# IAHFINEWS

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# President's Message by Ken Borelli



## SEE YOU @ THE FESTA!

The time is fast approaching for our annual ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA, the last weekend in August, and in many ways we should consider it an "Italian Heritage Month". For it is the place to be for community wide time and place to celebrate our Italian Heritage. It is also a timely

reminder that The Italian American Heritage Foundation is dedicated to calling attention to the rich and ongoing contributions of Italian Americans in the fabric of modern American life throughout the year. The importance of this observation hit home recently when I traveled to Washington DC, and then on to Philadelphia. Driving into the city of Philadelphia I was listening to a classical music station (they have two, we in San Jose have zero), and was listing to comments and eventually a selection from a recording by Conductor, JoAnn Falletta from the

works of composer Romeo Cascarino. He was a self-taught Italian-American composer, seldom played these days, yet his seminal piece was the opera "William Penn", twenty years in the making. In further research about his roots in the Italian-American community of Philadelphia, it was quite a revelation to hear and appreciate the music of this great lyrical talent. CD's of his recordings are available on Amazon.com.

The purpose of the visit to Philadelphia was to visit the newly opened Barnes Museum, a must for any art lover, and houses the largest private collection of Impressionist paintings in the USA. It also introduced you to the philosophy and

direction of the collection under the guidelines established by Dr. Albert and Laura Barnes. Amongst the famous artist, including a solid collection of Modigliani, and De Chirico, along with some works by a lesser known family of painters Salvatore, Angelo and Biagio Pinto whom Barnes sponsored, believed in and tutored. Likewise in honor of the new museum there was a special show of Salvatore's works at the Woodsmere Art Museum in the beautiful Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. A review in the Philadelphia Inquirer goes on to expand on the exhibit by also highlighting Philadelphia's Martino Family of



seven artist along with the Pinto's works, all examples of the product of immigrant life in the 20's and 30's and their contribution to US Modernism in the Arts.

Space in this column does not permit me to do justice to the subject, but it underscores a common observation about the importance of heritage and calling attention to the role of Italian Americans in contributing to the arts in modern American life. I cite these examples among thousands, not just as a matter of pride, but to underscore the importance for the next generation in modeling, mentoring and contrasting against current media generalizations and stereotypes. Not a new experience,

many Italian-Americans of that generation had to deal with some pretty difficult odds, and not only survived but went on to create art as well as live very productive lives. The bottom line for the next generation of Italian-Americana is that "your heritage and traditions are a rich source of creativity and a well spring of emotional and intellectual nourishment".

Even so, it is particularly unsettling when one observes a distancing from the Italian American experiences by our youth, whenever the latest wave of media exploitations occur. It is not something we talk about much, but consciously and

unconsciously it does occur. One of our key roles as a foundation, especially among our community outreach activities such as the ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA, is to serve as model of a more realistic view of Italian-Americana, from the "grass roots" in action.

June also saw a very special scholarship award event, and focused on the importance of celebrating our role in fostering the next generation of artist, scientist and businesspeople who will take part in contributing to our nation's welfare. It is all interconnecting at the IAHF, our Festa is

our "flag ship" that highlights to the greater community our celebration of heritage, supported by important and in depth looks at Italian American life through our many special events, including new this year, a mini Film Festa in August, from our language class at the IAHF. As we gear up for "Heritage month", I want to conclude with the observation of an educator, Mary Mullen who writes from the Barnes Collection, and truly sums up so many of our IAHF activities regarding learning about and understanding heritage, she notes "The object of education is to find one-self in the world, and to make one's self at home there." See you at the Festa!

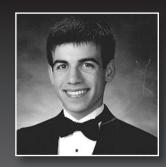
## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Rebecca Parshall
Gilroy High
UC Santa Cruz
\$3,000
Bocciardi
Scholarship



Catherine Broxon
St. Francis High
University of
Washington
\$2,500
Bocciardi Scholarship



David Kay
Los Altos High
Stanford
\$2,000
Hurst
Scholarship



Michael Basuini
Willow Glen High
Wm. Jessep Univ.
\$1,500
Borelli
Scholarship



Alyson Perna
Woodside Priory
University of
San Diego
\$1,500
Borelli Scholarship



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Santa Clara University
\$1,000
IAHF
Scholarship



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Laura McGuiness
James Lick High
UC Santa Cruz
\$1,000
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Robert Raffanti
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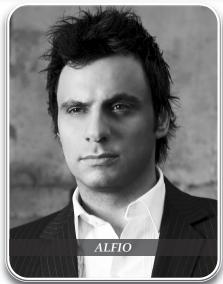


