

NAVIGATOR

JANUARY, 2015



From the President:

Buon Anno a tutti, miei fratelli e mie sorelle, Vi auguro uno splendido anno pieno di tutto quello che volete

We started our year in search for a house. In fact, it will be months before we take possession of our premises. The City of San Diego has not moved one finger to start the works in the Hall of Nations. So we need find a Good Samaritan that can give us a dwelling. On 18 January we will be at Casa Del Prado. But after...only God knows.

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.

The bad news is that we lost a dear friend of ours, Frank Antonicelli, who passed on December 30, 2014. We are near with our prayers and thoughts to his young wife Sara Caburlotto and family.

But I have very good news to report. I learned that we have 2 new members of whom I am very proud: Gladys Jones, the Honorary Vice Consul of Peru and President of House of Peru, and her husband George Novinger, of the State Department and officer of HPR. Grazie to have joined the House of Italy.

Ci vediamo il 18 gennaio 2015



From the Christmas Festa!

House of Italy Future Events



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Cari Amici,

The Hall of Nations building which houses our monthly meeting room and the House of Italy remains closed for repairs. We anticipate that the building will be closed indefinitely. We will keep you posted on the renovation progress. In the interim, as the President indicated we will continue to pursue suitable places for our monthly meetings.

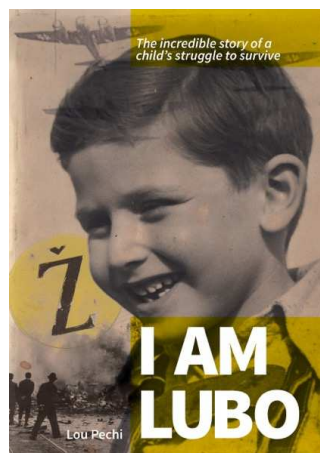
Our Sunday, January 18 membership meeting will be held in the Majorca Room (No. 101) in the Casa del Prado building in Balboa Park @ 5:00pm. This is a large room with a full kitchen and video screen.

Please refer to the map on page 3 for exact location and parking.

Below is a photo taken in the direction of the Cabrillo bridge with the Casa del Prado on the right.



Our guest speaker: We are absolutely delighted to have Louis Pechi who is both a distinguished writer and engineer who will discuss with us his magnificent book, “I AM LUBO”, the incredible story of a child’s struggle to survive during World War II. Please go to page 4 for a summary of his presentation to us, and his biography.



Louis will have a limited number of books available at the meeting. It is also available on Amazon with a Kindle version. (I AM LUBO—ISBN 9781478108962)

Don’t miss this meeting! Ci vediamo!

