



President's Message

One of the books I remember reading in high school was "The Andromeda Strain." It was a book about a mysterious outbreak in a small town in rural New Mexico from an alien disease (from a meteor). My young mind was fascinated both with fear of the disease and the fascination of how fast the well-organized military teams were able to isolate and contain the organism, but a design flaw still threatened a full nuclear pandemic.

Almost fifty years later, we find ourselves facing similar fears with a real pandemic threatening the world. The real fear among us is not the disease but, in reality, the fear of the unknown. For it is the lack of information that has caused us to react and stokes the hidden fears within. The best solution I can offer for these fears is the assurance that we are fully aware of the situation, are actively monitoring changes as they occur and are ready to act and help where we can.

The devastation of this disease to our compatriots in Italy has been unimaginable with 60,000 cases and 5,500 deaths. Hospitals have been over capacity and military style triage has been implemented to decide who to treat and who has no bed at the hospital.

What does the pandemic mean to the IAHF? For now, it means that the events (including hall rentals) for March and going into April are cancelled, and there is a very real possibility this may continue for the foreseeable future. We have cancelled St. Joseph's Table, deferred the Crab Feed, and hope to be able to host it in June. We believe the Festa della Repubblica will be cancelled as the Italian Ministry will be too busy dealing with the situation in Italy. The cooking classes for April and May will be deferred. The office and the library will be closed as long as the directive from the Santa Clara County Health Office is in effect.

We are still trying to plan for the Festa this year as we will be celebrating our 40th year. But with uncertainty brings change, and while the Festa is the best celebration of our culture, it also brings financial risk to our organization. At this point, the future is much too unknown, there is a fine line between being optimistic and realistic.

Changes proceed at such a pace that whatever I write here will be obsolete by the time you get this, so it is important to check the website iahfsj.org for updates. We are told to expect significant disruptions to the way of life as we know it. This would normally be a time for family, but watching the video coverage of family visiting their loved ones through the windows of the senior home in Washington reminds us that we must be careful and mindful of others in all we do.

As I said in my earlier notice, sometimes thoughts and prayers are simply not enough; especially when we cannot come to terms with events which appear to be beyond our control and comprehension. We must be like the Italians who now sing from the balconies in defiance of fate. -- Felix Dalldorf / fdalldorf@gmail.com 🇮🇹

COVID-19: What you need to know

What is the IAHF doing to help?

The IAHF has reached out to the County of Santa Clara and to local hospitals to make our facility available if needed for emergency services. In China, we were amazed to see a thousand bed hospital built in 10 days, but to do this in the USA would be nothing short of a miracle. In Italy, tents were set up for treatment when the hospitals were full, and now there is no room there either. We have been pro-active in volunteering our facility early in this time of need.

- COVID-19 typically causes flu-like symptoms including a fever and cough
- In some patients - particularly the elderly and others with other chronic health conditions - these symptoms can develop into pneumonia, with chest tightness, chest pain, and shortness of breath.
- It seems to start with a fever, followed by a dry cough
- After a week, it can lead to shortness of breath, with about 20% of patients requiring hospital treatment *continued on page 2*



- 80.9% of infections are mild (with flu-like symptoms) and can recover at home
- 13.8% are severe, developing severe diseases including pneumonia and shortness of breath
- 4.7% as critical and can include: respiratory failure, septic shock, and multi-organ failure
- in about 2% of reported cases the virus is fatal
- Risk of death increases the older you are
- Relatively few cases are seen among children
- Notably, the COVID-19 infection rarely seems to cause a runny nose, sneezing, or sore throat (these symptoms have been observed in only about 5% of patients). Sore throat, sneezing, and stuffy nose are most often signs of a cold: source: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/coronavirus-symptoms/#typical>
- The virus effect is worse in older people, males, and people with underlying conditions. What does that mean?

| AGE | DEATH RATE confirmed cases | DEATH RATE all cases |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 80+ years old | 21.9% | 14.8% |
| 70-79 years old | | 8.0% |
| 60-69 years old | | 3.6% |
| 50-59 years old | | 1.3% |
| 40-49 years old | | 0.4% |
| 30-39 years old | | 0.2% |
| 20-29 years old | | 0.2% |
| 10-19 years old | | 0.2% |
| 0-9 years old | | no fatalities |

| SEX | DEATH RATE confirmed cases | DEATH RATE all cases |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Male | 4.7% | 2.8% |
| Female | 2.8% | 1.7% |

| PRE-EXISTING CONDITION | DEATH RATE confirmed cases | DEATH RATE all cases |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cardiovascular disease | 13.2% | 10.5% |
| Diabetes | 9.2% | 7.3% |
| Chronic respiratory disease | 8.0% | 6.3% |
| Hypertension | 8.4% | 6.0% |
| Cancer | 7.6% | 5.6% |
| no pre-existing conditions | | 0.9% |

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/coronavirus-age-sex-demographics/>

There is no immunization or vaccine and one will not be available for at least 18 months. Trials have started, but the most immediate focus is on therapeutics – which refers to treatment. What treatments appear to help, which do not, interactions with other treatments, different treatments according to symptoms, etc.

So far, only two countries have managed to curtail the spread of Covid-19, China and South Korea. These countries were only able to stop the spread through much more stringent quarantines and protective measures than any other country has implemented.

Santa Clara County

On March 16, 2020, the Health Officer of Santa Clara County issued an official shelter-in-place order. Essentially, this order has closed the

IAHF along with most other “non-essential” businesses in Santa Clara County. Citizens are advised and/or required to work from home, and expected to maintain ‘social distancing’ when they need to go out. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/opa/newsroom/Pages/covid-19-nonessential-services-close.aspx>

Grocery stores, gas stations, public transportation, and other services are expected to remain in place but service and hours may be affected. Some stores are even implementing senior only hours and many stores, restaurants and fast food establishments are waiving delivery fees. <https://abc7news.com/business/south-bay-grocery-chain-offering-coronavirus-senior-hour/6021226/>

Currently, you are not confined to your house. You are allowed to go to the store for needed items and go for walks. But we are asked to enforce ‘social distancing’ – this means not stopping to talk with others and maintaining at least a six-foot distance from everyone else. While indications show Covid-19 is not an airborne disease, it can be transmitted by proximity from someone who is infected even if they are not displaying any symptoms.

An important lesson dates to 1918 with the outbreak of the Spanish Flu. Just like Covid-19, this was a pandemic that started overseas and came to our shores weeks later, and the areas that did not cancel events or practice social distancing had significantly more cases and deaths. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/15/us/philadelphia-1918-spanish-flu-trnd/index.html>

While you may be able to leave your house for doctor appointments or to buy necessities, remember this is an easily transmitted, highly contagious, and potentially deadly disease not to be taken lightly. Your safest option is to stay home as much as you can.

