

# IAHFINEWS



A CHRONICLE OF ITALIAN AMERICAN LIFE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY FOR OVER 45 YEARS

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION • ESTABLISHED 1975 • FOUNDED AS NONPROFIT 1976

425 N. 4TH STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95112 • (408) 293-7122 • TAP HERE FOR WWW.IAHFSJ.ORG

MARY PIZZO / IAHF NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



# President's Message ~ Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day: known for wearing green attire, shamrocks, corned beef, cabbage and potatoes, Irish soda bread, leprechauns, rainbows and pots 'o gold. All very traditional practices. But did you know that St. Patrick wasn't even Irish? He was born in Britain and at the age of 16, was taken

prisoner and brought to Ireland where he was held captive for over 6 years. During this time, he served as a shepherd, a very lonely and isolated profession. He turned to his religion for comfort and dreamt of converting the Irish people to Christianity while being held prisoner. God spoke to him in a dream that it was time to leave Ireland. After escaping back to Britain, St. Patrick said an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He studied more than 15 years, when he was ordained as a priest. He then follows the dream and returns to Ireland where he ministers to the Christians already living in Ireland and also to convert the Irish. He took Irish rituals and incorporated them into his teachings to the Irish people. He was the patron saint of Ireland, however, never canonized as a saint by the Catholic church. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day each year on March 17, marking the day he died in 461 AD.

### Volunteers needed

Are you looking to volunteer at an event? Do you have some time before or after each event that could be spent in prep or clean up? If so, we'd love to have you join our already dedicated, faithful group of volunteers. We've found that it's usually the same people working event after event, and we don't want them to become burnt out and quit. Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization. We couldn't function without them! If you'd like more information, please reach out to the office and Stanley will pass on your information to the Board of Directors.

### Exciting news to share!

Some of you may have already heard the news, but on February 3, 2023, surrounded by family and dear friends, I married my sweetheart, Andy Aguirre. For those who've already met him, thank you for being so kind and welcoming, I look forward to introducing him to those at our upcoming events.





### **EVENTS**

AT

### A GLANCE SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- March 2, Thursday / Whiskey Tasting Adventure / 5:30 to 6:45 PM / \$37 person / 10th Street Distillery
- March 19, Sun / St. Joseph's Day Celebration / Free and All Are Welcome / Mass at 11 AM
- April 21, Friday / ANNUAL IAHF CRAB FEED! / IAHF Hall / Social hour, music, and all the crab you can eat!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Lecture by San Jose State University Professor Bill McCraw on the recent elections in Italy.
- Polenta Dinner Dance

### SAVE THE DATE!!

• Italian Family Festa / August 5 & 6 / History Park San Jose

### **ONGOING ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES**

See page 3 or visit the IAHF website at <a href="https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes">https://www.iahfsj.org/italian-classes</a> for information and to register

# AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE IAHF

### You Can Name A Chair for \$25

We will have placards printed to mount on the back of each chair either listing a name or "IN MEMORY OF" or "IN HONOR OF" with a name underneath.

Click here <a href="https://form.jotform.com/220448648742159">https://form.jotform.com/220448648742159</a> or call (408) 293-7122.







## OUR REVITALIZING PROGRAM HAS BEGUN

### Our humble beginnings . . .

As many read this article, you will personally remember when the Italian American Heritage Foundation was founded as an organization in 1976. Throughout the next eight or nine years, the IAHF was able to raise large sums of money to purchase our current property at 425 North Fourth Street. Since then, we have held countless events spanning almost four decades celebrating our Italian history and culture. The heartbeat of the IAHF.

### Our realistic present . . .

As the pandemic is (hopefully) in our rearview mirror, the Board of Directors and all our wonderful volunteers at the IAHF are doing everything in our power to bring back our celebrated events and striving to create new events. There seems to be an excited spirit amongst our members as I'm able to speak with them at our events that we've held so far. I also hear of positive reports from other members, both Board and membership, about the joy of meeting back in person and enjoying each other's company.

All the while, our building needs major improvements. The BOD has met and is in discussion about the improvements we need for our building. Some of those improvements are as follows: new HVAC, new flooring, new roof, electrical upgrade, ADA restroom compliance and a new canopy, just to name a few. I have been scheduling vendors to come in and look at the

various items on our list of capital improvements to get ballpark quotes. When the HVAC contractor came and looked at the units up on the roof, the first words out of his mouth were "It's a miracle your HVAC has lasted this long." Being able to do all of these things will improve our building and secure it for future generations to come. Just as countless others have done so for us back in the 70s and 80s.

### Our hopeful future . . .

Now I turn to our current membership and ask everyone to consider what you can do to support our revitalization fund, not only now but in the future! I'd like to start a revitalization fund campaign so we can move ahead on our capital improvement projects. I am looking for at least 100 people to join with me and commit to give \$100 over the next 12 months or a one-time gift of \$1,200 for the next year. There may be some members who can give much more than this and there may be some members who can give maybe \$25 or \$50 a month. This revitalization fund campaign will be called The President's Club and our sole purpose will be to raise funds so the future generations to come will enjoy this building just as you and I have enjoyed it all these many years.

Please take a few moments and consider what you can give.

Dana Zuccarello, President «



During the months of January and February, the IAHF will be working on a couple of construction projects to improve our facility. During this time, we will still hold selected events. We hope that you understand that we will not be fully operational throughout this time period. Thank you for your patience!





