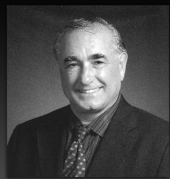


IAHF NEWS

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER • JULY 2011 • FOUNDED AUGUST 5, 1975 • CELEBRATING 36 YEARS

President's Message

by Ken Borelli



BEING RELEVANT!

While recently driving, I was listening to a radio discussion regarding Jewish Community Service Centers and the network of service they provide. There are several locations throughout the nation. The discussion centered on a current discussion about being a relevant organization for their community. It was a fascinating program, since the same discussion could be had amongst Italian American organizations, too. Historically, both the Jewish Community Service Agencies and Italian American groups have similar origins stemming from the early immigrant experiences of the 19th century. Both organizations focused on supporting new immigrants, in making the transitions to the United States, and maintaining some cultural and ethnic links. Today, they were talking about being relevant, given today's realities.

There are, of course, differences in focus between Jewish Family Services and Italian American organizations, but the whole concept of being relevant to the needs of a common community is certainly a theme we at the IAHF can appreciate, since we have spent many hours talking about it in planning our events. So the question for us becomes how can we build in that sense of relevancy for our general membership? Our events, this newsletter, especially the Festa and the forthcoming scholarship activities, among others, exemplify a sense of relevancy. Emerging of greater importance is the language program revitalized by Delia Schizzano, and this is another example of what is relevant to our Italian American community. This framework, or

menu of activities, that we have undertaken, frames the parameters of relevancy. As an Italian American organization, it is critical to provide, or supplement, to our members and friends what the general community does not provide, such as language programs, specialized culinary events, and news about and for Italian Americans, and then to integrate and package these programs into an event, or opportunity to connect and network in a social setting.

One interesting common focus I took from the noted discussion from Jewish Community Services was the need to be relevant to the multi-generational needs of their families. That was identified of prime importance in order to support their programs, and I think this is a critical piece of what we, as an Italian American community, also need to visit. Our scholarship program really highlights this theme, as does our Italian American "FAMILY" Festa. There is nothing quite like the Italian Family Festa to underscore what relevancy

is all about, along with the fun and excitement of experiencing an Italian family gathering. My personal observation is that addressing the needs of our extended families is a major challenge, especially in this technological age, where we communicate "on line", and are finding it more

difficult to spend quality time with each other, our friends, and our families. Also, from my observation, building into all our programs at the

IAHF this sense of relevancy is critical to supporting a strong sense of identity and pride in Italian American heritage. Your thoughts on this dialogue are certainly solicited!

And, regarding a dialogue,

I am indebted to Maria Gloria, not only for her sponsorship of the Italian Family Festa, but in reprinting my May article, *Forging an Italian American Identity*, in the *Italo Americano* (June 16th issue). She prefaced my article with a timely observation that I want to share. Maria Gloria noted: "This year, 2011, will be remembered for its year-long celebration of the Unification of Italy 150 years ago. The trouble is that on both sides

of the Atlantic, Italians are often NOT unified and many remain still, in "spirit", Luchese, Genovese, Piemontese, Milanese, Abruzzese, Calabrese, and so on down the Italian peninsula." She concluded her comments with my article, as well as recommending reflecting a bit on "where we are in this historical process and what we and our organizations can do to move the process *avanti*." There are a lot of soul searching questions in this article, but they strike to the core of what we

need to do, but, critical to her review, is to take a reading, a pulse, if you will, to determine our relevance as an organization, foundation and a community. Your thoughts are certainly welcome, since there are very few road maps to guide us during this historical transition. 🍷

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ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA

AUGUST 27 & 28, 2011

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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Opening Ceremony

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Pasquale Esposito

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Fratello Marionettes

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm West Bay Opera

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm Trio Davide

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Bella Ciao

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

12:00am - 12:45 am West Bay Opera

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Fratello Marionettes

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Chris Gardner as
Dean Martin

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm The Don Giovannis

THE WINE GARDEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Reno Di Bono

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Claudio Melega

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12:00 pm to 5:00 pm The Silicon Valley
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3:00 pm Grape Stomping

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The Vasona Light Rail service connects Campbell to HP Pavilion in San Jose and beyond to downtown, north to Mountain View, and south to Santa Teresa. Please check <http://www.vta.org/> for full VTA light rail schedules.

