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President's Message

Amici,

Here we are preparing the June newsletter. That means my year as President is half over! *Il tempo veramente vola!* (time really does fly).

I hope you will take time to read the articles in the newsletter describing the progress we are making on two important fronts. My pet project, with Dave Persinski's help, is the backyard development project. It has moved forward with bids and a scale drawing which I have included in this newsletter on page 9. It's a challenge, as the area is in sad disrepair.

The second project is also in Dave Persinski's hands as he is the Vice-President in charge of the hall and grounds. We hope to install a handicapped bathroom to bring us into compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A proposed site is the little office next to the library. You can read the details in the article. We are culling a lot of books, including Italian language learning books, so that might interest you.

I am truly blessed with a very supportive and involved Board of Directors. Our Parliamentarian, Anthony Zerbo, helps me keep the meetings on point and we really do make progress. Corinne Tomeo helps us with every legal matter without complaint. Board member Felix Dalldorf has accepted the 3rd Vice-Presidency, relieving me of the responsibility of the newsletter which I have had the last two months. That is an enormous help. And there are not enough words of praise for our Board Treasurer and CFO Frank Deturris. Each member is an asset.

Our greatest asset, however, without any doubt is our Membership. Please share your ideas with me. We will pay attention to your suggestions and do our best to make things happen. Be sure your dues are paid up, and if you are able, please become Patrons.

Friends, be thinking about the future of our organization. I suggest, if your children live nearby, enroll them as Members so they will receive our newsletter and little by little become involved.

We are looking ahead to a wonderful summer. Join us whenever you can!

Cari cordiali saluti,

Linda Gaudio Binkley, President / linda.binkley@iahfsj.org 🌿

EVENTS AT A Glance



- June 6 @ 11:00 PM Festa della Repubblica / 70 W. Heading Street, San Jose / Free
- June 6 @ 12:15 PM Festa della Repubblica Lunch / IAHF Hall / \$20 / \$22
- June 7 @ 7:00 PM Cooking Class / IAHF Hall / \$30 / \$20
- June 11 @ 7:00 PM Free Movie Night / *Giribaldi's Lovers* / IAHF Hall / Free
- June 24 @ 2:00 PM Scholarship Dinner / IAHF Hall / \$20 / \$25 / \$7
- June 27 @ 7:00 PM Italian Citizenship Class / IAHF Hall / \$5
- June 28 @ 7:00 PM Cena Fuori / Vin Santo / 1346 Lincoln Ave, San Jose / \$35
- July 5 @ 7:00 PM Cooking Class; Focaccio / IAHF Hall - \$25 / \$15
- July 19 @ 12 Noon Regional Lunch / Trieste / IAHF Hall - \$15 / \$18
- July 26 @ 7:00 PM Cena Fuori / Vito's Trattoria / 90 Skyport Dr #170, San Jose / \$35
- July 29 @ 11:30 AM Bocce / Campo di Bocce / 565 University Ave., Los Gatos / \$65 / \$25
- August 25 & 26 Italian Family Festa – San Jose Living History Park – Free**

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BOOKS, BOOKS, & MORE BOOKS (& a bathroom)

If you read the article on the garden project and the potential move of the wheel chair entrance, then you probably figured out that we are making our best effort to make our building compliant with The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Our most expensive improvement by far will be the addition of a handicapped bathroom. Dave Persinski, our 2nd Vice-President is working on the details.

The most likely spot will be the little office next to the library. It is currently used by Delia Schizzano, our Italian language teacher. That means that Delia would be moved into the library... that's not a bad place for a teacher to be!

Our library is overstuffed with books, magazines, tapes and even old records... so much so that we had resorted to cardboard boxes under the desks, which are quite unsightly.

Thanks so much to Vanessa Stramowski and Lauren Oppenlander who responded to my call for volunteers. Together we culled all the duplicates out of the library and offered them as give-aways to the luncheon guests on Thursday. More than half were taken. Thank you all!

We also have four boxes of VCR's which will be discarded if we cannot find a taker. Speak up soon if you want any. They are free. You may come by the office any weekday, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Office Manager Stanley will show you where they are.



Old magazine culling will be next, so if you are a collector, let me know!

Two desks may also come available though we might try to sell those on Craig's list. Need a desk? In any case, we hope to create enough shelf space for Delia's teaching books. Alas, the little library will never be able to accommodate her filing cabinets... so there's a problem for us to solve.

Soon we will have to cull some of the actual volumes which are not duplicates. That will entail decision making and I am not looking forward to it. I love books... old and new. As an English teacher, books have been my life. But we simply cannot keep them all. Those not taken by members will be donated to the library. We will

reduce to a manageable number of volumes which will allow space for a teacher and teaching materials.

Plans for the archives are also moving forward. Our volunteer Lauren is a graduate student in Library Science and she has suggested scanning the material from 1976 into the computer and then mounting an archive website for anyone to see at any time. I'm excited about that. Dave is working out glitches in the scanning process.