Need supplies?

Several food stores and restaurants offer delivery or partner with companies that deliver – and many are waiving their delivery fees. Here are just a few:

Google Shopping (Costco Grocery, Target, Supermarketitaly.com, RWGC, Albertsons Marketplace, Costco Wholesale, LuckyVitamin.com, Food to Live, 99 Ranch Market, Overstock, GreenMarket.com, British Food Supplies, Shoplet, and others): <https://www.google.com/search?psb=1&tbm=shop&q=grocery>

Costco two day delivery: <https://www.costco.com/grocery-household.html>

Costco same day delivery: <https://sameday.costco.com>

Amazon fresh: <https://www.amazon.com/alm/storefront?almBrandId=QW1hem9ulEZyZXNo>

Safeway: <https://www.safeway.com/> or call Safeway Grocery Delivery @ 877-505-4040

Whole Foods: <https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/amazon/grocery-delivery-and-pickup>

Information on COVID-19

A list of the most useful links has been compiled by the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy and can be found here: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/maps-visuals>

Includes the map from John Hopkins Hospital you always see on the news: <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

And a very good explanation of the outbreak, assessments, treatment, hygiene, and containment from the South China Morning Post: <https://multimedia.scmp.com/infographics/news/china/article/3047038/wuhan-virus/index.html?src=article-launcher>

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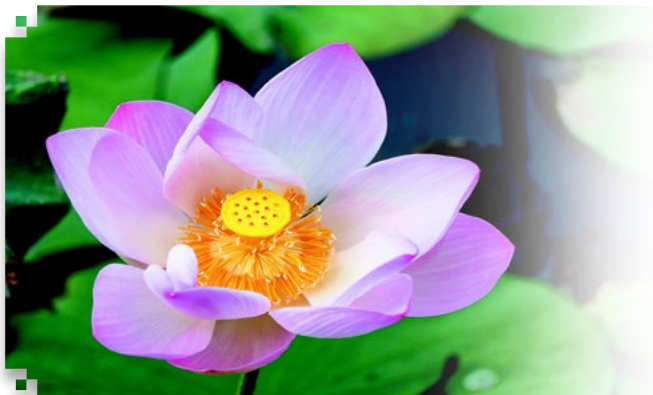
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From Francesca La Marca, the Italian Prime Minister,
who resides in Toronto and represents Italians living in North America

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The Beautiful Words of Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky

"Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise."

From: the New Abnormal Normal

<https://sheilapierce.com/blog/2020/3/17/the-new-abnormal-normal>

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IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

As your new Membership Chair, I want to thank all of you for your support, participation and contributions to this wonderful organization which celebrates rich Italian culture. As part of this celebration, your membership dues keep Italian culture alive. So, if you have already paid your 2020 dues, thank you for renewing promptly. If you haven't renewed and would like to continue your membership, please either call the IAHF office at (408) 293-7122, visit our website at www.iahfsj.org/membership or send in your check today. This will ensure that you continue receiving the newsletter, receive discounts on our events and are part of this dynamic community. Grazie mille, Dave Perzinski 🐟



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The following Members chose to honor the contributions of the IAHF to the community with a remembrance in their estates.

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



2020 IAHF SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

After careful consideration, the IAHF Scholarship Committee has determined that scholarships will be awarded for this academic school year. We encourage graduating students to apply! The schedule previously posted will be maintained. As a reminder all applications must be submitted by April 30 before 4 pm. The 2020 application is available on our website at <http://www.iahfsj.org> (in Word and PDF form). Applicants should periodically check the IAHF website for any updates regarding activities as there will likely be some changes to our process this year given our current situation.

Questions can be forwarded to marie.dalldorf@iahfsj.org. Thank you!

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf 🌸

THE PATRONS OF ITALIAN CULTURE ANNOUNCE

The 2020 CASOLA SCHOLARSHIP

Undergraduate and graduate students of Italian descent enrolled at an accredited educational institution are eligible to apply for the 2020 Albert J. Casola Scholarship for the study of Italian Language and Culture. The organization sponsors extensive programs focusing on many aspects of Italian culture and its rich heritage. To access the Casola Scholarship information about the requirements and deadline for submission, use the following link: PICLA.ORG



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Bay Area Grocery Stores with Senior Hours

Safeway, Whole Foods, Rainbow, Costco, TJ's and more give seniors the morning to themselves

Since our seniors are our most vulnerable community members these days, many grocery stores have stepped up and created "seniors only" shopping hours in the morning.

Here's the current list with many thanks to [SE Gate](#), [Eater](#), and [USA Today](#) for their initial research and many help from our followers on Facebook who helped fill in the blanks.

Please note that these hours/promotions may change at any time – updated 3/23/20 at 11:29am

Stores with Senior Hours and / or Promotions

Nob Hill & Raleys Starting March 21st offering a discounted bag of grocery essentials for seniors every day for \$20 (plus a \$35 option with ready-to-eat meal). The bags are available for pick-up curbside, or you can send a text to have the bag delivered right to your car.

Trader Joe's – NEW Effective Monday March 23rd Trader Joe's will implement senior hours every day between 9am and 10pm (store hours will remain 9am to 7pm). Crew Members will maintain an additional line outside the front door for our senior customers. This will ensure that those customers in need will have an expedited entrance to the store. What's a "senior" according to Trader Joe's? They've left this vague.

Walgreens – NEW Starting Tuesday, March 24 and every Tuesday for the near future,

Walgreens stores will open at 8 a.m., with the full hour from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. dedicated to senior citizens. This hour is also available to their caregivers and immediate families may also visit the store during this time. Additionally, we will offer our senior day discount all day on Tuesdays during this time. Customers age 55 and older will receive 30 percent off regularly priced Walgreens brands and 20 percent off regularly priced national brands.

Zanottos Willow Glen, Rose Garden and Sunnyvale have senior hours from 8-9am.

Bi-Rite Market – NEW Starting Monday, March 23rd 8:30 to 9am Monday through Friday is dedicated time for senior and other at-risk guests. They will limit guests in store at any one time to 10 at the 18th St. and Divisadero stores.

Albertsons Two hours from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for senior customers and at-risk guests that include pregnant women and immunocompromised persons.

Piedmont Grocery (Oakland) Beginning March 22, customers 65 and older will be able to shop between 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every morning.

Rainbow Grocery Starting March 19 will adjust its store hours to let persons 60 years of age and older shop between 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every day. The store will be closing at 7 p.m.

Costco – NEW Beginning March 24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Costco will temporarily implement special operating hours for members who

are 60 and older. The pharmacy will also be open during this hour; however the food court will maintain its normal operating schedule. These hours apply to all locations except the Business Centers, which will remain open during regular hours.