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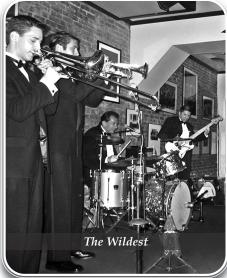


Gianna Seminatore
Live Oak High
San Jose State
\$1,000
Cedolini
Scholarship

## Italian Family Festa -- Roma Main Stage Entertainment















## Saturday, August 25, 2012

11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Opening Ceremonies** 

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm **The Don Giovannis** 

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm The Fratello Marionettes

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm John DeMers as "Frank Sinatra"

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm IAHF Scholarship Recognition

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm ALFIO

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm The Wildest - Tribute to Louis Prima

& Sam Butera

Sponsored by The Sobrato Organization

#### Sunday, August 26, 2012

11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Claudio Melega** 

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm The Fratello Marionettes

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm **John DeMers as "Frank Sinatra"** 

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ALFIO

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm **Bella Ciao** 

6:00 pm Festa closes – see you next year!

For more information go to: www.italianfamilyfestasj.org

# The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Family Festa Schedule

#### Schedule of Events

#### Saturday, August 25, 2012

11:00 am

Festa Opens

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Opening Ceremonies** 

12:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Main Stage Entertainment

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wine Tasting Garden

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Silicon Valley Accordion Society playing the south end of the park

11:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Bocce Ball and Bambini Bocce** 

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mike Zampiceni, roaming Festa accordionist

3:45 pm -5:00 pm

**Grape Stomp** 

8:30 pm

Festa closes

#### Sunday, August 26, 2012

11:00 am

Festa Opens

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mass in the Piccola Piazza Italia sponsored by Little Italy San Jose

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Main Stage Entertainment

11:30 am - 6:00 pm

Wine Tasting Garden

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

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6:00 pm

Festa Closes - see you next year!

#### Guglielmo Stage Schedule

#### Saturday, August 25th

1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

The art of Italian lace making with Marjorie Candizzio and friends. Also learn about the lace museum and artisan network.

2:15 pm to 2:45 pm

**Origins and overview of the Arberesh Community** (Italian-Albanians), with special focus on the village of Piana Delgi Albanesi, Presenter Massimo Chisessi. This workshop will tie into the special exhibit at the cultural center, "Exile, Diaspora, and Immigration- The Arberesh in Santa Clara County.

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**Discover Italian wines** with Dean Fashbaugh, Certified Sommelier. Dean is with the Wine Club at 1200 Coleman Ave., Santa Clara.

3:45 pm to 5:00 pm

**Grape Stomping contest.** Coordinated by George Guglielmo of the Guglielmo Family Winery in Morgan Hill.

5:15 pm to 5:30 pm

Wine pairings

### Sunday, August 26th

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

**Significance of religious festivals,** an Italian American Folk Tradition: St Joseph Day Tables in San Jose with Kamake Franciisi, and Ninette Bavaro-Latronica with Our Lady of Constantinople in Patterson, Calif.

1:45 pm to 2:15 pm

**Penne alla Vodka** (the making of vodka sauce) with Pino Spatola, owner of Paesano Ristorante 350 West Julian St. in San Jose.

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm

**The perfect tiramisu** from Vito's NY Trattoria at 90 Skyport Dr. in San Jose.

3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

**Preparing I Gnocchi**, with Diana Vallorz of Tony and Alba's Pizzeria on Stevens Creek Blvd.

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

**Thinking about a fall vegetable garden**, from Favi, Chard, Cole crops to Potato's, with Sharon Mc Coy, UCCE Master Gardeners. The public service booths with also feature a demonstration by the Master Gardeners.

4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Networking and planning a "Circolo Albanese" at the IAHF

## Exile, Diaspora & Immigration: The Aberesh of Santa Clara County

The Italian American Heritage Foundation is very excited to make this exhibit available to you at our 32nd annual Italian Family Festa. The Arberesh or Albanian Italians, locally known as "Gheg, Gheg" (Gheg refers to the Albanian language.) were collectively part of an early wave of Italian immigrants to the Santa Clara Valley.

As part of that migration, these immigrants settled within the various Italian American communities in the valley. Being primarily from Southern Italy the Arberesh were well integrated into the local life of the Italian American community to the point that their language, "Gheg", was considered an Italian dialect. In reality it was part of the Albanian language spoken during the time of their exile, and diaspora, in 1460-70's when Christian Albania came under the domination of the Muslim Ottoman Empire.



