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MARY PIZZO / IAHF NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~

Spring has sprung!

There are so many things that I love about Spring! The bright, colorful flowers in bloom, the freshness in the air after the rains, the days get longer as the nights get shorter. A rebirth, if you will, in nature. The next time you come by the IAHF, you'll see our floors are new! The Board has voted to

remove all the old carpeting and get new, updated flooring! No more vacuuming, nor steam cleaning! We're also working on updating and repairing the women's restroom. Exciting things are going on!

St. Joseph's Day Feast

We had a tremendous turnout for this special day after having to modify the event these past couple of years due to Covid. Larry and Kathy Lohman did an amazing job, as always, heading up this committee. I only heard compliments from those with whom I spoke. I know hundreds of hours went into the preparation of this event.

Exciting events just around the corner

Just to name a few... After a 3-year hiatus, our Annual Crab Feed is

back! You'll not want to miss this highly attended event on April 21st. Mark your calendars and send in your RSVP. You may also reserve tables for your family and friends. Our annual Bocce Tournament is also coming up! Sal and Denise Campagna graciously sponsor the winners' medals each year for this event. If you don't play bocce, come out anyway and cheer on your favorite players and teams! We'd love to see you there!

A note of thanks

I am humbled by the continuous encouragement and kind words I receive from countless members whether it is in person, email, or text. Thank you so much, as it really means a lot. I couldn't do any of it without the help of the wonderful and very supportive Board of Directors and the varying chairpersons. Thank you also for all your kind words and congratulations on my recent marriage, as well as your kindness to my husband, Andy. He has enjoyed meeting many of you and is happy to help when needed. You are all wonderful members and truly a blessing!

-- Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, President ✨

EVENTS

AT

A GLANCE

SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION

- April 21, Friday / ANNUAL IAHF CRAB FEED! / Social hour, music, & all you can eat! (flyer on page 4)
- April 27, Thursday / Cena Fuori (details TBA)
- May 3, Wednesday, Italy Today, 6:30 pm (article on page 2)
- May 12, Friday / Annual Polenta Dinner (flyer on page 5)
- May 18, Thursday / 12 PM / Regional Lunch, Exploring the Adriatic: Rimini and Ravenna
- June 2, Friday, / Festa della Repubblica and Flag Raising (details TBA)
- June 4th, Sunday / Annual IAHF Bocce Event at Campo di Bocce
- June 11, Sunday / Scholarship Awards Celebration (details TBA)

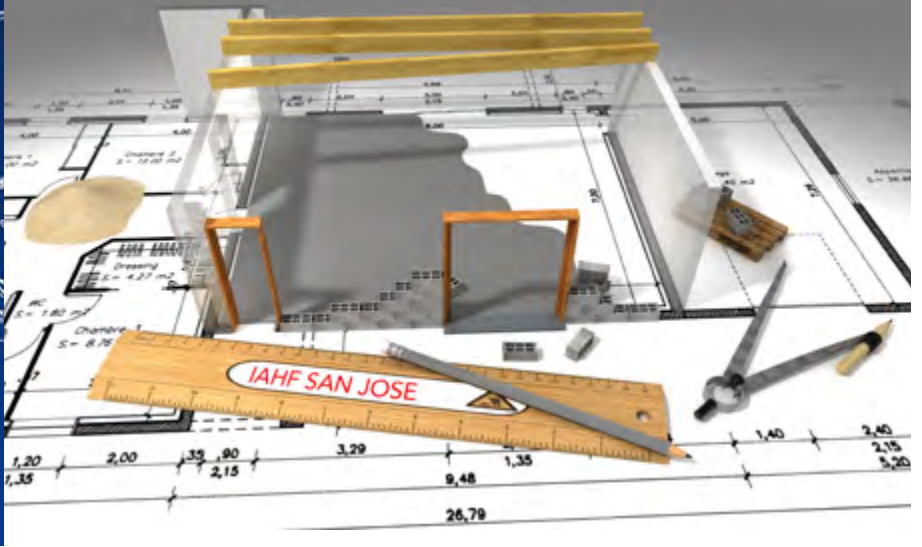
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ONGOING LANGUAGE CLASSES

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CURRENT IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE HALL

As many of you are aware, we are working diligently to get some improvements made around the Hall.

We have recently purchased a new canopy outside the front entrance. It is really sharp looking! If you've not noticed, be sure to look the next time you're at an event. We've also ordered new flooring to replace the very old, very dingy carpet. With the new flooring, we won't have to worry about trying to remove stains or gum, nor steam cleaning.

If you'd like to make a cash donation to our Building Revitalization Fund, you can mail a check designating this project.

All of our new chairs have the name plates attached, and they look beautiful! There are still approximately 80 chairs left if you haven't yet purchased your own personalized name plate or that in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please contact Stanley in the office for more information. -- Dana Zuccarello, President ~



Excuse Our Dust!