Cal-Mart Senior hours Thursdays 9-10am and Saturdays 8-9am (as of 3/21 at 2:14p – this isn't listed on their website, so please call for updates) – plus you can call in to make an order for pickup. Laurel Village Shopping Center, 3585 California St. 415-751-3516

Draeger's Markets Senior hours Mondays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. for seniors, people with pre-existing conditions, immuno-compromised people, and pregnant women. Locations include San Mateo, Danville (Blackhawk), Los Altos and Menlo Park

Safeway Senior customers and at-risk guests will have special shopping hours at Safeway stores between 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Find your local store [here](#).)

Lunardi's Senior citizens (65 & Older) and those with disabilities are welcome to shop on TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS between the hours of 7am-8am which will go into effect Tuesday March 24th until further notice. We will continue to honor the 5% senior discount on these 2 days. All stores will close at 7pm daily.

Canyon Market Glen Park local market where Seniors 65 and older only are invited to shop from 7am-8am every day.

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They will be open to the general public from 8am-8pm every day.

Luke's Local – **NEW** 960 Cole St. in SF – 9am to 10am reserved for seniors 60+. They are temporarily operating cash-free (credit card and debit card only)

Mollie Stone's Markets Senior and immunocompromised hours are 7am to 8am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays until further notice with most stores open to the general public 8am to 8pm. [Find your local store.](#)

Other Avenues Food Store Coop Outer Sunset market at 3930 Judah with first hour (9am to 10am) reserved for seniors

Andronico's Senior customers and at-risk guests will have special shopping hours at Safeway stores between 7 a.m. to 9 a.m on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

99 Ranch Market Asian foods supermarket with first hour of business (store hours vary) reserved for 60+, expectant mothers, people with disabilities and those with compromised immune systems ([Find a store near you](#)). Seniors only shop 8-9 am daily in South Bay area, except Milpitas 8:30-9:30 am. – Also Daly City, Richmond, Concord, Foster City, Pleasanton, San Jose and many more locations.

Gus's Community Market Haight Street Market, Noriega Produce, Mission Bay and 17th & Harrison open for those 60+ from 7:00 – 8:00 am daily beginning today. Now closing at 8:00 pm for cleaning & re-stocking.

Target: Senior citizens and people with underlying health concerns can shop at Target stores nationwide every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. All Target stores across the country will close at 9 p.m. to restock their shelves. (Find your local store [here](#).)

Whole Foods Starting March 18, customers 60 years of age or older can shop at Whole Foods at 8 a.m. – one hour early. Some stores will close up to two hours earlier. (Find your local store [here](#).)

Berkeley Bowl Marketplace All senior citizens can from from 9am to 10am (one hour before market opens). Regular hours now 10am to 7pm

Walmart From March 24 through April 28, Walmart's 5,000-plus U.S. stores will host an hour-long senior shopping event every Tuesday for customers 60 and older, which will start one hour before stores open. Stores will be open from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. local time. Stores that open later than 7 a.m. will continue their regular starting hours.

Dollar General Dollar General designated the first hour at its more than 16,000 stores in 44 states as open daily to senior shoppers including Bay Area stores in Vallejo, Concord, Brentwood, Antioch (Find your local store [here](#))

Oliver's Markets Sonoma County local market are opening from 6:00a.m. to 7:00a.m just for seniors 7 days a week, plus they are extending their 10% senior discount (normally only Thursdays) to be every day. Stores in Windsor, Cotati, Santa Rosa

Lucky Save Mart, FoodMaxx and Lucky stores have set aside every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 am to 9 a.m. for higher risk populations to shop. The company is asking other guests to allow seniors and vulnerable populations, such as pregnant women and those with compromised immune systems, primary access to our stores during these times.

Big Lots – The first hour of each day is reserved for senior citizens and those most vulnerable to the virus. Also offering [curbside pickup](#) to help with social distancing. [Find you local Big Lots](#)

BONUS: Free Pizza for Seniors While not a super market, Tony & Alba's pizza in San Jose deserves a special shout-out free with a free delivery of pizza and salad, enough to serve 2, to seniors (age 70 or older) within their delivery zone.

No Known Senior Hours

Grocery Outlet Some stores in SoCal have started senior hours, but we haven't heard any reports of any Bay Area GrossOuts creating senior hours yet – updated 3/22/20

CVS No known updates on any senior hours as of 3/23/20

Sprouts No known updates on any senior hours as of 3/22/10.

Farmer Joe's Oakland market has no updates on any senior hours as of 3/22/20.

Source: <https://sf.funcheap.com/city-guide/grocery-store-senior-hour/>



IAHF Members Helping Members

Recently I was able to get through to my family in Italy, and I was reassured that for the moment things are OK. The thought occurred that some IAHF members may not be able to call due to logistical or familiarity issues. In talking to our Italian Language instructor and coordinator Delia Schizzano, both Delia and I and some of her advanced language students would be willing to contact a family member on behalf of an IAHF member. If you are in need of a short call, contact the the IAHF at 408-293-7122 and we will get back to you for details about contacting a family member in Italy. -- Article by Delia Schizzano & Ken Borelli 🌿

DR. ANTHONY FAUCI: ITALIAN AMERICAN

Some personal notes about one of the most influential Italian Americans today.

A YouTube interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci. His roots run deep into the Italian American immigration experience. Check it out at: <https://youtu.be/W-L1iEabLNA>

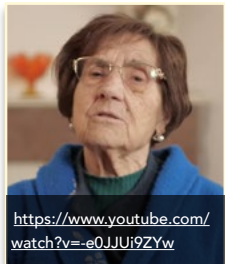
-- Link submitted by Ken Borelli 🌿



Siamo tutti insieme

We are all in this together.

In Italy, one of the ways the Italians are confronting the quarantines has been demonstrated across the country by singing from the balconies. Citizens who are bored from extended confinement in their homes are opening their windows, stepping onto the balconies, playing their instruments, and singing popular songs, as well as the Italian National anthem. This is their way of coming together, supporting each other, and building their spirit.



Another outlet can be found in social media. To honor courage in light of calamity, go to YouTube and search for "casa surace." [Here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0JJU9ZYw) you will find a humorous take on the Corona-virus from a very feisty nonna who refuses to let the virus beat her and takes the opportunity to remind us of what we should have been doing all along. You can click the "CC" icon below the picture to select English subtitles.

Next, consider the poor citizens of Castelvetro di Modena, who in the midst of the coronavirus breakout woke the morning of March 4th only to find the water turned wine when they turned on their water faucets. No, not divine intervention, it turns out an excess of Lambrusco Grasparossa from a nearby winery, Cantina Settecani, spilled 1,000 liters of wine from a large silo into the local water supply due to faulty valves. While concerning, it added a bit of levity in Northern Italy which has taken the brunt of the pandemic.

