was held, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year at the Guadalupe River Park, adjacent to the emerging Little Italy neighborhood and commercial district in downtown San Jose.

The second part of these memories is equally significant, and that is the family experience (Italian-style) which is a very intergenerational activity. That experi-

ence was very evident throughout the two days, and took on a collective family reunion. Given the times, and realities of our modern family structure, the Festa itself has become a focal point for friends and families to meet



Grape Stomp competition at the 2013 Italian Family Festa

and reconnect. For me this was a very personal time too, finding a way to bring my 98 year old father to the event, catching up with people from throughout the Bay Area, face to face (not just by email!), meeting new friends and members who made it to the Festa from as far away as Reno, Sacramento and San Francisco. I am sure others had similar experiences.

Aside from the holidays, families have few opportunities to connect in a relaxed and special way. The Festa provides that opportunity, along with some great cultural experiences, and the time to exchange family lore and stories. Family history lessons are another rich part of the Festa experience, and we provided a larger Cultural Tent

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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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## Immigrant Stories Project

submitted by Ken Borelli

One of the spin-offs from the recent publicity about the IAHF San Jose Main Library exhibit, about the contribution of Italian Americans to the



Santa Clara Valley, has been the interest generated within the community. I was recently contacted by Elliot Margolies of the "Made in America" project, who is documenting online many of the tales of immigrant life in the region. The following is his open letter to the IAHF. When I went online to check out the sites, I gravitated towards the Italian immigrant, and

to my surprise found a story from the region of Italy my family was from, Verbicaro, Prov. Cosenza, Calabria! The following is the letter received from Elliot Margolies, Made in America project.

Dear Members of the Italian-American Heritage Foundation,

What's your family's immigration story? The Media Center, where I work, has launched a

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2013 ANNO DELLA CULTURA ITALIANA  
YEAR OF ITALIAN CULTURE

# What's Going on at the IAHF...

## FUN at IAHF Events



Donna Gallo, cooking class 3  
Sicilian cookies, YUM!



David Hoyh, Frank Commicotto, Rich Daulton,  
Ken Borellit with Italian beauties at the SF  
Italian Heritage Giants game, August 7

## NEW!! Book Club

The Twila Venuti Library is hosting a book reading group named "La Divina Book Club". Everyone is invited to our first discussion of book, "Ciao, America! An Italian Discovers the U.S." by Beppe Severgnini. This is a light hearted look at the American culture from an Italian perspective. The group will be meeting on **Thursday, October 24, from 1:00-2:30pm**. Biscotti and espresso will be available. Please call Volunteer Librarian at 408-693-9250, to sign up.

## ITALIAN NIGHT

### 2013 San Jose State Spartan Football Italian Heritage Night

San Jose State vs. Wyoming

**Saturday, October 26**

Kick-off 4:00 p.m.

\$25 Specialty ticket offer includes:

- Discounted ticket in the Italian Heritage Section
- Special Italian heritage commemorative t-shirt
- Access to the private Italian Heritage Tailgate Experience

To sponsor or purchase tickets contact:

**Dustin at 408.924.1246**, or  
Dustin.Frediani@imglearfield.com

IAHF contact, Nancy Morreale, 408-368-9094, nmorreale11@yahoo.com

## MOVIE TIME

Come for a special film viewing of: "Finding the Mother Lode: Italian Immigrants in California" including meeting the director, Gianfranco Norelli, from NYC. Five years back, the IAHF showed his other work, "Pane Amaro" on the history of the great migration of Italian's to America in the 1880's. In many ways this showing will be a sequel to Pane Amaro, focusing on the California experience. A first time South Bay viewing.

**Tuesday, November 12, 7:00pm**

IAHF members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00.

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

## UPDATES—Lunch

**Thursday, September 19** will feature the region of Liguria, and a very special treat: a tomato and pepper tasting and talk sponsored by the Prush Farm Park Foundation.

**NEW DATE—Thursday, October 17, will be postponed to Thursday, November 7**, featuring the region of Trentino/Alto Adige

**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.

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

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE ARBERESHE?

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**lac9471@yahoo.com**

## COOKING CLASS - Last one until 2014

Summer time is ending and so are our cooking classes for the year. What better way to end it but with "Contorni Ripieni" stuffed summer vegetables presented by our own favorite chef, Ken Borelli.

