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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2024, everyone! Do you make "resolutions"? We hear so much about them in the media: losing weight, eating healthier, saving money, travel planning and less screen time. I like to think of it as "setting goals". As we begin the new year, consider what goals to set for

yourself, your family, and your household. Make them realistic so they're more easily attainable. Possible suggested goals would be personal, financial, health related and spiritual, if that area pertains to you. You may want to read more books and watch less tv and screen time. You may want to get outside, take a walk every day and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. You may want to work at getting out of debt. You may want to start saving money. You may want to start volunteering. You may want to start attending a church. There are so many goals out there that we all could benefit from. Have a plan for 2024. Greet January 1st with a smile, a purpose and with goals.

Teaming up with Salvation Army

I have recently met with a few staff members at the Salvation Army and have asked them how we can help them out with donations. The biggest need is men's socks and underwear. They provide them to the men who drop in for shelter, as well as take them down to the men who live along the Guadalupe River. Other items they also pass out to the drop-ins and those in the encampments are sleeping bags, warms jackets, beanies, gloves, and scarves. The staff told me about the two types of housing available on their site: overnight stays on a first come, first serve basis and then a longer-term housing option. For those who qualify, they are allowed to live there for up to one year while they get a job and save some money to secure permanent housing. The average time spent there in that program

is a seven month stay. Currently, there are several beds that they are unable to allow the men to sleep in because they do not have the protective mattress covers on them. Once they receive these protective mattress covers, they will be able to house more, both overnight and long term. For the months of January and February, I'd like to encourage everyone to consider how you can help. We ask that the socks and underwear be brand new. Jackets, scarves, gloves, beanies and sleeping bags may be used, but in very good condition is preferred. A donation of \$43 pays for one brand-new protective mattress cover. The Salvation Army has been very good neighbors of ours for years. We use their parking when needed as well as donate to them through the St. Joseph's Table. I'd like the IAHF to be a good neighbor in return and help them with these needs. You can start bringing these items by the office during normal business hours or drop them off at any event over the next 2 months. Thank you for having such a kind and giving spirit!

Our New Roof

We are collecting bids for our new roof and we're also looking into getting the HVAC replaced at the same time. The current roof and HVAC are original to the building so you can imagine how old they are and in need of replacement. Previous contractors who have come out have told us that they can't believe the roof and HVAC have lasted this long! As you'll remember in last month's issue, we were given a large gift for getting the roof replaced. Usually at the end of the year, companies and individuals look for places to make last minute tax-deductible donations. If you'd like to help contribute towards the new HVAC installation, it is most certainly welcome. You can write a check or give online to help us with the new HVAC. Please note that this will be for the HVAC work. Looking forward to improving our building for the younger generation to come.

-- Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, President

EVENTS

AT

A GLANCE

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- February 15, Thursday / Regional Lunch / Noon / At the Hall / Menu is a surprise
- February date and time TBD / Valentines Party / Watch for details in February
- February 24, Saturday/ Fencing Demonstration / At the Hall / Details to come
- February 29, Thursday / Cena Fuori / Time and Location tbd / Watch for details online

ONGOING CLASSES

- Italian Language Classes / Conversational and Intermediate / Online classes
- Cooking Classes / Come to the IAHF for cooking, eating and good times!!



JANUARY

- January 11, Thursday / 9am / Italy Group Trip / Zoom / see below for details
- January 28, Sunday / Mission Chamber Orchestra / At the Hall / see page 3 for details

FEBRUARY

- February 15, Thursday / Regional Lunch / Noon / At the Hall / Menu is a surprise / \$25 for members / \$30 for non-members / Call the IAHF for reservations at 408 293 7122
- February date and time TBD / Valentines Party / Watch for details in February
- February 24, Saturday/ Fencing Demonstration / At the Hall / more details in the February newsletter
- February 29, Thursday / Cena Fuori / Time and Location tbd / Watch for details online

MARCH

- March 19, Tuesday / Saint Joseph's Day / At the Hall / Watch for details in February

ONGOING LANGUAGE CLASSES

- Italian Language Classes / Conversational and Intermediate/ Online classes
- Cook Classes are on break until springtime.

As we plan for "new" 2024 activities, feedback from members has included, additional Sunday Dances, an Italian fencing class, cooking classes for youth, Italian language classes for travelers, and beginning Italian classes. The board discussed some prototype events to check out interest in the form of attendance among our members. Now is the time too, to contact me as VP for events and share any additional thoughts and feedback about new events as well as consider chairing an event with staff support.

