

# IAHF NEWS

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## President's Message

by Ken Borelli



## Grazie Tante e Benvenuto!

A special work of thanks to all those who helped make our 30th Annual Festa such a landmark success. I do not use the term lightly but the word "tireless" best describes the efforts of so many people especially our Festa Chair Joe Rizzi and his dynamic crew. It was also history in the making. Our Italian American community, their many friends and families came together, perhaps initially out of curiosity about what the new site for the Festa was all about, but I believed a transformation took place. When they got to

visit the site, take the docent tours, or follow the self guided tours, meet with people in a piazza-like setting and see people from several "old Italian American neighborhoods" some for the first time in many long years, they realized how memorable and special the weekend was. The 2010 Festa experience was just that, "an experience to treasure" on multi levels--from awesome music, culinary delights, and specialty shops with an Italian flare. It is very difficult to replicate that experience save in one special place, our Festa. The new site location in an emerging Little Italy



group, region or geographical entity, and is part of the common patrimony, and at Festa time, rightfully takes its place among the diversity of cultural traditions that we in Santa Clara County and the greater Bay Area are fortunate to access. We at the IAHF look forward to working with you and build upon this historical year.

beautifully framed the Festa. It also underscores the importance of community, and the need to have this sense of time and place.

As a Festa working committee and foundation we learned a lot. Our Festa is always a work in progress, and we received a lot of positive suggestions for next year. After each Festa we critique these events with a focus to improve upon the vision of the family focused event. I wish we could fast forward to next year with so many of these thoughts floating around. The e mails, websites and You Tube clips are full of these and similar comments. Like last year, our Festa committee did not have much down time, if any, to plan for this year's event. I suspect it will be the same this year too. That comes with the dedication and love of heritage of so many of our volunteers. Probably no other area where this support and energy came through is the high number of new members that

joined the IAHF at the Festa. Linda Filice, who chaired the membership booth and staffed primarily from our IAHF Board were kept very busy in explaining what we are all about. We were like wisened very happy to see our co Italian American organizations be equally busy, as the proceeds of their events help to sustain their organizational efforts and underscores the importance of maintaining "Italianita" in our community.

A special "Benvenuto" to our new members. We welcome you and want you to play a vital part in the life of our common heritage. Its important to note too that many of those who have

joined are Italian by marriage or affinity of interest and culture. That point needs to be especially acknowledged because so many of our friends and family choose to be engaged with our activities out of love and interest in things Italian. We welcome your support too. The sharing of our heritage, especially in the arts, cuisine and traditions transcends a particular ethnic



As we now begin our holiday seasons we have lined up some great programs to follow the Festa, including a concert to celebrate the 150th year of the founding of Italy this October, additional regional lunches, guest artist, a holiday party and World of Italian Opera. As always your support for these fun and equally important family focused events are actively solicited. Great news too, thanks to the combined efforts of our IAHF Board we are finally getting ready to launch an email list for news around the bay relevant to our great Italian American Community! To join us online, please contact our IAHF Coordinator Rosa for details. •





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# The Italian American Family Festa 2010



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## Testimonials: 30th Annual Italian American Family Festa

Thank you so much for inviting me into your family. The Italian American Heritage club is one of the most organized and talented clubs I have never been associated with. I feel like I'm with all my family when I'm involved in your events. From top to the bottom, which would be me? You are all wonderful people and make everything so special. You all need to do you recognize for the great work you have done and success of little Italy. I hope San Jose realizes what you give back to the community. I know the profit isn't very much but to see all the people who are proud of their heritage and even those who aren't Italian enjoy the food and the music and take them away from everyday life was a great way to give back to the community. Thank you again for including me in the family." - Jay Palma

"Thank God!!!!!! I love the new location, all the vendors great stuff, great to see how Little Italy is coming along and we and I speak for many friends and family are very grateful for all the effort and the hard work you are all putting in to give us a place to go and hang out many are very interested in buying a Brick for memorial of our parents who were involved in our community for many year and would be very proud to see what it happening." - Emilia Lonero Brown

"I just wanted to pass along a quick note to compliment you and all the volunteers on a great event last weekend. All of us in the Sfingi booth had a great time, and I know the Ravioli and Sausage booths did as well. Thanks again for all your hard work." - Joe Zambataro

