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President's Message

Amici,

It's been a fabulous month here at the IAHF. This Presidency has so far been a joyful and satisfying experience. I am so lucky to have such an experienced, friendly and hard-working Board of Directors, office staff, as well as amazing volunteers.

You will see by the articles and photographs herein what a lively and busy month we enjoyed. Thanks to all of you who make things happen!

The placement of the Christopher Columbus statue went very smoothly. We owe a special thanks to Mayor Liccardo for providing the moving and assembly costs. For now, we plan to close a drape in front of the statue during hall-rental time. It is worrisome. We had hoped to build a secure cabinet to protect it and we are still pursuing that plan. It's expensive. We are hoping for donations from other Italian organizations. We are all excited about our backyard beautification project. My husband, Bob Binkley, whom you all know from his five years of managing the IAHF bar, spent a fair number of hours drawing up a scale drawing of the area. He also made a second drawing indicating inexpensive suggestions for its development.

One of the reasons we want to develop the backyard on a shoestring budget is that we need to add a handicapped access bathroom to our facility. We are researching that now. It will doubtlessly be an expensive venture. We are considering putting this bathroom in the back of the hall where we now have a small office used by our Italian teacher, Delia. We would have to move her books into the Library.

If any of you could possibly spare a couple hours a week, we need to thin out the Library. Books are piling up on the floor. We need to eliminate all the volumes that are off the topic of Italy. It's not a hard job, but it will take time. I am anxious to get a start on that. Please call me if you could spare a couple of hours.

Spring is sprung and I wish you all the best during this beautiful and floriferous season!

A presto!

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



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IAHF Scholarships Deadline Reminder!

The IAHF is offering three types of scholarships:

1. The IAHF general scholarships for High School graduates accepted to a four-year or a two-year institution.
2. The IAHF general scholarships Community College graduates accepted to a four-year institution;
3. The IAHF general scholarships reserved for students of arts accepted to a four-year institution.

Visit www.iahfsj.org for details and to view our past recipients.

The deadline to submit Scholarship Applications is May 17, 2018. The IAHF will announce the recipients of IAHF Scholarships in early-June and all applicants will be notified in by Monday June 4, 2018

-- Article written by Marie Bertola, Co-Chair 🌿

Welcome Felix Dalldorf



Let's all welcome Felix Dalldorf, our new 3rd Vice President of the IAHF. Felix is a busy man - he works full time for Northrop Grumman, runs his own consulting firm and serves on the Florence Commission. Felix will help us keep our website and newsletter functioning and share his excellent ideas for further development of our beloved organization. Felix will be also working closely with John Romano, our esteemed Editor-in-Chief.

If you have something you would like to share through the newsletter or if you have any suggestions, please contact Felix at felix.dalldorf@iahfsj.com

-- Linda Binkley 🌿

It's always great to get stories from Members of the IAHF for the Newsletter.

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

I'll be looking forward to your contributions.

Please send your proofread entries to Editor at news@iahfsj.org

Please check the Submission Guidelines on page 17 of this issue for more information.

Thank you! 🌿



Italian-American Heritage Foundation 2018 Scholarship Application

The IAHF is offering three types of scholarships:

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3. The IAHF general scholarships reserved **for students of arts accepted to a four-year institution.** Visit www.iahfsj.org for details and to view our past recipients.

Requirements:

1. Must be of some Italian descent
2. Must be graduating from a Santa Clara County High School or Community College
3. Must provide all the attachments indicated herein on or before **Thursday, May 17, 2018 (11:50PM)**
4. Must attend the award ceremony on **Sunday, June 24, 2018 (4:00PM-6:00PM)**
 - *If applicant is an IAHF member or the child, or grandchild of an IAHF member, the applicant is exempt from items 1 and 2.*

Please print:

Last name _____ First name _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Date and Place of Birth _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of Community College: _____

Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale): _____

Is a parent or grandparent a member of IAHF? If yes, under what name? _____

Are you a member of the IAHF? _____

Highest level of foreign language study: _____



How did you find out about the IAHF scholarship program (counselor, teacher, IAHF Newsletter etc.)?

