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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNUAL POLENTA DINNER

What a wonderful evening it was! A big THANK YOU to the Tricarico Club. If you couldn't make it, you definitely missed out! They worked for hours stirring the polenta and prepping the rest of the meal!

We had to close ticket sales a few days before the event as we had about 200 people! Both young and old enjoyed the food, the

socializing and the music! I had many people tell me they enjoyed seeing the Hall full and everyone enjoying themselves. A few even said they wanted to see more packed events just like this one!

The Polenta Night was also a very special tribute and dedication to the memory of Antonio Amato who was the co-founder of the event and a long-time member of both the Tricarico Club and IAHF. His family was present for this acknowledgment. The Polenta Night is a model of cooperation and coordination among Italian American clubs. Tony was also very involved in both organizations and taught a cooking class and did several regional lunches at the Foundation.

Earlier that same afternoon, I had been asked to participate in the Cultural Faire at Santa Teresa High School. Many different school clubs and organizations were represented, both by the students and adult volunteers. There were varying responses as students, parents and teachers visited the IAHF table. The one that stuck in my head the most was one girl who walked by and said "this is my heritage" and

just kept walking. Didn't want to chat, didn't take any flyers, nothing. I know kids are busy with school, homework, their friends and family. So at this time in their lives, they may not want to connect with their heritage or research their roots. I totally get it. I was that way when I was in high school. I knew I was Italian and I was proud of it. But that was the extent. I got married after college, had kids and raised a family while working. Those were my priorities at that stage in my life. As I got older and my kids graduated, I had more time for myself. My grandparents and my dad passed away and I had no other connection to my Italian heritage. I first started volunteering at the Festa and then joined the IAHF. Maybe someday when that teenage girl is older, she'll want a connection with her heritage. The IAHF will be here for her and many others like her, both old and young. This is the driving force behind asking for donations to get the needed repairs and upgrades made to our Hall. We will be here for future generations to come. They'll be able to enjoy the Hall will all the monthly events to attend and bring their families.

ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA

Is quickly approaching and we are hard at work! We are lining up new entertainment, new vendors and new cooking demonstrations. If you haven't already, please mark your calendar for August 5 and 6. Would you please consider being a volunteer on Saturday or Sunday or both, as many have done year after year. Volunteer, meet new people and eat delicious food. What can be better than that?

-- Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, President 

EVENTS AT A GLANCE SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- June 1, Thursday / Braided Italian Bread Class with Josie Taddeo / IAHF Hall
- June 2, Friday / Festa Della Repubblica and Flag Raising (flyer on page 3)
- June 4, Sunday / Annual IAHF Bocce Event at Campo di Bocce
- June 11, Sunday / Scholarship Awards Celebration (article on page 4)
- June 15, Thursday / Regional Lunch: Emilia-Romagna / IAHF Hall
- June 29, Thursday / Cena Fuori / Milan Restaurant
- July 13, Thursday / Caponata with Lucia Clementi / IAHF Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 5 & 6, Saturday & Sunday / Italian Family Festa / History Park San Jose
- SAVE THE DATE!! JOIN THE FUN!!**

ONGOING CLASSES

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



JUNE

- June 1, Thursday / Braided Italian Bread with Josie Taddeo / 7:00 PM / IAHF Hall / You'll love this bread that melts in your mouth / \$25.00 members / \$30.00 non-members / (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>
- June 2, Friday / Festa Della Repubblica and Flag Raising (flyer on page 3)
- June 3-4, Saturday and Sunday / Festa Italiana & 102nd Statuto Race / San Francisco Stockton Street at Union Street in North Beach
- June 4, Sunday / 8th Annual IAHF Bocce Open Tournament and IAHF Fundraiser / 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM / Campo di Bocce - 565 University Ave, Los Gatos, CA register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/70614559200147>
- June 11, Sunday / Scholarship Awards Celebration / 1:00 PM / IAHF Hall/ \$25.00 members, \$30.00 non-members / (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/71366726097162> (article on page 4)
- June 15, Thursday / Regional Lunch: Emilia-Romagna / IAHF Hall / \$25 members / \$30 non-members
- June 29, Thursday / Cena Fuori - Milan Restaurant - San Jose / 7:00 PM / \$45.00 pay at the event and please RSVP to 408 293-7122
- July 13, Thursday / Caponata with Lucia Clementi / IAHF Hall / 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM / Lucia will teach how to make her Sicilian Caponata which she served at the St. Joseph's Day celebration / Members \$25 and non-members \$30