Last year we did some field trips with members traveling on their own and would like to do more group trips; however, bus rentals are extremely costly and tack on an additional \$65 to \$70 per event, depending on the size of the bus or van. Emerging too is the matter of ground transportation to our events since some of our members need those services. We will continue with many of the standard events such as St Joseph's Day (March 19th) Cooking classes, Festa della Repubblica, holiday parties, Cena Fuori, regional lunches, scholarship programs, and lectures. We also welcome your energy and help in working on



these, or forthcoming new activities by contacting the IAHF.

In terms of event planning, there are some interesting IAHF logistical dynamics to be aware of, including integrating an activity with the Hall Rental Calendar and cleaning, and maintenance efforts. All these factors must be considered in event planning, along with balancing inter-

ests and the number of events per month. Likewise, the publicity for an event takes roughly two months of planning for an activity, to share the information. In some instances, an activity comes up on short notice, and we scramble to accommodate the event by relying on online information. In other situations, especially the 2024 Festa, event activities have already begun.

Since the IAHF is a volunteer-based organization your help/sponsorship can become a determining factor too, in what sort of events we can produce. With your help we are looking forward to an enriching 2024--and seeing you at the Mission Chamber Orchestra visit on January 28th! Ciao, Ken Borelli / 1st VP -Events 🌸



Possible Italy Group Trip Q&A

A few months back, I wrote an article about being contacted by someone from Italy who arranges tours throughout the year. Several of you expressed interest, whether by email or in passing conversation.

I have arranged a zoom call with her to introduce herself and tell us about the tours her company offers. The zoom call will take place on January 11, 2024, at 9 am (PST). If you have questions you'd like to have answered, please jot them down and after her

presentation, she can address them.

IAHF Italy Interest Form and Questions: <https://form.jotform.com/233543720855155>

Please let me know if you'd like to attend the zoom meeting and we can get the zoom link sent to you. She has also provided some flyers I can send to you in the meantime. Remember to mark your calendars for this special date!

-- Article by Dana Zuccarello Aguirre ✨





IAHF Welcomes

MISSION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FOR AN ALL-ITALIAN PROGRAM

Last year we opened our community activities with a January visit by the Mission Chamber Orchestra (MCO) and a first-ever all-Italian American Composer Concert. As a musical sequel, on Sunday January 28, 2024, at 3 pm, we will welcome back the MCO for an all-Italian Composer Program.

Many of you are familiar with these composers within the context of opera, but many of these selections are now a part of the symphonic repertoire. Other composers write purely for the symphonic stage. In any case, it's all wonderful music, enhanced by the amazing local talent of the MCO under the baton of IAHF member, Maestra Emily Ray.

Start your musical new year with an exciting visit to the IAHF Hall to hear this rich and brilliant concert. It is on a Sunday afternoon to accommodate the ease of a daytime event and a great way to be a "cultural ambassador", by sharing this experience with friends and families.

The program for the January 28 program, with one intermission, is tentatively as follows:

- Rossini's Overture to *Il barbiere di Siviglia* (The Barber of Seville)
- Mascagni's Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*
- Respighi's *Fontane di Roma* (Fountains of Rome)
- Alexander Goodhart's Movements from *Divided: An American Symphony* (world premiere)
- Marjan Mozetich (Italian-born Canadian) *Procession of Duos*
- Pucini's *Crisantemi*
- Wolf-Ferrari Suite from *I Gioielli della Madonna* (The Jewels of the Madonna)
- Giannini's *Frescobaliana* (American composer's transcription of 3 of Frescobaldi's organ pieces)

Tickets are \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$15, and children under 12, \$10. They can be purchased online at <http://www.missionchamber.org/events-tickets>, or by calling the IAHF at 408 298-7122 for more information. There will be limited at-the-door sales subject to availability. Donations to the IAHF are also welcome to help sponsor the event.

Luisa Giulianetti

AT THE IAHF



While the visit was after the Thanksgiving Holiday, on Wednesday, November 29th, in fact a "soul food" dinner was had by all, in the form of a wonderful visit by Poet and Author Luisa Giulianetti at the IAHF. Luisa shared some readings from her new book **Agrodolce**. The work is a poetic reflection upon a collective life experience that pulls together family lore, the early Italian immigrant experiences, Sicilian roots, and a sense of discovery, as an educator, parent, and "seeker" in contemporary society.

We had planned for an intimate reading in the boardroom, which became quite challenging with a very full house, and about 40 plus people in attendance. So with doors open and chairs along the side, our intimate reading became quite intense and exciting. Luisa's visit also brought in friends, students, and family members as well as IAHF members that knew of her book from around the South Bay. A copy of which is in the library for your perusal.

