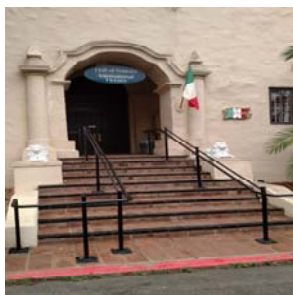


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MAY, 2018



## The House of Italy



From the President:  
Carissimi Soci,

First of all, I wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms! Can you believe we are already in the fifth month of 2018? How time flies. It seems I barely left San Diego for Italy and it was time to return home. During my trip I had the opportunity to travel to Bordighera to visit Louie and Mary Jacaruso, members of the House of Italy for years before deciding to live in Italy. For those of you who might not know much about Bordighera, it is a small city in the province of Imperia, in the Ligurian region. They are enjoying their new life and have made many friends. Apparently, many Brits have homes in Bordighera and spend quite a bit of time there so it has been an easy transition language-wise for Louie and Mary.

## 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.

However, Mary has begun a study of the Italian language and they are busy fixing up their newly acquired home (villa). They have a wonderful view of the Ligurian sea and the Imperian mountains from their balcony (terrazzo). There is a picture of Louie and Mary in front of the entrance to "old town Bordighera" and a picture of the sea and mountains from their balcony. They send greetings to all of you.

We are looking forward to the May member meeting as Andy Garcia, SDG&E's representative for the House of Italy, is coming to explain and help us understand the new options available in keeping utility costs for electricity and gas at a reasonable expense, especially with the summer months coming. And in June, Laura Bianconcini is coming to share a presentation on Travel in Italy. You don't want to miss either meeting!

Carol Gratzke





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## House of Italy Events

**Cari Amici,**

**Our Sunday, May 20th Membership meeting will commence at 5:30 pm!**

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

**Our guest speaker will be Arnie Garcia from SDG&E who will give us "An Energy Update"!**

**The December Nights 2017 dinner for volunteers and cookie makers at Marechiaro's Restaurant in El Cajon on Thursday, April 26th was a great success! "Grazie" again to all the participants.**

**Page 7 shows the volunteer hosts for May & early June, 2018. Please give our Hosting Coordinator, Bob D'Amico, a call at: 619-201-9278 if you can volunteer for future dates. 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.**

**HOI Kids Art Project Sunday, May 27th. See page 6**





## **House of Italy Calendar of Future HOI Meetings & Events**

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

**May 27, 2018:** HOI: “Kids Art Project” Noon to 3:00 pm

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

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On Sunday, April 8th , Miss Kimberly Almanza, our HOI Staff Member, was married to Mr. Justin O’Connell in Ensenada, B. C.

Kimberly’s mother, Camila, and brothers Brian and Alex are also active Staff Members in the HOI.

Our own HOI member, Andy Renwick, attended the ceremony.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Tanti auguri!