"I just want to let everyone involved with the Italian Festa to know what a wonderful event it was! Not only did I have great sales, but the setup allowed me to be a part of the event. I enjoyed the music and all the vendors around me. Thanks so much for making this happen. I'll look forward to next year! - Linda Amato



## Two Anniversaries!

**Saturday, October 9, 2010 @ 6 pm**

**Great music, fabulous food, auction & raffle**

- Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose: 15th
- The Birth of Modern Italy: 150th

From the Baroque period to today, Italy has given the world great music, and we celebrate our anniversaries with music. The Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose, led by IAHF award recipient Emily Ray, will perform works by Vivaldi, Verdi and Italian composers, including "Nostalgia," by Italian-American (Napa) composer Louise Canepa. The buffet dinner is prepared by Michael Barone of Mangiamo.



Italian American Heritage Foundation, 425 No. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA 95112 • Phone: 408-293-7122 • Web: [www.iahfsj.org](http://www.iahfsj.org)  
Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$18 for children. Proceeds benefit the Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose; Web site [www.missionchamber.org](http://www.missionchamber.org)



# The Italian American Kitchen

An IAHF Member Supported Recipe Exchange

• This recipe is submitted by Rebecca Winke of Umbria, Italy •



## Digestivi

The following recipe highlights an often overlooked culinary tradition in Italy--"digestivi". And as the name denotes they are similar in purpose used for a tonic and or digestive aide. They are usually herbal infusions and by far the most common as noted in the "Italian Notebook.com" is Nocino. Many families have their secret recipes that verge on complex chemical formulas! Crossover digestivi into the mainstream include Limencello, Vermouth and Campari. In fact, one of my favorite drinks is a Nigroni...that is approximately 1/3 Campari, 1/3 Gin and up to 1/3 sweet vermouth, over ice with an orange slice. It is an explosion of flavors, the herbs in vermouth, Campari and gin make for an interesting set of flavors, and it is a good summer sipping drink. For those brave souls who want to try to make Nocino here is the recipe.

There's quite a penchant around in Umbria for bitter digestive liqueurs made with infusions of vegetables or herbs and spices. All are guaranteed to put hair on your chest, and the reigning king is definitely Nocino. Nocino's main ingredient is unripe green walnuts (noci), infused in alcohol with various other flavourings varying by recipe and the region—found all over Italy, it is most popular in the center and north.

**Nocino** (from a quirky old family recipe):

### Ingredients:

- 20 chopped green walnuts, picked at dawn on the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist (24 June) before the dew dries (natch!)
- 30 dried petals of a scarlet rose
- 6 whole crushed cloves
- 3/4 cinnamon stick
- strips of the zest of one lemon

1. Add all ingredients to 1 liter of alcohol in a large glass jug, seal, and place in sun for 40 days, shaking daily.

2. After 40 days, prepare sugar syrup with 500 g sugar and 500 g water. Add to the infusion and strain through filter paper.

It is said that Nocino improves with time, thus many tend to age it for 6 months to a year. Of course elderly neighbors and relatives consider this nonsense and will start drinking it the day after it's filtered.

And they all have very hairy chests. •

Contributed by Rebecca Winke, owner of Brigolante Apartments, a restored 16th century stone farmhouse / guesthouse in the heart of Umbria near Assisi, and blogger of life in Umbria. Many thanks!

## Italian Life in Style

Event to be held on October 13 at Frette Store, 180 El Camino Real # 159, Palo Alto, CA 94304



**FRETTE**

Sunnyvale, CA – September 16, 2010 – Valentina Cirasola, owner and principal interior designer of Valentina Interiors & Designs, today announced the commencement of a unique idea celebration. Ms. Cirasola recently declared October as the "month of Italian style." She stated, "It's a perfect month to learn how to harmonize a bedroom in style, how to prepare for a good night sleep in style and how to roll in luxurious bedding." Ms. Cirasola added, "Style refers to forms, appearances and character."

The Life in Style Event, hosted by Valentina Interiors & Designs will be held in Frette Store at Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto from 6:30-8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. In what promises to be a one-of-a-kind event, Ms. Cirasola will discuss 2010 fall colors, how they apply to home décor and to Frette's bedding concept. She will be accompanied by her trusted image consultant.

