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LUCIA CLEMENTI / IAHF NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Welcome to March!

Things are starting to happen around the IAHF! The chairs that were ordered have arrived, were unpacked and are now being used. They certainly are beautiful and much comfier than our old ones. You can help us with the cost by "naming a chair."

For \$25 each, you can choose an

engraved nameplate for the back of the chair "in honor of," "in memory of" or you can choose just to have your name. Several people have already participated, and we have plenty of chairs to name! You can sign up and pay online ([tap here](#)) or you can stop by the office and fill out a form.

Our cooking classes will start in April as well as our new IAHF Language Program with Zoom and/or in person options. If you haven't already signed up for our postponed Valentine's Day party, be sure to do so quickly! The cost is \$20 and you will need to choose your individual pizza choice in advance.

Who's been fortunate enough to visit Italy? In 2016, I took the trip of a lifetime to Italy and it was indescribable. When I was doing my research of places that I wanted to see, I happened upon a little town called Zuccarello, my namesake. It is a small village

in the region of Liguria with only about 300 residents. The day I visited, they were planning for a festival the weekend after I would be heading back home. There weren't many people milling about the streets as in many other towns I had visited. The castle was undergoing some sort of renovation, so I wasn't able to see it. There is one small main road that runs through this little village with a few side roads branching off. That is where I found a beautiful cobblestone bridge that provided crossing over the Neva River. It was so peaceful and serene to be able to sit there and listen to the stream. I was really hoping to find a store that I could buy something

to document my visit to Zuccarello, but I couldn't find anything of that sort. I was able to get several pictures of me with the different town signs. That was the highlight for me! This past Christmas, my sister took those pictures and made me a wall hanging and I loved it! To this day, I still can't pinpoint if any of my relatives came from this town or not. My great grandparents on the Zuccarello side were from Sicily. I'm hoping to try and track down some family and see if they have any leads.



Who else has a town namesake? Have you had the privilege to visit it? I'd love to hear about it if you do. How about writing an article about it for our newsletter? Thank you so much for letting me share!

Thank you, Dana Zuccarello / President ~

Events

AT

A GLANCE

SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION

ONGOING & UPCOMING ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

- See page 2 or visit the IAHF website at <https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes> for information and to register

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 on pages 10 and 11
- March 31, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM / Campo di Bocce, Los Gatos / \$45 per person at the door

APRIL

- April 7, Thursday / Cooking Class: Poached Polpetta, and "Sunday Gravy" presentation / At the IAHF Hall

MAY

- May 5, Thursday / Cooking Class: Risotto with Louie Lombardo / \$25 members, \$30 guests / 7 PM / At the IAHF Hall

MARCH

March 6, Sunday / 3 - 7 PM / After Glow Valentine's Pizza Party / A casual event, all are welcome / Dance to the music of "DJ Eric (Hot Rod)" with karaoke and line dancing / Salad, individual pizza and dessert / \$20 adults / \$10 children under 18 / Call 408/293-7122 to RSVP / [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

March 18, Friday / St. Joseph's Day Celebration / 11 to 2 PM / See pages 10 and 11 of this issue for details

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

March 31, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 6:30 PM / Campo di Bocce, 565 University Ave, Los Gatos / \$45 per person at the door / Bocce court available 8 to 9:30 PM for discounted surcharge / Call the IAHF office at 408-293-7122 for more details

APRIL

April 7, Thursday / Cooking Class: Poached Polpette with Robert Brower / Learn how to make Robert's delicious meatballs that he will poach in a sauce / Also, he will show us his "Sunday Gravy" presentation / \$25 members / \$30 non-members / IAHF Hall, 425 N. 4th Street, San Jose / Enroll at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061> or call the IAHF office at 408-293-7122

April 28, Thursday / Cena Fuori / 7 PM / Capers Eat & Drink, 1710 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell / \$45 per person / Call 408-293-7122 for details

April 26, Tuesday / Graton Casino Day Trip / / See page 22 for more details or call the IAHF office at 408-293-7122

MAY

Thursday, May 5th / 7 PM / Risotto with Louie Lombardo / Louie will teach us how to make risotto in his own unique way / \$25 mem-

bers, \$30 non-members / IAHF Hall, 425 N. 4 St., San Jose / To enroll go to: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061> or call the IAHF office at 408-293-7122

ONGOING CLASSES

Every Monday and Wednesday / 6 PM / Marie Dalldorf teaches Italian Language Online Zoom classes / Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84929597554>

UPCOMING CLASSES

- Advanced Beginning Italian Conversation / 10 to 11:30 AM / Tuesday, March 8 / On-going in-person class
- Intermediate Italian Conversation / 10 to 11:30 AM / Wednesday, March 9 / On-going in-person class
- Bentornati! / 6 to 7 PM / Monday, April 25 to June 27 / Online Intermediate Class
- Buongiorno! / 8 to 10 AM / Tuesday, April 26 to June 28 / Online Beginner Class
- Buonasera! / 6 to 8 PM / Tuesday, April 26 to June 28 / Online Beginner Class
- Book Club / 8 to 10 AM / Thursday, April 28 to June 30 / Online Advanced Class
- Book Club / 6 to 8 PM / Thursday, April 28 to June 30 / Online Advanced Class
- Ciao! / 11:30 AM to 1 PM / Wednesday, March 30 to June 1 / In-person Beginner Class
- Ciao! / 1 to 2:30 PM / Wednesday, March 30 to June 1 / In-person Intermediate to Advanced Class

For more information or to enroll, visit: <https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes>

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 attend certain events or enter select venues. To facilitate proof of vaccination status, you can register your vaccination status at <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>. With a validated registration, you will receive a QR Code on your mobile phone which you can show upon entry. This will serve as proof of your vaccinations at most venues. -- Article by Felix Dalldorf





RICHARD ARZINO REMEMBERED

Richard Arzino, a friend to many at the IAHF, recently passed away. Rich was the President of the IAHF in 1980, a critical transition time in the life of the Foundation. From the founding of the IAHF as a heritage organization to its establishment with its own building as a way to promote an appreciation of our common Italian heritage is a fascinating saga. His leadership skills were vital to the success of our current, vibrant organization.

