



NAVIGATOR

JULY, 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

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The June 16th member meeting, a Father's Day celebration, was a wonderful gathering of families in celebration of dads. We watched the documentary "Pasta Nera" which was a great hit with members and Megan Rigby shared SDGE updates as well.

Also, at the meeting the names of the recipients of the 2024 House of Italy Scholarship were announced. Five extraordinary individuals were selected: Ryan Thomas Kenney, Isabella Mobilia, Erika Dowling, Ariel Rose Elisa Jackam and Abigail Grace Jackam. Check out their pictures in this month's newsletter.

Congratulations to all recipients for their outstanding scholastic performances, community service and peer group role models.

Come join us on Sunday August 11th for the House of Italy Lawn Program. Iris Moné and Dan Ochipinti, very talented musicians, will be performing and let's support them with our attendance. The music venue begins at 2:00 pm. At 3:00 pm, Sara Venneri will teach the traditional Pugliese dance, the Pizzica, to the audience and it will be so much fun. Mark Pelliccia will fire up his pizza oven and will serve fresh pizzas and Rosario Monetti and Victoria Robertson will serve tasty coffee specialties.

Food items will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to help as a volunteer send an email to jcpatterson@sbcglobal.net.

Don't forget to sign up to host the house on either Saturday or Sunday. We are working on filling the hosting calendar with volunteers for September and October. If you are available we would love to hear from you. Send an email to jcpatterson@sbcglobal.net. Don't be a stranger!

For those of you who do not have a food handler's certificate you can easily attain one to help serve 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 \$7.95.

www.premierfoodsafety.com, course takes 90 minutes, cost is \$9.95

Just a reminder! We will discontinue our monthly meetings for July and August for the summer period. We wish you all a wonderful summer recess and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Be sure to check the website for upcoming events starting in September!

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.

See you Sunday August 11th !



Matera (Basilicata)

2024 HOUSE OF ITALY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This year the House of Italy will be hosting the **Lawn Program** on August 11th.



Lawn Program

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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Our Italian program begins at **2 P.M.** with live entertainment with our wonderful Italian singer **Iris Mone'** and **Dan Ochinpinti** at the drums.



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San Diego Balboa Park

AUGUST EVENT

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It a wonderful day for the entire family!

2024 HOUSE OF ITALY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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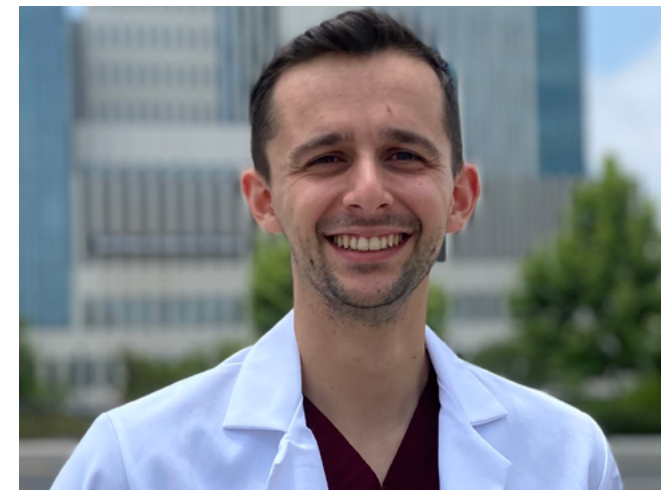
Ariel Jackam



Erika Dowling



Isabella Mobilia



Ryan Kenney

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 PARTNER

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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