**About Valentina Cirasola:** Valentina is an Italian expatriate with a passion for design. She is the founder of Valentina Interiors & Designs and previous owner of Atelier Valentina, a fashion company first established in Italy.

Valentina Interiors & Designs specializes in remodeling interior and exterior home and office spaces. Affordable luxury is the hallmark of the Bay Area-based business.

Valentina and Valentina Interiors & Designs are frequently featured in American and Italian design magazines, like Vogue Italy and Gentry. She is an author and guest writer, contributing to Italian publications, including: Italo-Americano, Italian American Heritage Foundation News and FinestItalian's Web site. For more information, visit: [www.valentinadesigns.com](http://www.valentinadesigns.com)

**About Frette:** Frette was founded 1860 with the mission of producing luxury fabrics on Jacquard looms to providing stylish comfort to individual and hospitality clientele. To celebrate its 150 years anniversary of unforgettable patterns, textures, fabrics and Jacquards, the House of Frette is launching the fall special edition called "Anniversario". Frette official website: [www.frette.com](http://www.frette.com)

## Learn Italian at IAHF

Come and join your friends in learning to speak and read Italian. Enjoy learning more about your heritage, Italian customs and cuisine. New classes are being offered at the Italian American Heritage Foundation starting September 14th and 15th.

Beginning Italian --Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:20pm. \*no prior knowledge necessary.

Beginning Italian II--Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:20 \*Students know simple vocabulary and are able to use the present tense in simple sentences or have taken Beginning Italian  
Intermediate Italian --Wednesdays 7:30pm-9:00pm  
\*\*Students are able to read and discuss readings and understand grammatical structures.

Conversational Italian Tuesdays 7:30pm-9:00pm \*\*Students are more interested in speaking Italian, in readings and discussions. No formal grammar will be taught. This is considered an Intermediate II level.

For further information contact instructor Delia Schizzano at [caradelia@yahoo.com](mailto:caradelia@yahoo.com)

## Italian Classes for our North Bay Residents

### Italian 1 (Beginning)

- Tuesdays -7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Conversation/grammar
- Mondays - 11:00am - 1 pm

### Morning Conversation

- Thursdays - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Vivere Italiano

- Wednesdays - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

### Children's Language Classes

- We have openings in our children's class

Please email us at [iei@italybythebay.org](mailto:iei@italybythebay.org)

Register on the web at: <http://www.ItalybytheBay.org>

## 34th Annual Italian Film Festival

Lido Cantarutti Presents the 34th Annual Italian Film Festival on Oct. 2 to November 13th in Marin County.

Featuring award-winning drama and comedy from Italy. All shows at the Marin Center Showcase Theatre in San Rafael.

Web site: [www.italianfilm.com](http://www.italianfilm.com); Phone: 415-499-6800



## Festa dei Morti

The Italian Cemetery announced its first "Festa dei Morti" on Sunday October 31, 2010 in Colma California, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Day of the Dead also transformed into

Halloween is a traditional time to honor and remember the deceased in culturally Catholic countries.

For more information visit [www.festadeimorte.com](http://www.festadeimorte.com)

## FINAL NOTICE: Election of the IAHF Board of Directors for 2011 and 2012

Applications for the two year term of 2011 and 2012 Board of Directors are now being accepted. Interested members are invited to submit an applications no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 8. Applications are available in the office; call 293-7122 or obtain applications in person during office hours.



The application process is as follows: (1) submit the application with a letter of interest to the Attention of Dr. Anthony Russo, Chair of the Nominating Committee; (2) be available for interview by the Nominating Committee.

It is essential that members of the Board of Directors have qualifications and experience that will foster the ideas and grow of the IAHF. Some of the qualifications for a position on the Board include: having an interest in Italian History and Culture; possess knowledge of the purpose, goals and achievements of the IAHF; be a paid member in good standing for 11 months; some experience as a volunteer; availability to attend monthly Board meetings and other meetings as necessary; possess excellent interpersonal skills; and reflect a willingness to work and support the committees and activities of the IAHF.

## Italian Men's Club Bingo

- Every Monday Night

- Doors Open at 4pm

- Early Bird at 6pm

- Regular Session at 6:45pm

- Elks Lodge  
444 W. Alma St,  
San Jose  
(408) 286-2007

- Play \$1,199

Flashboards, Cherry Bells (pull tabs) and all Games Pay \$250.00 except for Early Bird

- 15.00 min Buy-In (2-15 Game Packs)

- Birthday Specials and Last Monday of Every Month Free Prize Drawing

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- ATM Machine Available

- Outstanding Home Style Meals

- We're Looking for New Members!

