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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Can you believe there are only two months left in the year of 2022? Wow, time has flown! These last two months bring us shorter days, cooler temps and the hustle and bustle of getting ready for back-to-back holidays.

Thanksgiving is a time for us to come together and think about all the things we're thankful for in our lives. We are blessed with so much. We should always live in a continual state of thanks, not just during November. I know there are times in my own life that I get so busy and I forget to take the time to be thankful for what I have. I've heard it said year after year in church that if we don't think, we won't thank. My challenge to you in this month of November: find something that you're thankful for every day and write it down. Included in this newsletter on page 2, you'll

find a sheet of paper with two columns on it. I encourage everyone to print the sheet out and take the time to fill the columns up with things that you are thankful for. Some of us could fill this sheet up and even continue on the back side. I am thankful to be part of the IAHF as well as being your President for this past year. My huge THANK YOU to the IAHF Board of Directors. Working with you this past year has been such an enjoyable time in my life. And, to the members, thank you for always being so kind to me and for your continued words of encouragement throughout the year.

Comedy Night was a success!

For those of you who were able to join us for The Sicilian Guy Comedy Night, thank you for coming! We had a great night with good food and lots of laughs! We received lots of positive feedback. Thank you for taking the time to let us know. We had many new members in attendance as well as many guests who drove two plus hours just to see Alessio.

The IAHF gives back...

In the months of November and December, the IAHF will do their part in giving back to the community. We are partnering with Our Daily Bread and will be holding a food drive from November 1st through December 15th. We will be collecting items as noted on the following list:

- Canned cream of mushroom
- Canned cream of chicken
- Canned mushrooms
- Any canned tomatoes
- Canned corn
- Instant rice
- Canned sliced black olives
- Pasta other than spaghetti
- Flavored drink powder, Tang, lemon
- Canned green beans
- Beef or chicken broth
- Plasticware sets
- Mustard, catsup, mayonnaise
- Cooking oil

Please bring these items to any of our events or feel free to stop by the office during business hours and leave your donation with Stanley. Also, in the month of December, we will be pairing with a local charity for a toy drive. Be on the lookout for the details about this very soon! Thank you! -- Dana Zuccarello, President *

EVENTS

AT

A GLANCE

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **SOLD OUT** - November 3, Thurs / 7 PM / Italian Holiday Cookies / \$25 members, \$30 guests / At the Hall / RSVP to 408 293-7122
- November 17, Thurs / 12 PM / Regional Lunch: Abruzzo / IAHF Benefit Pre-Holiday Raffle Drawing / At the Hall
- November 6, Sun / 5 PM / Gourmet Dinner at Guglielmo Winery / **SOLD OUT - WAIT LIST ONLY** / Call 408 293-7122 to get on list
- December 4, Sun / 4 PM / Family Holiday Dinner Party / Dancing at 5:30 / At the hall / Details to follow
- December 7, Wed / 7 PM / Patron's Dinner / Giorgio's (Milpitas) / Free to all Patrons and Super Donors / RSVP to 408 293-7122
- December 15, Thurs / 12 PM / Lunch Celebrating Festa di Natale / At the Hall
- January 29, Sun / 3 PM / Mission Chamber Orchestra presents Italianita in the Americas / At the Hall / See page 5 for more details

ONGOING ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

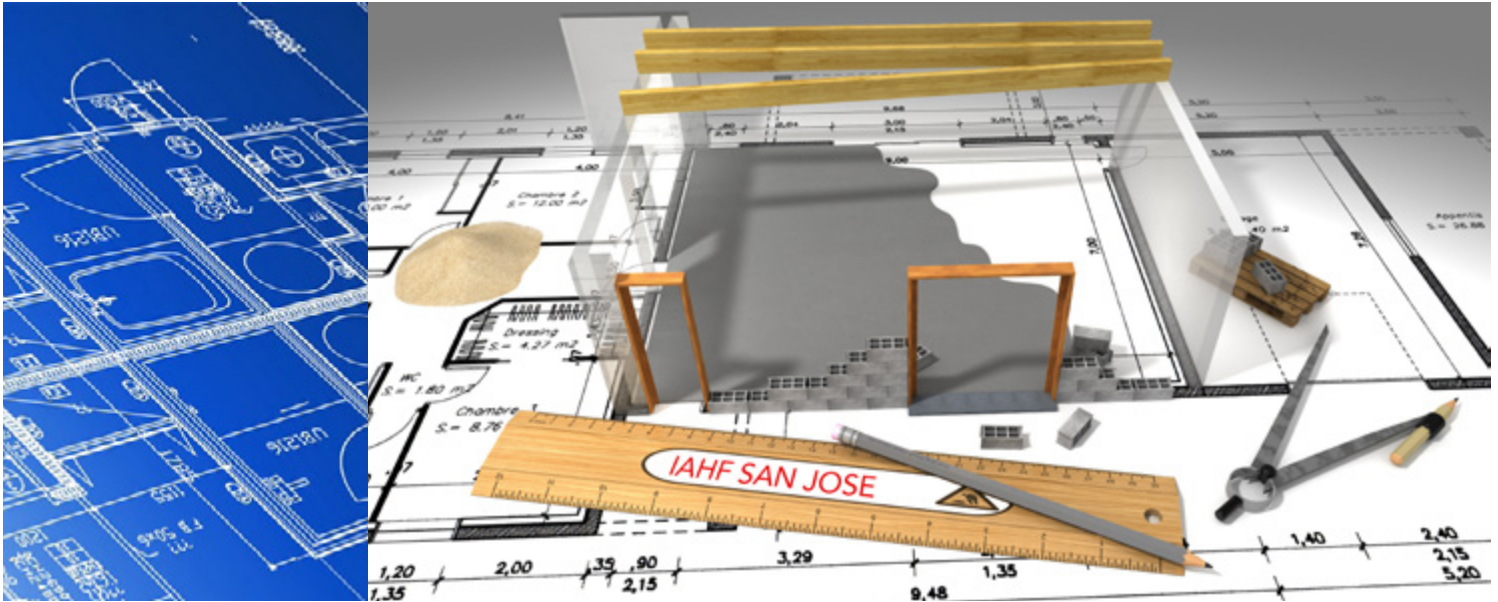
- See page 4 or visit the IAHF website at <https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes> for information and to register



