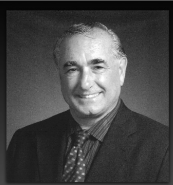


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ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER ♪ JUNE 2010 ♪ FOUNDED AUGUST 5, 1975 ♪ CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

President's Message

by Ken Borelli



HERITAGE IS TODAY and SAN JOSE

As an Italian American Heritage Foundation/organization, one of our major efforts has been to preserve our history and traditions. What we sometimes overlook in this process is that our efforts and today's achievements are also part of our history and expanding legacy. We have in our library archives a bound edition of about ten years of our first IAHF Newspapers. It captures the fact that over the years so many people have participated in the on-going dialogue about our Italian American community. It also highlights the importance in sustaining and nurturing not just our Italian and Italian-American roots, but today's changing face and interests of our diverse Italian American Community. We do not use the term "Italian American Community" much, but in reality there is such a network, although not readily identified by geography, certainly in interest and commitment.

As a point of speculation I wonder how, 35 years from now, others will judge our activities and achievements. What will our legacy be? Much of this challenge will come from understanding the diversity in today's Italian American Community. This includes our first generation immigrants through to our 4th, 5th and 6th generation Italian Americans who choose to identify with that part of their Italian ancestry which they consider vibrant and relevant to their daily lives. Earlier this month, for example, IAHF Board members Linda Filice, Corrado Russo and myself, participated in a Diversity Day Celebration at

the County Building. The vision of this event was simple: "Unity in Diversity, Many Cultures, Many Communities" and a sense of the richness of Santa Clara County was very much evident during the festivities. Having an Italian American exhibit at the festivities, and talking to hundreds of people in the community about our heritage, was exciting. It would have been more thrilling if we could have fielded a dance troop like some of the other community organizations. Even so, the point should not be lost that for us to keep our heritage out there and make people want to identify and enjoy our heritage, we as an organization have to move beyond preaching to the choir and become a vibrant part of the community in general, and, as one of our retreat goals noted, be a part of our own neighborhood. We all need ownership of this legacy, and become cultural ambassadors, less the Hollywood stereotypes fill the void.

The month of June will provide some excellent opportunities to share our history, and our roll in the community with two key events: the Festa della Repubblica, and Benefit for Opera San Jose. Each event in its own right are part of our networking function. The keynote speaker at our Festa della Repubblica luncheon, Vice President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Dave Cortese, will speak upon common goals within the Italian American Community. This will be a great opportunity to participate and reflect upon the importance of collaboration and cooperation within our own community, while the benefit for Opera San Jose, now in its 22 year, is a fine example of our on-going support of the arts, especially those things Italian. Invite a friend to either activity. The importance of these task can not be over stated. We are not just past history; heritage is being built "oggi"!

Another critical example of "HERITAGE IS TODAY", is of course our 30th Italian

Festa, located in proximity to an emerging Little Italy initiative, the heart of San Jose's historic Little Italy neighborhood, and to dream for the future, a home of a United Italian Cultural Center. Likewise at the Festa, we also want to integrate the theme of "heritage for today", by incorporating history walks, oral histories of members of our communities, and a family reunion area. You, your families and friends are a part of this history. Your contribution to the initiative is vital to today's heritage, so consider how you can help support the cultural life of our on-going rich traditions.

I want to conclude this article with a new beginning, in the sense of a reformatting of our IAHF NEWS. Under the editorship of Primo Public Relations Director Judy Verona Joseph, and an emerging dynamic duo for the IAHF with Graphic Artist John Romano, we are tooling up for a more relevant newspaper for our member's interests and activities. A special "grazie tante" for their professionalism and commitment. At the same time, it is vital to establish an Email contact list in order to make available to you, the reader, the latest news about our Italian American Heritage. You will not find this information in the mainstream media, yet, throughout the Bay Area, exciting and relevant events and activities are occurring weekly. The IAHF NEWS is a part of this communication network, but given today's media revolution, our paper is not the most effective way to inform you about what's going on in our community. The electronic media revolution is breathing new life to the meaning of "Italianita" around the bay! Our job is to share with you this information, and we are really behind the curve in this respect. We hope to rectify that shortly with the establishment of our Email news alerts. More on that shortly, and of course, we welcome your help with that project, too.