Agrodolce provides a keen reflection and poetic insight as an Italian American author. Luisa's poems are "crisp" and engaging, and leaving you with wanting to know more about the pieces in the collection. During our visit with Luisa she read from her book, and shared some comments and anecdotes about key poems in the reading. There was also some time to chat about the pieces read, and book in general. The book was available for purchase and signing at the event. We also

had on line capability to reach our members and friends from throughout the region. We hope to replicate this formula at further activities. Our book critic Linda Binkley will review the book for our members, and we hope to have Luisa back for a special presentation at the 2024 Italian Family Festa. Naturally after reading and reflecting upon her poems, more questions arise, so her visit will certainly be welcomed.

The title of the book stems from a cooking style, prominent in her region of Sicily, that blends contrasting tastes and culinary experiences. She defined Agrodolce in a poem as follows:

agro(sour) . dolce(sweet)

1. Italian for a sauce made by reducing sweet and sour elements. Its contrasting flavors are intense and well balanced. A signature flavor in Sicilian cooking.
2. When grief and joy commingle. When the pang of loss is tempered by the sweetness of remembering.

Interesting too, is that the book was published by VIA Folios which specializes in Italian American Authors. I was excited to learn about this Foundation and Luisa noted she had additional pieces published by them. As an appendix in the book there is a list of well over a hundred authors and titles!

— Article by Ken Borelli / Photos by Stanley Oliver ↪

How Bay Area Italians Were Treated As 'Enemy Aliens' During World War II

KQED's Pauline Bartolone created a podcast about how Bay Area Italians were treated as 'enemy aliens' during World War 2. Ken Borelli was interviewed for the podcast.

You can find the article on KQED's website and listen to the podcast or read the article. There are photos shared by the Italian families that were interviewed about their experience.

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11969411/how-bay-area-italians-were-treated-as-enemy-aliens-during-wwii>

-- Article by Ken Borelli, Mary Pizzo

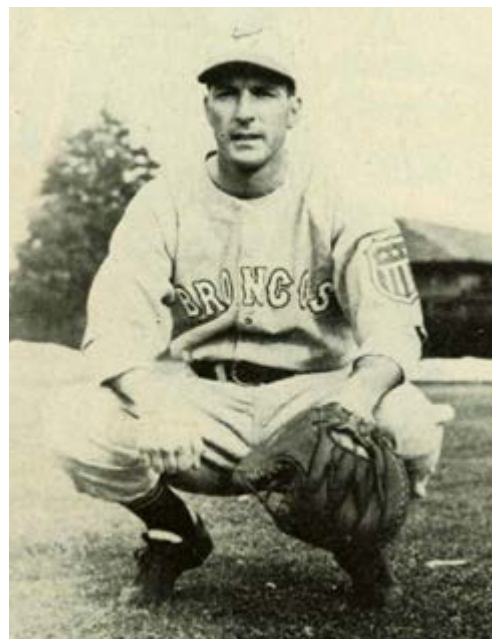
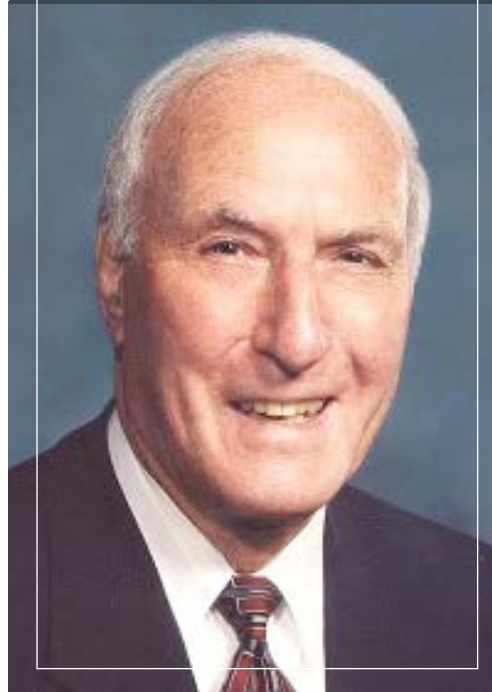


FRANK FISCALINI REMEMBERED

By now many people know that Frank passed away at the proverbial "Cent' Anni" plus one. He was truly a Renaissance man, and his many talents and contributions to the community have been noted in public news releases and comments. The same holds for IAHF members and well beyond. For some of our members, aside from long-time friendships, he was a teacher and even their school principal. For others, he was associated with the early development of Opera San Jose, and his collaboration with Irene Dalis on their board. I recall Irene Dalis saying Frank had to be on her board as a representative of the Italian American Community. She also noted "It was "unimaginable" that Frank should not be on the board. It was as simple as that, and if you worked with Irene for any length of time you realize how impressive that statement was. His insight and perspective were invaluable for the development of the newly formed opera company, not to mention other community endeavors.