Happy Thanksgiving

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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 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 

NOVEMBER

SOLD OUT - November 3, Thursday / 7 PM / Italian Holiday Cookies / A popular to get you in the Holiday baking mood! / \$25 members, \$30 non-members / At the Hall / To enroll online: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061> or call the office (408) 293-7122

November 6, Sunday / 5 PM / Gourmet Dinner at Guglielmo Winery / \$50 / 1480 E Main Ave, Morgan Hill / **Sold Out - Waiting list only** / Call to get on list 408 293-7122

Thursday, November 17 / 12 PM / Regional Lunch: Abruzzo / Also the IAHF Benefit Pre-Holiday Raffle Drawing / At the Hall

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4 / IAHF Family Holiday Party / Dinner at 4 PM / 5:30 to 7:30 PM dance to the music of Duke Mantee and the Gold Money Band / At the Hall / Details to follow

Wednesday, December 7 / Patron's Dinner / 7 PM / Giorgio's, 643 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas / The dinner is free to all patrons and superdonors

Thursday, December 15 / 12 PM / Lunch Celebrating Festa di Natale / At the Hall

JANUARY

January 29, Sunday / 3 p.m. – Mission Chamber Orchestra presents Italianita in the Americas / \$25 for general, \$20 for seniors (age 65+) \$15 for students to age 25, and \$10 for children under 12 / At the Hall See page 13 for more details / Tickets at: www.missionchamber.org/events-tickets or call the office (408) 293-7122

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

The IAHF Hall is located at
425. N. 4th Street, San Jose 95112

WAITING LIST ONLY

IAHF PRE-HOLIDAY DINNER & WINE TASTING AT GUGLIELMO FAMILY WINERY



George and Gene Guglielmo

A special pre-holiday IAHF dinner and wine tasting visit is planned for Sunday, November 6, at 5 PM at the Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill for IAHF members and their friends. It will be just in time for the pre-holidays and stocking up for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year activities.

The gourmet dinner includes a Caesar Salad, Veal Osso Buco, Linguine Putanesca, Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables, Coffee and Dessert. The price includes a wine tasting; wine will be on sale to accompany your meal and for take-home purchases. The cost of the dinner is \$50.00 a person.

If you have never visited the area, you are in for a special treat. Nestled in the South County growing region are delightful orchards, vineyards, wineries and truck farms producing fresh seasonal produce, only a half hour away from San Jose. The pioneer Guglielmo Family's roots run deep in the San Martin area, and the winery is certainly a regional destination, being in a very beautiful and historical setting.

We selected Sunday, November 6, specifically because it's the first day of Standard Time so a late afternoon activity promised daylight driving, at least to the Winery. What is also exciting about our visit will be a specially planned tasting featuring many Guglielmo wines that are not found in the regular retail markets, such as wines from their limited planting of varietal grapes. Some of the grapes

are from Italy and even a selection of grapes from the wine-growing area of Italy that George's and Gene's parents came from in Piemonte. Those wines are sold at the winery only. Some of the varietals of note are Grignolino, Allora, Cinque, Sagrantino and Vigneto Vecchio among other specialty wines.

Response has been strong so only waiting list spots are available at this time. To get on the waiting list please call the IAHF at (408) 293-7122.

-- Article by Ken Borelli



PEDRO & PIZZA!

We are planning some winter indoor playing card activities.

Talking to Al Vallorz of Tony & Alba's fame, we want to plan a Pedro and Pizza Party. Do we have any members who still play Pedro and who are willing to give us some instructions? Just call or email the IAHF if you can help out! We will be in touch. Grazie! -- Article by Ken Borelli

Mission Chamber Orchestra

AT THE IAHF

JANUARY 29, 2023

Save The Date



The Mission Chamber Orchestra has finalized its programming for a special "Italinaita in the Americas" concert at the IAHF on Sunday, January 29, at 3:00 PM. The concert promises to be innovative, diverse and engaging for a wide range of musical tastes. It also highlights Maestra Ray's long-time commitment to contemporary music, composers, and her support of Italianita in her repertoire. This is the orchestra's 26th season. Through the years, they have enriched the cultural life of our Valley with amazing performances. In the past, IAHF members have attended some as field trips. Next year, they will be at the IAHF.

