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LUCIA CLEMENTI / IAHF NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's a Buzz About the IAHF!

The IAHF certainly is beginning to swarm with activity! Many events have been lined up over the next few months with many more in the planning stages. After 3 long years and in collaboration with the Tricarico Club, our polenta dinner and dinner dance have returned! Live music will be provided by Duke Mantee and the Gold

Money Band. This event has always been well attended and we are looking forward to a great turn out!

Calling All Navy Service Members!

Recently, Rod Diridon reached out to us at the IAHF and put us in touch with the planning committee of San Jose Navy Week. Navy Week reaches out to major cities that are not port cities and collaborates with ongoing festivals. They will be our honored guests both days during the Italian Family Festa, providing musical entertainment and exhibits for the kids. We will also be hosting a dinner for them the week before the Festa. If you've served in the Navy or any other branch of the military, you won't want to miss this special event with San Jose Navy Week.


Our Revitalization Program Has Begun!

In my last article, I mentioned that I wanted to start a Fund to raise the money needed for upgrades. Shortly after the newsletter went

out, we received an anonymous donation of \$5000! Four thousand of that was designated for the building fund and \$1000 was designated to go towards our newsletter. What a great start! From the bottom of my heart, thank you to that anonymous donor! That is merely the tip of the iceberg. I'm looking for people to give on a monthly basis or a one-time donation. The BOD has identified and prioritized four areas for which we are raising this money: the installation of an ADA bathroom, new HVAC, a new roof and new flooring to replace the carpeted portion within the Hall. Along with financial donations from our members, we are also seeking funding through grants. To help us with this process, we would like to hire a grant writer. If you'd like to contribute, please make note on your check that your donation is for the Revitalization Program. We are preserving this building for generations to come.

A Breath of Fresh Air

I've been approached by several members as well as Board Members, stating that there's "a breath of fresh air" within the IAHF. I couldn't agree more. Little by little, we're getting back to business. Looking forward to working with our BOD to bring you many more exciting events and restoring our building. Thank you all for your kind words and continued support,

Dana Zuccarello, President 



Events

AT

A GLANCE

SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION

ONGOING ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

- See page 2 or visit the IAHF website at <https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes> for information and to register

MAY

- May 5, Thursday / Cooking Class: Risotto with Louie Lombardo / \$25 members, \$30 guests / 7 PM / At the IAHF Hall
- May 19, Thursday / Regional Lunch & Stroke Awareness Presentation / 12 PM / \$25 members, \$30 guests / 7 PM / At the IAHF Hall
- May 21, Saturday / Irene Dalis Vocal Competition / California Theater, San Jose
- May 22, Sunday / The Annual IAHF - Tricarico Club Polenta Dinner & Dance / At The IAHF Hall / Save The Date
- May 26, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM

JUNE

- June 2, Thursday / Festa della Repubblica Flag Raising / 12 PM / County Government Center
- June 2, Thursday / Cooking Class: Pollo al Mattone / 7 PM / At the IAHF Hall
- June 5, Sunday / IAHF Scholarship Awards Event / 1 PM / At the IAHF Hall
- June 9, Thursday / Festa della Repubblica Dinner / 6:30 PM / At the IAHF Hall
- June 15, Wednesday / Diversity in Entrepreneurship: A Focus on Women & Minorities / At the IAHF Hall / Free
- June 26, Sunday / Bocce Tournament / Campo di Bocce
- June 30, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM

MAY

May 5th, Thursday / 7 PM / Risotto with Louie Lombardo / Louie will teach us how to make risotto in his own unique way / \$25 Members, \$30 Non-members / IAHF Hall, 425 N. 4 St., San Jose / To enroll go to: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061> or call the IAHF office at 408-293-7122

May 19, Thursday / 12 PM / IAHF Regional Lunch / Sylvia Mau will present a stroke prevention presentation / \$25 Members and \$30 Non-members / At the IAHF Hall / RSVP to 408 293-7122

May 22, Thursday / 4 to 7:30 PM / Polenta Dinner and Dance / The annual IAHF-Tricarico Club event / Save the date - info to follow

May 26, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM / RSVP to 408 293-7122

JUNE

June 2, Thursday / Festa della Repubblica Flag Raising / 12 PM / County Gov't Center, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose

June 2, Thursday / Cooking Class / Pollo al Mattone / 7 PM / Instructor: Ken Borelli / \$25 Members, \$30 Non-members / At the IAHF Hall / RSVP to 408 293 7122

June 5, Sunday / Scholarship Awards Event / 1 PM / At the Hall / 425 N. 4th St., San Jose / RSVP to 408 293 7122

June 9, Thursday / Dinner Celebrating Festa Della Repubblica / 6:30 PM / At the IAHF Hall / RSVP to 408 293-7122

June 15, Wednesday / Diversity in Entrepreneurship: A Focus on Women & Minorities / Presented by SCORE Silicon Valley / 9:30 AM to 3 PM / All-day program to provide necessary tools to underserved entrepreneurs through understanding what it takes to achieve success / At the IAHF Hall / Free

June 26, Sunday / Bocce Tournament / 11 AM / \$50 to play, \$25 to watch / Campo di Bocce, 565 University Ave, Los Gatos / RSVP to 408 293 7122

June 30, Thursday / Cena Fuori / RSVP to 408 293-712

ONGOING CLASSES

- Every Monday and Wednesday / 6 PM / Marie Dalldorf teaches Italian Language Online Zoom classes / Zoom Link: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/84929597554>
- Advanced Beginning Italian Conversation / 10 to 11:30 AM / Every Tuesday, with Delia Schizzano / In-person class
- Intermediate Italian Conversation / 10 to 11:30 AM / Every Wednesday, with Delia Schizzano / In-person class

It is important to call for reservations because so many of these activities have limited space and fill quickly.



COMEDY NIGHT! SAVE THE DATE!

Our long-awaited comedy night is now scheduled for Friday, October 7, at the IAHF! Alessio Terrana, aka The Sicilian Guy, will be performing his "My Italian Life Tour." The evening will include a no host bar, appetizers and the show. Make sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale. Tickets are sure to go fast as The Sicilian Guy has a large Bay Area following. The last time he was here was in 2019 when he performed to a crowd of more than 500 people. Please be advised that all tickets must be purchased in advance. No payments will be accepted at the door.

-- Article by Dana Zuccarello, President

IAHF EVENTS HEALTH POLICY

In accordance with Santa Clara County and CDC guidelines at this time and until further notice, FACEMASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND INDOOR EVENTS. THIS INCLUDES EVENTS HOSTED AT THE IAHF.

In an effort to keep our members safe, the IAHF has adopted the following policy:

All who attend an activity or event which takes place at the IAHF Hall will need to be fully vaccinated or present negative COVID-19 test results dated within 72 hours. This policy follows the guidance set by Santa Clara County and the CDC.

