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LUCIA CLEMENTI / IAHF NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



## President's Message ~

#### **THANK YOU!**

I'd like to open by saying thank you to all who congratulated me on my new position as President of the IAHF! Thank you to those who called, sent texts, emails, notes and messages via social media. They were all very encouraging to me and I truly thank you for your sup-

port! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and meeting many new faces. If we've never met before, I'd count it an honor if you come and introduce yourself to me and tell me a little about you and your history at the IAHF.

## **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Do you save your cards from your loved ones? Some may say greeting cards are a thing of the past, but I think of them as a little piece of history. There's just something about a card or a handwritten note. I came across a couple old photo albums as I was cleaning out my grandparent's house, in which my grandmother stored every greeting card my grandfather had ever given her and vice versa. I really enjoyed the Valentine's cards the most! The sweet little messages they each wrote to each other were very special. I am very sentimental and I've saved all of those cards to this day. My kids, on the other hand, tell me to get rid of them; that they're just junk. I can't do that. This is a little piece of their history that I can still touch and remember. Someday I'm hoping someone in my family will open these cards and see how their great grandparents, or even great great grandparents cared about and loved each other so deeply. Enjoy your Valentine's Day with your sweetie!

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

All monthly board meetings are open for our members to attend. You will not be able to vote on anything, but you are welcome to present questions at the end of the meeting. We generally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. If you'd ever like to come and attend a meeting, please drop on by. We'd love to have you! Also, past meeting minutes are always available to our members for viewing. They are located in the office and it is highly recommended that an appointment be made to view these, rather than just dropping in. This will ensure that someone is in the office to receive you.

#### DO YOU FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

On Facebook, you can find us at Italian American Heritage Foundation and on Instagram, you can find us at @iahfsj

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE

I'm excited for this issue as it is packed full of news, events and announcements so make sure to read the entire newsletter!

- Transparency within the IAHF
- New chairs purchased for the IAHF
- St. Joseph's Day Celebration
- Graton Casino Bus Trip
- SCC guidelines are still in effect for indoor events

Thank you,

Dana Zuccarello / President ~



A GLANCE SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION

### **FEBRUARY**

- February 17, Thursday / Regional Lunch: Calabria / 12 PM / \$25 members, \$30 guests / At the IAHF Hall
- February 24, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM / Vin Santo / \$45 at the door

#### **MARCH**

- March 6, Sunday / Afterglow Valentine Pizza Party / 3:00 PM / \$20 members and guests / At the IAHF Hall
- March 18, Friday / St. Joseph's Day Celebration / At the IAHF Hall / Details coming in next month's IAHF NEWS
- March 31, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM / Campo di Bocce / \$40 at the door

## **ONGOING CLASSES**

• Every Monday and Wednesday / Italian Language Online Classes via Zoom with Marie Dalldorf / 6 PM to 7 PM





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#### **FEBRUARY**

Note Valentine's Pizza Party rescheduled to March

February 17, Thursday / 12 PM / Regional Lunch: Calabria / IAHF Hall / \$25.00 members, \$30.00 guests / Call 408 293 7122 by February 15 to RSVP

February 24, Thursday / 7 PM Cena Fuori / Vin Santo Ristorante, 1346 Lincoln Ave, San Jose / \$45 per person at the door / Call 408-293-7122 by February 22 to RSVP

#### MARCH

March 6, Sunday / 3 pm to 7 PM / After Glow Valentine's Pizza Party (rescheduled from Feb.13) / A casual event, all welcome, dance to the music of "DJ Eric" with karaoke and line dancing / salad, individual pizza, and dessert / \$20.00 adults, \$10 children under 18. Call 408 293-7122 to RSVP / PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

March 18, Friday / St. Joseph's Day Celebration / Details to follow / 11 AM to 2 PM / Free and open to the public

No Regional Lunch for March due to St. Joseph's Day Celebration

March 31, Thursday / 7 PM / Cena Fuori / Campo di Bocce, 565 University Ave, Los Gatos / Watch for details in the March IAHF NEWS edition

Additional Events in the planning stage: Lecture on Mussolini, & Silent Auction to benefit the IAHF.

Call IAHF Office 408-293-7122 to RSVP or register online at https://www.iahfsj.org-events

## IAHF Events **Health Policy**

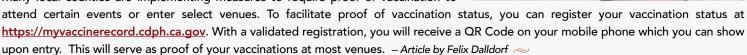
In an effort to keep our members safe, the IAHF has adopted the following policy:

All who attend an activity or event which takes place at the IAHF Hall will need to be fully vaccinated or present negative COViD-19 test results dated within 72 hours. This policy follows the guidance set by Santa Clara County and the CDC.

This means that when checking in at an event at the IAHF Hall, we will ask you to show your vaccination card or your QR Code on your cell phone from the State Registry (see below).

If you are not fully vaccinated (i.e., it has been a full two weeks since your second shot of the Pfizer/Moderna vaccine or two weeks since your Johnson and Johnson vaccine), you will need to show a negative Covid test from within 72 hours of the event.

Many local counties are implementing measures to require proof of vaccination to







# Do you have any IAHF event photos to share?

- The IAHF is collecting photos and videos of our past events!
- Please upload them to <u>tinyurl.com/iahfphotos</u>
- You will find several folders by event where you can post your photos.
- If your photos are not digital, drop them by the office for us to scanjust let us know if you want them back.
- Think of the many memories we can share! Thanks so much!





### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

#### SINCE SEPTEMBER 2021

- Andrea Cereghino-Ruiz
   Linda & Dominic Cirincione, PhD
   Beth Clauss
- Kathy Costanza
   Cara DiMaria-Ayala
   Dennis P. King
   John J. Lamantia
  - Rosy McCloskey
     Kristen Nigh
     Diego Ostuni
     Eric Pini
    - San Jose Chamber of Commerce
       Gary & Cheryl Snyder

## • GRAZIE 2022 PATRON MEMBERS •

- Senait Abraha& Marco Piccigallo
- Audrey Adami& John Bonfiglio
- Sal Alini & Sole Patterson
- Maria Cancilla Bandy
- Cheryl Barecelona Singh
- Theresa Biagi& Robert Kreb Ed D
- Toni & Carroll Blackstock
- Lisa & Robert Blickenstaff
- Joseph Bogusky
- Nina Boyd
- Dan & Patty Bozzuto
- Carl & Norma Brannon
- Barbara Achille Campisi
- Bob & Shirley Cancellieri
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- Irene Dalis RIP
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- Robert Doll
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- Steven Fanelli
- Joseph A. Fasano
- Randolph Ferretti-Hoyle
- Cornelius Fiocco
- Ben & Christy Foster
- Scott Gallo& Joseph O'Hara
- Peter & Marjorie Gaudio
- Verdell Ghiorso
- Judge Al & Vera Girolami
- Louise & Sam Gliozzo
- Paul & Jenna Greco
- Bill and Maria Greco
- Emilio Guglielmo
   Family Winery
- Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
- Mike & Kathy Gutto
- Rita Horiguchi
- Robert & Carol Jonlynn Karr
- Mark & Andrea Kenter
- Frank J. Locicero III
- Cleo Logan
- Kathy & Larry Lohman
- Louie & Marca Lombardo

- Pauline Lomonaco RIP
- Peter & Norma LoPresto
- Kenneth & Judy Low
- Steve & Pam Lyons
- Tony & Lorraine Maciejowski
- Steve and Ellen Manganiello
- Christopher & Jennifer March
- Sharon McCray
   & Robert Martinez Jr.
- Peter and Gail McHugh
- Gary & Contessa Messiana
- Susan & Steven Minor
- Dan & Eva Miranda
- Sue & Chris Monahan
- Rebecca & Anthony Morici
- Tony Nespole, M.D.& Billie J. Sgarlato
- Maryanne Nola
- Elizabeth Novelo& Nick Puzar
- William J. Palley & CJ Liang
- John & Diane Paulson
- Kevin & Rose Pezzaniti
- Joe & Linda Pfahnl
- Tony & Martha Piazza
- Camie Piccolo-Nicholson
   & Michael Nicholson
- Jackie Pighini

- Jim Pignone& Leslie Snow
- John & Debora Poch
- Dr. Robert A. Quint
- Michael & Emily Ray
- Jeffrey & JoAnn Rizzo
- Francois & Beth Rodigari
- Paolo J. Romano
- James Sanfilippo, DDS & Gail Hunter
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- Constance LoBue Scarpelli\*
- Barbara & Duane Serrano
- Virginia M. Sincich
- Paul & Mary Stabile
- Janis & Butch Stumhoffer
- Joan & Mary Taft
- Mete Tasin
- Karen Vanderpan& John Dods
- David Venuti& Kelly Sheahan
- Matt Weppler
- Angela Williams
- Anthony J. Zerbo

\*Deceased

## • GRAZIE 2022 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

- Anthony Barajas / <u>Italian Renaissance</u>
   <u>Swordsmanship Academy</u>
- Pietro Bonanno / <u>Italian Community Services</u>
- Frank & Charlene Cancilla / FCC Realty Group
- Madeline Chiavetta / Coldwell Banker
- Gloria Citti / Citti's Florist
- Diane Ferrara / Hill View Packing Co., Inc.
- Charles Gagliasso / Charles Gagliasso Trucking, Inc.
- Stephen & Susan Guzzetti / Intero Real Estate
- Daniel & Antonia Ornelas / Perfect Events
- San Jose Opera Guild / San Jose Opera Guild
- Blanca Lopez / Blanca's Bridal
- Myrlin & George Taddie, Jr. / tadcosupply.com
- Al & Diana Vallorz / Tony & Alba's
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman / Gioia Company







## 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

If you would like to consider becoming a Legacy Circle donor, please contact legacy@iahfsj.org for more information.

## SUPER IAHF MEMBERSHIP

We would like to acknowledge the generosity and support of the following members who have gone the extra mile to support the IAHF. These are difficult times for businesses to maintain financial strength. And as a non-profit business, this extra help improves our financial standing and keeps our mission alive and well.---Thanks!!!

#### La Dolce Vita / \$3,000 Level

- Mike Console
- Felix and Marie Dalldorf
- Ebe Frasse

#### Montessori / \$1,000 Level

• Eugene & Christine Bernardini

### Medici / \$500 Level

- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
- Rose Crimi
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Maria Gloria
- Juliana Severo

#### Da Vinci / \$250 Level

- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
- Sal & Denise Campagna
- Dave Perzinski & Lucia Clementi
- Gwen Benassi & Rich Daulton
- Joe & Cathy De Maria
- Frank Fiscalini
- Bill McCraw & Janet Muscio
- Marge Papp
- Shirlee Di Napoli Schiro
- Bruce & Keeley Unger
- Linda & Bob Binkley
- Ken Borelli
- Jackie Pighini
- John & Marjorie Scandizzo
- Rod Diridon Sr & Gloria Duffy M D
- Agostino Burzio
- Michael & Gail Paccioretti
- Dana R. Zuccarello
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
- Carmine & Stacey Ann Napolitano

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair 🥌

## TAP HERE TO UPGRADE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO SUPER

## • THE IAHF MISSION STATEMENT •

The Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF) is dedicated to preserving and promoting the spirit and passion of Italian heritage and culture.

We welcome everyone that shares the same appreciation of Italy, Italians, Italian-Americans, and their many contributions to our community.







Hello members of the IAHF! I have been elected for the Third Vice President position of our fine organization. I want to thank the membership for the support that you have given the IAHF through the years. You are our most valuable asset!

In my new role, I will be working with the newsletter and the newsletter contributors. That's where you come in... we want to hear from you! I know there's a wealth of information and knowledge out there. Tell us about yourself, your background, your families. Do you have funny stories to share? Tell us about your contributions to the IAHF. Have you volunteered? In what capacities, what have you learned and have you made new friends? If so, just write me at <a href="lac9471@yahoo.com">lac9471@yahoo.com</a> or

Lucia Clementi, IAHF, 425 N. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA 95112.

Thank you – I look forward to hearing from you!