The program selection has been finalized and includes, Romeo Casarino's concert premiere, "Prospice," Louise Canepa's "Nostalgia," Joseph Curiale's "Wild River," the first movement from a horn concerto by Henry Mollicone, "Libertango," by Astor Piazzolla, John Corigliano's "Elegy," a World Premier "Divided II. Duetto Lontano" by Alex di Guisepppe Goodhart and Luis Gianneo's "Pericon': Danza Argentina."

The Concert is a part of the 2022-23 Season and individual tickets can be purchased for this event online and at the IAHF. In addition, the entire season for the Mission Chamber Orchestra can be viewed at www.missionchamber.org should you wish to attend other performances by the Orchestra.

Individual ticket prices for this event are \$25 for general, \$20 for seniors (age 65+) \$15 for students to age 25, and \$10 for children under 12. For this concert, a limited number of musical scholarships are available to defer any hardships. Contact the IAHF at 408 293-7122. Ticket sales can be purchased at the IAHF through Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, or you can access the orchestra site at www.missionchamber.org/events-tickets.

-- Article by Ken Borelli ~

The Orchestra [DECONSTRUCTED]

During the Covid lockdown period, the Mission Chamber Orchestra, who will be performing at the IAHF on Sunday, January 29, 2023, made a teaching video composed of performers explaining their instruments. It's an excellent and timely introduction to the various components of an orchestra. It was shared by IAHF member Maestra Emily Ray. She noted:

"The video our musicians made is called The Orchestra [Deconstructed]. It is on the orchestra's YouTube channel and available to anyone. There are time stamps so people can watch particular sections and not have to watch the whole video in one sitting, as it is around an hour and 47 minutes. Here's the link: [The Orchestra \[Deconstructed\]](#). Take good care, Emily Ray"

-- Article by Ken Borelli ~



• PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS •

• SINCE MAY 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 • James A. Canger • Lynn Ferrer-Casados • Paula & George Roush • Nico & Elvira Discenza • Karen & Michael Dobmeier • Paulette Giampietro Doyle • Michael Angelo Festa • Michael & Mary Franciotti | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda & Rhonda O'Neal Fultz • Patricia Galiano • Erik Gambatese • Peter Guglielmino • Matt Harmon • Jeff & Megan Hicks • Chloe Hotwani-Nelson • Richard & Dianne Langone • Kim Loquaci • Kelly E. Raye Martilli • Lynda Maynard • Denise Merrill • Janice & Philip Meyer • Rosemary & Gary Moiseff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb & Ernie Monelo • 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 • George & Gloria Ravetto • 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 2022 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 • Myrlyn & 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 |
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• GRAZIE 2022 PATRON MEMBERS •

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• 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

MONTESSORI / \$1,000 LEVEL

- Col. Bobby B. Moorhatch

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- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
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- Rose Crimi
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Maria Gloria
- Larry & Diane Lovaglia
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- 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
- Ann & Richard Cerniglia
- Frank & Theresa Cetani
- Gwen Benassi & Rich Daulton
- Joe & Cathy De Maria
- Mel Di Salvo & Anna Sordello
- Al & Kathy DiFrancesco
- Frank Fiscalini

- Steve & Phyllis Hallgrimson
- Jim & Janice Jones
- Joe & Kaye Lucito
- Sharon McCray & Robert Martinez Jr.
- Janet Muscio & Bill McCraw
- Carmine & Stacey Ann Napolitano
- Michael & Gail Paccioretti
- Marge Papp
- Dave Perzinski & Lucia Clementi
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
- John & Marjorie Scandizzo
- Janice & John Travis
- Nanci Arata Wilborn
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman
- Dana R. Zuccarello

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair ✨



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.



CONTRACTORS NEEDED

The IAHF is continually in need of architects, engineers, contractors, plumbers, and electricians to upgrade our property. If you know of anyone capable in this regard, please contact me at dave.perzinski@iahfsj.org

We especially need help with moving our ADA compliant bathroom indoors.

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*
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 - Sharon McCray - *Secretary to the Board*
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- Dave Perzinski - *Membership*

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*
- Joe Rosati - *Board Member*
- Tony Zerbo - *Board Member*

IAHF Scholarship Committee

We are getting ready to launch the IAHF Scholarship Program for the 2022-23 academic year and are looking to add a couple of additional members to our Committee. Preferably the members will have a background in education who are willing to bring to the selection process the benefits of their life experience, diverse outlooks, local knowledge and human touch.

We need members who are willing to spend time to evaluate and review individual scholarship applications based on the criteria provided, who are open to learning a numerical rating system and who are willing to objectively judge applications to ensure that recipients are selected in a fair and consistent way.

