

# NAVIGATOR

JANUARY, 2018



## The House of Italy



### From the President: Felice Anno Nuovo!

It is with great anticipation that your new board begins its work for 2018. We have enjoyed many wonderful events during 2017 and are thankful for the volunteers who have given so much of their time to make the House of Italy a hospitable cottage to visit. Your contributions of self are so appreciated. Speaking of contributions, to those of you who volunteered at this year's International Christmas Fair (aka December Nights 2017) and to the many ladies who baked cookies, saying thank you just doesn't seem to be enough. Led by inexhaustible Don Santamaria, Rich LaRocca, Barbara LaRocca and Rich Tomasello, your time and energy devoted to make this year's event successful did just that. Thank you everyone! We are planning a volunteer appreciation dinner

### 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.

and once we have confirmed a date, time and restaurant you will be notified.

We have lots of activities planned this year so be sure to check out the calendar of events in each month's newsletter for details. January 21, 2018 will be our first meeting of the new year and along with the swearing in of board officers, our House of Italy Queen, Elizabeth Roberts, the granddaughter of Mike Zarro, will share with us her experiences as Princess during 2016 and 2017. We are also excited to hear about Jodie Hulden's journey in photography, which has taken her to many places around the world. Her photos decorate the walls of the House of Italy and we are so thankful for her contribution. A splendid menu has been selected and we look forward to seeing you there.

The House of Italy is your organization and your input is valuable. Do not hesitate to contact us by email with any ideas or suggestions. We are always looking for volunteers to host a Saturday or Sunday. Also, don't forget if you host during the month, the meal at that monthly meeting is on the House of Italy. See Bob D'Amico for signups. Let's make this year one to remember! I wish all of you a year of health, happiness and peace.

**See you at the Meeting!**  
**Carol Gratzke**



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House of Italy Events

**Cari Amici,**

**Our Sunday, January 21st Membership meeting will commence at 5:00 pm!**

**We have the pleasure of our own esteemed member, Jodie Hulden, presenting her spectacular photos from Zion National Park and other areas of interest. She will conclude with a “very special slideshow surprise”! Don’t miss it! Jodie will be available to discuss the purchase of her photos for interested members.**

**We will also have the pleasure of our House of Italy Queen, Elizabeth Roberts, the granddaughter of Mike Zorro, who will share with us her experiences as Princess during 2016 and 2017.**

**A buffet dinner with wine will be served. \$10 for members and \$15 for guests**

**As President Carol indicated in her letter to the membership on page 1, we are planning a volunteer appreciation dinner for the December nights 2017 volunteers and cookie makers. We will notify all when we confirm a date, restaurant and time by e-mail.**

**Page 6 shows the volunteer hosts for January and early February, 2018. Please give our Hosting Coordinator, Bob D’Amico, a call at: 619-201-9278 if you can volunteer. Bob will also be at the meeting and can sign you up at that time. Grazie!**

**See you at the meeting!**

**Don Santamaria**

## **House of Italy Calendar of Future Events**

**January 21, 2018:** HOI meeting: A journey through photography by Jodie Hulden. Meeting starts at 5:00 pm.

**February 18, 2018:** A presentation of Aceto Balsamico with Andrea Zarattini

**March 18, 2018:** A film presented by Cinema Little Italy.

**April 15, 2018:** SDSU students will do a presentation of their trip to Italy.

**May 20, 2018:** SDG&E presentation by Arnie Garcia

**June 17, 2018:** TBD

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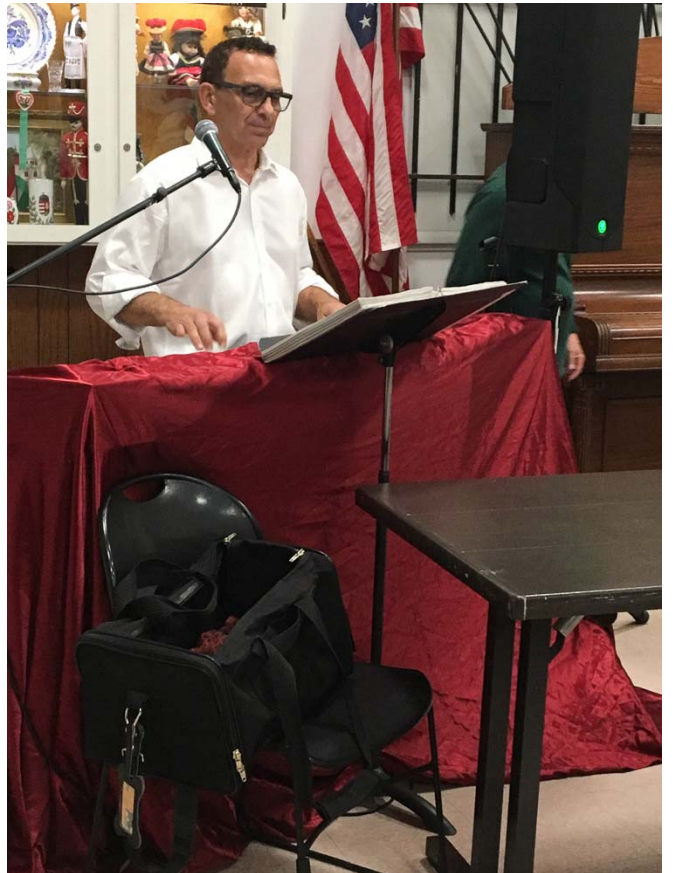




# Our Christmas Membership Festa, 2017







**HOUSE OF ITALY**  
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**[www.houseofitalysandiego.org](http://www.houseofitalysandiego.org)**

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

**Saturday & Sunday HOI Hosting**

The House of Italy is now open from  
 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sundays and  
 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays.  
 Please call Bob D'Amico to volunteer  
 for hosting duties @ 619-201-9278 .

**Sunday, January 21st:**

**HOI Membership Meeting @ 5:00  
 pm in the Hall of Nations.**

**HOI Hosting Assignments—2018**

**Saturday, JAN 13: D & M Santamaria**

**Sunday, JAN 14: Luisa Nagy & Andre  
 DaMetz**

**Saturday, JAN 20: Barbara LaRocca &  
 Shirley Christian**

**Sunday, JAN 21: Nina & Bob Crochet**

**Saturday, JAN 27: Need volunteers**

**Sunday, JAN 28: Josie Sarullo**

**Saturday, FEB 3: Need volunteers**

**Sunday, FEB 4: Need volunteers**

**Saturday, FEB 10: Need volunteers**

**Sunday, FEB 11: Lynn Roberts**