-- Lucia Clementi, Third Vice President, IAHF 🐟



I am excited to be the new Secretary of your IAHF Board of Directors. In an effort to keep you informed about the goings on of this fantastic organization, each month we will write a brief column letting you know what the BOD has been up to. It is hoped that this new process of transparency will encourage you to get involved with new projects and events. So here I go.

The IAHF BOD met on January 11 with all members in attendance either personally at the hall or via Zoom. The meeting included guests along with committee chairs. The complete minutes are filed in the office in a binder if you are interested in reading more details.

- President Dana Zuccarello shared some news about a new language program to be taught by Marie Bertola. Details of this new program are available on our website. Dana also told of two generous donations from members. As a reminder, your tax deductible donations are always welcome and can be restricted to a specific purpose if you want.
- Frank DeTurris, our Chief Financial Officer was pleased to announce that our financial condition continues to improve with more

hall rentals, successful events and the generosity of our community as well as timely grants from various government agencies.

- Ken Borelli, First Vice President presented an impressive Events Calendar for 2022, with several new events planned including a possible polenta dinner and the 7th Annual Bocce Tournament on June 26.
- Second Vice President, Azie Habib, reported on the status of security of the hall and received approval to purchase 350 new chairs. Nancy Wilborn will be starting a campaign to offset the cost by creating a plaque for each chair that members can purchase with their personal message imprinted and affixed to a chair.
- Third Vice President Lucia Clementi is busy working on the newsletter and is interested in finding a new place to have it printed, so if you know someone, please let her know. Deadline for articles if the 20th of each month.
- Louie Lombardo, Fourth Vice President, is working hard to secure sufficient volunteers for events and projects and said the students from Archbishop Mitty High School are excited to be part of our vol-

unteer team. Volunteers run our organization and there is always something to do, so please, let Louie know if you are interested in helping out.

- Dave Perzenski was pleased to tell the BOD that of the 505 members in 2021, already 270 have renewed. This is a great sign that our organization is recovering from the pandemic better than anticipated. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please consider doing it today. Thanks
- Ken showed off two beautiful display boards that were done by John Romano, for our History and Library projects.
- Finally, there is a five year plan team working on determining IAHF priorities and necessities in the future. If you are interested in joining this very ambitious team, contact Seth Michelson.

Well, this about summarizes what was accomplished by your BOD. Hope you find this column interesting and useful. Your comments and concerns are always welcome.

-- Article by Sharon McCray ~







# ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

"Your Passport to Italian Culture"

## Renewal time is Here!

If you haven't already done so, please, please, please remember to renew your membership for 2022.

Members and their generous donations are the very heart beat of our foundation!

Membership keeps you active in the Foundation with Newsletter and Email reminders of events and gives you discounted rates for our events.

These past few years, times have been trying. Let's be honest, we are more isolated now than any time in our lives.

Now is the time to strengthen our bonds of friendship and our connections with kindred spirits. And what better way to do that than participation in the Italian-American family.

With your help and support we will get back to our Festas, meetings, dances, lectures, classes and the advancement of Italian cultural heritage

And to those of you who have already renewed: Grazie Mille, Grazie Milioni, and Grazie Miliardi.

TAP HERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP or CALL 408.293.7122





# Afterglow Valentíne's Pízza Party 🏲

Sunday March 6, 2022

This is the new event date due to scheduling conflicts

3:00 to 7:00PM

\$20 members and guest members

At the IAHF,

\$10 children under 18

425 N. Fourth St., San Jose

Go online at IAHFSJ.ORG to buy tickets or call 408 293 7122 to RSVP and pay in advance.

Line Dancing — Introducing — Total Control Co

Line Dancing — Introducing a special IAHf choreographed "Mambo Italiano"
Salad, Individual Pizzas and Dessert

## <u>Pízza choices:</u>

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💙 Sausage and Mushroom

💙 Garden Delight Vegetarian

Bring your own wine or beer Soft drinks will be served

at the bar



Line Dancing with Lacia Clementi



All are welcome!!!

Chair persons: Lucia Clementi, Dave Perzinski, Delia Schizzano, and Ken Borelli

Karaoke/Sing-a-long and general dancing with DJ Eric

(Hot Rod)

All who attend an activity or event which takes place at the IAHF Hall will need to be fully vaccinated or present negative COVID-19 test results dated within 72 hours. This policy follows the guidance set by Santa Clara County and the CDC.

Click here to buy tickets or call 408 293 7122 to RSVP and pay in advance.







## SPREAD THE WORD



## THE IAHF ANNOUNCES ITS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF) is launching its Scholarship Program for the 2021-2022 academic year. The following scholarships are offered.

- 1. IAHF Merit-Based Scholarships are awarded to high school and community college students living in Santa Clara County, matriculating in 2022 and pursuing degrees at an institution of higher learning. Applicants must be accepted to an institution of higher learning, demonstrate an outstanding history of academic achievement, have an exceptional GPA, participate in impressive extracurricular activities and have a history of public service.
- 2. IAHF Need-Based Scholarships are awarded to high school and community college students living in Santa Clara County, matriculating in 2022 and pursuing degrees at an institution of higher learning. Applicants must be accepted to an institution of higher learning, demonstrate financial need such as participation in a school free lunch program, CCA Scholarship or Federal Grant, etc. The applicant's GPA, extracurricular activities, and part-time jobs are also considered.
- Il Cenacolo Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students at a four-year institution pursuing graduate-level stud-

- ies. Applicants must be accepted to a master's program at San Francisco State University, Stanford University, Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, or UC Berekely. Applicants must demonstrate a past and current interest in the Italian arts and culture through academic course-work, including language studies, family heritage, travel and activities relating to Italy. Also considered are the applicant's graduate-level Italian studies, Performing Arts and Fine Arts programs.
- The link to the Google form for completing the application is: <a href="https://forms.gle/zkhoh5j1VAVxYsYMA">https://forms.gle/zkhoh5j1VAVxYsYMA</a>.
- The link to download the document to aid applicants in completing their application form is at: <a href="https://www.iahfsj.org/files/ugd/b024de-e77882d922bd4062837db03b243a76de.pdf">https://www.iahfsj.org/files/ugd/b024de-e77882d922bd4062837db03b243a76de.pdf</a>.
- For questions, please email Marie Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair at: mrdalldorf@gmail.com.
- -- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair 🐟



2 Opportunities TO HELP OUR CLUB

We are excited to say that we have just ordered 350 new chairs for our IAHF. These new chairs will make our celebrations look even better than they have in the past. We are offering our members two opportunities to help defray the cost of this expense:

## 1) You Can "Name A Chair" for \$25

We will have placards printed to mount on the back of each chair either listing a name or "in memory of" with a name underneath. Order forms will be sent out shortly.