In many ways, Richard was a man for all seasons. As was mentioned in his obituary, he was involved in many civic organizations from the IAHF to the Elks, The Civic Club of San Jose (where he served as President), the Sainte Claire Club and many more.

Rich was the embodiment of many long-time families in this valley. He grew up on a local ranch in a family of San Jose natives, Marge and Andrew Arzino, and experienced firsthand the transitions from a rural community to a high-tech valley. Even so, he never disconnected with his country roots, being a member of 4H and the Cattleman's Association.

He was a graduate of Bellarmine, Santa Clara University and earned a Doctor of Law from Lincoln Law School and practiced law in his hometown for over 50 years, specializing in divorce and family law.

From Ken: "For me personally, he was a "go-to" person when complex issues at the IAHF would emerge. Somehow, given his early Board history, his tenure as President and his legal expertise, I knew he would have an answer, opinion and/or recommendation for me. It was very reassuring to be able to talk with him about IAHF issues. He was one of the first persons I turned to when I became President of the IAHF. His office at that time was in the Roberto Adobe in Willow Glen. Being a history buff, I was in awe of his office and the building in general.

My last contact with Richard was only a year ago, January 2021. I was writing an article about the early days of the

IAHF and the visionary efforts of our members at the time who worked so hard in securing the facility we enjoy today. He was intently involved with those efforts. He reviewed the draft article, filled in gaps and added some key points. The article was in the IAHF Newsletter last January, "A History of the IAHF, The Early Days." Also supplying some much needed contextual facts were Marge Valente, Tony Zerbo and Cathy De Maria. (You can revisit the article online.)"

From Cathy: "Rich was very generous with his time to the IAHF. He would never miss the Opening Ceremony of

the Annual Italian Family Festa – always the first to say he would be there and always dressed in a suit and tie! - and it was with much pride of his tenure and association with the IAHF that he could be acknowledged publicly as one of our esteemed past presidents when I would introduce him during our ceremony. His competency and compassion were respected in our community and especially in the IAHF community. In fact, several IAHF members were clients. He loyally advertised in our newsletter since perhaps the inception of the newsletter as we know it today."

Richard married the love of his life, Joan in 1964, taking great pride in his growing family, his garden and making memories at his beloved Lake Almanor retreat. Richard and Joan shared a passion for travel, golf and cooking, inspiring the creation of the annual Clam Dip Classic Golf Tournament as well as a family cookbook celebrating a life well lived.

We at the IAHF want to acknowledge Richard's legacy to us. An IAHF Scholarship in Memory of Richard Arzino is being established and contributions can be sent to the IAHF with this notation.

Bravo, Rich, for your selfless giving and generous conscientious service. Rest in peace.

- Ken Borelli, Cathy De Maria 🌿



HAPPY TO PRESENT OUR 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS PHOTO!

Seated, L-R: Dave Perzinski, Lucia Clementi, Azie Habib, Dana Zuccarello, Ken Borelli
 Standing, L-R: Joe Lucito, Tony Zerbo, Joe Rosati, Frank Lo Cicero, Susan Monahan, Steve Ricossa,
 Madeline Damiano, Seth Michelson, Sharon McCray, Frank DeTurris, Elise Habra, Louie Lombardo.
 Not pictured: Marie Bertola

IAHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

IAHF OFFICERS

- Dana Zuccarello - *President / Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation*
- Ken Borelli - *1st VP / IAHF Events (including Annual Italian Festa) / Cultural Activities / Grants*
- Azie Habib - *2nd VP / Building Administration and Maintenance / Hall Rentals / Bar*
- Lucia Clementi - *3rd VP / Marketing / Advertising / PR / Website / Newsletter / Social Media*
- Louie Lombardo - *4th VP / Human Resources / Volunteer Development / Library and Archives / Succession Planning*
- Frank De Turris - *Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer*
- Sharon McCray - *Secretary to the Board*
- Madeline Damiano - *Librarian* | • Dave Perzinski - *Membership*

IAHF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

- Marie Bertola - *Board Member*
- Elise Habra - *Board Member*
- Frank Locicero - *Board Member*
- Joe Lucito - *Board Member*
- Susan Monahan - *Board Member*
- Seth Michelson - *Board Member*
- Steve Ricossa - *Board Member*
- Joe Rosati - *Board Member*
- Tony Zerbo - *Board Member*

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- Claire Padien-Havens / *Managing Director, Institutional Strategy, Opera San Jose, Opera Liaison*
- Cathy De Maria / *Community Leader, Program Organizer*
- Doctor John Scandizzo / *Retired Physician, IAHF Genealogy Program Leader*
- Emily Ray / *Music Director, Mission Chamber Orchestra, Classical Music Liaison*
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- Nancy De Vincenzi Melander / *Former IAHF President, Daughter of IAHF Founder, Little Italy Liaison*
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- Professor Michele Santamaria Ph.D / *Italian Language Chairperson, San Jose State University*
- Rod Diridon / *Former County Supervisor and Public Transportation Leader*
- Vera Girolami / *National President of the Sons and Daughters of Italy*

• 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.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SINCE SEPTEMBER 2021

- ANDREA CEREGHINO-RUIZ • LINDA & DOMINIC CIRINCIONE, PhD • BETH CLAUSS •
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- SAN JOSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE •

• GRAZIE 2022 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juliette & Georgi Kolev / Castelli Financial & Insurance Services • Rosetta De Luca / Intero Real Estate • Diane Ferrara / Hillview Packing Company, Inc. • San Jose Opera Guild / San Jose Opera Guild • SDS NexGen Partners & Mulcahy Family / SDS NexGen Partners LP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Jose Chamber of Commerce / San Jose Chamber of Commerce • Myrlin & George Taddie, Jr. / Tadco Supply (Janitorial, Paper, Lighting Supplies) • Al & Diana Vallorz / Mangia Tutti Inc dba Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta • Kathy Winkelman / Gioia Company |
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• GRAZIE 2022 PATRON MEMBERS •

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LEGACY CIRCLE



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

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

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

SUPER IAHF MEMBERSHIP

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

LA DOLCE VITA / \$3,000 LEVEL

- Mike Console
- Felix and Marie Daldorf
- Ebe Frasse

MONTESORI / \$1,000 LEVEL

- Col. Bobby B. Moorhatch

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- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
- Dominic & Suzanne Cortese
- Rose Crimi
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Maria Gloria
- Larry & Diane Lovaglia
- Marilyn Payne
- Joe & Judi Rizzuto
- Juliana Severo

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- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
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- Frank Fiscalini
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- Marge Papp
- Dave Perzinski & Lucia Clementi
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
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- Janice & John Travis
- Nanci Arata Wilborn
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman
- Dana R. Zuccarello

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair

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CALLING ALL IAHF MEMBERS!

