



The House of Italy



From the President:

Saluti Sorelle e Fratelli,

What an amazing experience. It was a privilege to be present to the pageant where la nostra Bella principessa Elisabeth Roberts on 20 November 2016 was coronated princess of House of Italy.

And what an amazing experience the Dec 2-3 Christmas on the Prado: the weather was warm, the line of people in front of our booth was long, Jimmy Duke was brewing like a locomotive, Presidente Richard and Andrew were filling up the cannoli; but like I haven't seen it before, La Roccia, Capitano, Barbara and Maria were relaxed: we had runners and volunteers in a number superior to that expected and needed. So love was in the air.

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.

Carol will update you on the revenues we obtained... Also, Carol will change her hat and she will be sworn in as president at the beginning of year.

In stepping off the command bridge I want to thank all of you for the trust, opportunity, happiness, joy, friendship you gave me during these years. With me another officer is stepping out this boat:

VICTOR ANTONIO LARUCCIA, born in CALETONES, CHILE on 28 SETTEMBRE, 1941. In 10 years he built a legend in San Diego, the San Diego Italian Film Festival; but also provided quantity of wisdom and affection to HOI (and ICC).

I would like to thank you, VICTOR ANTONIO LARUCCIA, in the name of the entire house for all those years of work, wisdom, support and advise that you provided our Board of Directors

Now we can buy a fishing rod and go to Ocean Beach peer

Buon natale a tutti e Buone vacanze alle famiglie.





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House of Italy
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Executive Board

President:
Roberto Ruocco

1st Vice President :
Richard Tomasello

2nd Vice President:
Rich La Rocca
Secretary:
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VP Communications:

Don Santamaria
V P Hospitality:
Barbara La Rocca &
Nina Crochet
Vice President Weekly
Activities:
Robert D'Amico
Treasurer:
Carol Patterson
VP, Membership
Rich La Rocca
Web Master:
Don Santamaria

Sergeant-at-Arms:
Arya Zieghamna



NAVIGATOR

House of Italy Future Events

Cari Soci,

The slate of new House of Italy officers for 2017 will assume their responsibilities on January 1st, 2017. We wish them all continued success leading our club into the future.

As Roberto indicated in his opening remarks, December Nights (December 2 & 3) was a great success for our club thanks to the Bernadette Tarantino and Jim Duke organizations, and a special thanks to all our club volunteers and cookie makers! We could not succeed without your participation. Bravi!

Our December 18th Christmas membership Festa will feature music provided by our own talented duo Rosario Monetti and James Bianchi. The meeting starts at 5:00 pm in the Hall of Nations.

This will be a POTLUCK dinner with wine provided. The membership has been alphabetically grouped and assigned a type of dish to bring. Below are the assignments:

<u>Last Names from:</u>	<u>Dish</u>
L to R	Entrée
S to Z	Appetizer
A to B	Dessert
C to K	Salad or vegetable



The HOI Board for 2017

Roberto Ruocco has done a fantastic job as HOI president and we all thank him for his tireless energy in leading us these past several years. The board slate below will carry on the commission of leading the House of Italy in the year 2017.

President – Carol Gratzke

1st Vice President – Rich Tomasello

2nd Vice President – Rich LaRocca

3rd Vice President – Roberto Ruocco

Secretary – Shirley Christian

Treasurer – Barbara LaRocca

VP Communications – Don Santamaria

VP Hospitality – Co-Chairs – Nina Crochet & Barbara LaRocca

VP Weekly Hosting Activities – Bob D’Amico

VP Membership – André DaMetz

Web Master – Claudia Verano-DaMetz

VP – Legal Matters (By-Laws) – Ken Rose

VP – Calendar – Mike Ricciardi

James Cardinale Hill – Board member at large

Arya Zeighamna – Board member at large

Katie's Energy Saving Tips



Holiday Home Tips from SDG&E - Lend a Hand This Holiday Season!

The holidays are all about doing a little something extra for someone. If you'd like to lend a hand and show someone you care before, during and after the holidays, be sure to let them know about some money and energy savings programs that SDG&E offers its customers year 'round.

Wrapping it up for the holidays? There's no time like the present to show someone in need you CARE. Watch: <http://www.sdge.com/residential/care-video>

Be jolly, by golly! Whether you rent or own, you could be eligible to receive free energy-efficient home improvements that can make your home more comfortable and save you money now and for years to come. With the Energy Savings Assistance Program, SDG&E's authorized contractors will come to your home and may provide free:

New, energy-efficient lighting

Repair or replacement of doors and windows

Microwaves, refrigerators and high-efficiency clothes washers

Insulation, weather-stripping and caulking to lower heating and cooling costs

More information: <http://www.sdge.com/residential/energy-savings-assistance-program-video>

Yule be happy with the savings, fa la la la la, la la la la. Medical issues that require certain medical devices, space heating or air conditioning due to a medical condition, may qualify for a monthly energy bill discount. See if you, or someone you know, qualifies by clicking on this link: <http://www.sdge.com/residential/save-medical-baseline/medical-baseline-program>

Bring good tidings to a neighbor struggling to make ends meet this holiday season. SDG&E's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund provides customers experiencing temporary financial hardship and who are not eligible for state or federal assistance up to \$200 towards their SDG&E bill. Find out more. <http://www.sdge.com/residential/temporary-financial-hardship>

Don't get your tinsel in a tangle! Get Level Pay, know what your SDGE bill will be each month & enjoy the holidays! With Level Pay you can balance out the highs and lows so your monthly energy bills are more stable and predictable. Check it out: <http://www.sdge.com/customer-service/level-pay-plan>

Get the 411 on 2-1-1 San Diego just beClaus... 'tis the season to receive especially when in need. 2-1-1 San Diego's mission is to connect community members with the most appropriate organizations and resources. Learn more: <http://www.211sandiego.org/new/about.html>

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November HOI Meeting



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December Nights, 2016



HOUSE OF ITALY

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For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events,

**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 .

DEC 11: M & D Ricciardi

DEC 18: Nina & Bob Crochet

DEC 25: Buon Natale!

JAN 1: Buon Anno!

JAN 8: Chris Forte

JAN 15 Nina & Bob Crochet

Sunday, December 18th @ 5:00 pm will be our Christmas "Potluck" Festa meeting at the Hall of Nations.

