

IAHF NEWS



Italian American Heritage Foundation

May/June 2014

La Festa della Repubblica Italiana

by Linda Binkley

La Festa della Repubblica Italiana, the festival of the Italian Republic, is celebrated each year on the 2nd of June to commemorate the birth of the Italian Republic. At the end of WWII Italians were asked to vote for either a monarchy or a republic. On June 2nd and 3rd the majority of Italians voted for a republic. The result of this was that the ruling monarchs of the House of Savoy were exiled from Italy. Some of them have only recently been permitted to return. Eventually the Italian legislature passed Article 260 and declared June 2nd a national holiday, recognizing it as the date of the founding of the Italian Republic.

Like the 4th of July here in America, the country celebrates with festivities and parades. Italian embassies all over the world sponsor celebrations and Italian flag ceremonies hosting local heads of government in the festivities.

In Italy, this is the morning on which a wreath is placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Rome, L'altare della Patria, following a military parade presided over by the President of

the Republic who is also Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

Afterward, festivities continue in the public gardens of La Quirinale, the seat of the government, in the heart of Rome. There are musical performances by all the branches of the



military including the carabinieri and La Guardia di Finanza. The formal celebrations conclude with a dramatic fly-over by La Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale. Nine Italian military planes fly over the Monument to Victor Emmanuel, in tight formation, trailing smoke in green, white and red, the colors of the Italian flag.

IAHF Celebration

by Ken Borelli

We invite you to join us in our celebration at the IAHF on June 2nd. Traditionally, we celebrate that important date in the history of Italy with a flag raising at the Board of Supervisors Plaza, 70 West Hedding, followed by a luncheon and speaker. Plans are still underway regarding the keynote speaker. We also hope to have a special film later in the same the week that highlights the historic times leading up to the vote and elections.

This year the Festa della Repubblica will be dedicated to our previous chair Corrado Russo, who recently passed away. Corrado, and his wife Zina, lived in Italy during those very difficult times and took part in the actual elections. This was an important time for Corrado, who was living in Rome during the years of the German occupation. The Festa is coordinated with the Office of the Honorary Vice Consul General of Italy, Silvia Raviola, and the Offices of Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Dave Cortese. More details to follow on the IAHF website, e-news or you can call the office, 408-293-7122.

Our Mission Statement:

"The IAHF shall preserve and promote the rich culture of Italy, increase awareness of its history and recognize the achievements and positive contributions made by Americans of Italian descent."

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20th Anniversary of Una Storia Segreta:

The Secret History of Italian American Evacuation and Internment during World War II

by Pamela Oliver-Lyons

Many third generation Italian Americans wonder at the silence of their grandparents. They wonder at how the Italian language can vanish so quickly from local schools and universities. They wonder at about their own Italian roots and history. And they search for answers within the context of history.

On March 23rd, 2014, I entered the Museo Italo Americano located at Fort Mason in San Francisco to hear a presentation by an expert on the Italian American internment experience in California during WWII. Immediately upon entering the

lecture room, my attention was caught by a yellow poster which read, "Don't Speak the Enemy's Language". In the center was a picture of Hitler, a Japanese person and an Italian, all speaking their native language from the cartoon bubbles above their heads. The Italian bubble read, "Bisogna distruggere la Democrazia!" The line underneath the cartoon



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Due to a death in Cleo's family, there will not be a president's letter in this issue. Her sister passed away recently and Cleo is taking this time to spend with her family. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. In her absence, please direct your inquiries to Nancy Morreale at nancy.morreale@iahfsj.org or 408-368-9094.

What's Going on at the IAHF...

Scholarship Awards Dinner and Fundraiser

We are very proud to offer and award students scholarships for their academic and personal achievements. It is our tradition to do this at our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner and Fundraiser. And so the tradition continues on June 22.

Don't miss a chance to see the faces and hear the stories of the 2014 IAHF scholarship recipients. Help us celebrate their accomplishments and give them an Italian send off as they head off on their new adventures in college.