- We host a \$5.00 Senior. Lunch and Bingo every Monday afternoon starting at 11 am

- Check our website: <http://www.italianmensclub.com>



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- Dolce Spazio •
- International Gourmet Market •
- Tony & Alba's Pizza •
- Willow Glen Smokehouse •

## Legislature Deplores WW II Treatment of Italian Americans



More than six decades after World War II, the California Legislature has passed a resolution calling the U.S. government's treatment of Italian Americans following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor a "fundamental injustice."

While the federal government's forced internment of Japanese Americans is more widely known, thousands of Italian Americans also were characterized as enemy aliens and forced to leave their homes or endure other hardships.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 95, characterizing such treatment as unjust, passed the Assembly and Senate this week without a dissenting vote. "The Legislature formally acknowledges the events of World War II represented a fundamental injustice against Italian Americans, deeply regrets these acts, and reaffirms its commitment to preserving the rights of all people," the resolution said.

SCR 95 is needed to "help repair the damage to the Italian American community, and to discourage the occurrence of similar injustices and violations of civil liberties in the future," the resolution read. Sen. Joe Simitiani, a Palo Alto Democrat who proposed SCR 95, said Congress took similar action earlier this decade. "The treatment during World War II of people who were unjustly considered 'suspicious' because of their ethnic background was a sad chapter for our state," Simitiani said in a written statement. Simitiani noted that 10,000 Italian Americans were forced to leave their homes during WW II - and greater numbers were required to carry identification cards, were subject to curfew, or faced travel restrictions.

In some cases, property belonging to Italian Americans was seized and law-abiding immigrants were denied their livelihoods, such as fishing along the coast, Simitiani said. "For survivors of that experience and their descendants, I hope this resolution will provide a long-due measure of recognition and respect," he said. Restrictions on Italian Americans were lifted on Oct. 12, 1942, less than a year after they had been enacted.

Simitiani said he introduced SCR 95 at the request of a constituent, Chet Campanella, in the senator's annual "There Oughta Be A Law" contest. Campanella's parents were subject to curfew and searches of their home, Simitiani said. "Given America's ongoing conflict abroad, the World War II experience is an important reminder of the need to respect the role and rights of those who have ties abroad," Simitiani said.



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear IAHF Members:

I am tracing Frank Matt Fusco and other family members who lived at 175 Oak Street, San Jose. He immigrated to the US in 1908 with his mother Angela. His father had come three years earlier. He earned a living as a barber in downtown San Jose. I wonder if any of your photo collection may include Frank or others of the Fusco family? I can be reached at [jjlundbeck@aol.com](mailto:jjlundbeck@aol.com)

Jim Lundbeck, Temple, Texas

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Dear Ken and friends:

Thank you for your gracious hospitality! The meal [at the regional lunch] was fabulous and your members could not have been more welcoming!

Warmest regards, Anna Maria

*Editor's Note: Anna Maria Pierini is the executive director of the Italian American Community Service Agency located in San Francisco. Her comments are noted in this edition of the IAHF News.*

## Buzzworthy: 2010 Italian American Family Festa DVD

This year's Festa was exceptional! Order a DVD of On The Town's special Festa episode and find out what all the excitement is about and relive all the unforgettable moments of the season's best event.

E-mail [onthetown15@aol.com](mailto:onthetown15@aol.com) or call 408-315-1435 to get your "Festa DVD" today!





# October is National Italian American Heritage Month

The year 2010 marks the 21st anniversary of the 1989 proclamation by President George H. W. Bush designating October as National Italian American Heritage Month.