## 2) You Can Buy Our Used Chairs

We will be selling our old chairs for \$5.00 each. They are stackable and are great to have in the house for extra seating.

-- Article by Nanci Wilborn and Azie Habib \gg







# IN MEMORIUM RICHARD A. ARZINO

PAST PRESIDIENT

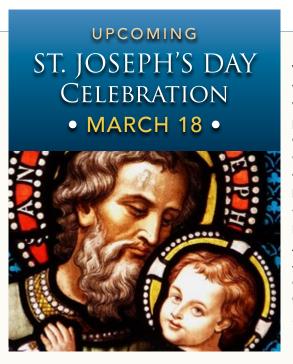
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Our St. Joseph's Day Celebration with its altar and table is coming up soon! This year we will celebrate this tradition on March 18 instead of March 19 due to a scheduling conflict.

Due to the Covid Virus, the IAHF and the St. Joseph's Planning Committee will meet to make some modifications to our normal activities. One idea is to have a "drive-thru" like last year since we are still receiving good comments about last year's successful "drive-thru" solution for the celebration. In addition, we are considering both a scaled-down luncheon or possibly this in addition to the "drive-thru." Details to follow next month.



Whatever the solution for 2022, we will of course need volunteers. If you wish to volunteer you need to provide proof of vaccinations and of the booster. If you wish to volunteer, please call Kathy Lohman, 408/807-4125 or 408/238-4467. Leave your name and phone number on the voice mail if we are not able to answer when you call.

Donations supporting the Italian American Heritage Foundation's St. Joseph's Table will gratefully be accepted, especially during this time of Covid. Thank You.

-- Article by Kathy and Larry Lohman, Co Chairs ~



## CASINO BUS TRIP

We have tentatively scheduled a bus trip to Graton Casino for Tuesday, April 26. The cost will be \$55.00 per person and will include continental breakfast at the Hall hosted by Ken Borelli and the trip to Graton with some goodies when we arrive. The bus will leave the Hall at 8:30 AM and return around 6 PM that evening.

We are waiting for confirmation about the details and as soon as the details are confirmed, we will let you know along with sign-up information.





# SAVING

# The Italian Language Program at Cabrillo College

The World Languages Department at Cabrillo College in Aptos has offered Italian classes 1, 2, and 3 for many years. In the past, before Spring 2018, Italian 3 and the advanced conversation class were cancelled from the college program due to low enrollment, budget cuts and district priorities. Currently, Cabrillo only offers Italian 1 (in the Fall) and Italian 2 (in the Spring). With only two sections of Italian 1 in the Fall semester, Italian 2 is at stake and if enrollment is low, any of these classes could also be cancelled in the future.

Cabrillo College is a community college. Besides having regular full-time students taking Italian just as a language requirement to graduate, they accept high school students enrolling through the dual enrollment program and life-long learners who have already graduated and want to learn Italian for travel, career opportunities or personal enrichment. Other students are very passionate about the language and culture and/or they have Italian family heritage.

It is sad that returning students in Italian 2 who really love the language and want to continue on with Italian 3 are hindered in their progression and are forced to go study elsewhere. If Italian 2 classes or the program is cancelled, students that want to continue studying

Italian at Cabrillo college, either continue with a local Italian cultural association that offers language classes or they have to look for opportunities at other educational institutions.

Cristina Polesel, adjunct Italian instructor, native Italian-born and raised has been teaching Italian at Cabrillo College since Spring 2018. Her goal at Cabrillo College is to continue supporting the promotion of Italian language and culture in the community. Her mission for the Cabrillo Italian program is to share with your friends the plight of this program in the hopes of encouraging more students to enroll.

Cristina is asking for our help to promote the Italian program classes at Cabrillo College, now offered online! Class meetings are real-time synchronous in Zoom, and no added tuition or fees are required. Cristina wants to promote the study of the Italian language and culture (globally) to make students fall in love with 'la bella lingua'. Her email is: <a href="mailto:crpolesel@cabrillo.edu">crpolesel@cabrillo.edu</a>. For more information about the Cabrillo College Italian program click on this link <a href="https://www.cabrillo.edu/italian/">https://www.cabrillo.edu/italian/</a>. -- Article written by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf





# Italian 1 & 2 are 5-credit online classes:

- Fulfill Associate Degree Arts & Humanities Requirements
- Credits transferable to UC & CSU
- Fulfill IGETC foreign language requirements
- High school students: no tuition or fees under dual enrollment.

# Parli italiano?

## Learn Italian at Cabrillo College!

Registration for Italian 2 for the Spring semester 2022 is open until Feb  $5^{th}$ . Classes will be online in synchronous Zoom sessions on Tue and Thu -1:30-3:00 pm.

## Did you know ...

- Which non-European country is home to over 700,000 Italian speakers? The U.S.
- Approximately 63 million people in the world speak Italian as their first language. An additional 3 million speak Italian as a second language.
- Italy is the world's 8th largest world economy.
- In 2019 the United States were by far Italy's largest non-EU export market. (2019)
- In 2019 the United States was Italy's third largest destination for exports. (2019)
- Italy is a world center of design, innovation, technology, art, music, clothing, travel, music, manufacturing, food, hospitality & tourism. (2019)





## **Italian** is an excellent major for:

- Culinary arts
- Music/Art/History/Co mparative Literature
- Business
- Philosophy
- Science/STEM /Medicine
- Design/Fashion/ Computer Science

More information: crpolese@cabrillo.edu





### Hoping for better times.

Over the holidays, I was saddened to learn of the closing of the South Bay's only Italian language and culture pre-school. It is one more reminder of the changing realities of the Covid Pandemic. We read daily about how Covid is impacting our school system. Well, on a very local level, it has impacted The Sabatino Memorial Family Resource Center and their preschool activities.

