



NAVIGATOR

OCTOBER, 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

Cari membri,

What a grand time we had at the wine tasting member meeting on Sunday September 15. Alice Dal Moro introduced three wines, La Spinetta Timorasso, a white wine from the Piemonte region, a red wine Tenuta Santa Maria di Gaetano Bertani, a Valpolicella Classico superior DOC from the Veneto region and lastly a second red, Rocca Del Principe Aglianico Irpinia DOC from the Campania region. It was a fun evening and with Alice Dal Moro's charming personality and Mark's delectable dinner we went home happy, with some of us being the proud owners of one of the remaining uncorked bottles.

October kicks off a month of celebrating the Italian America Heritage. You can celebrate Italian culture and heritage with us at the member meeting on Sunday October 20. The HOI Board elected to hold a panel discussion with members of the House of Italy who emigrated to the United States. We are excited to hear their stories and besides the questions we have prepared for them, you will have an opportunity to ask one. It will be fun getting to know these adventuresome members. Check out the flyer in this month's Navigator. Don't forget to RSVP by October 17!

Also, the San Diego Italian Film FeStivale begins its season in October. Sara Venneri has sent out a reminder email to everyone with all of the details. Don't forget HOI members receive a discount of \$2 with the code HOIMEMBER2. Here is a link should you want to purchase tickets. <https://sandiegoitalianfilmfestival2024.eventive.org/schedule/66afc78a8ca49b00999a5632>

One more important detail, don't forget to sign up for hosting. Anna Phaimany is helping with scheduling Saturdays and Sundays for both November and December 2024. Please give her the same courtesy you have always shown me when asked to host. And as a reminder, all members are obligated to host at least one weekend day per year.

We have a link to obtain your food handler's certificate at a minimal cost.

We appreciate you letting us know your availability in an email to annareyes505@icloud.com.

See you on October 20th.

Carol



Otranto (Puglia)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct 20, 2024 Sunday Member meeting: Celebrating Italian American Heritage Month Through the Eyes of Italian Immigrants
- November 17, 2024 Sunday Member meeting: Joe Pasquale
- December 20, 2024 Saturday Member meeting: Holiday dinner with Tombola
- January 19, 2025 Sunday Member meeting: Paola Richard of Gelatolove – The History of Gelato

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Meet some of our House of Italy friends



October is Italian American Heritage Month

MODERATOR: Sara Venneri

SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 20TH, 2024
5:00PM
Members \$15
Guests \$20

- Rosario Monetti
- Vito & Lena Ingrande
- Salvatore & Michela Di Bella



The final date for the RSVP, is Thursday, Oct. 17 so we give Mark sufficient time to get the dinner prepared. The RSVP must be sent to our email address: houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org

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

OCTOBER EVENT

The House of Italy invites you to October 20, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Hall of Nations, celebrating **Italian American Heritage month** through the eyes of Italian Immigrants. Please RSVP by October 17th at houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org to calculate how many people will participate in our fun event.

To make the payment easier for everybody we invite you to use our PayPal link https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=4EVTMZCYCRWQ6N



Ciao everyone! I'm Giorgia Armino, the new **Queen of the House of Italy!** I am a current Senior at La Costa Canyon High School and part of the IB Diploma Program. Outside of school, I'm involved in many activities. I've been playing softball for 10 years now and am a 4-year Varsity athlete. I've also had an internship at a local law firm since my Freshman year to help prepare me for my future as a lawyer (hopefully). I'm fluent in Spanish and am still taking it in school, but would love to learn Italian someday and study abroad in Italy! I also have a job at a local ice cream shop and tutor children in my community who aren't native English speakers at an organization called Casa de Amistad. I'm super grateful to be a part of House of Italy and can't wait to connect with more members to learn about my Italian roots. Thank you!

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.

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