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Italian Family Festa / August 5 and 6 / History Park, San Jose **SAVE THE DATE!! JOIN THE FUN!!**

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

All Cooking Classes are held at the IAHF Hall. To enroll in the classes, please call (408) 293-7122 or register online at <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>

COME TO THE IAHF FOR COOKING, EATING AND GOOD TIMES!!

• SAVE THE DATE •

41ST ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA!

AUGUST 5 & 6 • HISTORY PARK SAN JOSE

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@iahfsj.org.

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

Ci vediamo alla festa!



FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA

Friday, June 2, 2023

Morning program: Flag raising ceremony

11:00 AM/12:00

County Government Center
70 W Hedding St., San Jose

Presentation of colors by Zina Russo, Steve Russo, & Dana Zuccarello-Aguirre



Evening Celebration Program: 6:30 PM/9:30 PM

Keynote Speaker: Rod Diridon, Sr.

"The early days of the IAHF Festa Della Repubblica"

7:00 PM Dinner:

Antipasto
Caprese Salad
Risotto w/ Mushrooms & Italian Sausage
Tiramisu



Dinner Price: \$25.00 Adults /
\$15.00 Minors

Heritage Wine

(Compliments of Guglielmo Winery)

Italian National Anthem Sung By: Bianca Vallorz
And Alba Salciccia

Sing Along With Delia Schizzano To The Greatest Italian Hits: Volare, O Sole Mio,
Santa Maria, Luna Mezza Mare.

Dance Italian Tarantella with Lucia Clementi

Dance Party with DJ Eric and Guest Vocalists



Event Chairpersons: Zina Russo, David Perzinski, Delia Schizzano & Ken Borelli

RSVP by phone @ (408) 293-7122, or email iahfsj@iahfsj.org

You may also pay online at

<https://form.jotform.com/231217191095149>

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CELEBRATE OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AT THE UPCOMING AWARDS LUNCHEON

On June 11, we will gather to recognize, honor and celebrate the academic achievement of eight high school students who will be receiving IAHF Scholarships. These students are the leaders of tomorrow. The event is an opportunity to reward these students for their hard work, dedication, and academic and extracurricular accomplishments. This luncheon brings together the IAHF Italian community, philanthropists, and others who are committed to investing in the next generation by providing students with scholarships for their educational journey.

We welcome everyone and encourage our IAHF members to attend

the luncheon to hear from students as they share their journeys and inspire others. The event will also serve to build relationships that extend beyond the event, providing students with a valuable network of individuals who are invested in their success. Don't miss out. Contact Stanley Oliver at 408-239-7122 at the IAHF Hall or purchase tickets online. Please RSVP by June 2, 2023.

As we come together to honor these scholars, let us thank our donors and be reminded of the immense potential of each individual and the profound impact we can make when we invest in their future.

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf, IAHF Scholarship Chair 🇮🇹

CORRECTION OF NAME MISPELLING IN MAY NEWSLETTER

Regretfully, we discovered that the last name of one of our scholarship recipients was misspelled. The correct spelling is Clara Palik. We sincerely apologize and regret any confusion this may have caused. -- Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf, IAHF Scholarship Chair 🇮🇹

SPREAD THE WORD!!



Enjoy working with kids and crafts?

We have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

The Zona di Ragazze e Ragazzi at this year's IAHF Italian Family Festa (August 5-6) is looking for young adults to work with kids at craft tables. You will assist and help direct kids as they decorate masks, create macaroni necklaces and bracelets, participate in craft and activity projects and games, including face painting.

We need friendly teens to greet and welcome kids. IAHF members, do you have any teenagers in your family? Let them know about this opportunity to earn service hours. They can sign up following either of the links below.