And going a little further North, actually to the Engel Wang Fu restaurant in Lustenau Austria, we have the tragic incident where the world's largest bottle of wine (1,590 liters), standing 9.8 feet tall,

with a 40-inch diameter and weighing more than 815 pounds, spilled. Apparently, the cooling case it was stored in malfunctioned, and the wine overheated seeping through the one-foot long cork and onto the floor. As some Italians believe if you spill wine, you must dab it behind your ear as it is bad luck. My mother-in-law would say that spilled wine was allegria (cheerfulness). While I would maintain that when spilling good wine you must go to confession. Imagine the time they must have spent in the confessional for that!

Speaking of wine, reminded me of a trip through Italy many years ago. It was early afternoon and we saw a local co-op winery in the town we were driving through. The signs said it had a wine museum, so we thought we would stop, take in the museum, buy some wine, bread and cheese, and have a nice picnic lunch. The museum was interesting, the wine was good, but the gas pumps stole the show. The locals would come in with large plastic containers (5-liter water bottles) which were flipped over onto a washing station where they would be pressure cleaned. Then they would take the bottles to a series of gas style pumps to fill the bottles with wine. There were pumps for Bianco, Rosato, Primitivo (3 different types?) and Gigolo. Our kids were so excited we had to buy a water bottle, pour out the water and head for the pumps just so we could try it out.

In this time of uncertainty, we must look to the silver linings wherever they may be. Encourage those we can, and do what we can to help. I offer these distractions to provide some levity, as we are all in this together.

We hold our dear Italian friends deep in our hearts and prayers.

-- Article submitted by Felix Dalldorf / Source: https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/3a8p8v/firefighters-called-to-save-420-gallon-bottle-of-red-wine



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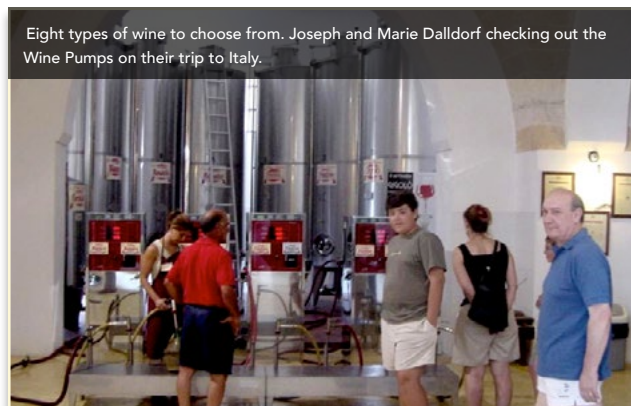


Making the wine bottle



www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/10-foot-bottle-wine-seemed-great-idea-until-it-started-leaking-180974249/

The 815-pound bottle took three years to build. COURTESY OF DE DIETRICH PROCESS SYSTEMS



Eight types of wine to choose from. Joseph and Marie Dalldorf checking out the Wine Pumps on their trip to Italy.



<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/real-examples-water-turning-into-wine>



ITALIAN FAMILY

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If Not YOU, Then WHO?



Activities For Kids



Become a member of our Planning Team. You'll have the full support of the Team and almost everything is done on your time from the comfort of your home. The following are specific needs but if you have a special skill to share please let me know:

- **Cannoli Chairperson:** order the cannoli cream, shells and along with a few misc. things and provide booth supervision during the Festa weekend.
- **Spaghetti & Meatballs Chairperson:** order food, supplies and supervision during the Festa weekend.
- **Arts & Craft Vendor Co-Chair:** assist our current chairperson with vendor communication, identifying potential new vendors, and assist during the Festa weekend.
- **Marketing Chair / Assistance:** be the chairperson or just assist us with getting the word out. Be one, two or all, of the following; social media chair, PR chair, graphic artist, enter our Festa to online calendar listings, webmaster.
- **Festa Co-Director:** partner with me, learn how the Festa works and help make it happen.
- **Interested in other areas:** we are always looking for co-chairs to share in the planning.



Other ways you can support the Festa:

- **Sponsors:** know a company or person that might be a great sponsor of the Festa? Just let us know and we'll follow up.
- **Volunteer:** be a weekend Festa volunteer. All you have to do is sign up to help when we start our volunteer effort.
- **Donate:** what you can.
- **Share:** all ideas are welcome so share your thoughts with us and share the Festa by telling friends and family: follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter (@italianfestasj) and share our postings.



I know together we will make Festa 2020 sensational. Save the dates for this year's 40th celebration: August 29 and 30, 2020 at History Park San Jose. Stay tuned for more information on the Festa's special anniversary activities.

Don't be shy - let's talk.

-- Nancy Morreale, Festa Director --

nmorreale11@yahoo.com or 408-368-9094 call or text



Festa Della Magra



The Festa Della Magra was the featured theme of February's regional lunch. The Italian culinary tradition is rich in meatless meals, and of course, the Lenten season underscores this theme. Sadly it was to have been an introduction into the culinary array of Italian meatless meals. The "show stopper" was, of course, the annual Festa di San Giuseppe. Sadly it had to be canceled. In any case, grazie San Giuseppe for your inspiration. For so many years, the Festa has been an amazing experience of dedication to the foster father of Jesus, and it will be back next year, with an even greater appreciation of the event.

Even so, the Noon, Thursday, Feb 20th regional lunch hopefully entices you to explore the meatless repertoire found in pretty much all regions of Italy. Our Festa Della Magra meal included stuffed tomatoes, and other vegetable antipasti, A beet, pear and mixed green salad, the famous spaghetti puttanesca, melanzane al forno (baked eggplant), and the dessert was a cannoli parfait with fresh strawberries. The menu itself was taken from various parts of Italy and certainly offered a good sampling of the variety in vegetarian cooking.

Actually one of the classic Italian cookbooks on the subject is called Leaves From Our Tuscan Kitchen. It was written in 1899 by Jane Ross, a British expatriate, who made the Florentine countryside her home.

She collected Tuscan meatless recipes from a variety of sources. Through her book, she probably was one of the first international boosters of the Mediterranean diet, well ahead of the trend. I have a treasured tattered paperback at home from the 1970s, and the preface talked about the novelty at the time, of featuring hearty Italian soups as the main course. A lot has changed since 1899 in terms of habits, but certainly not in taste buds and why this cuisine has carved a major culinary niche.

These culinary reminiscences tied in too to our guest speaker, Eliot Margolis from the Mid Peninsula Media Center, and our ongoing concerns and plan to capture many of these culinary memories among other subjects into oral histories. Eliot also noted one of the most popular hits on his web page is actually about an IAHF member, Richard Stewart's mother, as a young war bride in the 1940's. Totally unplanned Richard was in the audience to hear the presentation.