## Thirty-One Days of Italians List for October 2010

The following list was compiled by Janice Mancuso of Cary, North Carolina. It focuses on Janice's interest in things Italian and an a confluence of Italian-American history during the month of October. I asked about some of the dates and she noted: "The dates are assigned based on a particular event in each person's life, starting with the Honorary Members, who are permanent on the list. After correlating dates to the Honorary Members, for the first List in 2007, the remaining dates were assigned to those voted onto the List. Those voted to the List keep the same date for each year on the List, leaving less available dates to work with; however, when going through each person's biological resources, any number that coincides with an available date is significant. In 2010, Menotti is on the 8th, because he founded the Spoleto Festival in 1958; Dean Martin had a 15-minute radio show, so his day is the 15th, and Frazetta was 22, in 1950, when he left an apprenticeship to become a full fledged artist. Her is Janice's October History month list:

**October 1:** The Italian Immigrant (A day to honor every Italian who journeyed to America from Italy.)

**October 2:** Amadeo Pietro Giannini (Established the branch banking system in America.)

**October 3:** Guglielmo Marconi (Known as the Father of Radio for his experiments with long distance wireless transmissions.)

**October 4:** Filippo Mazzei (Supporter of American freedom during American Revolution. Thomas Jefferson's inclusion of "all men are created equal" into the Declaration of Independence is a paraphrase of Mazzei's "All men are by nature equally free and independent.")

**October 5:** Antonio Meucci (Original holder of the patent for the forerunner of today's telephone.)

**October 6:** Joe DiMaggio ("The Yankee Clipper" led the NY Yankees to nine World Championships.)

**October 7:** Mario Lanza (Renowned tenor and film star in the mid-1950s.)

**October 8:** Gian Carlo Menotti (Opera composer, founded the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds.)

**October 9:** Father Pietro Bandini (Missionary for Native Americans. In 1898 established Tontitown, "a perfect example of colonization," in Arkansas.)

**October 10:** Enrico Fermi (Discovered radioactive elements that heralded the nuclear age.)

**October 11:** Antonio Pasin (Created Radio Flyer wagon.)

**October 12:** Christopher Columbus (Navigator that changed the world, opening trade routes and immigration from Europe to the Americas.)

**October 13:** Maria Montessori, M.D. (Developed an educational method for teaching children.)

**October 14:** Henry Mancini (Awarded 20 Grammys and 4 Oscars for his film and television scores.)

**October 15:** Dean Martin (Popular 20th century entertainer of stage, screen, radio, and film.)

**October 16:** Vince Lombardi (Football icon.)

**October 17:** Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini (First American citizen to become a saint.)

**October 18:** Enrico Caruso (World's most acclaimed tenor in the early 1900s.)

**October 19:** Luisa Tetrazzini (World known soprano opera singer of the early 20th century.)

**October 20:** Frank Capra (Acclaimed 20th century film director, best known for *It's a Wonderful Life*.)

**October 21:** Arturo Toscanini (One of the world's greatest orchestra conductors.)

**October 22:** Frank Frazetta (Legendary fantasy and science fiction artist.)

**October 23:** Robert Mondavi (Greatly influenced the wine industry in America.)

**October 24:** Fiorello La Guardia (First three-term Mayor of New York City, and credited for changing its landscape and building the foundation for the city's growth after the Depression.)

**October 25:** Amerigo Vespucci (Namesake of America.)

**October 26:** Geraldine Ferraro (First woman to be nominated on a major party ticket as Vice President of the United States.)

**October 27:** Constantino Brumidi (Known as the "Michelangelo of the [U.S.] Capitol.")

**October 28:** Rocky Marciano (The only Heavyweight World Champion to retire undefeated.)

**October 29:** Frank Sinatra (International entertainment icon.)

**October 30:** Andrea Palladio ("Father of Architecture," wrote *The Four Books on Architecture*, the most famous and influential books on architecture of all time, and still in print.)

**October 31:** Your Favorite Italian (Celebrate someone not on the list, but greatly admired.)

*Author, educator, and researcher Janice Therese Mancuso established Thirty-One Days of Italians to promote the significant contributions that those of Italian heritage have made to America. She was awarded a grant from the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), and has received support from the Italian Historical Society of America and others in the Italian American community.*

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## A Visit From the Italian-American Community Service Agency by Ken Borelli

### Italian-American Community Services Agency



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At last month's regional lunch we had the privilege of hosting the Executive Director of the Italian American Community Service Agency, Anna Maria Pierini. She shared with us the purpose and vision of the agency. Anna Maria also noted that the center was incorporated in 1916 to help with social issues related to the then immigrant community. In addition to that roll, today their mission is to support many of the seniors in the San Francisco area who need assistance maintaining their independence within a home setting. They provide social and outreach programs to this population and keep them connected to community life. This is a vital task in helping keep people supported and engaged with friends and neighbors. Anna Maria noted that their cliental includes all those who have had on going connections with the Italian American community, including many non Italian Americans who through affinity and marriage identify with the culture and social network. The agency funding is all through donations, bequests and fund raisers. No public monies or grants sponsor their activities. The Agency truly has grass root support from the local Italian American community.