# SCHEDULE OF



### **MARCH**

- March 2, Thursday / Whiskey Tasting Adventure / 5:30 to 6:45 PM / \$37 person / 10th Street Distillery across the sytreet from the IAHF Hall / Call the IAHF at 408 293-7122 for info and to register
- March 19, Sunday / St. Joseph's Day Celebration Details to follow

#### **APRIL**

April 21, Friday / The IAHF Crab Feed is back! - Social hour, music, dinner, and all the crab you can eat! Details to follow

### MAY

 May 3, Wednesday / Lecture by San Jose State University Professor Bill McCraw on the recent elections in Italy, and the Italian parliamentary system / 6:30 to 8:00PM / IAHF Hall, 425 N. 4th St., San Jose / \$5 / Call 408 293 7122 to register

### **UPCOMIMG EVENTS**

- · Lecture by San Jose State University Professor Bill McCraw on the recent elections in Italy, and the Italian parliamentary system
- Polenta Dinner Dance

SAVE THE DATE!! Italian Family Festa / August 5 and 6 / History Park, San Jose

### **ONGOING LANGUAGE CLASSES**

- Monday and Wednesday / 6 PM / Marie Dalldorf teaches Italian Language Online Zoom classes / Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84929597554
- Intermediate Italian Conversation / 10 to 11:30 AM / Every Wednesday, with Delia Schizzano / In-person class

### **ITALY TODAY: EXPLORING CURRENT AFAIRS**

As a second part of a symposium that Professor Bill McCraw from San Jose State University did last year on Italy as a Parliamentary Republic, we want to explore some current events in Italy. A new prime minster, recent elections along with on-going social concerns will be the areas to be explored.

The workshop will take place Wednesday, May 3, at the IAHF, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. It will also be a discussion opportunity for those who would like to share experiences from their travels and time in Italy.

Bill is an excellent lecturer and facilitator. The workshop would be a great prerequisite for your next trip to Italy or for just being knowledgeable of the current issues.

There will be a nominal \$5.00 fee to cover refreshments. Contact the IAHF at 408-293-7122 to register for the programs and to let us know if there are any specific areas or issues that you would like addressed. -- Article by Ken Borelli



## **CRAB FEED** • FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • SAVE THE DATE!



After a three-year hiatus due to Covid limitations, the IAHF Annual Crab Feed is back!

Our Crab Feed is scheduled for Friday evening, April 21, along with a social hour, music, dinner and all the crab you can eat.

If you would like to volunteer at this always fun-timeevent, contact our Chairs at 408-293-7122.

Details and pricing to follow.

-- Article by Ken Borelli, Judi Rizzuto and Nanci Wilborn / Co-Chairs



IAHF Green

### • PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS •

### AS OF AUGUST 2022

- Debbie Amirhosseini
- Robert & Erin Basso
- Anthony Bontempi
- Monique & Scott Brown
- John & Tina Bursese
- Maria & Jim Burrus
- John & Tina Bursese
- Joseph Camerieri
- James A. Canger
- Lynn Ferrer-Casados
- Paula & George Roush
- Nico & Elvira Discenza
- Karen & Michael Dobmeier
- Paulette Giampietro Doyle

- Michael Angelo Festa
   Michael & Mary France
- Michael & Mary Franciotti
- Brenda & Rhonda
   O'Neal Fultz
- Patricia Galiano
- Peter Guglielmino
- Jeff & Megan Hicks
- Chloe Hotwani-Nelson
- Richard Langone
- Kim Loquaci
- Kelly E. Raye Martilli
- Lynda Maynard
- Denise Merrill
- Janice & Philip Meyer

- Rosemary & Gary Moiseff
- Kimberly & Jeffrey Moore
- Kenneth & Leslie
   Newington
- Carl J. Palermo
- C.J. Palmisano
- Bina Patel
- Yazmin Pease
- Lisa & Vico Piccinini
- Dolores Pioli
- Vicki Pope
- Paul Pratico
- Dominic Pratico
- Lance & Michelle Sandri

- Vicki Seelig
- Joseph & Leslie
   Santomieri
- Sergio Serna & Rachel Castro
- Gina Sitte
- Suzanne & Tim Smith
- Stephen Tritto
- Elizabeth Urbach
- Suzanne Goodwin Wang
- Denise & Seth Wax
- Nadine A. Weil
- Davide West
- Loren & Claire Wright

### • GRAZIE 2023 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

- Rosetta De Luca / <u>Intero Real Estate</u>
- Diane Ferrara / Hillview Packing Company, Inc.
- SDS NexGen Partners & Mulcahy Family / SDS NexGen Partners LP
- San Jose Chamber of Commerce / San Jose Chamber of Commerce
- Myrlin & George Taddie, Jr. / <u>Tadco Supply (Janitorial, Paper, Lighting Supplies</u>

- Al & Diana Vallorz / <u>Mangia Tutti Inc dba Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta</u>
- Kathy & Karl Winkleman / Gioia Company
- Stephen Tritto / The Villages Italian Club
- George Guglielmo / Emilio Guglielmo Family Winery
- Kenneth & Leslie Newington / <u>Serenity Studios Skin & Body</u>
- Jim & Janice Jones / <u>Custom Pad & Partition Inc.</u>