Our next month's regional lunch was to have been the area around Venezia, and our consultant was to have been Linda Felice and the culinary traditions on her mom's side. 'Sera' per un'altra volta', and as soon as we are back in business we will feature Venezia at our next regional lunch. -- Article by Ken Borelli 🍷

CARNEVALE!

AT THE IAHF

As we go to press I want to try to describe the magical Carnevale at the IAHF. It almost seems like a distant dream, but it was only a month ago, or Sunday, February 23rd to be exact. The event featured a "Carnevale" dinner with a rich meat sauce ragu, pasta, and sausage, along with a dessert table highlighting the traditional "chiacchiere," or specially prepared fried egg dough pastry for Carnevale. The dessert itself has a variety of names depending on the dialect you are from in Italy. Also the operative word for a "carne-vale" meal is of course "carne" or meat before it goes or "vale" for Lent!

And speaking of dialects, our six piece band, known as Dialetti Imperfetti, are composed of musicians whose origins are from throughout Italy representing a wide range of "dialetti" along with their loyal groupies. They performed a selection of current and traditional Italian popular songs. The revelers, many of them their fans, joined in the song and dance with spontaneous conga lines forming while children ran in and out, creating quite a ballroom scene.

Adding to the festivities were the amazing array of costumes, from princee and princesses, to Roman senators, hobos and Renaissance kings and queens. It all became quite magical when combined with the flurry of color at the hall, including beads, streamers and face paintings. The dance floor itself became a riot of color and activity all the way until the last song! It was a true family celebration and

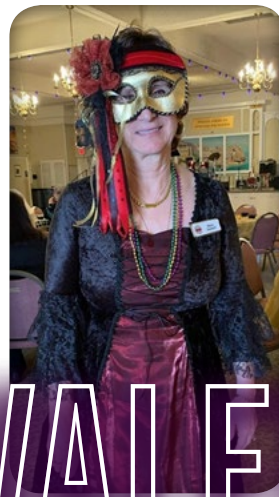
an amazing experience in line with Carnevale throughout the Latin world, especially in Italy.

As festive as Carnevale is there is also a sober part of the experience and that follows the last day of Carnevale or Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, where you dutifully truck off to church to get your ashes. I don't know how many of our revelers did. While we held our event on Sunday, in many areas celebrations go through Fat Tuesday. In some areas the festivities are over two weeks long, such as in New Orleans!

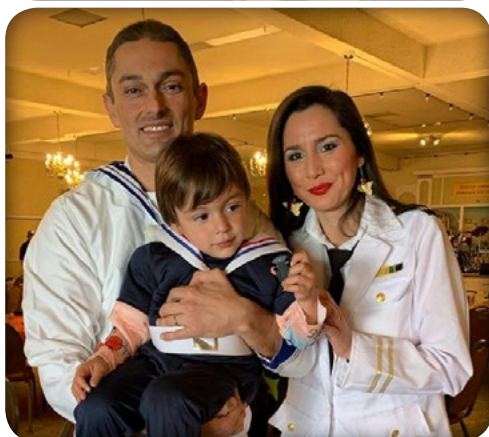
A special word of thanks to an amazing committee for bringing this great tradition to the IAHF: Committee Chairs Lea Scalici and Stefania Pistrutto, and "merry krewe" including Richard Stewart, Felix and Marie Dalldorf, Azie Habib, Karen Corlett, Jan Prinzivalli, Kay Virgilio, Joe Lucito, and yours truly, along with students from San Jose State, and spouses and friends who all came in Sunday morning to decorate the hall. As an FYI: due to hall rentals on the weekend when we have a Sunday event, we normally have to get in very early Sunday to do the decorating. Likewise, we had quite a group of new friends from Italy at the event, and my/our prayers and best wishes to them and their families in Italy and all of us during this very difficult time. God willing we will celebrate our Carnevale at the IAHF next year as well! -- Article by Ken Borelli 🍷🍷



Photos by **FELIX DALLDORF**



CARNEVALE!



Photos by **STANLEY OLIVAR**



CARNEVALE!





CARNEVALE!

Letter to the Editor

Please tell Ken and crew that it was the best ever. The food was great and I really enjoyed the company! It was the best kickstart to life again after my gallbladder surgery. Thank you!!

Janice 🍷

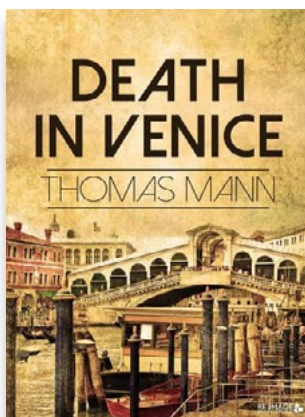
Italian Word or Phrase of the Month

Many of you I am sure noticed the lively Evviva! In the newsletter introducing the invitation to the St. Joseph's Day festivity. Evviva! is a wonderful Italian expression to know and to use. As you can probably guess, it is a rousing exclamation of approval. It can be used as it is in the newsletter as a lively expression welcoming guests to a celebration or when making a hearty toast. It can also be used when responding to a sneeze. Often it is also used in the sense of "long live" before a noun such as long live liberty!...Evviva la libertà!

Evviva l'Italia!

-- Article by Linda Binkley 🍷

Evviva!



Death In Venice

by **Thomas Mann**

Translated by H.T. Lowe 🍷

We have all read this year about the rising waters of Venice. So I decided to take a plunge and read Thomas Mann's *Death in Venice*. I had no idea that by the time I finished the book and wrote the review Venice would be suffering yet another blow in the name of Novel Coronavirus. Strangely the book deals with a serious epidemic and mandated

isolation. It's a total coincidence!

I will not deny that *Death in Venice* was a difficult book to read. Part of this may have been due to the translation from German, the occasional German phrases that were not translated, and also to the use of German syntax. Mythological references also complicated things for me.

The first 24 pages of this 73-page story take place in Germany and are dedicated to introducing us to the protagonist Aschenbach. This lonely, troubled middle-aged soul is a successful author, but he is trapped in his self-made cocoon of self-denial and austerity. Since he is troubled with writer's block, he decides to travel to Venice where his skill will hopefully be revived. It is clear he is not traveling for pleasure, but only for academic reasons. He will not allow himself pleasure, he is intensely

self-disciplined. These lengthy pages were a challenge to read. I felt like I was in a bog.