This means that when checking in at an event at the IAHF Hall, we will ask you to show your

vaccination card or your QR Code on your cell phone from the State Registry (see below).

If you are not fully vaccinated (i.e., it has been a full two weeks since your second shot of the Pfizer/Moderna vaccine or two weeks since your Johnson and Johnson vaccine), you will need to show a negative Covid test from within 72 hours of the event. Many local counties are implementing measures to require proof of vaccination to at-

tend certain events or enter select venues. To facilitate proof of vaccination status, you can register your vaccination status at <https://my-vaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>. With a validated registration, you will receive a QR Code on your mobile phone which you can show upon entry. This will serve as proof of your vaccinations at most venues.

-- Article by Felix Dalldorf



• THE IAHF MISSION STATEMENT •

The Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF) is dedicated to preserving and promoting the spirit and passion of Italian heritage and culture.
We welcome everyone that shares the same appreciation of Italy, Italians, Italian-Americans, and their many contributions to our community.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SINCE NOVEMBER 2021

- Darlene Alexander • Ron & Mary Bocciardi • Andrea Cereghino-Ruiz • Beth Clauss •
- Walter Cook & Patricia Del Gavio • Kathy Costanza • Norma De La Fuente • Dennis P. King •
- John J. Lamantia • Sam Lobue Jr. • Matt Mahan • KATRINA & JOSH MELANDER • Kristen Nigh •
- Kathy O'Kane & Peter Ferraro • Diego Ostuni • Richard Pardini • Sandy Piazza • Eric Pini • John Rinaldi •
- Elspeth & Tony Rossetti • San Jose Chamber of Commerce • Shirin Sobhanipour • Anthony Spagnolo •

• GRAZIE 2022 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

- Rosetta De Luca / [Intero Real Estate](#) •
- Diane Ferrara / [Hillview Packing Company, Inc.](#) •
- SDS NexGen Partners & Mulcahy Family / [SDS NexGen Partners LP](#) •
- San Jose Chamber of Commerce / [San Jose Chamber of Commerce](#) •
- Myrlin & George Taddie, Jr. / [Tadco Supply \(Janitorial, Paper, Lighting Supplies\)](#) •
- Al & Diana Vallorz / [Mangia Tutti Inc dba Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta](#) •

• GRAZIE 2022 PATRON MEMBERS •

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| • Sal Alini & Soly Patterson | • Ruby Domino | • Tony & Lorraine Maciejowski | • Jim Pignone & Leslie Snow |
| • Maria Cancilla-Bandy | • Cornelius Fiocco | • Susan & Steven Minor | • Michael & Emily Ray |
| • Anthony Barajas | • Ben & Christy Foster | • Sue & Chris Monahan | • Francois & Beth Rodigari |
| • Linda & Bob Binkley | • Peter & Marjorie Gaudio | • Rebecca & Anthony Morici | • Richard & Genevieve Rolla |
| • Toni & Carroll Blackstock | • Judge Al & Vera Girolami | • Tony Nespole, M.D.
& Billie J. Sgarlato | • Paolo J. Romano |
| • Nina Boyd | • Paul & Jenna Greco | • Maryanne Nola | • James Sanfilippo, DDS
& Gail Hunter |
| • Carl & Norma Brannon | • Emilio Guglielmo
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| • Sue Cancilla-Conde
& Saul Conde | • Charles P. Gullo, Jr. | • Kevin & Rose Pezzaniti | • Paul & Mary Stabile |
| • Sandy & Chris Carvalho | • Mark & Andrea Kenter | • Joe & Linda Pfahnl | • Janis & Butch Stumhoffer |
| • Rene & Michelle Celsi | • Steven & Alma Landi | • Patricia & Walter Phillips | • Joan & Mary Taft |
| • Dorina Teresa Cereghino | • Mark & Jeanne Lazzarini | • Tony & Martha Piazza | • Al & Diana Vallorz |
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& Michael Nicholson | • Karen Vanderpan
& John Dods |
| • Vince & Colleen Cortese | • Louie & Marca Lombardo | • Jackie Pighini | • Anthony J. Zerbo |
| • Alfio & Gerry Crema | • Peter & Norma LoPresto | | |



SUPER IAHF MEMBERSHIP

We would like to acknowledge the generosity and support of the following members who have gone the extra mile to support the IAHF. These are difficult times for businesses to maintain financial strength. And as a non-profit business, this extra help improves our financial standing and keeps our mission alive and well.---Thanks!!!

LA DOLCE VITA / \$3,000 LEVEL

- Mike Console
- Felix and Marie Daldorf
- Ebe Frasse

MONTESSORI / \$1,000 LEVEL

- Col. Bobby B. Moorhatch

MEDICI / \$500 LEVEL

- Dominic & Suzanne Cortese
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
- Joe & Judi Rizzuto
- Juliana Severo
- Larry & Diane Lovaglia
- Maria Gloria
- Marilyn Payne
- Rose Crimi

DA VINCI / \$250 LEVEL

- Agostino Burzio
- Al & Kathy DiFrancesco
- Ann & Richard Cerniglia
- Dr. Anthony & Clare Cedolini
- Carmine & Stacey Ann Napolitano
- Dana R. Zuccarello
- Dave Perzinski & Lucia Clementi
- Eugene & Christine Bernardini
- Frank & Theresa Cetani
- Frank Fiscalini
- Gwen Benassi & Rich Daulton
- Jim & Janice Jones
- Janet Muscio & Bill McCraw
- Janice & John Travis
- Joe & Cathy De Maria
- John & Marjorie Scandizzo
- Joe & Kaye Lucito
- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman
- Ken Borelli
- Leslie & Jay Berger
- Lisa & Robert Blickenstaff
- Marge Papp
- Mel Di Salvo & Anna Sordello
- Michael & Gail Paccioretti
- Nanci Arata Wilborn
- Sal & Denise Campagna
- Sharon McCray & Robert Martinez Jr.
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
- Steve & Phyllis Hallgrimson

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair 

RECOGNIZING LONGTIME IAHF MEMBERS

The Board would like to recognize some longtime members going all the way back to 1977 of the San Jose Italian American Heritage Foundation who are still currently active! Does forty-five years feel that long ago to anyone?

- Tom and Pauline Ferrito
- Frank Fiscalini
- Maria Gloria
- Carmen "Carm" Grande
- Joseph and Carmella Gullo
- Matilde and Italo Olivero

Shortly after 1977, the membership slowly began to grow, and the IAHF would like to note the additional members who joined in 1978:

- Nina Boyd
- Linda and Bob Binkley
- Robert and Valerie Facchino
- Frank Restivo
- Genevieve and Mary Ann Scrivano
- Ken Borelli

Celebrating active members since 1979:

- Mel Di Salvo and Anna Sordello
- Patricia and Anthony Passerelli

And finally recognizing those who joined in 1981:

- Richard P. Barbaccia
- Dr. Anthony and Clare Cedolini
- Robert J. Ravizza
- Nicholas and Diane Speno
- Anthony J. Zerbo

If you have been a long time member like those listed above and we've not included your name, please notify Lucia Clementi at lac9471@yahoo.com. The updated list will be reflected on the May issue. Thank you.

