



NAVIGATOR

MARCH, 2024

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.



Entrance of House of Italy San Diego



House of Italy Bar

Carissimi Soci,

We have changed our clocks and welcomed in spring. Hopefully we will see more days of sunshine going forward. Our March member meeting was a packed event and Franca Barricelli's presentation on Goldoni, Verdi and the Myth of Venice helped us through the blurry origins and historical longevity of Venice as it was called "Serenissima".

We are excited about our April 21st member meeting as **David Bennet**, General Manager of the San Diego Opera, will be the guest speaker. This will be a treat for all of us. And if you haven't yet purchased your tickets for Madama Butterfly check out the flyer details in this month's Navigator for the link to purchase the tickets at a **20% discount** exclusive for HOI members.

And please don't forget to send an email to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org to reserve your space for April's member meeting.

We are also excited to announce the open enrollment for the **2024 House of Italy Scholarship**. The documents are also included in this month's Navigator. Read the documents carefully and if you have a family member who might qualify be sure to send them the paperwork to complete and return before the deadline of May 24, 2024.

Don't forget to **sign up to host the house** on either Saturday or Sunday. We are working on filling the hosting calendar with volunteers for June, July and August. If you are available we would love to hear from you. Send an email to jcpatterson@sbcglobal.net. Don't be a stranger!

For those of you who do not have a food handler's certificate it is easy to attain one and will enable you to serve our food and drink items to Balboa Park visitors. The websites to take the course and obtain a food handler's certificate are:

www.cafoodhandlers.com, course takes 75 minutes, cost is \$7.95.

www.premierfoodsafety.com, course takes 90 minutes, cost is \$9.95

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. Let's make this another memorable year! I wish all of you a year of health, happiness and peace.

See you Sunday April 21st!



Otranto (Puglia)

2024 HOUSE OF ITALY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is open enrollment for the **2024 scholarship program**. Watch your inbox for more information, deadlines and eligibility criteria as they are being sent out in a separate message.

All inquiries must be directed to **Michael Ricciardi**: 619-813-7194 (text is preferred) or mtricciardi@cox.net.

Recipients of the scholarship will be announced during the HOI dinner in June.

APRIL EVENT

April 21, 2024 presentation by **David Bennet**, General Manager of the San Diego Opera



SAN DIEGO OPERA

HOI is planning a day at the opera on **Sunday April 28, 2024 at 2pm** to see Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*. We have been offered a **20% discount** on all tickets.

If you are interested **follow the link below** to purchase tickets. The HOI discount should come at the end, at the time of purchase.

If you do purchase tickets and want to join us for dinner afterwards, email Barbara LaRocca at barbdelmar@gmail.com

For ease, the link that takes you directly to the offer to purchase tickets is: <https://tickets.sdopera.org/events?promo=HOI20>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19, 2024 **Antonio Iannotta** Italian Films and the ristretto awards
- June 16 Father's Day Possible Karaoke night

PAST EVENTS



Franca Barricelli's lecture



HOI March Members Dinner 2024



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Michela Di Bella and her homemade St. Joseph's bread



Michela Di Bella's bread



Jeff Landon hosting the House of Italy

We want **YOU** on the Navigator.

We like to see you, our members, involved in the HOI activities! Whether you are hosting the HOI, snapping selfies at the HOI monthly events, email your pictures to svenneri239@gmail.com and you'll be featured on the next newsletter.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNER

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