For others still, Frank was part of the political scene running for Mayor of San Jose, becoming a City Councilperson, and Vice Mayor, and all the bumps and grinds entailed in helping to deal with the daily running of this very challenging city. I don't think the term "retirement" was part of Frank's lexicon. Frank also found time to be a major part of the life of the IAHF being an early founding member, always attending the general membership meetings, and especially reminding me to be sure we document and acknowledge the role of Italian American educators in our public school systems. Reflecting upon this now, we take for granted the amazing dynamics of what our public school system has contributed to our society. Yet that concept also includes the hard work and dedication to excellence of those in that educational system whose commitment, and even demand for excellence in the public school system made our institutions so vital.

Pre covid the IAHF honored Frank at one of our past World of Italian Operas. By that time Frank had moved to an assisted



living facility, we were hoping to have him in person for the special event but there were logistical difficulties due to health problems so in coordination with his family we rigged up an online Zoom broadcast of the opera live as it was performed.

For many years, Frank was the master of ceremonies at our scholarship events. That was always one event you could count on his support. His welcoming message was not only to students but also to thank the parents for helping to contribute to their recipients' education. His talks were inspirational and really an added benefit to receiving an IAHF scholarship. I recall them to this day. Like many people whose lives have been touched by Frank, they are memorable, His "style" and ability to engage you were always so evident at these events.

From an IAHF perspective, I cannot think of anything more appropriate to acknowledge and honor Frank's legacy than the establishment of a scholarship in his name. At the December board meeting the board allocated funds to that scholarship along with a major donation by Nina Boyd in Frank's memory. Donations will be gratefully accepted; contact the IAHF for details. As we keep Frank's legacy and vision alive, our condolences to the Fiscalini Family for their very personal loss. That includes Jill Peters, Lisa Hausle, Greg Fiscalini, Lori Sweat, and their families (13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren).

Frank's passing reminded me too of a poem by C.P. Cavafy, called "Ithaka", and the long and arduous journey to the fabled city. The poem concludes with the comments, "Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey, without her you wouldn't have set out. She has nothing left to give you now. And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you. Wise as you have become, so full of experience, you'll have understood by then what these Ithakas mean." And what a journey it was!

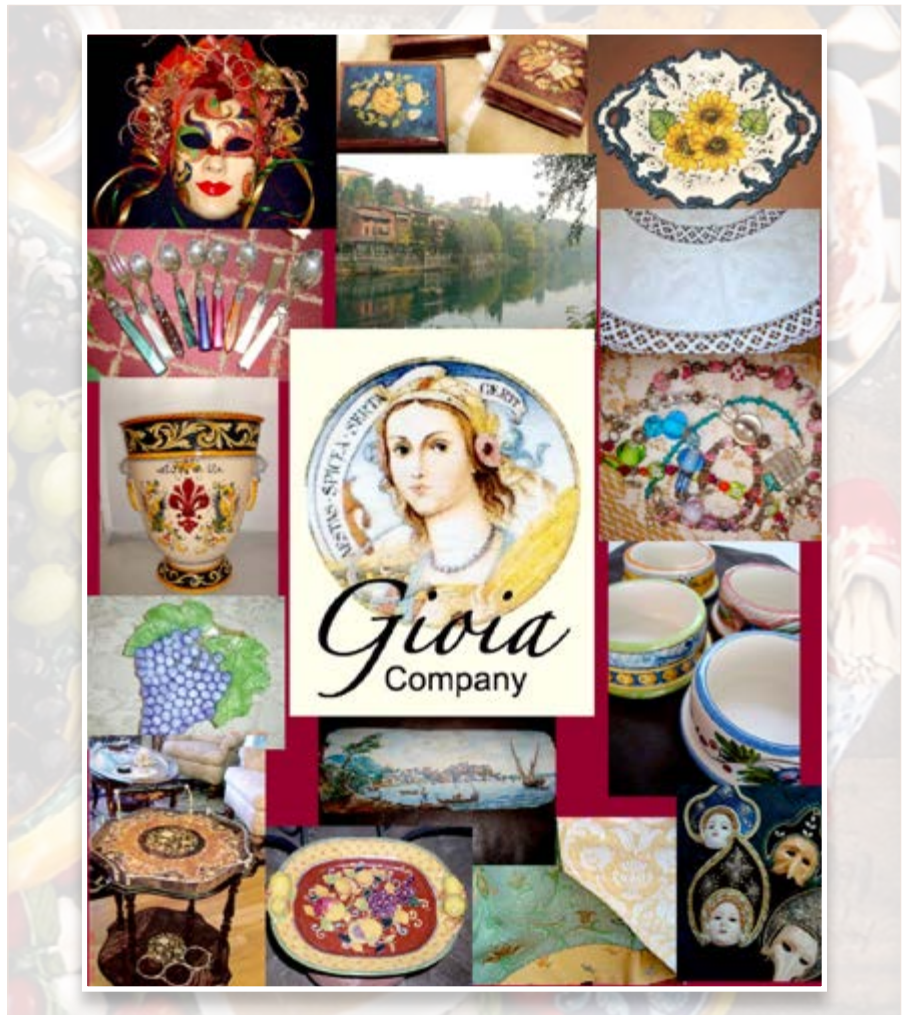
— Article by Ken Borelli 

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION?