More details will be mailed out soon.

Sunday, June 22, 3:00 p.m.

Members \$20.00

Non-members \$22.00

Students and youth under 12 \$7.00



2013 IAHF Scholarship Recipients

You can RSVP now by:

Completing the enclosed event form and mailing it to the IAHF

Online: www.iahfsj.com (just click on "events", then "rsvp")

Email: eventrsvp@iahfsj.org

Phone: 408-293-7122

SF Giants Italian Heritage Night!!

It's almost summer and that can only mean one thing. Baseball. Join us for our annual charter bus ride up to AT&T Park to see the San Francisco Giants vs. San Diego Padres. 56 tickets available.



TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Bus leaves the IAHF - 3:30 p.m.

Arrive AT&T Park - 5:00 p.m. Italian festivities, music and dancers.

Game start: 7:15 p.m.

Cost: \$70 - bus ride and game ticket

RSVP by completing the enclosed event form, online at iahfsj.org, IAHF office at 408-293-7122 or email eventrsvp@iahfsj.org.

La Divina Book Club

Join us for one of our upcoming La Divina Book Club discussions. Held at the IAHF every fourth Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted on our calendar of events).

Refreshments served.

May 22 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Book: Getting Started with Arduino

Moderator: Steve Lyons

June 26 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Book: The Four Days of Napoli

Moderator: Richard Stewart

RSVP welcomed but not required.

More information on page 7 or call Volunteer Librarian at 408-693-9250

Arbëreshë Lunch

Our regional lunch series is one of the best ways to learn about the different provinces, towns and of course, regions of Italy. The lunches are prepared using the local recipes and there is always someone there to share the history and customs.

May 15 - Arbëreshë

hosted by Lucia Clementi

Members \$12.00, non-members \$15.00

RSVP by completing the enclosed event form or by contacting the IAHF office at 408-293-7122 or eventrsvp@iahfsj.org.

There will be no regional lunch in June due to the Festa della Repubblica. Please join us on June 2 in celebrating Italy's republic.



Il vino fa dire la verità. (wine makes one speak the truth)

by Linda Binkley

When the IAHF put a call out for volunteers, I thought, "YES! This is my year to help out". In searching through the raft of volunteer opportunities, I settled on the bar...and for a very simple reason. I found it was something my husband and I could do together. Wine is his passion, and the Italian club is mine, so it was a good meld.

We have wonderful members like Guglielmo and De Rose who sell us their wine at cost and we have an excellent vendor, Thomas Mills, www.millswinegroup.com, who works closely with us for all our functions. We submit the menu to him, then he begins his search for excellent wines that he can provide at a bargain. We have enjoyed some truly exceptional wines and the response from club members has been gratifying.

If any of you have a favorite wine you would like us to feature at an event, please send us the recommendation and we will do our best to offer it. Send the information to Bob and Linda info@iahfsj.org or call the club 408-293-7122.


Upcoming Events

- ♦ **MAY 13, 6:45 p.m.**
Cooking Class, Biscotti
- ♦ **MAY 15, 12:00 p.m.**
Regional Lunch, Arbëreshë
- ♦ **MAY 22, 1:00 p.m.**
La Divina Book Club
- ♦ **MAY 22, 7:00 p.m.**
Cena Fuori, Antipasto Deli & Café
- ♦ **JUNE 2, 12:00 p.m.**
Festa della Repubblica
- ♦ **JUNE 10, 6:45 p.m.**
Cooking Class, Fococcia Bread
- ♦ **JUNE 22, 3:00 p.m.**
Scholarship Awards & Family BBQ
- ♦ **JUNE 24, 3:30 p.m.**
SF Giants Italian Heritage Night
- ♦ **JUNE 26, 1:00 p.m.**
La Divina Book Club
- ♦ **JUNE 26, 7:00 p.m.**
Cena Fuori, Vito's Trattoria
- ♦ **JULY 8, 6:45 p.m.**
Cooking Class, TBD
- ♦ **JULY 8, 6:00 p.m.**
Tarantella Workshop (tentative)
- ♦ **JULY 17, 6:45 p.m.**
Regional Lunch, TBD
- ♦ **JULY 24, 7:00 p.m.**
Cena Fuori, TBD
- ♦ **JULY 24, 1:00 p.m.**
La Divina Book Club, TBD


A complete Calendar of Events can be found on the IAHF website at iahfsj.org.

