

NAVIGATOR

FEBRUARY, 2018



The House of Italy



From the President:

Carissimi Soci,

Last month's meeting kicked off the new year with an exciting story about our own Jodie Hilden and her journey in photography. We saw some awesome photos and were privy to photographer insider information about places to which she had access and it was quite interesting. Thank you Jodie for sharing your story with us! And of course our Queen, Elizabeth Roberts, shared her journey as the House of Italy princess and encouraged members to consider enlisting their daughters or granddaughters as mini princesses or princesses under the tutelage of Elizabeth during 2018. How exciting!

Last month I shared with you that we have lots of activities planned this 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.

Well, you do not want to miss February's meeting.

We are excited about Andrea Zarattini's presentation, "Balsamic Vinegar- Everything you need to know about it!" We will taste some wonderful Italian Balsamic Vinegar "tradizionale PDO of Modena and Reggio Emilia, which are coming straight from the Old Country. It is sure to be a treat, one you do not want to miss!

As always, I like to remind you that the House of Italy is your organization and your input is valuable. Do not hesitate to contact us by email with any ideas or suggestions. We are always looking for volunteers to host a Saturday or Sunday. Also, don't forget if you host during the month, the meal at that monthly meeting is on the House of Italy. See Bob D'Amico for signups.

See you at the meeting!
Carol Gratzke





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House of Italy Events

Cari Amici,

Our Sunday, February 18th Membership meeting will commence at 5:00 pm!

A buffet dinner with wine will be served. \$10 for members and \$15 for guests

We are excited about Andrea Zarattini's presentation, "Balsamic Vinegar-Everything you need to know about it!" Expect an informative and entertaining evening! More about this special event is on page 3.

We continue to work on our volunteer appreciation dinner for the December nights 2017 volunteers and cookie makers. We will notify all when we confirm a date, restaurant and time by e-mail.

Page 7 shows the volunteer hosts for February & early March, 2018. Please give our Hosting Coordinator, Bob D'Amico, a call at: 619-201-9278 if you can volunteer. Bob will also be at the meeting and can sign you up at that time. Grazie!

See you at the meeting!

Don Santamaria



House of Italy Calendar of Future Events

February 18, 2018: A presentation of Aceto Balsamico with Andrea Zarattini

March 18, 2018: A film presented by Cinema Little Italy.


April 15, 2018: SDSU students will do a presentation of their trip to Italy.

May 20, 2018: SDG&E presentation by Arnie Garcia

June 17, 2018: TBD

BALSAMIC VINEGAR: WHAT IS IT?

**Everything You Need to Know
About Balsamic Vinegar
“Tradizionale” PDO of Modena
and Reggio Emilia
&
Balsamic Vinegar PGI**



WHEN
**February 18th,
2018**

WHERE
House of Italy
2191 Pan American Rd
San Diego, CA 92101

January 21st Membership meeting







HOUSE OF ITALY

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www.houseofitalysandiego.org

**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, February 18th:

**HOI Membership Meeting @ 5:00
pm in the Hall of Nations.**

HOI Hosting Assignments—2018

Saturday, FEB 17: Barbara & Shirley

Sunday, FEB 18: Nina & Bob Crochet

Saturday, FEB 24: DaMetz family

Sunday, FEB 25: Russ & Barb Venti

Saturday, March 3: Need volunteers

Sunday, March 4: Need volunteers

Saturday, March 10: Need volunteers

Sunday, March 11: Need volunteers

Saturday, March 17: Need volunteers

Sunday, March 18: Need volunteers



Vieste—Photo by Jodie Hulden