



Italian-American Bicentennial Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! 200 years young.

Italian Americans have a birthright stake in America. Our immigrant parents and grandparents had the courage and foresight of their convictions to invest blood and sweat and to contribute with culture and industry. It follows therefore that with the approaching 200th birthday, July 4, 1976, Italian Americans gather together to rejoice and to re-dedicate ourselves to certain principles, including, but not limited to: (1) Preserve our Italian American heritage; (2) Perpetuate and conserve the constitutional principles of freedom and equality; (3) foster loyalty and patriotism to America.

To attain these goals for ourselves and for our children we have sponsored a voluntary union with a common interest, THE ITALIAN AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

"Let's Unite, Work and Strive to keep Italian Culture Alive!"

Donald J. Lima
President

MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

General meeting: Monday Feb. 23
7:30 P.M. Presidential Gallery.
1115 Delmas St. San Jose 95125

AGENDA

Reports on all upcoming events.
Guest Speaker; Louis Bergna,
District Attorney of Santa Clara
County.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Every Thursday morning at 7:30
Residential Gallery.

ITALIAN AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Don Lima-Chairman
Sal Sanfilippo-Vice Chairman
Mary Lima-Recording Secretary
Michael Guerra-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vic Corsiglia Carl Lepiane
Domenic Cirincione Don Lima
John DeVincenzi Larry Marselli
Joe Di Salvo

MASTER CALENDAR

- Feb. 23 Regular Italian American Bicentennial Assoc. meeting Presidential Gallery
- Feb. 28 San Gregorio Society Mardi Gras. No host cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 8 P.M. Dancing 9-1 A.M. Italian sausage barbecue at Midnight. \$8.00 per person. For further information phone Murphy Sabatino 248-7090
- Mar. 15 PLEASE NOTE Regular monthly March meeting. This will be a dinner meeting. Place to be announced later.
- Mar. 24 & 25 DeAnza Trek
Rocci Pisano Chairman.
- July 3 & 4 Paseo De San Antonio (Tapestry & Talents) Victor Corsiglia & Edith Bertuccelli Chairmen.
- Oct. 12 Concert at San Jose Theatre of Performing Arts
John De Vincenzi Chairman.
- Oct. 12 Columbus Day at City Hall. Domenic Cirincione, Chairman.

NOTE! PLEASE GIVE US ANY EVENTS & DATES YOU WANT MENTIONED IN THIS MASTER CALENDAR. This will help avoid conflict of dates.

YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to : Jonathan Sauerwein-recently appointed to the Youth Commission by the San Jose, City Council. Raymond Zanella named in "Who's Who" in American Colleges and Universities also on President Ford's Committee on Employment of Handicapped

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

WHAT A PHONE CALL WILL DO?

RALLY & BBQ 10-5-75 Held at the Hawaiian Gardens, brought to-gether a large number of the Italian American Community for a day of entertainment & good food (BBQ specialists on hand: Vic Corsiglia & Joe Colla) and renewing of friendships. Credit this success to Murphy Sabatino and company.

COLUMBUS DAY 1975 Parade of Champions. Our first time entry won 3rd place! Depicted arrival of Columbus by boat. Featured as Columbus & crew, Joe & Gus Lima.

COLUMBUS DAY 1975 City Hall Commemoration Ceremonies included crowning of the Queen, introduction & speeches by dignitaries. It was enjoyed by over 200 people gathered around the statue of Columbus. Congratulations, Domenic Cirincione for an excellent program.

U.S. MILITARY BICENTENNIAL BAND 10-12-75 Two great performances at S.J. Theatre of Performing Arts, CO SPONSORED BY I.A.B.A. & San Jose Mercury News. The dedicated efforts of Jo Ann Coleman, Joe Guerra, Joe Di Salvo, Carl Lepiane, Charles Falcone Lou Solari, Murphy Sabatino & Linda Abronzino together with the entire membership combined, packed both the matinee & evening performances.

UP WITH PEOPLE Concert 1-17-76 Co-sponsored by I.A.B.A. & S.J. Chamber of Commerce at the S.J. Theatre of Performing Arts. A beautiful program of music and dance based on our American Heritage. Played to two capacity performances, special thanks to the Bank of America for underwriting the matinee performance, for Senior Citizens and the Handicapped.

A STANDING OVATION for Vic Corsiglia Rocci Pisano, Jo Ann Coleman, Sirel Cecala, John & Lonnie DeVincenzi, Mary Lima, Murphy Sabatino & his seven beautiful sisters, Carl Lepiane, Joe DiSalvo, Charles Reitano, Sal Flavetta, Charles Falcone, Joe Guerra, Sal Sanfilippo, Louis Solari, last but not least Bernice Singleton & Gordon Levy of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce.

THE MELTING POT (New Italians)
Cladeo Arbucale formerly Clyde Arbuckle
Ricardo Barretti " Dick Barrett
Duccero Harmanno " Dutch Hamann
Willermo McDonaldo " Bill McDonald
Ricardo Tyrelli " Dick Tyrell

The San Jose Bicentennial Commission, which had endorsed the U.S. Armed Forces Bicentennial Band's appearance in S.J. was seeking a sponsoring group for the concert. The U.S. Bicentennial Band's first choice to start their Calif. performances was San Jose; the date-Oct.12th COLUMBUS DAY, traditionally an Italian Holiday My request to the Bicentennial Commission was that perhaps the Italian-Americans in this area would be honored to undertake this event. Searching for a community spirited leader, knowledgeable and proud of the Italian's contributions to our City's and Nation's heritage, the energetic Don Lima, came to mind. My one phone call to him did it and the Italian-American Association was on its way! Our various very successful activities, either co-sponsored with the S.J. Mercury News, Chamber of COMMERCE OR ON OUR own, testify to the great leadership of Don and his great committee that his efforts have not been in vain! As Don says "an organization is only as great as the people behind it". Let's do our best to live up to these words.

Rocci Pisano
1st Vice Chairman
S.J.Bicentennial Comm

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

The Italian American Bicentennial Association and the Presidential Gallery, both spear-headed by the dynamic leadership of Don Lima have attracted the national attention of The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. A story featuring them appeared in the January 1976 issue of the Bicentennial Times.

Mary Jeanne Sauerwein-Editor

LET US KNOW OF ANY AND ALL SPECIAL events coming up. (We need this for the Master Calendar). Also noteworthy news, achievements and/or awards.

Call or write to: MARY JEANNE SAUERWEIN
Phone: 266-5409 - 1115 Delmas Ave...
San Jose, Ca. 95125 or dial AMERICA

VOLUNTEERS!

We need your talents and your enthusiasm! Call or come to:

The Presidential Gallery
1115 Delmas Ave. San Jose

OR

"DIAL AMERICA"

A special thanks to LINDA ABRONZINO and MARY LIMA for being constantly on hand. Without them what would we have done???????