Sign up at: <https://italianfesta.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=73478>

Email us at: volunteers@italianfamilyfestasj.org

Volunteer hours and days are flexible, and you will work under the direction of the co-chairs who will provide guidance and instruction. For your participation, you will receive a food voucher and water. Don't pass up on this opportunity to participate in a great Italian community event!

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf / Zona di Ragazze e Ragazzi Co-Chair 🇮🇹

FAENZA FLOODS



Michele Nucci/LaPresse via AP

Today, we draw your attention to the recent devastating floods that have struck the beautiful town of Faenza, Italy. Faenza holds a special place in our hearts as it is the hometown of the talented Sbandieratori performers who graced us with their incredible skills during the 2019 Italian Family Festa.

Over the past few weeks, Faenza has experienced unprecedented rainfall, leading to severe flooding throughout the town and its surrounding areas. The torrential downpours have caused significant damage to homes, infrastructure, and cherished historical landmarks. The community of Faenza, known for its vibrant culture and close-knit spirit, is now facing the daunting task of rebuilding and recovering from this natural disaster.

You may recall the memorable performance by the Sbandieratori artists during the 2019 Italian Family Festa. Their incredible acrobatic skills and breathtaking stunts left us in awe, showcasing the immense talent that Faenza has to offer. The Sbandieratori troupe has been an integral part of Faenza's cultural heritage, representing the town's rich traditions and artistic prowess.

As a community that deeply values the connections we make with people from all over the world, we believe it is our duty to support Faenza during this challenging time. Just as they generously shared their culture with us, it is now our turn to extend a helping hand.



AP Photo / Luca Bruno

- **Donate to Rebuilding Initiatives:** Consider making a financial contribution to local organizations involved in the restoration of Faenza. These funds will go towards rebuilding homes, revitalizing the infrastructure, and preserving the cultural heritage that makes Faenza so special.
- **Spread Awareness:** Share the news of the recent floods and the ongoing recovery efforts on your social media platforms. By raising awareness, you can encourage others to support the cause and help Faenza regain its former glory.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities in Faenza or nearby regions. As the rebuilding process begins, there may be opportunities to lend your skills and time to assist the affected communities.
- **Support the Sbandieratori Performers:** Reach out to the Sbandieratori performers and show your solidarity during this challenging period. Words of encouragement and support can go a long way in boosting their morale and reminding them of the connections they have forged around the world.

Let us come together once again as a united community to extend our support to Faenza in their time of need. As we remember the joy and entertainment that the Sbandieratori performers brought to our lives, let us now return that favor by helping their beloved hometown recover from the recent floods.

Your contributions, big or small, will make a difference. Together, we can help rebuild Faenza and ensure that its rich cultural heritage continues to thrive for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

-- Article by Felix Dalldorf

ITALY TODAY

EXPLORING CURRENT AFFAIRS

Professor Bill McCraw gave an insightful presentation on May 3rd at our IAHF Symposium on the Italian Parliamentary system of governance. He also went into the historical context of the development and evolution of the current political party systems in Italy. For Italophiles, it was a spell-binding symposium. The workshop was held in our conference room and lent itself to quite a rich dialogue. Bill set the pace for following the ebb and flow of Italian democracy since the founding of the Italian Republic in 1945-46.



The theme is a challenging one since many of our members have a limited knowledge of the actual workings of the political process in Italy, including its many political parties and rules of governance. It also provided the setting for an enlightening and lively discussion that included information about how Georgia Meloni put together a winning coalition to become Prime Minister or "President of the Council of Ministers." Italy has two governing bodies, the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate along with a President of the Republic. The Chamber of Deputies has 400 seats and the Senate has 200 seats. The ruling coalition has a majority of votes in both houses of government. Italy is about the size of California, so navigating among 600 deputies brings some unique challenges. Bill also went over an example of an actual ballot for the Senate.



To Bill's credit, he was able to clearly delineate the process of governance and some of the key issues that are associated with the Italian Political Party system. This is a system that is composed of approximately 16 political parties with quite unique focuses. A lively dialogue ensued, and his lecture generated quite a lot of interest. We are for-

tunate to have the lecture taped, thanks to Dave Perzinski under the auspices of a History Project Grant though Santa Clara County. As soon as the video is edited, it will be posted on the IAHF online website. The web site also has many postings of past activities and programs, so it is an extremely valuable avenue through which to come current with the activities of the Foundation.