Looking for a place to make a last-minute tax-deductible donation?

Then look no further than the IAHF! We're still working on raising funds for building improvements and every dollar will count! There are a number of ways you can give: [clicking here](#) to give online, dropping a check by the office during normal business hours or dropping a check in the mail. A huge thank you to those who have given throughout the year towards our Building Revitalization Fund.

-- Article by Dana Zuccarello Aguirre



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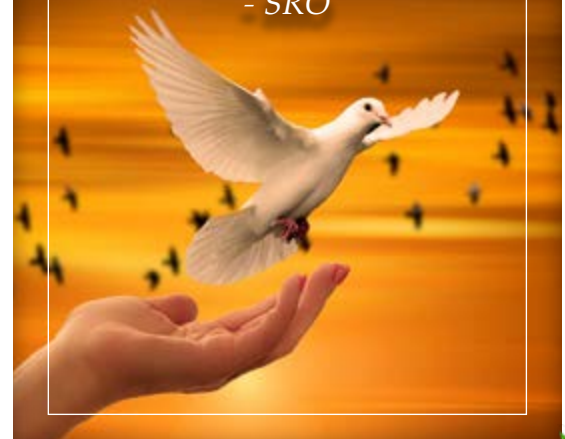
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- SRO



A HOLIDAY PARTY *To Remember!*



December started with an exciting Holiday party at the IAHF Hall! It was festive, fabulous, friendly, felicitous, oh and did I mention, fun?

The tables were decorated beautifully with white tablecloths, small tinsel Christmas trees, sparkling dishes, and silverware. The chairs were adorned with satin covers with green and red bows. A white Christmas tree with twinkling lights and ornaments welcomed our guests when they entered the Hall. And a lovely creche blessed us all in front of the stage. It truly was a sight to behold and immediately put one in the Holiday spirit!

The event began with a social hour with attendees meeting and greeting friends and family. The bar was open with wine, beer, pro-secco, soft drinks and more. Following the social time, volunteers began serving scrumptious food. The first serving was an anchovy pizza appetizer made by Dave Perzinski. Dave's recipe was passed to him by his Nonna when he was a young boy and cherished. Next came a fresh green salad and warm garlic bread. The entrees choices, catered by Risotto's Italian Kitchen, were Chicken Marsala with Pasta and Creamy Gnocchi Pesto, received raving reviews. The meal was topped off by sweet, creamy, crunchy cannoli. By this time, we were all thoroughly and pleasantly stuffed to the gills!

After the delicious meal, the party really got started with the big band music of the Millennium Sounds (19 piece) Orchestra. This big band is known as the best in the Bay Area, and I couldn't agree more. The music consisted of sophisticated harmonies and syncopated rhythms to inspire the audience to get up and dance! Once the music got started, dancers crowded the dance floor doing foxtrots, swing, cha-cha and an assortment of different steps and

styles. It was perfect music to hop, jive, and groove to.

From all accounts, the evening was a full-on success and will be remembered fondly to begin the Holiday Spirit.

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who made this all possible! We are truly indebted to all the volunteers who helped with the Holiday party. They included students from Wilcox High School, Esmeralda Lopez, Sankhya Gunda, and Lovepreet Singh. Azie Habib and his friends, they included Ida Lee, Shelia Lawson, Kiku Johnson, Mimi Barkley, Tom Goldfarb, Ying Lee, Barbara Wright, and Rebecca Mitzel. In addition, from the IAHF, Joe Lucito, Christie Gilcrest, Nora Monette, Nanci Wilborn, Stanley Olivar, Sharon McCray, Robert Martinez, Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, Madeline Damiano, and Rebecca Morici. We also appreciated the "spontaneous help" of some of our guests as we cleaned up after the dance! Our regrets if there were any omissions.

To put on such a gala and similar event requires the help of many people. We are always welcoming volunteers in any capacity to assist with events and activities. Should you have some spare time, consider the IAHF by simply contacting us at the office. In addition, one of the wonderful spin-offs of the holiday party is the request to have some additional big band events featuring the Millennium Sound Orchestra at the IAHF. So, as we speak, plans are underway to host, schedule and coordinate some Sunday afternoon "Tea Dances", throughout 2024. Stay tuned as the schedule unfolds.