Let me know if you are interested in working on this project. linda.binkley@iahfsj.com -- Article written by Linda Binkley

IAHF Members Support The *Festa*



The countdown has begun for the 38th Annual Italian Family Festa celebrating the traditions of our culture, history, music, food, arts, and fun and games with family and friends. This year we are declaring Sunday, August 26, Festa Family Day. We will have special food offerings and activities for the family. We are working out the details now so stay tuned. Remember this is your event if you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to contact Nancy at nancy.morreale@iahfsj.org, call or text 408-368-9094.

If you read last month's newsletter, you know we highlighted our generous sponsors. Now it's time to show our appreciation to each IAHF members that has answered the call with a donation of your time or treasure. It takes a mighty village to bring the Festa to life each year. If you have not

signed up to volunteer we encourage you to do so, see the full list of opportunities and sign up today at <http://italianfesta.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/> or email Jan and Marie, our Festa volunteer chairs at volunteers@italianfamilyfestasj.org they will help you get signed up. Also look for our donation letter which will be in the mail soon, any contribution is important and greatly appreciated.

Finally, you should be proud of the amazing contribution the IAHF has made, and is still making, in the Santa Clara Valley to preserve our rich Italian culture and to keep our legacy alive. From the cooking and language classes, lunches, special outings, scholarships, and galas to the Festa it all happens because of your ongoing support, on behalf of the Festa Team, grazie mille! **See you at the Festa!**

-- Article written by Nancy Morreale, Festa Director 

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Cultural Events @ The IAHF

The Festa's Villaggio Culturale Excitement & More!

A lot of planning is going on over these next couple of months regarding our IAHF Cultural Events. It is proving to be a very exciting and innovative time for our IAHF Cultural Committee.

To begin with, and tied into the work several of our Cultural Committee members have been doing on genealogy and roots, we are going to have John Sanfilippo talk about Italian Citizenship. How to apply, explain the process and some of the considerations of citizenship itself. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 27, at 7pm. We are hoping to have --at both the workshop and at the Festa - a continuation of our "Roots Project," started by Madeline Damiano and John Scandizzo. We are at the planning stage of trying to replicate the citizenship workshop at the Festa too. Stay tuned as events unfold.



A new display at the Festa's Villaggio this year is a not-to-be-missed exposition of Capodimonte Porcelain. One of Italy's premier artisan traditions, Capodimonte ware are amazing pieces of hand-made ceramics that are treasured part of a family's hand-me-downs, passed from generation to generation.

To understand why they are so special, we will have videos of the ceramic process itself and photos of the newer artisan lines. Capodimonte Porcelain are almost 300 years old! The company (and the process) was founded in 1738 in Naples. In many ways they can be considered "new," because they are being re-discovered by a whole new generation of collectors, along with a reinvigorated design pattern.

In addition, the Villaggio will be humming with additional exhibits, and renewing contacts with old favorites such as the Lace Makers, with Marge Scandizzo and friends, the Trabia Project with Sal Campagna, the Italian Garden Project with a special lecture on figs, and an Italian garden clinic with the gardeners from Emma Prusch Farm and their master gardeners.



We also want to have a meet-the-author's section both at the Festa and at the IAHF. Many of the authors we are working with are out of state, so a lot of logistical planning is needed. Other works in process include Italian Institute of America (New York) information board on subjects relevant to Italian Americans, and since we now have the Christopher Columbus statue, towards the end of the year, a seminar on the relevance of Columbus to today's "global village".

Some fun projects for youth in the planning stage, both at the Festa and at the IAHF include a cooking class series, a mask-making event, Italian card games class and magic show. We also hope to have the youth soccer clinic back at the Festa, likewise the invitational art gallery. If any of these activities peak your interest and you would like to work on these projects, contact me, Ken Borelli at kjosephb@aol.com

A couple of events outside the immediate San Jose area on the cultural scene are the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Museo Italo Americano, on November 3rd at Bimbo's 365 Club in San Francisco, and a not-to-be-missed art show at the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles, from May 5th 2018 through January 13th 2019 entitled "Italianita--Italian Diaspora Artists Examine Identity" with over 30 major national artists represented. It is definitely worth the ride down to LA to check this show out, and I am indebted to Judy Verona Joseph, who now resides in southern California, for sharing the latter information, and I am making my plans to go to LA soon! -- Article written by Ken Borelli



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Women's Items Found:

READING GLASSES,
after a Monday-evening
Italian-language class

SUNGLASSES, after March
movie night

MICHAEL KORS JACKET,
after April 5th cooking class

APRON, after May 3rd
cooking class

**Please claim your item(s)
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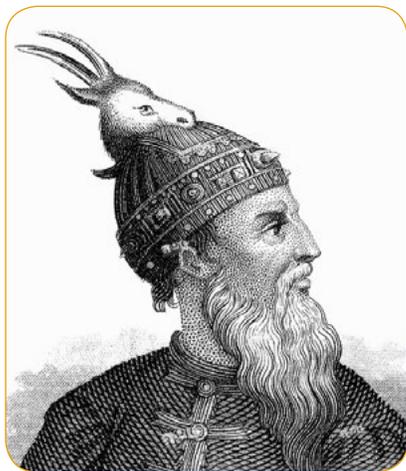




The Arbëreshë People IN ITALY



Thanks so much to Lucia Clementi for opening our eyes to the existence of a fascinating subculture in Italy. They are known as the Arbëreshë. We can also simply call them Albanian-Italians or Italo-Albanians.



The Arbëreshë people are scattered throughout southern Italy and Sicily and in small numbers also in other parts of Italy. It is now estimated that the Albanians of Italy are about 100,000, and they constitute one of the oldest and largest minorities in Italy. They are proud Italians, but have vigorously kept hold of their original Albanian spirit

and identity. When speaking about their "nation", Arbëreshë use the term Arbëria, a loose geographical term for the scattered villages in southern Italy which use the Arbëresh language. They are proud of their Albanian ethnicity, identity and culture, but also identify themselves as Italian nationals, since they have lived in Italy for hundreds of years.

You may wonder how and why the Albanian people migrated to Italy. The history goes back to the mid 1400's when the Kings of Venice and Naples appealed to an Albanian nobleman and military commander, Gjergj Kastrioti, also known as Skanderbeg, to defend and lead battles against revolts and insurrections in their regions. Skanderbeg led his troops into battle and was victorious in all accounts. However, upon Skanderbeg's death by malaria in 1468, the dominion of the Byzantine empire crumbled and the Ottoman Empire rose.

After several attacks from the Ottoman Empire, the Orthodox Christian Albanians were forced to the Adriatic coast where they hired ships from the Republic of Venice and escaped by sailing

and managed to reach Sicily and Italy. Because of the military alliance, the Albanian refugees were rewarded with land in southern Italy and Sicily. They left their beloved homeland in order to maintain their sacred Christian religion. Their church is the most important organization for the maintenance of the characteristic religious, ethnic, linguistic and traditional identity of the Arbëreshë community. Even after hundreds of years in Italy, a Roman Catholic country, the Arbëreshë have zealously adhered to the Eastern rite of the Catholic Church. A true testament to their ethnic integrity.



The marvelous language of this unique group is called Tosk Albanian. The language is of particular interest to students of the modern Albanian language as it represents the sounds, grammar and vocabulary of pre-Ottoman Albania. In Italy, the Arbëresh language and other historic linguistic minorities are protected by law.

Here are examples of basic Arbëresh words:

- Hello - *falem*
- Welcome! - *mirë se na jerdhe*
- How are you? - *si rri?* (*informal*), *si ë zotrote (strote)?* (*formal*)
- (I'm) fine. - *rri mirë*
- Good - *mirë*
- Very well - *shumë mirë*
- And you? - *e ti?* (*informal*), *e zotrote (strote)?* (*formal*)
- What is your name? - *Si të thonë?* (*informal*), *Si i thonë?* (*formal*)
- My name is _____. - *Mua më thonë _____.*

-- Article submitted by Linda Binkley and Lucia Clementi 🌸

IAHF Italian Heritage Night

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San Jose Earthquakes



The IAHF's Italian Heritage Night at the San Jose Earthquakes game on Saturday, May 19th, was really a two part event. There was a pre-game discussion with Fabrizio Oria, of Youth Soccer Silver Creek Sportplex, Tino Burzio, IAHF member and former referee, and Matt Hanson from the San Jose Earthquakes. Tom Novello, IAHF member and soccer coach, also contributed to the dynamic discussion. We learned a lot about the nuances of the sport, and are sure we would not have enjoyed the game as much without this discussion. For many novices to the game this discussion meant a lot in terms of appreciating the art of the sport.

The IAHF had an information table at the Saturday event. Prior to each game there

are activates on the lawn area in front of the stadium. We had our booth staffed prior to the game, shared information about the IAHF and its activities, and had fun interacting with those in attendance. We were all very surprised at the large and lively crowd of loyal Earthquake supporters. We also appreciated the outreach efforts of the Earthquake management. In terms of connecting the dots, the plans for the event were discussed last year at our Italian Family Festa where the Earthquakes had an information booth at the Villagio Culturale. The stadium itself, called Avaya Stadium, is a beautiful addition to the sporting activities in Santa Clara County. Go Earthquakes!

-- Article by Ken Borelli & Dave Perzinski ❄



Fans enjoy the fantastic show on the field!