-- Article by Elise Habra 

IAHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

IAHF OFFICERS

- Dana Zuccarello - *President / Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation*
 - Ken Borelli - *1st VP / IAHF Events (including Annual Italian Festa) / Cultural Activities / Grants*
 - Azie Habib - *2nd VP / Building Administration and Maintenance / Hall Rentals / Bar*
 - Lucia Clementi - *3rd VP / Marketing / Advertising / PR / Website / Newsletter / Social Media*
 - Louie Lombardo - *4th VP / Human Resources / Volunteer Development / Library and Archives / Succession Planning*
 - Frank De Turrís - *Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer*
 - Sharon McCray - *Secretary to the Board*
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- Madeline Damiano - *Librarian* | • Dave Perzinski - *Membership*

IAHF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

- Marie Bertola - *Board Member*
- Elise Habra - *Board Member*
- Frank Locicero - *Board Member*
- Joe Lucito - *Board Member*
- Susan Monahan - *Board Member*
- Steve Ricossa - *Board Member*
- Joe Rosati - *Board Member*
- Tony Zerbo - *Board Member*



A HUGE SHOUT OUT....

To Chuck Gullo for purchasing new flags for the IAHF! Our flags needed replacement, and Chuck took it upon himself to buy new ones for our building. Thank you, Chuck, for seeing the need and filling it!



PERSONAL NOTE



Happy Mother's Day

AND PLEASE REMEMBER
THE MONTH OF MAY BELONGS TO
THE BLESSED MOTHER
TOO.
-- The IAHF Office



NOW on the IAHF SJ YouTube Channel!

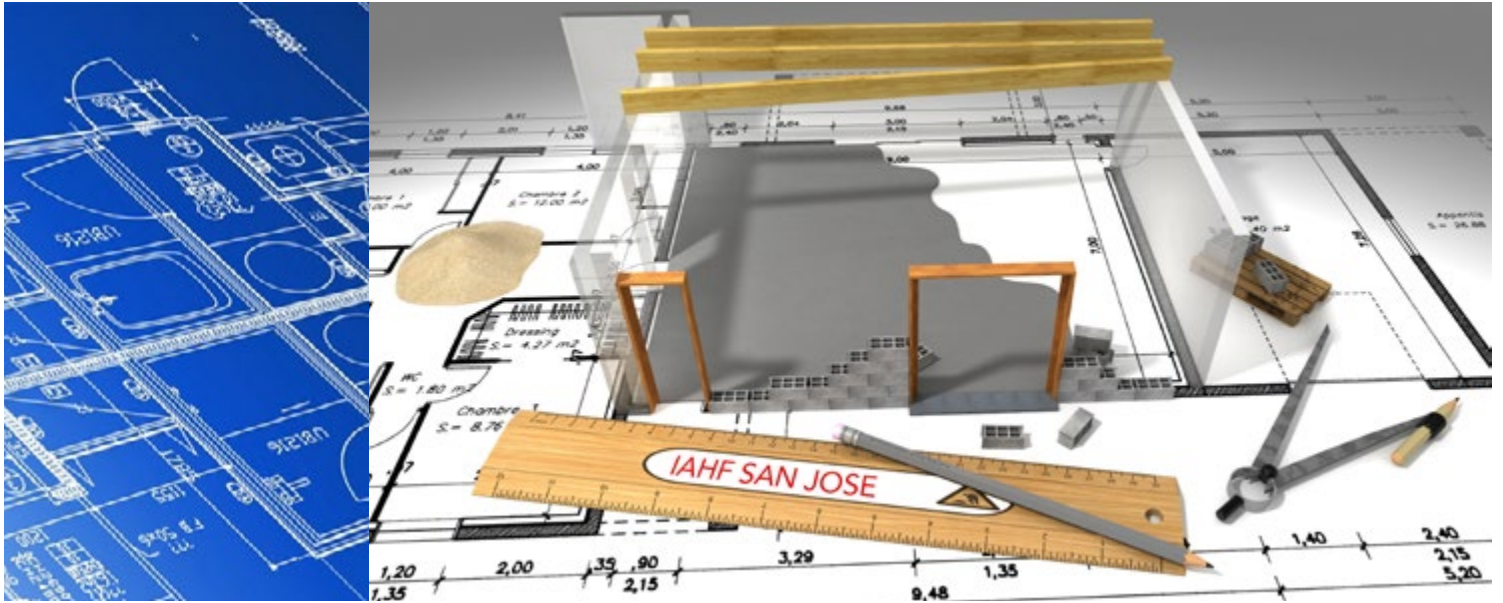
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IAHF MOVIE STARS ON



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OUR REVITALIZING PROGRAM HAS BEGUN

Our humble beginnings . . .

As many read this article, you will personally remember when the Italian American Heritage Foundation was founded as an organization in 1976. Throughout the next eight or nine years, the IAHF was able to raise large sums of money to purchase our current property at 425 North Fourth Street. Since then, we have held countless events spanning almost four decades celebrating our Italian history and culture. The heartbeat of the IAHF.

Our realistic present . . .

As the pandemic is (hopefully) in our rearview mirror, the Board of Directors and all our wonderful volunteers at the IAHF are doing everything in our power to bring back our celebrated events and striving to create new events. There seems to be an excited spirit amongst our members as I'm able to speak with them at our events that we've held so far. I also hear of positive reports from other members, both Board and membership, about the joy of meeting back in person and enjoying each other's company.

All the while, our building needs major improvements. The BOD has met and is in discussion about the improvements we need for our building. Some of those improvements are as follows: new HVAC, new flooring, new roof, electrical upgrade, ADA restroom compliance and a new canopy, just to name a few. I have been scheduling vendors to come in and look at the various items on our list of capital improvements to get ballpark quotes. When the HVAC contractor came and looked at the units up on the roof, the first words out of his mouth were "It's a miracle your HVAC has lasted this long." Being able to do all of these things will improve our building and secure it for future generations to come. Just as countless others have done so for us back in the 70s and 80s.

Our hopeful future . . .

Now I turn to our current membership and ask everyone to consider what you can do to support our building fund, not only now but in the future! I'd like to start a building fund campaign so we can move ahead on our capital improvement projects. I am looking for at least 100 people to join with me and commit to give \$100 over the next 12 months or a one-time gift of \$1,200 for the next year. There may be some members who can give much more than this and there may be some members who can give maybe \$25 or \$50 a month. This building fund campaign will be called The President's Club and our sole purpose will be to raise funds so the future generations to come will enjoy this building just as you and I have enjoyed it all these many years.

Please take a few moments and consider what you can give.