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Sons of Sicily Golf Tournament

Come out and join the Sons of Sicily together with the Women's Auxiliary Club for their 6th annual AIUTO Foundation, Sicilian Golf Festival! The SOS Club really knows how to have fun with this "Italian Festa of Golf." The scramble format tournament will take place Monday, August 2nd 2010 at The Golf Club at Boulder Ridge in San Jose. Following the tournament, the awards dinner will feature the 2010 scholarship presentations.

The event has featured many San Jose business owners, club members, friends, family, local political leaders and former professional athletes, such as SF Giants Kevin Mitchell and Jim Davenport. In addition former SF 49er Eric Wright and the San Jose Giants coaching staff.

Please consider joining us in 2010 as an event sponsor, golfer, or contributor. The Sicilian Golf Festival is too fun to miss and sells out each year. Cost to play in this Festa of Golf, is \$200.00. Included in registration are green fees (cart included), a delizioso Sicilian style lunch, tee prizes, drinks, "Festival Holes," \$10,000 Hole in One chance, a banquet dinner, plenty of raffle prizes together with a silent auction. To attend just the banquet is \$40.00.

The Sons of Sicily, Aiuto Foundation, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, provides educational scholarships, contributes to numerous charitable organizations and our community. To date, we have awarded forty-eight (48) educational scholarships as a result of this event.

For more information please visit the our club website www.sonsofsicily.com and follow the links to our event or go directly to our tournament site at: <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/15179-SicilianGolfFestival>.

You can email Marlo Cortese at cortese8@aol.com, or call him at (408) 729-5173 if you have any questions.

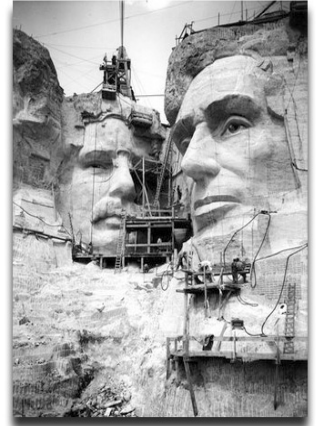


Luigi Del Bianco

honored at Italian American Museum

A permanent exhibit showcasing Luigi Del Bianco's work as Chief Carver on Mount Rushmore is now on display at the Italian American Museum on 155 Mulberry St in Little Italy, New York.

It was Gutzon Borglum, the designer of the memorial, who hired Del Bianco in 1933 to be the Chief Carver of the monument and to bring "refinements of expression" to the four



faces. Luigi fulfilled that role by carving the fine features of the presidents and bringing them to life. "Bianco" also saved the face of Jefferson by repairing a dangerous crack in his lip; a job Borglum would entrust to no one else. In his own words, Gutzon wrote this about Luigi Del Bianco: "He is worth any three men in America for this type of work".

Unfortunately, most of the major publications about Mount Rushmore don't even mention Luigi Del Bianco. Because of this oversight, Luigi's son Caesar and his grandson Lou have made it a mission over the years to tell a story that needs to be told: that an Italian immigrant came to America to help bring to life our nation's greatest memorial.

Dr. Joseph Scelsa of the Italian American Museum recognized this need as well. As a result, a display with original photographs and artwork of the gifted stone carver is now available to the public.

To find out more about Luigi Del Bianco and his great contribution to Mount Rushmore, please visit www.luigimountrushmore.com.

Please contact Lou Del Bianco by phone at 914-937-0897, or by email at ldb31@aol.com.



Volunteering at the IAHF

Opportunities

Kitchen help needed, banquet servers needed, hall management assistance, bookkeeper with QuickBooks experience.

