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MARY PIZZO / IAHF NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Happy Valentine's Day!

February is the month of love - the time of year when we buy our sweethearts cards, candy and cute little gifts. Hopefully, there are still some in the world that do these things all year, not just on Valentine's Day. When cleaning out my grandparents' house, I came across all the cards

they had sent each other and saved over the years. So sweet, so loving. We've all heard of Philadelphia being the "City of Brotherly Love," right? The origin of that word is Greek, and it's combined from two words: philos, which means love or loving and adelphos, which means brotherly. We should all have a brotherly love towards one another. There's even a LOVE sculpture in Philadelphia. Love is in the air!

Italian Family Festa 2023

Make sure your calendars are marked for August 5 & 6, 2023 when we will host our Annual Italian Family Festa. Once again, this will be held at History Park San Jose. We're already hard at work securing sponsors, chairpersons, vendors and entertainment. Our Festa planning meeting has been held and has been received very positively by all who attended. We have an advantage this year over last year when we were still under some Covid restrictions. One year ago at this time, we had to wait and see what the County would announce.

This year, we're full steam ahead! We will have more food booths, a wider variety of vendors and exciting entertainers. If you'd like to get involved and volunteer in any way, we'd love to have you. We also have a couple of Chair positions open and are also looking for someone to assist with the audio and visual. Please contact Ken Borelli or me for more details!

Building Revitalization Fund

I received a very kind note in the mail this past month from a very sweet member. She has pledged \$300 a month for the next 12 months. She designated this money to be used towards this Fund. How encouraging this was to me and the Board, as well as very much appreciated. That money will be used towards our projects for which we're still receiving and reviewing bids. Would you consider today how you can help? Any gift would be greatly appreciated. Preserving our building today, for the future generations tomorrow is of utmost importance.

Upcoming Events

Make sure to check out our upcoming events and plan accordingly. Something new we'll be doing this year is a pancake breakfast. An event to be enjoyed by the whole family! If you'd be interested in volunteering, please contact me. Date and time to be announced soon.

-- Dana Zuccarello, President ✨

EVENTS

AT

A GLANCE

SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- February 16, Thursday / Regional Lunch: Sicily / 12 PM / \$25 members / \$30 guests / IAHF Hall
- February 23, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM / Capers, 1710 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell / \$45 per person at the door
- February 26, Sunday / Flashback Dance Party / See flyer on page 7
- March 19, Sun / St. Joseph's Day Celebration / Free and All Are Welcome / Mass at 11 AM
- April 21, Friday / ANNUAL IAHF CRAB FEED! / IAHF Hall / Social hour, music, and all the crab you can eat! **UPCOMING**

EVENTS

- Lecture by San Jose State University Professor Bill McCraw on the recent elections in Italy.
- Polenta Dinner Dance Friday, May 12

SAVE THE DATE!!

- Italian Family Festa / August 5 & 6 / History Park San Jose

ONGOING ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

- See page 3 or visit the IAHF website at <https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes> for information and to register





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 revitalization fund, not only now but in the future! I'd like to start a revitalization 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 revitalization 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 🌊



Excuse Our Dust!


During the months of January and February, the IAHF will be working on a couple of construction projects to improve our facility. During this time, we will still hold selected events. We hope that you understand that we will not be fully operational throughout this time period. Thank you for your patience! 🌿

As I write this article, 2022 is drawing to a close and I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Newsletter Editor during this past year. And now, I pass the torch to your new Newsletter Editor, Mary Pizzo. Mary comes to us with a wealth of experience as she worked for Apple Inc. for forty years, including 7 years as a Technical Writer. Impressive, huh?

Mary and I sat down and chatted over coffee and hot chocolate on a rainy day in December and got to know each other. During our

Welcome, **MARY PIZZO!**

chat, I felt confident that she was the perfect fit for this position, and our Board of Directors agreed with me as they formally appointed her to Editor in Chief. Not only that, Mary applied for the open Board of Directors position and was voted into that position as well. She will be a welcome addition to our Board of Directors.

Although I will no longer be your 3rd Vice President, I will continue to serve you by co-coordinating the Cooking Classes and volunteering for the IAHF. I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events! --Article by Lucia Clementi 

SCHEDULE OF

Events

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MARCH

- March 19, Sunday / St. Joseph's Day Celebration - Details to follow

APRIL

- April 21, Friday / The IAHF Crab Feed is back! - Social hour, music, dinner, and all the crab you can eat! Details to follow

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lecture by San Jose State University Professor Bill McCraw on the recent elections in Italy, and the Italian parliamentary system
- Polenta Dinner Dance Friday, May 12 at the Hall

SAVE THE DATE!!