Over the centuries the "Albanesi" settled in various parts of Southern Italy and gradually were integrated into local regional province life. Even so, in some areas they retained much of their language, traditions, dress and lore, including their Eastern Rite (Byzantine) Catholic practices. In Santa Clara County the vast majority of Arberesh immigrated from Piana degli Albanesi, in the vicinity of Palermo, Sicily.

Our exhibit highlights some of the history, lore and traditions of our local community. In preparing this exhibit the IAHF wishes to acknowledge Claire Meridier Alves in keeping her mother Ann Meridier's memory and vision of heritage alive. Massimo Chisessi who is presenting a lecture about the Arberesh in Santa Clara County at our Festa, Lucia Cementi and her husband Dave, who worked on the display board, and to...................................for making this exhibit a reality. *Grazie tutti!* 

## Italian Family Festa -- Wine Tasting Garden

## Il Vino è la Vita! - Wine is Life! Wine Tasting Garden 2011

Relax, taste, and mingle in the Wine Tasting Garden located in the Piazza Piccola Italia. Savor some of the finest wines Santa Clara Valley has to offer while being enchanted in this serene piazza with arbors interwined with olive and lemon trees, a burst of flowers, live music and a beautiful Italian fountain.

#### **Featured Wineries**

*Guglielmo Winery*, one of Northern California's wine pioneers, the Guglielmo family has been producing award-winning wines in the Santa Clara Valley since 1925, a winemaking tradition that has spanned three generations.

*Fortino Winery* was established in 1970 by Ernest and Marie Fortino. Ernest was drawn to the vineyard because it was highly reminiscent of his hometown, Calabria, Italy. Fortino Winery has now passed to the next generation who continues the family's passion of producing award winning wines.

*Perrucci Family Vineyard* began when brothers, Andy and Greg Perrucci, ventured into winemaking over ten years ago, with the help and support from four generations of family beside them. The have produced such fine wines as Sangiovese, Rosato, Mescolanza, Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah and Chardonnay.

## Wine Tasting Garden Entertainment

Saturday, August 25, 2012Sunday, August 26, 201212:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. -- Reno Di Bono12:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. -- Reno Di Bono4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -- Due Zighi Baci3:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m. -- Due Zighi Baci

# 32nd Annual Italian Family Festa Sponsors & Donors

We want to sincerely thank all of our wonderful sponsors and donors for contributing to the 32nd Annual Italian Family Festa (as of thisz printing). It's through the generosity of people like you that we are able to continue this wonderful tradition.

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## Italian Family Festa Donation Prize Drawing



It was such a success last year that we decided to bring it back! The opportunity prize drawing booth is boasting something for everyone. We're located left of the main stage. Stop by our booth and for a \$1.00 donation you'll get an opportunity to win one of these great prizes:

- Bianchi bicycle
- Napa getaway 2 night stay
- Family vacation home 2 night stay
- Dinner in a real tree house
- Stay-cation for two

We are updating all the time, so keep checking back or stop by our booth at the Festa. You don't have to be present to win. Interested in donating? Have a donation idea? Contact Nancy at donations@italianfamilyfestasj.org

All proceeds support the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF) proud host of the Italian Family Festa.



You Are Cordially Invited to the

# Celebration of Catholic Mass

- Sunday, August 26, 2012 11:00 am
- 🐿 Piazza Piccola Italia, Little Italy San Jose 🐿
  - Monsignor Joseph Milani, Celebrant 🍋
  - 🚵 Alleluia Folk Group, Music Ministers 🟖
- Sponsored by Little Italy San Jose Foundation

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## FERRAGOSTO FILM FESTIVAL



Burruano) does everything he can to bring his wayward son back into the fold.