Dana Zuccarello, President ~





THE FESTA IS BACK!!

AUGUST 20 & 21

The Festa is our largest undertaking each year with hundreds of volunteers and volunteer hours to make the Italian magic happen. Our volunteers are the driving force and the glue that makes it work.

I want to thank all the past, and new, volunteers that have come forward to once again give their time to share our Italian culture with the greater community. I appreciate your patience and know the volunteer website is almost ready to go live, soon you'll be able to sign up for your favorite volunteer assignment.

At the core of those that volunteer are the special committee chairpersons that help throughout the entire planning process and without who's assistance there

would be no Festa. At this time, we still have two critical chair positions that have yet to be filled, Volunteer and Arts Vendor Chairs. Grab a friend (or two) and join the Festa team, volunteering together makes it more fun and less work. We must have these positions filled for the Festa 2022 successful. If you want to join or have any ideas please give me a call or text me at 408.368.9094.

It truly takes a village to produce the Festa each year. We need you, our members, to share your talent and time in support of the Festa. Please consider joining the Festa Team. We are a fun, supportive and passionate group and will always be there to assist you. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Almost all work is done on your own time, so it can easily fit into your schedule and lifestyle. We encourage co-chairing with friends and family to lessen the work and increase the fun!
2. Meetings – not anyone's favorite thing. We keep the larger meetings to a minimum. We do meet in small groups, on an as-need basis, to allow for more focused and productive use of our time.
3. We are a team, and we are always there to lend a hand to help each other. You will have all the support you need to make you, and the Festa, a success.

CRITICAL OPENINGS: JOIN THE TEAM, JOIN THE FUN!

- **ARTS VENDOR CHAIR(S)** - The applications have gone out to past Arts vendor participants. Now we need YOU to help us follow up and manage the program. This is a key revenue generator and an important part of the Festa experience.
- **VOLUNTEER CHAIR(S)** - Help us coordinate our amazing volunteers. Almost all the sign-up is done online by the volunteers. This is an extremely important position because without volunteers, there can be no Festa. They are the heart and soul of what makes it happen.

Look for more updates in the newsletter and by email. In the meantime, spread the word:

THE FESTA IS BACK!

Contact Nancy Morreale at nmorreale11@yahoo.com or 408-368-9094 for everything Festa.

-- Article by Nancy Morreale, Festa Director ~

Italian American Heritage Foundation

Annual Polenta Family Dinner Dance



Polenta with Sausage

**Menu: Mixed Green Salad,
Polenta, Sausage and Dessert**

**Sunday,
May 22, 2022
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
IAHF Hall

**425 N. 4th Street
San Jose, CA 95112.**

**Dance to the music of
JOHN FRANCIS MAGGIO's
Duke Mantee and the
Gold Money Band**



*Join friends from the Tricarico Social Club and the Italian American Heritage Foundation for the annual Polenta/Sausage Family Dinner prepared by the crew from the Tricarico Social Club.
All are welcome!!!*

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE OF WINE OR BEER.

Welcome by the IAHF President Dana Zuccarello & Tricarico Social Club's Benny DiNapoli Jr.

4:45 Dinner

5:30 to 8:00 Music & Dancing

Event Co-Chairs: Antonio Amato & Ken Borelli

RSVP below, or call 408.293.7122 or email: iahfsj@iahfsj.org

Members' dinner take-out orders also available at \$30 each. Pickup time: 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

() Members of IAHF or Tricarico Club at \$30.00 _____; () Member Guests at \$35.00 _____;

() Vegetarian Sauce Available.

Total no. of persons: _____

Credit card payments may be made over the phone at 408 293-7122 Children 12-and-under free!

Name(s) _____

To be seated with _____

Polenta Family Dinner Dance
You may also pay online at iahfsj.org

Checks to: Italian American Heritage Foundation
425 N. Fourth St.
San Jose, CA 95112

Cut-off Dates: Tuesday May 17th for reserved seating & May 20th for open seating. Walk-ins subject to space availability.



IAHF May Regional Lunch Presents Stroke Awareness

BE FAST KNOW THE SIGNS OF STROKE

BALANCE

Sudden loss of balance or headaches



EYES

Sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes

FACE

Does one side of the face droop?

ARM

Is one arm or leg weak or numb?

SPEECH

Is speech slurred or strange?

TIME

Time is brain. Call 9-1-1 immediately



Stroke is a medical emergency. For any sign of stroke CALL 9-1-1.



Stroke is the #1 leading cause of disability.

Join us for a 45 minute presentation with Q&A on how to spot the signs & symptoms.

Objectives:

- Learn what is a stroke
- Ways to prevent a stroke
- Signs/Symptoms
- Importance of BEFAST

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022

Time: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

Location: Italian American Heritage Foundation

More Information: Please contact Lucia at lac9471@yahoo.com



2022 IAHF SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE



March 31st was the deadline for the IAHF Scholarship Applications. Seven Applications were submitted. The Scholarship Committee met to begin the review process. The role of the Committee is to read and evaluate each application based on how well it meets the criteria for the specified scholarship. Each member of the Committee conducts an independent review of each application. The Committee then convenes to discuss, rank and select the qualified recipients. The recipients are then submitted to the IAHF Board for approval of grant funds. The successful awardees were notified first by a phone call which was followed by a personal letter that they will be awarded a scholarship.

The Review Committee consists of the following members: Marie Bertola, Ken Borelli, Felix Dalldorf, Jan Prinzivalli, Maureen Susino and Marie Rose Dalldorf (Committee Chair). The Committee represents expertise in the fields of education, analysis and culture.

This year three different scholarship grants were available:

1. IAHF Merit-Based scholarship grants are awarded to high school and community college students pursuing degrees at an institution of higher learning.
2. Need-Based (new this year) scholarship grants are awarded to high school and community college students who demonstrate financial need and are pursuing degrees at an institution of higher learning.
3. Il Cenacolo grants are awarded to graduate or undergraduate students currently attending a four-year institution and pursuing graduate-level studies and who demonstrate interest in Italian arts and culture, including language.

The IAHF Scholarship Program has been in existence for decades. It should be noted that from 2015 to 2021, the IAHF awarded

\$121,200 to 85 recipients. This is a pretty impressive amount! The IAHF would not be able to award these grants without the generous contributions of our donor members.

The Scholarship Award Ceremony will be on Sunday, June 5, at the IAHF Hall at 1 pm. The Ceremony is an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of these very deserving students. Join us to experience the excitement shared by these scholarship recipients and their families as they are honored. The event is open to family and friends of the awardees and anyone who would like to attend. We especially encourage our new Board of Directors to come and share in accomplishments of the recipients.

This year, we hope to have the new Italian Consulate in San Francisco, Sergio Strozzi, or his representative attend the event along with Anna Zeppieri, Director of the Education

Office at the Consulate General of Italy in San Francisco who has joined us in years past. We are also pleased that this year we may have both the Past President of Il Cenacolo, David Cobb, and the incoming President, Alex Kugushev, attend the event.