- Italian Family Festa / August 5 and 6 / History Park, San Jose

ONGOING LANGUAGE CLASSES

- Monday and Wednesday / 6 PM / Marie Dalldorf teaches Italian Language Online Zoom classes / Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84929597554>
- Intermediate Italian Conversation / 10 to 11:30 AM / Every Wednesday, with Delia Schizzano / In-person class

CRAB FEED • FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • SAVE THE DATE!

After a three-year hiatus due to Covid limitations, the IAHF Annual Crab Feed is back!

Our Crab Feed is scheduled for Friday evening, April 21, along with a social hour, music, dinner and all the crab you can eat.

If you would like to volunteer at this always fun-time-event, contact our Chairs at 408-293-7122.

Details and pricing to follow.

-- Article by Ken Borelli, Judi Rizzuto and Nanci Wilborn / Co-Chairs



• PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS •

• AS OF AUGUST 2022 •

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Amirhosseini • Robert & Erin Basso • Anthony Bontempi • Monique & Scott Brown • John & Tina Bursese • Maria & Jim Burrus • John & Tina Bursese • Joseph Camerieri • James A. Canger • Lynn Ferrer-Casados • Paula & George Roush • Nico & Elvira Discenza • Karen & Michael Dobmeier • Paulette Giampietro Doyle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Angelo Festa • Michael & Mary Franciotti • Brenda & Rhonda O'Neal Fultz • Patricia Galiano • Peter Guglielmino • Jeff & Megan Hicks • Chloe Hotwani-Nelson • Richard Langone • Kim Loquaci • Kelly E. Raye Martilli • Lynda Maynard • Denise Merrill • Janice & Philip Meyer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosemary & Gary Moiseff • Kimberly & Jeffrey Moore • Kenneth & Leslie Newington • Carl J. Palermo • C.J. Palmisano • Bina Patel • Yazmin Pease • Lisa & Vico Piccinini • Dolores Pioli • Vicki Pope • Paul Pratico • Dominic Pratico • Lance & Michelle Sandri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki Seelig • Joseph & Leslie Santomieri • Sergio Serna & Rachel Castro • Gina Sitte • Suzanne & Tim Smith • Stephen Tritto • Elizabeth Urbach • Suzanne Goodwin Wang • Denise & Seth Wax • Nadine A. Weil • Davide West • Loren & Claire Wright |
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• GRAZIE 2023 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al & Diana Vallorz / Mangia Tutti Inc dba Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta • Kathy & Karl Winkleman / Gioia Company • Stephen Tritto / The Villages Italian Club • George Guglielmo / Emilio Guglielmo Family Winery • Kenneth & Leslie Newington / Serenity Studios Skin & Body • Jim & Janice Jones / Custom Pad & Partition Inc. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sal Alini & Soly Paterson • Maria Cancilla-Bandy • Linda & Bob Binkley • Joseph Bogusky • Nina Boyd • Carl & Norma Brannon • Ruby Brooks-Domino • Robert Brower & Mary Reynolds • Sandy & Chris Carvalho • Dorina Teresa Cereghino • Lucia Clementi & Dave Perzinski • Tina & Paul Coghlan • Vince & Colleen Cortese • Franca Cozzitorto & David Lovelace • Rosita D. De Luca | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryann & Jim DiBona • Robert and Valerie Facchino • Sandra & Brian Faircloth • Cornelius Fiocco • Anthony & Pamela Galano • Judge Al & Vera Girolami • Paul & Jenna Greco • Emilio Guglielmo Family Winery • Charles P. Gullo, Jr. • Mark & Andrea Kenter • Mark & Jeanne Lazzarini • Kathy & Larry Lohman • Peter & Norma LoPresto • Tony & Lorraine Maciejowski • Susan & Steven Minor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue & Chris Monahan • Nora Monette • Kimberly & Jeffrey Moore • Col. Bobby B. Moorhatch • Rebecca & Anthony Morici • Tony Nespole, M.D. & Billie J. Sgarlato • Maryanne Nola • William J. Palley & CJ Liang • Bob Paradiso & Patricia Pangrac • Richard & Linda Parola • Kevin & Rose Pezzaniti • Joe & Linda Pfahnl • Patricia & Walter Phillips • Tony & Martha Piazza • Camie Piccolo & Michael Nicholson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimmy Pignone & Leslie Snow • Michael & Emily Ray • Francois & Beth Rodigari • Paul Romano • James Sanfilippo, DDS & Gail Hunter • John & Marjorie Scandizzo • Joseph & Leslie Santomieri • Virginia M. Sincich • Janis & Butch Stumhoffer • Joan & Mary Taft • Al & Diana Vallorz • Karen Vanderpan & John Dods • Anthony J. Zerbo |
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LEGACY CIRCLE



THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS CHOSE TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE IAHF TO THE COMMUNITY WITH A REMEMBRANCE IN THEIR ESTATES