### GRAZIE 2023 PATRON MEMBERS

- Sal Alini & Soly Paterson
- Maria Cancilla-Bandy
- Linda & Bob Binkley
- Joseph Bogusky
- Nina Boyd
- Carl & Norma Brannon
- Ruby Brooks-Domino
- Robert Brower & Mary Reynolds
- Sandy & Chris Carvalho
- Dorina Teresa Cereghino
- Lucia Clementi & Dave Perzinski
- Tina & Paul Coghlan
- Vince & Colleen Cortese
- Franca Cozzitorto & David Lovelace
- Rosita D. De Luca

- Maryann & Jim DiBona
- Robert and Valerie Facchino
- Sandra & Brian Faircloth
- Cornelius Fiocco
- Anthony & Pamela Galano
- Judge Al & Vera Girolami
- Paul & Jenna Greco
- Emilio Guglielmo Family Winery
- Charles P. Gullo, Jr.
- Mark & Andrea Kenter
- Mark & Jeanne Lazzarini
- Kathy & Larry Lohman
- Louie & Marca LombardoPeter & Norma LoPresto
- Tony & Lorraine Maciejowski

- Susan & Steven Minor
- Sue & Chris Monahan
- Nora Monette
- Kimberly & Jeffrey Moore
- Col. Bobby B. Moorhatch
- Rebecca & Anthony Morici
- Tony Nespole, M.D. & Billie J. Sgarlato
- Maryanne Nola
- · William J. Palley & CJ Liang
- Bob Paradiso & Patricia Pangrac
- Richard & Linda Parola
- Kevin & Rose Pezzaniti
- Joe & Linda Pfahnl
- Patricia & Walter Phillips
- Tony & Martha Piazza

- Camie Piccolo & Michael Nicholson
- Jimmy Pignone & Leslie Snow
- Michael & Emily Ray
- Francois & Beth Rodigari
- Paul Romano
- James Sanfilippo, DDS & Gail Hunter
- John & Marjorie Scandizzo
- Joseph & Leslie Santomieri
- Virginia M. Sincich
- Janis & Butch Stumhoffer Joan & Mary Taft
- Al & Diana VallorzKaren Vanderpan &
- · Anthony J. Zerbo

John Dods







## LEGACY CIRCLE

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



- LINDA & BOB BINKLEY
   ROSE CRIMI
- MADELINE DAMIANO & GILDA DE SIMONE-GROCCIA
  - STANLEY OLIVAR
     MATILDE & ITALO OLIVERIO

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A LEGACY CIRCLE DONOR. CONTACT <mark>LEGACY@IAHFSJ.ORG</mark> FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### • SUPER IAHF MEMBERSHIP •

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

### LA DOLCE VITA / \$3,000 LEVEL

- Mike Console
- Felix and Marie Dalldorf
- Ebe Frasse

### MEDICI / \$500 LEVEL

- Jo Ann & Roger Bjornstad
- Ann & Ricardo Cerniglia
- Dominic & Suzanne Cortese
- Rose Crimi
- Frank DeTurris Sr.
- Peter & Marjorie Gaudio
- Maria Gloria
- Larry & Diane Lovaglia
- Janet Muscio & Bill McCraw
- Marilyn Payne
- Joe & Judi Rizzuto
- Juliana Severo

### DA VINCI / \$250 LEVEL

- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
- Anthony Barajas
- Leslie & Jay Berger
- Eugene & Christine Bernardini
- Lisa & Robert Blickenstaff
- Ken Borelli
- Agostino Burzio
- Sal & Denise Campagna
- Sue Cancilla-Conde & Saul Conde
- Dr. Anthony & Clare Cedolini
- Rene & Michelle Celsi
- Frank & Theresa Cetani
- Alfio & Gerry Crema
- Gwen Benassi & Rich Daulton
- Joe & Cathy De Maria
- Frances Di Salvo
- Al & Kathy DiFrancesco

- Rod Diridon Sr & Gloria Duffy M D
- Mel DiSalvo & Anna Sordello
- Frank Fiscalini
- Steve & Phyllis Hallgrimson
- Steven & Alma Landi
- Joe & Kaye Lucito
- Sharon McCray & Robert Martinez Jr.
- Carmine & Stacey Ann Napolitano
- Michael & Gail Paccioretti
- Marge Papp
- Mario & Karen Piergallini
- Stephen & Katherine Ricossa
- Richard & Genevieve Rolla
- Lance & Michelle Sandri
- Janice & John Travis
- Nanci Arata Wilborn
- Dana R. Zuccarello & Andy Aguirre

-- Article by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair 🧍

If you have photos of recent IAHF events you would like to share, please email them to <a href="mailto:photos@iahfsj.org">photos@iahfsj.org</a> and state the event in the subject line.

Thank you.

— Louie Lombardo / 4<sup>™</sup> Vice President





### IAHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

### IAHF OFFICERS

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

### IAHF Directors at Large

- Marie Bertola Board Member
- Madeline Damiano Board Member & Librarian
- Elise Habra Board Member
- Frank Locicero Board Member
- Joe Lucito Board Member
- Susan Monahan Board Member
- Steve Ricossa Board Member
- Nanci Wilborn Board Member
- Tony Zerbo Board Member

# IAHF Scholarships

The IAHF is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Scholarship Program. Three types of scholarships are available, Merit Based, Need-Based, and II Cenacolo. The IAHF mission is to award IAHF members and students of Italian descent who plan to attend college. Scholarships are open to for all disciplines and majors and will help Italian Americans who are proud of their Italian heritage with their educational goals and emphasize the importance of preserving Italian history, culture and language. Scholarship awards are expected to range from \$500 to \$2,500.