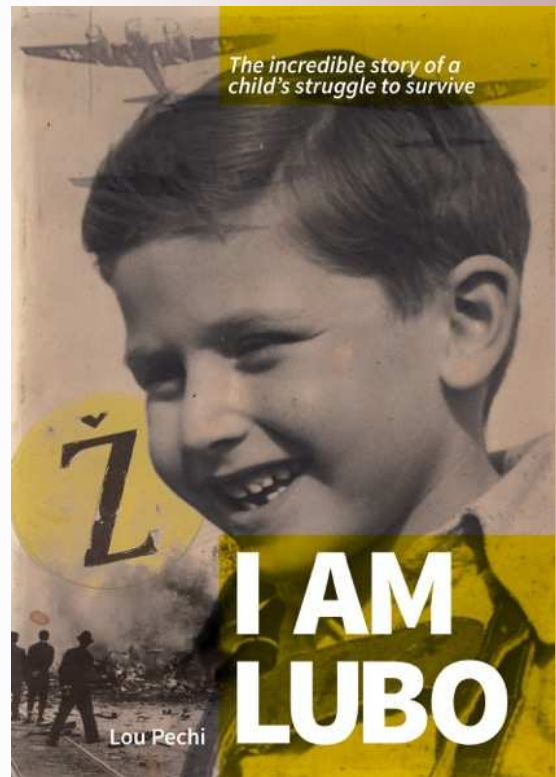
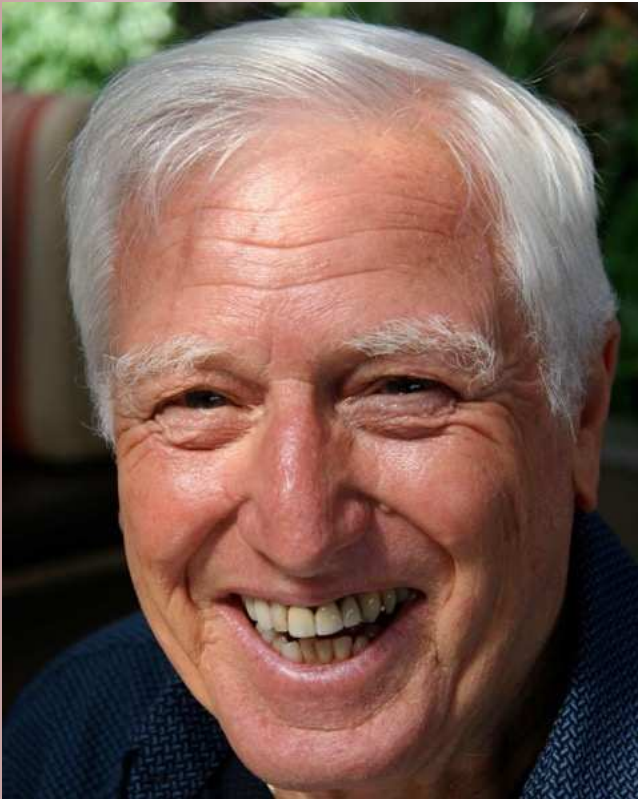
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The Casa del Prado is building 15 which is circled in red on the above map. The meeting room is on the first floor. The “P” symbols in the vicinity of the building denote parking lots available. Parking is also available in our usual lot behind the Organ Pavilion . It’s a short walk to our meeting room.

Lou Pechi and his incredible story of a child's struggle to survive



Lou Pechi, born in Zagreb, Yugoslavia came to United States in 1955. After serving in the US Air Force and obtaining his High School diploma through the GED test, he attended San Diego State University graduating with a BS in Physics. Subsequently he received an MBA degree from Pepperdine University. He pursued a long career in Engineering, Sales, Marketing, and Consulting. He is the author of 27 articles published in several industry publications: EE Times, EDN, EPN Power, and Electronic Design. For five years he wrote a monthly humorous column, "Dancing With Two Left Feet" for the Folk Dance Scene magazine. Lou and his wife Lenore live in San Diego. He is the father of two children.

Here is a brief summary of his presentation of the story of LUBO :

This is the story of Lubo, a seven-year-old Jewish child, growing up in Nazi Croatia during the Second World War. To save him, his parents send him to live with his Catholic uncle and aunt in Brod, a small provincial town. They hide him as their own child. At the age of eight the Nazis arrest him, ready to be sent to the concentration camp in Germany. Through intervention of friends and relatives he is released and escapes to join his parents in Italy. His story takes him to the liberation of Rome by the allies, return to Communist Yugoslavia, emigration to Israel, and final arrival to the United States.

The December House of Italy Christmas meeting



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**For information about the San Diego Italian Film Festival events,
 please go to: www.sandiegoitalianfilmfestival.com**

Sunday HOI Hosting

Due to the construction in the Hall of Nations building which affects the HOI, Sunday hosting duties are suspended until further notice.

For all other club information, email:
houseofitalysandiego@gmail.com



Sunday, January 18, 2015 @ 5:00 pm:

Membership meeting in the Casa del Prado building in Balboa Park in the Majorca room (No. 110). See pages 2 & 3 for more details.

The SDIFF 2015 Schedule of Events will be sent by separate email shortly.