Lucia Clementi, Dave Perzinski & Ken Borelli staffed the IAHF booth



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★ GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT ★



On Saturday morning, April 14th, my husband and I were privileged to attend the dedication of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Oak Hill Memorial Park due to an IAHF announcement from Supervisor Don Cortese. This undertaking is part of a national effort to honor Gold Star Families who have lost a love one in military service. Moreover, this movement was initiated by Herschel "Woody" Williams, a 93 year old WWII and Medal of Honor Marine Corp veteran, with a total of 34 monuments installed at this time and 43 more planned across this nation.

Our attendance was on behalf of my Gold Star Mother, Mary Ann Ghiggeri and our family, who lost her eldest son and our brother, Anthony, in the Korean War in 1951 at 22 years old. My mother was very active on working for the completion of the Korean War Memorials both in Washington DC and Gustine, California, attending both dedication ceremonies. Accordingly, throughout her lifetime, my Gold Star mother, was a tireless advocate on achieving recognition for Korean War veterans. In addition, the Korean War was often called "The Forgotten War", but as my mother would say, " 'not forgotten' by the families that lost love ones and served in that war."

It was a very poignant and moving ceremony especially for the Gold Star Families in our valley that had lost love ones in many different wars on that sunny April morning. For me especially, as other Gold Star families, it is a beloved family member who never returned back to his loving family after serving his country. Also, as part of a Gold Star Family, I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to Supervisor Don Cortese and his team, and the Herschel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation in acknowledging all the Gold Star Families in Santa Clara Valley. Finally, I encourage everyone to visit and look for the beautiful granite Gold Star Family Monument on entering the park. -- Article written by Jo Ann Ghiggeri Bjornstad 🌸

On the first weekend of every month the past comes alive in Arezzo, Tuscany.

The town is transformed into what has become perhaps the largest antique fair in Italy with 400 or more vendors.

The fair was started in the sixties by the famous art collector and antiquarian, Ivan Bruschi. His dream of creating a foundation dedicated to providing a platform for art and antiques became a reality in Arezzo when he donated his magnificent collection to the city for the purpose of opening a fair. Ivan Bruchi's 13th century home in Arezzo is now a museum and an additional point of interest in the city. It remains as he left it: antique furniture, paintings and objects d'art on display (but not for sale!).

Don't expect piles of discards at

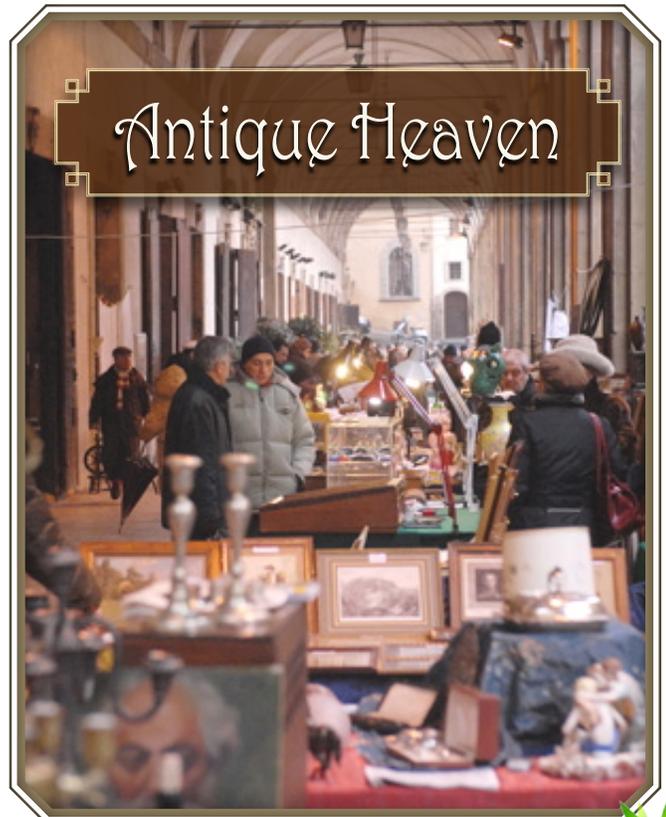
this fair. You will be impressed as I was with the quality of offerings, large items such as furniture, garden decor and oil paintings as well as small items such as antique Capo da Monte porcelain, old lace and embroidered items. The antique jewelry is especially enticing, it's one-of-a-kind and is easily packed... or worn!

