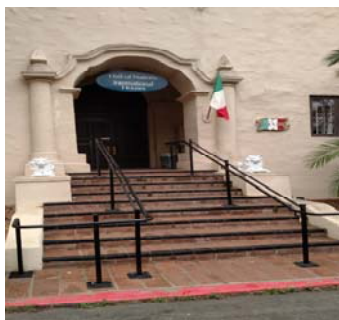


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AUGUST, 2018



The House of Italy



From the President: Carissimi Soci,

Our June meeting was quite informative with Laura Bianconcini's presentation on Italian Travel. So many things to think about and remember! Just to highlight a few of the more important items she noted for us; (1) make sure your passport has an expiration date exceeding 180 days of your departure; (2) make copies of your passport and leave it with loved ones and keep a copy with you at all times during your trip; (3) travel insurance is important but be cost effective in policy selection; (4) If you can travel using public transportation, i.e. bus, taxi or train, take advantage of these methods to avoid the hassles of car rentals and so many more tips she provided us on where to travel and when during the year.

The House of Italy (HOI) Mission:

Our mission is to offer to its members and the public through its cultural and social programs, an understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of Italy.

Our vision is that our HOI members celebrate their Italian heritage and culture with the people of San Diego.

You can sign up at info@exclusivelyitalian.com if you desire to be kept apprised of upcoming trips to Italy. Thank you Laura!

The HOI Board of Directors and its membership voted to award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the following three deserving recipients, Katherine La Costa, Roberta Ruocco and Zachary Rentschler. We are so proud of their accomplishments thus far and wish them continued success in their endeavors scholastically.

Another special note to the membership is that our very own Queen, Elizabeth Roberts, decided to run for the position of Sergeant of Arms on the Queens' Organization board and was elected by her peers to assume that position. She is excited for the year ahead. Her mom, Lynn Roberts, is getting involved as well, assuming an advisory position in the Queens' Organization. We thank them for their selfless commitment to this community service.

As has been the custom of the House of Italy, we will not have any scheduled meetings in July and August. Don't forget to check out the calendar of events as we have the House of Italy Lawn Program on Sunday, August 5. James Bianchi and his band will entertain park guests from 2:00-3:00 pm. Come out and support your Italian community! Also, for those who enjoy Italian conversation, be sure to check the website for the start of Rossella Chiolini's conversation classes in late August.

We will reconvene with monthly member meetings in September and are excited to announce our first meeting is on Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Enjoy your summer!
Carol



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House of Italy Future Events

Note: There will be no monthly membership meetings in July and August. Our next meeting will be September, 16th.

August, 5, 2018: Our Lawn Program, with James Bianchi entertaining @ 2:00 pm.

For fine Italian films in San Diego, please check out The San Diego Italian Film Festival, and the Cinema little Italy Film festival at:

www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com

www.cinemalittleitaly.com

Check out their great summer film presentations!



The House of Italy Scholarship Winners for 2018



Zachary Rentschler



Katherine La Costa



Roberta Ruocco

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House of Italy Scholarship Winners, 2018

The HOI Scholarship was established for students who are interested in the Italian culture and plan to promote awareness of the importance and contributions of the Italian culture in their respective communities. Our three winners are all exceptionally qualified. They all met and exceeded the HOI scholarship criteria.

Each member will be awarded our Scholarship of \$1,000 for 2018.

Congratulations to these exceptional and talented young Americans!

- 1. Roberta Ruocco, the daughter of Roberto Ruocco, member and former President of the HOI. Presently attending San Diego State University with plans to transfer to Bocconi University in Milan, Italy next year.**
- 2. Zachary Rentschler, the grandson of HOI members Giuseppe & Mary Annino. He will attend the University of Washington Law School in September.**
- 3. Katherine La Costa, the daughter of HOI members Joe & Elizabeth La Costa. Presently attending the University of Notre Dame.**

Congratulazioni a tutti!

June HOI Membership meeting





HOUSE OF ITALY

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**For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events,
please go to: www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com**

Saturday & Sunday HOI Hosting

The House of Italy is now open from
11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sundays and
11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays.
Please call Bob D'Amico to volunteer
for hosting duties @ 619-201-9278 .

Sunday, August 5: HOI Lawn Program @ 2:00 pm.

Sunday, September 16: First Fall Membership meeting!

HOI Hosting Assignments—2018

Saturday, August 4: Claudia Da Metz

Sunday, August 5: Lynn Roberts

Saturday, August 11: **Need volunteer**

Sunday, August 12: Elisabetta Santana

Saturday, August 18: **Need volunteer**

Sunday, August 19: Christine Calvano

Saturday, August 25: **Need volunteer**

Sunday, August 26: Josie Sarullo