Il Cenacolo is an Italian organization started in 1928 that preserves, enhances and encourages all aspects of Italian arts, language and culture and recognizes the unique contribution of Italian heritage in the history and life of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Il Cenacolo Grant is awarded to students who demonstrate past and current interest in Italian arts and culture through academic course-work including language studies, performing arts, music and fine arts

To make your reservations for the event, please contact Stanley Oliver at 408-293-7122. Cost for IAHF members is \$25; non-members is \$30. Millie Grazie!

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair ~

Festa della Repubblica



Salve tutte,

Planning is now underway because we have learned that this year we can have our public flag raising ceremony outside of the County Administrative Building in honor of Festa della Repubblica. We are starting to organize a public activity, following all Covid prevention guidelines.

This year's event will be in two parts with a Flag Raising ceremony at Noon on Thursday, June 2, followed by a special dinner the following week on Thursday, June 9, where we will also feature a keynote speaker. Moving the activity to dinner time will allow more of our working members to attend. It's interesting to point out that a lot of our new members are demographically working members; having the dinner will be a way to connect with them for this important cultural activity.

Regarding the Noon flag raising ceremony, both the IAHF President Dana Zuccarello and Honorary Consul General Salvatore Caruso will do the honors of raising the flags. Zina Russo has agreed to co-chair the event. Am thinking too that last year's online Festa della Repubblica event was so powerful that we may have a way to share or reconnect with it on YouTube. -- Article by Ken Borelli ~



CENA FUORI

MARZO 2022



Ken's faithful foodie followers found ourselves last month at the famous fun and lively Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos! Us "regulars" were joined by some newcomers and some who "pick and choose" their participation, creating a happy crowd of more than 40 guests!

And what a jumpin' joint is Campo di Bocce where we all ran into many friends from other "parts of our lives" who were there with their groups (i.e., Bellarmine Moms and Dads, De Mattei Construction) to enjoy the conviviality that only Campo di Bocce can provide!

In our own little niche near the inside courts, we feasted on a more than bountiful buffet prepared just for our group! Being Italian, the charcuterie display of salami, mortadella and other meats disappeared in minutes, leaving several cheese cubes and a few slices of French Bread for those who decided to linger at the bar a little longer. There were two large bowls of mixed green salad, one

with a creamy cheese dressing and another with vinaigrette. The delicious penne pasta was cooked perfectly and dressed with an Alfredo-like sauce and crumbled feta cheese. We had a choice of marinated beef or grilled salmon with capers – and of course, many had "one of each"!!

To make our evening even more spectacular and memorable, we celebrated Steve Cornaglia's 96th birthday with a rousing rendition of "Tanti Auguri" led by Daniel Burns and then our traditional "Happy Birthday" song too! Steve's wife, Rose, generously shared this special occasion for her husband with a beautiful chocolate birthday cake for everybody to enjoy! Also provided were de-

licious homemade biscotti! Not every day one turns 96, and his celebration will long be fondly remembered by us all! Thank you to the Cornaglia family for letting us share in the festivities!

At the conclusion of the evening, some did stay and enjoy the bocce courts on their own while others decided that they had had enough fun for one evening and bid a good night. Ken tells me that he would like to plan an informal night of snacks and bocce later on in the year – just a fun, non-competing evening of socializing and bocce. An evening like that could attract the younger IAHF members too and together with the more tenured members, make for a fun member social and mixer!

As always, grazie tanti to Stanley and Ken for treating us to another satisfyingly enjoyable evening! Join us next time – guaranteed Fun, Friendship and Good Food are waiting for you!
– Article by Cathy De Maria / Photos by Stanley Oliver



The Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) is looking for host families. The local coordinator for CIEE, Josephine Lee, asked that I reach out to the IAHF community and others who receive this newsletter to consider hosting an Italian student in your home this year.

Students will be here for 2 semesters (10 months). However, there are also a few students who will be here for one semester (5 months)! The students will be arriving at the end of August and will be placed at the high school closest to the host family's home. There are 100+ students in the program who are requesting to come to California so we need as many host families as possible!

We currently have 18 students from Italy who need to be placed; we might be receiving more in the future. If you would like to host students from other countries as well, you are more than welcome to do so as the CIEE also has students from Germany, Spain, Brazil, Pakistan, Norway, Belgium and Slovakia!

Host families need to provide shelter, a bed and food for 3 meals a day for the student (cereal in the pantry or food for the student to prepare their own food counts as well). Ideally, the student would have his/her own bedroom with a window and a bed, OR they can share a bedroom with someone else in the family who is the same gender and within 4 years of age of the student. The students come with his/her own pocket money and medical insurance coverage.




Host Families Needed

Families can also host up to 2 students if they'd like, as long as both the students are from separate countries. The students know they are expected to take part in family activities and responsibilities like chores!

Many host families have created everlasting bonds with the students and have even visited the students in their respective countries and been welcomed in their personal family homes. All families are welcome to apply -- single individuals aged 25 or older, couples with big kids, couples with little kids, couples with no kids, empty nesters, single parent families - you name it!

On a personal note, years ago Felix and I hosted a student. You read compelling stories that the student writes about wanting to come to experience the American lifestyle. At the same time, we also had a 4th year medical student from Germany who was finishing an internship at Stanford. We thought this would have been a challenge having two people who spoke little English, especially with our two young sons, Joseph and Johnathan. However, it turned out that the language barrier was no problem. The experience was a very positive one which resulted in a lifelong friendship that continues today.

If you are not able to host a student and know someone who would, please share! CIEE will send you \$200 if you refer someone that ends up hosting! Please contact josephinel.ciee@gmail.com to start your application!

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf 



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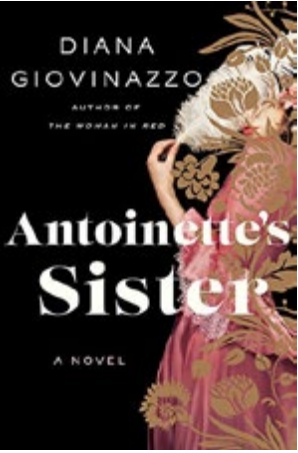
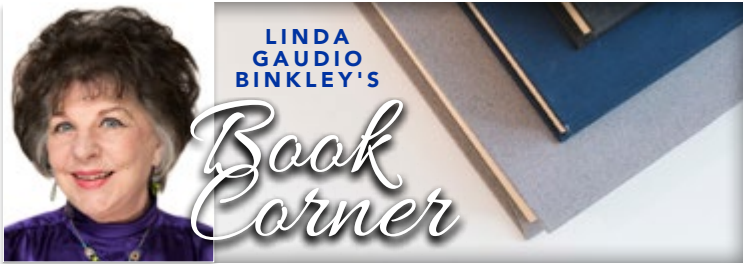
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ANTOINETTE'S SISTER

by Diana Giovinazzo 🍷

Thank you so much for this recommendation! *Antoinette's Sister* is a new book by Diana Giovinazzo. For those of you who have been to Naples and especially have visited the Royal Palace in Caserta, you will love all the background this book gives. Equally, if you have an interest in old Italy under the Bourbon rule when the south was known as The Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, you will enjoy a sweeping coverage of this explosive era.

