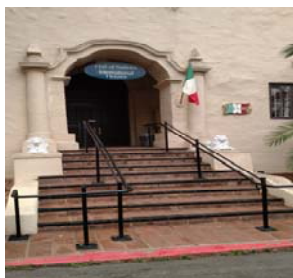


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JUNE, 2018



The House of Italy



From the President:
Carissimi Soci,

First of all, I wish a very Happy Father's Day to all of you dads! In Italy, Father's Day was already celebrated on March 19, 2018. So dads we celebrate your day twice this year.

We had a double header at the May meeting. A hearty thanks to Roberto Ruocco for his interesting presentation on the Italian Political System. After listening to how a new Italian government is elected, I have come to the conclusion that it is similar to betting a trifecta on a horse race. Andy Garcia, SDG&E's representative for the House of Italy, updated the membership on how to reduce energy costs with the new rates having gone into effect last January. We are very pleased that SDG&E is awarding a donation of \$1,500 to the House of Italy. A big thank you for Andy's help in receiving this donation!

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.

We celebrated la Festa della Repubblica on May 31 at Padre Park in honor of the Italian celebration on June 2, where again le Frece tricolori darted in the skies of Rome and the ritual military parade remembered that Italy is still alive and well after 3000 years! At our June meeting, which is scheduled for July 17, 2018, Laura Bianconcini will do a presentation on Travel in Italy. Those of you who are looking to travel in Italy and would like suggestions on where to go and what to see, you will not want to miss this meeting.

Just a reminder! We will discontinue our monthly meetings for July and August for the summer period. We wish you all a wonderful summer recess and look forward to seeing you again in September. Be sure to check the upcoming events for our Fall meeting dates and don't forget the House of Italy Lawn Program presentation by the James Bianchi band. This event will take place Sunday August 5th at 2:00 pm.

Buone vacanze a tutti!!!

Carol Gratzke



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House of Italy Events

Cari Amici,

Our Sunday, June 17th Membership Meeting will commence at 5:00 pm!

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

Our guest speaker will be Laura Bianconcini, Founder, of Exclusively Italian—Travel by Design. Please refer to page 4 to learn more about traveling in Italy and this marvelous tour operator who has traveled extensively in Italy and Europe.

Page 5 shows the volunteer hosts for June, 2018. Please give our Hosting Coordinator, Bob D'Amico, a call at: 619-201-9278 if you can volunteer for future dates in July and August. Bob will also be at the meeting and can sign you up at that time. Grazie!

Don't forget if you host during the month, the meal at that monthly meeting is on the House of Italy.



“Portovenere” by Jodie Hulden

House of Italy Calendar of Future HOI Meetings & Events

June 17, 2018: “Traveling in Italy” By Laura Bianconcini

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

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

However, throughout July and August we will keep our membership informed of any significant events by e-mail.



“Formaggi” by Jodie Hulden



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Lecture at the House of Italy San Diego – June 17, 2018 – 5:00 pm

Title: Traveling to Italy: Tips and Facts to Get the Most out of your Italian Experience

Presenter: Laura Bianconcini, Founder, Exclusively Italian – Travel by Design

About Exclusively Italian – Travel by Design

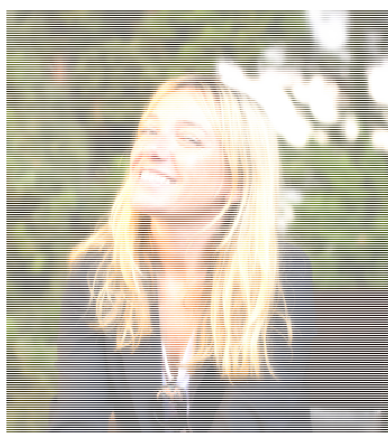
Created by Laura Bianconcini in 2006, Exclusively Italian designs personalized trips for travelers wanting to experience the diversity of Italy in an authentic way. Their expertise comes from decades of first-hand experience, as well as through the many local relationships in Italy they've cultivated over the years.

Exclusively Italian promotes a different style of travel. That is, travel at a relaxed pace where travelers truly appreciate every single moment of their journey. Exclusively Italian's approach is to work one-on-one with customers to fully understand their particular interests, and then develop a travel plan tailored to their specific needs and budget.

Exclusively Italian also partners with group leaders who are interested in organizing their own group tours or Study Abroad programs. They help define, create and organize the entire program and logistics. Periodically, Exclusively Italian designs and leads group tours based on a specific theme such as photography, wine and food or art and history.

Check out their website at www.exclusivelyitalian.com to find out more.

About Laura Bianconcini



Exclusively Italian is led by Laura Bianconcini, a native of Rome, Italy, who has lived in Italy most of her life. Laura has an educational background as a Tour Operator and has traveled extensively throughout Italy and Europe. Before starting Exclusively Italian, Laura worked for over a decade at multi-national companies. Laura now lives in San Diego.

Laura has also taught Italian language and culture at UCSD Extension in La Jolla and at the Italian Cultural Center (ICC) of San Diego, where she also served as a board member and as President, organizing events to promote Italian culture.

Laura's approach to travel planning is to provide clients with options that ensure a truly authentic local experience. As such, she strives to create itineraries that provide a blend of art, history, food, culture and, of course, meeting the local people.

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, June 17th: HOI Member-
ship Meeting @ 5:00 pm in the Hall
of Nations.**

**Sunday, August 5: HOI Lawn Pro-
gram @ 2:00 pm.**

HOI Hosting Assignments—2018

Saturday, June 9: Don & Andre

Sunday, June 10: L & A. Caruso

Saturday, June 16: The Da Metz family

Sunday, June 17: Christine Calvano

Saturday, June 23: Mike Ricciardi

Sunday, June 24: Elisabetta Santana

**Saturday, June 30: Alicia Weinert &
Pam Geiger**

Sunday, July 1: Carol Gratzke



“Amalfi Coast” by Jodie Hulden