I encourage you to direct family members and friends to the IAHF website https://www.iahfsj.org/scholarships which contains the following:

- Link to the instructions for completing the application at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eFF3PSHE-WCKh1roiaLPmcSjEq\_OrrZx/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eFF3PSHE-WCKh1roiaLPmcSjEq\_OrrZx/view</a>
- Link to the online Google Forms application <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4sas3rxp">https://tinyurl.com/4sas3rxp</a> Applications are due March 31, 2023.

Questions should be directed to the Scholarship Chair at <a href="mrdalldorf@gmail.com">mrdalldorf@gmail.com</a> Thank you!

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf / Scholarship Chair 🐟





## Attention all members, new and renewing!

Our 2023 Newsletters will have a section to announce members' birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries. We plan to start publishing this in the upcoming months of the IAHF NEWS.

If you do not want your birthday or wedding anniversary announced, you can make note on your membership renewal form. If you have already renewed and you do not want your your birthday and/or wedding anniversary announced, please contact Dave Perzinski at <a href="mailto:perzinskidavid@gmail.com">perzinskidavid@gmail.com</a> or Louie Lombardo at <a href="mailto:louie@4lombardos.com">louie@4lombardos.com</a>.

-- Article by Elise Habra 🚁



# "Evvíva La Festa di San Giuseppe!"

## THE ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Welcomes Everyone! ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MASS and TABLE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

10:30 a.m. - Doors Open

11:00 a.m. – Mass Celebrated by Father George Aranha

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lunch

The St. Joseph Altar is Sicilian in origin.

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



Each person will receive the traditional take-home bag which includes an orange, a dried fava bean and a roll or cookie. Special prayer petitions to St. Joseph will be presented at the offertory of the Mass.

Food will include Pasta Milanese or Marinara, frittata, orange salad and many more traditional dishes prepared entirely by volunteers. Dessert will feature homemade Italian pastries such as cakes, cookies, biscotti, cuccidati and much, much more. Join us for this Lenten (no meat dishes are served) culinary treat!

# DONATIONS FOR THE ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR AND TABLE ARE GRATEFULLY WELCOMED.\*

Please contact the IAHF Office at 408/293-7122 for any special donations. Parking available on the street and at the nearby Salvation Army lot.

\*Monetary donations will be collected and given to local charities

A traditional gift at St. Joseph's celebrations is to bring a personal dessert.

Your pastries are welcomed to grace our tables.





## **Call for Volunteers**

### "Aiutto"

We need you to help with the Festa di San Giuseppe!

Our core team needs to be replenished!

The Festa di San Giuseppe needs help with:

- Table Setting
- Meatless Food Dishes
- Event Preparation
- Clean-up
- And other set-up task

Call the event chairpersons: Kathy Lohman and Larry Lohman at 408 238-4467

Or leave a message at the IAHF with Stanley Olivar at 408 293-7122 or

Email to: IAHFSJ@IAHFSJ.ORG

"Grazie Tante"









# Lucia's COOKING CLASS NEWS

Italian Wedding Soup on April 7



Our first class of the season is scheduled for April 6th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Hall with our chef extraordinaire, Ken Borelli. Ken will be teaching us how to make Italian Wedding Soup.

The name "wedding soup" comes from the Italian phrase "minestra maritata" – or "married soup" – which is a reference to the way the flavors blend, like a happy marriage. So, if you like a warm, flavorful, savory soup to nurture you, don't miss this class!

Please join us for our upcoming classes:

 Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m./ Italian Wedding Soup with Ken Borelli / Ken will teach us his special way of making this hearty



soup / \$25.00 members / \$30.00 non-members

- Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. / Sweet Sicilian Couscous Dessert with Nora Monette / This dish was a hit at our February Regional Lunch. Here's your chance to learn how to make it / \$25.00 members / \$30.00 non-members
- Thursday June 1, 7:00 p.m. / Braided Italian Bread with Josie Taddeo / You will love this bread that simply melts in your mouth / \$25.00 members / \$30.00 non-members

All classes are held at the IAHF Hall. To enroll in the classes, please call (408) 293-7122 or register online at:

https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061

Come and join the fun!

### • SAVE THE DATE •

# 41st ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA!

AUGUST 5 & 6 • HISTORY PARK SAN JOSE

For information about sponsorship, vendor booths, and sales, please contact Dana Zuccarello, President, or Ken Borelli, 1st VP Events, at 408-293-7122 or by email at president@iahfsj.org.

To become a Festa Volunteer, email volunteers@italianfamilyfestasj.org

"c'e vediamo alla festa!"











# Italianitá in the Americas

• COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM •



### ITALIANITÁ IN THE AMERICAS



ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION SAN JOSE

Sunday, January 29, 2023 • 3 PM



### ITALIANITÁ IN THE AMERICAS

### PROGRAM

Louise Canepa Nostalria

Henry Mollicone Moderato from Concerto for

Horn and Orchestra

Brian Holmes, hornist

Romeo Cascarino

#### INTERMISSION

Astor Piazzolla Libertango

John Corigliano Elegy

Jeremy Cavaterra Marine Safari and Whale-Watch

Luis Gianneo Perioln Joseph Curiale Wind River

Reception to meet the Maestro and musicians immediately following the performance.

Select artwork by Robert La Rocca, Anthony Quartuccio, and John Romano on exhibit.



### Your passport to Italian culture. Join us.

The Italian American Heritage Foundation is the premier Italian organization in the Bay Area. Visit us at www.iahful.org to see all that we have to offer.