- Tuesday, September 24, 6:45 p.m.
- Cost: \$10 members; -\$12 non-members

Don't wait to sign up, class size is limited to 20 persons. Attendance preference for members.

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

## Upcoming Events

- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 15, 2:00 p.m.**  
Patron Appreciation Lunch, Patron members only
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 19, 11:00 a.m.**  
Regional lunch, Liguria, plus a tomato and pepper tasting and talk sponsored by the Prush Farm Park Foundation.
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 24, 6:45 p.m.**  
LAST ONE UNTIL 2014  
Cooking class, Contorni Ripieni
- ♦ **OCTOBER 24, 1:00 p.m.**  
La Divina Book Club
- ♦ **OCTOBER 26, 4:00 p.m.**  
ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT  
SJSU Spartans Football Game
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 7, 11:00 a.m.**  
Regional lunch, Trentino Alto Adige
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 12, 7:00 p.m.**  
MOVIE NIGHT: Finding the Mother Lode: Italian Immigrants in California
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 14, SAVE THE DATE**  
Annual Members Dinner
- ♦ **DECEMBER 6, Time TBD**  
Home for the Holidays--World of Italian Opera and Boutique
- ♦ **DECEMBER 19, 11:00 a.m.**  
Regional lunch, Una Festa del Ceppo

The complete Calendar of Events can be found on the IAHF website at:  
[www.iahfsj.org](http://www.iahfsj.org)

## Events Around Town

October 17—6:00 p.m.

Lecture Leonardo da Vinci: "Da Vinci's Knot's- It's All about the Dress"

The Commonwealth Club of California: San Francisco

595 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

Tel: (415) 597-6700 ~ Fax: (415) 597-6729 ~ Email: [club@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:club@commonwealthclub.org)

For more information and to purchase tickets go to: [commonwealthclub.org](http://commonwealthclub.org) and type in the search box "Da Vinci"

# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Patron Lunch 2pm</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Regional lunch 11am</i>	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Cooking class 6:45pm</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Book Club 1 pm</i>	25	26 <i>Italian Night 4 pm</i>
27	28	29	30			

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where people had the opportunity to explore their roots, and get some of the tools and information to take their personal quests to the next level. We are beginning to recruit a new group of IAHF members to do just that in the forthcoming months as we reconstitute our library collection, do more online computer activities, and update our regional photo collection. If you wish more information about these activities contact Pam Lyons at the IAHF.

Every year our entertainment gets even better, and when you experience the activities, you really can get swept away into not making a decision as to what to do next. I had friends who spent 5 or 6 hours at the Festa and we never connected just because of the activities. Consider the music at the Roma Stage alone: The Fratello Marionettes, followed by a first time ever visit from Bella Napoli, Alfredo Imparato, who is a Neapolitan Street Singer, followed by Italice, an Italian American pop band from Sebastopol, followed by an international sensation, ALFIO from Australia via NYC, capped by a street dance featuring The Don Giovannis.

This year our culinary staged partnered up with the International Culinary Center from Campbell, California. Their chefs shared some very special culinary gems, such as homemade ravioli and pasta shaping, corn and ricotta gnudi (a type of gnocchi), along with traditional gnocchi, and a pasta rolling contest. Joining the program were 3 local restaurants, sharing some of their specialties; George Noble, New York Trattoria,

shared Pasta Primavera; Pino Spatola, Paesano's demonstrated Penne alla Vodka; and Al Vallorz, Tony and Alba's demonstrated sun cooked tomato pasta sauce. In between all that we managed our famous grape stomping contest sponsored by Guglielmo Winery located at the Guglielmo Stage along with a special photo op with the classic "I Love Lucy" sit com grape stomping scene. Sunday also saw a special show from our Italian daycare school, La Piccola Scuola nel Parco, i bambini, della scuola Sabatino di San Jose in Little Italy.

Our opening ceremonies were also very special with dignitaries from throughout the city, county and region attendees included our own Consul General Mauro Battocchi, from San Francisco, highlighting the importance of the Year of Italian Culture in the USA. We were also honored to have Paolo Romano from the Patrons of Italian Culture with us from Los Angeles, representing the organizations of the Southland. Representing the emerging Little Italy was Josh De Vincenzi Melander who talked about the progress his dynamic team is making, along with honoring Frank Fiscalini with a banner in the park (congratulations Frank!). A "grazie" to Cathy De Maria, our opening ceremony chairperson, who for many years has made this such an key part of our Festa cultural activities.

