

NAVIGATOR

JULY, 2017



The House of Italy



From the President: Carissimi Soci,

Our June meeting was pretty awesome with Andrea Zarattini's presentation on Italian Olive Oil. It was interesting and quite informative. We tasted Italian olive oil from four regions and many expressed their favorite to those of us who poured these delicious oils in small cups for tasting, each oil with its own distinct flavor. Members took pictures of the bottles and I bet they will scour the Internet looking for opportunities to purchase their favorite either here in the States or when they get to the Old Country. Thank you Andrea! We honored our former president, Roberto Ruocco, presenting him with the President's plaque, upon which his name is engraved. Thank you, Roberto, for your many years of tireless service to the House of Italy.

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.

As has been the custom of the House of Italy, we will not have any scheduled meetings in July and August. Don't forget to check out the calendar of events as we have the House of Italy Lawn Program on Sunday, August 6. James Bianchi and his band will entertain park guests from 2:00-3:00 pm. Come out and support your Italian compadres!

Also, for those who enjoy Italian conversation, be sure to check the website for the start of Rossella Chiolini's conversation classes in late August.

We will reconvene with monthly member meetings in September and are excited to announce our first meeting is on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Barbara Baxter and husband, Robert, will provide us with a presentation on Prosecco, the sparkling wine of the Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia regions. You don't want to miss this event!

Don't forget to sign up to help us out this summer with Saturday and Sunday hosting at the House of Italy. Bob D'Amico would love to hear from you. His cell number is (619) 201-9278.

Enjoy your summer!



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House of Italy Future Events

Our next Membership meeting will be on September 17th in the Hall of Nations at 6:00 pm. This will commence another year of fun-filled activities.

However, please note on our “Future events” list on page 4 that our HOI Lawn Program will be on Sunday, August 6th @ 2:00 pm at the outdoor stage near the HOI. We are pleased to welcome back the James Bianchi Italian Ensemble and look forward to another great performance!

Page 6 shows the volunteer hosts as of this date through early September. As you can see, we need some more volunteers to fulfill our hosting obligations. Please give our Hosting Coordinator, Bob D’Amico, a call at: 619-201-9278 if you can volunteer. Grazie!

Saluti a voi!

Don Santamaria



James Bianchi and “friend”

Felix Vincent 'Phil' Motisi

April 24, 1931 - June 23, 2017

EL CAJON — Phil was born in Brooklyn, New York. He worked at Rohr for 33 years; as a Sheriff Reserve Officer for 10 years; and as a RSVP for La Mesa PD and Santee Sheriff's Dept. up until his passing. Phil loved his family, music, travel and working with law enforcement. He was actively involved in local church and civic clubs. He proudly helped bring back the House of Italy in Balboa Park and was named Italian-American of the Year. Phil is survived by his wife Janice, son Anthony (Paula), daughter Carol (Allan) Arthur, sister Rosemarie McLain, and numerous loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 6 at 11am at Our Lady of Grace and he'll be laid to rest at El Camino Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital would be greatly appreciated.

Felix Motisi was President of the House of Italy from 1971-1974 and again in 1976



House of Italy Future Events

August 6, 2017: HOI Lawn Program featuring the James Bianchi Ensemble

September 17, 2017 HOI meeting: Barbara Baxter – Prosecco Presentation

October 15, 2017 HOI meeting: SDIFF movie

November 19, 2017 HOI meeting: SDG&E semi annual update

December 2-3, 2017 Christmas on the Prado Festival

December 17, 2017 HOI meeting: Christmas Potluck and musical medley with James Bianchi and Rosario Monetti

January 21, 2018 HOI meeting: Jodie Hulden – A journey through photography

The James Bianchi Italian Ensemble





San Diego High School Orchestra performing at Copley Symphony Hall



Napoli - Photo by Jodie Hulden

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

Saturday & Sunday HOI Hosting

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

**Sunday, August 6th @ 2:00 pm on-
 the outdoor stage near the HOI,
 come and enjoy our Italian Lawn
 Program!**

HOI Hosting Assignments

Saturday, 7/22: Arya Zeighamna
 Sunday, 7/23: Elisabetha Santana

Tuesday, 7/25: Need volunteer
11:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday, 7/29: Carol Gratzke
 Sunday, 7/30: Shirley Cristiani and
 Barbara LaRocca

Saturday, 8/5: Need volunteer
 Sunday, 8/6: Lynn Roberts & Princess
 Elizabeth

Wednesday, 8/9: Carol Gratzke 6:00—
 10:00 pm

Saturday, 8/12: Angela Campanella
 Sunday, 8/13: Elisabetha Santana

Saturday, 8/19: Angela Campanella
 Sunday, 8/20 Christine Calvano

Need volunteer

Tuesday, 8/22: Don Santamaria 11:00 am-
 3:00 pm

Saturday, 8/26: Need Volunteer
 Sunday, 8/27: Elisabetha Santana

Saturday, 9/2: Need volunteer
Sunday, 9/3 Need Volunteer

Saturday, 9/9: Need volunteer
Sunday, 9/10: Need Volunteer