Our story begins in Vienna at Schonbrunn Palace, the seat of the Royal Hapsburgs. It is the 1700's and Empress Marie Terese is very busy arranging the marriages of her sixteen children to various powerhouses throughout Europe in order to strengthen and maintain the Hapsburg influence. Basically, this was the *modus operandi* of the royal families throughout history. Queen Victoria certainly participated in the chess game of royal blood lines. Because of deaths

due to smallpox in the palace, Marie Carolina Charlotte, who had originally been destined to be Queen of France, instead became the wife of King Ferdinando. He was the very reluctant, spoiled, childish and undisciplined heir to the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, which encompassed Naples down to and including the island.

As we all know, Marie Antoinette, who was her most beloved sister and dearest friend, went to the ill-fated King Louis of France. The novel runs on two equal themes. One is the development of Queen Charlotte from her youth as a 15-year-old bride to a remarkable and admirable queen. She overcomes numerous obstacles and is able to do so because of her strict, no-nonsense, well-educated upbringing. She was groomed to rule. Her husband is basically, and true to history, a buffoon whose only purpose is to impregnate Queen Charlotte (15 times) and then leave her to govern while he played his games.

The second parallel theme is the relationship of Marie Carolina Charlotte and Marie Antoinette. We see them develop from childhood almost like twins. Many chapters include a letter from Queen Marie Antoinette to Queen Charlotte. The letters are fiction because Queen Charlotte destroyed all correspondence with her sisters and brothers before her death. The letters are important to the text because they are a masterful way of revealing the dramatic world situation swirling around the royal houses. America had broken with England with the help of France; but now the idea of democracy takes a foothold in France and thus the French Revolution, the Reign of Terror, the guillotining of King Louis and Queen Marie Antoinette and the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon, of course, is eyeing Italy.

Throughout the novel you will meet many colorful, historical characters who influenced Queen Charlotte, Naples and the building of the magnificent royal palace of Caserta. Put Caserta on your bucket list! 🍷

Thanks so much for the suggestions! Please keep them coming to lbinkley@yahoo.com

Italian Word or Phrase of the Month • From Linda Gaudio Binkley

Sono sazia/o - I'm full

After a robust meal, this phrase will come in handy.

Sazia is an adjective, so it will agree with the subject: *sazio* for a male, *sazia* for a female.

The word is derived from the verb *saziare* which translates to satiate, to satisfy, or to have enough. So, I'm full in English can be I'm satisfied, or I have had enough

***Ne vuole ancora un po'?* – No grazie, sono sazio.** Would you like some more?

– No, thank you, I'm full.

Sono sazio/a is also considered more polite than the common alternative:

Sono pieno/a. Some people consider the word *pieno* (full) more vulgar, especially in polite circles, because it projects the unpleasant image of a full belly.

Various adverbs you can add to *sazio* to emphasize your state of fullness.

- ***Sono così sazio!*** = I'm so full!
- ***Sono talmente sazio che...*** = I'm so full that...
- ***Come sono sazio!*** = I'm so full! (lit. How full I am!)

Sono talmente sazio che non mangerò per una settimana! I'm so full that I won't eat for another week!

And let's not omit *essere pieno/a come un uovo*; literal translation: to be as full as an egg.





What is savory, flavorful, delicious and melts in your mouth? Hint: If you attended the Poached Polpette class in April, you know exactly what I'm talking about! This class kicked off our cooking class season with Robert Brower and his assistant, Mary Reynolds, teaching the class.



Robert, who is a certified food handler, provided detailed information on the specific equipment and ingredients to make this recipe. For example, he stressed the importance of using an NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) approved thermometer, pasture raised eggs, Italian seasoned breadcrumbs, Pecorino Romano cheese, San Marzano tomatoes and Kosher salt. These ingredients make this recipe not only appealing to the taste buds but healthy as well.

Next, Robert reviewed the ingredients to make the sauce, "Brodo Di Mamma," which he simmered and which produced a fragrant aroma. He then hand-mixed all the ingredients for the polpette, scooped out ¼ cup of the mixture for each polpette, rolled the mixture into balls and gently placed them in the brodo to simmer for about an hour and measured 160° with the food thermometer.

While the polpette were simmering away, Robert presented the first five parts of his delightful "Sunday Gravy" program. The

presentation began with a history of spaghetti through film. It included amusing clips featuring the likes of Buster Keaton, Rita Hayworth and even Disney's "Lady and the Tramp." There were also clips from famous Italian restaurants in New York such as Joe's Restaurant and Emilia's in the Bronx. Another entertaining portion of the presentation included a segment of Martin Scorsese's 1974 documentary called "Italian American." In this documentary, Martin Scorsese interviewed his mother, Catherine, and his father, Charles, regarding their Italian origins. This was a priceless interview and included Catherine's description of how she made "the sauce."

After the presentation, the polpette were ready to mangia. The sauce and meatballs were poured over steaming Ziti and arranged in containers for the class to enjoy. The sauce complimented the tender, tasty polpette and Ziti.

Between Robert's instruction and presentation, it was a culinary evening to remember!

This is the adapted recipe that Robert taught: Gina's Brodo di Mamma e Polpette – From Heirloom Kitchen: Heritage Recipes & Family Stories from the Tables of Immigrant Women, by Anna Francese Gass. Recipe from Anna's mother, Gina Crocco Francese.

For the Sauce (Brodo di Mamma)

Ingredients:

- 5 fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and lightly smashed
- 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper (optional)
- 10 ½ cups (three 28-ounce cans) whole San Marzano tomatoes, trimmed and hand crushed
- 3 tablespoons double-concentrated tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon coarse Kosher salt (Diamond Crystal)
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

For the Polpette (meatballs)

Ingredients:

- ½ pound freshly ground pork
- ½ pound freshly ground veal
- ½ pound freshly ground beef (85/15)
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon Kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano cheese
- 1 cup breadcrumbs, preferably Italian seasoned (not Progresso)
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup Brodo di Mamma, cooled

Directions for the Brodo (sauce)

1. Tear the basil leaves into pieces. Combine the torn basil, crushed garlic and olive oil in a small pan and heat over very low heat, allowing the basil and garlic to "steep" in the olive oil for 10 to 15 minutes. The oil will become fragrant and rich with flavor—be careful not to let the garlic burn or go beyond a medium-brown color.
2. Meanwhile combine the hand-crushed tomatoes and 2 cups of water in a large pot. Add the tomato paste, diluted, salt, and pepper. Remove the infused olive oil from the heat, strain the basil and garlic out, adding the oil to the pot. Stir to combine. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat then immediately reduce to a simmer. Remove ½ cup of the brodo for the meatballs, setting it aside to cool.

