

NAVIGATOR

NOVEMBER, 2017



The House of Italy



From the President:
Carissimi Soci,

Our October meeting of pizza, wine and movie went well. We missed all of you who were not able to join us. “Loro Chi?” was an interesting movie, to say the least.

We are approaching the time of year when we celebrate not only Thanksgiving but also Christmas. It is also the time of year when we have elections for the board of directors, which will take place at the November members’ meeting. Be sure to attend and should you wish to add your name to the slate, let us know.

For those of you who want to help out as a volunteer during the Christmas International Festival (known also as December Nights), be sure to sign up with Rich LaRocca and Don Santamaria for this fun

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.

event. They will have sign-up sheets available at the November members’ meeting

A reminder that at the November meeting we will welcome again Arnie Garcia, our SDGE representative, who was a real hit at the May 2017 meeting and left us with some really great tips on lowering our utility costs. Also, he will update us on the changes that went into effect on November 1st. If you are interested in reducing your utility costs, you do not want to miss his presentation. I am amazed how our electric bill has gone down just by applying the simple suggestions you will find on the SDGE website. Be sure to be at our November meeting!

Christine Calvano will present the members with an art project for a potential Christmas present. You do not want to miss our November meeting and participate in the wine bag decoration project.

We still need you to sign up to help us host on Sundays for November and December. Bob D’Amico would love to hear from you. His cell number is (619) 201-9278. Also, as a reminder to all of you who do host on either Saturday or Sunday, your dinner is on the House of Italy at the following monthly meeting. Bob D’Amico will make sure your name is on the list of hosted volunteers.

See you soon!



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House of Italy Future Events

Cari Amici,

Our Sunday, November 19th Membership meeting will feature Arnie Garcia from SDG&E who will update us on the latest information to help us lower our utility bill. Further, after dinner Christine Calvano will present the members with an art project for a potential Christmas present. For those of you who missed the HOI Lawn Program in August featuring the James Bianchi musical group, we will play the video of their performance during dinner. There will also be elections for the 2018 Board of Directors.

Our meeting will start @ 6:00 pm which will be followed by a buffet dinner with wine. \$10 for members and \$15 for guests.

The Christmas on the Prado (December Nights) festival will be on Friday and Saturday, December 1 & 2. This is our major money-maker for the following year. We will need volunteers to participate as servers and cashiers at the food, coffee and cookie stations. An e-blast to all members will be sent out shortly requesting volunteers to work the event.

Page 3 has more details about the event.

Page 4 shows the volunteer hosts as of this date through December. 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. Bob will also be at the meeting and can sign you up at that time. Grazie!

Saluti a voi!

Don Santamaria



Portovenere — Photo by Jodie Hulden

House of Italy Future Events

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

December 1 & 2, 2017 Christmas on the Prado (December Nights) Festival

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

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

DECEMBER NIGHTS, December 1 & 2, 2017

Cari Amici,

The Festival hours for food sales on Friday will be from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm. On Saturday, from Noon to 10:00 pm.

As last year, we will again be participating with the support of the Tarantino Gourmet Company. Our setup for selling sausage sandwiches and hot dog sandwiches along with Cannoli, and soft drinks will be from the Tarantino tent. The Tarantino group will provide all the equipment to produce the meat products for sale.

The Patio will again feature Jim Duke and his team making some fabulous coffee delights. We will be selling Cannoli at both the Tent and the Patio operation. We anticipate putting a “Cookie” table featuring home-baked products from the HOI members next to the Tarantino tent as we did last year. Barbara LaRocca will be sending out a separate e-blast to HOI members requesting volunteers to make and serve the cookies. Since the cookie bags are sealed, cookie table volunteers do not need a Food Handlers certificate.

You must be a qualified food handler to serve food & coffee except for cookie sales. Cashiers do not need to be qualified food handlers.

Volunteer sign-up forms for both Friday and Saturday, DEC 1 & 2 will be sent out shortly.

This is our major fund raising event of the year. We need a strong team effort from all members to be successful.



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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, November 19th: HOI Mem-
 bership Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the
 Hall of Nations**

HOI Hosting Assignments

Saturday, NOV 18: SDCC hosts
Sunday, NOV 19: Nina & Bob Crochet
Saturday, NOV 25: Christine Calvano
**Sunday, NOV 26: Pam Geiger & Alicia
 Weinert**
Saturday DEC 2: December Nights
Sunday DEC 3: Closed
Saturday, DEC 9: SDCC hosts
Sunday, DEC 10: Need volunteer
Saturday, DEC 16: Need volunteer
Sunday, DEC 17: Nina & Bob Crochet
Saturday DEC 23: Need volunteer

Sunday, DEC 24: HOI closed

Saturday, DEC 30: Need volunteer

Sunday, DEC 31: HOI closed