## April 15th Membership Meeting





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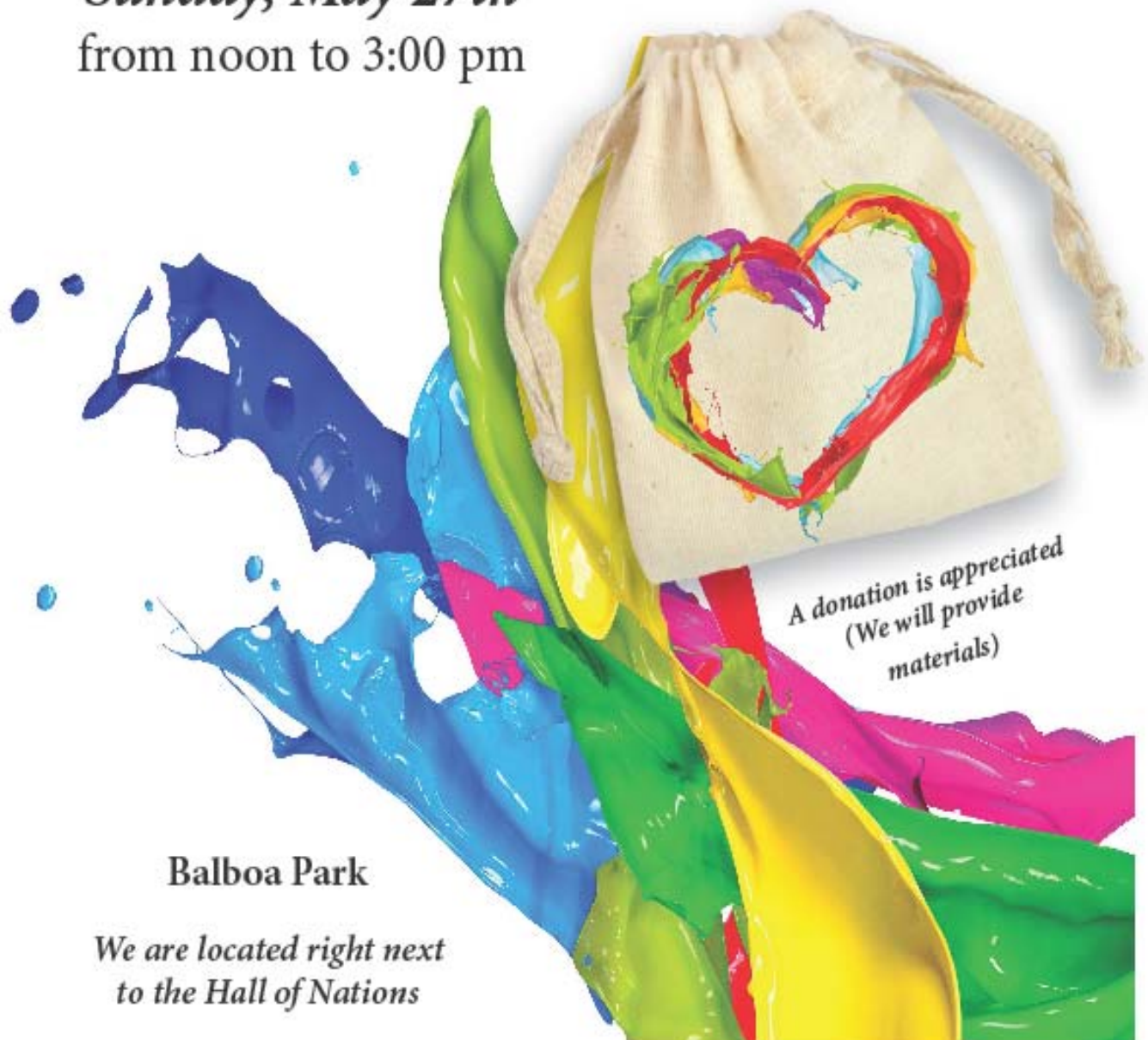
**Below are HOI members Louie and Mary Jacaruso who now live in Bordighera, Province of Imperia, Liguria, Italy. The photo on the right is the view of the Ligurian Sea from their balcony!**



# House of Italy

## *Kids Art Project*

*Sunday, May 27th*  
from noon to 3:00 pm



*A donation is appreciated  
(We will provide  
materials)*

**Balboa Park**

*We are located right next  
to the Hall of Nations*



**HOUSE OF ITALY**

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**For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events, please go to: [www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com](http://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, May 20th: HOI Membership Meeting @ 5:30 pm in the Hall of Nations.**

### **HOI Hosting Assignments—2018**

**Saturday, May 12: Russ Venti**

**Sunday, May 13: Elisabeth Santana**

**Saturday, May 19: Christine Calvano**

**Sunday, May 20: Lynn Roberts**

**Saturday, May 26: Mike Ricciardi**

**Sunday, May 27: Alan Dawson**

**Saturday, June 2: **Need volunteer****

**Sunday, June 3: Jodie Hulden**

**Saturday, June 9: **Need volunteer****

**Sunday, June 10: L & A. Caruso**



**“Napoli” by Jodie Hulden**