Directions for the Polpette (meatballs)

1. In a large bowl, hand-mix with open fingers all the ingredients. (This prevents overmixing.) The mixture will be very soft but resist the urge to add more breadcrumbs as this makes a tender, melt in your mouth meatball! Once all the ingredients are just combined, scoop out about ¼ cup, and with wet hands gently roll into balls. Place each meatball on a baking

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sheet and repeat with remaining mixture, making approximately 16 to 18 meatballs.

- Carefully place the meatballs into the sauce. If the pot seems to be full, simply shimmy the pot back and forth to make more room. (Do not stir with a spoon—you will break the meatballs.)
- Simmer the meatballs in the sauce, with the pot partially covered, for an hour or more, or until the interior of a test meatball measures at least 160°F with an instant read thermometer.
- Cook the dried pasta of your choice, al dente, and toss with some of the sauce. Garnish with additional chopped fresh basil and grated Pecorino Romano.
- Remove the meatballs to a warm platter when ready to serve, either on the side or as part of a second course.

Please join us for our upcoming cooking classes

- Thursday, May 5th, 7:00 p.m. – Risotto with Louie Lombardo / We will travel to Northern Italy for a Risotto class. Louie will teach us his unique way of preparing this yummy, comfort food. / \$25 members, \$30 non-members / at the Hall
- Thursday, June 2nd, 7:00 p.m. – Pollo al Mattone (Chicken Under a Brick) with Ken Borelli / If you want the crispiest chicken on the outside and juiciest chicken on the inside, come and learn how to make this scrumptious chicken. No need to bring a brick as Ken will provide all the supplies! / \$25 members, \$30 non-members / at the Hall

To enroll in the classes, please call 408-293-7122 to RSVP or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>

We hope to see you there! 🌿



An Opportunity TO HELP OUR CLUB

We are excited to say that we have just ordered 350 new chairs for our IAHF. These new chairs will make our celebrations look even better than they have in the past. We are offering our members an opportunity to help defray the cost of this expense:

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Or call the office at (408) 293-7122.

-- Article by Nanci Wilborn and Azie Habib ~

GRAZIE TO THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED ENGRAVED CHAIR NAMEPLATES

To help defray the cost of our new chairs, we are providing an opportunity to place a nameplate on the back of the new chairs. It can be just a name or “In Memory of” with a name. This naming opportunity is currently in progress and runs through May 31, 2022. We gratefully acknowledge those listed below who have already purchased nameplates.

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-- Article by Steve Ricossa ~

IAHF Recipient *of Eagle Scout Project*

Josh Nguyen first made his appearance as one of the interns from San Jose Works selected to work for the IAHF as part of the Winter 2020 cohort. Josh was a productive and daily contributor to our initiatives, and his contributions stood out, especially with the development of a Tombola game we were able to use for our premier IAHF Family Game Night. He went on to develop other fun games the IAHF can use for future family activities.

In May 2021, Josh was the first to propose a reunion for the interns from San Jose Works, which the IAHF hosted the following month in June. At that time, the IAHF received special recognition as the most involved host organization, having hosted over three dozen interns in 2020 and 2021. The reunion was the first post-pandemic gathering to be held at the Hall and was surprisingly well attended which resulted in other interns volunteering to help with the Fall IAHF Harvest Festival.

Early this year, Josh once again reached out to the IAHF to offer his services to complete his Eagle Scout project. Several alternatives were discussed, and the IAHF recommended the construction of planter boxes on wheels, which could be used for the backyard patio project. The planter boxes would be used to separate the backyard dining area from available parking. Having the planter boxes on wheels would allow for easy reconfiguration and for easy storage when not in use. Steve Ricossa, representing the IAHF Board who is also an active Scout Leader, and Felix Dalldorf, former IAHF President and former Cub Master and Scout volunteer, agreed to serve as Josh's co-mentors.

Josh was able to arrange for the design, provision of materials, assembly and delivery of three large planter boxes to the IAHF at the beginning of April, which was less than an eight-week turnaround time. The IAHF is also exploring the possibility of Josh's Troop performing a flag retirement ceremony at the IAHF.

Josh has embodied the spirit of community with his dedicated outreach from which the IAHF has benefitted multiple times. As beneficiaries of his work, the IAHF wishes Josh success in the pursuit of his Eagle rank and in all his future endeavors! -- Article by Felix Dalldorf ~



Letter to the Editor



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Dear Mr. Borelli,

Past President
Ty Greaves

We would like to express a very big "thank you" for joining us at our Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council meeting on March 14, 2022. It was particularly special since we were able to have your presentation live as well as put out to people at home via ZOOM.

Founder
William Hughes

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Rafael Sabic

We all thoroughly enjoyed your posters with all the accomplishments of the Italian Americans in our area as well as the wonderful narrative you gave pertaining to Italians in our community – past and present.

Outreach Coordinator
Eric Pennington

Again, thank you very much for making time for BCAC and share your information.

Youth Director
Vishnu Naroth (PHHS)

Youth Director
(IHS)

Sincerely,
Sita Kern
Sita Kern
Secretary





Exciting Update: IAHF Library, Archives, Photos & Oral History Project

BACKGROUND

Back in "pre-covid days," the IAHF applied for and received funds from the Santa Clara County Historic Grant Program which is administered by the Parks and Recreation Department to support community endeavors that focus on maintaining and promoting local history programs countywide. This is an important statement and an attempt to preserve the diverse history of Santa Clara County. One of these threads is the contribution of the Italian American Community to the rich and historic ethnic diversity of Santa Clara County.

To these ends, the project has developed a number of "deliverables" or project tasks and goals to be completed over the life of the 3-year grant. The following then is a brief update of the grant and some of the landmark deliverables that are currently being worked on and in some areas completed. It comes as no surprise that during the Covid-induced lockdown, the IAHF had to regroup and reconfigure an action plan. Fortunately, we were able to do a lot of online work because there was a pre-established work plan prior to Covid. Some of the results are noted below.

STATUS OF THE ACTION PLAN

The IAHF has been able to repair and improve part of the IAHF Online Display Collection along with develop some amazing additional historic panel boards. The areas covered include an overview history of San Jose's Historic Italian Communities, the diversity within the local Italian American Community (ie Trabia, Tricarico, and Arberesh boards), a special historic terminal market board, panels from various donors of stained glass windows from Sacred Heart Church (the vast majority of them donated by Italian American families) and some overview boards on the history of the community, the Italian American Almanac and an introductory panel.

While bits and pieces of the collection have been shown as they have been completed at our regional lunches, there are also community outreach efforts underway. The first showing of a majority of the collection was at the Berryessa Neighborhood Association Center, which in many ways is a fitting introduction since there was so much history associated with the Italian community in the north side of town.