On a more personal note, Professor McCraw was able to reconnect with some of his students at San Jose State University. Several alumni were present and two of his students, Dave Perzinski and Linda Zavoral, a reporter with the San Jose Mercury News (and I was surprised to learn, an editor of the Spartan Daily Newspaper) were in the audience. Bill is now lecturing to a second and third generation of San Jose State students, and his wealth of knowledge is truly a resource he readily shares. We at the IAHF are a fortunate recipients of this resource and are planning an updated lecture next year.

Coincidentally, Bill's lecture nicely ties into our IAHF plans for celebrating the founding of the Italian Republic. At the June 2 event, there will be a flag raising at the County Building at 11:00 AM and a dinner at the IAHF. These two special events, will include a presentation by Rod Diridon on the unique history of the celebration of the Festa Della Repubblica in San Jose, and the opportunity to learn the words of the Italian National Anthem, including a sing-along with some Italian American pop songs through the technology of DJ Eric and Delia Schizzano's Italian Language classes. The dinner will be prepared by Risotto's Caterers. Check the flyer in this June Newsletter for details.

— Article by Ken Borelli / Photos by Stanley Olivar 



◆ THE FAVALESI SOCIETY ◆

Last month, I wrote an article about seeing an abandoned Italian American club or center located on Story Road in San Jose, which is now long gone. Few people I asked knew much about it. Through this May article wherein I shared what recollections I had been able to gather, I received a fascinating note from IAHF member Dorina Cereghino. She wrote, "Your recent article in the newsletter brought back many memories of Sundays spent picnicking with friends and fellow Italians. Our club, the Favalesi Society, and others such as the Swiss Club, etc. would use the facilities at the Matasci Ranch." She recalled, "[there] were numerous picnic tables, large indoor and outdoor kitchens, a place for the lotteria games, a horseshoe area, and a large dance hall."



This led me to speculate that the facility was less a foundation and more of a picnic site and rental hall for primarily Italian and Italian Swiss organizations and was associated with the Matasci Ranch. When the ranch sold, so too did the picnic facility. The Boitano family was very active in the club, according to Dorina. I noted mezzo-soprano Irene Dalis, the founder of Opera San Jose, was a Boitano on her mother's side. Likewise too, a dis-

tant cousin and famed Olympic ice skater, Brian Boitano, was also part of the clan. You never know what you are going to discover when you explore your roots. Hopefully, this article and the contributions from Dorina will produce some additional memories. One critical component of the history of the facility is any available photos. Pictures of the site would be a great addition to our history boards and archival photo collection. The unfolding story hopefully will be continued!

Dorina provided another memory associated with those times – Sunday picnics in old Alum Rock Park. For anyone growing up in the 1940s to the 1960s, I do not need to say more. It was a magical experience that I just took for granted. That is certainly a part of our local Italian American history for sure. Unfortunately, we do not have much in the way of photos and documentation of those wonderful times. Alum Rock Park is still there, but certainly not with the ambiance of old. That story still needs to be told. Any takers? 🍷

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PERSONAL NOTES



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Our Annual Festa is a massive event that takes time, talent, dedication and money.

Lots of money. The following list reflects just the beginning of those who have made a financial commitment as a Festa Sponsor. This list will continue to grow over the next couple of months. Some have been helping us for years, some are brand new.

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La Pizzeria



In April, more than 40 of the Cena Fuori aficionados gathered in Cupertino at La Pizzeria to venture out to a new place for the group recommended by one of our own! The restaurant is located on North Wolfe Road near Stevens Creek.

With a full bar available, the guests enjoyed a durable social time, chatting, sharing stories and reuniting with friends. The camaraderie at the Cena Fuori is always representative of what we especially enjoy at these monthly outings, reminiscent of "la famiglia" and coming to be recognized as La Cena Fuori Famiglia.

Our 3-course meal provided Caesar Salad, a choice of entrée: Linguine with Clams, Grilled Lamb Chops, Red Snapper in Marinara Sauce, or Gnocchi in a Gorgonzola Cream Sauce and finished with a

are going back."