-- Article by Lucia Clementi, Dave Perzinski & Ken Borelli,
Co-Chairs / Photos by Stanley Olivar ~

(more photos on the next page >>>)





New Arrivals

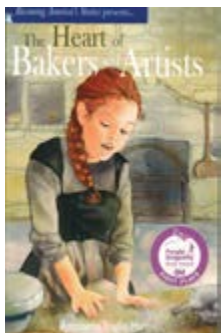
Donations from Linda

We have some wonderful new books thanks to our book reviewer, Linda Binkley. They will do a lot to update our collection so thank you, Linda! Below is just a small sample.

Young Adults

Let's Eat Snails! (ages 7-12): A young girl shows her non-Italian friend how her family catches, purifies, and then cooks snails for a traditional Sicilian dish, step by step. When they finally sit down to eat, her friend hesitates before trying one, but ultimately declares "Delizioso!"

The Heart of Bakers and Artists - From the series *Becoming America's Stories*. Historical fiction about a Sicilian immigrant family, set



in the early 1900s in New York's Lower East Side. As her family struggles to adapt, nine-year-old Lily needs to prove she is no longer a little child and longs to be promoted from drying dishes to baking the Daily Bread. Winner of the Purple Dragonfly award.

Travel

Solo in Salento: an easy-to-read breezy and humorous take on adjusting to life in Italy.



I was immediately drawn to the chapter on trash collection, which remains mysterious to me. Says the author, "Trash is the one stumbling block in my otherwise idyllic existence. It has become a responsibility that's taken on a significance bordering on insanity."

Memoir

Growing Up Italian-American: The Memoirs of Ferdinand Visco and The Stories of Two Immigrant Italian Families: Foreword by none other than Salvatore LaGumina, Director of the Center for Italian American Studies at Nassau Community College. It's a story of two families who valued education above all and produced many doctors and pharmacists and ran five pharmacies. I was immediately drawn in because many passages evoked powerful memories of my own childhood.

Some experiences seem to be universal.

WWII

Hidden in Plain Sight: Did you know that Italy also had internment camps? In this historical work of fiction, the author details the plight of Jewish internees and the townspeople caught in the crossfire of warring armies.

My advice? Relax and take time to read a good book.

-- Madeline / librarian@iahfsj.org 

◆ CENA FUORI ◆

OTTOBRE

Forty-four of Ken's faithful foodies experienced another NEW eating experience at recently opened "Jack's" located in the Westgate Shopping Center in West San Jose at the corner of Saratoga and Atherton Avenues. And what an experience indeed!

When we originally were sent the menu from which to choose our entrée, each of us dutifully reported our choices, eagerly looking forward to the new culinary adventure arranged for our pleasure. Ya' know the saying "one of each" when you can't make up your mind? Well, that's just what we got! Instead of each of us receiving our selected entrée – we were treated to a family style dinner of Italian Pot Roast, Spaghetti and Clams (in the shells!) AND Chicken Marsala!! What a TREAT!

Of course, this was preceded by a fresh green salad with vinaigrette dressing and concluded with ice cream for dessert! Oh! Forgot to mention, Jack's provides full bar service, which was enjoyed during the social gathering time.



Now how can you go wrong with a restaurant whose slogan is **"Make Great Food. Be Nice?"**

The highlight of the evening came when Ken introduced loyal IAHF members Clare and Tony Cedolini who presented the IAHF with a very generous donation!!!! Grazie Mille to Clare and Tony for such gracious and benevolent generosity that, when announced, left all of us with our mouths wide open!

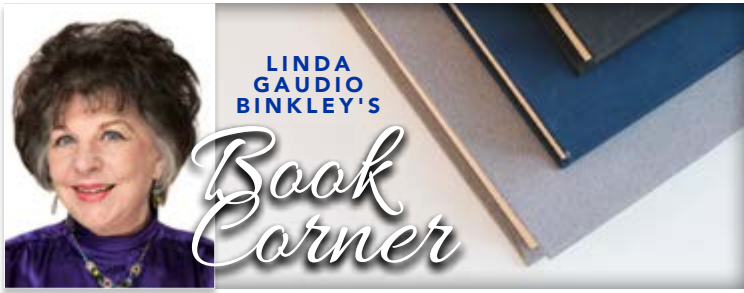
The Marcovici Brothers, owners of Jack's, declare that the restaurant is "a family first type of place, and we consider everyone at Jack's, both guests and team members, to be a part of our family." Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Jack's can also be found in Pleasant Hill, San Bruno, Newark and San Mateo.

Check it out! You won't be disappointed – thanks Ken for ending our monthly 2023 culinary adventures

with you and our amici on a high note – not only for us personally with the satisfaction of a great meal – for the IAHF with the greatness of the Cedolinis!