In addition, we had our traditional bocce, wonderful vendors, highlighted by a special article in the San Jose Mercury News by Joe Rodriguez about Carla Almanza-deQuant and her quest to share the traditional Venetian masks

art form with today's world. When I went by the Gioia Co. booth a line had formed to secure the masks before the booth was open. They are stunning creations, but that was just one art booth, of which we had so many, along with the food booths that also support many other Italian American organizations. Space does not permit me to go into the details. You had to be at the event to experience the Festa. A special thanks to our dynamic chairperson Joe Rizzi, who put an amazing team together that fielded approximately 250 volunteers, along with our sponsors both from our membership and the community to make this a very special community based effort. Likewise an acknowledgment to Nancy Morreale for all her work in a multitude of activities in addition to mobilizing our Festa volunteers. Commitment and networking were the two operative words, which helped us add our "brand" to the cultural cornerstone of Italian heritage in the South Bay and beyond.

I would like to say we can now take a good rest, but not so, given the realities of a Festa of this scale. Other IAHF programs need attention, and operating pretty much as a volunteer based organization is a routine that requires daily attention. We were and are gratified to have recruited many new members to the IAHF this year, and I want to personally welcome them to the foundation. We are excited to have you aboard! A special thanks to those who staffed the membership booth, for that is truly our lifeblood and support so that this "field of dreams" will continue!

## Italian Au Pair—Bring Italy to your Home

*submitted by Linda Binkley*

Love Italy and all things Italian? Now families with children can turn their homes into an Italian cultural experience! How? Meet Giulia! She is seeking a host family who wants to enrich their lives by hosting her as an au pair. In exchange for room, board, a small weekly wage, she will care for your children ages two and older. Giulia wants to experience American culture by living with an American family. In return, she will share her Italian culture with your family.



*Giulia!*

USAuPair is a boutique au pair agency expanding in the San Jose area. The cultural exchange au pair program is governed by the U.S. Department of State. USAuPair takes care of visa paperwork, travel arrangements, medical insurance and process to bring au pairs to the U.S. Interested in Giulia or other Italian au pairs? Visit [www.usaupair.com](http://www.usaupair.com) to find out more. Or, complete an interest form or call 503-675-5333 to speak to a USAuPair

## Immigrant Stories Project—continued

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new, multimedia web site, [MadeIntoAmerica.org](http://MadeIntoAmerica.org), featuring immigration stories. We know that the Italian-American community has a great presence in the Bay Area and we'd love to see some of those immigration stories on the website.

Our goal is to create a story exchange where families throughout the Silicon Valley connect to their own immigration experience - whenever that occurred - and in so doing, eliminate some of the "us/them" perspective about who is an immigrant.

Please consider posting a brief write-up about a relative of yours who left everything behind in Italy and started a new life in the U.S. A story is just a few paragraphs and hopefully a photo that you can upload of your immigrant relative. There's an easy to follow form on

the site for submitting your story. It could be as simple as copying seven questions I've listed below and writing an answer underneath each one. Or feel free to write extemporaneously. Don't feel you need to answer all the questions, or that your relative had to end up in California. If you need help getting a photo scanned, just let me know.

I think you'll also find some very compelling stories that have already been posted and encourage you to leave a comment on any that really touch you. You can search the stories through tag words or a number of different filters on the site.

This project is made possible by a grant from the Immigrant Integration initiative of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Here are the questions you can use as a template for your story:

1. Where did he/she come from?
2. What did they do in Italy?
3. When did they come to the U.S.
4. Why did they leave Italy?
5. Where did they start out in the U.S.?
6. What kind of work did they find?
7. Are there any particular experiences or memories about those early years in the U.S. that left an impression on you?

Thanks very much for sharing your stories!

Elliot Margolies

Midpeninsula Community Media Center  
[elliott@midpenmedia.org](mailto:elliott@midpenmedia.org)

Submit your family story at  
[madeintoamerica.org](http://madeintoamerica.org)

For IAHF assistance contact Pam Lyons, [librarian@iahfsj.org](mailto:librarian@iahfsj.org) or 408.693.9250.