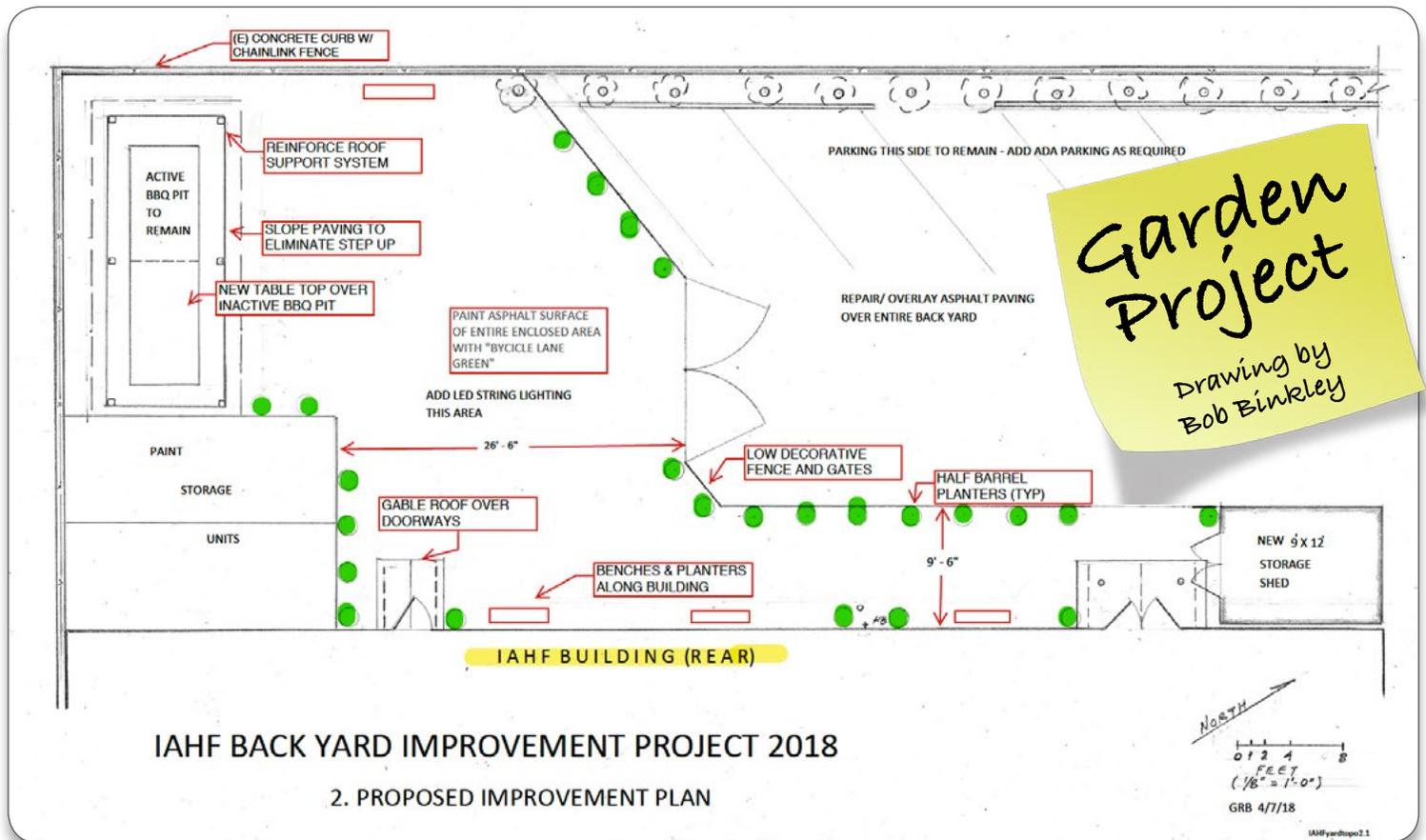
Arezzo is not a huge city, so you will easily find the fare which is usually set up near the Duomo in the center of town, but is sometimes in the jousting arena.

I love Italy and all things Italian. If you are interested in studying in Italy or travelling to Arezzo with me in September, please visit me at my website at:

www.studentessamatta.com

-- Article by Melissa Muldoon 🌸





IAHF BACK YARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2018

2. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Board of Directors continues to work with enthusiasm to bring the backyard development project to fruition. We have received a bid from a company called Purchase Green for artificial grass. The specific name of the grass we are considering is "playground." It has a durable ring to it!!! We are currently doing our due diligence and seeking two other estimates.

Some of you suggested painting the blacktop green and I thought this would be a great way to get started. Our 2nd-vice-president, Dave Persinski, who has the responsibility of the house and grounds, decided against this because of the continual cracking of the asphalt.

Of course, many of you suggested stone or brick, but this is very expensive, more than double what the turf costs.

I am including a picture of the garden plan above.

We thought we could border the lawn with benches or wine barrels which could also serve as tables.

The handicapped parking would be moved to the back of the building near the lawn. There the outdoor pavement is flush with the floor of the hall so no ramp is needed and access is easy.

This is a big project. It would be so nice to step out of the noisy room and have a quiet conversation with friends.

Money is of course a major concern. Please be sure your dues are paid and if at all possible upgrade to Patron status. If your children or grandchildren love Italian culture please encourage them to join, if only to read the newsletter. We all have to be worried about the next generation to keep our organization strong.

-- Article written by Linda Binkley 🍷

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It adds vitality, diversity, and a sense of family and community.

