

# NAVIGATOR

MAY, 2016



## The House of Italy



## From the President

### Saluti Sorelle e Fratelli,

Thanks everybody for the passionate patronage and support at the Lawn Program. Rosario, Maestro James and his band have been terrific. And a special thanks to Barbara, Carol, and Richard La Rocca for providing our award winning free spumone.

A note of sadness is the loss of the oldest and honorary member Thomas Gibaldi, who has been patron of the House providing us free bread for decades. Our deepest condolences to the Gibaldi's family.

## 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.

Another great event will be at next meeting: Professor Pasquale will give us a presentation of the Engineering Aspects of Ancient Roma Architecture. Don't think that you need be expert in building techniques to enjoy this lecture: you will be dreaming to be in the ancient Rome, navigating through the minds of the people who taught the world how to build in art.

I would like to reiterate my message included in the Giornalino of April:

Our Board needs to replenish and hand over their experience and engagement to future generations. We are in our House in Balboa Park since 1935. We need to pass the legacy to new board members, passionate dedicate and innamorati of the future of the House of Italy. It is time to enrich the board and then to elect a new president who can carry forth the Legacy after me. Emeritus Richard Tomasello taught and groomed me to become the President. His teaching was priceless and exemplary. It is the time to think of new officers and directors, and a new president.

Please contact me if you feel that your passion, legacy and love for the Italian heritage would go through the House of Italy. Ci vediamo Domenica, May 15th!

## House of Italy Future Events



HOI Hotline  
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**Cari Soci,**

**Our Lawn Program on April, 24th, starring James Bianchi, Rosario Monetti and a talented group of singers and musicians was a great success! Complimenti!**

**Our May 15th meeting will feature a presentation by Joe Pasquale, Ph.D, who is a computer science engineer. He will discuss why Roman architecture is recognized the world over for its stunning visual beauty and durability. Please go to page 5 for more information.**

**Our Sunday meeting will be a Potluck Dinner.** The Membership has been alphabetically grouped and assigned a type of dish to bring. Below are the assignments:

### Last Names from:

S to Z

A to C

D to K

L to R

### Dish

Entrée

Appetizer

Dessert

Salad or Vegetable

**Check out our new series from SDG&E called “Katie’s Energy Saving Tips” on page 6.**

**The Ethnic Food Fair is on Sunday, May 29. Bernadette Tarantino will again support our efforts with her food tent and professional team. A request for volunteers to assist her, as necessary, will be sent out by e-mail in the near future.**

**For your information: The Wifi password for the Hall of Nations Meeting Hall is: 23w2dp8v%\$2b**

**Saluti a voi!**

**Don Santamaria**





## The Lawn Program,









## Mathematical Beauty in Rome



Roman architecture is recognized the world over for its stunning visual beauty, but few know that it possesses a sublime *mathematical beauty* based on classical geometry, which the Romans knew well and used in everything they designed. The Romans were also great engineers, and they built their structures to last – not just for tens or hundreds of years, but – *forever* (hence, “the Eternal City”). How did they do it? This talk will briefly examine and illustrate how geometry was used in the architectural design and structural engineering of some of Rome’s most iconic sites, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon, St. Peter’s, and some beyond Rome, such as Brunelleschi’s dome in Florence and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

**Joe Pasquale**, Ph.D., is a professor of engineering at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), where he has been on the faculty since 1987. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. While his primary research and teaching activities are in computer science and engineering (specifically operating systems, distributed systems, and networks), he also leads a summer study-abroad program he designed for UCSD undergraduates called Mathematical Beauty in Rome. Joe is originally from New Jersey and is of Italian descent (his parents emigrated from Calabria). He enjoys learning about Roman culture and history, Italian cinema, and travel in Italy.



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*Katie Scanlan*

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**For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events,  
please go to: [www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com](http://www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com)**

**Sunday & “4th Tuesday” HOI  
Hosting**

The House of Italy is now open from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sundays and every 4th Tuesday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please call Bob D’Amico to volunteer for hosting duties @ 619-201-9278 .

**May 8: Carol Patterson**

**May 15: Nina & Bob Crochet**

**May 22: Bill & Theresa Thomas**

**May 29: Need volunteer!**

**Sunday, May 15th , 2016 @ 5:00 pm:**

**Membership meeting in the Hall of Nations building in Balboa Park.**

**Sunday, May 29: The Ethnic Food Fair, Balboa Park 11:00 am—5:00 pm**

**New HPR Program!**

**Commencing Tuesday, January 26th, all the International Cottages will be open for visitors every 4th Tuesday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

**Nothing needs to be served. It’s strictly an “open house”.**

**Please call Bob D’Amico to volunteer.**