I did not want to have this amazing 13-year educational institution "pass quietly in the night." The visionary and founder of the preschool, Theresa Sabatino, is, in many ways, an urban pioneer. She took advantage of the emerging Little Italy neighborhood to build an Italian Day Care Center in the Guadalupe

River Park area. She has a doctorate in Psychology, is a San Jose native and is a part of a large Italian American Family clan. She and her cadre of supporters rented one of the historic buildings in Little Italy and turned it into a vibrant Italian language and cultural preschool for many adventurous years.

Her concept was to promote an early childhood developmental appreciation of things Italian-based. She was aided in this project by Sheila Johnson. For many years, the school met an important need by outreaching to preschool children and integrating Italian heritage into their young lives. It was met with glowing warmth and acceptance by the community. Parents took the opportunity to expose their children to a bicultural early education experience. Many of those parents were not necessarily of Italian American heritage, yet realized the value of second language exposure and multiculturalism. It is truly an enriching concept, and the school borrowed some of its techniques from the Reggio Emilia Curriculum for early childhood education.

Over the years, the school received much regional attention from various foundations and organizations including the Italian Consulate, its

## **ARRIVEDERCI**

The Sabatino Memorial Family Resource Center



cultural connections and the Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento. The students were even present at some of our IAHF events, including choral entertainment by the children during our Scholarship activities. On several occasions, the children also performed at the Festa as well as at IAHF holiday functions. The young children conducted by Theresa were always a show stopper and, of course, the parent groupies were as proud as they could be. The school was also recognized as an Italian Cultural Educator by many community organizations.

The school not only taught but also gave back to the community in resource sharing. I recall an amazing lunch the School did for the War Brides Organization in Santa Clara County along with IAHF member Richard Stewart. The-

resa and her supporters, along with volunteers and many native Italian speakers, were quite active at the center. Special kudos to Anastasia Lopez who was a very dedicated part of the vision for the last 4 years of the operation and of course to one of the center's biggest boosters, Kathy Winkelman.

To some extent, this whole experience of an Italian-focused preschool reminds me of the biblical teaching that "No one is a prophet in their own land" (Luke 4:24).

I would like to change the paradigm a bit with this article and acknowledge Theresa, all of her supporters and her boosters for what they accomplished. "Brava, Theresa, e bravi tutti." I am sure this project will be replicated at another time and at another place and just think of the amazing legacy created with all of these bambini who are growing up having had this experience! They are our future.

We wish Theresa well and look forward to hearing of new and equally creative adventures.

Tante belle cose! -- Article by Ken Borelli 🧼

## POOR HOUSE BISTRO MOVES TO LITTLE ITALY

This lovely Victorian-era house was originally located on 11th Street. Years ago it was bought by Jay Meduri's parents, and in the 1950s was moved to 94 S. Autumn Street. In 2005, Jay turned it into the Poor House Bistro, with a New Orleans menu accompanied by lively music on the patio.

When the land was recently bought by Google for development, the house was deemed worth saving. On January 8th, with accompaniment of the Saint Gabriel's Celestial Brass Band, it was moved to West St. John Street, on a slow and careful journey of four hours to a new home in Little Italy.

The house now sits between the future Italian American Museum and Henry's High Life, and will reopen as the Famiglia Meduri Poor House Bistro some time this spring or summer. In the meantime, you can still get their food at their old patio location, where the live music will continue for now.

You can watch a 2 1/2 minute time-lapse video here courtesy of the Mercury News: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8bd4hu">https://tinyurl.com/2p8bd4hu</a>. You have to see the video to appreciate the magnitude of the move.

The link to this historical event is now listed in our online card catalog at <a href="https://iahf-sj.librarika.com/">https://iahf-sj.librarika.com/</a>.

Enjoy! Email comments to <u>librarian@</u> <u>iahfsj.org</u>.

-- Article by Madeline Damiano ~





## A TRIBUTE CONSTANCE (CONNIE) LO BUE SCARPELLI August 6, 1931-January 18, 2022

Friends and family gathered at the San Jose Country Club this last August 2021 to celebrate Connie's milestone 90th birthday! And what a grand celebration it was for the lady of the hour with many toasts and tributes, including a special Commendation from Senator Dave Cortese that acknowledged Connie's impact on our Santa Clara Valley Community.

Connie was a native of the Valley of Heart's Delight, born August 6, 1931 at the original O'Connor Hospital on San Carlos Street and taken home to a cherry ranch on Willow Street owned by her grandfather, Mariano Lo Bue. Her parents, Rose and Sal Lo Bue, were pioneers who continued the ranching and cannery traditions of the Lo Bue Family through San Jose Canning Company, Lo Bue Farms, Lo Bue Packing Co., Lo Bue's Plaza, Lo Bue Investments, Community Bank and Indian Wells Country Club.



Connie graduated from Sacred Heart Grammar School and Notre Dame High

School. She continued her education at San Francisco College for Women, Lone Mountain, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama and English and later a Standard Secondary Teaching Credential from San Jose State (University).

While a student at Lone Mountain College for Women, Connie met Mike Scarpelli, a student at University of San Francisco and their love blossomed into a classic college romance. They married in August 1953. They have three children, Michele, Corin (Peter Lewis) and Craig (Julie Scarpelli) with several beautiful grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mike passed away in November 2017.

Connie's career in education started September 1969 when she was hired by San Jose Unified School District to teach the Reading Laboratory at Roosevelt Junior High School. She continued her career at Peter Burnett Junior High School and San Jose High Academy, specializing in dealing with "at risk" youth in downtown San Jose. At San Jose High, she conducted the Opportunity School, working with special students and their families to open doors for them. She became State Compensatory Education Coordinator at San Jose High.