Become an IAHF member and help us preserve, promote and celebrate Italian and Italian-American heritage and culture. More importantly, enjoy networking with others that share the same passion and love of all thing Italian as you do.

> Get your passport to Italian culture at https://form.jotform.us/70946201067150

For questions, contact Dave Penzinski, Membership Chair, at porting identifying





### EVVIVA LA FESTA

### Sunday, March 19 / IAHF Hall FREE and all are welcome

Mass at 11 AM oriebrated by Father Azunha followed by a traditional St. Jose

Denations will be accepted and will be distributed to 3 local charities in honor of St. loseph. For more information contact Kieby and Larry Lorent, Event Chairs, at (408) 295-7122.

This year the celebration is on a workend so a great opportunity to bring the entire family and share in the centuries-old tradition from Sicily

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT RENTING THE IAHF HALL, PLEASE CONTACT THE IAHF OFFICE AT 408-293-7122.

### SAVE THE DATE .

AUGUST 5 & 6 . HISTORY PARK SAN JOSE For information about sponsorship, vendor booths, and sales, use contact Dana Zuccarello, President, or Ken Borelli, 1° VP Events,

at 408-293-7122 or by cmail at president@iahfsj.org. come a Festa Volunteer, email volunteers@italianfamilyfestasj.org







# MISSION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SAN JOSE AT THE IAHF

# AMAZING!

What better way to start the new year at the IAHF than with a full symphonic orchestra performance? Thanks, to Maestra Emily Ray and the Mission Chamber Orchestra, we did just that. On Sunday, January 29th, there was a symphonic concert at the IAHF celebrating the Italian American repertoire. The program was entitled "Italianita in the Americas"! The selections also included Italian American composers from South America such as Aster Piazolla and Luis Gianneo from Argentina.

Due to the printed space limitations, it's hard to summarize even a brief bio of these nine brilliant Italian American composers. As with all artists, the truth is in their works. Some of the composers have special links to the IAHF such as Louise Canepa (Sicilians of Monterey performed at the IAHF), and the late Henry Mollicone, an IAHF awardee for his contributions to the Arts. (See IAHF News 6/22/2022 for a special tribute). Others represent an up-and-coming cadre of modern composers such as Joseph Curiale and Alex Di Giuseppe Goodheart, Jeremy Cavaterra along with the internationally known John Corigliano and the late Romeo Cassarino.

Maestra Ray, as the music director and conductor of the orchestra, prepared an amazing program. The selections offered a diverse range of styles and music. It also included a horn concerto, which was composed by Henry Mollicone and performed by Brian Holmes and a concert premier of Romeo Cascarino's Prospice. Before each selection, Maestra Ray introduced and annotated the selections. The Orchestra did an outstanding job, sharing their talents with our community. With the full orchestra present, we had over 250 people at the concert. The acoustics were just engulfing. There really is nothing like experiencing a live symphonic performance. When we are able to share the video of the event, you will understand the reason for my superlatives.

The program was video and audio taped as a part of our archival efforts at the IAHF and will be available soon for others to experience. This event also underscores part of the mission of the IAHF and recognize the achievements and positive contributions

made by Americans of Italian descent". The Symphony's visit to the IAHF makes a rare dream possible. The press coverage and interest in the community were also high, and the program was given a "weekend happening" description in the San Jose Mercury News (along with programming at the San Francisco and Oakland Symphonies).

In addition to the concert, a special art exhibit by some friends of the IAHF was held, and again underscores our mission goal of promoting the contributions of Italian Americans in the community. The artists included John Romano, our newsletter designer who is also a fine artist, San Francisco Artist Robert LaRocca, who has shown at the Festa, and whose relatives helped to start the original Trabia Club in San Jose, and a glimpse into the works of Anthony Quartuccio, Sr, a long-time member of the IAHF and of Holy Cross altar fame, from the collection of his son Anthony Quartuccio Jr., a conductor and musician in his own right.

Anthony attended the event along with Cletus Willimas, former Vice Mayor of San Jose who is on the Board of the Orchestra, and composer Jeremy Cavaterra from Los Angeles who came to hear his piece performed. In addition, we had a surprise discovery that our neighbor at the Salvation Army, Major Debora Donini, is from Torino, Italy. We are going to try to have her come to the IAHF and talk about current social issues in Italy today. She visits family in Italy yearly.

There is also another opportunity to hear composer Joseph Curiale's sensual piece, Wind River, at the concert scheduled February 25 at the Hammer Theater. All in all, the "Italianita in the Americas" concert is one for our IAHF event archives. The performance also has national significance by underscoring the contributions of Italian American composers to the vitality of the American classical music scene.

Video copies of the concert are available to check out at the IAHF Library.

— Article by Ken Borelli / Photography by Ken Borelli and Stanley Olivar





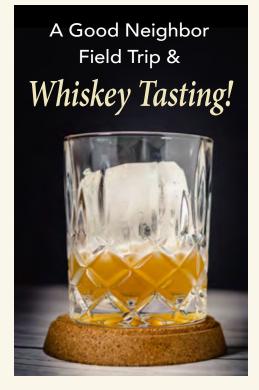












# The IAHF has scheduled a whisky tasting at the 10th Street Distillery, on Thursday March 2nd from 5:30 to 6:45

The distillery is right across the street from our IAHF hall, at 442 North 4th Street. The CEO is Virag Saksema, a scotch whisky aficionado.