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 lac9471@yahoo.com 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 ~

A PEEK INTO THE BOARDROOM

Your Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting February 8. The meeting was well attended and members asking to be included via Zoom, as always, were welcomed.

The Executive Board decided that there does not seem to be a need for a special meeting and therefore voted unanimously to abandon that process. In the future, Executive Board meetings will be held on an as-needed basis. The December minutes were further corrected to include both Dave Perzinski and Madeline Damino as attending, along with some additional language regarding the election process. January minutes were approved as written. All finalized minutes are available for your review in the office.

- There were some concerns about the unsightliness of the conference room. The Board along with the language students will take turns cleaning the space.
- Issues regarding the ABC and bar matters have been deferred to a February 28 meeting with Matt Mahan who is running for Mayor of San Jose. Matt has agreed to help the IAHF with our permits.
- Ken reported that the Valentine's Day event has been postponed until March 6

and that the Graton Casino Trip is scheduled for April 26. St Joseph's Day will again be a drive-through as Covid precautions are uncertain, and we need to protect our members. Cooking classes will start up again soon and a new Italian language class is in the works, both in person and online.

- As per routine protocol, the Board voted to remove Felix and Marie as signatories on the bank accounts and replace them with Dana and Sharon, respectively.
- Frank reported our net revenue for January to be \$22,493. This includes memberships and Hall rentals.
- Azie was excited to report that the building locks have been changed as a routine procedure and that a key log is being maintained to help keep track of who has keys. He also reported that we took delivery of 117 new chairs today with the balance to arrive before the end of February.
- Seth reported that the Five-Year Plan is moving along slowly, mostly due to lack of data. He asks if anyone has information for the Plan, please get the data to him as soon as practical. Dana also reiterated that our building is not for sale and that it never was an option.

- Lucia got the February newsletter printed in-house and a small group of volunteers spent an afternoon getting them printed, folded and mailed out. This will save the IAHF about \$500 per month. Volunteers are always needed for various tasks at the IAHF. Whether unloading chairs or processing newsletters, if you can help, please call the office and let us know. There was also a nice article in the Campbell Press about the IAHF, our history and offerings. It is hoped that this will help increase membership.
- Because our Library is increasing in volume, Madeline asked and was granted permission to use the small office adjoining the current space.
- As a reminder, if you have not renewed your membership, there is no time like today. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the IAHF, allowing us to expand our membership and outreach programs.

The next meeting of your Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15. All are 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 News-
letter and Email reminders of events and gives you discount-
ed rates for our events.

These past few years, times have been trying. Let's be hon-
est, 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 Fes-
tas, meetings, dances, lectures, classes and the advance-
ment 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 Valentine's Pizza 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 a special IAHF choreographed "Mambo Italiano"

Salad, Individual Pizzas and Dessert

Pizza choices:

- ♥ Pepperoni
- ♥ Sausage and Mushroom
- ♥ Garden Delight Vegetarian

Bring your own wine or beer

Soft drinks will be served
at the bar



Line Dancing with Lucia Clementi

*A casual event
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)*

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[Click here to buy tickets](#) or call 408 293 7122 to RSVP and pay in advance.

“Evviva La Festa di San Giuseppe”

The Italian American Heritage Foundation

Welcomes Everyone to stop by for the

ST. JOSEPH’S DAY Celebration

Friday, March 18, 2022

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



THIS EVENT IS FREE - Benvenuti a Tutti / All Are Welcome

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

This year, The Italian American Heritage Foundation will be celebrating the spirit of St. Joseph’s Table by providing the traditional take-home bag, *AND a second bag* with take-home containers of pasta and Sicilian orange salad.

If you would like to attend the blessing of the food by Father George Aranha, Pastor of Santa Teresa Catholic Church, please use our parking lot. The blessing will take place at 10:30 AM, Friday, March 18, 2022.

You can receive your St. Joseph's take-home bags by stopping in front of the Heritage, on Friday, March 18, 2022, between 11 A. M. & 2:00 P.M. Someone will provide you with both your bags, while you stay in your car.

Music for our event will be provided by Joe Annuzzi.

It is unfortunate that due to the Pandemic we cannot at this time, celebrate a traditional Mass and our wonderful luncheon / social event.

Our celebration is dedicated to all those whose lives have been impacted by Covid 19

Donations for the St. Joseph's Altar and Table are gratefully welcomed. Monetary donations will be collected and shared with local charities which help supply and feed those in need. Please contact the IAHF Office at 408-293-7122 regarding any special donations.

We thank the Sons of Sicily for their many years of generous contributions to this event.

CALL for VOLUNTEERS - AIUTO / HELP

We would appreciate your help with the *Festa di San Giuseppe!!!* Part of our volunteer team have retired and the San Giuseppe Festa committee needs more volunteers to help with event preparation, distribution of bags, traffic control, and clean-up.

Call or text the event chairperson: Kathy Lohman @ 408-238-4467(cell), or 408-807-4125

Or leave a message at IAHF with Stanley Olivar @408-293-7122,

Or, email at IAHFSJ@IAHFSJ.ORG



Grazie Tante / Many Thanks

Chairpersons: Kathy & Larry Lohman, Co-chairperson: Ken Borelli, Mass Chairperson: Cathy De Maria, and all our wonderful volunteers

Tap Here To Donate To The St. Joseph's Day Celebration

THE FESTA IS BACK!! AUG 20-21

After two long years, we are so thrilled to announce that the Italian Family Festa is back!! We're looking forward to all the festivities and to being able to finally see all your friendly faces again. Mark your calendars for August 20-21, 2022, at History Park San Jose.