Tables Needed

Please see Joe Ponte if you any contacts regarding purchasing long tables for the IAHF.

IT Manager-Computer Assistance

We are looking for an IT Manager to manage the Heritage's Network of four Computers.

Introducing John Romano, our new IAHF newspaper designer

John Romano is an Italian-American whose family is from Vinchiature in the Molise region (formerly part of Abruzzo) of Italy. He is very proud of his Italian heritage and thrilled to be designing the IAHF Newsletter. Currently, John is a creative marketing communications consultant for local technology firms, public relations agencies, and businesses. John specializes in advertising design, collateral for print and digital media, PowerPoint presentations, trade shows and web site design. Please view John's design work at www.johnromanocreative.com.



The Mighty Caper of Pantelleria

Pantelleria, Sicily - "Un capero al giorno...toglie il medico di turno." (A Caper a day, keeps the doctor away.)

You can't say that you know that island of Pantelleria off of Sicily, if you never eaten its fantastic capperi: so tiny and tasty and so strange. Capers are extremely important for the region economically and for this inaccessible



island, whose dry climate has turned out to be the best place for cultivating them. Indeed, thousands of caper plants cover the rocky territory of the island; you catch sight of their tiny pinkish-violet colored flowers everywhere you go. The plants grow clinging onto steep rocks or on the ruins of old Dammusi (the local stone rural houses).

The caper itself is a flower bud that is picked before it actually blooms. It is then made to ripen in individual tubs and covered by sea salt. In this way, the caper acquires that strong, peculiar taste that so characterizes the cuisine of the island.

In the culture of the ancient people of the Mediterranean, it was believed that the caper had aphrodisiacal and therapeutic properties. Even today, scientific studies have demonstrated that capers have special diuretic and digestive qualities as well as being good for the liver and the circulatory system. But that's not all, capers boast anti-age properties for the skin and can protect it from excessive sun exposure, granting it greater elasticity.



Capers are also prescribed to individuals who suffer from constipation and to those who need a little pick-me-up after a bout of drinking, helping them recover mentally and physically. Capers are also said to have psycho-therapeutic properties similar to those ascribed to Bach flower remedies, increasing the ability for decision-making and decreasing insecurity. Last but not least, capers have anti-allergic properties against irritations caused by insect bites, jelly fish stings, and heat rashes.

That's some little caper!

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Carmen Consoli



Friday, June 11 at Bimbos in San Francisco

The Sicilian-born Carmen Consoli is the most successful female singer-songwriter Italy has ever produced. The 35 year-old musician is known for her unflinching emotional live performances of songs that examine broad themes of love, illness, solitude and friendship from a feminine - and feminist - perspective.

Her innovative mixture of Italian song with indie-rock influences, bossa nova rhythms, and jazz and blues-inspired riffs have engendered a sound unique on the Italian music scene. Consoli has seven studio albums and two live albums to her credit, all platinum albums in Italy that have sold cumulatively over 1 million copies.

She has been a multiple honoree at the MTV Italy Music Awards as well as at the Taormina Film Festival for the soundtrack of the international hit film "L'Ultimo Bacio" (The Last Kiss).

Tickets for this show are on sale now.

Tickets will be available online through ticketfly.com or at the club office Monday through Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Call (415) 474-0365 for more info.

Bimbo's 365 Club is located at 1025 Columbus Ave, San Francisco, CA 94133.

Web site: www.bimbos365club.com

Submitted by Judy Verona Joseph

A Tip on the Use of Lemons

If you have access to a lemon tree, and, of course, I cannot resist the pun, if life gives you lemons, make Limoncello and Lemon ice! This recipe comes from an IAHF friend, Lawrence DeSantis.

Note: He uses "Everclear" and not Vodka - it can be purchased at Beverages and More.



Limoncello (Lemon Liqueur)

☞ 750 ml Everclear (reserve about a 1/4)...Pure grain alcohol works the best. In Italy I was told 190 proof was ideal.