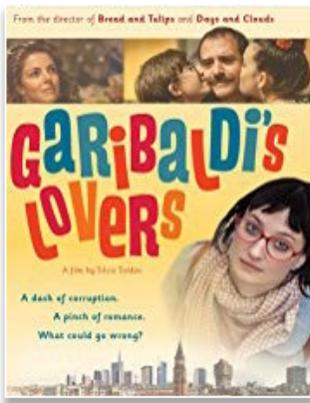
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POPCORN FUN @ THE IAHF MOVIES

The film *Big Night* is a great food movie starring Tony Shalhoub, Stanley Tucci and the lovely Isabella Rossellini, daughter of Ingrid Bergman. The film focuses on the frequently volatile, yet loving relationship between two immigrant Italian restaurateurs. The eldest is the uncompromising chef Primo. His younger brother, Secondo, the dining room manager, is the people-pleaser. Even their Italian names, Primo meaning "First" and Secondo meaning "Second" set them up for conflict. What were their parents thinking when they chose those names?!

Their restaurant business is faltering, and the brothers try their best to keep it afloat. They decide to have a dinner with Louie Prima as the guest of

honor. Over the course of a few days, Primo and Secondo cook, bicker, court women and host a wild, hours-long feast for the musician Louis Prima. Primo begins to prepare his masterpiece feast of a life time with incredible food, wine and music. In fact, food and its preparation are the artistic motif of the film.

Sixty attendees enjoyed this charming, funny and satisfying May film. Our IAHF Italian teacher, Delia Schizzano, arranges the ongoing film series.

Please join us on Monday June 11, 2018 7:00 PM for an unusual and humorous film titled "Garibaldi's Lovers." It is not at all what you would expect! The film is in Italian with English subtitles. -- Article by Delia Schizzano 🍷



Thursday Lunch Among the Greenery

Our monthly IAHF luncheon is always especially delightful in May. This is the month Prusch Farm Park Foundation brings their offerings of tomatoes and peppers for sale to luncheon guests. Their prices are low and the offerings are plentiful. This year they brought a particularly exotic item called "nopales." This is the paddle of the cactus plant, not the fruit. It is eaten in Sicily and can be purchased here in cans, usually found in Mexican grocery stores. In addition, they brought an all-time favorite, "nespole" in Italian, also known as loquats in English.



Dennis Norris, Dot Maley, Sharon McCray & Jim Maley

The regional luncheon itself was a delight. Instead of a region, this month featured a fascinating sub-culture within Italy called the Arbëreshë (Italo-Albanian). Many had never even heard of this group, so the we received an education as well as a tasty lunch. Lucia, who is Arbëreshë, gave the presentation sharing the history of this group while her husband, our former president, Dave Perzinski, presented the slides of lovely Arbëreshë in their magnificent native dress. We saw a photo of Lucia's cousin in the Arbëreshë finery and everyone noted the similarity. That was fun!

The food, as Lucia noted, after four hundred years of immersion has become quite Italian-Sicilian. The most noted exception is in the use of certain spices.

The lunch began with a Sicilian appetizer called caponata which consisted of eggplant, tomatoes, celery, onions, vinegar and a variety of other ingredients. The next dish was a Calabrese-Arbëreshë salad made of tomatoes, celery, lettuce, olives and onions in a light lemon dressing. Following the salad, an anchovy pasta dish was served (it actually tastes better than it sounds!) The main course was an Albanian stew, called Gjelle, which includes beef stew meat, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, garlic and a combination of seasonings. To illustrate how to make the stew, a video was shown with instructions, in modern day Albanian, with Lucia interpreting the video. We were also served piselli (peas) and Sicilian cassata cake and sfingi, drenched in honey, for dessert. Indeed, we left feeling happily stuffed!

Thank you to all the kind and generous folks who assisted with making this lunch a success, including: Ken Borelli, Frank Locicero, Joe Lucito, Madeline Damiano, Gilda De Simone, Maria Bandy, Rebecca Morici, Kathy Stenberg, Dorothy Lopresti, Gene Sanfilippo, Sharon McCray, Stanley Olivar, Richard Zamar, Delia Schizzano, and David Perzinski.

It was a delightful and exceptionally edifying presentation. Please read the accompanying article telling a bit of the Italo-Albanian story in Italy. -- Article by Linda Binkley and Lucia Clementi 🌿



Cooking Class NEWS



Our May cooking class featuring *Torta Rustica* and taught by Josie Taddeo was another huge success. Thirty enthusiastic students were in attendance as we all learned how to make this unique Italian specialty. Josie began the class by creating the shell of the torta. It resembled pie crust, but it was thicker and doughier. Meanwhile, the pasta and the pasta sauce were bubbling away in the kitchen. Once the outer shell was completed, the cooked pasta was mixed with the pasta sauce, small pieces of sausage and cheese. These ingredients were folded into the prepared shell and baked in the oven. The mouthwatering aroma from the kitchen certainly made us anticipate devouring this dish! I have never tasted *Torta Rustica* before and I was delighted by its savory flavor. The class loved it, too, and was happy to take some home to relish later. Thank you to Josie for once again sharing her delicious recipe!