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May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Cooking Class		Regional Lunch			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				BookClub Cena Fuori		

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Festa della Repubblica					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Cooking Class				
 16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Scholarship Awards		SF GIANTS		BookClub Cena Fuori		
29	30					

ITALIAN FAMILY
FESTA
San Jose

SAVE THE DATE
August 23 and 24, 2014

La Festa di San Giuseppe - Grazie!

By Nancy DeVincenzi-Melander,
Cathy DeMaria, and Ken Borelli, Festa
Co-chairs

On March 19, the IAHF held its annual celebration in honor of the Feast Day of St. Joseph. It is a very special day for our community, both as Italian Americans and as residents of San Jose (San Giuseppe), the patron saint of our City too. In Italy, this is very much a special day as it is also considered Father's Day there as well as a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation.

The feast has its roots in Southern Italy, specifically medieval Sicily, where petitions were presented to St. Joseph to relieve a drought; the petitions were answered with life-giving rains to the countryside. Does the theme sound familiar today given the concerns of the damage a drought can do to a community? In grateful commemoration of that miraculous occasion, St. Joseph Day events have been a mainstay of the Italian American community for as long as all of us can remember, ranging from more elaborate feasts and "Tavole di San Giuseppe" like we have at the IAHF and others may have in Church auditoriums to garages and living rooms in the old neighborhoods.

Aside from the ceremony and traditions, including Mass which we traditionally celebrate at the IAHF prior to the "Table," what also stands out are the people who come from far and wide to experience this part of their heritage along with sharing the festa with family and friends alike. The event

is "free" and open to all. Donations collected are shared with various local community charities.

Another part of this event is the hundreds of hours of volunteer time that go into making the Festa so special. There are several days of dedicated work that go into the beauty of the St.



IAHF St. Joseph's Altar 2014

Joseph Day Altar. Likewise, the Lenten foods and gourmet fare are all prepared or donated by individuals and community businesses.

We thank the following for their valuable help with this year's event. Some are first time volunteers, others have been with the Festa di San Giuseppe for years. Our apologies if any names have not been noted.

Anonymous
Maria Bandy
Roy Borelli
Joe Borelli
Sal and Denise Campagna
Citti's Florist
Dave and Lucia Clemente
Lulu Cornejo
Ann De Luna
Joseph Fasano
Carmella Gullo
Denise Hildenberger
Joni Lang
Lima, Campagna & Alameda Mission Chapel
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Larry and Kathy Lohman
Rosa Lopez
Pam Oliver Lyons
Monsignor Joseph Milani
Paula Mogliolo
Frank Musso
Bess Nicosia
Beverly Owens
Joe Riolo
Ginny Ronchetti
Joe and Connie Rotolo
Zina Russo
Gene and Joanne Sanfilippo
James and Leticia Scaringe
Delia Schizzano
Irving Sprugasci
Richard Steward
Maxine Taylor

Tanti Grazie to all who donated cash towards the event and our designated charities.

Impara a Parlare Italiano (*Learn to Speak Italian*)

L' april piovoso, fa il maggio grazioso. (A rainy April, makes May grateful) ~ English equivalent: **April showers bring May**

Please accept our apology for the error in the last newsletter's vocabulary words. We hope you enjoy these Italian words.

NOTE: The names of the months and days of the week are not capitalized in Italian.

