

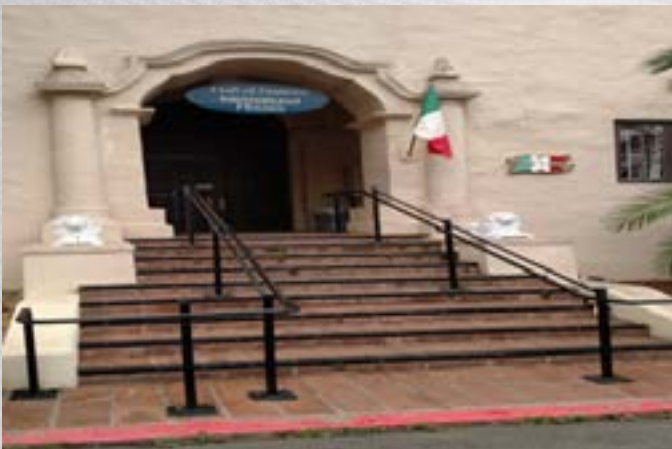


NAVIGATOR

FEBRUARY, 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

Carissimi soci,

Many thanks and kudos to Paola Richard for her very interesting presentation on the history of gelato! I did not know there was so much history surrounding this wonderful dessert and I have a new appreciation for its evolution over time and how artisans are still working to not only make it taste better but with additional flavors to enjoy. We were treated to a cup of Stracciatella (chocolate ripple) or for those who prefer something without milk, a strawberries-lemon sorbet.

Our February meeting will take place on Sunday, February 16 and we are excited that Chiara Capobianco is returning to serenade us with beautiful harp music. Don't forget to email an RSVP to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org to reserve your spot. Be sure to do so **by Thursday February 13** to help Mark with food preparation for everyone.

Diane Kenney is spearheading the membership roster, which includes renewals and new memberships. Please read her column in this month's newsletter so you are aware of how she will be contacting you as your membership renewal comes due.

Don't forget to sign up to host the house on either Saturday or Sunday. 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

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

Anna Phaimany is sending out emails asking for volunteers and thanks to your responses the months of January through March are just about filled.

By the way, my food handler's certificate expires this March and I received a notice that I can renew it again for three years for only \$5.00. I did note that there are members whose food handler's certificate will expire this year. Hopefully, you will receive a similar email and take advantage of the savings.

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

See you Sunday February 16th



Otranto (Puglia) Ph. Siddhartha Kundalkar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 16, 2025 - Chiara Capobianco - Harpist
- March 16, 2025 Dr. Kevin Petti - Art and Anatomy
- April Easter Sunday - No meeting
- May 18, 2025 Antonio Iannotta - The world of Italian Films
- June 15, 2025 – TBD

MEMBERSHIP NEWS CORNER

As your membership director, I wanted to share that you will be receiving email notices regarding membership dues from me using the following email address:
houseofitaly.membership@gmail.com.

Typically, your membership is good for one year and membership must be renewed annually. We appreciate the support of our members, and your membership has allowed us to:

- Provide scholarship to college bound students
- Hold several community events such as the lawn program and December nights
- Have cultural related presentations during our monthly membership meetings
- Be able to reach 300 visitors weekly during our open house each weekend and share our love of our Italian ancestry

We hope you will renew your membership when you receive your due notice. Should you have any questions on your membership you can reach me at houseofitaly.membership@gmail.com.

Cordialmente,
Diane Kenney
Director, Membership

FEBRUARY EVENT

On February 16th at 5:00 PM Chiara Capobianco will delight us with a wonderful harp performance, while we feast on the dinner prepared for us by the chef Mark Pelliccia.

Don't forget to confirm your attendance by February 13th by sending out an email to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests and you may pay at the door or online on the [HOI PayPal account](#).



CHIARA CAPOBIANCO

February 16th, 5:00PM Hall of Nations

RSVP by February 13th at

houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org

Pay online [HERE](#)

\$15 members \$20 guests

Chiara is a freelance harpist, alongside orchestras and solo recitals, she plays extensively for all manners of events including corporate cocktail parties, award ceremonies, private parties, cruises and weddings. Chiara moved to southern California two years ago. Alongside her harp performances, she also teaches harp and piano at La Jolla Music, Villa Musica Sorrento Valley and private instruction sessions.

Get in touch with Chiara:

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- YT <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2oMPyBwhoCR8HaJAehgxng>
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- IG www.instagram.com/capobianco.chiara/
- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/why-you-should-book-unconventional-harpist-chiara-capobianco>

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.