Another display will be forthcoming at a special celebration of the unique relationship between Opera San Jose and the IAHF. That will be on May 19 at a special event.

An in-depth review of the history boards, in the form of mini-lectures, is being planned for the IAHF Family Festa so that several people associated with each board will be able to present a particular component of Italian American History. Should you wish to view the boards or use them for a special event, they will be made available for public display by contacting the IAHF.

There are additional components to this multifaceted project. Next month, IAHF Librarian Madeline Damiano will review major updates from the archives and library component of the project. Her work and material will be a rich source of family history, lore and documents, easily accessed online and likewise a source for scholars and researchers about the diversity and achievements of the Italian American communities in Santa Clara County. Likewise, while the Covid experience curtailed a lot of face-to-face activities, it also indirectly contributed to a wealth of "online" material that is now in the process of being cataloged by Dave Perzinski and will complement the documents and history boards in the form of oral histories.

Many members and friends of the IAHF have contributed to this project with photos, archival materials and donations. In a sense, this archival project will always be a "work in progress" since that is one of the ongoing purposes of the Foundation. The IAHF is dedicated to promoting Italian American Heritage, especially in our community. This special SCC Grant along with the work and commitment of so many members and with our invaluable archival collection will ensure a legacy for generations to come. As members of the IAHF, you are a part of this history and legacy, "treasure and share it"! Bravi!

-- Article by Ken Borelli, Grant Coordinator ~



EXCITING NEWS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT FROM ITALY

The Republic of Italy just appointed its first female ambassador to the United States, Mariangela Zappia. She is a career diplomat and also served on Italy's permanent delegation to the UN and, prior to that assignment, was on Italy's permanent delegation to NATO.

In keeping with a strict rotation policy, the previous Consul General Lorenzo Ortona (2016-2021) in San Francisco has been reassigned, and the current Consul General is now Sergio Strozzi. Plans are currently underway for a visit to the South Bay.

I was excited and happy to learn at a recent meeting at Il Museo in San Francisco that the prior Counsel General, Mauro Battocchi, has been promoted and appointed as Italy's ambassador to the Republic of Chile. Many of you realize that Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay are home to long-standing Italian immigrant communities with strong ties to Italy. So I am sure he will be a very busy Ambassador.

Interestingly too, San Francisco and California have had a historic consulate presence even prior to the unification of Italy in the form of the Kingdom of Savoy that later became the Kingdom of Italy. Some of the



earliest Italian immigrants to the Bay Area came from Chile in the 1850s! I wanted to add to the article the name of the US Ambassador to Italy but found out an ambassador has not been appointed under the current administration. They have an interim person called a "Charge d' Affairs," and his name is Tom Smitham.

As a point of reference, embassies are located in the capital city of a nation, hence Rome or Washington DC. Consulate offices are located in strategic areas of a nation depending on the needs of the country and special treaties and arrangements. A Consulate also has at its disposal vice consular offices, honorary counsel and vice consulates and consular correspondents. In San Jose, we have an honorary consulate, Salvatore Caruso, who is designated certain tasks and responsibilities by the Consul General. The area for the San Francisco Consul is quite large and includes many Western US States along with special projects including the Italian Cultural Institute, trade missions and services to overseas Italians. There is also a Consulate in Los Angeles with similar responsibilities.

-- Article by Ken Borelli 🐟

UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



DONATE HERE

The IAHF, in coordination with many community-based civic organizations including many Italian American Organizations across the nation, is reaching out to its membership to donate to benefit desperately needed humanitarian relief for the Ukrainian people. We are doing this as an organization on a local level. Any funds we collect will be coordinated with the St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Church Center's humanitarian relief efforts. Those funds are then channeled directly to relief efforts in Ukraine and Poland. The Church and Center are located in Santa Clara. You can donate at the IAHF site, or send a check to the IAHF with the notation "Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief."

The IAHF oftentimes has donated as a group to international crises, such as the earthquakes in Italy and Japan. The proceeds from our St. Joseph's Day event also help feed the homeless locally. The daily horrors of what is transpiring in Ukraine beckon a response and message of caring that is part of our common humanity. Any donations we can send as an organization will be graciously accepted. There are many charities that are attempting to do fund drives, and all are needed to respond to a crisis not seen in Europe since World War II.

Our efforts, as well as our prayers, are what we can do in addition to being good neighbors to the Ukrainian American Community in Santa Clara County. For your information and depending on the schedule, there is an 8am Mass celebrated in accordance with the Byzantine Catholic rites at the Carmelite Monastery in Santa Clara or at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Center. Call for details.

"Slava Ukraini !"

-- Article by Ken Borelli 🐟

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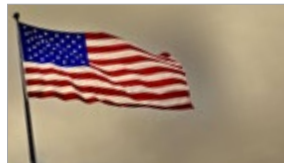
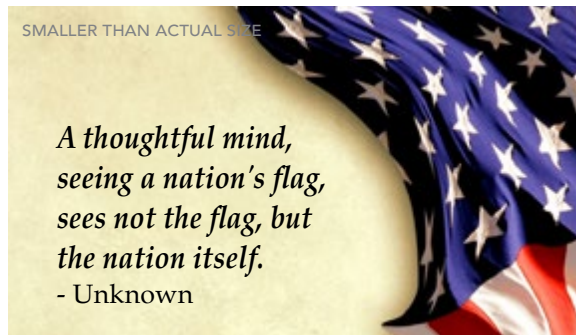
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Rosetta is a full-time, professional real estate agent assisting in buying and selling homes in all of Santa Clara County. Throughout the years, Rosetta has earned many achievements and awards such as International Presidents Elite, Top Listing Agent, Top Buyers agent, one of Silicon Valley's Top 100 agents, and Top Producers with over 22 years of sales, marketing, trust, probate and negotiation experience. Rosetta takes pride in providing 100% quality service to all her clients and has earned an impressive reputation in the real estate community. She is known for her exceptional work ethic, effective communication skills, attention to detail, and fierce negotiating experience. With her clients' best interests at heart, Rosetta understands the meaning of commitment and dedication.

EDUCATION

Since obtaining her California Real Estate license, Rosetta has attended mandatory legal classes, completing various state-required programs, such as Real Estate Principals, Real Estate Appraisals, 1031 Exchange Reinvestment Plan, Senior Real Estate Specialist, Certified Probate & Trust Specialist, Pricing Strategy Advisor Certification, Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource Certification, Limit Liability Company for Reinvestments, Protecting the Fee, Due Diligence and Disclosures, Agency Fair Housing, Trust Funds, Ethics and Risk Management, Survey Course and Risk Management. Professional Philosophy Rosetta's passion and philosophy have always been to put her client's best interests first, provide every client with the highest of business ethics, commitment, and 100% excellent quality service. Building a lifetime relationship by earning the respect and trust of her clients, is her ultimate goal.

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