Months

The names of the months (*i mesi*)

<i>gennaio</i> —January	<i>luglio</i> —July
<i>febbraio</i> —February	<i>agosto</i> —August
<i>marzo</i> —March	<i>settembre</i> —September
<i>aprile</i> —April	<i>ottobre</i> —October
<i>maggio</i> —May	<i>novembre</i> —November
<i>giugno</i> —June	<i>dicembre</i> —December

Days of the Week

The days of the week (*i giorni della settimana*).

The week begins with Monday.

lunedì—Monday
martedì—Tuesday
mercoledì—Wednesday
giovedì—Thursday
venerdì—Friday
sabato—Saturday
domenica—Sunday

Seasons (*le stagioni*).

<i>la primavera</i> —spring	<i>l'estate</i> —summer
<i>l'autunno</i> —autumn	<i>l'inverno</i> —winter



The Italo Americano Crusaders Commentator OF 1938!

by Ken Borelli

A rare time capsule emerges from San Jose's rich Italian American past. Thanks to Joe Catania and his sister, who went through their dad's documents finding a copy of the April 1938 newsletter, *Italo Americano Crusaders Commentator*. Last December, Joe shared a copy of it with the IAHF. After some detective work we discovered a little about the document, but still need more information about the organization and how long it had continued. In the meantime, I wanted to give you this update. A first reading highlights a very well put together newsletter. It is a direct and organized newsletter wanting to recruit Italo Americans to be a part of the decision making process in San Jose, as well as uniting as a community for the political betterment of the interest of Italian Americans. In many ways the message is as relevant today as in those years, but I would have to say, "the stakes in 1938 were probably a lot higher and tougher."

A Google search of 1937-38 nationally and internationally, put Italy in the news associated with Germany as a "Hitler and Mussolini" duo, with Hitler acting in Poland and eastern Europe while Italy consolidated its invasion of Ethiopia and Albania. Both countries at the time were also involved in the Spanish Civil War supporting the dictatorship of Francisco Franco. On the home front the USA was still trying to dig its way out of the great depression, working on jobs, and fighting attacks on the "New Deal". It was a very politically divisive time, similar to today's political controversies.

Within this political arena, and locally, a group of "young" Italian Americans felt the need to organize the Italian American community as a political power in the community. And they did not mince words about their focus. They appealed to individual action, and not being connect to "machine politics" but to vote for their interest. They also called for being an educated voter, and getting over apathy or any alienation. These were their organizing points and it seemed direct and non partisan if sketchy on

programs. As an FYI, San Jose at the time, in 1936, incorporated Willow Glen as part of the city, and there was still fall out from the 1933 lynching in St. James Park.

Approximately 4 years later, San Jose and the nation found itself at war with Germany, Italy and Japan. The issue of enemy alienship was a concern in our community, and young Italian Americans were enlisting in mass into the armed forces, making one of the largest contribution to the World War II effort. It's no wonder the *Italo Americano Crusaders Commentator* went its way. Even so there certainly is a tale still to be told about its aspirations and dreams, of which are still with us today.

The Crusaders staff included Joseph Catania Jr., Dominic Navarra, and Vince Barone. The Officers included Dominic Navarra, John Orlando August Azzarello, Vincent Barone and Sal Turturicci. Fascinating too were the ads in the newsletter which included S.Dorsa of Hyde Park Meat Market, I Piazza of the Breakers, Barone's Service Station, Benny Laviano's shoe shop, Pete's Barber Shop, Ruiz's Shoe Store, Louis Gaitto's Garden City Window Shade Co. Anthony Campagna's Moderne Drug Co., Margalati's Market, Gus's Place, and finally Chiaramonte's Market. Incidentally our *Cena Fuori* for March was at **Chiaramonte's**; the only establishment still left of the advertisers, being one of the oldest continually run family markets in the USA! The *Italo American Crusaders* met at Crucifix Hall at 9th and Jackson Streets in San Jose. and most of the ads came from the 13th Street and Holy Cross neighborhood. Up to quite recently the most vibrant part of the Italian American community, and still fondly referred to as "the old neighborhood".