- ◆ LINDA & BOB BINKLEY ◆ ROSE CRIMI ◆
- ◆ MADELINE DAMIANO & GILDA DE SIMONE-GROCCIA ◆
- ◆ STANLEY OLIVAR ◆ MATILDE & ITALO OLIVERIO ◆

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A LEGACY CIRCLE DONOR. CONTACT LEGACY@IAHFSJ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

• 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 Dalldorf
- Ebe Frasse

MEDICI / \$500 LEVEL

- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
- Ann & Ricardo Cerniglia
- Dominic & Suzanne Cortese
- Rose Crimi
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Peter & Marjorie Gaudio
- Maria Gloria
- Larry & Diane Lovaglia
- Janet Muscio & Bill McCraw
- Marilyn Payne
- Joe & Judi Rizzuto
- Juliana Severo

DA VINCI / \$250 LEVEL

- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
- Anthony Barajas
- Leslie & Jay Berger
- Eugene & Christine Bernardini
- Lisa & Robert Blickenstaff
- Ken Borelli
- Agostino Burzio
- Sal & Denise Campagna
- Sue Cancilla-Conde & Saul Conde
- Dr. Anthony & Clare Cedolini
- Rene & Michelle Celsi
- Frank & Theresa Cetani
- Alfio & Gerry Crema
- Gwen Benassi & Rich Daulton
- Joe & Cathy De Maria
- Frances Di Salvo
- Al & Kathy DiFrancesco

- Rod Diridon Sr & Gloria Duffy M D
- Mel DiSalvo & Anna Sordello
- Frank Fiscalini
- Steve & Phyllis Hallgrimson
- Steven & Alma Landi
- Louie & Marca Lombardo
- Joe & Kaye Lucito
- Sharon McCray & Robert Martinez Jr.
- Carmine & Stacey Ann Napolitano
- Michael & Gail Paccioretti
- Marge Papp
- Mario & Karen Piergallini
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
- Richard & Genevieve Rolla
- Lance & Michelle Sandri
- Janice & John Travis
- Nanci Arata Wilborn
- Dana R. Zuccarello & Andy Aguirre

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair *



PEDRO & PIZZA EVENT!

The IAHF will be coordinating a winter Pedro card game series. Please call the IAHF if you are interested in joining. Pedro is a game with two people on a team. It was a very common card game up until the age of computers. We have found an instructor and want to develop a list of those interested in playing. Simply call the IAHF noting your interest and we will be in touch as we organize a class based on interested members.

-- Article by Ken Borelli ~

IAHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

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*
 - VACANT - *3rd VP / Marketing / Advertising / PR / Website / 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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- Dave Perzinski - *Membership*
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- Mary Pizzo - *Newsletter*

IAHF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

- Marie Bertola - *Board Member*
- Madeline Damiano - *Board Member & Librarian*
- Elise Habra - *Board Member*
- Frank Locicero - *Board Member*
- Joe Lucito - *Board Member*
- Susan Monahan - *Board Member*
- Steve Ricossa - *Board Member*
- Nanci Wilborn - *Board Member*
- Tony Zerbo - *Board Member*

IAHF Merit-Based and Need-Based Scholarships

The IAHF is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Scholarship Program. Three types of scholarships are available, Merit Based, Need-Based, and Il Cenacolo. The IAHF mission is to award IAHF members and students of Italian descent who plan to attend college. Scholarships are open to for all disciplines and majors and will help Italian Americans who are proud of their Italian heritage with their educational goals and emphasize the importance of preserving Italian history, culture and language. Scholarship awards are expected to range from \$500 to \$2,500.

I encourage you to direct family members and friends to the IAHF website <https://www.iahfsj.org/scholarships> which contains the following:

- Link to the instructions for completing the application at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eFF3PSHE-WCKh1roialPmcSjEq_OrrZx/view
- Link to the online Google Forms application <https://tinyurl.com/4sas3rxp>

Applications are due March 31, 2023.

Questions should be directed to the Scholarship Chair at mrdalldorf@gmail.com

Thank you!

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



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention all members, new and renewing!

Our 2023 Newsletters will have a section to announce members' birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries. We plan to start publishing this in the upcoming months of the IAHF NEWS.

If you do not want your birthday or wedding anniversary announced, you can make note on your membership renewal form. If you have already renewed and you do not want your your birthday and/or wedding anniversary announced, please contact Dave Perzinski at perzinskidavid@gmail.com or Louie Lombardo at louie@4lombardos.com.

-- Article by Elise Habra 🌸

“Evviva La Festa di San Giuseppe!”

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Welcomes Everyone!

ST. JOSEPH’S DAY MASS and TABLE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

425 N. Fourth Street, San Jose 95112; 408/293-7122

10:30 a.m. – Doors Open

11:00 a.m. – Mass

Celebrated by

Father George Aranha

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Lunch



The St. Joseph Altar is Sicilian in origin.