On a separate paper, type-written, list if applicable and include approximate dates for:

1. Extra-curricular **in-school** activities
2. Community volunteer experience (excluding mandatory high school work)
3. Paid work experience
4. Special talents and hobbies
5. Non-monetary awards received
6. *On this paper, you may add a short paragraph and share any extenuating circumstances which may cause your application to merit special consideration.

Necessary Attachments:

1. A letter of acceptance from a college or university
2. One sealed official transcript (no copies)
3. One essay of 500-1,000 words, typed, double-spaced, three paragraphs or more. It shall describe your vocational and professional goals and how this scholarship will aid you in accomplishing these choices. Please include your thoughts on how Italian Culture has shaped and contributed to American society. Essay will be graded on structure and grammar as well as content.
4. One letter of recommendation from a person of your choice, excluding family members, who will guide us to a better insight as to whom you are as a person.
5. One original senior photo or one appropriate for printing on the awards banquet flier

Mail or bring applications to: IAHF Scholarship Committee, 425 N. Fourth Street San Jose, CA 95112
Phone: 408-293-7122

Recipients will be notified by Monday 6/4/18.

The signature of the applicant indicates that the applicant understands that all parts of this application, including all attachments, must be completed and submitted by the deadline.

Signed _____ Date _____

Italians Come Out To Support The *Festa*



Marchese, Facchino, Langone and Della Maggiore will be represented at the Festa this year. *Viva la Italia!*

We have been working to bring more Italians into the Festa family of sponsors. We felt it was important to have our Festa be supported by our Italian community. This year we are proud to have some of the most philanthropic Italians coming out to support our Festa. Families such as Guglielmo, Sobrato, DiNapoli, D'Ambrosio,

We are also excited about having the Galbani Cheese Cooking Stage, sponsored by Galbani Cheese, where Chef Marco, owner of Marco's on Niagara and Marco's Italian Deli in upstate New York, will be on hand to share his recipes and secrets for cooking authentic Italian food. The stage will also feature a few local chefs and have a cheese stick building contest for the kids. Make sure to look out for the Galbani Stringster who will be wandering around the Festa handing out tasty, cheesy treats. *See you at the Festa!*

-- Article written by Nancy Morreale, Festa Director 🍷

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If you would like to join our sponsor family, or know of someone that would be interested, please send an email to Claudette Mannina at sponsors@italianfamilyfestasj.org or give her a call at 831-461-1796. She'll be happy to share all the sponsor opportunities we have available.



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Tap Here To Donate

A Bunny in the Piazza!



Florence Commissioner Lucia Amato and her daughter.



The Easter Bunny spread joy throughout the Piazza!

The IAHF joined with the Sabatino Family and Little Italy to gather little ones at Little Italy's charming piazza for an egg hunt on Palm Sunday. 60 children scoured the grounds filling baskets with trinkets found within colorful plastic eggs. Sheila Johnson, one of the teachers in the Italian School dressed in a luxuriously soft Easter bunny costume and became the uncontested star of the morning. Kathy Winkleman of Gioia company had an eye-catching display of hand-painted Easter décor from Italy to add to the lovely, sunny setting. Special thanks go to Teresa Sabatino and Debbie Caminiti for their organizational skills in creating this lively, family-friendly event.

-- Article written by Linda Binkley ✨



Fabulous Easter Baskets!!



Drs. Peter and Cheri Binkley with their twins, Arthur and Keira, Linda and Bob Binkley, and the Easter Bunny



An engrossed Easter Egg hunter



Beautiful Italian Easter Eggs from Gioia



Cynthia & Chuck Arrata's Table



Maestra Delia's Table

CRAB FEED 2018



Full House!!



Wonderful Raffle Prizes



Pasta's gone and crab's on its way!



The Mike Annuzzi Band

The annual IAHF Crab Feed was sold out & tons of fun! 300 happy guests & volunteers enjoyed an evening of great food and music!

And oh what a night! Christopher Columbus was on display in all his splendor. Our annual Crab Feed was the first event since Christopher was in place. So many of our guests posed for photos with the statue that I think he was becoming a bit camera shy. If you haven't seen him up close you need to do so. He is carved with 9 different colors of marble. What a masterpiece to behold!