At the "**Cena Fuori**", at **Chiaramonte's Deli** last month we had some informal discussions about the paper, but more recollections are needed. If you have information about the Crusaders to share, or would like to have a copy of the newsletter contact me at the IAHF, 408-293-7122.

20th Anniversary of Una Storia Segreta — continued

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read, "The Four Freedoms Are Not in His Vocabulary". The large print following cautioned the reader to, "Speak American".

But this would not have concerned me or my husband's grandparents because they left Italy and arrived in the Boston, Massachusetts, before WWII. Soon after their arrival however, the Sacco and Vanzetti trials stirred anti-Italian sentiments in that city and beyond. At just this time, they were attempting to fit into their new country and raise a family. The desire to fit in was so strong that speaking Italian was forbidden in the home. The internment camps which followed over a decade later seemed a west coast experience. Or so we, the third generation, thought.

On this day, a Sunday, editor and contributing author of *Una Storia Segreta*, Lawrence DiStasi lead a presentation of a series of witnesses, who spoke about their experiences in California during WWII. They described how their family members were labeled "enemy aliens", how as children they saw their homes invaded by the FBI looking for contraband radios, flashlights, etc., and how their relatives were sometimes arrested. A few were sent to internment camps. Others had their fishing boats seized. Meanwhile their families were subjected to increasingly restrictive curfews. The individual stories much like those in the book, gave moving witness to the injustices experienced by Italian immi-

grants, which very few Italians spoke about, the secret story of what had happened. DiStasi explained that the State of California apology resulted in the national legislation, 'The Wartime Violation of Italian Civil Liberties Act...which became Public Law #106-451 in November 2000'.

His book contains 29 chapters from various authors' perspectives and experiences, with two by DiStasi. There are 3 Appendices. Appendix C lists the locations and authority operating each facility. It was in this appendix near the very end of the book, the listing, "East Boston, Massachusetts" operated by "INS", was found. These words wrapped around me an understanding of interconnectedness of the Italian American experience. There was no escaping the fact that all our stories have a connection. My day at the Museo Italo Americano closed with a great sadness for my beloved mother-in-law, and her mother. Actions which barred Italian from the home and silence which kept secret the effects of history upon their lives. This temporary internment station was in their neighborhood, an Italian neighborhood. This experience was not isolated to the west coast. I felt a deep gratitude to the speakers and author Lawrence DiStasi for his work, which I believe, helps us all begin to better understand the silences kept by the generations before us. It is up to us and the next generations to reclaim our language in our schools and to research our heritage. We might find, that history has woven us all into one cloth.



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New Books: Culture and Heritage in the Making

By Pam Oliver-Lyons, Library Coordinator

History is always in the making. So in May and June, the focus is on a small collection of books by the world famous Italian journalist and author Oriana Fallaci, of these postmodern times.



Author Oriana Fallaci

June 29, 1929 – September 15, 2006

Most Americans are not familiar with this name but in Italy was and is famous. Many of her books are still remain on bestsellers' lists internationally. During her lifetime she was recipient of awards, too many to list, both in Italy and worldwide. Fallaci was a fearless reporter over throughout her working life, beginning in WWII and ending in 2006. Her interviews were never objec-

tive but subjective. Oriana believed fiction was the best way to really tell the heart of the story so she often wrote through the lens of fiction as well as nonfiction about situations she had experienced first hand. Despite the fact she received death threats, she never hesitated to write. We have gotten a collection of her writings from various donors this month.

Letter to a Child Never Born (1975): A woman apologizes to the unborn child she carries the world into which the child will be born soon. In the process, the woman begins to ask herself about her own right to exist. But it is the child who decides ultimately. Fiction. (Out of Print)

Inshallah: A Novel (English) (1990): *Insciallah: A Novel:* (Italiano): Considered a masterpiece by some and outrageously biased by others, this fictional novel is about an Italian peace-keeping soldier stationed in Lebanon during the civil war.