During a terrible famine, the people of Sicily pleaded to St. Joseph, their patron saint, for relief. St. Joseph answered their prayers, and the famine ended. In gratitude, the farmers honored Saint Joseph by filling an altar with their most prized possession, food.

Each person will receive the traditional take-home bag which includes an orange, a dried fava bean and a roll or cookie. Special prayer petitions to St. Joseph will be presented at the offertory of the Mass.

Food will include Pasta Milanese or Marinara, frittata, orange salad and many more traditional dishes prepared entirely by volunteers. Dessert will feature homemade Italian pastries such as cakes, cookies, biscotti, cuccidati and much, much more. Join us for this Lenten (no meat dishes are served) culinary treat!

DONATIONS FOR THE ST. JOSEPH’S ALTAR AND TABLE ARE GRATEFULLY WELCOMED.*

Please contact the IAHF Office at 408/293-7122 for any special donations. Parking available on the street and at the nearby Salvation Army lot.

**Monetary donations will be collected and given to local charities*

A traditional gift at St. Joseph’s celebrations is to bring a personal dessert.

Your pastries are welcomed to grace our tables.

Call for Volunteers

“Aiutto”

We need you to help with the ***Festa di San Giuseppe!***

Our core team needs to be replenished!

The Festa di San Giuseppe needs help with:

- Table Setting
- Meatless Food Dishes
- Event Preparation
- Clean-up
- And other set-up task

Call the event chairpersons: Kathy Lohman and Larry Lohman at 408 238-4467

Or leave a message at the IAHF with Stanley Olivar at 408 293-7122 or

Email to: IAHFSJ@IAHFSJ.ORG

“Grazie Tante”



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FLASHBACK

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Oldies But Goodies

Dance Party

Sunday, February 26, 2023



3:30 Social

4-5 Dance lessons

5-6 Dinner

6-8:30 Dancing



Italian American Heritage
425 N. Fourth St. San Jose

\$25 members and guests

\$15 children under 18

DANCE LESSONS:
LINE DANCING WITH LUCIA
SALSA WITH MARCO
FREESTYLE DISCO WITH HENDERSON ONG



Special dance demonstrations



"Tap Dancers
Wanted"

Bring your dance shoes

Music By DJ HotRod-Eric
Guest Vocalist: Caroline

Share that special song you
heard at your first prom,
graduation, wedding...

Fill out your memory song
request card at the table

Chair persons: Delia Schizzano, Debbie
Amirhosseini, Cathy Wittig, Rebecca
Morici, Kathy O'Kane, and Ken Borelli

Menu:
Fresh salad
Garlic Bread
Chili alla Delia
Stromboli: sausage or veggie by
Tony & Alba's Pizza And Pasta
Dessert & Coffee
NO BAR SERVICE BYO



Go online at IAHFSJ.ORG to buy tickets or call (408)-293-7122 to RSVP

The IAHF Needs YOU!



We have an immediate opening for the 2023 Board of Directors. Members of the IAHF Board of Directors serve an important function in guiding our organization and making important decisions that affect our members and activities. It is essential that members of the Board of Directors have qualifications and experience that will foster new ideas for the growth of the IAHF.

- Do you have an interest in preserving our Italian history and culture?
- Do you have an interest and willingness to work to further the image of Italian Americans in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area?
- Do you have experience as a volunteer with an organization or company that provides services for the betterment of the community?

- Are you available to attend monthly Board Meetings as well as accept assignments relating to IAHF committees and activities?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, we’d love to hear from you! If you are interested in becoming a Board member, you can read the qualification guidelines and complete the on-line application. Once you’ve completed your application, all applicants go through a screening process and meet with the Nominating Selection Committee for an interview.

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

– Article by Louie Lombardo / 4th Vice President ❄️

Online Italian Language Classes

When the pandemic hit, Delia Schizzano was no longer able to teach her in-person Italian classes at the IAHF. However, there was a great interest by people to do something so I started teaching online Italian classes twice a week. Delia has now resumed her in person classes at the IAHF. There is still a demand for online classes so I am continuing to offer them. Classes are taught online via Zoom every Monday and Wednesday from 6 -7 pm PST. We welcome students at different levels and classes are free. To sign up go to [Meetup at Italian Language Online Chat Group in San Jose](#).

The classes focus on exposing students to the Italian language content by reading stories of authentic spoken Italian rather than using a textbook or focusing on grammar. Stories are discrete lessons making it easy for students to join at any point. Students are also introduced to all things Italian, including basic Italian phrases, how to start a conversation, ask for directions or make a reservation. Students are exposed to other topics including history of music, festas and opera as well as foods, wines and cheeses of each of the 20 regions.