If you are interested in becoming a Scholarship Committee member, please contact me at mrddalldorf@gmail.com or phone 408-239-6168. 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 our January 2023 edition of 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 



• Photos by Stanley Olivar



2022 ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA

AUGUST 20-21 • HISTORY PARK SAN JOSE

You already know about the food, entertainment, flag throwers, culinary demos, cultural activities and all the amazing happenings that we've had at the Festa over the years.

Everything that happens at the Festa is made possible by the support of our sponsors, donors, City and County grants and our hundreds of volunteers. I have been honored to be a part of the incredible committee that brought you the Italian Family Festa and would like to take a moment to focus on that team.

The Festa Planning Team - the Festa Capos - is a family of dedicated and passionate individuals who work tirelessly - many year-round - to bring the Festa

to life. Many have full time jobs, all have family and other life events, yet they manage to balance their lives with their commitment to bringing the best of what is Italian to the IAHF members and the greater Santa Clara Valley community.

I am personally in awe of their enthusiasm and energy, their willingness to always lend each other a hand and the care they put into everything they do. They spend their time, and often their own money, preparing for the Festa weekend. They work tirelessly in the heat during the entire weekend and never complain. Along the way we laugh, we raise our voices, we hug, and we are always there

for each other. If you see any of these amazing individuals, please take a moment to say grazie. Without them, the Festa could not happen. They are the Festa's heart and soul, and they are family to me, and I am forever grateful for their support.

As I step down from being the Festa Director, what I will miss the most is all the laughter, disagreements, the coming together, the smiles and hugs, and everything in between that I have shared with all these extraordinary people throughout the years. **Buona fortuna!**

-- Article by Nancy Morreale,
Festa Director

THE FESTA CAPOS

BEVERAGE TEAM

- Azie Habib
- Dana Zuccarello
- Gene Guglielmo
- George Guglielmo
- Joe Rosati

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- Myrna Hallett

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- Ken Borelli

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- Linda Felice

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- Theresa Lawhead

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- Gene Guglielmo
- George Guglielmo
- Joe Lucito
- Dave Perzinski

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- Nancy Morreale
- Tyler Lawhead

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- Lucia Clementi

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- Stanley Olivar

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- Cathy De Maria

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- Marie Rose Dalldorf
- Jan Prinzivalli

2022 Membership Dinner & Meeting



In lieu of the IAHF Board of Directors October meeting, the annual Membership meeting was held on October 12 for the purpose of electing Board members. In accordance with our bylaws an annual Membership meeting is called to elect the BOD for the following year.

The dinner meeting was well attended and called to order by Membership Chair, Dave Perzinski. Most of the Board members were in attendance and introduced to the audience. After a brief presentation by Board President, Dana Zuccarello, Dave went on to invite each of the four vice presidents and the CFO to summarize the accomplishments so far this year and to answer any budget issues or general questions.

Because our bylaws require a maximum of fifteen members and since there were only two vacancies this year, a "white" ballot was taken and the entire board, plus two new members, were elected. Welcome newly elected to your BOD, Madeline Damiao, continuing her partial appointed term and Nanci Wilborn, a long time IAHF member and previous 1st Vice President and BOD member. Sharon McCray, Board Secretary, called for the vote which was unanimously approved.

In addition, Dana Zuccarello, Susan Monahan, Steve Ricosa and Tony Zerbo were approved for their consecutive term.

Madeline has been the Library Chair for several years and brings to the Board clarity and order to the incredible library the IAHF maintains. She has helped the library to expand our collection and acquire rare and sought-after references. When you visit the Hall, stop

by the Library and take advantage of the offerings for members to borrow or review.

Nanci has been involved with the IAHF for many many years and served previously as the 1st Vice President and a Board member. Always the first to volunteer for events and programs, Nanci brings to the IAHF her genuine enthusiasm, commitment and love of all things Italian.

Ken Borelli and Joe Lucito prepared another fabulous pasta meal that included fresh house made cannoli for dessert. The servers that evening were Nanci Wilborn, Nora Monette, Christi Gilcrist, Kay Virgilio and students from Wilcox High. A second dessert capped off an evening of camaraderie and business and included an Italian version of "Happy Birthday" performed by Dan Burns in honor of Dana's birthday, followed by the entire group singing a second version in English.

With a full new board seated and ready to dig in and get things done, 2023 promises to be another great year of events, performances and friendship. Please thank your BOD for their dedication and commitment to the IAHF.

-- Article by Sharon McCray 🍷



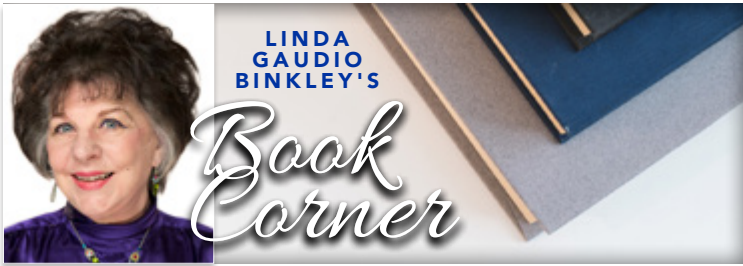
Membership Renewal Time

First of all, I want to thank you so much for your support this past year. Your donations really make a difference and help keep us above water. This year we were able to buy much needed new chairs, a refrigerator and an espresso machine for our events.