The Rage and The Pride (2002) (English): *La Forza della Ragione* (Italiano): Fallaci was in her New York townhouse during 9/11/2001. This experience motivated her to write this book and a later follow up book *The Force of Reason* (2004). *The Rage and the Pride* remains on the bestsellers list in Italy. In these books, with her usual candor, she comes to terms with the question if East and West will every be able to meet on common ground. The book is in the form of a letter written to the reader. (Nonfiction)

Interviews with History and Conversations with Power (2011): This book is a collection of interviews and published her death. Fallaci was primarily a journalist. Henry Kissinger called his interview (included in this book) his "most disastrous conversation". He still referred to Fallaci as "a true Italian lady and a great journalist". (From the book cover.) Fourteen interviews are in the book, from leaders of the 1960's to 1970's. The interviews will keep the reader on the edge of their seats.

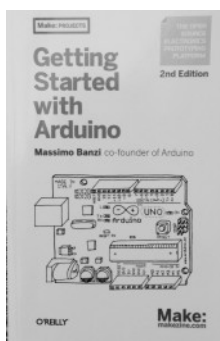
Oriana Fallaci: I'll Die Standing on My Feet is written by Riccardo Nencini, writer and politician, is an Italian bestseller. The author was a friend of Fallaci and the interview was taken shortly before her death in 2006 from cancer. In it, she gives the reader rare glimpses into her personality.

La Divina Book Club Presents...

May 22, 1-3pm @ IAHF

Ever wonder what young people who are interested in technology crazy about worldwide? The Arduino board projects and Maker Fair are the answer. Is it Italian? You bet! Italian and American. Scratching your head over what an Arduino board is? Never heard of Massimo Banzi? Thought fairs were just Ferris wheels and cotton candy? Come to our book presentation of Massimo Banzi's book, "Getting Started with Arduino" and get updated. You might be surprised to find this book has so much philosophy in an easy to read technology book. The young are not the only people reading this book, craftsmen and women in Florence, artists in Rome, and everywhere are finding how to use the Arduino boards.

The Arduino micro controller board and others like it, have been heralded in what is being called the second Italian Renaissance. Sixteen year old Joey Hudey of Anaheim presented to the world by President Obama during the State of the Union Address and hired as the youngest employee at Intel used the Arduino board



based Marshmallow Hurler as his maker project. This little 117 page book proves that revolutions can start in even the smallest of books.

Billed as the "Greatest Show and Tell on Earth" the San Mateo Maker Faire will be held this May 17-18th in San Mateo Event Center. What is a Maker Faire? Come and find out. Who knows, maybe you'll just end up making a project something yourself! Steve Lyons will be our presenter.

If you need a copy of the book, contact the librarian. (information below).

June 26, 1-3pm @ IAHF

June's book selection is, The Four Days of Naples (Quattro Giornate di Napoli) by Aubrey Menen). This book continues to prove that history can be more fascinating than fiction. Richard Stewart will present this book about when the people of Naples rose against the German oppressors, lead by the most unlikely heroes. Please join us for refreshments, discussion and perhaps a surprise visit by an eye witness to the rising.

Contact the Librarian @ (408)-693-9250 or the office (408) 293-7122. Office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Book Donors are Special!

