

# NAVIGATOR

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The House of Italy



### From the President:

Saluti Sorelle e Fratelli,

A Carnevale ogni scherzo vale! But the House of Italy does not do tricks, we do facts. LEX: legacy Entertainment, Exchange of culture, is our motto!

We start at our best with prof. Kevin Petti and his Anatomia Italiana, a fantastic true journey through sublimation of the anatomy of the human body which transforms organs in art.

What more Italian into it!

### 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.

Spread the word, call people to come, doesn't miss it! It is one time opportunity after 3 years from Prof. Patti first sold out lecture

We are also finalizing the organization of Grazie mille Cena, they appreciation dinner for those who participated to the Christmas on the Prado.

Last but not least, for those who forgot to renew their subscription, please don't forget.

Grazie ci vediamo domenica



## House of Italy Future Events



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**Cari Soci,**

**We are pleased to welcome back to the House of Italy for our February membership meeting Kevin Petti, Ph.D for another special presentation. His last appearance packed the House! His biography and lecture description is on page 3.**

**Admission for HOI members and guests is \$10 payable at the door. Dinner and wine will be served. Ci vediamo!**

**April 24th we will have our Lawn Program Starring Jim Bianchi and a cast of talented musicians & singers.**

**For our upcoming Sunday meeting, we could use some help in setting up and cleanup. We plan to start setting up tables around 4:00 pm in the Hall. If you can assist, please email Barbara LaRocca at: [blarocca001@san.rr.com](mailto:blarocca001@san.rr.com) and let her know. Grazie!**

**Saluti a voi,  
Don Santamaria**



## *Anatomia Italiana*

### *Art and Anatomy in the Italian Renaissance*

**Where:** the House of Italy-Hall of Nations, 2191 Pan American Rd W, San Diego, California 92101 **When:** 5:00pm on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Italy's medieval universities established the study of human anatomy for physicians. To heighten their art, Renaissance masters clandestinely examined anatomy through human dissection. The profound connection between art and science is best demonstrated by the genius of Michelangelo. Indeed, the wooden crucifix he carved in gratitude for secret access to corpses from a convent's hospital still hangs in the Basilica of Santo Spirito in Florence. This talk will examine the connection between art and science, and the history of anatomy education in the university.

Kevin Petti, Ph.D. is a dual U.S./Italian citizen, a college professor in the Departments of Science and Health at San Diego Miramar College, a textbook coauthor, and president emeritus of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society.



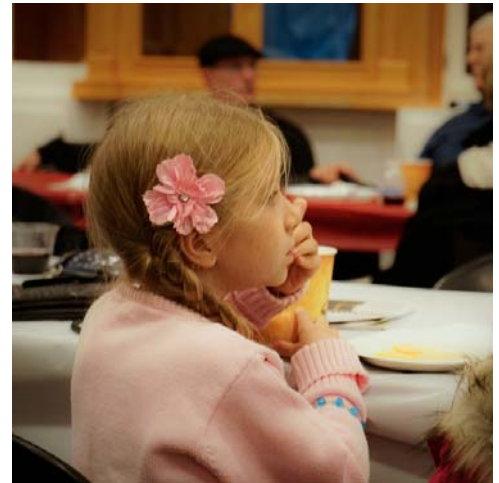
Dr. Petti teaches courses in human anatomy and physiology, human dissection, and health science. He also teaches study abroad courses into Italy that focus on the genesis of anatomy as a science and its influence on the Renaissance masters. His students range from anatomy professors pursuing continuing education to international programs for college students.

He is invited to speak about the connection between art and anatomy in medieval and Renaissance Italy at international conferences as well as various universities around the country. He has also been invited by the Italian government to speak at their Cultural Institutes in Los Angeles and New York City

Dr. Petti has a bachelor's degree from Humboldt State University, a master's degree from San Diego State University and a doctorate from the University of San Diego.



# January HOI meeting



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**For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events,  
 please go to: [www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com](http://www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com)**

**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 .

**February 14: Arya Zeighamna**

**February 21: Nina Crochet**

**February 23: Carol Patterson**

**February 28: Paula Sassi**

**March: Need volunteers!**

**Sunday, February 21st , 2016 @ 5:00 pm:**

**Membership meeting in the Hall of Nations building in Balboa Park.**

**New HPR Program!**

**Commencing Tuesday, January 26th, all the International Cottages will be open for visitors every 4th Tuesday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

**Nothing needs to be served. It’s strictly an “open house”.**

**Please call Bob D’Amico to volunteer.**