We begin a new story or topic by having students review the detailed vocabulary list, then each student is asked to read a short passage in Italian and translate what they read into English. This process allows students to learn while hearing others speak Italian, much like when traveling in Italy because not everyone will speak in the same way. Hearing the repetition of words also helps students remember words and phrases more easily because they are absorbed in what they are reading.

Many of the students who joined from the beginning are still with me now. I’m grateful to have been part of their Italian language journey and enjoy the bond that has developed with this group. I have seen a great improvement when I hear them speak and pronounce words in Italian and in their general understanding of the Italian language.

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf / Instructor 🌸



• COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM •

MC MISSION CHAMBER
OS ORCHESTRA OF SAN JOSÉ
EMILY RAY-MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

ITALIANITÀ IN THE AMERICAS



ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION SAN JOSÉ

Sunday, January 29, 2023 • 3 PM



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ITALIANITÀ IN THE AMERICAS

PROGRAM

Louise Canepa *Nostalgia*
Henry Mollicone *Moderato from Concerto for Horn and Orchestra*
Brian Holmes, hornist

Romeo Cascarino *Prospice*

INTERMISSION

Astor Piazzolla *Libertango*
John Corigliano *Elegy*
Jeremy Cavaterra *Marine Safari and Whale-Watch*
Luis Gianneo *Pericón*
Joseph Curiale *Wind River*

Reception to meet the Maestro and musicians immediately following the performance.

Select artwork by Robert La Rocca, Anthony Quattucci, and John Romano on exhibit.

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ITALIAN AMERICAN
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Your passport to Italian culture.
Join us.

The Italian American Heritage Foundation is the premier Italian organization in the Bay Area. Visit us at www.iahfj.org to see all that we have to offer.

Become an IAHF member and help us preserve, promote and celebrate Italian and Italian-American heritage and culture.

More importantly, enjoy networking with others that share the same passion and love of all things Italian as you do.

Get your passport to Italian culture at
<https://form.jotform.us/70946201067150>

For questions, contact Dave Perzinski, Membership Chair, at perzinkidave@gmail.com

Everything is relative.



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EVVIVA LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE!

Sunday, March 19 / IAHF Hall
FREE and all are welcome

Mass at 11 AM celebrated by Father George Aramba followed by a traditional St. Joseph's Day altar and meal.

Donations will be accepted and will be distributed to 3 local charities in honor of St. Joseph. For more information contact Kathy and Larry Lorenz, Event Chairs, at (408) 293-7122.

This year the celebration is on a weekend so a great opportunity to bring the entire family and share in the centuries-old tradition from Sicily and Southern Italy. ☺

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT RENTING THE IAHF HALL,
PLEASE CONTACT THE IAHF OFFICE AT 408-293-7122.

SAVE THE DATE

41ST ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA!

AUGUST 5 & 6 • HISTORY PARK SAN JOSÉ

For information about sponsorship, vendor booths, and sales, please contact Dana Zuccarello, President, or Ken Borelli, 1st VP Events, at 408-293-7122 or by email at president@iahfj.org.

To become a Festa Volunteer, email volunteers@italianfamilyfesta.org

"c'è voliamo alla festa!"



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• ARTICLE AND PHOTOS WILL APPEAR IN MARCH ISSUE •

Hi from our newest Board member!

Hello everyone. My name is Mary Pizzo and I'm the newest member of our IAHF Board of Directors.

I'm a second generation Italian American, native Californian. My father's parents emigrated from Cinisi, Sicily to Detroit in August 1905. My father settled in California after completing his military service for the US Army in the Pacific. My parents met in Southern California where my father attended UCLA and my mother worked as a Registered Nurse. I was born in Inglewood, CA and my family moved to west San Jose in 1959. My father worked at Lockheed and my mother went back to nursing in the neonatal nursery at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara.



Apple Inc. in October 2020, after a successful 40-year career in customer service and technical writing. I am very active in neighborhood associations, as a disability advocate with Parents Helping Parents, and a board member for Gunderson High School Foundation.

My husband, John Francis Maggio, is also a 2nd generation Italian, from New York, and by far the better cook. He is a professional musician, songwriter and bandleader of Duke Mantee and the Gold Money Band. We have a wonderful daughter who creates amazing cartoons and assemblage art, while attending the College of Adaptive Arts.