-- Article by Cathy De Maria / Photos by Stanley Olivar ~





Bel Canto

by Ann Patchett

I could not resist this beautiful title, **Bel Canto**, which came highly recommended to me. **Bel Canto** is a term describing a style of opera singing employed by the greatest opera singers of recent years such as Maria Callas, Montserrat and Joan Southerland. The term means beautiful song.

The book is fiction but Author Patchett derived the story from a true and tragic incident which I distinctly remembered as I read the book. The historical event was a hostage crisis in Peru in which then President Fujimori and his entire household and guests were held captive for many weeks. If you remember, it was a terrifying ordeal for the victims and had a sad outcome.

Author Patchett's book re-invents the hostage crisis but oddly

leaves the country unnamed. In general, Patchett refers to the tropical environment and citizenry and government disparagingly. The story revolves around a Japanese tycoon and a world-famous soprano who is hired to sing at his birthday party. The tycoon has been invited to this tropical country by the president in the hopes of clinching an investment deal. The party is attended by several nationalities, so there is no common language. By chance there is a person there who speaks seven languages fluently. Clearly, a very unlikely scenario!

The party is crashed by a group of indigenous people who intend to make serious demands on the government. The group consists of four "generals" and many youngsters... all toting rifles. Weeks go by and the author seems to indicate a Stockholm Syndrome as we see the young terrorists and even the generals developing amicable and even loving relationships with their captives, and vice-versa.

Incredibly, the soprano has an irresistible and hypnotic effect on every single person involved, almost as though she were magical, like the pied piper. Everyone falls in love with her and is mesmerized by her voice.

The writing is beautiful for sure, and the effect is somewhat mystical. The author received the Pen/Faulkner Award for **Bel Canto** which is an esteemed honor. Author Patchett offers an epilogue which I suppose is intended as a denouement but is quite banal and unnecessary.

Bel Canto will have particular appeal to opera aficionados.



CAN YOU READ THIS? LO POTETE LEGERE?

from Linda Gaudio Binkley

La Fontana di Trevi è la più grande fra le celebri fontane di Roma.

Costruita sulla facciata di Palazzo Poli da Nicola Salvi, il concorso indetto da papa Clemente XII nel 1731 era stato inizialmente vinto dallo scultore francese Lambert-Sigisbert Adam. Ma successivamente, l'incarico passò a Salvi: si dice che il cambiamento fosse dovuto al fatto che il pontefice non voleva affidare l'opera ad uno straniero; invece un'altra versione spiega che Adam doveva ritornare in Francia.

Cominciata nel 1732, fu infine affidata nel 1759 a Pietro Bracci aiutato da suo figlio Virginio. I due completarono l'opera, che venne inaugurata nel 1762.

The Trevi Fountain is the largest of the famous fountains in Rome. Built on the facade of Palazzo Poli by Nicola Salvi, the competition announced by Pope Clement XII in 1731 was initially won by the French sculptor Lambert-Sigisbert Adam. But subsequently, the task passed to Salvi; it is said that the change was due to the fact that the pontiff did not want to entrust the work to a foreigner; but another version explains that Adam had to return to France. Begun in 1732, it was finally entrusted in 1759 to Pietro Bracci aided by his son Virginio. The two completed the work, which was inaugurated in 1762.



