

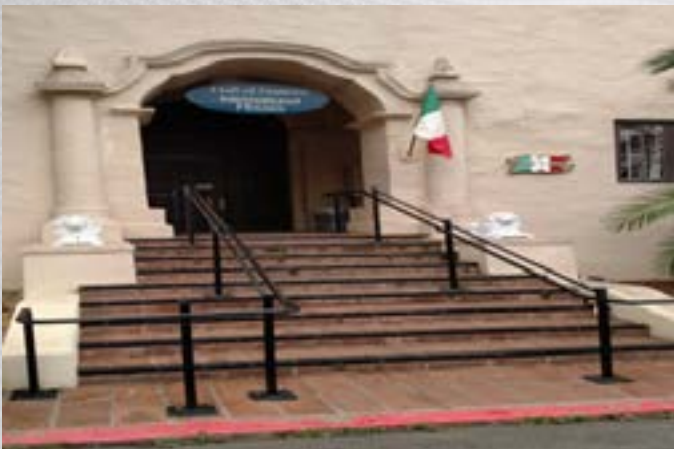


NAVIGATOR

JANUARY, 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,

Felice Anno Nuovo! Happy New Year!

Wow, December was a month to remember with good weather and fun gatherings with family and friends as we celebrated the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's holidays.

To start off the New Year, we are excited about January's meeting with Paola Richard of GelatoLove who will do a presentation on the history of gelato. We will have the opportunity to taste her gelato and being a lover of gelato, I cannot wait.

Don't forget to email an RSVP to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org to reserve your spot. Be sure to do so by **Thursday January 16** so we have enough food and gelato for everyone.

I want to thank all of you who worked the International Christmas Festival last December. We appreciate you volunteers and your hard work. Considering all expenses, this year's net profit will be around \$8,000 which is incredible.

A big cheer goes to the cannoli makers who produced 2,000 cannoli!

Thanks also to Rosario and Vittoria of DivoDiva, who, as baristas, sold lots of coffee items.

As has been done in the past, we shall celebrate together an evening of "ringraziamento". Stay tuned for the date, time and place.

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.

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 January 19th



Otranto (Puglia) Ph. Siddhartha Kundalkar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 19, 2025 Sunday Member meeting: Paola Richard of Gelatolove
The History of Gelato
- February 16, 2025 - TBA
- March 16, 2025 Dr. Kevin Petti - Art and Anatomy
- April Easter Sunday - No meeting
- May 18, 2025 Antonio Iannotta - The world of Italian Films

JANUARY EVENT

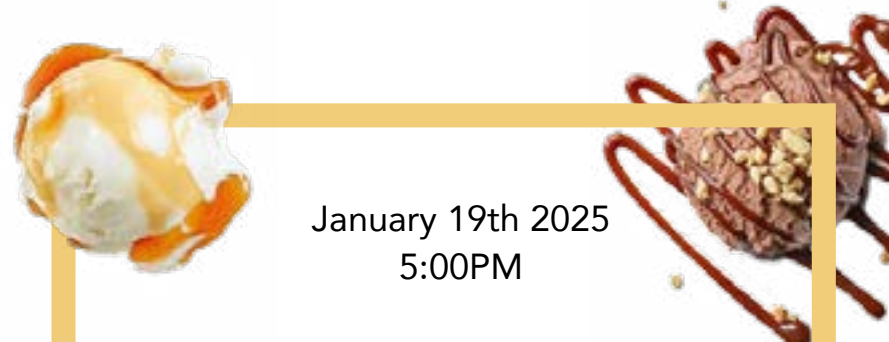
The January event features a delicious lecture about the history of gelato delivered by Paola Richard, President and CEO of GelatoLove. We'll be treated to samples of this delectable treat while we learn about how it came to be and how it evolved in time.

The event will take place on January 19th at 5:00PM at the Hall of Nations; the deadline to reserve your spot is **January 16th**, and you can do so by sending an email to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org letting us know how many people will be in attendance.

The fee can be paid at the door with cash, check or card or if you'd like to pay online you can follow [this link](#).



Join us for this tasty treat at the Hall of Nations



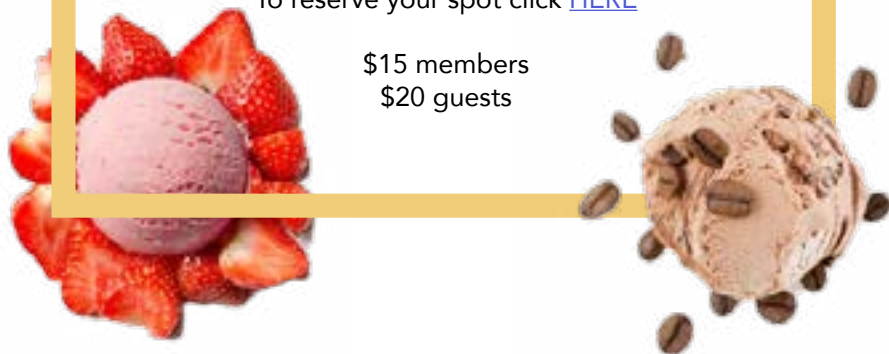
The History of Gelato

Paola Richard
President and CEO of GelatoLove

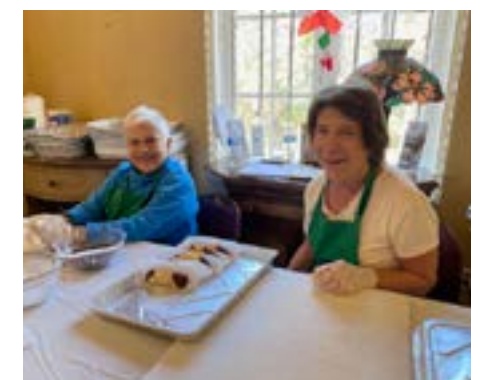
RSVP at houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org
by 01/16/2025

To reserve your spot click [HERE](#)

\$15 members
\$20 guests



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 sveneri239@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.



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