

NAVIGATOR

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 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

Ciao carissimi membri,

I trust you are well and your summer was filled with memorable events. Speaking of memorable, the House of Italy's lawn program was an exciting musical event, one definitely to remember. Mark Pelliccia provided wood oven made pizzas and Rosario Monetti, with DivoDiva, provided fun tasting coffee specialties. Iris Moné and Dan Ochipinti entertained park visitors with a performance that had the park rocking. It was fun watching participants get into the groove with dancing and singing. Even in your seat you could feel your body rocking to the fun music. Sara Venneri finished the program with a demonstration of the Pizzica, a Pugliese traditional dance that represents, expressively, the pain of being bitten by a tarantula.

Be sure to check out all of the lawn program photos in this month's newsletter.

Also in this issue we say good bye to a long time friend of the House of Italy, Joseph Annino, whose obituary is included in this month's newsletter.

September kicks off the beginning of Fall member meetings. We are excited to announce that Alice Dal Moro will present us with a tasting of wines from the several regions.

Mark will prepare a delicious dinner so you do not want to miss this "kick off the Fall season" event. **Don't forget to RSVP by September 12!**

Also, the San Diego Italian Film FeStivale begins its season in October. Sara Venneri sent out an email with all of the details. Here is a link should you want to purchase tickets.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDtRsAW10sA>

Also, don't forget to sign up for hosting. We have a couple of days to fill in September, the 8th and 28th and in October we need volunteers for **Oct 5, 6 and 13.**

All of November's Saturdays and Sundays need volunteers, so please let us know your availability in an email to jcpatterson@sbcglobal.net.

See you on September 15.

Carol



Otranto (Puglia)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- San Diego Italian Film FeStivale kicks off its season in October.

IN MEMORIAM



Joseph Annino

Joseph Salvatore Annino died at age 90 at his home in La Jolla, California surrounded by his family. Joe grew up in Brooklyn, New York to Sicilian parents, Rosina (nee Circo) and Francesco Annino, Joe is survived by his siblings, Josephine Stricker; Alfredo and Zen; George and Charlotte; and Salvatore and Peter Dennis. He was preceded in death by his older brother Dominic. He is also survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary (nee Osgood) and children Frank and Janet, Carol and Stan; and Joe and Micki, as well as his four beloved grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

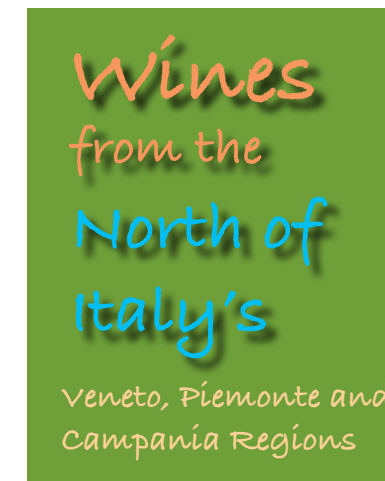
Joe's childhood was filled with big family meals, games of stickball in the street, weekend movies, laughter and love. In school, Joe excelled in mathematics, making it possible for him to attend Brooklyn Tech. After a short stint at Brooklyn College, he, along with two friends, left New York for Los Angeles. They rented an apartment in Santa Monica, purchased a car for \$100, acquired restaurant jobs, and enrolled at Santa Monica City College. Joseph later transferred to USC. Upon graduation, he worked briefly for North American Aviation before accepting a job offer from the UCLA Computer Center, where he met the love of his life, Mary. A turning point in the young couple's life occurred when Joe took a leave of absence from UCLA to work at Euratom in Ispra, Italy. Joe and Mary had a lovely house on Lago Maggiore, where they entertained friends who christened their home "Spiaggia Annino" (Annino Beach). Shortly after Franklyn was born, they returned to California where Joe began a 33-year career at a software startup called CACI.

Joe enjoyed travel, tennis, beach picnics and films. After retiring, Joe embraced his Italian heritage by devoting himself to studying Italian, joining the boards of the Italian Institute of Culture in the House of Italy in Balboa Park, and co-founding the San Diego Italian Film Festival. He was responsible for acquisitions, researching Italian

films and contacting distributors, many of whom he met at the Venice Film Festival. Joe and Mary would attend the festival every year. Joe eventually left the SDIFF to establish another local film festival called Cinema Little Italy. Sharing the best of Italian cinema with the community gave Joe so much pleasure.

With the help of a friend who was an Italian lawyer, Joe was able to acquire Italian passports for himself, Mary, his three children, their spouses and his grandchildren. His greatest hope for his family was that they pursue a life that included those things that gave him the most satisfaction in life: language study and travel.

SEPTEMBER EVENT



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER, 15TH,
2024
5:00PM**

ALICE DAL MORO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ASOLO, ITALY, A SMALL MEDIEVAL HILL TOWN JUST NORTH OF VENICE IN THE PROSECCO WINE REGION.

ALICE EARNED HER ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN SPANISH AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

SHE WORKED IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY AND CURRENTLY REPRESENTS SEVERAL WINERIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD. FOR OUR HOUSE OF ITALY WINE TASTING, SHE HAS CHOSEN 3 WINES FROM THE NORTHEAST AREA OF ITALY.

The final date for the RSVP, is **Thursday, Sept. 12th** so we give Mark sufficient time to get the dinner prepared. The RSVP must be sent to our email address: houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org

Members \$20
Guests \$25



You can easily use the PayPal link or scan the QR with your phone to pay for the event.
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=4EVTMZCYCRWQ6N

If you'd like to pay in advance to reserve your spot, you can [CLICK HERE](#) for the Paypal account.

PAST EVENTS





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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 issue of the Navigator.