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A PEEK INTO THE BOARDROOM

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes / December 12, 2023

- After the Executive Board meeting and Board photos, the meeting was called to order by President Dana Zuccarello at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Ken Borelli, Azie Habib, Louie Lombardo, Sharon McCray, Madeline Damiano, Stephen Ricossa, Tony Zerbo, Mary Pizzo, Joe Lucito, Susan Monahan, Nanci Wilson, and Frank DeTurris. Guests were Paul Greco. Absent were Frank Locicero III and Marie Bertola.
 - The first order of business was the formal acknowledgement of Frank Fiscalini's dedication to the IAHF and his recent passing. A scholarship fund in his name will be established. It was further approved, that due to our strong financial position, \$5,000 from the General Fund be moved into the IAHF Scholarship Fund.
 - Dana complimented everyone on a successful and fun Christmas dinner. The clients at the Salvation Army would appreciate donations of socks, sleeping bags and other practical supplies. It was also noted that the Salvation Army leader might be a good speaker because she served with the Salvation Army in Italy before coming to San Jose.
 - It was unanimously approved that considering their ongoing support of the IAHF, Tony and Claire Cedolini receive a Lifetime Membership.
 - Frank provided useful information that IAHF finances are up \$10,455 this year with a Year-to-Date Income of \$167,594, with available cash of \$62,753. Complete and full financial records can be found in the 2023 binder in the office.
 - Ken reported on the success of our regional lunches, Cena Fuora's and other member events this past year, remarking on what a tremendous event the Christmas party was: the band, the food and decorations were exceptional. He acknowledged co-chair, Lucia Clementi for her part in making it a success. Azie found some amazing volunteers that really added to the event. Ken reminded everyone of the Mission Chamber Orchestra's performance in January.
 - Eleven rentals are already scheduled for 2024. Azie also noted that he has received two quotes for the roof replacement that the Cedolini gift has been pledged to.
 - Louie set in motion the election of the 2024 Board of Directors. President Dana Zuccarelo-Aguirre, First VP Ken Borelli, Second VP Azie Habib, Third VP Sharon McCray, Fourth VP Louie Lombardo, Secretary Mary Pizzo. Frank DeTurris will remain CFO. A complete list of Board of Directors is listed in this newsletter. Louie will update the roster and taking over Membership duties.
 - It was also approved that costs to receive our newsletter would be a mandatory fee of \$20 and no longer a donation. Mary reported that this will be the last month that John Romano will be publishing our newsletter.
 - Ken is looking into hosting 1) a cooking class for teens and 2) an Italian fencing demonstration later this year along with our regular scheduled lunches, dinners out and celebrations.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.
- Respectfully submitted by Sharon McCray / IAHF Secretary / November 14, 2023

IAHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

IAHF OFFICERS

- Dana Zuccarello Aguirre - *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*
- Sharon McCray - *3rd VP / Marketing / Advertising / PR / Social Media / Newsletter*
- Louie Lombardo - *4th VP / Human Resources / Volunteer Development / Library & Archives / Membership / Succession Planning / Websites*
- Frank De Turris - *Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer*
- Mary Pizzo - *Secretary to the Board / Newsletter Editor*
- VACANT - *Membership Chair / Louie Lombardo - Acting Membership Chair*

IAHF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

- Marie Bertola - *Board Member*
- Madeline Damiano - *Board Member & Librarian*
- Paul Greco - *Board Member*
- Joe Lucito - *Board Member*
- Susan Monahan - *Board Member*
- Steve Ricossa - *Board Member*
- Nanci Wilborn - *Board Member*
- Tony Zerbo - *Board Member*



• GRAZIE 2024 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

- Diane Ferrara / [Hillview Packing Company, Inc.](#)
- SDS NexGen Partners & Mulcahy Family / [SDS NexGen Partners LP](#)
- Myrlin & George Taddie, Jr. / [Tadco Supply \(Janitorial, Paper, Lighting Supplies\)](#)
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman / [Gioia Company](#)
- Stephen Tritto / [The Villages Italian Club](#)
- Kenneth & Leslie Newington / [Serenity Studios Skin & Body](#)
- Jim & Janice Jones / [Custom Pad & Partition Inc.](#)
- Sylvia & Jason Cathy / [On-Site Construction Inc](#)
- Al & Diana Vallorz / [Mangia Tutti Inc dba Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta](#)

• 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.---Thank you!!!

LA DOLCE VITA / \$3,000 LEVEL

- Dr. Anthony & Clare Cedolini
- Mike Console
- Felix & Marie Dalldorf
- Ebe Frasse

MEDICI / \$500 LEVEL

- Eugene & Christine Bernardini
- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
- Ann & Ricardo Cerniglia
- Dominic & Suzanne Cortese
- Rose Crimi
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Peter & Marjorie Gaudio
- Maria Gloria
- Janet Muscio & Bill McCraw
- Marilyn Payne
- Jackie Pighini
- Joe & Judi Rizzuto

DA VINCI / \$250 LEVEL

- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
- Anthony Barajas
- Leslie & Jay Berger
- Lisa & Robert Blickenstaff
- Ken Borelli
- Agostino Burzio
- Sal & Denise Campagna
- Sue Cancilla-Conde & Saul Conde
- Rene & Michelle Celsi
- Frank & Theresa Cetani
- Gloria Citti
- Alfio & Gerry Crema
- Gwen Benassi & Rich Daulton
- Joe & Cathy De Maria
- Al & Kathy DiFrancesco
- Rod Diridon Sr & Gloria Duffy M D
- Mel DiSalvo & Anna Sordello
- Janice Down
- Frank Fiscalini
- Anthony & Pamela Galano
- Paul & Jenna Greco
- 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
- John Francis Maggio & Mary Pizzo
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
- Richard & Genevieve Rolla
- Lance & Michelle Sandri
- John & Marjorie Scandizzo
- Janice & John Travis
- Nanci Arata Wilborn
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman
- Catherine Wittig
- Dana R. Zuccarello & Andy Aguirre

-- Membership Listings by Louie Lombardo / Acting Membership Chair *

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