My three brothers and two sisters all graduated from Prospect High School in Saratoga. After high school, I lived in Maryland, San Francisco, Kentucky and Sonoma county. I returned to San Jose to attend college, and was hired to work for Apple Computers in 1980. I retired from

I look forward to learning more about the contributions of Italian Americans in Santa Clara County through my work on the IAHF newsletter. And, I can't wait to get to know you by learning the amazing family stories of our IAHF community. Ciao! ~

A PEEK INTO THE BOARDROOM

Items discussed:

- In Attendance: President Dana Zuccarello, First VP Ken Borelli, Second VP Azie Habib, Fourth VP Louie Lombardo, Corporate Secretary Sharon McCray, Treasurer Frank Deturris, Madeline Damiano, Elise Habra, Joe Lucito, Stephen Ricossa, Nanci Wilborn Mary Pizzo, and Tony Zerbo. Attending via Zoom were Marie Bertola, Sue Monahan, and Dave Perzinski. The Third VP position remains vacant. The meeting was called to order by Dana.
- Financially, we are fairly sound with total bank assets of \$405,380 with available cash of \$104,919, including \$80,000 in reserves. Frank acknowledged a very generous anonymous member who pledged \$300 per month for the Revitalization Fund. We were all urged to help find new donors or sponsors for the IAHF.
- Ken reported that there are the usual events planned for 2023 such as regional lunches (beginning February), lectures, cooking and language classes, polenta/crab feed dinners and a bocce tournament, along with an Oldies but Goodies dinner dance on February 26th (Delia to chair).
- Ken has accepted the chairmanship for the Festa and asked for coordinators to help with several aspects of the event: food, beer and wine, cultural, public relations to name a few. The Festa dates are August 5, & 6, with set up Friday, August 4.
- Dave and Azie are working on replacing the floor in the Hall with estimates as high as \$40,000. Additional bids are being sought. We will need help moving all the furniture for the installation. It was agreed to defer ADA changes to the bathroom until we discuss the implications of modifications to the structure that are due to zoning issues.
- Louie reported that on August 20, 2022, the Cit changed 516 properties, including our Hall, from light industrial to

public/quasi-public. No one was notified of these proposed changes and so nobody from the IAHF attended that August meeting. We are looking into what we can do to solidify the bar permit.

- Azie reported that we currently have 11 hall rental dates reserved for 2023.
- Nanci showed the newly created plaques for the new chairs and asked for help in getting them installed as soon as feasible. It was agreed that they would be placed on the back of the chairs, just below the hand entry point.
- Mary is looking for articles and encouraged everyone to contribute something. There was also discussion about the "Save the Date" postcards Dave created and how effective they are.
- Madeline noted that the Library needs a bigger budget once the current library grant is used. Revenue from book sales is considered a donation. She is hoping to locate a scanner to help with the many documents on file. Louie said we should consider purchasing more than one scanner. Louie explained that we had spent \$15,150 so far and that \$28,850 remains in the Grant.
- Louie reported that the office is covered by BOD members while Stanley is on vacation. Office hours during this time will be 11am - 2pm, closed on Fridays.
- Dave reported that we currently have 308 members, 75 of whom are new. An email and letters have been sent; second reminders will be sent soon. This year, we are upgrading to plastic membership cards, and Dave showed a sample. They have been ordered and should arrive within the next couple of weeks.
- February BOD meeting has been changed to MONDAY, February 13, 2023.

-- Minutes by Sharon McCray *



Our New Chairs Look Great!

Approximately one year ago, the Board voted on and approved the purchase of new chairs for the Hall since our other chairs were at least 40 years old. We certainly got our monies' money's worth from them. For \$25, we invited our members to "Name a Chair" whereby they could put their name on a nameplate or dedicate a chair "in memory of" or "in honor of".

Over the past couple of weeks, dedicated volunteers have been hard at work affixing the new nameplates. They are so sharp looking! We still have approximately 90 chairs available that have not been claimed with a personalized nameplate. If you're interested, please call the office!

A HUGE shoutout to Nanci Wilborn, who took this project under her wing. She did a really good job, and I am excited for all of you to see the finished product. Another HUGE shoutout to those who came to affix the name plates: Mary Pizzo, Azie Habib, Louie Lombardo, Frank DeTurris, Ken Borelli and Joe Lucito. I really enjoyed working with this group!

-- Article by Dana Zuccarello ~



It's IAHF Membership Renewal Time

Thank you so much for your support this past year. Your donations have really made a difference, and they help keep us above water. We were able to buy much needed new chairs, a refrigerator and an espresso machine for our events thanks to your support.

Please renew your membership early so that we can keep bringing you all of our events, scholarships, newsletters and classes. Because of you, we are keeping Italian culture alive in San Jose.

Please renew your membership online today at <https://form.jotform.com/70946201067150>

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / IAHF Membership Chair 🌿

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PERSONAL NOTES



God's Valentine gift to us was Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



Pray the Rosary faithfully.

- S.R.O. -

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News From
**NEW ORLEANS AND
 SOUTHERN LOUISIANA**

This significant announcement is from the American Italian Federation of the Southeast.

As I have written many times before, many members of our local Italian American community are the product of a secondary migration that originated from Southern Louisiana and New Orleans to the greater San Jose metropolitan area. So I enthusiastically share the announcement of the establishment of a Sicilian sugarcane harvester monument around Houma, Louisiana. The early Sicilian immigrants (1870-1920's) contributed greatly to the reconstruction of the regional economy after the United States Civil War when slave labor was substituted with immigrant labor.