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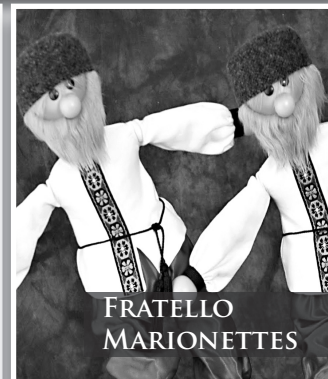
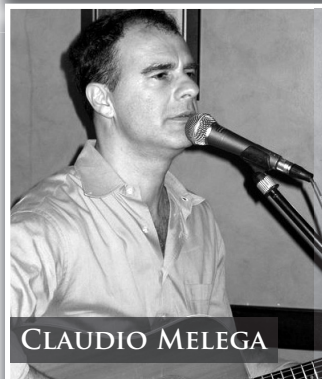
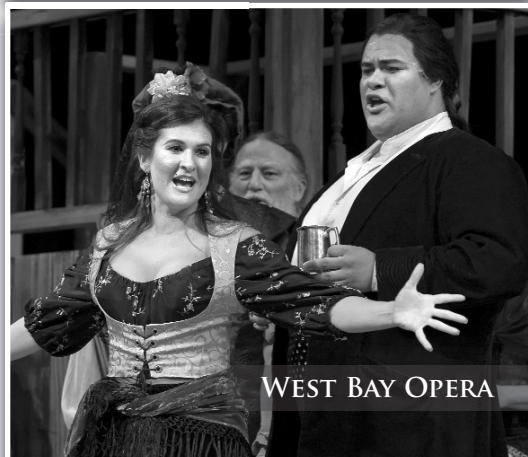
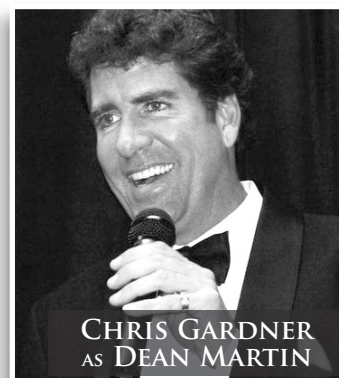
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"AHOY THERE, PAESANI, THERE'S VACANCIES ON BOARD!"

We want to invite you "on board", or to be more exact, consider being an IAHF Board Member. APPLICATIONS FOR NOMINATION FOR THE 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. There will be several vacancies for the 2012 Board due to term limitations and some incumbents are up for re-election. It is an exciting time to be a Board member. It is also a great opportunity to work with a creative team to plan and promote our Italian Heritage and assist the IAHF to carry out its vision and mission statement of sharing our culture and values with the community. The Board meets monthly for about two hours, in addition to some volunteer work related to projects of your interest. We currently have an enthusiastic and varied Board that broadly represents the diversity of our Italian American Community. The role of the Board is to provide oversight for the operations of the IAHF, make the necessary decisions that impact membership and activities in accordance with IAHF by-laws, and provide the leadership to implement our common vision! We hope you will consider helping out and nurturing our heritage in today's Silicon Valley. Mike Console is the chair of our Nomination Committee, and he has summarized Board guidelines as follows:

- Must have an interest in Italian history and culture and also have a general knowledge of the purpose, goals and achievements of the IAHF.
- Must be available to attend Board Meetings and be willing to accept assignments related to IAHF committees and activities
- Must have an interest in and be willing to work to further the constructive image of Italian Americans in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area (Community Relations)
- Must have some experience as a volunteer worker through an organization, or company that provides services for the betterment of the community.
- Must be a paid member of the IAHF in good standing for one year or more.

In addition there will be a mentorship program set up for new board members to "Welcome them on board". If you wish to discuss details regarding the Board application process further, you can contact Mike or me for further details. We welcome your input, experience and vision as we continue to advance our heritage, traditions and values in Santa Clara County. -- Ken Borelli 🐼



GIOVANNA AMES



The IAHF was saddened to hear of the loss of Giovanna Ames this week. She and her daughter Carmella were very active IAHF members and worked on a number of Cultural Committee projects for many years. After Carmella passed away, Giovanna moved to be with her other daughter, Mary Jane, in the Reno area, but always kept her membership up and truly looked forward to her monthly newsletter. We have many fond memories of both Carmella and Giovanna. It is important to recognize that a group of our members are out of the area and still want to keep in touch with IAHF activities and their roots in the community. We send out approximately 60 papers to out of town members, and some even come down for special events, especially the Festa and Opera events. We are hoping to see and visit with Giovanna's daughter, Mary Jane, at the Festa. For those who are interested, donations can be made in Giovanna's memory to the CLIENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM, SCV BLIND CENTER, 101 N. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128. 🐼

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The IAHF has a collection of folding metal chairs for sale for the *incredible* price of only \$2 each for IAHF members and \$5 each for non-members. The chairs are in good condition and useful for a variety of purposes, like big Italian parties. So, if you need some good, sturdy folding chairs (and you know that a few would come in handy), please call Rosa at the IAHF office at 408-293-7122 for more information. 🐼



ITALIAN WINES RULE!!