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 🌿



Queen of Secrets

by E. J. Tanda

It was exciting to have been recommended Queen of Secrets, much of which is set in the east foothills of San Jose in the 1930's. Familiarity makes the book very special.

Queen of Secrets is a book written stylistically as a story within a story. Both narrations carry the same motif of spousal abuse. The first narration begins with Barbara, an R.N. who specializes in geriatric care. The second narration is that of her patient,

Violetta Giordano. The book is heavily weighted toward the narration of Violetta who is former Mafia queen. She chooses to share her fiery history with Barbara, her caregiver who had been sworn to secrecy...thus the title.

Violetta's narration is a very graphic telling of her complex life and her forced involvement with the violent Brooklyn mafia. All this transpires despite her tranquil upbringing in the east foothills of what was at that time called The Valley of Heart's Delight. Sadly, Violetta's life was anything but a delight. Crime entanglements followed her father from Sicily to San Jose and ultimately dictated her future. Passionately in love with an immigrant boy from Sardegna, Violetta rebelled against her father's arranged marriage in a most

uninhibited way; but ultimately to no avail. To keep peace between two crime "families" Violetta was "sacrificed" to an unwanted and doomed marriage.

Violetta's life in New York as the wife of an important member of a Brooklyn crime family certainly has its perks. We find Violetta slowly adapting, sometimes a little too well. Despite her name, Violetta is by no means a shrinking violet. In fact she is one tough woman, actually quite well-suited to her situation. Clearly and admittedly, however, she never loved, or even liked, her husband, a violent somewhat stupid, filthy-mouthed, murderous drunk.

Chapters returning to Barbara don't offer much relief because Barbara is in a dangerously abusive relationship. She is a conflicted woman with a boatload of responsibilities that immobilizes and traps her. Eventually the crusty, elderly Violetta realizes Barbara's situation, empathizes, and a bond forms. This ultimately leads to a dramatic and climactic melding of their lives in an explosive conclusion.

Character development in both stories is extremely commendable. The characters fully blossom as we read. We feel their motivation, their anger, their frustration, and true angst. Queen of Secrets would easily transfer to a riveting R-rated film. It's all there: love, betrayal, the underworld, passion, violence, conflict and resolution.

In Queen of Secrets the Mafia is not presented as a major player in San Jose. But evidently there were some ties to New York crime families. Author Tanda clearly researched the topic. The author is especially commended for not glorifying the mafia. The men are chauvinistic, crude and cruel. The women are sad individuals enjoying the only benefit of the life of crime- wealth and material goods. These poor women are utterly devoid of self-respect.

Author Tanda's attempt to spell out the accents of the immigrants as well as the New Yorkers was quite successful and easy to read.

The series will continue, and we can only hope for Violetta to find a bright and rewarding future.

In closing there is with one caveat in the author's own words: "The book contains mature content which may be disturbing to some readers." *

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

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

Ora (hour / now / time)

L'ora (feminine, singular) / L'ore (feminine, plural) / Un'ora

The word **ora** has several translations, all having to do with time.

It can simply mean one hour.

- **Nostra lezione dura per un'ora.** Our lesson lasts for an hour.

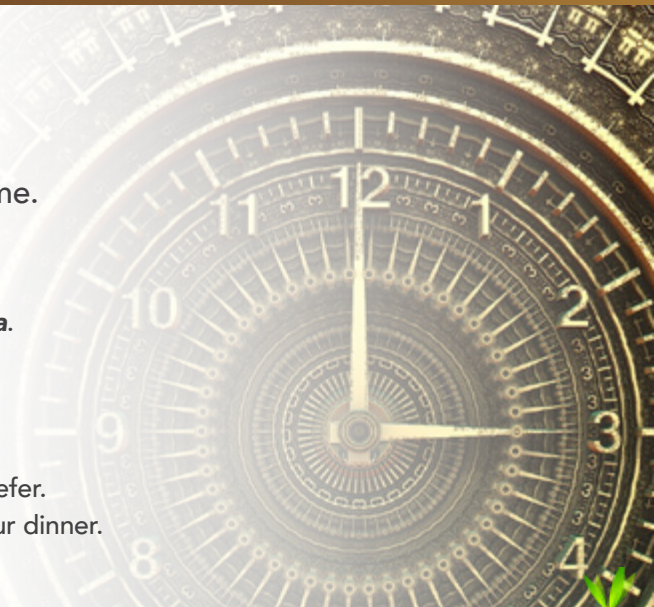
A half an hour is **una mezz'ora** and a quarter of an hour is **un quarto d'ora**.

Ora can be translated time.

- **E' gia` ora di partire?** Is it already time to leave?
- **Che ora e`?** or **Che ore sono?** What time is it?