## Scholarship Recipient—A Letter from the Heart

*submitted by Christine Hudson*

Sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you, when I finally got into Baltimore and spent a day in the office, I had to get packed again and take off for an animal rights conference in Washington DC. I'm not sure if I remember exactly what I said, but I can give you the general gist of it all.

I left for an internship Baltimore, Maryland on June 26th. It is a vegetarian magazine that I will be writing for (this is a great fit for me because I've been a vegetarian for 9 years and I'm also an English major). I eventually want to become a librarian, so I am helping them by utilizing my knowledge about databases to compile a list of books that revolve around vegan and vegetarianism as well as working on an archive pro-

ject with the University of North Carolina. When I first got the offer to work here, I wasn't sure I would be able to do so because I am responsible for putting my own self through school and paying most of my own bills. When I sat down to do the math, I took into account the money IAHF gave me, and realized if I put that towards class fees and textbooks next year, I could afford to take 8 weeks off from work and go do this. It is a great opportunity and I have been having so much fun. I couldn't have done it without the scholarship donors!

I think that's about what I said. I hope that works for you, and I would love a copy of the newsletter!

Laura McGuiness

## Candidates for the 2014 IAHF Board

We are beginning the annual process of recruiting new candidates for the 2014 governing board of the IAHF. The Board selection process is as follows; qualified applicants will be invited by the nomination committee to meet and discuss the expectations and duties of board members and to allow the committee to address any candidates concerns or questions. The candidate will then be presented to the general membership at the annual IAHF Members Dinner, followed by a mail ballot and election. Should there be only enough applicants to fill the actual vacancies, there can be a motion made for a "White Ballot" at the general membership meeting. At the last official meeting of the 2013 board the new board will select their officers and transition into their governance tasks.

The general guidelines are as follows; be a member in good standing for six months prior to an application, have an interest in supporting the vision of the IAHF, obtain, complete and submit application by October 15.

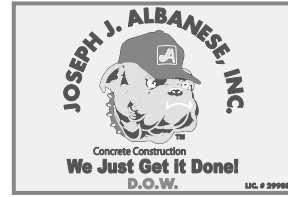
**Get  
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These are very exciting times for our Italian American Heritage Foundation, anyone interested in joining this very dynamic board or are interested in learning more about the process, future openings, etc. Please contact, Mike Console, IAHF Board Member, Chairperson Nomination Committee at 408-246-1080 or [mikeconsole@dslextreme.com](mailto:mikeconsole@dslextreme.com). Applications can be found at [www.iahfsj.org](http://www.iahfsj.org).

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**Zerbo, Tony** - Chair Membership

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# Member Spotlight

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Dinapoli, Phil  
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Foster, Ben & Christine  
Gabrielli, Annette  
Gagnon, Juli

Gagnoni, Dominic & Karen  
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Giovanna Errico, Maria  
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Hathaway, Elaine  
Irvin, Joan  
Kidd, Nancy  
La Torre, Walter & Evelyn  
Lawson, Lucia  
Liva, Valentino  
Lorenzo, Judy  
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Pastorini Aiassa, Annette

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Sanfilippo, James  
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Tacolini, Renita  
Tapella, Donna  
Undorte, Beatrice & Steve  
Weaver, Michael

## BRAVA!! Irene Dalis

**Irene Dalis** was recently honored with the very first Cornerstone of the Arts award from the City of San Jose. Irene is a Patron Member long time member of the IAHF. She is one of the driving forces behind San Jose's cultural world, a San Jose native, a mezzo-soprano, studied in San Jose and Italy, and was principal artist at New York's Metropolitan Opera for twenty consecutive seasons.

## CORRECTION

We sincerely apologize for the following misprint in the July/August issue.

### New member correction:

Tomette Slaviero was misspelled; the correct spelling is Tonette Slaviero.

## 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

## Members on the Go—literally!

Frank and Sandi Strouse traveled to Torino, Italy for the World Master's Games.

Torino was the host for the games that happen every 4 years for athletes over 30, some of the athletes were in their late 90s. There were participants from over 50 different countries participating in 30 different sports. The City of Torino put together a very nice opening and closing ceremony.

Frank runs track in the 70 to 75 age group.