#### I Cento Passi (One Hundred Steps) • August 6, 2012 • Marco Tullio Giordana • 2000

A young man's determination to put a stop to organized crime in his community puts him at odds with his family in this drama from Italy. As a child, Peppino Impastato was very close with his uncle Don Cesare (Pippo Montalbano), but was unaware that he was head of local Mafia operations. As he grew to adulthood, Peppino (Luigi Lo Cascio) became a political activist and a member of the Communist party, thanks to the influence of a close friend and leftist artist (Andrea



Tidona). With his friends, Peppino starts an underground radio station to speak out against the corrupt influence of the Mafia and their control of local government, bravely leading public rallies calling for citizens to stand united against organized crime. However, Peppino's family still has strong ties with the mob, and as the young man and his comrades wage war against Tano and his men, Peppino's father (Luigi Maria

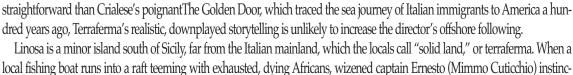


#### Io, Loro e Lara Me, Them and Lara • August 7, 2012 • Carlo Verdone • 2010

A comedy-drama paints the portrait of a dysfunctional family. Carlo, an Italian missionary, returns home from Africa, expecting to be welcomed by his family. Instead, he is ignored by all of them in the wake of their father's decision to marry a younger woman. Carlo's arrival is unsettled by Bea, his highly neurotic psychoanalyst sister. He is, however, also frequently dominated by his fast-talking, bankrupt brother Luigi and shunned by his smitten father, Alberto (affably depicted by Sergio Fiorentini). Alberto's melancholic, but beautiful stepdaughter, Lara, has also made matters worse for the three siblings, since she will inherit Alberto's wealth, not them.

#### Terra Ferma • Solid Land • August 13, 2012 • Emanuele Crialese • 2011

Riding the wave of Italian immigrant dramas that have been topical for years, writer-director Emanuele Crialese's Terraferma is an unremarkable story flying a passionate moral banner. The film contrasts Italy's traditional humanist values to inhuman new laws aimed at stemming illegal immigration and insists it's morally imperative to rebel against them. Its main commercial outlet will certainly be Italy, where the terrible clash between Italian law and "the law of the sea" will resonate the most. Much more straightforward than Crialese's poignantThe Golden Door, which traced the sea journey of Italian immigrants to America a hundred years ago, Terraferma's realistic, downplayed storytelling is unlikely to increase the director's offshore following.





tively rescues six swimmers, while the Coast Guard arrives to save, and repatriate, the rest. The next day the authorities confiscate his boat because he failed to report the illegal immigrants that he and his crew took to the island.



#### Il Gioiellino • The Jewel • August 15, 2012 • Andrea Molaioli • 2011

The great scandal of Parmalat SpA Italy was Europe's Enron and still holds the dubious record of being the largest European bankruptcy with a debt of 14.3 billion dollars. Director Andrea Molaidi (The Girl by the Lake) focuses on the human side of this story and the subordination of individual interests to the demands of the family. The founder, Amanzio Rastelli, placed his closest relatives including his son and niece in key positions in the company despite the fact that they had little experience. What followed was gross corporate incompetence, desperate political maneuvering and fraud that ultimately left 100,000 investors with their money wiped out overnight. Molaidi has teamed up with Toni Servillo (Il Divo), one of Italy's top actors working today, as well as Gabriele Romagndi and Ludovica Rampoldi, to dramatise this story of unscrupulous greed. The names of the real life characters have been

changed as the drawn out legal appeals continue but bizarrely Parmalat, trading under a range of other names, is still going strong.

August is Ferragosto for all Italians in Italy. This year the IHAF will begin this celebration with an Italian Film Festival and our Annual Family Festa on August 25, 26.2011. All films will be shown at the Italian American Heritage Foundation 425 N. 4th St. San Jose, Ca. at 6:30 pm.

Admission is \$5.00 with a no host bar. For further information, contact Delia Schizzano at caradelia@yahoo.com

## IAHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES

A current vacancy for a seat on the IAHF Board was declared at the last board meeting when we accepted with regrets, Conrad Russo's resignation from the board due to health reasons. His term will expire the end of the year 2012. Any IAHF member in good standing that meets the qualifying guidelines, noted below, can submit an application to be considered to fill the vacancy by a board vote, per IAHF By-laws and guidelines. Conrad and his wife Zina still intend to remain active in the cultural life of the IAHF, and they will be honorary chairs of the Festa della Repubblica, a post they actively chaired "con gusto" for many years.



In addition we are also beginning to recruit to fill vacancies for the 2013 Board. This is an exciting time to be part of a vibrant cultural organization which focuses on promoting our heritage, and traditions in Santa Clara County. Many of you have roots in this valley that go back to the early Italian American Community and the founding of this organization, others have become recent members, and have enjoyed what a gift and joy it is in celebrating our heritage especially in the arts, scholarship, and social life of our community. The common denominator is we are all united in appreciating and supporting our Italian American traditions! We welcome your personal visions, commitments and also want to encourage you to consider a leadership post ion with the IAHF by becoming a Board member for 2013. This is a dynamic position, that will utilizes your personal talents and visions. It will also challenge you creatively in an exciting and enriching way. Our goal is to promote heritage, and support the Italian American experience in this valley and beyond. Your active commitment and support is truly appreciated!