In Venice, Aschenbach is seated at dinner next to a Polish family. Among them is a 14-year old boy named Tadziu. Sight of this boy ignites an artistic flare in the author Aschenbach. He sees the boy as the personification of human perfection, something like an Adonis. Aschenbach gradually becomes obsessed with Tadziu and looks forward every day to watching him play with his friends on the beach and eat his meals with his family. He even follows the family as they stroll through the streets of Venice. At one point we are made to know that the boy is aware he is being followed, but there is no alarm registered.

The two never meet or speak. It's so strange.

Aschenbach becomes painfully aware of his age and appearance and frequents a barber who fixes him up with dyed hair and make-up. Meanwhile cholera strikes the city. People are confined to their hotels and homes. Shops are closed. This suits Aschenbach perfectly as he can continue to observe his love idol. The days pass in idleness. Aschenbach is still suffering from writer's block, but he is relaxed and happy observing Tadziu go about his daily life. The reader has no idea what Tadziu thinks of this elderly gentleman with dyed hair and wearing make-up, We can only imagine.

One day, at the end of the novella, Aschenbach, feeling weak, decides to forgo any exercise and takes a beach chair, on the Lido in front of his hotel. He seats himself comfortably to admire Tadziu on the sand with friends. At a certain point their eyes meet. Aschenbach thinks he is being beckoned to come and as he attempts to rise from his beach chair, he falls quite dead, probably of cholera fever. It's sad because this extraordinarily self-disciplined, passionless man has died unable to control a ridiculous and undignified obsession.

Thomas Mann received a Nobel Prize for literature, one of the few given for a single work, his novel, *Buddenbrooks*. He is acclaimed, but I found the reading of *Death in Venice* to be tedious, challenging and puzzling. 🍷

La Pasqua e La Pasquetta

L'Italia è magnifica durante la stagione pasquale. Lo stivale è pieno di alberi in fiore che profumano i viali. Ricordo in particolare la città di Verona in primavera. Era viva con il profumo dei Tigli fioriti. I bambini sono in vacanza e i parchi sono pieni di allegria. Molte persone scelgono questo periodo dell'anno per visitare i musei perché l'entrata ai musei è gratuita per una settimana in primavera.

L'austerità della Quaresima termina il gioioso giorno di Pasqua. Il lunedì seguente, La Pasquetta, è anche festivo e, se il clima lo permette, le famiglie fanno delle scampagnate. Cercate di visitare l'Italia durante questa stagione piacevole. 🌿



Easter and Little Easter
Italy is magnificent during the Easter season. The boot is full of flowering trees that perfume the roads. I remember in particular the city of Verona in spring. It is alive with the perfume of the flowering Linden trees. The children are on vacation and the parks are full of happiness. Many people choose this time to visit the museums because the entrance to the museums is gratis for one week in spring. The austerity of Lent ends in the joyful day of Easter. Easter Monday is also festive and, if the weather permits, families go on picnics. Try to visit Italy during this peeeaceful season. 🌿



EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY AT THE ROMAN FORUM



Rome archaeologists have discovered a hypogeum or underground temple and tomb believed to be devoted to the cult of Romulus, the city's legendary founder.

The discovery, described as "extraordinary" by the Colosseum Archaeological Park director Alfonsina Russo, was made next to the Curia-Comitium complex in the Roman Forum.

The tomb, which contains what appears to be an altar, houses a tufa sarcophagus about 1.40 metres in length and believed to date back to the sixth century BC.

The hypogeum is located below the entrance stairway to the Curia, where Roman senators met to vote.

Full details of the discovery are expected to be released at a press conference on 21 February.

-- Article submitted by Linda Binkley 🌿



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Six Entertaining Hotlines
to Soothe Your Dystopian
Lockdown Nightmares

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Going outdoors is not cancelled, listening to music is not cancelled, quality time with our families is not cancelled, reading a book is not cancelled, sharing with friends is not cancelled, singing out loud is not cancelled, laughing has not been cancelled, sharing **HOPE** with others has not been cancelled.

Let's **EMBRACE** what we have.

ps: Drinking wine isn't cancelled, either.

-- Submitted by Linda Felice 🌿



Lucia's Cooking Class News

▪ The Latest from Lucia Clementi ▪

As I wrote last month's "Cooking Class News" article, I had no idea what was to come in the future. And if you told me that we would be "sheltering in place," I would not have believed you. But that is exactly what we are now doing. With this in mind, I hope that all of you are healthy, safe and have everything you need to get through the upcoming weeks/months.

My heart goes out to Italy with all that they are experiencing there. Prayers go out to them for the healing of that beautiful country. I have reached out to my family and friends who live there and I thank God that they are all well.



Meanwhile, along with the rest of the IAHF events, our cooking classes are cancelled through May. Ken Borelli and I will postpone the classes until it is safe to begin them again.

With that said, I thought it would be fun to offer a recipe that I taught in one of our previous cooking classes, "Anchovy Pasta with Mollica." The beauty of this recipe is that it requires minimal ingredients and can be prepared in a jiffy. I cherish this recipe because my brother, George, shared it with me, and my husband, Dave, loves it. Blessings to all of you!

🌿 Anchovy Pasta with Mollica (breadcrumbs) 🌿

- 1 tin of anchovy fillets in olive oil
- 1/2 pound spaghetti (you can use any type of pasta, we like mostaccioli and thin spaghetti).
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 to 3 large garlic cloves, minced (depending on your taste in garlic)
- 1 or 2 small fresh or dried hot red chiles such as peperoncini or Thai, thinly sliced (I use about a teaspoon of red pepper flakes)
- 1 8- ounce can of tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped fennel leaves
- 3/4 cup toasted fresh breadcrumbs, divided (breadcrumbs can be toasted in a frying pan alone or olive oil can be added for extra flavor).

Step 1

Lift out anchovy fillets of jar or tin, leaving oil behind. Finely chop fillets.

Step 2

Put olive oil, finely chopped anchovies, and chilies in a deep 12-in. frying pan (with at least 2-in. sides) or wide pot and cook over low heat, stirring, until anchovies dissolve. Stir in fennel, garlic and sauté for 1 minute. Add tomato sauce and bring to a boil, lower heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

Step 3

Meanwhile, in an 8-qt. pot, bring 5 qts. salted water to a boil over high heat. Add pasta and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender to the bite, about 10 minutes.

Step 4

When pasta is almost done, set aside 1 cup of the cooking water, then drain pasta and transfer to pan with anchovy sauce. Toss quickly until all the strands are well coated. Add some reserved cooking water if pasta seems dry. Set aside 2 tbsp. breadcrumbs, then add remainder to pasta and toss again.

Step 5

To serve, sprinkle each serving with some reserved breadcrumbs.