- ☞ Seven (7) lemons...organic, without pesticides
- ☞ Two (2) cups water
- ☞ Two (2) cups sugar

Wash lemons, bath in ice water for about an hour. I use Eureka with very little green on the skin. Using a peeler, remove the rind, NO WHITE PART (it is bitter), and put it in 3/4 of the Everclear, in a big enough jar with a tight lid. The rind is a very critical predictor on the quality of the liqueur. Store in a cool dark place and gently stir (without opening jar) once daily...for (7) days. After, strain through cheese cloth to discard rind. Add remaining 1/4 of Everclear.

In a saucepan (preferably non-reactive) add water and sugar and simmer for 15 min. Cool to room temperature then add to lemon alcohol.

Store in a dark cool place for (2) weeks and stir gently occasionally. (Try if you like.)

Bottle and enjoy. *Note: It is best stored in the freezer and served very cold.*

Lemon Ice

- ☞ Squeeze juice from the seven (7) lemons above.
- ☞ Add the lemon juice to a sugar syrup made from:
 - ☞ Six (6) cups of water
 - ☞ Four (4) cups of sugar (you can add more sugar if you want it sweeter)
 - ☞ Simmer for 15 to 30min.

Place in freezer and stir with a fork or egg beater every 15 min. until ready.

The San Jose Shark's Challenge



On Friday, May 14th, Chiamonte's Deli was on the Network TV Sports News regarding San Jose Mayor's challenge with the Mayor of Chicago.

If Chicago wins the current hockey event, the Mayor of San Jose will be sending Chiamonte's Sausage to Chicago. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley put up numerous food items (i.e., from The Billy Goat Tavern and Eli's Cheesecake) in the bet with San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed.

Save The Date for The 30TH Annual Italian-American Family Festa 2010



The Italian American Heritage Foundation of San Jose will be celebrating 35 years this August providing Italian Heritage and Tradition to the Community.

When:

- Saturday, August 28
- Sunday, August 29

Where:

Guadalupe River Park, Downtown San Jose, (Between Julian and Santa Clara Streets)



Admission is FREE!

The event will host a "Grand Opening Ceremony" and feature family fun activities in a park setting!

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- Beer & Soft Drinks
- Arts & Crafts
- Family Fun/Children's Activities

More sponsorship information, booth opportunities, etc. will be coming soon!

Please visit the IAHF website at: www.iahfsj.org, or please call the IAHF at (408) 293-7122.

A Note from IAHF President Ken Borelli

Dominic Catalano: One Member's Recollection

As plans are underway to celebrate the Festa della Repubblica on June 3rd, we have a timely recollection from one of our members, Dominic Catalano. Dominic lived through those stormy times as a student and teacher at the University of Catania, Sicilia, and growing up in Messina, Sicilia. He returned to the USA in 1947. Even though he grew up in Sicilia, Dominic was born in Lassen County, California, where his parents immigrated to work in the lumber industry. His parents returned to Sicilia to raise their family.

As an aside, the area around Lassen County during the turn of the century, especially in McCloud, California, was the site of much labor unrest and a major strike of Italian immigrant workers. The Consul General of Italy was brought in to mediate the strike, and that is for another article. The following is a summary of Dominic's article.

Immigration After the 2nd World War

By Dominic Catalano

The Second World War devastated Europe for many years. Italy suffered thousands of deaths and disabilities and millions injured and displaced.



In Italy the period after the war was very hard: heavy public debts, inflation, high prices, and unemployment for millions of veterans, uncertainties in the ruling class, strikes, and other conflicts. The war ended on April 25, 1945. On February 10th 1947 the peace treaty was signed in Paris. Italy had to accept considerable loss of territory. The peace treaty also included a formal waiver of all rights to her colonies. Libya became independent. Eritrea was joined in a federation with Ethiopia and Somalia (and certain territories in Eastern Italy were ceded to Yugoslavia).