Below is a list of our upcoming classes (subject to change). All of the classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and are payable in advance.

To enroll, please go to www.iahfsj.org and select Events or call the office at (408) 293-7122.



June 7, 2018: **Focaccia Bread** / Instructor: Tony & Alba's / \$30; Students under 18: \$20.00

July 5, 2018: **Cacuzza lunga** (Italian long squash) / Instructors: David Perzinski on growing cacuzza, Ken Borelli and Lucia Clementi on various cooking methods / \$25; students under 18: \$15.00

-- Article written by Lucia Clementi / Photos by Victor Vaccaro 🌿



Cacuzza lunga



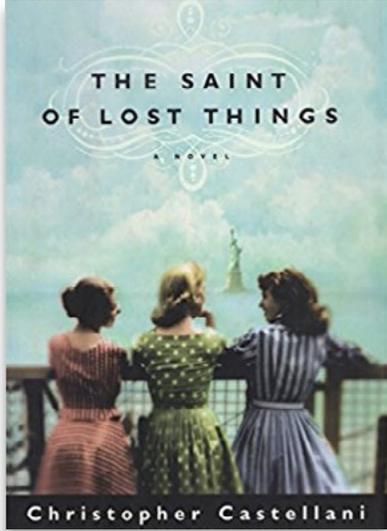


Linda Binkley's

A Little Italian by request

The Saint of Lost Things

by Christopher Castellani



I found this book in a most unusual way. There was a posting on FaceBook listing the best book from each state. I had read most of them, but here was a book with an Italian theme that I had never read. And we had it here in the IAHF library!

The Saint of Lost Things is a very elegantly written book with characters that

are true and remain so throughout the little novel. It is no coincidence that the Italian immigrants in Wilmington, Delaware, find themselves living in a parish dedicated to Saint Anthony. He is the Patron Saint of lost things and it is to him the faithful pray for help when searching (not always for something tangible).

The story centers around Maddelena who has reluctantly agreed to leave her beloved family and village in Italy and marry Antonio and move to Wilmington, a gritty, rough town in 1953. She is a beauty, inside and out, and tries her best to find peace and tranquility and satisfaction. It's hard. She left so much behind. And Antonio doesn't help. He's constantly chasing after the American dream, so much so that he cannot appreciate what he has.

Mixed in with all the immigrant struggles is the racial prejudice which is vividly portrayed when an African-American family moves into Little Italy. The different ways in which the characters react to this was revealing. I found this part of the story to be disturbing on several levels.

The author, Castellani, has a sharp eye for the interworkings of the Italian immigrants of that post war era. The cultural clash, not just between the immigrants and American society, but also the clash between family members as they move away from their grounded roots of Italian family life into the challenging world of life free of traditional restrictions.

-- Article written by Linda Binkley 🌸

Okay, language students: This is for YOU!



Giugno

Giugno è il sesto mese dell'anno. Ha trenta giorni. In epoca romana, quando l'anno iniziava a marzo, giugno era il quarto mese dell'anno.

Alcuni dicono che giugno è stato chiamato per Giunone, la dea romana del matrimonio. Altri pensano che il nome derivi dalla parola latina juniores che significa "giovani uomini". Alcune persone dicono che i romani ritenevano il giugno sacro ai giovani uomini, così come ritenevano maggio sacro agli uomini più anziani.

Nell'emisfero settentrionale l'estate inizia il 21 giugno. Nell'emisphere meridionale questa data è l'inizio dell'inverno.

Anni fa in Europa la gente celebrava la vigilia di mezza estate il 21 giugno. Costruivano falò sulle colline e ballavano nella notte. In Svezia la gente festeggia così ancora celebrando l'arrivo dell'estate.

Sweden people still celebrate the arrival of summer in this way. 21st. They built bonfires in the hills and danced into the night. In Europe, people celebrated Midsommer Eve on June Years ago, in southern hemisphere, summer begins on June 21st. In the northern hemisphere, summer begins on June 21st. In the southern hemisphere this date is the beginning of winter. Some say that June was named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. Others think that the name derives from the Latin word juniores which means "young men". Some people say that the Romans considered June sacred to young men, just as they considered May sacred to older men.

June is the sixth month of the year. It has thirty days. In Roman times, when the year began in March, June was the fourth month of the year.