During the months of January through April, 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! ~

ITALY TODAY: EXPLORING CURRENT AFFAIRS

Last year San Jose State University Professor Bill McCraw held a symposium on Italy as a Parliamentary Republic. This new event is the second part to that symposium, discussing Italy's newest prime minister, recent elections, along with on-going social concerns.

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 ~



APRIL

- April 6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. / Italian Wedding Soup with Ken Borelli / IAHF Hall / Ken will teach us his special way of making this hearty soup / \$25.00 members / \$30.00 non-members / call (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>
- April 21, Friday / The IAHF Crab Feed is back! / IAHF Hall / 6:00 p.m. social hour, music, dinner, at 7:00 p.m. and all the crab you can eat! \$70.00 members / \$75.00 non-members / call (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/230607362352147> (see flyer on page 4)
- April 27, Thursday / Cena Fuori / Details TBA

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 / \$5 / Call 408 293 7122 to register (article on page 2)
- May 4, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. / Sweet Sicilian Couscous Desserts with Nora Monette / IAHF Hall / 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 / call (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>
- May 12, Friday, 6:30 p.m. social, dinner at 7:00 p.m. / Polenta Dinner & Dance / IAHF Hall / Co-Hosted by the Tricarico Club / \$30.00 members / \$35.00 non-members / (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/230817049491156>. To go dinners available. (see flyer on page 5)
- May 18, Thursday, 12 PM / Regional Lunch, exploring the Adriatic: Rimini and Ravenna / IAHF Hall / RSVP by calling 408 293-7122 or click tickets to sign up online at: <https://form.jotform.com/230336762361150>

JUNE

- June 1, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. / Braided Italian Bread with Josie Taddeo / IAHF Hall / You will love this bread that simply melts in your mouth / \$25.00 members / \$30.00 non-members / (408) 293-7122 or register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/212754933891061>
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All Cooking 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>

Important Deadline for IAHF Scholarship!

Students who wish to be considered for an IAHF scholarship must have their applications submitted by March 31, 2023. In April, the Scholarship Committee will begin reviewing applications and around mid-April, applicants will be informed, by phone and written letters, whether or not they are a recipient of a scholarship. Successful recipients will be listed on the IAHF website at <https://www.iahfsj.org/scholarships>.

If you submitted an application and have not received a confirmation email by April 1st please contact Marie Dalldorf at mrdalldorf@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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



We are Back!!!

Italian American Heritage Foundation

Annual Crab Feed!

Friday, April 21, 2023

Location:

Italian American Heritage Foundation
425 N. Fourth St.
San Jose, CA 95112

Social Hour: 6 PM
Dinner: 7 PM

Price:

\$70 per Member
\$75 per Guest

Reserve Tables
Available



Music by
Duke Mantee and the
Gold Money Band

Wine and Beer sales at
the bar.
Live Entertainment

Event Chairs: Nanci Wilborn,
Judy Rizzuto and Ken Borelli.

Fresh Crab by the Bucket
Salad
Penne al Ragù alla Bolognese
Garlic Bread
Dessert

RSVP below or call 408.293.7122

Method of Payment: All IAHF events can be paid online at iahfsj.org

Name _____

() Members at \$70.00 _____; () Member-Guests at \$75.00 _____; Total _____

() Children 12 and under at \$25

Please seat me with _____

Crab Feed

Credit card payments may be made over the phone at **408 293-7122**

Or pay online at IAHFSJ.ORG (see Events)

Italian American Heritage Foundation
425 N. Fourth Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Italian American Heritage Foundation

ANNUAL POLENTA DINNER



Polenta with Sausage

**Menu: Mixed Green Salad,
Garlic Bread, Polenta, Sausage
and Dessert**

**Friday,
May 12, 2023
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.**
IAHF Hall
425 N. 4th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dedicated in memory of
Antonio Amato
(Event Co-Founder)



Eric Hot Rod DJ

Join friends from the Tricarico Social Club and the Italian American Heritage Foundation for the annual Polenta/Sausage Family Dinner prepared by the crew from the Tricarico Social Club.

All are welcome!!!

6:30 Social

BRING YOUR OWN WINE / BEER

Welcome by the IAHF President Dana Zuccarello & Tricarico Social Club's Ben DiNapoli Jr.

7:00 to 9:00 Dinner & Dance

Event Chair: Ken Borelli & Ben DiNapoli Jr.

RSVP below, or call 408.293.7122, or email: iahfsj6@gmail.com

Members' dinner take-out orders also available at \$30 each. Pickup time: 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

() Members of IAHF or Tricarico Club at \$30.00 _____; () Member Guests at \$35.00 _____;
() Vegetarian Sauce Available. Total no. of persons: _____

Credit card payments may be made over the phone at 408 293-7122 Children 12-and-under free!