When the war ended but before the peace treaty was signed, elections were held on June 2, 1946 for a Constitutional Assembly, which would draft a new Constitution for Italy. On that same date a referendum was held which permitted the people to directly choose between the monarchy and a republic. The majority of voters chose the Republic. Last year we heard about that epoch from Dr. Mario Fusco, our keynote speaker at last year's Festa della Repubblica luncheon.

The new republican constitution was promulgated on Dec. 27, 1947. Enrico DeNicola was appointed the first president of the republic. Even so, Italy's problems were great; there was war devastation, hunger, unemployment and great suffering. As a result of this many Italians started to immigrate

and the United States was the first choice. Even so, it was a complicated process, and many Italians opted to immigrate to Canada.

As a consequence of this post war migration, these immigrants have contributed and are contributing to the welfare of the United States in many capacities. They also moved beyond the normal immigrant centers and were more dispersed though out the United States. The history of this



nation, California, and Santa Clara County has been one of a "melting pot". Our many diverse and ethnic cultures melded and worked together to produce a quality of life in our respective communities that is now recognized across the nation.

Tremendous strides have been made but much more needs to be done. While we live in a much more enlightened society today it continues to be our responsibility to remain ever vigilant. Barriers, discrimination and obstacles have not been completely eradicated, and in some instances have become more subtle even in today's society.

Even so, our successes has been achieved through a better understanding that unity fostered by a belief in common goals and objectives brings strength and progress. Regardless of our field of endeavor our profession the mantle of responsibility passes to us to uphold the same principles, goals and objectives of our parents and forefathers.(Coincidentally, Dominic touch's upon the theme of our keynote speaker of this years Festa della Repubblica Lunch. The Honorable. Dave Cortese , Vice President of the SCC Board of Supervisors will speak on Common Goals in the Italian American Community.

Festa della Repubblica: June 3, 2010

Celebrating the 64th Anniversary of the Italian Republic

Flag raising ceremonies at 11:00 am at the County Government Center at 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

Dave Cortese, Vice President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, will be the keynote speaker for our Festa della Repubblica luncheon. Make your reservations now. Supervisor Dave Cortese will speak on the timely subject of "*Common Goals in the Italian American Community.*"

Luncheon at the IAHF at 12:15 pm. Cost is \$12.00 for members and students and \$15.00 for non members.

Please call 408-293-7122 for reservations and more information.



Little Italy San Jose

The seeds that were planted are poking through the earth and reaching for the sun here in Little Italy San Jose. We now have an office and welcome visitors between the hours of 12pm – 2pm on Fridays by appointment. Call Josh DeVincenzi Melander @ 408.394.2893.