The early immigrants were a hard working group of "paisani." Their back-breaking work was labor intensive and almost as exploitive as the slave labor it replaced. This more than likely contributed to the secondary migration to move out of the sugar



cane fields and come to the Santa Clara Valley. Nevertheless, sizeable groups of those early immigrants stuck it out, and became an integral part of the community and hence the "sense of collective memory" and the need to memorialize this piece of Italian American History in Southern Louisiana.

As a young graduate student in New Orleans, I recall my field instructor telling me about her African American grandmother who did not speak English, coming from the rural southern Parishes (counties). She only spoke Cajun and Italian. The region has a fascinating history, and that history in many ways is also shared by our community, especially as it pertains to work ethic, a common trait of all immigrant groups. For this same reason, we have developed our IAHF history boards and the need to have some sort of recognition of the San Jose Growers Market. It's all part

of the same phenomenon, and they both need to be memorialized in the community! -- Article by Ken Borelli *

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

Ancora

Still / yet / more / even / again

Still is the primary translation of *ancora*. It comes after the verb.

- *Linda abita ancora a Saratoga.* Linda still lives in Saratoga.

Ancora also means yet.

- *Non abbiamo ancora finito.* We haven't finished yet.
- *Perche' non e' ancora arrivato?* Why isn't he here yet?

Ancora can indicate repetition.

- *Ho fatto ancora un altro sbaglio.* I made yet another error.

Ancora often means more.

- *C'e' ancora della torta. Ne* vuoi ancora?* There is still some cake. Do you want more?
 * *ne* means of it

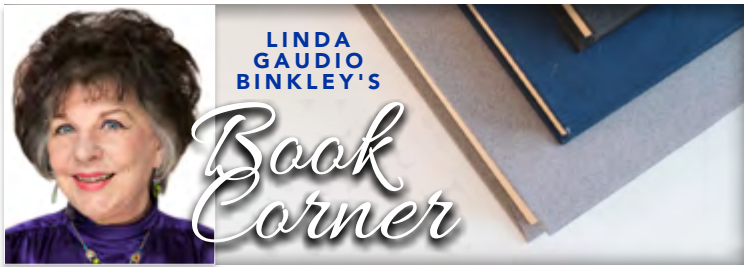
Ancora means even when being emphatic.

- *Ancora oggi* = even today
- *Ancora meglio* = even better
- *Ancora peggio* = even worse
- *Ancora di piu'* = even more

Ancora means again

- *Grazie ancora per l'informazione!* Thank you once again for the information! ~





Once Upon A Hill

by Carmine Vittoria 🍷

Once Upon a Hill by Carmine Vittoria is a multi-faceted work of heavily documented historical fiction. It will appeal to readers interested in the development of the Mafia here in America as well as its roots in the south of Italy. Professor Vittoria makes interesting, occasional references to the Mafia films such as *The Godfather* and *Goodfellows* which makes his historical writing relevant to present

day readers. Additionally, the book will have special appeal to Bostonians as the complicated history of the North End is thoroughly explored in the writing.

Readers are initially introduced to two young Italian shepherd boys from small towns in the Campagna region of Italy. At 8 years old the boys are thrust into the hard life of shepherding hundreds of sheep to the Apennine Mountain ridge for grazing. It's a lonely and dangerous life. The resulting friendship of the boys forms the basis of the story.

One boy, Vito, comes from the sunny side of the mountain and his trek up to the top is very long. His trek is fraught with typical mountain dangers of wildlife and dangerous terrain. The second boy, Guido, comes from the colder and windier side of the mountain. His trek to the top is shorter, but exceedingly difficult due to an abundance of loose boulders and deep ravines and wild boar. These treks hint to the paths they each will follow in life. Once the boys reach the sweet grasses of the highland plateau, the tedious and lengthy job of caring for the sheep and sheepdogs continues for months. The gentleness of the grassland atop the mountain offers a needed contrast to the grueling trek up the hill. Frequent matches of bocce among the shepherds of all ages provide excitement and camaraderie.

This introduction of the boys' cresting the hill, encumbered with responsibility, and reaching the top successfully, is a metaphor for the entire subsequent story. It's the 1940's, the War has ended, and the boys become familiarized with the modern world and its opportunities. Vito decides to come to America and eventually gains entry through legitimate channels. Guido also gains entry but does so under false pretenses and documents signed and paid for by his Mafia relatives. Their method of entry into the U.S. foreshadows the paths their American lives will take.

Author Vittoria has clearly done his homework as we follow Guido's path through all the open doors provided by the Mafia. The

background of the Mafia capos, where they come from, and what becomes of them is fascinating. Mafia illegal activities in New Jersey, New York, Boston, Providence, Miami, Havana, and Las Vegas will remind readers of what a dangerous and massive and successful, and evil organization gripped the country. A truly black mark on Italian American history.