With community leaders, Connie co-founded the Student Health Center at San Jose High. She originated Community Information Night with the San Jose Police Department where over 400 students and young adults were made aware of their options for a better life. Connie's greatest joy (after her students) was establishing the Bulldog Foundation at San Jose High. With mentors like Dr. Stanley Skillicorn, M.D., Murphy Sabatino, Congressman Norman Mineta and others, the Foundation honors community leaders who are alumni of the High School at fundraising events for student scholarships.

In May 2004, Connie was honored by the Congress of the United States, the State of California, the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose for years spent working with the young and their families in downtown San Jose. In 2006, Connie received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Education from the Italian American Heritage Foundation.



In 1995, Connie was made a Commissioner of the Florence Sister County Commission of Santa Clara County and was privileged to be a member of the 2002 Official Delegation from Santa Clara County to Florence, Italy in a diplomatic exchange that involved education, art, technology and business.

Connie's Italian pride was only capped by her Sicilian passion for family, life and the joy of remembering her parents and family and the good values they gave her. She was a frequent guest at the Cena Fuori gatherings that she enjoyed so much, escorted by either her son, Craig, her nephew, Chip Lo Bue and his wife, Becky, or by Joe and me. Although she and Mike traveled extensively, it was the sand of Indian Wells that was always in their shoes! Indian Wells was indeed their Happy Place!

Connie's boundless contributions to the growth and development of our Santa Clara Valley and her dedication to her Italian ancestry reflect her outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence that will forever be appreciated and remembered.

Thank you, Connie. God Bless you always.

- Cathy De Maria ~





Italians are known for their love affair with the espresso. They avoid all other versions. Brazilian, Cuban and Turkish versions are accepted on traditional grounds. No pun intended!

#### The View from America

American entrepreneurs from the Northwest saw a great business opportunity of bringing to America this cherished Italian treat. Starbucks led the way. Many followed. But like the old branding lesson goes: you can copy my products and services but you cannot as easily copy my culture.

There are now thousands of coffee shops throughout America welcoming customers. Americans have fallen in love with the taste of the espresso and its derivatives: caffe' latte, cappuccino and macchiato. They also love an Italian-inspired version of their own coffee, the americano. Customers also buy freshly roasted and ground coffee beans from exotic parts of the globe to take home.

The quality of the espresso has improved significantly during the past 20 years thanks to better espresso-making machines from Italy and staff training. Some machines can cost up to \$30,000-\$40,000 and produce a consistently high quality espresso. The job of the barista has been elevated in the eyes of staff members and the public. The variety and quality of the imported coffee beans have leaped forward.

The best espresso machines come from Italy. Home baristas can find machines from DeLonghi, Gaggia, Breville and others for a few thousand dollars. Some come equipped with tools to roast and grind coffee beans. Marzocco and Gaggia sell commercial versions and are revered by many.

Coffee shops have added complimentary products: pre-packaged juices, pastry, sandwiches, snacks, coffee making tools and soft drinks. Shops are decorated in ways that help visitors relax and enjoy their coffee.

Imitation is said to be the art of flattery. Americans could also benefit by capturing the intangibles that the Italian model offers as an example.



# The View from Italy

Italian visitors will tell you that Americans have learned how to make better espresso yet they still have not captured the Italian way. Here are some examples:

- You do not see customers sitting alone gazing at their cell phones, tablets or computers in Italy. You see instead people mingling, talking, greeting one another or downing their shots.
- You do not find the complimentary products Italians are fond of ordering: no cannoli, no sfogliatella, no cartocci and no freshly baked croissants. In America, pastries are made elsewhere and who knows when.
- You don't sit down and drink your espresso in Italy. You walk up to the bar, exchange pleasantries, get your shot, down it and leave.
- You are offered a small glass of water to clean your palate. There is table service too and it comes at an extra charge.
- You cannot get a freshly squeezed orange, lemon or grapefruit juice in America. Juices come in plastic bottles and taste like plastic.
- The only thing in common between the Italian and American espresso coffee shop seems to be that you pay first and drink later.

## The Italian Coffee Shop

The coffee shop in Italy plays a very important role in the way Italians choose to live and interact. It is a place to see friends and relatives. It is a place where you meet friends and relatives that you have not seen in a while. It is a place where you might want to transact some business and celebrate important events. It is a place where you pause and catch your breath from daily pressures. It is place where you get a quick jolt of energy before returning to the daily grind.

Vertical integration is practiced and encouraged in Italy. Many coffee shops employ professional bakers who come early to bake fresh pastries. Other shops hire cooks who prepare flavorful lunches served at affordable prices. A few shops have the expertise to make gelato, sorbet and granitas during the summer months. Some shops have the reputation for the place to go to for a specific product ... be it pastry, arancini, sandwiches, gelato or drinks.

There is also a more direct connection between the barista and the customer in Italy that does not exist in America. In urban America, people are more mobile and less apt to establish ties. In smaller towns or neighborhoods in America, people know one another better and connect more easily. The coffee shop plays an important role in community building in both countries.

#### **Worthwhile Traditions**

In the old days diners or bars were meeting points of choice. Folks from the neighborhood were the main customers. Neighbors would come for breakfast, lunch or dinner and run into neighbors, friends and relatives. It was common for working class folks in smaller towns to stop at the neighborhood bar for a drink at the end of their work shift and to relax with friends and co-workers.

It is heartening to learn that in rural America residents have found Starbucks and other coffee shops as the venue to connect and mingle with their neighbors after completing their daily chores. Diners and bars have been disappearing in America as gentrification

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and propagation of franchise eateries and watering holes have replaced them. The opposite is true in Italy. Coffee shops seem to spring up on a daily basis.

The neighborhood coffee shop can foster community building. In an article in the Seattle Times on January 1, 2022, one headline jumped out: In nation at war with

itself, one town tries a cup of civility.

The article describes how neighbors rallied to the aid of a lady from Leesburg intent on opening her own café. The message is that there is another side to America, a quieter oasis where folks can go to commiserate about the water bill or the price of gasoline or just to shoot the

breeze. Refreshing thought!