The following article is from ItalianNotebook.com, and you can experience the "buzz" at a special Italian Wine Workshop at the IAHF with Josh DeVencenzi Melander. The Italian Wine event will be on Thursday, July 28th, at the IAHF at 7:00 pm. Register now for this timely event!

Italy - *Newsflash!* Italy has surpassed France in production of wine, according to Coldiretti, the organization of Italian farmers (*Confederazione Nazionale Coltivatori Diretti*).

What does this mean to the traveler who loves wine? *Cantine*, where you may taste and purchase wines, are numerous and many more labels are exporting abroad.

Italian wines are classified at three levels: *denominazione di origine controllata* (DOC), which means the wines come from a particular geographic location and the grape variety is specified; *denominazione di origine controllata e garantita* (DOCG), generally more expensive wines produced under stricter controls and the origin is guaranteed; and *indicazione geografica tipica*, table wines characteristic of given areas.

Of the more than 500 types of wines produced in Italy (not counting your Uncle Giovanni's garage vintage), 330 are classified as DOC, fifty as DOCG, and 110 as IGT. Tuscany and Piemonte produce the most DOCG-rated wines, but there's hardly a square meter of Italy that doesn't offer excellent local wines.

Quantity... and *quality*. Great news for Italian wine lovers the world over! 🍷



KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE - SILICON VALLEY

The public is invited to the 1st Annual World War II Weekend, that will be held at History Park, San Jose, on August 13 - 14, 2011. The gala event will welcome dozens of WWII military vehicles and 1940's cars that will travel from the California State Veterans Home in Yountville to San Jose on Saturday, August 13, 2011. This 2-day event will feature memorabilia displays, a "Rosie the Riveter" look-a-like contest, oral history interviews, exhibits, and much more. History Park is located at Kelley Park, 1650 Senter Road. There is a \$5 admission, and a \$6 parking fee. Children 12 years old and younger, and adults 65 years old or older, will be granted free admission. This is your chance to come say *thank you* to the last remaining survivors of the greatest generation on their greatest day. For more information, please contact Robert Corpus at (408) 918-1041 or at robertjcorpus@gmail.com. 🍷

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So, please buy your ticket from the IAHF to ensure we get credit - please contact Josh DeVincenzi Melander at jcmelander@yahoo.com 🍷

*That's
Italian!*



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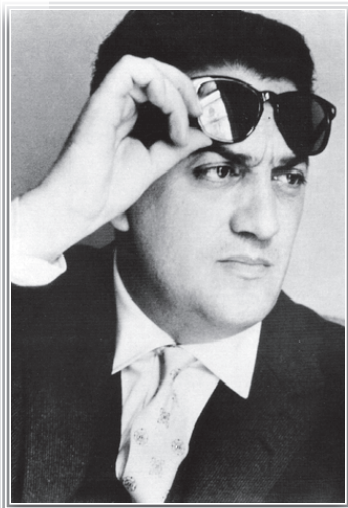
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A SCHOLARSHIP



We sometimes wonder about the impact of scholarships, and a timely article was submitted by Advisory Board Member, and Sister County Commissioner, Linda Binkley, to coincide with our IAHF Scholarship Program. She was pleasantly surprised to hear that the Patrons of Italian Culture will be holding their board meeting in San Jose in November, because Linda was a recipient of one of their scholarships and it afforded her the opportunity to study in Italy! Linda writes:

Grazie, grazie, mille grazie!!!! Will I ever have said those words enough to the Patrons of Italian Culture?? I think not. The Patrons opened a fabulous door for me in 1968 and I walked on through to my eternal pleasure.

After studying Basic Italian and then Italian Conversation and Literature at San Diego State with GianAngelo Vergani, he took me aside and recommended that I apply for the Patron's scholarship for a summer program in Florence. From childhood I had embraced a love of all things Italian, so the idea of traveling to Italy, and in particular to the fabulous city of Florence, instantly captured my dreams. I immediately submitted the paperwork and was pleased to be selected for the final round, which was an interview. I absorbed everything I could on the history and culture of Florence, from the Etruscans to the Renaissance to modern day traffic issues, to prepare myself for the feared encounter.

My brother drove me up to Santa Monica where the interview took place and to this day I cannot believe I was selected. I was dead sure I had bombed. I wanted it too badly. I was wired. So, my acceptance and award was an amazing thrill. I was determined to become fluent in those three months in Italy the Patrons gave me.

How lucky I was to be sent to Florence, where the language is so beautifully enunciated. Such a perfect place to have studied! To this day, when driving around that beloved country, I feel a sense of relief when we cross the border into Tuscany where communication becomes so effortless for me.

The Patrons will be visiting our club soon and I look forward to thanking them again for their generous scholarship. And I'll share with them and thank them for all the opportunities that my experience has made available to me. ...*Un ringraziamento dal cuore.* 🍷