Grazie, Ken, for these opportunities! And grazie, Stanley, for the great photography. -- Article by Cathy De Maria 🍷

choice of Raspberry or Chocolate Sundae. Upcoming events at the IAHF were announced, including the May Cena Fuori when we return to Italian Brothers Restaurant on North Santa Cruz Avenue in Los Gatos. What better testament of a good meal and of a great experience than choosing to "tornare."

That's the beauty of our monthly adventures and the fulfillment of Ken's mission shepherding us to enjoy "cena fuori" - to "explore the offerings of restaurants, enabling you to decide if you



Photos by Stanley Olivar



A Collaborative Advertising Effort for the Festa



This year, as part of our effort to advertise the Festa, I reached out to John Romano to inquire about creating a card that would highlight some essential aspects of the Festa. John is a professional graphic designer and long-time contributor.

To my surprise and delight, John said he would do the work as a donation for his part in promoting this year's Festa. John came up with an outstanding card that we went right to work on; we then printed them from our own printer. We bought some cheap but good-looking card holders and labeled them with "Take One," stickers.

These cards and the holders were made available at last month's Regional Luncheon, and I asked members to take these displays to restaurants and other establishments. The luncheon group was more than happy to take part in this advertising effort. Plenty of members have signed-up to bring cards out for display. To date, we have cards

going to Tony and Alba's, Nonno's, Zanotto's (Bascom), Lunardi's, Courtside, Two Brothers, Capers's, Country Inn, Giorgio's, Ristorante da Maria, Sorelle Italian Bistro, Campo di Bocce, Holy Cross Church, and Piazza Grocery. Ken Borelli, Lucia Clementi, Steve and Rose Cornaglia, Tom Costanza, Cathy De Maria, Frank De Turris, Carol Ann Diodate, Azie Habib, Andrea Kenter, Tony Maciejowski, Sharon McCray, Rebecca Morici, Stanley Olivar, and Sharon Vignato have all graciously volunteered to distribute these displays.

We are printing more cards and buying more displays. If you want to help, please come to the Hall and pick up a display to bring to your favorite spot. When we come together to produce these collaborative efforts, amazing things happen. Thanks to all.

— Article by Dave Perzinski / IAHF Membership Chair



The nameplates have been put on our new chairs.

I would like to thank the work parties consisting of Ken Borelli, Azie Habib, Mary Pizzo and her daughter Jeana Marie, Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, Frank DeTurris and Louie Lombardo for attaching the plates to the chairs.

There are a few chairs left that would love labels. Please call the office at 408-293-7122 if you would like to "name a chair."

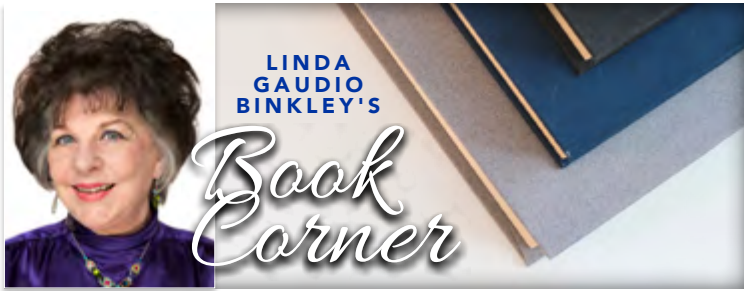
-- Article by Nanci Wilborn, Chair

If you have photos of 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



Italian Lessons

by Peter Pezzelli

Lessons are certainly learned in this charming and peaceful novel set in Rhode Island and Italy. Author Pezzelli opens his story with his two very disparate protagonists meeting in the dreamy setting of early summer in Rhode Island. Giancarlo, an immigrant Italian music professor, begrudgingly agrees to give private Italian language lessons to Carter, a recent college graduate. Carter has had a love-at-

first-sight moment with a young Italian visitor to Rhode Island and is hopelessly in love. Unfortunately, his dream girl, Antonella, immediately returned to Italy and left Carter with only her first name and the name of her small village in Abruzzo. His passion for her is so strong that he decides to learn the Italian language over the summer and then fly to Italy in September, find Antonella's town, and claim his prize. Giancarlo is impressed with Carter's zeal and agrees to teach

him. Giancarlo clearly understands the boy's passion which foreshadows Giancarlo's deeply troubling and personal story.