The evening started off with a green salad, pasta Bolognese, and garlic bread. What followed were unlimited bowls of succulent fresh crab. The seafood lovers in attendance were in heaven as they picked through the shells to savor the delectable crabmeat. A big thank you to our kitchen staff Ken Borelli and Rich Dalton and their volunteer helpers for the scrumptious meal. And a very big thank you to **all** the volunteers that made the event possible. Without the set up crew, servers, bar tenders, ticket takers, etc., the evening would not have come together.

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The basket raffle sent lucky winners away with wines, chocolates, gift certificates, prosecco and many other lovely surprises. Our first ever 50/50 raffle sent that winner home with a \$350.00 cash prize! And we can't forget to mention the lovely Italian tea towels with regional Italian maps that were donated by Marie Gloria of San Francisco.

Other corporate prize donors were Safeway, Classic Carwash and Sprouts.



Music for the evening was provided by Mike Annuzzi and the crowded dance floor affirmed that the music was enjoyed by both the young and old in attendance. Mike announced that he had just become a member of the IAHF so we would like to welcome him aboard.

We are looking forward to crab season 2019 so we can again get together for this lovely tradition.

-- Article written by Nanci Wilborn, Crab Feed Co-Chair /
Photos by Bob Binkley 📷

Happy Mother's Day

♪ “ ‘Tis the month of our Mother, those blessed and beautiful days
when our lips and our spirits are glowing with love and with praise” ♪

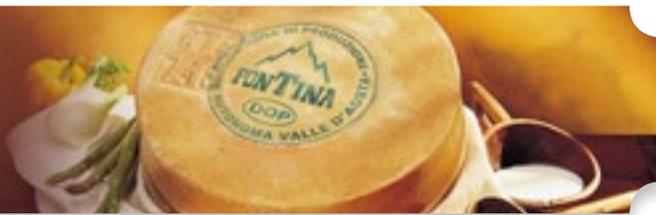
Some of you will recognize those lovely words sung in Catholic churches in May to honor the Mother of Jesus. Following suit, Mother's Day here in America and in Italy is celebrated in this beautiful month.



**There's just One day in which to remember who gave me life.
And there are 364 days for me to make you proud of that gift. Happy Mother's Day!"**

🐟 Submitted by Linda Binkley 🐟

Si Mangia Bene a Val d'Aosta



Chef Tino Burzio (center), with sous-chefs Gilda DeSimone-Groccia, Ken Borelli, Joe Lucito, and Madeline Damiano

Much of this newsletter is devoted to the House of Savoy, so it was particularly appropriate that this month's lunch recipes originated with the region held and greatly enjoyed by the Royal family. It is here that we find Il Gran Paradiso, a magnificent and huge national park that at one time served as the private hunting ground for the Savoy family. It is one of the few places in southern Europe to see abundant wildlife in its natural habitat.

Our chef, Tino Burzio, came to the IAHF Cultural Center early in the morning and together with Ken Borelli, prepared a Val d'Aostan luncheon for 90 hungry members. Appetizers were crisp rye bruschetta spread with a blend of anchovies, fontina and parmesan cheese. This was followed by a risotto

laden with a meld of fontina and parmesan cheese, dotted with chopped sautéed turnips, all hot and bubbly. Seasoned croutons were passed for those who desired the embellishment. This was followed by a crustless quiche made of cabbage, cheese, eggs and cream. A succulent chicken dish, typically game in Val d'Aosta, was marinated overnight in red wine and garden herbs. This was served with a tasty, seasoned, baked apple. Apples, like fontina cheese and Arborio rice, are a product of the region.

Dessert was pizzelle, crisp, delicious, and made with a sweet kiss of honey.

Special thanks to Dave Perzinski who prepared a beautiful video of the area and to Tino who shared his knowledge of his magnificent homeland.

Join us on Thursday, May 17, when Lucia Clementi will introduce us to an exotic part of Italian cuisine known as Arbreshe!

-- Article written by Ken Borelli / kjosephb@aol.com

Val d'Aosta



Since our Regional Lunch featured cooking from the Aosta Valley, I thought it would be a good idea to share this bit of information with you.