When **ora** means at this time, it can be interchanged with **adesso** if you prefer.

- **Adesso (or ora) devo preparare nostra cena.** Now I have to prepare our dinner.
- And now a wonderful idiom: **Non vedo l'ora! I can't wait!**



Lucia's COOKING CLASS NEWS



SWEET POTATO GNOCCHI

As Autumn swept into the IAHF, our October cooking class prepped us for Thanksgiving, Italian style. This was made possible by our guest instructor, Linda Binkley, who taught us how to make sweet potato gnocchi in a maple cinnamon sage brown butter sauce. Instead of candied yams or sweet potatoes for Thanksgiving, sweet potato gnocchi can be substituted for a change of pace. This delicious side dish is the ultimate comfort food which absolutely melts in your mouth.

It is believed that gnocchi originated in Northern Italy. Word spread throughout Italy, and they are found all over the peninsula. Also, they can be found in diverse forms and made with a variety of core ingredients, depending on the region. For example, flour, cornmeal, semolina, bread, chestnut flour, ricotta or vegetables—from yam or pumpkin to spinach to the classic potato.

Linda began the class by going over the ingredients for the gnocchi, including yams, ricotta cheese, salt, cinnamon, black pepper and all-purpose flour. She then invited volunteers to come up and actually prepare the gnocchi and guided them through the process. To save time, the yams were pre-baked so she instructed the students to

mash the cooked yams, mix in the ricotta, salt, cinnamon and pepper until they were well blended. Next, the flour was added in small increments until the dough was formed. The dough was then divided and rolled out into ropes, cut into 1-inch pieces and rolled over the tines of a fork. After that, the dough was ready to be tossed into pots of boiling water.

Once the gnocchi floated to the top of the boiling water, they were cooked and ready to be topped with a sage brown butter sauce. This sauce consisted of butter, sage leaves, cinnamon, maple syrup, salt and pepper and cooked in a sauté pan until it was bubbly and golden brown. At this point, the gnocchi were drenched in the sauce and ready to be enjoyed. Once the steaming gnocchi were placed on serving platters, we served ourselves and devoured these delectable morsels. Ahhhhh, they were perfection in tiny doughy pillows.

If you want something different gracing your Thanksgiving table, I highly recommend this unique dish.

We thank Linda Binkley for her excellent skills in teaching this class and making it a wonderful experience for all of us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members e buon appetito!

SWEET POTATO GNOCCHI WITH MAPLE CINNAMON SAGE BROWN BUTTER SAUCE

6 to 8 Servings (about 105 gnocchi)

INGREDIENTS

For the gnocchi

- 2 pounds sweet potatoes
- 2/3 cup whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour plus 1/3 cup for the work surface

For the maple cinnamon sage brown butter sauce

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick)
- 20 fresh sage leaves
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

For the gnocchi

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.
- Pierce the sweet potato with a fork. Bake the sweet potatoes until tender and fully cooked, between 40 to 55 minutes depending on size. Cool slightly.
- Cut in half and scoop the flesh into a large bowl. Mash the sweet potatoes and transfer to a large measuring cup to make sure the sweet potatoes measure about 2 cups.
- Transfer the mashed sweet potatoes back to the large bowl. Add the ricotta cheese, salt, cinnamon and pepper and blend until well mixed. Add the flour, 1/2 cup at a time until a soft dough forms.
- Lightly flour a work surface and place the dough in a ball on the work surface.

- Divide the dough into 6 equal balls. Roll out each ball into a 1-inch-wide rope.
- Cut each rope into 1-inch pieces. Roll the gnocchi over the tines of a fork.
- Transfer the formed gnocchi to a large baking sheet.
- Continue with the remaining gnocchi.
- Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat.
- Add the gnocchi in 3 batches and cook until tender but still firm to the bite, stirring occasionally, about 5 to 6 minutes.
- Drain the gnocchi using a slotted spoon onto a baking sheet. Tent with foil to keep warm and continue with the remaining gnocchi.

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the next page >>>*

For the brown butter sauce

- While the gnocchi are cooking melt the butter in a large sauté pan over medium heat.
- When the butter has melted add the sage leaves. Continue to cook, swirling the butter occasionally until the foam subsides and the milk solids begin to brown. Remove the pan from the heat.
- Stir in the cinnamon, maple syrup, salt and pepper, being careful as the mixture will bubble up.
- Gently stir the mixture.
- When the bubbles subside, toss the cooked gnocchi in the brown butter.
- Transfer the gnocchi to a serving dish and serve immediately.

-- Article and photos by Lucia Clementi /
Recipe by Giada De Laurentis 🌿



Recently I ordered two texts about wartime Italy from the Italic Institute of America in New York. They were fascinating surprises. The two research reports were "Italy between the Wars" and "Italy and the Holocaust." They are both well laid out, illustrated and engaging.

This also caused me to give a nod to the concept of "time." I started reflecting on the content of the books in relation to "time." Time is multi-dimensional. For us mortals, there is biological time (my aching body). And then there is historical time, which we are all connected to that transcends one's lifetime and beyond. There is also the concept of time in the universe, which may or may not exist so no sense going there; suffice it to say it's part of our DNA.