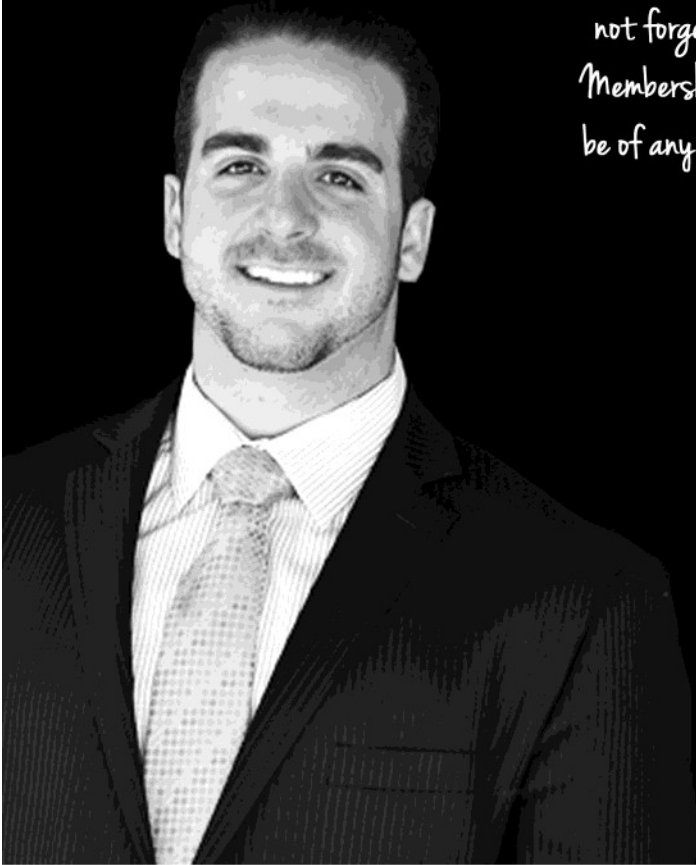


In April, the Twila Venuti Library overflowed with approximately 160 donated Italian books. The books covered all genres and included a excellent reference set on the Italian Government. The Italian American Heritage Foundation wants to say an extra, grazie mille, to E. Arnoldi for a most generous donation of over 100 books. Another 20 or more books were dropped off by F. Guidici and yet another near 40 books were donated by an anonymous donor. Thank you all for helping build up our Italian collection.

"I am very proud of my Italian Heritage and my family's contributions over the years to Italian culture in the greater Bay Area. The IAHF is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to stay in touch with our roots and not forget where our families came from. I look forward to serving as Membership Chair and helping the organization improve. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, your family or your friends, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Grazie!"

-Mike D'Ambrosio

Realtor & Membership Chair of the IAHF-San Jose



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Member Spotlight

GIVE OF YOUR TIME, TALENT OR TREASURE

Each issue we put out a call for our members to get involved and volunteer or donate. Each time with the same result, little or no response from our members. We can not stress enough that our organization is a non-profit and it's success is directly related to the volunteers that put their heart and soul into keeping the foundation alive. Those of us that volunteer find it rewarding to know that everything we do is done with a commitment to our love of the Italian culture and preserving it's heritage. But we can't do it alone. **WE NEED YOU!!**

GIVE OF YOUR TIME

Please consider donating your time, treasure or talent to assist the many projects and events that the IAHF offers. Many tasks can be done from the comfort of your own home with as little as an hour or two a month, fit it into your own schedule. We have something for every volunteer to contribute.

GIVE OF YOUR TALENT

Are you good at organizing? Have book-keeping skills? Know how to use Quick-Books? Database updating? Do you have event knowledge? Can you answer phones? Stuff envelopes? Are you a jack of all trades? Is your nickname "the fixer" because you can fix anything? Why not share your talent with the IAHF?

GIVE OF YOUR TREASURE

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Contact Nancy Morreale:
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In Memoriam

Irving Sprugasci

October 29, 1927 - March 24, 2014

Irving Sprugasci ran a good race and crossed the finish line the morning of March 24, surrounded by his family. Irv leaves a legacy in his wife of almost 65 years Dorothy, his six children: Steve (Carla), Bill (Debbie), Craig, Mitch, Charisse