This lovely area called Aosta is the smallest region of Italy and by far the least populated. It actually had negative population growth until the situation was recently reversed due to immigration. Val d'Aosta is in the northwest corner of Italy, bordering France and Switzerland. French and Italian are its official languages and many residents speak the dialect which is a blend of the two.

Val d'Aosta is a skier's paradise with many famous ski resorts located there, most notably Courmayeur. You will probably recognize the name of its most famous mountain: Mont Blanc, which at



15,781 feet is the highest mountain in Europe... the roof of Europe! Monte Cervino which is the Italian side of the Matterhorn and Monte Rosa, which is the second highest peak also rise in this amazing region... absolutely breathtaking scenery! If you don't like hiking, cable car rides are offered year-round.

Val d'Aosta also boasts the magnificent Gran Paradiso National Park... one of the few places in southern Europe where it is possible to see wild animals in their

natural habitat: deer, ibex, chamois, eagles and marmots, ermine, weasel, hare, badger, wolf and lynx.

Having visited there several times I can tell you, it's just magnificent.

-- Article written by Linda Binkley  



Cooking Class NEWS



Our April cooking class was such a success and so much fun! We had close to thirty students in attendance to learn how to make "Muffaletta Sandwiches" (Muffaletta is pronounced, "moo-foo-LET-ta") and "Ricotta Fritters". Our guest instructor was Rose Steele who taught us these amazing recipes. You may ask, "what is a Muffaletta Sandwich"? I had never heard of one myself! These spectacular sandwiches are a New Orleans specialty. The bread consists of a huge 10 inch diameter round loaf. To make this sandwich you need an olive salad which you can buy in Italian grocery stores or if you're adventurous, you can make it yourself. I must warn you though, there are 12 ingredients, including olives, capers, onions, pepperoncini, garlic and spices, just to name a few. First, the olive salad is spread on the bread and then layered with assorted deli meats and cheeses. Each of our students had the opportunity to make the muffaletta sandwich and take a whole one home to enjoy later.

During next part of the class, we were taught how to make Ricotta Fritters. This delicious dessert consists of ricotta, chocolate chips (my favorite), flour and sugar. The mixture is rolled into balls, deep fried and dusted with powdered sugar. Need I mention that they were scrumptious? It was just the right dessert to end a perfect evening with wonderful company.

Here's 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.

- May 3, 2018 / Torta Rustica (Meat Pie) / Instructor: Josie Taddeo / \$30.00 / Students under 18: \$20.00
- June 7, 2018 / Focaccia Bread / Instructor: Mary Brasuell / \$30 / Students under 18: \$20.00

-- Article written by Lucia Clementi 🌿



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Italian Classes @ The IAHF

“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom.” - Roger Bacon

The IAHF offers small-group weekly Italian language classes at various levels of proficiency. Our instructor, Italian born Delia Schizzano, has extensive experience in teaching languages and is truly passionate about her work. Delia’s classes encompass conversation, grammar, reading, literature, and writing. The classroom environment is casual and supportive, yet goal oriented and challenging. Delia encourages personal expression, such as the sharing of cultural traditions, slide presentations, and discussion of current affairs. She also provides enrichment activities, such as films, guest speakers, field trips, and other special events. Delia’s students are individuals from a variety of countries and cultures, age levels, and occupations.

Through attending the classes, my husband Tony and I have learned a great deal, enjoyed a variety of cultural experiences, and have made lifelong friends. Delia’s classes, which are in very high demand, have provided immeasurable enhancement and diversity to the IAHF membership. The fee for the classes is very affordable, and there are no books or materials to purchase. The only requirement for enrollment is that all students are members of the IAHF. - Article written by Clare Cedolini 🌸



Clare Cedolini

The Legendary *Sophia* shares some MAGIC with an IAHF member!

Being a published author gives me courage... and courage is what it took for me to approach Sophia Loren during her speaking tour in Las Vegas. Why Sophia?, you might ask. Well, to tell you the truth, this amazing woman has served as an inspiration to me, personally as a writer and artist, and also an inspiration for my novels’ characters.

