

# NAVIGATOR

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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.



Carissimi Soci,

How much I miss seeing all of you! We are certainly looking forward to when we can meet again but until such time we will keep you informed on the latest news we have from the Executive Board of the House of Pacific Relations, the governing board for all of the cottages in Balboa Park and the latest from the City of San Diego.

First of all, it's hard to believe we are already in the month of May, with Passover, Easter and Mother's Day feasts having come and gone. My continued hope is that all of you are healthy and doing your upmost to keep yourself safe with social distancing and wearing masks. When we meet again we can share together how we have kept ourselves busy during this very unusual stretch of time.

Okay, here is the latest on the status of Balboa Park and the International Cottages. The cottages' closures have been extended to June 15 and all Lawn Programs have been cancelled through the end of June. With this extension of cottage closures, the monthly member meeting for May 17 has been cancelled. There will be another meeting of the HPR Executive Board, cottage presidents and other delegates on June 7, at which time we hope to have available additional information from the San Diego Parks and Recreation administrative offices.

Your House of Italy board of directors is working for you and we met virtually using Zoom on Monday May 11. Since there is still insufficient information at hand to warrant going ahead with the regularly scheduled member meeting on June 21, 2020, the board voted to cancel it as well for the safety of all members.

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Usually there are no member meetings in July and August, however, we are reviewing the possibility of a member dinner together on Sunday August 9, 2020, to celebrate the Festa di Ferragosto and the House of Italy Lawn Program slated for that same date. Currently, nothing is set in stone, awaiting further information from State and city officials regarding the easing up of the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Scholarship Committee has reported receiving four applications of qualified individuals for the scholarship program and the recipients will be notified in June.

In the meantime, we will continue sending you updates as we receive them. Be sure to check the calendar of events in this month's newsletter for scheduled programs beginning in September. And of course there is the House of Italy website and Facebook page!

Stay healthy and safe!

Cari saluti,

Carol Gratzke

President, House of Italy

### House of Italy Future Events

**August 9, 2020 House of Italy Lawn Program**

**September 20, 2020 Member meeting with Chiara Capobianco Harpist performance**

**October 18, 2020 Barbara Baxter Wine tasting presentation**



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