Carter's bubbly optimism is juxtaposed with Giancarlo's struggling and acerbic nature. He is a composer and music teacher but is suffering from "writer's block." He simply cannot compose nor perform in public. He's lonely and depressed over a very long estrangement from his brother who has remained in their village in Abuzzo. Coincidentally, his village is a short distance from the place where Antonella lives. So, Carter kindly agrees to deliver a heavily symbolic package to Giancarlo's family; a symbol which carries all the pain in Giancarlo's stubborn heart.

Part 2 of the book describes Carter's experiences in Italy and will appeal to all who love Italy. The descriptions are lovely without sounding like a tour guide. Carter is an amazingly real person. In fact, all the characters are a real tribute to Author Pezzelli's writing skills. The sprinkling of Italian words throughout the text is particularly charming. The description of the rugged Abruzzese mountain terrain is vivid and accurate.

The story unfolds with our protagonists eventually reuniting in the mountains of Abruzzo under terrifying conditions. The two are forced to face some harsh realities which will hopefully open the door to a bright future. Author Pezzelli's character development is smooth, unstrained and real. There is never a moment in the reading that feels contrived. This is a fine, swift, summer read, and I especially recommend it to young adults. The story lends us a lovely perspective on life and addresses expectations and disappointments. 🍷❤️

Italian Word or Phrase of the Month

from Linda Gaudio Binkley



Fare la scarpetta

To soak up sauce with bread

- This lovely Italian custom has nothing to do with the word scarpetta (*little shoe*).
- It's merely an expression which means to soak up the sauce left on your plate after eating the pasta with your bread.
- We must not waste that delicious sauce! You are welcome to fare la scarpetta with your fingers holding the bread or with a fork.
- In English we can say, for example, he "scarfed up all the sauce." This expression, of course, has nothing to do with a scarf.



Lucia's COOKING CLASS NEWS

DOLCE COUSCOUS & SWEET ORANGE SAUCE
WITH NORA MONETTE



Our May cooking class featured a dish that comes from the western and southwestern regions of Sicily, Trapani and Agrigento. We were privileged to learn about couscous, a dish of steamed, small round wheat grains, taught by our instructor, Nora Monette. It was an exciting discovery for me, as I am originally from the Palermo region of Sicily and did not know that couscous was popular in distinctive regions of Sicily.

Nora provided some interesting facts about couscous in Sicily by pointing out the where, when, and how about couscous. She provided a handout which included a map, recipes and a fascinating article which gave a background of this tasty grain. With Sicily and North Africa being so close, couscous traveled from North Africa to Sicily and some sources say as far back as 827 A.D.

After giving background information, she began teaching us how to make her sweet couscous dessert. Preliminarily, Zante currants are soaked in warm water for at least ten minutes. Next, water, honey cinnamon sticks and cloves are combined in a pot and boiled together and then simmered until the volume of the liquid is reduced by half. At this point, the cinnamon sticks and the cloves are removed, and

the couscous is added to the pot to cook for a couple of minutes. Once the couscous is cooked, it is covered and allowed to stand for 10 minutes. At this point, candied orange peel, chopped pistachios (or other nuts) and grated orange rind are added. In addition, if you're a chocolate nut like me, you can add dark chocolate pieces. The couscous mixture is then shaped into a form, turned over and placed on a plate in a pool of orange sauce and garnished. Sound delicious? It is! Our students were then served the sweet dessert and expressed their pleasure and were given more of it to take home to enjoy later. All in all, it was another fun cooking class where there was the opportunity to work together in creating this luscious dessert.

