

NAVIGATOR

DECEMBER, 2018



The House of Italy



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.



Ciao everyone,

The best season of the year is upon us and I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and Hanukkah holiday. December is a special month, full of memory making moments that unite us together as family and friends. I will miss seeing you at the December potluck meeting where we share this festive moment together. I embrace you all in love and joy and look forward to a great year together in 2019.

Let's bring in the new year with peace and unity.

Un forte abbraccio a tutti voi!

Carol Gratzke

December Nights Starts Friday afternoon December 7 and runs through Saturday evening in Balboa Park. We have a full slate of HOI volunteers to staff all the stations we need. We are ready to make money! Come visit and bring your friends!

Please go to this website for information about the entire festival:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/december-nights>



HOI Hotline
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House of Italy
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House of Italy Events

Cari Amici,

Our Sunday, December 16th Christmas Membership Festa will be a POTLUCK dinner with wine provided. We will have Christmas music playing in the background to enhance the spirit of the occasion!

The membership is alphabetically grouped and assigned a type of dish to bring. This is our annual Christmas Potluck so please participate so that there is enough food to go around. A \$10 entry fee applies if you do not bring a dish.

Below are the assignments:

Last Names from:

Dish

A to G:

Entrée

H to L:

Appetizer

M to R:

Dessert

S to Z:

Salad or vegetables

(Note: Bread will be provided by the HOI staff)

Page 5 shows the volunteer hosts as of this date through January, 2019 Please give our Hosting Coordinator, Bob D'Amico, a call at: 619-456-1594 if you can volunteer. Bob will also be at the meeting and can sign you up at that time. Grazie!

Buon Natale e Buon Anno!

Don Santamaria

House of Italy Calendar

Sunday, December 16th HOI meeting: Our annual Christmas Potluck dinner and Festival commencing @ 5:00 pm

Sunday , January 20th HOI meeting: Dinner meeting with a special presentation by our own member Janet Burgess. The topic: Food styling. Details in the January newsletter.

At our November 18th Membership Meeting we were all fascinated by UCSD's Professor Joe Pasquale's presentation of "Mathematical Beauty in Rome". He discussed how geometry was used in the architectural design by the ancient Romans to build some of Rome's most iconic monuments.



Professor Joe Pasquale



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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 @ 619-456-1594

**Sunday, December 16th: HOI Mem-
bership Meeting @ 5:00 pm in the
Hall of Nations**

HOI Hosting Assignments –2018

Sunday, DEC 9: Sandra Chavez
Saturday, DEC 15: Gabriele Garcia
Sunday, DEC 16: Josie Sarullo
Gabrael Fortuno
Saturday DEC 22: Luisa Nagy
Sunday, DEC 23: **Need volunteer**
Saturday, DEC 29: **Need volunteer**
Sunday, DEC 30: Al Masters

HOI Hosting Assignments—2019

Saturday, JAN 5: **Need volunteer**
Sunday, JAN 6: **Need volunteer**
Saturday, JAN 12: **Need volunteer**
Sunday, JAN 13: **Need volunteer**
Saturday, JAN 19: **Need volunteer**
Sunday, JAN 20: Nina & Bob Crochet