The 10th Street distillery is part of a growing trend in crafts liquors. I had a chance to sample the goods prior to planning this event (a difficult task). Many of the materials come from Scotland, so it is a Scotch-like whisky. They make several blends ranging from a light Scotch malt to a smokey-flavored range of blends. 10th Street Distillery has won several competitive awards, including recognition from Forbes, the Whisky Advocate, and the SJ Mercury News. In 2021 they received "Best in Show" from the NY Spirits Competition, as well as Best Single Malt Whisky for 2022.

If you are a Scotch drinker or just plain curious about the product and designer whiskeys this is a very effortless field trip. Plus they make great and unique gifts.

The cost is \$37 for a tasting of their various blends, followed by some coffee and snacks at the IAHF after the tasting. We will meet at the IAHF parking lot at 5:15 and walk across the street, then return to the IAHF for refreshments.

Make your reservation now as space will be limited. You can sign up online or make the check payable to IAHF. Sign up deadline is Tuesday February 28.

-- Article by Ken Borelli 🐌







### CENA FUORI GENNAIO 2023







The New Year started off with a bang for the Cena Fuori aficionados! Almost 40 IAHF members and friends enjoyed the abundant foods from our local Giorgio's, located on Foxworthy Avenue in San Jose! Nothing like "home" cooking (even though the Milpitas Giorgio's was "bene" – Giorgio's San Jose is "molto bene"!)

Our servers were hopping, taking the cocktail and wine orders while everybody assembled. Then the platters started descending on our tables beginning with beautiful antipasto and bowls of insalata, both house salad and a caprese salad; the renown Giorgio's sausage bread disappeared in an instant with requests for "more please," which were gladly accommodated! And, of course, – there's more! Platters of Penne Pasta Alfredo and Penne Pasta Calabrese magically took the place of the empty salad dishes along with Eggplant Parmigiana and Veal Scaloppini Marsala, all attractively presented to continue to satisfy our craving tummies!



With their take-home boxes in hand, satiated and satisfied guests bid "grazie" to Ken and Stanley for organizing this Cena Fuori.

Check out the photos from our photographer extraordinaire, Stanley Olivar, to see all of the happy and smiling faces! Join us next month as we continue our food adventures under the culinary guidance of Ken Borelli at Café Vitale.

-Article by Cathy De Maria 🐌



























Our dedicated culinary adventurers will be visiting some new grounds by enjoying a special dinner at Cafe Vitale in Los Altos on Thursday, March 30, thanks to a recommendation and some enabling by IAHF member, Glenn De Bella. Glenn introduced me to the owner of Cafe Vitale, Ruben Gomez, to prepare for this very special Cena Fuori.

The restaurant is located at 987 Fremont Avenue in Los Altos, just off Foothill Expressway with easy access from Highway 280. The Cafe is set within an impeccable Mediterranean ambiance and is one of Glenn's favorite Italian restaurants. After my visit, I can understand why as the owner and chef noted everything is "fatto a mano" (made

from scratch). The restaurant's logo simply states "Mangia bene... Stai bene," which is the rule of the house!

For whatever reason, I do not usually go to Los Altos much to dine and this will soon change with our visit to Cafe Vitale. We will follow our usual practice of signing up, by calling the IAHF and then Stanley will



contact you as we finalize our selections for the event. The cost including tax and tip is \$45 per person.

I am grateful to Glenn for this culinary tip and to Frank LoCicero for last month's recommendation. I more than welcome your recommendations for future visits to other family-owned locations. In many ways, it is a win-win experience as it helps get the word out on some amazing Italian restaurants, cafes and even delis where we explore the diversity of our culinary heritage and even meet the owners and staff. In turn, we are able to share our experiences with friends and encourage succeeding visits after having had a chance to sample a given menu in a very special ambiance--with our IAHF friends.

So many of our Cena Fuori have been quite memorable, and everyone has a favorite. Chef Ruben is looking forward to hosting the IAHF at his charming location and personally, I can't wait (and may just jump the gun for a lunch on the patio!).

Buon Appetito! -- Article by Ken Borelli 🥌









We have an immediate opening for the 2023 Board of Directors. Members of the IAHF Board of Directors serve an important function in guiding our organization and making important decisions that affect our members and activities. It is essential that members of the Board of Directors have qualifications and experience that will foster new ideas for the growth of the IAHF.

- Do you have an interest in preserving our Italian history and culture?
- Do you have an interest and willingness to work to further the image of Italian Americans in Santa Clara County and the Bay Area?
- Do you have experience as a volunteer with an organization or company that provides services for the betterment of the community?

• Are you available to attend monthly Board Meetings as well as accept assignments relating to IAHF committees and activities?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we'd love to hear from you! If you are interested in becoming a Board member, you can read the qualification guidelines and complete the on-line application. Once you've completed your application, all applicants go through a screening process and meet with the Nominating Selection Committee for an interview.

If you would like more information about becoming a Board member, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:louie.lombardo@iahfsj.org">louie.lombardo@iahfsj.org</a>.

- Article by Louie Lombardo / 4th Vice President 🌞

# Online Italian Language Classes

When the pandemic hit, Delia Schizzano was no longer able to teach her in-person Italian classes at the IAHF. However, there was a great interest by people to do something so I started teaching online Italian classes twice a week. Delia has now resumed her in person classes at the IAHF. There is still a demand for online classes so I am continuing to offer them. Classes are taught online via Zoom every Monday and Wednesday from 6 -7 pm PST. We welcome students at different levels and classes are free. To sign up go to Meetup at Italian Language Online Chat Group in San Jose.

