

NAVIGATOR

MARCH, 2017



The House of Italy



From the President:

Carissimi Soci,

What a meeting we had in February! Mr. Jose Diaz, the head of the music department of San Diego High School, brought four musicians on stringed instruments, three violin and one cello, and eight choral members, all of whom entertained us with some pretty awesome music. They thanked the House of Italy for its donation towards their trip to the World Heritage Festival in May 2017. "In bocca al lupo!" Several of you asked how you could make donations for this music trip to San Francisco.

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.

Mr. Diaz provided the following link for those who prefer using the internet: <https://apps.vendini.com/e/viewEmail.php?cam->

[paignID=198332&memberID=bfd551896781dcec1c07cae6f1602b44](https://apps.vendini.com/e/viewEmail.php?cam-paignID=198332&memberID=bfd551896781dcec1c07cae6f1602b44) or you can send a check payable to the San Diego High School and send it to:

San Diego High School
Music Program San Francisco
1405 Park Blvd.
San Diego, Ca. 92101

We are excited about March's meeting at which our own Giuseppe Annino will present an Italian film entitled "Marcelo Marcelo". It is also the month of our potluck dinner. Yummy, how I enjoy sampling all those delicacies you bring! And by now all of you who participated in the International Christmas Festival in December should have received an email from Don Santamaria about the upcoming volunteer appreciate dinner. If not, then don't miss Don Santamaria's write up about the volunteer dinner in this month's issue. You will not want to miss it!!

As always your feedback is important to us and should you have any ideas that you want to share with your board, please do not hesitate to write us. We are happy to entertain any ideas about entertainment, activities or cultural events.

Ci vediamo domenica 19 marzo!



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House of Italy Future Events

Cari Soci,

Our March 19th membership will be a POTLUCK Dinner with wine. The potluck dish assignments are as follows:

S—Z: Entrée

A—F: Appetizer

G—R: Salad or vegetable

(Note : Dessert will be provided by the HOI.)

The usual \$10 entry fee applies if you do not bring a dish.

Our March 19th membership meeting will feature a delightful Italian film titled “Marcello Marcello”. Giuseppe Annino has graciously offered to show this film at our meeting.

For 2016 December Nights & Cookie maker

Volunteers: The December Nights Appreciation Dinner will be at Paesano Fine Italian Food Trattoria located at 3647 30th St. in North Park on Monday evening, March 27th @ 6:30 pm. An e-mail invite has been sent to all who participated. Please ensure that you RSVP no later than March 20th. Ci vediamo!

Don Santamaria



Food Handler Certification Qualification Procedures

The county is imposing more stringent food handling requirements on the House of Pacific Relations and the House of Italy. In order to continue with all our events where we serve food, we must have certified food handlers.

Here is a chance to support the HOI by getting a 3 year food handler certificate. Not only will you be helping the HOI, but you will also learn some important food safety information that will benefit you in your own kitchen.

Eugenie King, House of Pacific Relations Food Manager, will be conducting a food handler course on Mar 23, at 6:30PM in the Hall of Nations. The resulting card is valid for 3 years. This training is applicable to our Sunday hosting, monthly dinners, the Ethnic Food Fair, the Lawn Program, and December Nights. The training is free.

You can also take the food handler training on line, as many of our members have done. The cost is \$10. The certificate is good for 3 years. The company that our members have used is eFoodhandlers. Their website is www.cafoodhandlers.com. This training is also valid for 3 years and is applicable throughout San Diego County.

Call Rich LaRocca at 858 523 0409 if you have questions.



February HOI meeting



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Katie's Energy Saving Tips



You Have a Choice When It Comes to Clean Energy

How would you like to support the environment and promote the growth of renewable energy in San Diego with no upfront installation costs?

If you're someone who has wanted to make the shift to renewable energy but don't own a home or installing solar panels just didn't pencil out, consider the benefits of enrolling in San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) innovative new program called EcoChoiceSM.