Anna Maria also noted the service agency is unique in the United States in the scope and types of services they provide. She also pointed out there is a great need out there in terms of outreach to those who for a variety of reasons often are shut in and isolated. The goal of strategic intervention is really about prevention, and breaking down the negative consequences of isolation, such as poor dietary practice, a decline in personal grooming, and keeping connected to the daily realities of life. She concluded her talk with a discussion about some of our needs in Santa Clara County and her willingness to visit a group of IAHF members and help set up a support network for our own community. While we do have services in Santa Clara County, there are very few that really address the specific and sometimes unique needs of our cliental especially from an Italian American perspective. This is certainly a challenge, but it is also an opportunity for our various Italian American organization to collaborate in, so we can help to provide the service basics, such as outreach, friendly visiting, and bilingual service referrals. If we have some members who would like to take this project on, Anna Maria would be willing to meet with you and we can begin this task. Let me know via the IAHF if this is a project that your interested in working on.

For further information about the Italian American Community Service Agency check out their web site at : [www.italiancommunityservices.org](http://www.italiancommunityservices.org) . The are located at historic Casa Fugazi, 678 Green St. San Francisco, Ca. 94133.( Yes that's where Beach Blanket Bablyon is located!) Tel number is 415-362-6423. Their email address is [agency@italiancommunityservices.org](mailto:agency@italiancommunityservices.org). Anna Maria also left us flyers about the organizations and you can pick one up at the IAHF.

## Regional Lunches Go Global

August concluded part one of our regional lunch series. After two years we have visited each of Italy's regions, sampled some of its culinary faire and learned perhaps more than we realized about the diversity that is modern Italy. I am sure you have heard the terms "Arm Chair travelers" referring to learning about a region by reading a book; however we at the IAHF became "kitchen table travelers", sampling some of the typical dishes of a specific part of Italy. Many of these dishes were made in consultation or actually from those members and friends who had roots in the region. A lot of research went into this culinary project. The afternoons also fostered many new friendships and interests about Italy. The group became know as the "kitchen cabinet"!

While technically we should start our regional tour over, the influence of Italian cuisine really goes beyond its land borders and interacted with other parts of the world. We want to explore those culinary experiences before we re-visit the regions and provinces of Italy. We are continuing our adventures with a visit to the Italian Swiss, or Swiss Italian Canton of Switzerland known as "Il Ticino". Several members of the IAHF trace their roots to that geographical area. Their cuisine looks to Milano

and the Italian Lake area as well as some of the other Swiss Cantons and makes for some great dishes. The lunch will be on Thursday, October 21, and our chef for that event is Linda Filice. Don't forget our special guest artist, David Evison, pianist and song stylist. There will be a schedule and flyer out shortly for the other dates, but some of the areas we want to cover include, Italian American and Italo-Argentine flavors, and foods from the Albanian Italian community. In our Santa Clara Valley a lot of families, especially from Southern Italy trace their Italian roots to specific Albanian Italian villages and in fact one of our chefs for next year, Massimo Chiessi, will be visiting his relatives in Sicily and going to pick up some of those specialty dishes. We await his return and many stories. In fact his goal is to organize a tour to his area of Sicily. Another area very much overlooked is the Italian influence in East Africa, stemming from an on and off culinary and economic connections , so we would like to check out some of the foods from Eritrea too.

As is goal of the regional lunches if you have a passion for a specific region and want to help in the preparation of the lunch contact Rosa at the IAHF and we will be in touch. Norma Mestice's kitchen team will help support you. In addition part of the fun of these events is coming and sharing a story or two after the meal about the area, especially about your families experience in the region at hand. It is really a fun, and interested group to cook for, so join us as we sample that very diverse cuisine know as Italian cooking!

