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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.

out, they might have realized that this wasn't such a great idea. Don't miss this fun evening. We will begin at 5:00 pm so don't be late!

We want to remember one of our dear members who passed away in February, Chuck Allen. He and Dale Jones have always been active members of the House of Italy, hosting Sundays and working as volunteers during the Christmas International Festival. We shall miss him dearly and shall continue to rally around Dale with kindness and support as she heals from her loss. For information about A Celebration of Life for Chuck, see the flyer in this month's newsletter on page 4. Members, do you have a daughter, niece or granddaughter that might be interested in representing the House of Italy as a Princess in the House of Pacific Relations ("HPR") Queens Organization? Within the HPR Queens Organization, multiple girls, ages 8 – 18, of different cultures come together to develop leadership skills, help the San Diego community, and spread culture throughout San Diego and the organization itself. By becoming the queen (16 - 18 years of age), princess (14 - 18 years of age), junior princess (10 - 13 years of age) or pee wee princess (8) - 9 years of age) you take on the role of youth representative(s) of the House of Italy. Our Queen, Elizabeth Roberts, is looking to groom girls interested in participating. Please contact me at the House of Italy email address, if interested.



The House of Italy



From the President:

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February's member meeting was not to be missed! Andrea Zarattini's presentation, "Balsamic Vinegar-Everything you need to know about it!" was very interesting. We sampled several types of Italian Balsamic Vinegar "tradizionale DOP of Modena and Reggio Emilia". Strawberries and vanilla ice cream topped with aged balsamic vinegar was a yummy dessert. And you can order these delicious treasures from Costco online. At our March meeting Giuseppe and Maria Annino are preparing another great evening, offering us the movie "Noi e La Giulia (The Legendary Giulia and Other Miracles)". Claudio, Diego and Fausto decide to go in on an "agriturismo" B&B (a sort of farm vacation) in an area controlled by a collection of bungling Camorra members. If they'd stopped to think about why the previous owners had quickly cleared

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House of Italy Events

Cari Amici,

<u>Our Sunday, March 18th Membership meeting will</u> <u>commence at 5:00 pm!</u>

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

As stated by President Carol in her remarks, we will truly miss our fellow member and friend, Chuck Allen. Please go to page 4 for details about the "Celebration of Life for Chuck Allen" on Saturday, March 17 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

For our March 18th meeting, Cinema Little Italy will present the movie "Noi e La Giulia". Please refer to page 6 for more details about this fine film.

On Saturday, March 24th Christine Calvano will conduct an Easter Kids Art Project class from noon to 3:00 pm at the HOI. Please go to page 5 for more details of this fun event for kids!

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 9 shows the volunteer hosts for March & April, 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!

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



House of Italy Calendar of Future HOI Meeting Events

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

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

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

June 17, 2018: TBD



Mike Zarro, his Grand Daughter HOI "Queen Elisabeth," Lynn Roberts , "La mamma" and HOI President, Carol Patterson at the HPR President's Installation Dinner

Please join Dale for a

Celebration of Life For Chuck Allen

Saturday, March 17 from 1 pm to 4 pm

Sharing of memories around 2 pm

Snacks and beverages will be provided

Camelot Bay Community Room 2050 Pacific Beach Drive San Diego 92109

If you have a question, contact Dale 619-947-9962 Idajones@sbcglobal.net



Our artist member Christine Calvano will conduct a "Kids Easter Art Project" at the House of Italy on Saturday, March 24th from noon to 3:00 pm.

HOI youngsters are invited!



Cinema Little italy

Sunday, March 18

The Legendary Giulia and Other Miracles

(Noi E La Giulia)

Location: Hall of Nations Dinner/Meeting: 5:00 PM Film begins at 6:00 PM

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February 18th Membership Meeting



Andrea Zarattini









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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.

HOI Hosting Assignments-2018

Saturday, March 17: Carolina Sanchez Sunday, March 18: Nina & Bob Crochet Saturday, March 24: Claudia DaMetz Sunday, March 25: Luisa Nagy Saturday, March 31: Carolina Sanchez Sunday, April 1: HOI is closed (Easter) Saturday, April 7: Need volunteers Sunday, April 8: Need volunteers Saturday, April 14: Carolina Sanchez Sunday, April 15: Need volunteers Saturday, April 21: Need volunteers Sunday, April 21: Need volunteers Sunday, March 18th: HOI Membership Meeting @ 5:00 pm in the Hall of Nations.

