

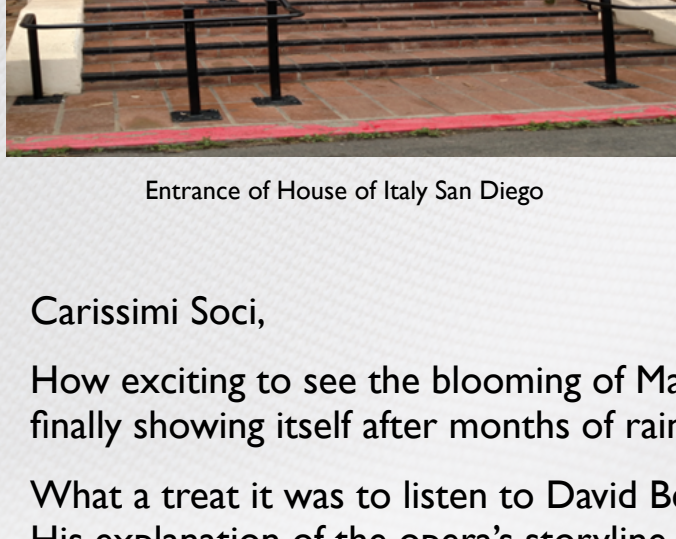


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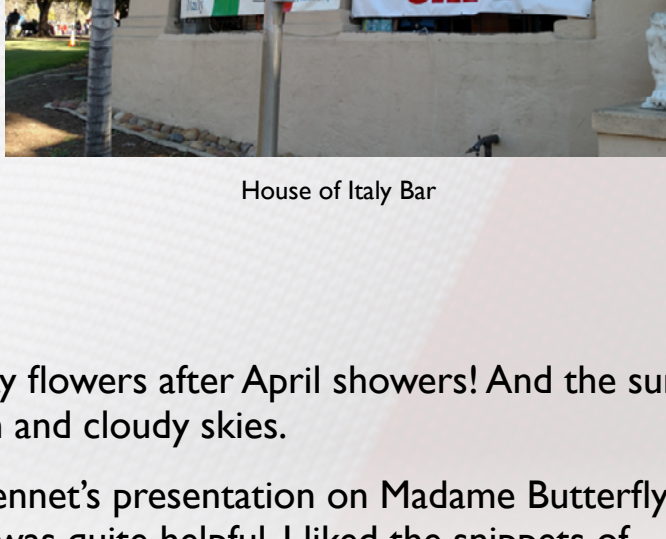
MAY, 2024

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,

How exciting to see the blooming of May flowers after April showers! And the sun is finally showing itself after months of rain and cloudy skies.

What a treat it was to listen to David Bennet's presentation on Madame Butterfly. His explanation of the opera's storyline was quite helpful. I liked the snippets of songs he chose to illustrate his commentary. It was a helpful prelude to seeing the opera. I thank David and the San Diego Opera House for giving the House of Italy members a 20% discount on tickets.

For the May member meeting, which will be held on **Sunday May 19, 2024**, we will vote the revised Bylaws for the House of Italy, which have been sent to all members several times. Please read them and we request your presence for this very important vote. These revisions must be ratified by the membership.

We are pleased to announce that **Antonio Iannotta** will join us on **May 19th** for a presentation on *"The Best Cinema in the World – A lecture on Contemporary Italian Cinema from WWII to Now"*. You do not want to miss this most interesting presentation on Italian Cinema. Be sure to send in your RSVP to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org on or before **Thursday May 16** to reserve your place and to help our chef Mark in food preparation.

As a reminder, we are in the open enrollment period for the 2024 House of Italy Scholarship. 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. If you need the application documents send a request to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org and we will send them to you.

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 July and August. We still need volunteers for Sunday June 23. 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 you can easily attain one to help serve 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 May 19th!



Racale, Puglia

2024 HOUSE OF ITALY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There is open enrollment for the **2024 scholarship program**. If you need the application documents send a request to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org and we will send them to you. 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.
- During the HOI's May 19, general membership meeting--which will commence at 5:00 pm, the members present will be asked to vote to approve the updated HOI ByLaws. **The document with the bylaws will be emailed to the members in the next few days.**
- This year the House of Italy will be hosting the **Lawn Program** on August 11th. We have something exciting in store, so stay tuned!
- Cinema Little Italy is screening an Italian movie with English subtitles. More information in the flyer below.



The Magic of Italian Cinema
is yours all year. **Cinema Little Italy** will present once a month, great Italian films with English subtitles.

Summer Little Italy Film Festival 2024
FIREHOUSE MUSEUM THEATER
in Little Italy, San Diego.

CINEMA LITTLE ITALY is returning this summer with the same great movies, indoors at the FIREHOUSE MUSEUM THEATER. Of course, there will be the usual mix of comedy, romance, adventure, drama, fantasy, action, crime, music, mystery, history, Italian thrillers.

As only the Italians can present!

Films will be shown on the first Saturday of the month and on summer holiday Saturdays.

Program

- May 4 Friends by Chance
- May 25 The Traitor/Il Traditore
- June 1 Caesar Must Die
- July 6 Ennio
- Aug 3 L'Immensita
- Aug 31 Zamora

Cinema Little Italy is a non-profit organization committed to sharing an understanding and appreciation of Italian culture, past and present, through its world famous Cinema.