## IAHF Loses Long Time Leaders & Friends by Ken Borelli

*August was one of those months....On one level we were very busy with the work on the Festa and enjoying the celebrations. At the same time there was a sadness too in a cluster of losses of long time members, and friends of the IAHF and our local Italian American community. The IAHF wishes to acknowledge these passing's and express our condolences to the family members.*



**Pat Restucchia**, our former president in 1981 and 1982, and long time board member along with his wife Marie(now deceased) were extremely active in the life of our community. Pat spent much of his early childhood in Sicily but he was born in Waltham Mass. Part of the World War II generation Pat served in the US Army and an interpreter for the allied forces. He was also a Vice President and Manager for the Bank of America and for a time specialized in international banking, traveling throughout North Africa and the Middle East. He served the IAHF in a number of volunteer capacities from Festa, fundraiser's, and his presidency. His leadership was invaluable as we worked on securing the foundation facility and setting in place many of the management systems we utilize today. He also was a past president of Sons of Sicily and Gli Amici Club. Pat is survived by his daughter Deborah Barton (Gary), son Michael (Mona) and sister Connie Rotolo (Joe).



**Al DeRose**, was a volunteer's volunteer. He, along with his wife Lee (now deceased) were strong IAHF boosters and someone you could always count on to help our foundation out -- from hard labor, to raffle donations from the DeRose Winery in Holister. One of his major accomplishments along with several other members was building the symbolic IAHF Cart that we actually show at all our feste. I am not sure who all were involved in the construction of the cart (perhaps some one who knows more can send us an update) but I suspect it was a fun project that many a bottle of wine and friendship was incorporated into its construction. It definitely was a labor of love. Al was born in Calabria and when he came to the area, his talents were put to good use as an orchardist, and local farmer when this valley was a rural paradise. He had a passion for classic cars and the famous T Bird and part of a loving family of nieces and nephews that also reflect the " Al and Lee De Rose" creativity gene.

**Henry Bertucelli**, another long time San Jose resident, friend of the IAHF and part of the "cart construction team", also recently passed away. He too was a veteran of World War II fighting in the south pacific. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith. Both were active volunteers with the IAHF. Also they were part of the network of community people that represented the diversity and richness of our foundation and community.

**Palmira Abronzino**, the mother of the past president of the Sons of Italy, her daughter Linda, is another long time mem-

ber of our Italian American community. She along with her now deceased husband, Umberto helped to establish "Calcio" or soccer in this valley long before it became the "in sport". I would say they helped make it the "in sport". They were assisted in this project and by our one time IAHF sports writer Linda! Palmira was a long time member of the order of the Sons of Italy, volunteering in numerous capacities at countless events. She was a native of Manciano, Arezzo, Italia. Her brother Leo and sister in law Irma are part of our regional lunch fan club.

**Walda Bradly**, a singer and vocal coach, friend of the IAHF, one of our biggest opera boosters in the valley. As long as we have been doing our IAHF opera events Walda has attended. We will be remembering her at our annual World of Italian Opera this December. I was guaranteed to see her at least twice a year. She taught at San Jose State, and provided voice lessons in Italian, French and German, and a supporter of Italian culture especially in the arts. It is a reminder too that our culture and heritage transcends our local Italian American community. It represents an important part of what we as a culture contributes to the greater South Bay Community.

And finally as we go to print we were sad to hear of **Lawrence "Larry" Pugno's** passing. Dr. Pugno was a professor of secondary education at San Jose State University. He was a long time IAHF member and , attended many of our events, especially our Opera nights and regional lunches. Larry served in the navy in both the Mediterranean and Pacific fronts during World War II and is survived by three children many grand children and great grandchildren. Upon retiring from the university he founded two book stores, one in Murphy California and one in Willow Glen.

*My apologies for not going into greater depth about these individuals, but as you can see we really were impacted by these losses all within a short and not yet completed month. These deaths highlight not just the passing of a generation, but underscores something else too and that is the spirit of volunteerism, passion and identity that is going to be hard to replace. Aside from their accomplishments they all managed to raise families, be involved in their work, and at the same time play such important civic rolls. I want to acknowledge them and share these brief thoughts with you our members. Their lives are our legacy. Note too, to help chronicle some of these milestones, and in the spirit of the volunteerism just noted...is there any one of our readers that would like to report these and similar events of our IAHF members? It would be a fascinating project for a member. If you have your basic writing skills down, please consider this important and engaging assignment, and contact our IAHF office.*



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