Perhaps we can shut off our cell phones, tablets and computers and engage in civil conversations. We surely can leave our divisive politics at the door as we enter. All on board! Happy 2022!

-- Article by Antonio Tasca 🧼



## Minestrone Soup

One of my favorite dishes to make during the winter is minestrone soup. Pair it with warm, crusty sour dough bread and a glass of vino or sparking water, and you have a perfect meal! I like to top my minestrone with fresh grated parmesan cheese to enhance the savory flavors.

This comfort food will take the chill off cold winter evenings.

I use chicken broth as a base in this soup, because it not only gives it a smooth flavor, but remember, chicken broth is as healthy as can be. It's loaded with vitamins and minerals, rich with essential fatty acids and protein and other nutrients to keep you healthy.

When I searched online for minestrone soup recipes, I found 7,640,000 results. Mama mia! Can you believe that? Out of over seven million results, I found a delicious minestrone recipe written by Giada De Laurentiis, tested it and adapted it to my own taste.

## Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 3 ounces thinly sliced pancetta, coarsely chopped (optional)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 bunch spinach, stems trimmed, leaves coarsely chopped (or Swiss chard)
- 4 small red potatoes, cubed
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 fresh rosemary sprig
- 1 (15-ounce) can cannellini or pinto beans, drained, rinsed

- 1 (32-ounce) carton low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 ounce piece Parmesan cheese rind
- ¼ cup chopped fresh Italian parsley leaves or cilantro leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### **Directions**

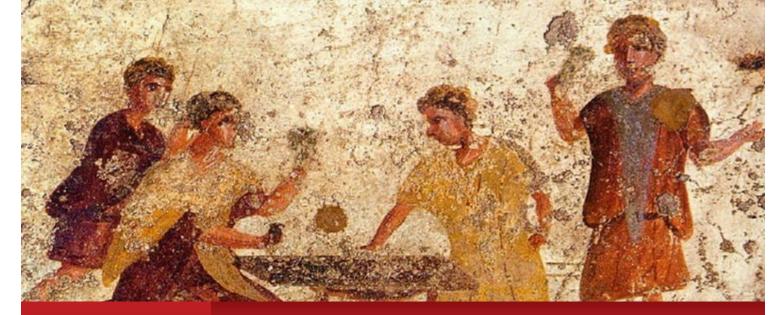
- Heat the oil in a heavy large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrots, celery, pancetta (if using) and garlic. Sauté until the onion is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the Swiss chard (if using) and potato; sauté for 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes and rosemary sprig. Simmer until the chard is wilted and the tomatoes break down, about 10 minutes.
- 2. Meanwhile, blend 3/4 cup of the beans with 1/4 cup of the broth in a food processor until almost smooth. Add the pureed bean mixture, remaining broth and Parmesan cheese rind to the vegetable mixture. Simmer until the potato pieces are tender, stirring occasionally, about 15 minutes. Stir in the whole beans, spinach (if using) and parsley or cilantro. Simmer until the beans are heated through and the soup is thick, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Discard Parmesan rind and rosemary sprig (the leaves will have fallen off the stem.)
- 3. Ladle the soup into bowls, top with Parmesan cheese and serve. **Buon Appetito!**

Meanwhile, we are in the planning stages for our cooking classes which will begin in the Spring. If you would like to teach a cooking class or have suggestions of dishes you would like us to teach, please contact me at <a href="mailto:lac9471@yahoo.com">lac9471@yahoo.com</a>. We would love to hear from you!

— Article written by Lucia Clementi 🐟







## **DID YOU KNOW?**

## The Romans Celebrated New Year's Eve in MARCH

On the Italian calendar, Capodanno is the second most important holiday in the season, just after Christmas and just before Epifania. From a religious point of view, the day of the Befana is more important, and not because of the Befana. We celebrate the 6th of January, the day when the Wise Kings met Baby Jesus, in a more subdued manner with presents and loads of food. Then, the end of the holidays loom and those January blues are just around the corner.

Celebrations for the New Year are pretty much everywhere on December 31 and the January 1 besides places where Christian Orthodox and Chinese traditions are followed. In the rest of the world, and in Italy for sure, that's the way it has always been. Or has it?

You may be surprised to know that "no," that hasn't always been the case. Our beloved Roman forefathers didn't quite start celebrating the New Year in December until a century and a half before the birth of Christ because for them the beginning of the New Year was on the first day of March. Terentius, an important playwright of the republican period, explained that it was the second king of Rome, Numa Pompilius, who set the date on the first day of the month dedicated to Mars. He was the god of war and battle, who had a cult that was incredibly widespread in a nation of warriors such as the Kingdom of Rome. There was also the fact that March is the month when nature awakens from winter, and quite nothing spells a "new beginning" as much as that.

When and how the Romans moved the beginning of the New Year to the month of January is a debated matter. Some date the moment to 191 BC when the Lex Acilia de Intercalando was promulgated on behalf of consul Manius Acilius Glabrio. This law left to the discretion of the pontiffs the possibility to use or omit the intercalary month, which was used to align the calendar year to the seasons. Others believe it was Julius Caesar himself who, with his calendar reform in 46 BC, moved the beginning of the year two months earlier. And there is another theory, one that wants a consul, Quintus Fulvius Nobilior, as the proponent of the change, that seems to be more likely. Consuls were elected in December, some months earlier than the Ides of March, when they would take office. Fulvius Nobilior needed to take office right away because he had some serious home issues, the Celtiberian revolts in Spain, which he needed to take care of and so he asked the Senate - and obtained - his office immediately. Since then, this exception became the rule and Rome's Capodanno moved to December.

How did the Romans celebrate the New Year, you may wonder... well not very differently from how we celebrate it today. The Romans were the first to believe that what you do on New Year's Day, you will do all year round, a saying we still love today in Italy. For this reason, they would always work a few hours, to ensure they'd have employment for the rest of the year. They were also keen on gift exchange, something we still do during the holiday

season even if we now prefer Christmas for that. Their little, New Year's gifts were called strenae (a word we Italians still use albeit it is a tad old-fashioned, which means "present"). More often than not, these gifts were very simple, such as some dried figs and dates, nuts or some honey, a symbol of abundance and a wish for the New Year to be bountiful. Another traditional gift for the New Year was plates filled with acorns, which symbolized strength.