June

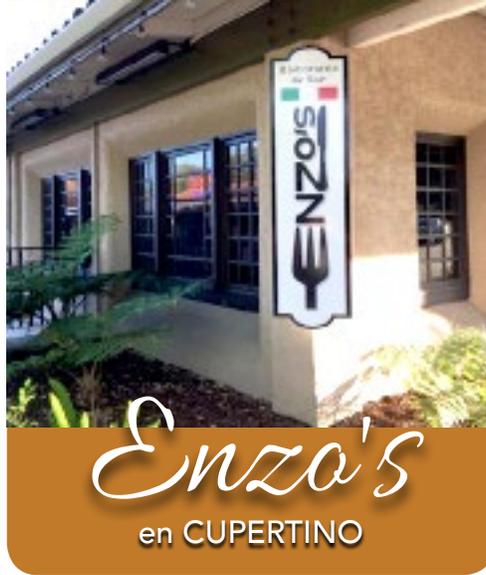


Cena Fuori Aprile

The best advertising is word of mouth and personal referral – and Ken Borelli's little band of "Italian foodies" who gather every month to enjoy *cena fuori* together found this to ring true this last April!

We ventured to Cupertino, behind the BlueLight Cinemas at The Oaks, and entered the portals of Enzo's where we were delightfully treated to a brand new culinary experience while being welcomed and feeling instantly at home. For that matter, it seems our group overwhelmed their bar expectations with so many enjoying a few sips of martinis, high balls and of course *vino!* The bartender – who later became a server – was kept quite busy mixing and pouring various libations for the 50 plus guests.

The restaurant, named after the legendary Italian automaker and racecar driver Enzo Ferrari, is the brainchild of owner Paul Tersini. It boasts a very large and comfortable dining room which we totally occupied. There is also a private dining area on the mezzanine level as well as patio dining for the al fresco crowd. During our visit, we missed the good company of manager Fabrizio Vitagliano, who was in Italy.



Ken always sees to it that our menu choices for our dinner are an appropriate selection of the restaurant's repertoire, and this evening the tough choice was between a melt-in-your-mouth Italian fresh water white fish (similar to catfish) served in an exquisite lemon butter sauce, fettuccine alla Bolognese (homemade fettuccine mixed with the house-made meat and San Marzano plum tomato sauce), or Enzo's signature dish, chicken parmigiana (crispy chicken breast served in a sweet marinara sauce on top of a bed of fresh baby arugula). All of that came with a lovely and very fresh baby arugula salad and of course both *pane e dolce!* Everything cooked fresh and to order!

Various members are always afforded an opportunity to share an event in which they are involved and trying to promote – be it through the IAHF or another community non-profit group.

La Famiglia de la Cena Fuori looks forward to these outings and gives thanks and kudos for Ken Borelli's enthusiasm and energy to introduce us to so many fine dining experiences.

Join us! *Saluté e Buon Appetito!* -- Article by Cathy De Maria 🍷

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JUNE

June 6 / Festa della Repubblica

11:00 AM Flag Raising at County Government Center
70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose

12:15 noon / Luncheon at the IAHF Hall

Members: \$20; Non-members: \$22

RSVP at eventsrsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

June 7 / Cooking Class

Focaccia with Tony & Alba's

7:00 PM at the IAHF Hall / \$30/ Students under 18: \$20

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June 11 / Free Movie Night / "Garibaldi's Lovers"

7:00 PM at the IAHF Hall / English subtitles / No RSVP

June 24 / Scholarship Dinner

7:00 PM at the IAHF Hall / \$20 Member / \$25 Non-Member / \$7 Student

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June 28 / Cena Fuori

Vin Santo, 1346 Lincoln Ave, San Jose (Willow Glen) /
7:00 PM / Pay at door only, \$35

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JULY

July 5 / Cooking Class

7:00 PM / IAHF Hall / Cacuzza Lunga (Italian long squash)

Presentations by: David Perzinski: growing Cacuzza /

Ken Borelli and Lucia Clementi: various cooking methods

General instruction: \$25; Students under 18: \$15

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July 19 / Trieste; Friuli Venezia Giulia region

12 noon / IAHF Hall / Presented by Ken Borelli

Members: \$15; Non-members: \$18

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July 26 / Cena Fuori

Vito's Trattoria / 90 Skyport Dr #170, San Jose

7:00 PM / Pay at door only, \$35

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July 29 / Bocce Tournament Fundraiser

Campo di Bocce, Los Gatos | 11:30 to 2 PM

Tickets: \$65 includes pizza and appetizers, pregame instruction, and tournament play.

\$25, enjoy appetizers and cheer for your team

RSVP at eventsrsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

AUGUST

August 25 & 26 / Italian Family Festa

History Park San Jose / Free to all!!! / Enjoy food, music, dancing, arts, crafts, drinks, and merriment!

You can click or tap on the link to RSVP for all events (unless otherwise noted) by emailing eventsrsvp@iahfsj.org or by calling 408-293-7122

You can click or tap on the link to RSVP and to pre-pay at <http://www.iahfsj.org/#!events/cfvg>

Calendar of Events is subject to change

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