Name(s) _____

To be seated with _____

Polenta Family Dinner Dance
You may also pay online at iahfsj.org

Checks to: Italian American Heritage Foundation
425 N. Fourth St.
San Jose, CA 95112

Cut-off Dates: Tuesday May 9th for reserved seating & May 11th for open seating. Walk-ins subject to space availability.

• PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS •

• AS OF OCTOBER 2022 •

Joseph Camerieri • Debora Donini • Paulette Giampietro Doyle • Francine Hopkins
Vicki Pope • Joseph & Leslie Santomieri • Kathy Stowell • Elizabeth Sudano • Richard Trevisan

• GRAZIE 2023 BUSINESS MEMBERS •

- Diane Ferrara / [Hillview Packing Company, Inc.](#)
- SDS NexGen Partners & Mulcahy Family / [SDS NexGen Partners LP](#)
- Myrlin & George Taddie, Jr. / [Tadco Supply \(Janitorial, Paper, Lighting Supplies\)](#)
- Al & Diana Vallorz / [Mangia Tutti Inc dba Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta](#)
- Kathy & Karl Winkelman / [Gioia Company](#)
- Stephen Tritto / [The Villages Italian Club](#)
- Kenneth & Leslie Newington / [Serenity Studios Skin & Body](#)
- Jim & Janice Jones / [Custom Pad & Partition Inc.](#)


• GRAZIE 2023 PATRON MEMBERS •

- Sal Alini & Soly Paterson
- Maria Cancilla-Bandy
- Joseph Bogusky
- Nina Boyd
- Carl & Norma Brannon
- Ruby Brooks-Domino
- Robert Brower & Mary Reynolds
- Dorina Teresa Cereghino
- Lucia Clementi & Dave Perzinski
- Tina & Paul Coghlan
- Walter Cook & Patricia Del Gavio
- 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
- Kathy & Larry Lohman
- Peter & Norma LoPresto
- Susan & Steven Minor
- Sue & Chris Monahan
- Nora Monette
- Kimberly & Jeffrey Moore
- Col. Bobby B. Moorhatch
- Rebecca Morici
- Maryanne Nola
- William J. Palley & CJ Liang
- Bob Paradiso & Patricia Pangrac
- Richard & Linda Parola
- Joe & Linda Pfahl
- Patricia & Walter Phillips
- Tony & Martha Piazza
- Camie Piccolo & Michael Nicholson
- Jackie Pighini
- Jimmy Pignone & Leslie Snow
- Michael & Emily Ray
- Paul Romano
- John & Marjorie Scandizzo
- Joseph & Leslie Santomieri
- Virginia M. Sincich
- Janis & Butch Stumhoffer
- Joan & Mary Taft
- Al & Diana Vallorz
- Karen Vanderpan & John Dods
- Anthony J. Zerbo

NAME
A CHAIR
FOR \$25

The nameplates have been put on our new chairs.

I would like to thank the work parties consisting of Ken Borelli, Azie Habib, Mary Pizzo and her daughter Jeana Marie, Dana Zuccarello Aguirre, Frank DeTurris and Louie Lombardo for attaching the plates to the chairs.

There are a few chairs left that would love labels. Please call the office at 408-293-7122 if you would like to "name a chair." -- Article by Nanci Wilborn, Chair 



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 LEGACY@IAHFSJ.ORG 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

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

DA VINCI / \$250 LEVEL

- Joyce Allegro & Jerry Sheridan
- Anthony Barajas
- Leslie & Jay Berger
- 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
- Al & Kathy DiFrancesco
- Rod Diridon Sr & Gloria Duffy M.D.
- Mel DiSalvo & Anna Sordello

- Frank Fiscalini
- Steve & Phyllis Hallgrimson
- Steven & Alma Landi
- Louie & Marca Lombardo
- 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
- Catherine Wittig
- Dana R. Zuccarello & Andy Aguirre

-- Membership Listings by Dave Perzinski / Membership Chair ✨

If you have photos of recent IAHF events you would like to share, please email them to photos@iahfsj.org and state the event in the subject line.

Thank you.

— Louie Lombardo / 4TH 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 Turrís - *Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer*
 - Sharon McCray - *Secretary to the Board*
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- Dave Perzinski - *Membership*

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*
- Mary Pizzo - *Board Member & Newsletter Editor*
- Steve Ricossa - *Board Member*
- Nanci Wilborn - *Board Member*
- Tony Zerbo - *Board Member*



IAHF Board of Directors. Seated, from left: Louie Lombardo, Dana Zuccarello Aquirre, Azie Habib, Ken Borelli. Standing, from left: Tony Zerbo, Dave Perzinski, Elise Habra, Frank Locicero, Susan Monahan, Frank De Turrís, Nanci Wilborn, Sharon McCray, Mary Pizzo, Marie Bertola, Madeline Damiano, Steve Ricossa, Joe Lucito.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 birthday and/or wedding anniversary announced, please contact Dave Perzinski at perzinskidavid@gmail.com or Louie Lombardo at louie@4lombardos.com. -- Article by Elise Habra 🌸