Upcoming Cooking Classes

- **June 1, Thursday - Braided Italian Bread Class with Josie Taddeo** / 7:00 PM / At the Hall / You will love this bread that simply melts in your mouth / Members \$25 / Non-members \$30
- **July 13, Thursday – Caponata with Lucia Clementi** / 7:00 PM / At the Hall / Lucia will teach how to make her Sicilian Caponata which she served at the St. Joseph's Day celebration / Members \$25 / Non-members \$30 🍷

Nora's Dolce Couscous Recipe

North African culinary influences are found in western and south-eastern Sicily in Trapani and Agrigento provinces. There even is an annual International Couscous festival in San Vito Lo Capo, a historic fishing town.

Ingredients

- ½ cup Zante currants or small raisins
- 1 ¾ cup water
- 2 cinnamon sticks and/or
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 cup plus 2 Tbsp medium couscous (not instant)

- ½ cup candied orange peel, cut into small pieces
- ½ cup chopped pistachios (or a mixture with almonds, pinenuts)
- Grated orange rind, from ½ orange
- 2 Tbsp dark chocolate (optional)

Directions

- Soak currants in warm water for at least 10 minutes.
- Place water, honey, cinnamon and cloves in a pot and bring to a boil. Simmer and reduce volume by approximately half.
- Add couscous to pot, cook for 2 minutes, then cover and let stand for 10 minutes.
- Mix candied orange peel (cut into small pieces), chopped pistachios (or almonds, pinenuts, if using), orange rind and chocolate (if using) to the honeyed couscous.

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- Scoop 1/3 cup of the couscous mixture in a shaped measuring cup or form. Turn form over and place on a plate or cookie sheet.
- To Serve: Spoon a pool of orange sauce, about 2 tablespoons, below the couscous on the plate. (Recipe below)
- Garnish with pistachios and possibly candied orange rind.
- Note: The amount of water to start out with is 2:1 the weight of the couscous.

Sweet Orange Sauce (Makes about 1 cup)

Ingredients

- 1 cup fresh squeezed orange juice (2-3 navel oranges)
- Orange peel, from ½ an orange, (use strip zester and chop into

smaller pieces)

- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons of the orange juice.
- Up to 1 tablespoon of butter.

Directions

- Mix orange juice, orange peel, sugar, and cornstarch and bring to a boil in a pan and simmer for 20 minutes to reduce.
- Remove the mixture from the heat and stir in the butter. Even with a little less butter it is still very rich tasting.
- Enjoy!



There's a website just for you - and it's free, informative and fun!

Ciao a tutti! If you are an IAHF member or if you are just reading this newsletter, you are an Italfornian™. And that's the name of a website that was developed especially for you - **The Italfornian**. There are many good reasons why you should check it out and become a member. Here are a just a few:

- Membership in **The Italfornian** is free and totally secure. We don't try to sell anything to you, and we don't bombard you with emails. We don't sell your name or email address to anyone either.
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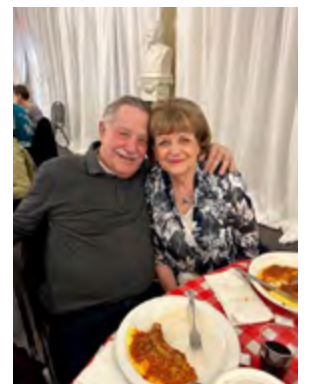
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Grazie! — Article by John Romano 

Polenta Dinner 2023



Photos by Stanley Olivar

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Letter To The Editor



Dear IAHF Editor,

Re: Gli Sbandieratori e Musicisti di Faenza-Ravenna and the Flood Disasters of Emilia-Romagna of 2023

In 2019 the opportunity arose our way, being a member of the IAHF and Delia's Italian language class to host a sbandieratore or musicista who were going to be a highlight of our 2019 Festa. The Sbandieratori from Faenza-Ravenna who have traveled all over the world with their performances were going to indeed be a part of our 2019 Festa!

Accordingly, early in 2019, the IAHF reached out to members to host them in our homes during Festa week. My husband and I thought what a great experience to have an Italian guest in our home for a week and a great way to brush up on our Italian, too! During the week of the 2019 Festa, the IAHF provided our Italian guests with numerous dinners, special tours of sites in the Bay Area and most of all the hospitality of our member's homes. My husband and I bonded with our guest, Maurizio Drei, a musicista, who played the tamburo (drum), as other members formed their close bonds with their Italian guests as well. In fact, it was a most special unforgettable experience for all us host IAHF members. My husband and I continue to correspond with Maurizio and hope to visit him sometime soon in Faenza. It was after speaking with him this week and the hardships of the area, that I reached out to Ken Borelli and IAHF to see if we could help in some way.