Essentially, EcoChoiceSM gives customers the option to purchase renewable energy directly from SDG&E. The program works like this: SDG&E buys renewable energy on behalf of participating EcoChoiceSM customers. The renewable energy comes from large, utility-scale generating facilities built specifically for the EcoChoiceSM program. The more renewable energy SDG&E customers buy through the EcoChoiceSM program, the more renewable generation SDG&E can build.

You can choose to enroll to have up to 100% of your electricity use in the program and pay a small premium each month based on the size of your renewable energy subscription.

For more information about the program and to see if EcoChoiceSM makes sense for your home and/or business, visit: sdge.com/ecochoice

Additionally, here are three SDG&E programs that can help you save energy and money in 2017:

It's not easy being green but SDG&E can help [increase the comfort of your home at no cost to you!](http://www.sdge.com/residential/direct-install-program) If you are an SDG&E customer & meet certain income guidelines, you may qualify for no-cost energy efficiency improvements through the Residential Direct Install program. <http://www.sdge.com/residential/direct-install-program>

Get the luck of the Irish & find your own pot of gold with SDG&E's Marketplace! Lower your energy bill and save even more with rebates on energy efficient products - visit SDG&E's Marketplace for qualifying 2017 rebate purchases! Check out the savings at: <https://marketplace.sdge.com>

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind always be at your back with SDG&E's Medical Baseline program. Certain medical needs may qualify you or someone in your home for savings every month on your energy bill through SDGE's Medical Baseline Allowance Program. Visit: <http://www.sdge.com/residential/save-medical-baseline/medical-baseline-program>

Katie Scanlan

Energy Solutions Advisor - San Diego Gas & Electric



The House of Italy's Princess: Elizabeth Roberts

Not long ago an older, wiser, lovely woman said to her granddaughter "would you like to be the princess for the House of Italy?" The granddaughter replied "sure, that doesn't sound too hard!"....The emails started, the meetings started, the details started rolling in and soon she was knee deep into being a princess! In all seriousness, Elizabeth's grandmother, Phyllis Zarro, is the whole reason behind the princess Elizabeth Roberts for the House of Italy. What an honor it has been to be part of a community embraced in their culture and an organization that believes in giving back. Elizabeth attends meetings every other Sunday for the HPR. Once a month there is a community outreach opportunity. Last month the queens collected cans of food for Mama's Kitchen in front of the grocery store. This month they worked in their houses helping host. Our princess has mastered scooping spumoni! Next month we are off to a beach clean up and the list will go on. Elizabeth is active at school in sports, she is a soccer player. She is also a girl scout, last year earning her silver award and being the top cookie seller in her troop for 8 years running. Thank you for giving her this opportunity and allowing her to represent you as your princess.

Lynn Roberts (A very proud "Mamma")



Our Princess with "Il Nonno" Michael Zorro



Our Princess with Grazietta Di Constanza and Roberto Ruocco



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For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events,

Saturday & Sunday HOI Hosting

The House of Italy is now open from Noon to 5:00 pm on Sundays and when assigned by the HPR, Noon to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. Please call Bob D'Amico to volunteer for hosting duties @ 619-201-9278 .

Present hosting assignments:

MAR 12: DaMetz family

MAR 19: Bob & Nina Crochet

MAR 25 (Sat) Need volunteer

**MAR 26 (Sun) Shirley Christian &
Barbara LaRocca**

APR 1 (Sat) Need Volunteer

APR 2 (Sun) Need Volunteer

APR 8 (Sat) Angela Campanella

APR 9 (Sun) Cecile de Montvert

APR 15 Sat) Need volunteer

APR 16 (Sun) HOI is closed

Sunday, March 19th @ 5:30 pm will be our membership meeting at the Hall of Nations.

Sunday, April 16th: Easter. There will not be an HOI membership meeting. The HOI will be closed.

Sunday, May 21st @ 5:30 pm: HOI Membership meeting

Sunday, May 28th @ Noon: Ethnic Food Fair