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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🍷 **Monday, June 4**
Festa della Repubblica
- 🍷 **Sunday, June 24**
Scholarship Dinner
- 🍷 **Thursday, June 28**
Dinner at Ristorante Da Mario

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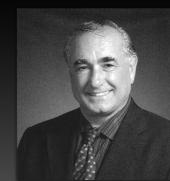
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President's Message

by Ken Borelli



IT TAKES TWO HANDS TO PLAY THE PIANO

Yes, I know you can play with one hand; however, that won't get you to the brilliance and full potential of the piano. Watching the young musicians from Firenze play last month at the IAHF, one of those reflective moments highlighted that in the audience were quite a few citizens of Italy (the Special Sister County delegation) as well as many Italian Americans, and their families and friends. The point of this observation is that Italians and Italian

Americans coming together to make music is a very exciting and special experience. Carrying this theme over a bit, in order to fully appreciate the richness of our heritage, you really have to experience both aspects of this performance together, yes, like hearing a masterly selection from the piano. Italians and Italian Americans share so much in common, including a love and appreciation of heritage, especially in the arts and lifestyles, but there are historical differences. It is those differences, when they are integrated or come together well, that really make for an awesome experience. Sometimes it doesn't, and we have to

accept that, too.

If you reflect a bit on the immigrant experience, and how uprooting it is/was, the roll of heritage and traditions certainly had to be mitigated in a new land. That major process is a part of the fabric of being Italian American, and is to a great extent integrated into our consciousness. In many ways, it is that very same experience that we can also share with our kin and cultural *piasani* in Italy. For me, that is the beauty of cultural interchanges, and that goes for all cultures in the USA. We end up appreciating

responded, dictionary in hand, and asked about the children and family. Normal stuff, not really, she told me to check out her Facebook site, become a friend, and that they have Skype! I am still trying to integrate all this. And no, I have not even begun to check all this out, since I am "not with it". She eventually will get an email. But the lesson is a timely reminder of "perceptions." I do believe some of those villages are more wired than Silicon Valley!

In many ways, though, it highlights the importance of maintaining a dialogue between "both hands", with the goal of coming together as one theme, in this case, celebrating heritage. I would love to search out some Italian tourists who will be visiting us, especially during Festa time and hear or read about their perception of our Italian American activities. Incidentally the musicians who performed in May at the IAHF, included Edoardo Turbil, pianist, and Miriam Prandi, celloist, from the *Scuola di Musica di Fiesole*; pianist

Michael Martinez from Carmel, whose aunt is composer Louise Canepa; tenor Daniel Burns, and Michael Morris with the Ohlone Chamber Music Singers. This was followed three days latter by the stars of Opera San Jose! It was a truly magical *Maggio Musicale*. We will be hearing from Michael again at our scholarship BBQ on the 24th of June, and we are going to try to get the Ohlone Chamber Music Singers back for a repeat concert (the acoustics for the chamber singers was incredible). A special acknowledgement to Delia Schizzano and her Italian Language students for helping to put on *La Festa Fiorentina...* "Bravi! ... 🍷



Italian Family Festa 2012

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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 position with the IAHF by becoming a Board member for 2013. This is a dynamic position, that will utilize 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:

- 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

UNA FESTA FIORENTINA!



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Dinner @ 4:00 PM

Presentation of Scholarships @ 5:00 PM

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Mille grazie, the 2012 Italian Family Festa Team
Contact us at festavolunteers@yahoo.com ☎

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For more information contact: Nancy Morreale @ 408-368-9094 (telephone) or by email at nmorreale11@yahoo.com ☎

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