The classes focus on exposing students to the Italian language content by reading stories of authentic spoken Italian rather than using a textbook or focusing on grammar. Stories are discrete lessons making it easy for students to join at any point. Students are also introduced to all things Italian, including basic Italian phrases, how to start a conversation, ask for directions or make a reservation. Students are exposed to other topics including history of music, festas and opera as well as foods, wines and cheeses of each of the 20 regions.

We begin a new story or topic by having students review the detailed vocabulary list, then each student is asked to read a short passage in Italian and translate what they read into English. This process allows students to learn while hearing others speak Italian, much like when traveling in Italy because not everyone will speak in the same way. Hearing the repetition of words also helps students remember words and phrases more easily because they are absorbed in what they are reading.

Many of the students who joined from the beginning are still with me now. I'm grateful to have been part of their Italian language journey and enjoy the bond that has developed with this group. I have seen a great improvement when I hear them speak and pronounce words in Italian and in their general understanding of the Italian language.

-- Article by Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf / Instructor 🥌







# It's IAHF Membership Renewal Time

Thank you so much for your support this past year. Your donations have really made a difference, and they help keep us above water. We were able to buy much needed new chairs, a refrigerator and an espresso machine for our events thanks to your support.

Please renew your membership early so that we can keep bringing you all of our events, scholarships, newsletters and classes. Because of you, we are keeping Italian culture alive in San Jose.

Please renew your membership online today at <a href="https://form.jotform.com/70946201067150">https://form.jotform.com/70946201067150</a>

– Article by Dave Perzinski / IAHF Membership Chair 🚁

# A PEEK INTO THE BOARDROOM

- Your IAHF full Board of Directors met February 13, 2023, after having group photos taken for publication in this newsletter. There was no Zoom meeting.
- The productive meeting was called to order by President Dana followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which is standard for every meeting. Dana complimented Ken on the tremendous success of the Mission Chamber Orchestra concert that was attended by over 180 persons. Our gracious neighbors across the street allowed the musicians to park in their lot.
- Dana thanked Nanci for completing the task of getting all the customized name plates affixed to the new chairs in time for the music event.
- The Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2023, showed total bank assets of \$413,537 with available cash of \$141,141. The year-to-date net income is \$36,130. Overall, our financial condition is stable with grant funds secured and revenue reserved for the FESTA, scholarships, building funds and crucial building repairs. Frank asked we invest \$80,000 in a high interest-bearing account with Board approval.
- Dave noted that the ADA bathroom is on hold due to complications with building regulations. Madeline brought up that the women's bathroom needs repairs from water damage and should be attended to as soon as is reasonably possible. After the meeting, Dave inspected the area in question and agreed with Madeline. He said would investigate the cost and timeline for the necessary repairs.
- Ken was excited to report that Regional Lunches would resume this month. There are many events already scheduled for this year, including Saint Joseph's Day (March 19), polenta dinner, bocce tournament (May 21), and the April 23rd crab feed. He urged everyone to join in helping with the success of these many outstanding events by volunteering with set-up and clean-up, to help relieve the burnout of the current team.

- Azie and Sharon proposed that the IAHF purchase an AED machine and arrange first aide training for IAHF members and guests. The training will cost \$128 per person with a minimum of 8 students. Mary made a motion to fund the AED machine and training in an amount not to exceed \$3,200 which passed unanimously. Please let Stanley know if you want to participate. Will only point out as I tried to do before, the way this motion is worded is inconsistent with the way the other motions are noted insofar as with the others, no person's name is noted as to who made the motion; if Mary's name remains that she made the motion, then the name of the person who seconded the motion also needs to be made as a motion cannot be voted on without a second. Suggest the wording be altered to reflect an action taken and not by whom.
- Azie further went on to request funding for flooring to replace the
  carpeting in the Hall. The carpet is not up to par and therefore must
  be replaced. After much discussion a motion was made and unanimously passed, to purchase Indestructible Luxury Vinyl planks from
  S&G carpets at a cost of \$34,664. The IAHF received a \$10,000
  settlement from the previous carpet installation that will help offset
  this cost
- Louie noted that there are accounting inconsistencies concerning grants that he is addressing.
- Ken pointed out the Santa Clara County History and Archives Grant, administered by Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, will sunset soon and asked for a vote to file for an extension. The motion to extend the grant was passed with unanimous approval.
- Frank asked if the IAHF intended on participating in the San Francisco Columbus Day Parade. The topic was postponed until a later date.
- -- Minutes by Sharon McCray 🗱



IAHF

### PERSONAL NOTES





Saint Joseph, Patron of our City and our Diocese, pray for us. - S.R.O. -

The views expressed in Personal Notes are those of the authors. They do not purport to reflect the views of the IAHF or its members

### **BUSINESS ADS**





Residential, Commercial & **Business Sales** Real Estate & **Property Management** 

**RJ Properties Real Estate** Since 1979

San Jose State Graduate

### **Bob Basso**

Realtor Broker BRE# 007522995 **Notary Public** 

PO Box 5715 San Jose CA 95150

Cell (408) 691-4586 Office (408) 264-0871 (email) bassorjp@aol.com

I will donate \$1000 to the IAHF for any referrals and a \$1000 referral fee to the member who makes the referral.