The planning team is excited to reunite and begin the organizing process. Although we're in the early stages of planning, we wanted to let you know we'll have the traditional food, music, cultural talks, grape stomp and wine tasting that you have all grown to love. This is our 40th year bringing the Festa to our community and sharing our Italian experiences, to celebrate we want to have some fun "40" activities. If you have any ideas, please call or email me, my information is listed at the end of this article.

Many of our sponsors are returning, including Galbani Cheese and that means we'll have our popular culinary stage again this year! We love those cooking demonstrations! If anyone would like to be our culinary stage ambassador, please let me know. We need a volunteer to oversee the demonstrations



and make sure our chefs have what they need, plus you'll get some great tips from them.

After two years, we hope we can count on your support as well. It truly takes a village to produce the Festa each year. We need you, our members, to share your talent and time in support of the Festa. Please consider joining the Festa Team. We are a fun, supportive and passionate group and will always be there to assist you. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Almost all work is done on your own time, so it can easily fit into your schedule and lifestyle. We encourage co-chairing with friends and family to lessen the work and increase the fun!
2. Meetings – not anyone's favorite thing. We keep the larger meetings to a minimum. We do meet in small groups, on an as-needed basis, to allow for more focused and productive use of our time.
3. We are a team and we are always there to lend a hand to help each other. You will have all the support you need to make you, and the Festa, a success.

JOIN THE TEAM, JOIN THE FUN!

CURRENT OPENINGS

- **MARKETING** – This can be one person or a combination of several people. This will be a team effort working with the Festa Director; let's get creative together.
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Write press releases, outreach to news, radio to get our name in the paper.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** – Increase the number of followers, share, etc. on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- **ADVERTISING** – Help develop ad placements in print, online, and other opportunities.
- **CANNOLI CHAIR(S)** - Order supplies, cannoli cream and shells (don't worry we have the info you need to make it easy); oversee Festa weekend volunteers. We have all the historic information and are here to assist you.
- **VOLUNTEER CHAIR(S)** - Help us coordinate our amazing volunteers. Almost all the sign-up is done online by the volunteers. This is an extremely important position because without volunteers, there can be no Festa. They are the heart and soul of what makes it happen.

Look for more updates in the newsletter and by email. In the meantime, spread the word:

THE FESTA IS BACK!

Contact Nancy Morreale at nmorreale11@yahoo.com or 408-368-9094 for more information on everything Festa.

-- Article by Nancy Morreale, Festa Director ~



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, 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.
 3. **Il Cenacolo Scholarships** are awarded to undergraduate students at a four-year institution pursuing graduate-level studies. 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 Berkeley. 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: <https://forms.gle/zkhoh5j1VAVxYsYMA>.
 - The link to download the document to aid applicants in completing their application form is at: https://www.iahfsj.org/files/ugd/b024de_e77882d922bd4062837db03b243a76de.pdf.
 - For questions, please email Marie Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair at: mrdalldorf@gmail.com.
- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair ~



An Opportunity 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 an opportunity to help defray the cost of this expense:

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" or "IN HONOR OF" with a name underneath.

Click here to Name A Chair today: <https://form.jotform.com/220448648742159>

Or call the office at (408) 293-7122.

-- Article by Nanci Wilborn and Azie Habib ~

What a **FEAST!!!!**

A cozy thirty-five of Ken's faithful foodies made their way to this San Jose iconic BBQ destination owned and operated by Sam Carlino, Jr. The Carlino family has been in the food industry for 80+ years – (remember Time Market??) as is so well evident by the gastronomical feast that was enjoyed at our Cena Fuori Gennaio!

We gathered in their comfortable, covered outdoor seating area that was arranged to satisfy everybody's seating needs. And at 7pm, the Feast began, served by efficient, courteous and thoughtful staff.

We started with a small bowl overflowing with fresh lettuce and sliced red onions with your choice of dressing – nice! And then – to the surprise of everybody assembled – placed in front of each of us was this humongous oval platter – also overflowing – with a slab of Sam's renown **VERY MEATY** BBQ Baby Back ribs, a quarter (**VERY JUICY** and **MEATY**) BBQ chicken, a foot-long link of Carlino-made Italian sausage, a scoop of seasoned-to-perfection housemade potato salad **AND** a generous slice of toasty and tasty garlic bread. Bottles of Sam's famous

CENA FUORI



GENNAIO 2022

BBQ sauce were provided just in case you wanted to enrich your BBQ experience even more! I think they probably ran out of take-home containers!

If that wasn't satisfying enough, we were then treated to a slice of homemade apple pie – a slice? More like a quarter of a pie! Another take-home box please.

It is certainly obvious why Sam's BBQ has received so many accolades and awards over the years from Metro, Los Gatos News, Silicon Valley Home, San Jose Mercury News as the "Best BBQ Restaurant" with the "Best BBQ Sauce."

We also enjoyed an open forum of announcements from various guests including and not limited to the following:

- Lucia Clementi invited all to attend the Afterglow Valentine's celebration.
- Madeline Damiano invited us to visit and peruse the prolific resources that our Library has and enjoy the vast compilation of information that has been organized and categorized (including a book written by Sam Carlino about his family's bootlegging and mafia connections!)
- Dana Zuccarello was applauded as our new IAHF President
- Ken respectfully requested we communally share a moment of silent remembrance for recently deceased Richard Arzino, IAHF President 1980, and for Connie Lo Bue Scarpelli, recipient of the IAHF Outstanding Achievement Award in Education in 2006.

Thanks once more to Ken and Stanley (photographer par excellence) for arranging and coordinating another fantastic feast!!

– Article by Cathy De Maria /

Photography by Stanley Oliver 🍷





The Patrons of Italian Culture Announce



The Albert J. Casola Prize for the Study of Italian Language and Culture

"Full Time" undergraduate and graduate students of Italian descent, enrolled at an accredited educational institution are eligible for consideration for this scholarship. A major or minor in Italian Language or Italian Studies is not a prerequisite; however, consideration will be given to the applicant's course of study.

The Patrons anticipate awarding the Casola Prize(s) for 2022 in the approximate total amount of \$ 4,000. Funding of the Casola Prize will be deposited to the account of the contest winners at the academic institution he or she is currently attending.

Please submit the attached entry form, your resume and academic standing, and a letter addressed to: The Board of Directors, Patrons of Italian Culture. Your letter should contain a detailed

explanation of your course of study, the basis of your interest in the Italian Language or Culture, and how you plan to use your knowledge or academic degree in promoting the awareness of the importance and contributions of Italian Language and Culture to the world.

Finalists may be interviewed during the month of June or July by the Patrons of Italian Culture's Board of Directors. Entries must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2022 and mailed to:

P Romano
Pres. Patrons of Italian Culture,
P.O. Box 4720,
Palm Springs, CA 92263

ENTRY FORM

Please print and submit this entry form with your resume, academic standing and letter.

Zip: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please identify your Italian – American lineage: _____

How did you learn about this prize? _____

Name and address of College/University currently enrolled at: _____

Your Major Course of Study: _____

Your minor (if any): _____

I am a (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Pursuing the following degree: _____

Anticipated date of the awarding of the degree: _____

I agree that my entry becomes property of The Patrons of Italian Culture and they may publish my entry in whole or in part. Finalists will be asked to submit a photo and a Social Security Number (required by law) and may be interviewed during the summer by the Board Members.

The Patrons of Italian Culture retains sole discretion in the awarding of the prize.

Signed: _____





The Patrons of Italian Culture Announce



Scholarships For High School Seniors For Italian Language & Cultural Studies

Full Time High School Seniors who are currently enrolled in Italian language classes and who have been accepted to an accredited College or University are eligible for consideration for this scholarship. A commitment to a major or minor in Italian Language or Italian Studies is strongly recommended. Consideration will be given to the applicant's final course of study.

Scholarships will be awarded in various amounts. Funding of all scholarships will be deposited to the account of the student at the academic institution he or she will be attending. Please submit the attached entry form, your resume and academic standing, and a letter addressed to: The Board of Directors, Patrons of Italian Culture.

Your letter should contain a detailed explanation of your future course of study, the basis of your interest in the Italian Language or Culture, and how you plan to use your future academic degree to promote the Italian Language and Culture.

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2022 and mailed to:

P Romano
Pres. Patrons of Italian Culture,
P.O. Box 4720,
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Please print and submit this entry form with your resume, academic standing and letter.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please identify any Italian American lineage: _____

How did you learn about this Scholarship? _____

Name and address of College/University you have been accepted to: _____

Your future Major or Minor Course of Study: _____

I agree that my entry becomes property of The Patrons of Italian Culture. Winners will be asked to submit a photo and Social Security Number (required by law) prior to awards being given by The Patrons of Italian Culture. The Patrons of Italian Culture retains sole discretion in the awarding of all scholarships.

Applicant: _____

Share Your Memories of the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

We have been given an exciting opportunity to contribute to an upcoming Fairgrounds Heritage Exhibit, July 23 - July 30. Curator Marcella Gulmon is looking for items to loan or donate. Do you have photos from an IAHF Festa at the Fairgrounds? Memorabilia? Did you work in one of the booths? I'd love to hear your story and present your memories.

-- Article by Madeline Damiano, librarian@IAHFSJ.org



Little by little, the Arts communities are working their way out of the "Covid lockdowns." I was very heartened to hear that Opera San Jose is restarting the Irene Dalis vocal competitions. The original competitions were an emerging "must" for the local opera scene and, of course, had to be sidelined during the last couple of years like so many other live performances.

Yet throughout these last two years, I have been amazed at the determination to create and outreach to the community not just by Opera San Jose, but by so many other cultural and arts organizations. This includes all the online events, drive-bys and activities that were promoted by the IAHF too. We have built up quite an amazing catalog of online and archival materials over these last two years.

Even so, nothing really can take the place of a live performance and face-to-face interaction. It is with this spirit in mind that the Vocal Competitions is being planned with a two-fold function. Number one, provide a much-needed forum and incentive for young vocal talent to perform; and Number two, to signal to the community that Opera San Jose is back in the tapestry of our arts scene.

RETURN OF THE IRENE DALIS VOCAL COMPETITIONS



Given the IAHF's long-term involvement with Opera San Jose and its founder and IAHF member Irene Dalis, we were given the heads up about the competition and some special events that are in the planning stages. The date of the final event of the Irene Dalis Competition is May 21. The company is also planning some special community activities celebrating the Competitions and Opera San Jose's impact on the local and regional art scene. There will

be a special reception May 19 as a part of the competition week, and the IAHF has been invited to be a part of the celebrations so save those dates.

Stay tuned about the Opera events as they unfold. As an aside, this year too is the 100-year anniversary of the founding of the San Francisco Opera. A host of activities are being planned for the 100th season. There is even a Santa Clara County connection to SFO with the first opera season being performed at Stanford University in Palo Alto. Italian roots run deep in both companies, and, if opera is your thing, this will definitely be a stellar year "bis, bis" (encore)!

-- Article by Ken Borelli ~

Tanti Auguri Carmella: CENT'ANNI!



Carmella Gullo turned 100 on February 1 of this year. Wearing a sparkling tiara proudly proclaiming 100, she and husband Joe greeted friends in an open-air "drive-through" party held on Saturday, January 29th.

The weather couldn't have been better; the day was sunny and mildly warm. Daughters Frances and Joanne had thoughtfully set up refreshments for visitors, offering bottled water, chocolate and vanilla cupcakes and lovely chocolate hearts from See's Candies, festively wrapped in bright red foil. There was a large "Happy Birthday" sign on the front door, with large purple balloons also declaring "100."

Soon there was a line of double-parked cars waiting to wish Carmella a happy and healthy

birthday. Guests couldn't resist greeting her in person, while respectfully adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines. It was heartwarming to see the smiles on Carmella's and Joe's faces. Neighbors on the busy street took it all in stride, patiently making their way around the line of cars, with not one horn to break the mood.

Attendees included Ken Borelli with Daniel Burns, our resident opera singer. Daniel serenaded Carmella with a beautiful rendition of Happy Birthday in Italian: Tanti auguri a te. You can see the video at https://video.wix-static.com/video/ce37b9_62068c78f09546bca7686fa83f84a9e0/480p/mp4/file.mp4.

Carmella and Joe are long-time members, having been active in many events over the

years. I know Carmella from my days with the kitchen crew as "the salad lady." I was delighted to find that she prepared the regional lunch salads with the exact same mix of oil and vinegar that my mother used; it was like going home again.

I have missed the presence of Carmella and Joe at the Heritage since the COVID-19 pandemic began and was delighted at the chance to see them again. Gilda and I arrived a little early and had a chance to catch up with them before the parade of cars began.

A sincere Happy Birthday to you, Carmella. Thank you for your dedication and so many years of service to the IAHF.

-- Article by Madeline Damiano ~

ITALY'S 400 ISLANDS

by Antonio Tasca

ITALY'S GEOGRAPHY

Four seas surround the Italian peninsula: the Tyrrhenean on the West, the Adriatic on the East, the Ionian on the South East and the Mediterranean on the South. On the North, the mighty Alps separate it from the European continent. Below the Alps a number of lakes straddle the borders with Switzerland. There are over 400 islands in Italy. Many are very small and uninhabited. Some have been used as penal colonies for political or chronic offenders. Many go unexplored. They offer pristine settings of unequalled beauty. A few islands are a refuge for migrating birds.

Italy has twenty regions. The islands of Sardinia and Sicily are two of them. Italians refer to these two islands as *le isole maggiori* (the major islands). All other islands dotting the coastline and the lakes are called *isole minori* (minor islands).

Sicily (5 million) is the largest island in the Mediterranean basin. Sardinia (3 million) is the second largest. Several airlines and ferries connect the two to the mainland. Millions of tourists visit these islands each year. Splendid beaches, well kept antiquities, great food and sunny weather are the main attractions.

Surrounding the coastline of Italy are several smaller islands and a number of archipelagos blessed with rich history, fabulous beaches, great scenery and unique cuisines. An archipelago is a cluster of islands. Some tiny islands are close enough to one another to be connected by bridges.

It is noteworthy that off the Venice lagoon there is a small group of islands familiar to tourists. Murano with its adjacent islets is well known for its exquisite glass works. Burano is known for its signature lace work.

Tourism is the principal occupation.

LET'S EXPLORE SOME OTHERS

Tuscan Archipelago is a chain of seven islands off the Tuscan shores. Most people are familiar with the islands of Elba (32,000) and Montecristo. Legends say that the archipelago originated from a necklace that Venus, the Roman goddess of beauty and sensuality, lost while emerging from the Tyrrhenean Sea.

History buffs know that Napoleon was a prisoner in Elba. Montecristo (2) is associated with the writings of Alexander Dumas. Other islands are Giglio (1,442), Capraia (415), Pianosa (10), Gorgona (220), and Giannutri (10). Ferry service connects the islands with one another and with the port of Leghorn. Cruise ships circle these islands during the summer months.

Campanian Archipelago is located off the coast of Naples and comprises five islands: Capri (12,200), Ischia (55,000), Nisida, Procida (10,600) and Vivara. Capri is perhaps the best known. Ischia is the largest and the destination of choice for many Germans, including retired Chancellor Merkel, who maintains a summer home there.

These islands trace their origins to the Mycenaean Greeks. The patrician class of ancient Rome used to vacation in these islands. Roman poets mentioned the beauty of the islands in their musings.

Cruise ships stop in Capri to let passengers descend and visit the famous blue grotto. Daily ferry service connects these islands to the mainland and to one another.

Well-known films such as *The Postman*, *Cleopatra*, and *Talented Mr. Ripley* have been shot in Procida.

Aeolian Archipelago is a cluster of seven islands of the North East coast of Sicily: Lipari (10,200), Salina (2600), Vulcano (150), Stromboli

(450), Panarea (280), Alicudi (50) and Filicudi (25). These islands are the result of volcanic activity over a period of 260,000 years. Stromboli and Vulcano are still active volcanoes.

The islands trace their history to 4000 BC when the Sikels arrived. Mythology tells us that Aeolos, god of wind, lived there and so did Vulcan, the god of fire. Homer in the *Odyssey* mentions Neptune, god of the seas, as a frequent visitor. More than 600,000 visitors come to the islands each year. The islands are known for the Malvasia wine and the much-appreciated capers.

Daily ferry service connects these islands to several ports in Sicily and the mainland. Cruise ships can be seen circling the islands during the summer months. Stromboli entertains passing ships with its nocturnal explosions and fumaroles.

Stromboli is famous for the post-war neo-realist movie *Stromboli Terra di Dio* by Roberto Rossellini starring Ingrid Bergman. A museum of the apartment the two stars shared during the filming is open to the public.

Egadi Archipelago is a group of islands off the northwest coast of Sicily. Favignana (3,800) is the largest and most developed. Levanzo (450) and Marettimo (350) more pristine. The population of all three islands is 4,300. Fishing and tourism are the principal occupations.

There is evidence of Neolithic and Paleolithic presence in caves on Levanzo and to a lesser degree in Favignana. Roman historians tell us that it was near these islands that Carthaginians fought and lost to the Romans. Elymnian Greeks escaping Troy after its defeat at the hands of mainland Greeks stopped on Sicily's west coast on their trek to Latium.

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Daily ferry service connects these islands with Marsala and Trapani in Sicily. This archipelago is a destination of choice for many Sicilians during summer. The capture of tuna is a celebrated event each year.

ISOLE PELAGIE

There are three islands in this archipelago: Lampedusa, Lampione and Linosa. They are located smack in the center of the Mediterranean Sea close to the North African Coast and Tunisia.

- Lampedusa (6,500) is the largest. Since the early 2000s it has become the entry point of choice for illegal migrants arriving from Libya. Upon landing in Lampedusa, migrants are afforded protection and assistance by the Italian government and the European Union. Lampedusa traces its history to the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans and Berbers. Fishing, agriculture and tourism are the main economic drivers. Air and ferry service connect the island to Sicily.
- Lampione is uninhabited and serves primarily as a lighthouse. The island according to Homer's Odyssey was a rock fallen

from the Hands of the one-eyed Cyclops Polyphemus.

- Linosa (430) traces its origins to the Punic wars and was used by the Romans as a base. Saracens, Normans, Angevins, Aragonese and the British have controlled the island. Agriculture and tourism are the principal components of the local economy.
- Pantelleria (7,800), not part of the archipelago, is located in the Sicilian Channel 37 miles east of the Tunisian Coast and 62 miles southwest of Sicily.

On a clear day Tunisia is visible from the island. Its history goes back to the 7th century B.C. Carthaginians, Romans, Arabs, and Aragonese have ruled the island.

The wine industry is the island's principal economic activity. The island is well known for its sweet wines (passito), capers, and the Zibibbo grape. Air and ferry service connect the island to Sicily.

MADDALENA ISLANDS

A small archipelago on the north east corner of Sardinia merits mention. The island (11,200) is part of an archipelago that in-

cludes Caprera, Gallura and four other smaller islands. Caprera is famous as the final retirement home of Giuseppe Garibaldi, the revered leader of Italy's Unification.

BORROMEO ISLANDS

The Borromeo islands are a group of three small islands and two islets in the west arm of Lago Maggiore, the biggest of the four lakes straddling the border between Italy and its northern neighbor.

There are 200 inhabitants in the group, mostly in Isola dei Pescatori. The most famous is Isola Bella. The other islands Isola Madre and Isolino di San Giovanni are not as well known. Isola Bella is a popular tourist attraction, with regular ferry service from Stresa, Laveno, Pallanza and Intra. The annual Stresa Music Festival is held in the island.

Italy has many surprises in store for the visitor interested in the less traveled road. There is much to be explored and a lot to be learned about the culture, traditions, and thousands of years of history. Smaller islands are unique microcosms of yesteryear. You can find there long lost but not forgotten customs. ~



HELLO MEMBERS! We are resuming our cooking classes on Thursday, April 7th. We will kick off the season with a special class taught by Robert Brower. During this class, Robert will teach us how to make his delicious Polpette (Meatballs) in a sauce to poach.

While the meatballs simmer in the sauce, Robert will present the first five parts of his "Sunday Gravy" program. Robert has presented this program at York University in Toronto ("Italian Foodways Worldwide") and also at a Sunday dinner meeting at the Culinary Historians of Northern California.

Once the polpette are ready, we will serve them over pasta for our students to enjoy. If you love pasta and meatballs, this is a class you won't want to miss! Please join us.

Please join us for our upcoming cooking classes:

- Thursday, April 7th, 7 PM. / Poached Polpette (meatballs) with Robert Brower / Come and learn how to make Robert's tasty meatballs that he will poach in a sauce / Also, he will show us his "Sunday Gravy" presentation / \$25 members / \$30 non-members / At the IAHF Hall
- Thursday, May 5th, 7 PM / Risotto with Louie Lombardo / Louie will teach us how to make risotto in his own unique way / \$25 members / \$30 non-members / At the IAHF Hall

To enroll in the classes, please call 408-293 7122 to RSVP or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>

We hope to see you there! -- Article by Lucia Clementi ~

Ancient Tricarico

We recently received a book titled *Per la storia di Civeta di Tricarico e di Calle*, by Rev. Giovanni P. Daraio (c. 1954). The book is written in Italian and details the history of three cities.

The book begins with a general overview of the history of ancient Lucania, which once overlaid most of what today is Basilicata and parts of neighboring regions. Rev. Daraio then delves into specific towns, detailing the pre-Roman history of Civita, Tricarico and Calle. Civita has not survived, but the histories of Tricarico and Calle are detailed up through modern times.

The book contains detailed maps and diagrams, including coats of arms for all of the towns of Lucania, including Tricarico. If your family has roots in this area, this is a book you should take a look at. Although it's written in Italian, today's smart phones can scan and translate text at a basic level.

For its protection, this fragile book is only available for reference.

I have traveled to Italy to trace my family history. Surprisingly, my trip led me through several small towns; my Contadini ancestors must have migrated to find work. In two of those towns, I was offered similar books on local history. They are written by locals and contain details that we in the US do not have access to. I value these books immensely and



feel lucky to have one on Tricarico's history because I know many of our members' families emigrated from there.

Donation Guidelines

Our Twila Venuti Library welcomes donations, especially items of local, West Coast Italian American history. We also welcome digital files (text or photos), and we are actively seeking family histories. Because our library is small, books that we cannot accommodate are passed on to other members or to public libraries, unless you request their return.

Books should be in reasonably good, clean condition. Like the Tricarico book discussed above, if the book is of historical significance, a damaged or fragile book may easily find room on our shelves.

Be sure to browse our online card catalog at <https://iahf-sj.librarika.com/>.

Want to volunteer?

Thank you to Sophia Adamo, the new intern who is sorting and labeling books with me and to William Jeffries, who has been steadily updating our card catalog with the newly digitized newsletters.

Since the Heritage has reopened post-COVID, there is a backlog of books to be processed and shelved. There is also a lot of archival work to be done. If interested in helping, I can find a job at your comfort level.

Email me at librarian@iahfsj.org 📧

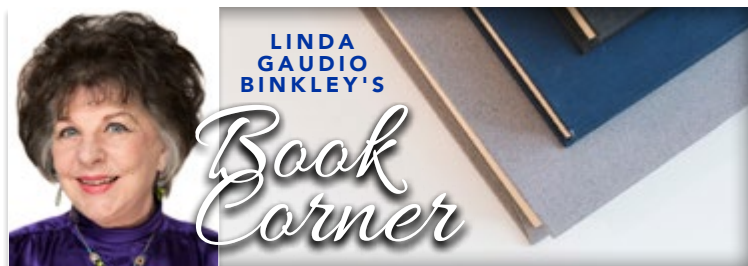


ITALIAN VEGETABLE PLANTS

Tomato.."tamato".....you choose!

During the Regional Lunch on April 21, there will be a plant sale at the Hall courtesy of the Prusch Farm Park Foundation, Sharon McCray and Azie Habib. All plants will be \$3.00 each and ready for planting. Varieties include the following Italian varieties: Goliath, Costoluto Geonvese, Beefsteak, Martino's Roma, Mrs. Maxwell Big Italian, Rosa Sicilian along with Aristotle Basil and Mama Mia Giallo Pepper. All varieties will be specifically selected Italian varieties. All proceeds will benefit the IAHF.

There might be other varieties; as of this writing, these are what are known that will be offered. Please note, these plants are not available from your local nursery and were sold as seeds. They were planted by Sharon McCray on January 12 and have been nurtured until the day of the luncheon and sale. Sue Conde will help Azie with information about the varieties and planting instructions. -- Article by Sharon McCray and Azie Habib 🌿



THE VENICE SKETCHBOOK

by Rhys Bowen

Thanks so much to Rhys Bowen for sending me *The Venice Sketchbook*. It is a captivating book, and I did not skip a word. The sad beginning of a broken marriage and broken heart blossomed into a story of intrigue, historical drama, romance, heartache and true love.

Our protagonist, Caroline, received a mysterious bequest upon the death of her beloved great-aunt, the sister of her grandmother. She is given a sketchbook, 3 keys

and a single dying word "Venice," nothing more. Caroline decides a trip away may soothe her aching heart so she travels to Venice to scatter her Great Aunt's ashes. Armed with the sketchbook and keys, she is determined to solve this riddle which has totally captivated her (and me!) In doing so, happily her own private problems become resolved as well.

Through Caroline's quest, the entire story of Juliet's experience in Venice unfolds page by page from her first arrival as a young woman touring with her very Victorian Aunt. Her chance waterlogged encounter with a young aristocratic gentleman blossoms into a magnificent love story. Despite a rather surprising number of coincidental encounters as years pass by, the story is achingly real. War interrupts one visit, and Juliet becomes involved with the government as a low-level spy. I say, low-level, but as the story progresses, seriously dangerous.

The novel is beautifully written with just enough description of Venice to create a colorful pallet. Author Bowen clearly knows the city well, having spent time there in her youth. The story also has a wonderful completeness to it. From beginning to end the novel forms a complete and fulfilled circle. It is a very satisfying, enjoyable and intriguing read.

LINDA GAUDIO BINKLEY'S

Italian Word or Phrase of the Month

The phrase of this month is

Pendolare: to commute

Pendolari: commuters

The word *pendolare* means to swing back and forth, to oscillate or to dangle. It is related to our word clock pendulum.

Commuters go back and forth to work, like the swinging of a pendulum.

- ***Tutte le settimane io pendolo tra San Jose e San Francisco.*** (verb) Every week I commute from San Jose to San Francisco.
- ***Mio marito è un pendolare.*** (male) My husband is a commuter.
La studentessa è una pendolara. (female) The student is a commuter.
- ***Mi dispiace tantissimo fare la pendolare.*** I very much dislike commuting.

We can also use *pendolare* as an adjective.

- ***Io sono una maestra pendolara.*** (feminine adjective) I am a commuting teacher.
- ***Lui è un lavoratore pendolare.*** (male adjective) He is a commuting worker.



PERSONAL NOTES

Excited to work with the
2022 IAHF Board for a
positive, productive year!

-- Dana Zuccarello, President

*Auguroni Enzo,
papa, nonno, amico, nel
tuo 90mo. compleanno,
cent'anni ancora in salute
ed armonia!*

- Rosita



*St Joseph,
Patron of
our City,
Pray for us.*



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.



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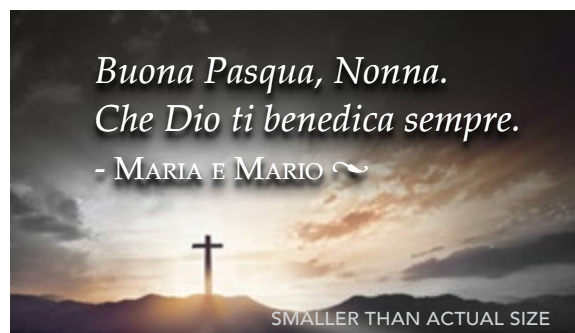
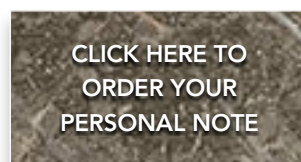
Commemorate Your Family's Events With A Special Note

Select one of twelve
3.5" x 2" designs and
send us your message of
15 words or less.

We will print your mes-
sage in the following
newsletter.

Each note is only \$5, so
why not order more than
one?

- \$10 / 1 Issue
- \$20 / 3 Issue
- \$35 / 6 Issues
- \$60 / 12 Issue



AND DON'T FORGET OUR BUSINESS ADS

We are just beginning Personal
Notes, but we have been running
Business Ads for a while.

- See chart for size and prices per running time.
- The price for a business card size ad starts at only \$20 for one newsletter issue.

SIZE: W x H	Number of Issues			
	1	3	6	12
Card: 3.5" x 2"	\$20	\$50	\$90	\$170
1/4 page: 4" x 4.75"	\$50	\$90	\$250	\$400
1/3 page: 7.75" x 3.5"	\$60	\$160	\$300	\$500
1/2 page: 7.75" x 4.75"	\$70	\$200	\$380	\$600
Full page: 7.75" 9.75"	\$100	\$250	\$450	\$750

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT
YOUR AD ARTWORK

CLICK HERE TO PAY FOR
YOUR BUSINESS AD

- Business Ads must be formatted in hi-resolution PDF, JPG, or TIFF to size specifications in RGB color mode
- Members Business Discount: 10% each category



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EDUCATION

Since obtaining her California Real Estate license, Rosetta has attended mandatory legal classes, completing various state-required programs, such as Real Estate Principals, Real Estate Appraisals, 1031 Exchange Reinvestment Plan, Senior Real Estate Specialist, Certified Probate & Trust Specialist, Pricing Strategy Advisor Certification, Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource Certification, Limit Liability Company for Reinvestments, Protecting the Fee, Due Diligence and Disclosures, Agency Fair Housing, Trust Funds, Ethics and Risk Management, Survey Course and Risk Management. Professional Philosophy Rosetta's passion and philosophy have always been to put her client's best interests first, provide every client with the highest of business ethics, commitment, and 100% excellent quality service. Building a lifetime relationship by earning the respect and trust of her clients, is her ultimate goal.

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