🌿 Serves 2. Enjoy!! 🌿



TWO LOCAL ITALIAN ORGANIZATIONS PARTNER TO ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIPS

The IAHF has joined forces with Il Cenacolo, a San Francisco Italian organization much like IAHF that preserves, enhances and encourages all aspects of Italian arts, language and culture and recognizes the unique contributions of Italian heritage so intertwined in the history and life of Santa Clara County and the San Francisco Bay Area. This partnership will ensure that Il Cenacolo scholarships will continue through the IAHF Scholarship program.

Discussions with Il Cenacolo began in late 2019 when Felix Dalldorf, the IAHF President, and Marie Rose Dalldorf, Scholarship Chair, were invited to open communications with Il Cenacolo members about the IAHF scholarship program. The initial response from Cenacolo members was very positive and many of them were eager to embark on this opportunity. Mr. David Cobb, Board Member, committed \$2,000 to form the first Il Cenacolo scholarship to be carried out in conjunction with IAHF scholarships.

Mr. Cobb asked that Marie make another more formal presentation to Il Cenacolo members about the process and procedures of the IAHF scholarship program. At this meeting, Alex Rynecki, a Board Member, pledged \$2,000 for the first individual scholarship.

The IAHF scholarship committee will work closely with Cenacolo members to ensure the successful incorporation of both programs. The Cenacolo scholarships target students graduating from accredited 4-year institutions in the Bay Area interested in continuing their studies in Italian language, literature and culture, including students of the arts. In contrast, IAHF scholarships targeted students graduating from accredited high school or community colleges who are accepted to an institution of higher education, including Visual and Performance Arts scholarships for students of the Arts accepted to a four-year institution.

Cenacolo members will be asked to participate in observing and participating in the rating session, conducting interviews and attending the scholarship event. This Cenacolo scholarship supplement will be a key priority for IAHF in the coming months. A special thank you to Il Cenacolo for pooling resources to continue to assist scholarship students in the greater Bay Area.

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf / Photo by Felix Dalldorf 🍷

🍷 Shout Out to Tony and Alba's Restaurant 🍷



The IAHF would like to recognize the incredible generosity of Al and Diana Vallorz, co-owners of Tony and Alba's Restaurant on Stevens Creek, San Jose. Diane and Al have been Business and Patron Members of the IAHF for many years. The restaurant has offered to deliver free pizza and salad to senior citizens over the age of 70 in the San Jose distribution area. This is an excellent example of how an extraordinary act of kindness by one business can make a significant difference for so many older folks during this extremely difficult time.

Tony & Alba's website: <http://www.tonyandalbaspizza.com/>

Grazie mille Tony and Alba's per la tua generosità!

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf

Farewell Florence

by Gabriella Gomez



This past year I had the amazing opportunity to study abroad in Florence, Italy through California State University system. There is a small school located in the center of Florence where students from all across California can choose to study at for an entire year. I arrived in late August, prepared to move to a different country across the world, and not knowing a single person. The first few days were a whirlwind, as I quickly grew accustomed to the city that would be my home for the next 10 months. I learned quickly that Italians walk absolutely everywhere! The city seemed so large and intimidating to move through at first, but by November, I knew all the best spots in the city center and how to get there on foot. A twenty-minute walk across town seemed like so long in the beginning, but became a daily occurrence.

My study abroad program began with an intensive Italian language course. We learned Italian for 4 hours everyday, for six weeks and by the end I had a firm grasp of basic language skills. I daresay if I had been able to stay until July I might have been fluent. I remember one day when our professor took the whole class down the street to the bar, to learn how to order an espresso in Italian. That bar, a delightful jazz-themed café, became our go to spot for a quick coffee before or in-between classes.

I found a small apartment in the Santa Croce neighborhood, a mere 5 minutes from the beautiful church itself. I quickly became used to hearing the bells chime out the hours. I definitely miss being able to hear them, however out of tune they were. My walk to my university took me straight through the open-air Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio, and I looked forward to seeing the hustle of the market each day. I will miss being able to buy farm fresh produce and excellent meats and cheeses.

In addition to exploring Tuscany, I visited Milano, Torino, Verona, Genova, and Rome among others. I also was able to travel to Sicily in October, and meet my Italian relatives. They showed me all around Palermo and Bagheria, and even to Cefalu, a picturesque beach town. Each new city I visited was amazing, because

although they were all still in Italy, the character and people were always unique. I also had the opportunity to make a new friend, through my University's language exchange program. I was partnered with an Italian high school student named Maddalena, and we became fast friends while improving our respective second languages. She lives in the beautiful Chianti region outside of Florence, surrounded by vineyards, where I visited her quite often.

Luckily, I was able to share my Italy with my family, as they flew out to see me in early February. This ended up being just in time, as by March the country was on lockdown. I was able to show them all my favorite spots in Florence. We visited the neighboring hill town of Fiesole, and made it up to Piazzale Michelangelo to see the city from up high. I am so glad they were able to see my adopted city, and visit all the places they had only heard about from me.

Unfortunately, by March it was clear that the COVID virus was not going to get better soon, and my university decided to close the study abroad program. It was very sudden, and from the time the decision was announced, it was less than 72 hours before some of my friends were on flights back to the US. We had many rushed goodbyes and last minute dinners, all while rushing to pack up six months abroad into a couple suitcases. I remember walking by the Duomo on my last night in Florence. There was not another soul in the Piazza, due to the virus and the late hour, and I kept thinking how sad and heartbroken I would be to leave this city, that was filled with so much history and magic. Leaving Italy was very bittersweet; I was excited to see my family and pets, but I was devastated to be ripped away from the life I had made for myself abroad. I will sorely miss many things: the fabulous and inexpensive coffee and wine, being able to walk to anywhere I want to go, the wonderful food, and the hospitality of the Italian people. However, I know that I will return, hopefully sometime in the near future, to visit all the friends I made, and see more of this beautiful country. Ci vediamo Italia! 🌿

Note: Gabriella Gomez is a senior at Sonoma State, majoring in biology. Last year she was able to fulfill a dream of studying in one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, Firenze (Florence). After much preparation, including securing an educational visa to study over 6 months in Italy, she was off to quite a scholastic adventure. The program was part of the California State International Program. Her parents are Shannon Hare and Stephen Gomez.