Vito's path was blissfully different. Just as he entered the country as an upright citizen, so his life continued. It was a pleasure to read about his good choices, academic challenges, and successes. His emersion into the rarified world of electromagnetism and that of Enrico Fermi's former students and colleagues is fascinating and satisfying.

Interestingly, the two childhood friends meet again, much later in life on a bocce court in Boston's North End. So, the boys come full circle from their youthful bocce on the high plateau. The bocce court which was an oasis at the top of the Apennines is also an oasis in the troubled North End where people come together for relaxation and diversion despite their differences in daily life. The conclusion is gratifying, and the richly detailed book is enjoyable and edifying. 🍷



Saturday, January 7 was Italian Tricolor Day also known as *Festa del Tricolore*, a day to celebrate and honor the three colors of the Italian flag - green, white, and red. These colors have a rich history and symbolic meaning dating back to the Roman Republic. Green represents hope, white represents purity, and red represents the blood of martyrs. Let's take a moment to appreciate the cultural significance and beauty of the Italian flag on this special day.

-- Article submitted by Ken Borelli 🍷

Source: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CnIC8n1OSrT/?igshid=NTdlMDg3MTY%3D>

Lucia's

COOKING CLASS NEWS

TikTok Inspired Baked Feta Pasta



This is the time of year that we take a little break from cooking classes. That doesn't mean we're not still cooking, right? Here's a recipe that's easy, tasty and economical to grace your table at any time of the year. Now that it's cold and rainy, it's the perfect, creamy comfort food to warm your bones.

You may have heard of a baked feta pasta dish that originated on TikTok and has taken the social media world by storm. There are many popular baked feta pasta recipes on social media. I'm writing about this particular recipe because my nephew, Damian, recommended it. I have tried it and thought I would share it with our readers.

If you try it, let me know how it turns out for you and if you like it. You may want to add additional seasonings to suit your preferences. After all, as they say in Italy, "tutti gusti son gusti" (everyone has their own taste). I would like to know if you prepared it. Here's my email for your comments – lac9471@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from you!

TIKTOK INSPIRED BAKED FETA PASTA

Ingredients:

- 2 pints (20 ounces) cherry tomatoes
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- One 8-ounce block feta cheese, drained (recommended-made from sheep's milk)
- 10 ounces mezze rigatoni (or any short pasta noodle)
- 1 clove garlic, finely grated
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- ¼ cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
- Flaky sea salt, for serving

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Toss the cherry tomatoes and olive oil with 1/4 teaspoon of salt and several grinds of black pepper in a medium bowl until combined. Transfer to a 2 1/2- to 3-quart baking dish, place the feta

in the center of the tomatoes and season with a pinch of black pepper. Bake until the tomatoes have burst and the feta has softened, about 30 minutes. Raise the heat to 450 degrees F and continue to cook until the tomatoes and feta are golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes more.

3. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until al dente, about 13 minutes. Reserve 1/2 cup of the cooking water, then thoroughly drain the pasta.

4. As soon as the tomatoes and feta come out of the oven, stir in the garlic and red pepper flakes (if using). Use the back of a spoon to smash the tomatoes and feta into a smooth and creamy sauce (it's okay if some of the oil isn't fully integrated). Add the pasta and half the basil and toss until evenly coated. If the sauce is too thick, stir in some pasta water a couple tablespoons at a time. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper. Serve topped with the remaining basil and a pinch of sea salt.

Cook's Note

Be sure to buy a good-quality feta for this recipe, particularly because it's the main ingredient and flavor of the dish. We suggest using a medium or firm Greek feta made only from sheep's milk. Feta made from cow's milk tends to be crumblier and sourer.

Recipe and instructional photographs can be found on: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/fn-dish/news/how-to-tiktok-baked-feta-pasta-recipe-developer-tips>

The IAHF cooking classes will resume in the Spring.
Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

If you have photos of recent IAHF events you would like to share, please email them to photos@iahfsj.org and state the event in the subject line.

Thank you. — Louie Lombardo / 4TH Vice President

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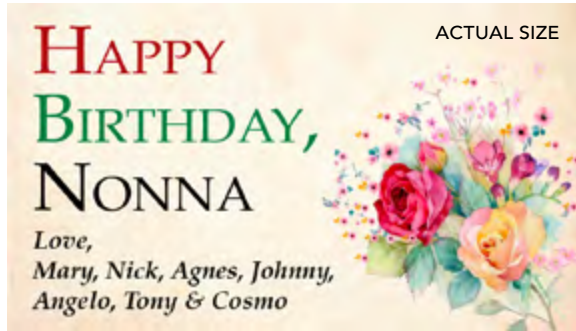
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