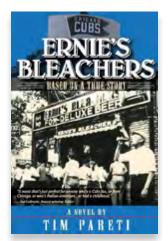
### THE SAN JOSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

works to connect local business to each other and the broader community, to advocate for local business before government, and to promote San Jose as the best place in the world to start and grow a business.









### **Ernie's Bleachers**

by Tom Pareti

Ernie's Bleachers by Tom Pareti is a superbly written book that fits several genres of literature—historical fiction, a coming-of-age story, memoir and even political commentary. The focal point of the action is a famous bar, Ernie's Bleachers, which stands across the street from Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team. The place is still there, now known as Murphy's Bleachers.

As a coming-of-age novel, we follow the life of Eddy Pareti. Eddy is growing up in a tough, multi-ethnic, northside Chicago neighborhood in tough times. Many of the residents are eking their way out of the poverty of the Great Depression. Eddy is a young teenager in love with "America's game." Because his family owns the tavern across the street, Eddy gets to spend hours of his life with his friends exploring Wrigley Field and actually visiting with some of the players in the bar. This is the highlight of his young life.

Unfortunately, Eddy becomes quite the scamp, a constant worry to his mother. School is not high on his priority list, and Eddy gets

involved in light crime and worse, gets involved in the numbers racket with the local mafia and various other misadventures. He eventually has to skip town to avoid punishment. Credit his mother to figure out how to straighten him out! Through all, though, Eddy is never depicted as evil or stupid. Author Pareti skillfully allows the reader to sense that under Eddie's willful spirit and poor choices, he is a good person just waiting to find his place in life.

The character of Eddy is loosely based on the life of the Tom Pareti's father. As a memoir, the reader steps into the life and times of the Pareti family in their friendly tavern called Ernie's Bleachers. The name is so appropriate because it is as though the reader is sitting in the bleachers enjoying the gatherings and conversations in the tavern as well as on the field across the street. Not all the tavern guests are athletes, the local aldermen and mafia enforcers also belly up. The frequent inclusion of Eddy's parents and other relatives and reenactments of their home life add a wonderful memoir dimension to the book.

The historical presentation of life in Chicago in the late 30's to the mid 40's fits exactly what most of us imagine. It's Capone's Chicago: minimal policing (kids could run pretty wild), mafia influence, political corruption, racketeering, Major League Baseball, the Negro Leagues and the rise of Jacky Robinson and, of course, World War II. The loss of loved ones in the War hit the neighborhood hard and Author Pareti shares this with us.

**Ernie's Bleachers** is a book for baseball lovers and particularly Cubs fans. Baseball enthusiasts will especially enjoy author Pareti's clever use of baseball jargon in his chapter titles like "Top of the First" and "Bottom of the Third." In fact, baseball lingo infuses much of the conversation in the book. Tom Pareti's knowledge of the game and his love for Chicago shines throughout the book. Chicago lovers will enjoy stepping into the Northside and Wrigley Field in a time gone by.

## Italian Word or Phrase of the Month • From Linda Gaudio Binkley

# Stufo

The word in Italian that best translates to sick and tired of or fed up with is stufo/a/i/e

Because **stufo** is an adjective, the ending changes according to the gender and plurality of its subject.

- Sono stufa del mio frigorifero rumuroso. Ne comprero` uno nuovo. I am fed up with my noisy refrigerator. I am going to buy a new one.
- Loro sono stufi del suo ritardo and non vogliono piu` fare progetti con lui.

They are sick and tired of his tardiness and no longer want to make plans with him.

La stufa as a noun means stove or heater in Italian.



# Personal Notes: Only \$10 each

# COMMEMORATE YOUR FAMILY'S EVENTS WITH A SPECIAL NOTE

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

We will print your message in the following newsletter.

Each note is only \$10, so why not order two or more at a discount?

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

CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR PERSONAL NOTE

























# AND DON'T FORGET OUR BUSINESS ADS

# IAHF NEWS readers like to patronize IAHF advertisers!

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

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR AD ARTWORK CLICK HERE TO PAY FOR YOUR BUSINESS AD

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

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





# **ROSETTA DE LUCA**

### SPECIALIZING IN SILICON VALLEY

Rosetta is very proud to be an Italian American. She is very committed and passionate about supporting the Italian American Heritage Foundation. Rosetta will be generously donating \$1,000 for every referral or closed transaction coming from any member of the Italian American Heritage. This Contribution goes toward enriching and helping our IAHF thrive.



Thinking of buying or selling? Or have any Real Estate Questions? Call Rosetta Today for a Free Professional Market Analysis.



# **ROSETTA DE LUCA**

Direct 408-206-9584

<u>rdeluca@interorealestate.com</u> <u>www.rosettadeluca.com</u> DRE#01271464

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rosetta is a full-time, professional real estate agent assisting in buying and selling homes in all of Santa Clara County. Throughout the years, Rosetta has earned many achievements and awards such as International Presidents Elite, Top Listing Agent, Top Buyers agent, one of Silicon Valley's Top 100 agents, and Top Producers with over 22 years of sales, marketing, trust, probate and negotiation experience. Rosetta takes pride in providing 100% quality service to all her clients and has earned an impressive reputation in the real estate community. She is known for her exceptional work ethic, effective communication skills, attention to detail, and fierce negotiating experience. With her clients' best interests at heart, Rosetta understands the meaning of commitment and dedication.

### **EDUCATION**

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

PROVIDING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE YOU DESERVE!

INTERO
A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate