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

<https://form.jotform.com/70946201067150>

– Article by Dave Perzinski / IAHF Membership Chair 🌿

A PEEK INTO THE BOARDROOM

March 14, 2023 IAHF Board of Directors Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by President Dana Zuccarello. In attendance were: Ken Borelli, Frank DeTurriz, Azie Habib, Louie Lombardo, Joe Lucito, Sharon McCray, Mary Pizzo, Stephen Ricossa, Tony Zerbo and Dana Zuccarello. Marie Bertola and Dave Perzinski participated via Zoom. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes from the February 13 meeting were approved.
- Dana shared a thank you letter from Ron Diridon for our dedication and commitment to our Italian heritage. She also asked for help with the St. Joseph's Day celebration on March 19.
- Frank provided detailed financial information regarding the status of our accounts as of February 28. Our total bank assets were \$407,059 with Year-To-Date income of \$35,267. We have available cash of \$104,517. A major portion of that cash is planned for hall improvements in 2023. \$80,000 remains earmarked for building repairs and upgrades with \$88,705 restricted to scholarships and grant requirements. The overall financial condition of the IAHF remains good.
- Ken spoke to the successful Tenth Street Whiskey tasting event that was attended by 35 members and their guests. Events were again outlined and additional information as to dates and locations, can be found within this Newsletter. Be sure to save the dates for the June 4 Bocce Tournament and June 11 Scholarship dinner.
- Plans for the FESTA are coming along. We have a new Public Relations person, Katie Marzullo and the contract with Claudette Man-

nina for sponsorship services has been signed. The culinary and cultural booths are being combined and will share the stage, saving money and providing a more cohesive experience.

- Azie reported that there are 17 Hall rentals as of today for 2023. Also, during the week of March 27, the new flooring will be installed. He asked that everyone with keys to the Hall be sure to lock up and set the alarm when they vacate the building.
- Dave submitted three bids for necessary repairs and painting to the women's restroom. A motion was made, seconded and passed to hire HH Construction to complete the work for a cost not to exceed \$11,000. As of this writing, this work will be completed during the same week as the flooring installation.
- Dave further reported that we have 536 active members, 29 of whom are complimentary. After asking each board member to call former members who had not renewed so far this year we received 21 renewals.
- Ken announced that the two-year grant extension with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department has been approved.
- Mary asked that the deadline for newsletter submissions be the 20th of each month, with first proof on the 23rd. Anyone wishing to submit articles should make sure they are received in time for publication.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 11 at 7 PM.

-- Minutes by Sharon McCray ✨

The IAHF Needs YOU!



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 louie.lombardo@iahfsj.org.

– Article by Louie Lombardo / 4th Vice President ❁

• 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!"



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO Learn Italian

They say the older you are the more difficult it is to learn a new language. Well, here is an inspiring story that refutes this belief. Let me introduce you to Jose "Joe" Gallegas (Grandpa to the family) who celebrated his 99th birthday on March 11, 2023.

Joe was born in 1924 in Alamosa, Colorado, a small town about four hours from Denver. His family is Hispanic, with a Spanish heritage. He learned English when he started school in the first grade. At that time in Colorado, Hispanics were very isolated and there were separate movie theaters, schools, and water fountains for any non-whites. Joe's mother was a homemaker and his dad worked at a printing press. He grew up doing a few jobs over the years; he had a paper route, and also used to trap muskrats to sell their pelt during the depression. Joe had three brothers and a sister. One brother is still alive, with whom he loved playing.

At age 20, Joe enlisted in the Army Air Corps (now the Air Force), and had his first experiences traveling: first to Brownsville, Texas for basic training, and then to Europe. Joe was a radio operator. The planes would transport goods, fuel for General Patton, and prisoners of war. During the war, Joe developed a love of culture and travel and spent most of his time between England and France, even learning quite a bit of French.

When he returned home, he went to school on the GI bill and ultimately



got his Master's Degree in education, teaching first at a one-room schoolhouse and later teaching mostly in elementary schools. Joe and his wife were substitute teachers into their 80s. They were married on Christmas Eve and had four kids. They moved to California in 1970 to teach and ultimately settle in Milpitas.

Joe is a lifelong learner with a passion for life, his family, faith, culture, travel, and language. In 2018, he and his granddaughter Kristen went to Italy together and visited Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Cortona, a truly unforgettable trip.

Joe began attending classes and events at the Italian American Heritage Foundation around 2016. Although he no longer attends in person, he greatly enjoys his Monday evening Italian zoom classes with Marie and Felix Dalldorf. He is a diligent student, studying daily, and is greatly admired by his fellow students.

At Joe's 99th birthday, he shared with his guests that his birthday wish was to make it to his 100th birthday. Joe, you are truly an inspiration to us all!

Buon compleanno! Ci vediamo per il tuo centesimo compleanno!

Anyone interested in joining Joe and other colleagues for Italian zoom classes,

use this link - <https://www.meetup.com/San-Jose-Italian-Language-Meetup-Group/> - to sign up for Meetup at Italian Language Online Chat Group in San Jose.

-- Article by Kristen Gallegos, Marie Rose Peirano Dalldorf



All Venetian gondolas are painted black. This tradition became a requirement in the year 1633 when the Doge required that every gondola be painted with six, yes 6 coats of black paint. This was done to prohibit the wealthy in Venice from ornately painting their gondolas, which would enable them to showcase their wealth and opulence publicly.

Another interesting design element about gondolas is that they are lopsided. They are purposely tilted to counterbalance the weight of the gondolier.

-- Article by Steve Ricossa

🍀 St. Joseph's Table 2023 🍀

Finally, we were able to have our celebration inside the Heritage, instead of a drive thru as we have had for the past couple of years.

This year, the St. Joseph Table planning started early with a meeting with Denise and Sal Campagna at their home in Gilroy, just before our 2022 Festa. They produced a poster which Sal had designed as a description of one of the past St. Joseph Tables plus additional pictures of the many St. Joseph events they had chaired. They also spent a great deal of time sharing their experiences as event chairs which helped us to carry on this wonderful tradition. Kathy and Larry Lohman produced more posters and used them at the 2022 Festa as advertising for this event.

It is for his dedication to this tradition that we dedicated this year's St. Joseph Table to Joseph Fasano, who worked at this event for many years. Sadly, Joseph passed away this last year.

It takes a village to make this event happen and therefore, there are many, many people we wish to thank.

This year the event was chaired by Kathy and Larry Lohman, Co-chaired by Ken Borelli, and Cathy De Maria was Mass Co-chair. Throughout the years, our event committee has devoted a great deal of time developing this event to make it a perpetual part of the traditions of the San Jose's Italian Community and of our Heritage.

Fr. George Aranha presided at Mass. He surprised us as he wove a fair amount of the Italian language into reminding us of the background of the Sicilian celebration of St. Joseph's Table - our

wonderful tradition. It was beautiful!! We were also blessed with Lectors - Cathy De Maria and Ric Shimshock, Cantor - Mary Blaser, Pianist - J. J. Francisco, and Soloist - Daniel Burns.

Our chefs, Ken Borelli and Joe Lucito, prepared our main dish, and our sous chefs prepared the many side dishes. Without all the servers and the many volunteers, including those from St. Francis of Assisi, we could not have gotten the food past the kitchen doors.

When our planning fell short, Stanley, Azie and Louie picked up the pieces, covered our backs, and provided help when and where needed. We thank Bob Scaletta and Sons of Sicily who financed all the paper goods, Joe Anucci for the wonderful accordion music, Chuck Gullo for donating seven cases of oranges, Peter's Bakery for a large donation of wonderful pastries and cakes, Hector at Lunnardi's Market located on South Bascom Avenue for making such beautiful bread crosses for our Altar, Citti's Florist for the beautiful Altar floral arrangement, Sam Campagna for donating the St. Joseph prayer cards and Cerro Salabba of Cake Expressions for donating three beautiful Lamb Cakes and three beautiful Cross w/ Lily cakes. And last but not least, we are grateful for everyone who helped clean up.

All in all, the event went smoothly, the food and the desserts were abundant and great, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Event Chairs

Kathy and Larry Lohman



Photos by Stanley Olivar



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On March 2nd, the IAHF had a whiskey tasting at the 10th Street Distillery, which is our new neighbor across the street from the IAHF. The distillery moved from their 10th Street location to 442 N. 4th Street location. The CEO is Virag Saksema, a scotch whiskey aficionado who, along with Jean Coching and other staff, were our wonderful hosts. They provided a good understanding about the making of distilled spirits and why the 10 St Distillery is respected in the field. Virag, an engineer by training, studied his craft in Scotland before embarking on his start-up venture in San Jose.

The 10th Street Distillery is part of a growing trend in craft liquors. We sampled seven award winning selections, capped off by a special house cocktail called "Penicillin." That special recipe is noted in their online home page. Many of the materials for their blends come from Scotland, so it is a Scotch-like whiskey. They make several blends ranging from a light Scotch malt to a smoky malt. Imported peat is used to flavor a range of blends. The 10th Street Distillery has won several competitive awards, includ-

A Neighborly Whiskey Tasting!



ing recognition from Forbes, the Whiskey Advocate, and the SJ Mercury News. In 2021, they received "Best in Show" from the NY Spirits Competition, as well as Best Single Malt Whiskey for 2022. These are very competitive tastings with a national focus. The success of their craft is that it is now being sold by national distributors such as COSTCO and even locally at Eataly in Valley Fair.

If you missed this event, the tasting room is open to the public Friday and Saturday 1-6 pm.

We followed the tasting with some socializing back at the IAHF with coffee and snacks. Truthfully it was fun socializing with our group and comparing notes and taste. One interesting part of the lore is even the spelling of the word "whisky," which can also be with an "e" or whiskey. One is an Irish

spelling, and one is a Scottish spelling. I think we in the USA have formally adopted the Irish spelling. Now I am curious about how the Canadians spell it. According to Websters Dictionary, Brits, Scots, and Canadians favor whisky! The bottom line is it all tastes very good.

— Article by Ken Borelli / Photos by Stanley Olivar and Jean Coching



We are in the planning stage of creating an event similar to an "Antique Road Show" and "Show and Tell." Many of our IAHF members have special family mementos related to our local Italian American experience. Our event would be an opportunity to show and share your information with IAHF members and friends as well as videotape the experience. This is your living history. The storylines come from you and your family!

The Italian American Memorabilia Event will be a great opportunity to explore your attic and dust off some family mementos to share, along with honoring the thoughts behind them. For example, some members have handmade lace samplers that were quite fashionable at one time. Likewise fruit and produce labels, from a family ranch in the day of the Valley of Hearts Delight, represent some amazing tales. Who knows what other surprises exist!

Among some of the memorabilia I have at

home is a collection of cannery tools from both of my grandmothers (Del Monte Plant 1, aka the Cannery in SF), and a hand-carved fishing boat, The Teresa, my uncle made while under house arrest. (During World War II, as an enemy alien, he could not fish any longer so he carved a replica of his boat. It sits on my fireplace mantle today!) We all have stories like that. Take advantage of some spring cleaning, and dust off some of these family treasures, to share the stories behind them at our Italian American Memorabilia "roadshow." You may even have some items that have sketchy or unknown origins, and collectively we can try to figure them out.

Please contact me at the IAHF at 408 293-7122 about some of the items you would like to share and talk about, so we can prepare an agenda for a fascinating and relevant program. We are planning to have this event in the afternoon in May or June. — Article by Ken Borelli



CENA FUORI EN FEBBRAIO

On a cold, rainy (what else is new?!) February evening, almost 40 IAHF members and friends gathered at Capers in Campbell to enjoy another exciting Cena Fuori caringly planned by our Food Shepherd, Ken Borelli!

So, you're asking "Capers? That's not an Italian restaurant!" Well, our Food Shepherd knows how to ensure we enjoy an Italian experience regardless of where we are! We had entrée choices from a "Nonna's kitchen" kind of menu: Pesto Salmon, Meat Loaf, Veggie Penne or Chicken Marsala! Pretty inclusive – something for everybody – even the vegans and vegetarians!

Of course since Capers boasts a full bar, the "social crowd"



got started with their cocktail of choice that soon turned into glasses of vino being served! A delicious green salad preceded our entrée and our sweet tooth was satisfied with cheesecake for dessert, courtesy of our Cappelletti!

The service was fast, accommodating and friendly – and we were comfortable in our own sectioned off part of the restaurant. Announcements were shared about all of the fun upcoming events at the IAHF, including a NEW venue for our March Cena Fuori, Café Vitale in Los Altos!

Hope to see you there!

-- Article by Cathy De Maria / Photos by Stanley Olivari 🌿

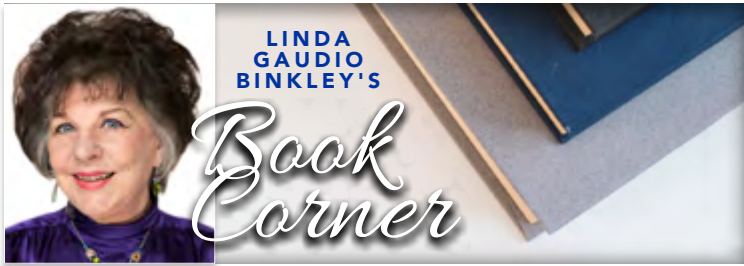


Sicily



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Farmers and Nobles

by Robert Sorrentino ~

Farmers and Nobles is a prime example of what can be accomplished in the field of genealogical research. Author Robert Sorrentino, a retired banker and successful podcaster, shows us how it is done. If you are interested in tracing your genealogy this is a book for you.

The beginning of Mr. Sorrentino's quest was the serendipitous discovery

of a picture postcard sent from Italy to his grandfather in the early 1900's. One question about the photo led to another and before long his quest became an obsession. He refers to it as a "calling."

Bringing our ancestors out of the past and into the present is a way of honoring them. Through marriage and birth records Mr. Sorrentino was able to trace his ancestry back through hundreds of years. He traced two of his family lines, one side of the family finds its roots in the land, the other in nobility. Thus, the title of the book.

Perhaps the most important chapter in the book is toward the end. Research Primer explains many of the tools and methods he used to find these amazing records. He also includes photos from the archives so you can see what you are getting in to. With patience and persistence, Mr. Sorrentino found his way to helpful resources which he names specifically in this chapter. Among them are: Antenati, Angelfire, trecanni.it, Libro di Oro Mediterraneo, familysearch.org, Bella Italia Genealogy and more.

Of particular excitement for the author is his guided Grand Rooting Trip. With a guide he travelled throughout Italy visiting his roots, his ancestral places, and meeting long-lost relatives. A perfect culmination of years of genealogical research...a well-spent retirement!

Even if you are not into genealogy this book is a treat and a worthwhile read. Since Author Sorrentino traces his noble line back to numerous famous ruling houses of Italy, he provides us with historical sketches refreshing our knowledge of Italy's long and complex history.

For those interested in pursuing your genealogy, Author Sorrentino recommends www.italiangenealogy.com. 🐼

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

Proprio

Proprio is a very useful word to know.

- Proprio** is an adjective that means **appropriate or proper**. Remember, adjectives must agree with the noun they modify.
 - **È importante usare il frase proprio.** It's important to use the proper phrase.
- Proprio** also indicates that something is **proprietary, something that belongs to you**.
 - **Lo credo perche l'ho visto con i miei propri occhi.** I believe it because I saw it with my own eyes.
 - **Di produzione propria.** Made in-house (our own production).
- Proprio** can actually mean **own**.
 - **Ognuno deve prendere il proprio.** Everyone should take their own.
 - **Lavoro in proprio.** I work on my own (independently).
- Proprio** can also mean **exactly**.
 - **Proprio così.** Exactly like that.
- Proprio** can indicate **truly or really**.
 - **Mi fa proprio piacere incontrarti!** A real pleasure to meet you!
 - **Era proprio lui!** It was really him!
 - **Non mi piace proprio!** I really do not like it!
- Proprio** can also mean **just**.
 - **L'ho visto proprio oggi.** I saw him just today.



What's New In The Library

Extension of Library Grant

Our county grant to digitize and preserve archival library materials, along with other projects, was due to end in July. Understandably, disruptions caused by COVID-related shut-downs slowed our progress considerably.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Ken Borelli and Louie Lombardo, the County has granted us a two-year extension to continue this important work. A big Thank You to the Santa Clara County Historic Grants Program.

Monterey book: *We Don't Just Fish!*

Over the summer, our friends at the Italian Heritage Society of Monterey Peninsula published a new book titled *Italian Americans - We Don't Just Fish!*

At approximately 600 pages, it includes 86 new stories of local Italian heritage, family legacies, and much love being shared by its creators. It's available for check out now!

Videos of past IAHF events online

Did you know that many of our past events have been videotaped? Many have been made available online and on flash drives that can be checked out from the Library.

Videos include guest speakers, seminars, cooking classes, past festas, and interviews with IAHF Officers.

If you regretted missing an event, be sure to search our online catalog to see if it's available (click on the [LIBRARY](#) tab on our website at [IAHFSJ.org](#)) or contact me directly. Dave Perzinski has been head-



ing this wonderful effort to preserve these events and make them available to all.

Personal Donations Welcome

I want to take a moment to encourage all members to think about sharing their personal photos and mementos with our Library Archives. But why are they important?

Photos and other memorabilia help tell the story of our very active organization, and the role it has played in the history of San Jose.

Many of our old photos are not labeled or identified as to people, location, events, or dates. Your photo may match unlabeled photos already in our collection, allowing me to add important details to a mystery photo. Let me give you two examples.

Did you know that the IAHF used to schedule vacation tours to Italy? IAHF member Vita Fota allowed me to photograph her travel itinerary and a few personal photos from a 1976 tour that was sponsored by the IAHF. These items are the only record we have of this trip.

Editor Mary Pizzo donated photos from our 1983 Festa. The photos commemorate the Little Miss Italy event that was part of the celebration, and are the only photos we have of this. In addition, because the background matches other unlabeled photos in our collection, I will be able to add badly needed essential information to several mystery photos.

In short, your contributions make a difference! And if you choose to retain ownership, we can easily digitize your items so you don't have to

give them up. Email me! librarian@iahfsj.org 🌸

Daylight Savings Time: Keeping in Touch with ITALY



Italy has Daylight Savings Time, but it is not the same as here in the United States. The effective dates of Daylight Savings Time are the same for all countries within the European Union, which includes Italy, France, Spain, Germany and Poland among others. In Europe, the clocks "spring forward" on the last Sunday of March and then "fall back" to Standard Time on the last Sunday of October.

This contrasts with the rules here in the United States where we spring forward on the second Sunday in March and fall back to Standard Time on the first Sunday in November. So for the last two weeks in March and the first week of November each year, Italy is only 8 hours ahead of the U.S. West Coast rather than the usual 9 hours. This is something to keep in mind if you are calling friends and family.

-- Article by Stephen Ricossa 🌸

STORYBOARDS

Ken Borelli, John Romano, and I have been working on a new project called "Storyboards" to enhance the Heritage Foundation. Storyboards are basically large posters depicting different cultures within the broader culture of Italians. These storyboards have been made possible by a Grant from County of Santa Clara Historic Grant Program.

The various storyboards that have already been created are: 1) The Arbereshe, 2) Trabia, 3) Evolution of Italians in Santa Clara County, 4) The San Jose Growers Market, and 5) Tricarico. Most of these storyboards have been enhanced by videos that describe the text and visuals of the boards. These are all wonderful displays for people to learn interesting facts about the diverse cultures of Italy. For people who are unfamiliar with Italy, this will be a rewarding eye-opener into the beautiful sub-cultures of Italy. For those who are more familiar, they can gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of even their own heritage. In addition to the storyboards and the online videos, we have attached individual video display devices. With a simple press of the button, viewers can experience the storyboards along with the video



that describes what they are seeing. These boards will be a great outreach tool that we plan on displaying at our own Family Festa, the Sunnyvale Culture Fest, and other community centers. The making of these videos and storyboards has been a rewarding experience and we certainly want to thank all the participants and collaborators including, Lucia Clementi, Jo Ann Bjornstad, and Sal Campagna. If you want to view these videos you can click on these links:

The Arbereshe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVfuoxBvZ2M>

Trabia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYCIetrNV0s>

The Evolution of Italian Americans in Santa Clara County: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X869R_NZvd8&t=2s

The San Jose Grower's Market: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4mU7s-AiAo&t=13s>

And for those without internet connections, these storyboards and videos will be on display at most of our regional lunches.

-- Article by David Perzinski 🇮🇹

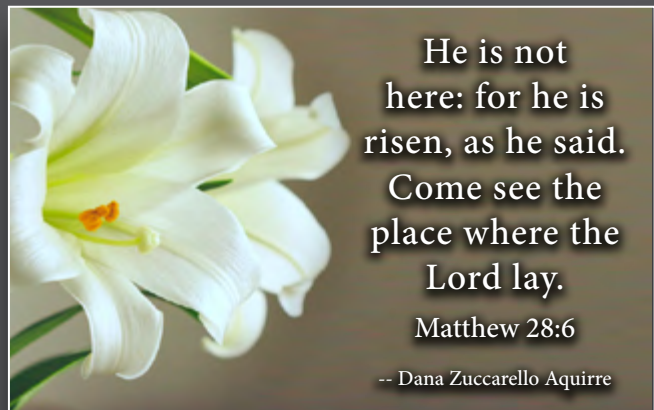
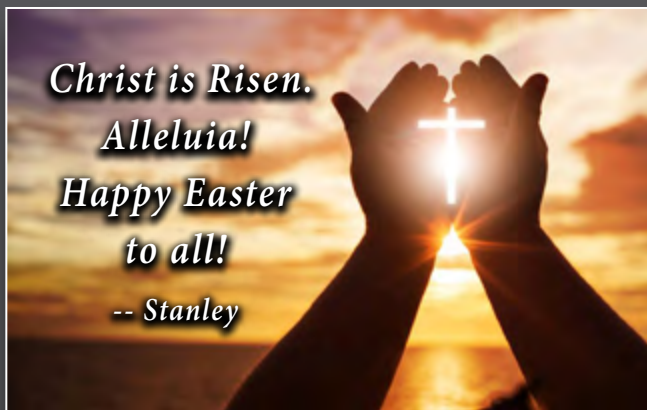
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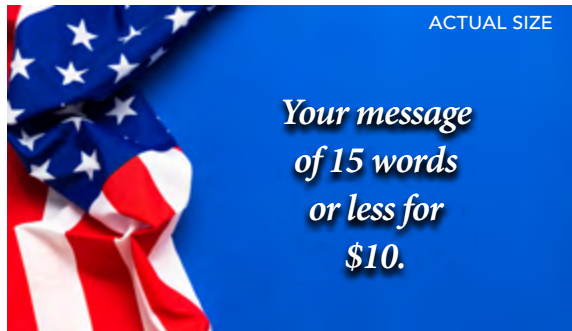
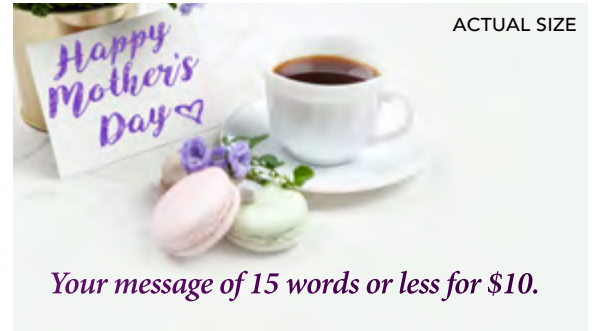
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