Applications for nomination to the 2013 Board of Directors are available at the IAHF Office. Consider making this vital and exciting commitment to your heritage by applying for a term as a board member of the IAHF. For more information about the positions available, contact Mike Console, Membership Chair, or Ken Borelli, President. Both can be reached at the IAHF at 408-293-7122.

The Qualifying Guidelines Include: Guidelines for Board membership:

- 1) Have an interest in Italian History and Culture and a general knowledge of the purpose goals and achievements of the IAHF.
- 2) Be available to attend Board meetings and special assignments related to the IAHF.
- 3) Have an interest in and be willing to work to further the constructive image of the Italian Americans in Santa Clara County and beyond.
- 4) Have had some volunteer experience serving on community based boards
- 5) Be a dues paying member in good standing for six months

If you are interested in becoming a Board member contact the IAHF office for an application at 408-293-7122, or contact our membership chair Mike Console, or President Ken Borelli.

## Part Time Help Needed: IAHF Hall Rental Supervision



The IAHF is contracting for a Hall Rental Supervisor to supervise and monitor hall activities during rental events. Normal work hours are immediately prior to, during and after a hall rental. Most of our hall rentals are on the weekend although there are some mid week activities. Experience should include some monitoring/hall security, building maintenance, catering, good people skills, able to work with the public, and some light janitorial tasks. Major clean up for the events are contracted out, but on site emergency clean up is required from the Hall Supervisor. Being able to speak Spanish is desirable, but not necessary. Supervision is on an "on call basis" depending on the rentals. The time involved is approximately 8 to 10 hours per event. If you are interested in being considered for this

contract position please contact the IAHF at 408-293-7122.

## WISHES DO COME TRUE

A special "grazie tante" to Rich and Linda Parola who responded to our "Wish List", by donating a picnic table and benches for our BBQ area. We are on our way to cleaning up that area of the facility to make it more inviting and user friendly! Likewise as we prepare our IAHF Cultural Exhibit for the Italian Family Festa about the Arberesh of Santa Clara County entitled "EXILE, DIASPORA, AND IMMIGRATION, if you have any historical family documents or even examples of traditional dress to use in the show during the Festa, contact Ken Borelli at the IAHF at 408-293-7122.

## Phil Barone Remembered



We were sadly reminded of our heritage, its linkages and threads when we at the IAHF received news of Phil Barone's death. For those of you who have been long time members, Phil was our president from 2001 to 2003. In addition to that he was a Festa chair, volunteer at a number of IAHF events, and advisory board member. Likewise, Phil along with Irving Sprugasci worked and managed our bar for many of our activities. Phil also volunteered with our St. Joseph Day activates and I do not recall him missing many, save last year when he was unable to attend due to illness. Likewise until very recently we were guaranteed to seeing Phil at the regional lunches, being brought to them by his longtime friend

and fellow board member, Irving. Friendship, community involvement, and a pride of heritage were a major part of Phil's makeup, but there was so much more to the man as noted:

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Jan, and has two children, Jeff and Michelle and five grandchildren. Professionally Phil was an educator and spent 37 years in the field, especially with the Cambrian School District from instructor through the ranks to Superintendent of Schools. He also holds a Doctorate in education from UNC. He was also locally educated with long roots in the Santa Clara Valley from San Jose High School through San Jose State. He also received an IAHF Achievement Award in the field of education. At a moment of silence for Phil during our scholarship BBQ last week, Master of Ceremonies Frank Fiscalini recalled the very same enthusiasm and energy when he started his career with the Cambrian Unified School District. A special gusto for life, and public service was a part of his character, a very rare resource these days. He was also a proud member of the Sons of Sicily, Elks Club and a child advocate. In addition Phil also served his country during the Korean War, serving in the Navy and was a hospital man second class assigned to the First Marine Division, participating in the Inchon Landing during that serous conflict.