If you are a history buff or just curious about Italian history, both of these are important publications. And, according to the document editor and contributor, John Mancini, these publications are soon to be part of a trilogy about wartime Italy. The two reports I ordered resonated with me and with the various ancestry and heritage programs that the IAHF and Almanac are involved in preserving. So many of the episodes were points in time and while many of these actions seem "in the past," they really are a part of our world today.

Most of the players are long gone from the scene, along with our family members who were caught up in those harrowing times. Nonetheless, the actions they set in motion are still with us today. For better or worse, our society is still dealing with the issues. Biologically, our tales end with us however, what we set in motion resonates for a very long time.

As Time Goes By



I also realize with today's tik-tok generation, sound bites are about all that they can take in. This is fine as far as it goes which fails miserably in terms of trying to grasp the whys and wherefores of our existence and how historical motions are set forth that impact one's life or family drama in very profound ways. If members of your family emigrated from Italy after World War II, for example, then I don't need to go any further as to the relevance of these research reports.

Another factor about the Research Reports is they incorporate an Italian perspective. Yes, there is one! What passes for history many times is solely one perspective, which is usually an Anglo-Saxon one. However, there are other perspectives on the same set of actions. The Italic Institute works are an alternate take on similar events. The more you delve into history, the more you can appreciate various points of view from which you can base your own opinions.

Just consider one fact in the research reports: "In German-occupied Europe, only Denmark (kudos to the Danes) surpassed Italy in rescuing Jews. 85% of Italian Jews survived the holocaust. This was no accident, and the war years are replete with individual and communal acts of heroism along with the tragic and evil consequences of the Italian Fascist and Nazi occupation of Northern Italy.

The publications will eventually be donated to the IAHF library. If you wish to have your own research reports, you can order them at the Italic Institute of America, PO Box 818, Floral Park, New York 11002; or go on line at: www.italic.org.

-- Article by Ken Borelli 🌿

The September 29 dinner at Giorgio's in Milpitas was well worth the trip from downtown San Jose.

Parking was easy as the restaurant is located not far behind the Milpitas City Hall. Giorgio's was gorgeous (pun intended).

The food was topmost quality, and the servings were quite liberal. Just consider the menu: Caprese Salad, Sausage Bread, Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Sauce, Penne Calabrese, Veal Piccata, Scampi, Tiramisu and Coffee.

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There were only 24 of us, and this made for a very pleasant family dinner. We had the big private room all to ourselves. The ambient setting was perfect.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention how impeccable the serving staff was. Our servers, Mario and Ricardo, were both cheerful and closely attentive.

We couldn't have asked for more.

--- Article & photos by Stanley Olivar 🌿



Letter To The Editor




Good Morning, Stanley,

I wanted to thank you, Dana, Ken, and all that put together Friday night's event. My family had a wonderful time. All the details were appreciated including the delicious food and drinks. We came out the previous Sunday for the festival too. I love to support my Italian heritage. I am willing to travel the hour plus to get here because you all make it worthwhile.

Please pass this message on. You all did a wonderful job. We also enjoyed your beautiful piano playing.

Grazie mille a tutti,

Rosemarie (Lubrano) Nicolaysen 

P.S. Can't wait till next year.

If you have any photos from 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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A PROCLAMATION ON COLUMBUS DAY, 2022

In 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed from the Spanish port of Palos de la Frontera on behalf of Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II, but his roots trace back to Genoa, Italy. The story of his journey remains a source of pride for many Italian Americans whose families also crossed the Atlantic. His voyage inspired many others to follow and ultimately contributed to the founding of America, which has been a beacon for immigrants across the world.

Many of these immigrants were Italian, and for generations, Italian immigrants have harnessed the courage to leave so much behind, driven by their faith in the American dream — to build a new life of hope and possibility in the United States. Today, Italian Americans are leaders in all fields, including government, health, business, innovation, and culture.

Things have not always been easy; prejudice and violence often stalled the promise of equal opportunity. In fact, Columbus Day was created by President Harrison in 1892 in response to the anti-Italian motivated lynching of 11 Italian Americans in New Orleans in 1891. During World War II, Italian Americans were even targeted as enemy aliens. But the hard work, dedication to community, and leadership of Italian Americans in every industry make our country stronger, more prosperous, and more vibrant. The Italian American community is also a cornerstone of our Nation's close and enduring relationship with Italy — a vital NATO Ally and European Union partner. Today, the partnership between Italy and the United States is at the heart of our efforts to tackle the most pressing global challenges of our time, including supporting Ukraine as it defends its freedom and democracy.