*Frank Strouse, competing in Torino, Italy 2013*

He earned a bronze medal for the 200 meter and 400 meter races.

After the games were over they traveled to Luca, San Gimignano, Pisa, Siena and Florence. Bravi Frank and Sandi!

# Way to Go!

# IN MEMORIAM—Corrado Russo and Anthony Virgilio

*submitted by Ken Borelli*

We at our IAHF family were very sorry to experience two losses to our foundation, Corrado (Conrad) Russo and Anthony (Tony) Virgilio. Both played active roles in the life of the IAHF, in addition to being very solid, friendly and supportive individuals in a number of ways. Both Corrado and Tony were actively involved in the community, along with their life time spouses, Zina and Kay. Each had very enriching lives in their own right, but we at the IAHF were doubly blessed by their talents, competency and friendships, so it is also a very personal loss to many of us who had the good fortune to work with them.



*Conrad Russo raising the flag at the Festa della Repubblica with Dave Cortese*

## **About Conrad:**

Corrado was born in Rome on August 31, 1936 and died July 24th 2013. He lived through the horrors of World War II, and in the 1950's migrated to Canada. It was there that he met his wife to be, Vincenzina (Zina). While in Montreal he went to Concordia University with a Masters at McGill University in engineering. In 1979 he moved to San Jose, working with FMC on defense systems. Upon retiring from FMC he worked as an engineering consultant, and became involved in the life of the community. Conrad Russo was appointed to the County of Santa Clara, CA USA/Province of Florence, Italy Sister County Commission, and served as a Florence Commissioner for more than fifteen years, from July 1993 through September 2008. He was an active commissioner who consistently attended meetings and served on various committees throughout his tenure. Con-

rad graciously and unconditionally volunteered to assist in planning and preparation of Commission's events and activities, and provided support and language interpreting services to visiting delegations from Florence. He was a staunch supporter of Italian culture in Santa Clara County, always willing to promote cultural and technology exchange. Likewise, as a member of the Italian American Heritage Foundation's Board of Directors for several years, Conrad helped coordinate and chair for the IAHF the annual Festa della Repubblica Italiana for many years. Corrado and his wife Zina, were honorary chairs of the Festa della Repubblica, representing the IAHF for the last two years. They have been very active in the life of the IAHF in numerous events, and shared many stories of growing up in pre and post World War II Roma. Corrado passed away July 24, 2013, and leaves many family and friends in three countries, Italy, Canada, and the USA, a truly international person, fluent in English, Italian and French.

On September, 2009, The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors presented a Resolution of Commendation to Conrad to acknowledge his leadership and service to the County of Santa Clara, CA, USA/ Province of Florence, Italy Sister County Commission, and his commitment to Santa Clara County's vibrant Italian community. Corrado is survived by his wife Zina son's Stefano and Roberto, and two grandsons, Darian and Jonathan.

## **About Tony:**

On August 29, we unexpectedly heard the sad news that Tony passed away. Tony was our IAHF president in 1992, long time treasurer, member of the IAHF Cultural Committee, and was recruited for similar tasks in many of the organizations he was associated with including Telephone Pioneers, Western Electric Retirement Organization (WEAL) and also sat on the board of the Salvation Army (our IAHF neighbors). Along with his wife Kay, they were involved in many activities

associated with the cultural committee, especially its opera events. They were also volunteer ushers at the opera and other community cultural activities.



*Tony and Kay Virgilio*

Tony was a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey and had a degree in engineering and a minor in accounting at a college in Elizabeth. Tony also served in the US Navy at the end of the Korean War. He moved to California in 1966 to take a position with Western Electrical. In addition, he always made his educational skills available helping out the many community groups he was associated with, including the IAHF. Until very recently he also helped out with the accounting tasks associated with the family pizzeria and Golden Harvest in Santa Clara. Tony is survived by his wife Kay, six children, Peter, Steven, and Quincy of California, Thomas and Michael in Wisconsin, and Marie in Washington State, and 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

## **CORRADO AND TONY**

Both the Corrado Russo and Tony Virgilio Families have set up IAHF scholarships for 2014 in their memories and any donations made in their names are welcomed and will be shared with the family. Likewise their legacy will be acknowledged at our annual scholarship event with the announcements of their scholarship awards in 2014. Once again our condolences to the families of Corrado and Tony, they will be missed.

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