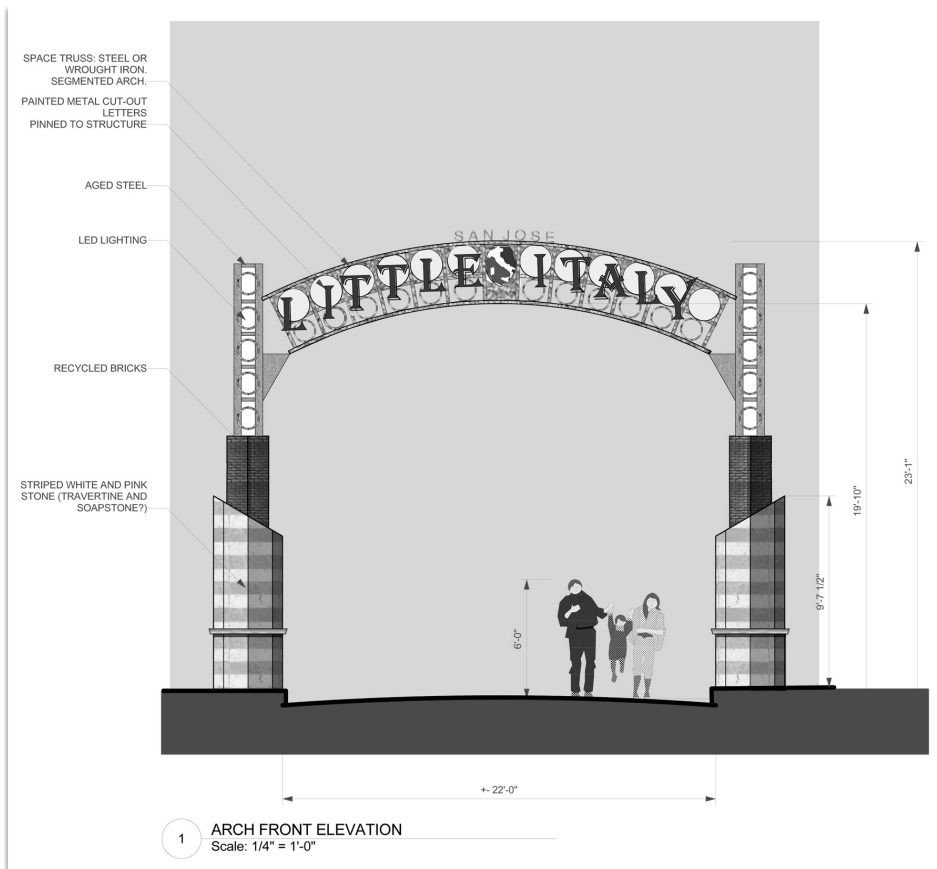
The Sabatino Memorial Italian School has 12 children being totally enveloped in the Italian language and culture. Adult classes are being held as well. Please visit their site at littleitalykids.org.

Our first of three arches has been designed by Davide Gianella through his in kind donation, as well as the efforts and in kind donations of Antuzzi Cement and Maggetti Construction. We are currently in the process of permitting with the city. We are very optimistic in our goal to have her standing tall in time for Festa in August. Then on to arch number two. We do still need donations both monetary and in kind and grants to pay for steel, concrete and other miscellaneous expenses, so please email Debbie Caminiti at DCami123456@comcast.net if you would like to be a part of the magic or have any leads.

Paesano's Italian Ristorante is hoping to have its doors open by June, and there is a new coffee/wine bar, Bel Bacio working on signing a lease. Beautiful summer nights are on their way. Look forward to coming out and enjoying the ambiance of entertainment, good food and drink and a new place of community to be shared by all in Little Italy San Jose.

www.littleitalysj.com

San Jose Little Italy Entry Archway



Festa Volunteers

Our 30TH Annual Italian-American Family Festa!

Dates: August 28 & 29, 2010

By the time August rolls around your Festa Committee leaders will have spent months of their time preparing for this event. Now it is your turn to help out – 3 hours of your time is all we are requesting to help in a food, beverage, ID check booth, or monitoring the bocce ball court.

This is the Italian American Heritage Foundation's major fund raiser and this is an opportunity for you to participate in its growth, its continued existence and to share our Italian culture with the community. If you are unable to serve in a booth, perhaps your adult children or teen grandchildren can represent your family as a volunteer.

The Festa will be held at the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens. We will be listed on the San Jose Downtown Summer Events calendar as one of the few that will occur downtown this summer so we anticipate a large attendance and will need your help to make this a success.

A flyer has been inserted in the Newsletter – please fill it out and send it in. Questions? We're more than happy to talk to you – please call Marilyn (Pierotti) Kinney @ (408) 293-2988. *Grazie!*



...on June 9th at 10:00 AM. You don't know how to play? We will teach you! No heavy competition, just for fun and camaraderie. The cost is \$10 for the use of the courts and a light lunch with a glass of wine.

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Festa della Repubblica
- ☞ Saturday, June 12, 2010
Venetian Mask Making Workshop
Venetian Mask display through the month of June
- ☞ Friday, June 18, 2010
23rd Annual Opera San Jose Benefit
- ☞ Newspaper Deadlines
Friday, June 11
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