*Gabriella was also an IAHF scholarship recipient in 2017, and I would get periodic updates from her IAHF member grandparents, Tony and Rebecca Morici. The last update was "a downer" of course, because due to the coronavirus impact upon Italy, the school had to close. All students had to leave the country on very short notice. Even so, she is still doing online coursework from the university in Italy. In talking to Rebecca I asked her to contact Gabriella to see if she could record some of her memories about the experience and share them with us. This then is her *Farewell Florence*. -- Ken Borelli*

Online Libraries

What an enormous change in our lifestyles between last month and this one. By now all non-essential personnel are sheltering in place to try to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

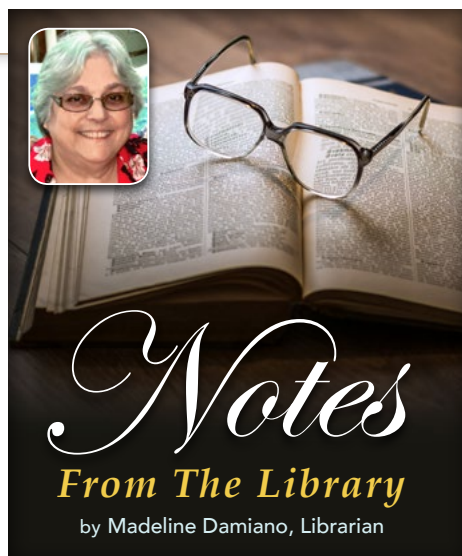
So what do we do with our time? Stay connected to the news of course, to be up-to-date on what's happening.

This is a time when the internet really shines, keeping us in touch with the outside world when we can't leave our homes. Video chats can be an especially great way to "visit" as we wait this out. Be sure to check out the Youtube video on page 8.

So how can libraries help at a time like this?

Almost all libraries have built up impressive digital archives of books and music over the past decade. There is a vast universe of creative work that has passed out of copyright protection and is now free to the public, and some recent works that the authors simply choose to make available.

Unfortunately, the library at the IAHF is still in the process of modernizing and does not yet have books available in digital format. However, we have a substantial catalog of past IAHF newsletters that can be accessed at www.iahfsj.org/iahf-newsletter-archive. They currently span the years from 2010 through today. Eventually we hope to extend the range all the way back to the 1970s, although budget is always a consideration.



Of course the COVID-19 crisis will force a reevaluation of budget priorities within the IAHF; grants that we hoped would help pay for digitization will also be in question. Nothing is certain at the moment.

But fortunately, we can tap into other libraries and online archives from the comfort of our own homes. Below are just a few sites that provide free access to materials.

Library of Congress An amazing digital archive of photos, newspapers, music and books. You can spend a lot of time on this site and never see the same thing twice.

They have an extraordinary collection of original documents and manuscripts that will give you an inside window to many historical events. The price of admission is only the time you spend searching.

Public libraries Check the websites for city and county libraries. All have digital content available for free. You can search by subject to find books and other types of media.

Google Books Search for free books, and even court records. Type in a last name and see what comes up.. Particularly of interest for genealogists. I found a relative and was able to download the court appeal papers. For free.

The Gutenberg Project A quick search on "Italy" and "Italian" brought up a selection of books, some in English, some in Italian.

Email me at librarian@iahfsj.org with questions and comments.



Calling on IAHF members to help us create online opportunities

The IAHF is looking for volunteers to help with virtual technology to bring fun and exciting events to our members during these troubling times.

If you are anything like Paolo Camilli we need you! With the quarantine, between his Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, flashmobs on the balcony, Skype, WhatsApp, Microsoft Teams, etc. he just can't find time to deal with the quarantine....<https://www.instagram.com/p/B9wy-jlRmT/>

If you are familiar with these technologies and would like to help set them up, contribute, subscribe, or otherwise participate please let us know by emailing news@iahfsj.org

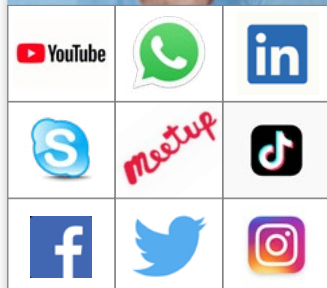
Here are just some of the ideas where you can help:

YouTube: help us set-up a subscription channel. If you have precious videos like <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2RONSKtVAQ> contact us to upload them and share! Or, how about videos of how to make pasta from scratch, how to assemble lasagna, how to plant and grow cucuzzi, how to make a Venetian mask, or any other craft, skill, or an inventive comedic distraction?

Facebook: contribute to our page, post to our wall, add photos or interesting links, help us set up a fundraising page

Meetup: the IAHF has started the San Jose Italian Language Meetup group – but for now, the meetups will be virtual. We need people who speak Italian to help host these meetup events. They can be formally structured in the form of a class or casual and conversational.

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf 🍷





Event Planning During *A Time of Cholera*

Paraphrasing the title of Nobel Laureate and Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez's book, *Love in the Time of Cholera*, which actually equated passionate love with colic behavior and not a pandemic, even so from my perspective, the title certainly seems fitting! As 1ST VP for Events and in coordination with all the event chairs, I took satisfaction in having a yearlong schedule published for our members in the newsletter. Unfortunately, our best-laid plans went amok with the reality of the coronavirus. First, St. Joseph's Table, then the Crab Feed, Cena Fuori, Festa Della Repubblica, and now bocce at Campo di Bocce along with our first two cooking classes, have gone the cancellation route.

We are currently learning the fine art of "Plan B's and C's" and closely monitoring the Federal, State and County public health guidelines. As soon as we are given the green light to continue with the programs, we are prepared to do so in terms of rescheduling. I was very happy to experience Carnevale at the IAHF along with the special Festa Della Magra regional lunch. I will comment on Carnevale in a separate article. God willing that has to be on the calendar next year!

In many ways, the event itself is what most people see, but the lead-time is the hidden part that makes or breaks an event. It is a critical component of activity that is a necessary prerequisite to a successful activity. It includes a working committee and chairs, good public relations, a financial budget and roll out, followed by clean up and evaluation in the feedback link. I estimate a normal event has a three-month work schedule from inception to evaluation. Larger events such as the IAHF Italian Family Festa, St Joseph's Day, World of Italian Opera are almost year-long planning activities, with Regional lunches and Cena Fuori being a part of the fabric of our social life at the IAHF. This year, of course, we have been severely tested and while we have had to cancel and or postpone several of our activities, at the same time we are continuing with planning and modifying IAHF events to adjust to the duration of this crisis. I also want to conclude with an observation from Señor Marquez: "What matters in life is not what happens to you, but what you remember, and how you remember." Looking back on these next several months will truly test our collective and individual memory, that's for sure. A presto!

-- Article by Ken Borelli / 1st VP, Events 🌀



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12:00 Noon - Registration

12:00 – 1:00 - BBQ Lunch (included)

12:30 - Warm Up Balls

1:15 - All Golfers to their cart

1:30 - T-Off Start

6:30 - Award, Dinner & Raffle

Location - 3441 Calaveras Rd, Milpitas, CA 95035

Golf Player - \$150 per person, Please Sign up in Foursome - \$600

Ticket Contact - Mike Maltese 408-972-4986 or Mike Burriesci 408-316-3075

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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, 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 clients 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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Spending quality time with family and friends, exercising, running and giving back to the community.

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