



NAVIGATOR

APRIL 2025

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

Ciao amici and soci,

We had a wonderful meeting with Dr. Petti at the March member event. His presentation, “Blessed Bones: The Human Body and Religious Expression in Italy” was very interesting. We had a full house and Mark’s dinner was delicious. We do not have an event in April since our meeting date falls on the same Sunday designated for Easter.

Our next member meeting will be on Sunday May 18, starting at 5:00 pm. Dr. Antonio Iannotta will do a presentation on Italian film. If you were here for his presentation last year, you know that it will be an event not to miss. We will send out a flyer at the beginning of May and it will also be included in the May Navigator. Don’t forget to email an RSVP to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org to reserve your spot. Be sure to do so by **Thursday May 15** so we have enough food for everyone.

The House of Italy Scholarship application filing period is in full swing. All members were sent an email with three documents attached on March 31. The final day for application submission is May 18, 2025.

Be sure to read the eligibility requirements and share this information with your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren who are graduating from high school this June 2025 or who are currently attending college.

Revised Dinner Fees: In the March Navigator everyone was notified of the revised dinner fees, effective April 1, 2025. The revised price is \$20 for members and \$25 for member guests. The dinner continues to include an antipasto, salad, bread, main entree, dessert and wine. We are delighted Mark is continuing to offer us delicious dinners.

Don’t forget to sign up to host the house on either a Saturday or Sunday. One of your responsibilities as a member is to host the HOI at least once during a calendar year. We appreciate very much those of you who host more than once. Please give Anna Phaimany your availability for hosting. Her email address is: alseyer505@gmail.com

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 minimal and www.premierfoodsafety.com, course takes 90 minutes, cost is minimal.

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 continue to make this year one to remember! I wish all of you a year of health, happiness and peace.

See you Sunday May 18th



Otranto (Puglia) Ph. Siddhartha Kundalkar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April Easter Sunday - No meeting
- May 18, 2025 Antonio Iannotta - The world of Italian Films
- June 15, 2025 – TBA
- July 19, 2025 – Summer vacation - no meeting
- August 10, 2025 – House of Italy Lawn Program
- September 21, 2025 – N. Scott Robinson, Ph.D. & Sara Venneri - La pizzica Salentina

MEMBERSHIP NEWS CORNER

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We are pleased to inform that SDGE has generously donated \$2500 to the House of Italy. We are very happy to have such great partnership in our corner.

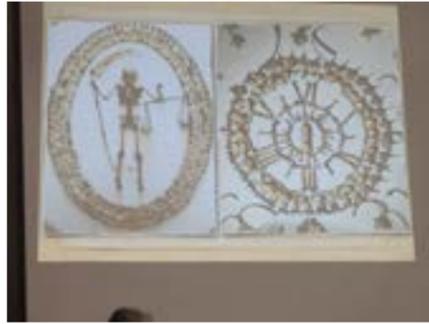
APRIL EVENT

No members' dinner will be held in April. We wish you a happy Easter!



PAST EVENTS





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 issue of the Navigator.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

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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