Believe it or not, it was also customary to gift your friends with a snake for New Year's Day. Yes, a snake. It didn't have to be real, thanking the gods, because rings, bracelets or utensils with the depiction of a snake were enough to ensure the receiver would enjoy good fortune all year long. Snakes were a symbol of health and were associated with the cult of the sabine goddess Strenua, from whom came the word strena (strenae at the plural) that was mentioned before. In his works, Varro tells us that laurel branches, which were sacred to Strenua, were known as strenae, and they were considered a symbol of happiness and protection from negativity.

Exchanging presents at the beginning of the New Year was really an act of love as you wished the receiver good health, wealth and fortune, all in one simple gesture. Ah, the Romans... How cool they were.

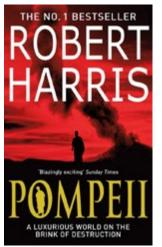
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-- Article submitted by Tony Cedolini 🐟







## POMPEII by Robert Harris ~

After my visit to the marvelous Pompei exhibit at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco a couple months ago, I knew I had to dig out my copy of *Pompeii* by Robert Harris and reread it for a review. We all know what happened in 79 AD, and we have seen, either in person on in pictures, the discoveries of corpses frozen in time. We know the end, but few of us know the beginning. Robert Harris offers us a unique and fascinating approach to the horrendous event of the eruption of Vesuvius.

Pompeii begins with the mysterious disappearance of the Sicilian engineer, Exomenius, who served Rome as the chief aquarius (water engineer) for the aqueduct system between Rome and Mt. Vesuvius. The sudden disappearance of Exominius occurs at exactly the same time that the aqueduct near the peak of Vesuvius stops functioning. Rome hastily sends the replacement aquarius, Attilius, to fix the mal-functioning aqueduct and solve the mystery of the missing Sicilian as well.

The book is sectioned according to the hourly historical notes of Pliny the Elder who was a Roman admiral, philosopher, naturalist and author of the first encyclopedia. Pliny was fascinated by the eruption and kept specific records of the event from the earliest warning signs. So passionate was he that he lost his life in an attempt to sail his fleet into the volcanic ash storm in order to retrieve and salvage irreplaceable manuscripts from a library in the vicinity.

Robert Harris is a seasoned author, and he weaves the mystery of the missing Sicilian, together with incredibly accurate details of the days and hours leading up to the explosions. It's a novel so we enter into the private lives of the citizenry of Pompeii, its city fathers and some unsavory businessmen. We learn that Pompei had been completely destroyed some years before by a violent earthquake. We learn that the Sicilian, Exominius, was from Catania, near Mt. Etna, another volcano, so he was aware of the danger of mountains. And it's Italy, so we also have a love interest melded into this amazing tapestry of history, mystery and romance.

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## Italian Word or Phrase of the Month

The phrase of this month is

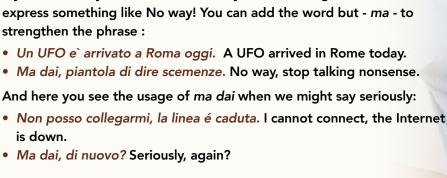
## Dai or Ma dai! (Seriously?... oh, come on!)

This phrase is extremely common and easy to use. It can be used when we use the expression come on! in English.

- Come on, you can do it! Dai forza!
- Come on, hurry up! Dai, sbrigati!
- Come on, don't act like that. Dai, non fare cosi.

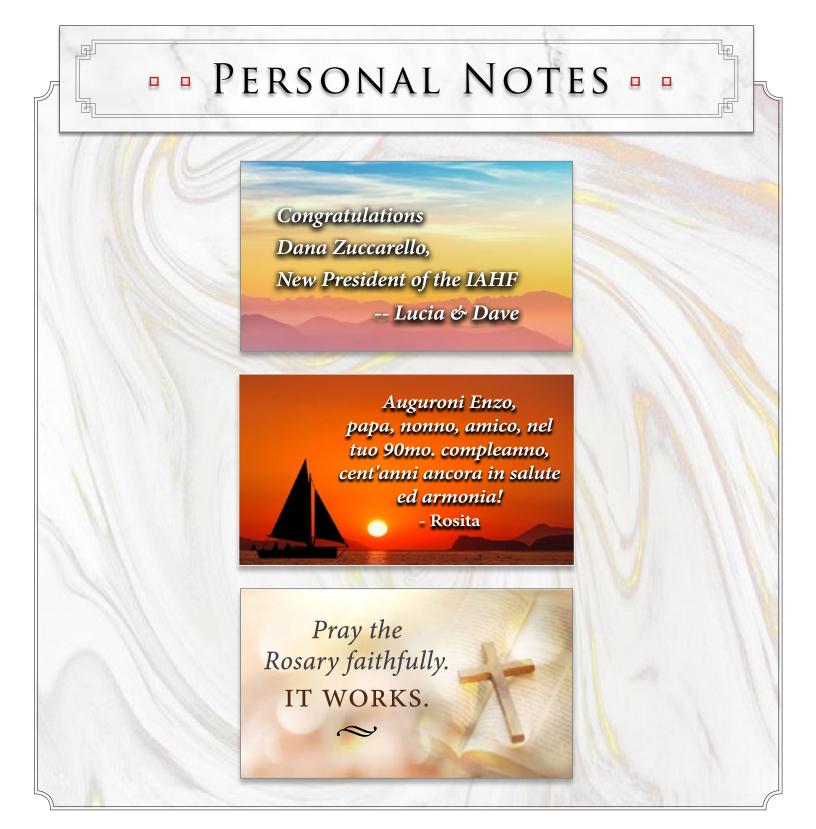
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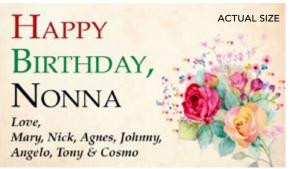
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