In a very real sense, "giving back to the community" was also a part of his makeup. And his work with the IAHF is a major part of our organizational history. It is also a statement about his character and his ongoing contribution to our common heritage. I recall once at a meeting, in a discussion about our Italian American heritage and issues around a family's multi-cultural heritage, saying (not a direct quote), "I don't care about what percentage of our heritage is Italian, I just want my family and community to understand and be proud of that one part of their unique family heritage!" It was that part of his vision that I believe captured his commitment to the IAHF. He really put his goals and value system out there in terms of his roll at the IAHF. In accordance with his family's wishes we are gratefully receiving scholarship donations in his memory, along with the Alzheimer Foundation.

It was very coincidental that I received the message of his passing as we were finalizing our work with the scholarship BBQ, and many of Phil's friends were at the event. In a sense we will be beginning next year's 2013 scholarship work with Phil in our hearts and minds both as a fitting tribute to a past president of the IAHF, as an educator, and a strong advocate of self-improvement. Should you wish to contribute to our IAHF Scholarship Fund in Phil's memory please send it to the IAHF Attention Phil Barone Scholarship Fund. We will also share the names with the family. What a wonderful legacy. Our thanks to Jan and the family for this consideration. Likewise, our support and condolences as a community goes out the Barone family and we honor and celebrate a life well lived. -- Ken Borelli

## IAHF NEWSPAPER EDITOR NEEDED

The IAHF is in need of a newspaper Editor. The IAHF produces a monthly newspaper. You must have good computer skills, check all articles and photos for accuracy, and have excellent oral and written communications skills.

Once the newspaper is finalized you must proof read it prior to sending it to the printer. Please contact the IAHF at 408-293-7122 or email <code>iahfsj@sbcglobal.net</code> for more information.



# MADELINE MARIE SORDELLO GUGLIELMO REMEMBERED

The IAHF was saddened to hear of the passing of Madeline Marie Sordello Guglielmo, age 88, on July 15th, surrounded in her home by her adoring family. The memory of her spirit, strength, wisdom and love of life will live on through countless joyful memories.

Madeline grew up the Almaden Valley on the orchard ranch of her parents: the late Antone Sordello & Marina Facchino Sordello. She was raised in this 'Valley of Hearts Delight' alongside her brothers Raymond and the late Antone, and Richard. In Morgan Hill she attended the Morgan Hill Grammar school until 1939 when her father purchased a ranch in Willow Glen and built the family home upon it. Fostered along by her independent nature, Madeline helped maintain the property in Willow Glen as her family divided its time between their home in Morgan Hill and their home in Willow Glen.

Though many suitors charmed her, it wasn't until the return of her childhood acquaintance from his WWII post overseas, George W. Guglielmo, that marriage bells rang in July of 1946. Madeline and George met in Morgan Hill, where George would spend his summers working at his parent's winery. George became fast friends with Madeline's brother's, Antone and Ray, and from there a spark was ignited. Their marriage marked the beginning of a spirited & fiery union that lasted 51 years.

From this union came her three sons, George E., Eugene, and Gary. She raised them upon the winery grounds while working alongside her husband to help grow the family winery her in-laws began in Morgan Hill in 1925. Today, the Guglielmo winery—now running for a third generation by her three sons—has become a Morgan Hill institution, hosting weekly weddings, festivals, and celebrations for the community.

Throughout her life she continuously nurtured and entertained countless generations of individuals. Years of offering rich food and delectable wine, long reminiscent stories, and deep heartfelt laughter fill the memory banks of those she touched; she charmed and humored everyone with a simple wisdom that will live on; likewise her love of heritage, that is reflected in the so many activities that she and her family supported throughout the years. We at the IAHF are very appreciate of their on going support at our functions, especially at our Italian Family Festa. Her memory will also be acknowledge at this year's Festa even. As the matriarch of a loving family her legacy will live on in her family, their many community based activities and in our shared love of our Italian American Heritage.

Our condolences go out to her adoring family: her brother Raymond Sordello and sister-in-law Elaine Sordello; her sons George, Gene and Gary and their wives Janice, Laura & Ginger; her 11 grandchildren: Cristina, Alisa, Michelle, Jennifer, Gena, Angelia, Jonathan, Michael, Alexa, Gregorio, Giuliana; and her 5 great grandchildren: Isabella, Alexander, Lily, Kayla and Nicholas along with her many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.



## Italian Men's Club Bingo

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

- Every Monday Night; Doors Open at 4:00 PM
- Early Bird at 6:00 PM; Regular Session at 6:45 PM
- Play \$1,199 Flashboards, Cherry Bells (pull tabs) and all Games Pay \$250.00 (except for Early Bird)
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