L to R Phil Barone, Irv Sprugasci

Mahr (Chris), Ron (Heidi), fourteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He is survived by his brother Anthony (Dorothy), his sister-in-law Doris, sisters-in-law Sally Barcelona (Jack) and Pauline Ciraulo, brothers-in-law Sam Vitale (Bev) and Jim Vitale and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother Robert and brother-in-law Sal Ciraulo. We celebrate his life of integrity, hard work, and devotion to family. He was generous, thoughtful, adventurous, and active in his community. He was a highly regarded pharmacist, receiving numerous awards for his contributions to the field. For over 30 years he was the proud owner of several local pharmacies in the Willow Glen Area, serving his customers with compassion and expertise. He was a past President of the California Pharmaceutical Association. He was instrumental in implementing the Pharmacy Internship Program out of University of the Pacific and the Knock-Out Polio Campaign. An active member of the Italian American Heritage Foundation and San Jose Elks, Irv also volunteered at Martha's Kitchen. He enjoyed golf, fishing, traveling and family gatherings. Irv was a proud American and served his country in the Army. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a Veterans' charity of your choice.

As a member of the IAHF, Irv was a major contributor to the Italian Family Festa. He spent many years on the Festa committee and was affectionately given the nickname the "Ice Man". Irv was the one that kept the beer, soda and water flowing, in addition to keeping the ice cubes clinking. We will miss seeing him in his colorful floppy Italian hat with that big smile on his face as he went about his business tooling around in his golf cart with his helpers making his deliveries. In later years due to his health issues Joe Rizzi had to ask him to hand in his golf cart keys, it broke his heart to do so. Irv knew it was time to pass on the torch and to someone he could trust to do the job right, he was pleased that it became other family members; his brother Tony, nephew Mike and daughter and son-in-law, Charisse and Chris that are carrying on his tradition. Salute' Irving!



Enza Celeste (Baglione) Volpe

Volpe Jan. 1923 - Mar. 2014

Carmichael Enza Celeste Volpe departed this world peacefully during her favorite season of spring this past week. She was born in Weed, California to Italian immigrant parents, Sebastiano and Maria Baglione. The family moved to San Jose where Enza grew up, attending Peter Burnett Jr High, San Jose High and receiving her teaching credential from San Jose State College during WWII. She met the love of her life, Mario Volpe, during the war and after maintaining a five year correspondence, she traveled to Italy with her father to marry Mario and return with him to San Jose. She taught elementary school in San Jose, Sacramento and Fremont for 10 years before devoting herself to being a housewife and mother. She was a founding member of St. John Vianney parish and the Italian-American Heritage Foundation. She was an active member of the St. John Vianney Altar Society for over



Enza Volpe

30 years and enjoyed decorating the church with lovely floral arrangements for weddings and holidays. Her husband, Mario, died in 1984 and she lived independently until the onset of dementia in her mid-80's. She moved to Atria El Camino Gardens in Carmichael to be closer to her daughter, Silvana Volpe MD. There she entertained residents and staff with her piano renditions of songs from the 40's and 50's. She is survived by her daughter, Silvana (John Warren MD), granddaughters, Gina Warren (Jonathan Leuth) and Lisa Warren, her brother, Frank Baglione, her nieces, Angela Marshall (Rick), Lidia Segoviano (Nicolas), Joanie Benevento, Laila Volpe, and her nephews, Rick Baglione (Marybeth) and Aldo Chavez (Cathy) who are all grateful that she lived a long life and blessed us with her love, her humor, her wonderful Italian cooking and her music. Donations in her memory can be made to Loaves and Fishes, St. John Vianney parish (San Jose), the Italian-American Heritage Foundation (San Jose).

Joseph Borelli

Jun 26, 1915-Apr 12, 2014



Joseph Borelli

A long time resident of San Leandro, Joe, or JB to his friends, was born in North Beach, San Francisco, to Luigi Borelli and Theresa Giordano, both from Veribicaro, "Italia". He enjoyed helping his son, Ken, at the IAHF, and founded an IAHF scholarship in his wife's memory. Ken has since revised the scholarship as a living tribute to both his parents.

Many of you have fond memories of his sausage making class. Joe could often be found in the cultural tent at the Festa. He loved his heritage and sharing his knowledge with whoever would listen. Joe's last official act at

the IAHF was putting up the olive branches for the table decorations at St. Joseph Day.