It is with a heavy heart as we hear of our 2019 Festa guests being victims of this terrible flood disaster in their beautiful city of Faenza and other parts of the Emilia Romagna. We know of the bounty, beauty and strength of this region and send them our prayers and best wishes as they recover from this disaster.

FORZA FAENZA E FORZA EMILIA ROMAGNA!!!!

-- Jo Ann Ghiggeri-Bjornstad 

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 

A PEEK INTO THE BOARDROOM

Board of Directors Meeting May 9, 2023

- The meeting was called to order by President Dana Zuccarello at 7 PM on May 9. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes from the April meeting were approved with one minor change. (Note: minutes, agendas and financial documents are in a binder in the office as well as posted online).
- Dana noted that she will not be at the June 13 meeting and confirmed that Ken will run the meeting.
- Information tables are being set up at a Santa Teresa Cultural event on Friday, May 12, from 2 until 5:30 and again on May 13 at the 38th Annual Hands on the Arts Festival in Sunnyvale. One condition of our Grant is that we outreach to our local community, and these events certainly will qualify.
- Our financial position remains strong with Year to Date Net Income of \$81,419, available cash of \$73,945 and total bank assets of \$419,211 as of April 30. Total bank assets include \$80,000 in reserve funds and \$93,637 in restricted funds (scholarships and grants).
- The May 12 Polenta Dinner, co-hosted with the Tricarico Club, will honor Tony Amato and is sold out. They always do the cooking and leave the kitchen spotless.
- FESTA plans are coming along although we could use more craft vendors and volunteers. Sponsorship donations are on track. The food and bocce courts are secured for the June 4 tournament. The Festa Della Repubblica scheduled for June 2, will include a dinner that evening at the Hall. A new, larger sized Italian flag has been ordered.
- Hall rentals are on the increase with \$19,600 so far this year, and

contracts for an additional \$7,600 in the works. The area near the BBQ pit, west of the Hall, has \$3,300 dedicated for its completion. Sharon and Robert Martinez will work on a design and submit details and budget at the next meeting.

- A brief presentation on the ADA accomplishments since the audit report was finalized in 2019. Approximately 75% of the recommended mandates have been accomplished with the ramp for stage and ADA bathrooms currently on hold.
- A motion was made to have the ceiling in the Hall painted and sealed. After some discussion and review of three bids, the Board approved Brightview Painting to cover the popcorn ceiling with Lag Kote at a cost of \$10,000.
- Photos of the seriously deteriorating tire bumpers in the parking lot were shared. The Board approved hiring H&H Construction to install 45 36-inch cement stops at a cost of \$3,699.
- It was suggested that a team be created to help prioritize projects at the Hall.
- A Membership Reconciliation revealed that some members have overpaid and will be given the option to extend, upgrade, refund or offer the overpayment as a donation.
- Mary had nothing to report on the newsletter.
- Madeline again pointed out that the area designated for the archival office is once again full of "stuff." After the meeting, the materials were relocated by our BOD.
- On a final note, Dana reminded everyone that "we are all volunteers, so please be respectful and kind to each other."
- — Notes provided by IAHF Secretary Sharon McCray ~

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 ❄️

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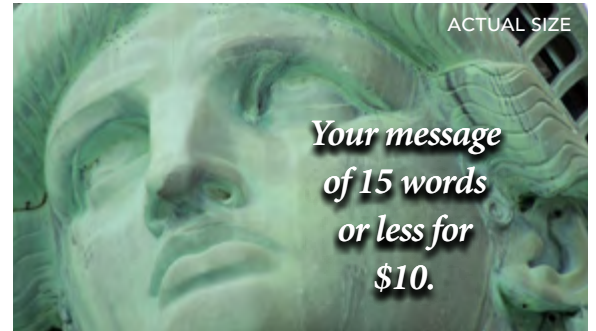
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