Cafe: 6:30 PM
Film Begins: 7:00 PM
Tickets: \$12/each
Contribution at Door

<http://cinemalittleitaly.com>



Scan to CLI website for details

MAY EVENT

May 19th: Antonio Iannotta presents *"The Best Cinema in the World – A lecture on Contemporary Italian Cinema from WWII to Now"*, a presentation on Italian Cinema.

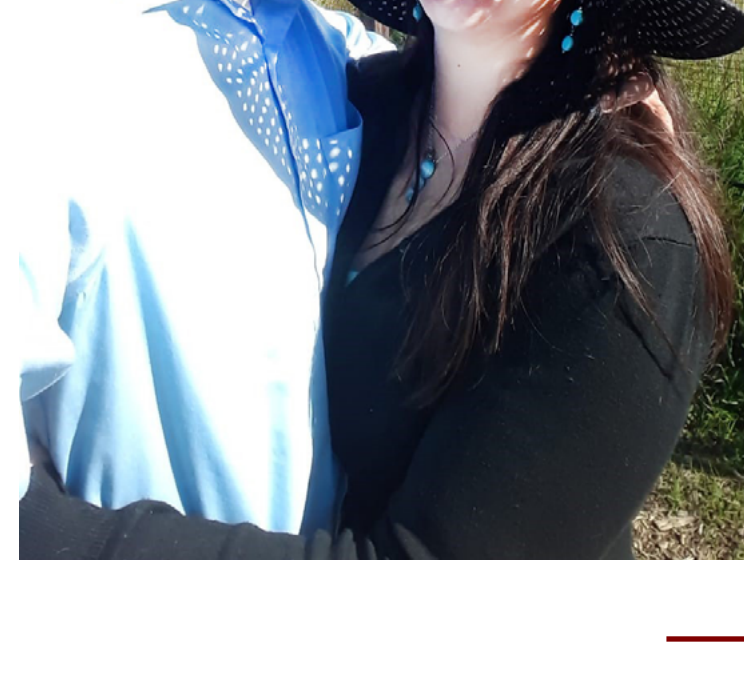
To ensure a proper head count, please make sure to send your RSVP **no later than Thursday May 16** to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org. By doing so you'll reserve your spot for the event and help our chef, Mark Pelliccia, to plan for the food. If you have dietary preferences or restrictions, please make sure to include that in your message.

The fee for members is \$15, guests and \$20 for guests and non members. Payments with cash or credit cards can be made at the door or online through the HOI Paypal account [HERE](#)



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

This month's highlight goes to **Sid Kundalkar** and **Sara Venneri**. Sid is an Indian-born naturalized Italian-American, while Sara (was) was born and raised in Italy. They met in 2014 while studying for their Master's in Blacksburg (VA) and they have been married since 2015. Sara



and Sid enjoy comparing and contrasting their cultures and being surprised at the many similarities! In the spare time, Sid enjoys photography (the photos of Italy you get to see in the Navigator are all his!) while Sara can be found experimenting in the kitchen, as she is an avid baker, or using her graphic designer skills for the House of Italy. Sara and Sid joined the HOI towards the end of 2023 and as immigrants, they love being part of an organization that makes them feel at home and that promotes the conviviality and human connections and relationships that are synonyms with the Italian culture. At the HOI, Sara proudly serves as *Chair of Communication* and she takes care of the Navigator and all communications via email while Sid is supporting her endeavors as her tech and text consultant.

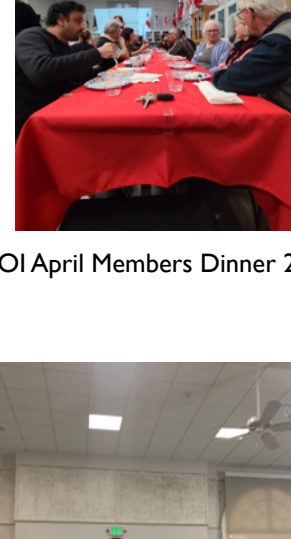
PAST EVENTS



David Bennet's presentation



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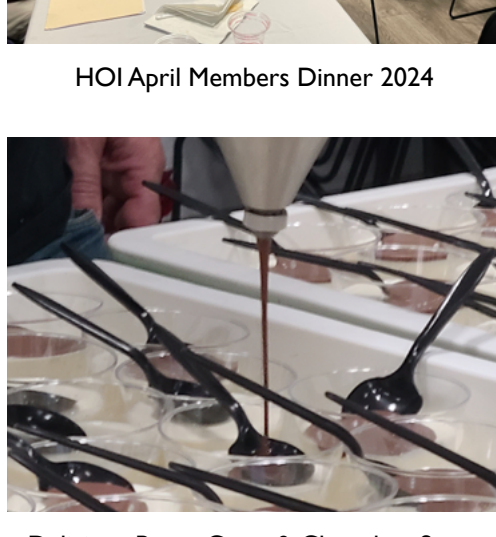
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Chef Mark Pelliccia



Delicious Panna Cotta & Chocolate Sauce



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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. **All new members are invited to submit a photo and a short bio to be highlighted in the next issues of the Navigator.**

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNER

SDG&E recognizes the House of Italy as a collaborating partner and as such information is sent monthly to you, our members, to ensure you are updated on the latest **SDG&E** products, services and resources. Additional information is also available at their website <http://www.sdge.com/residential>

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