In commemoration of Christopher Columbus's historic voyage 530 years ago, the Congress, by joint resolution of April 30, 1934, and modified in 1968 (36 U.S.C. 107), as amended, has requested the President proclaim the second Monday of October of each year as "Columbus Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2022, as Columbus Day. I direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings on the appointed day in honor of our diverse history and all who have contributed to shaping this Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

Source:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/07/a-proclamation-on-columbus-day-2022/>

Note: Columbus Day was signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison on October 21, 1892 as a tribute and an act of forgiveness to the Italian community in response to the lynchings of 11 Italians that took place in New Orleans on March 14, 1891. To this day STILL the largest number of people ever lynched at one time in the United States. The Columbus Day holiday quickly became a great source of pride and a symbol of defiance for the Italian-American community against these horrific murders. ~





PAVAROTTI HONORED with Hollywood Walk of Fame Star

A star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was posthumously unveiled Wednesday honoring legendary opera singer Luciano Pavarotti. James Conlon, the music director of the LA Opera, and movie producer Cinzia Salvioli, spoke at the ceremony at 7065 Hollywood Boulevard. Pavarotti's daughter Cristina Pavarotti accepted the Star on behalf of the family.

The Star is the 2,730th since the completion of the Walk of Fame in 1961, with the first 1,558 Stars. The ceremony will be streamed on the Walk of Fame's website. The Star ceremony is among a series of events organized by Salvioli's Italian film production company, Albedo Production, to honor Pavarotti, who died in 2007 at the age of 71.

— Article submitted by Judy Joseph / From We The Italians:

<https://www.wetheitalians.com/sport-entertainment-california/pavarotti-honored-star-hollywood-walk-fame> ~

'Severance' Emmy Nom John Turturro Boards 'Potentially Dangerous' As EP; Doc On Italian American WWII Experience Was Produced Via Grant From Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum

2022 Emmy nominee, John Turturro (*Severance*), has come aboard the WWII documentary. *Potentially Dangerous*, as an executive producer.

During the course of the Second World War, the U.S. Government restricted the actions and freedoms of 600,000+ Italian residents. All were declared "Enemy Aliens," and many were placed under curfew, banned from their workplaces, evacuated from their homes and communities and sent to internment camps in Montana, Texas and elsewhere.

Many of these people had been in the United States for decades, had children born in their adopted country and had sons serving in the U.S. Military.

"During this era, Italians made up the biggest foreign-born group in the country. Interned Italians were not charged with a crime and were not allowed legal representation. They were subjected to "loyalty hearings" and held for the duration of the war. The United States government considered them "Potentially Dangerous" not based on anything they had done, but instead on where they were born."



In the years following the war, most Italians refused to speak about what happened to them. Even 80 years later, many chose to remain silent. Until now. For the first time on film, their stories are about to be heard and the truth revealed."

"Potentially Dangerous reveals what happened to Italians in America during WWII and examines the lasting effects of these events on our culture. This story has modern-day implications about issues like immigration and justice, and it can help us learn to treat others with empathy and understanding."

"This is an important and oftentimes overlooked era," said Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum Grant co-founder, Joe Russo.

"Potentially Dangerous is a critically important film shining light on a story that was nearly lost to the ephemera of history," added Turturro. "As an Italian American, I'm honored to help bring this film to a wide audience that will discover how the pertinent issues it raises are still applicable today."

Source: <https://www.wetheitalians.com/from-usa/severance-emmy-nom-john-turturro-boards-potentially-dangerous-ep-doc-italian-american-wwii-experience-was-produced-grant-russo-brothers-italian-american-film-forum> - Article submitted by Judy Joseph ~

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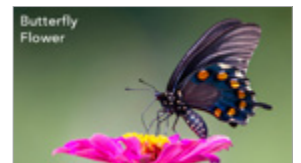
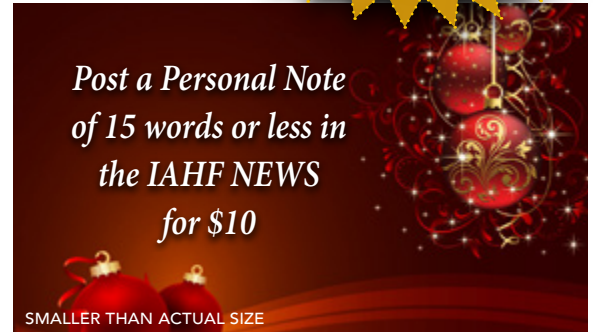
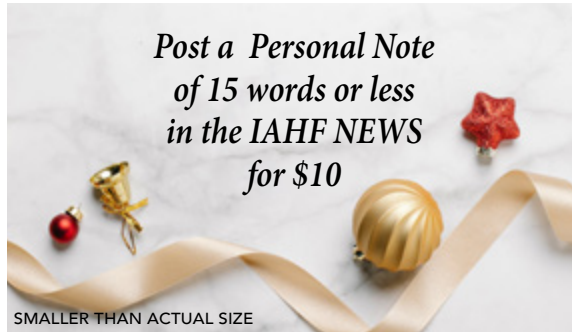
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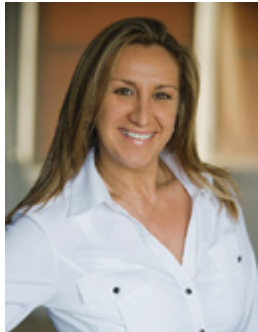
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