During our brief encounter at a reception after her talk in Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Loren in Italian and to kiss her Italian-style, on both cheeks! Miss Loren was warm and charming and incredibly gracious. There were two things she said that that evening that resonated with me. The first: “Believe in your dreams, dreams become reality.” The second: “Be brave. Just do it.” These ideas are the premise of my first book, *Dreaming Sophia*, so of course, to hear Sophia Loren say this out loud made my heart pound!

After publishing my second book, *Waking Isabella*, I mustered my courage again and sent a copy of both books to Ms. Loren along with a note of thanks for her inspiration... written in Italian, my most-loved second language. Yes, I certainly remembered to use the polite “Lei” form of address!

You can imagine my thrill when I opened my mailbox a couple weeks ago and found a letter postmarked, Switzerland. It was a magical moment. In a letter that I will always treasure she wrote:



*Carissima, grazie di cuore per la sua bellissima lettera!
Infiniti auguri per il suo lavoro! Felicità - Sophia Loren 2018*

Dearest, thank you from the heart for your beautiful letter. Infinite wishes for your work! Happiness – Sophia Loren 2018

It is a very satisfying and rewarding feeling that my work has the blessings and encouragement of Sophia Loren!

-- Article written by Melissa Muldoon / www.StudentessaMatta.com 🌸



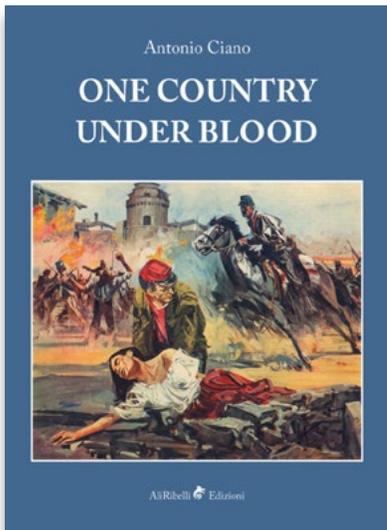


Linda Binkley's

a little italian by request

One Country Under Blood

by Antonio Ciano



I was honored to have received this e-book from the author and translator for inclusion in our newsletter. I was immediately fascinated by the book's premise, so I launched into it forthwith!

One Country Under Blood by Antonio Ciano states unequivocally that the unification of Italy was a crime perpetrated upon the South by the Piedmontese House of Savoy working with the Mafia and the Camorra.

Their call to action and arms was led by none other than Garibaldi himself... the man we were all raised to consider a hero!

The author describes the take-over of the South of Italy which was then called The Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and was under the control of King Francesco II of the House of Bourbon. The author is careful to document his claims of the wealth of the pre-subjugated South. He demonstrates that the South led the peninsula in advanced technology: railroad, telegraph, bridge-building, shipping and education. Life was good.

The Southerners fought gloriously to avoid being swallowed up by the North. The author describes in awful detail the murderous rampages of the northern troops, committing gross atrocities and finally beating the Southerners into submission. One particularly poignant chapter includes the surrender speech of the last Bourbon King, Francesco II in Gaeta, Latium, just south of Rome.

After the take-over, the riches of the South was systematically confiscated and transferred to the banks in the North and became the fuel for the industrial development of Lombardy (Milan) and Piedmont (Turin). The south was utterly neglected. Roads, canals, bridges, rail tracks, ports, schools... all were left to languish unfunded, unmaintained and unpoliced... a perfect climate for self-rule by the mafia.

It is no coincidence the exodus of the newly impoverished southerners out of Italy began after the unification.

I am grateful to this author for enlightening me. I spent several hours reading about the era from other sources and feel a deeper and greater appreciation for my southern Italian heritage. -- Article written by Linda Binkley 🍷🍷

Okay, language students: This is for YOU!

Maggio



Maggio è il quinto mese dell'anno. Ha trentuno giorni. In epoca romana, quando l'anno iniziava a marzo, maggio era il terzo mese dell'anno.

Ci sono diverse storie di come è stato chiamato questo mese. Secondo una storia, Maggio fu chiamato per Maia, la dea romana della primavera e della crescita. Un'altra storia è che Maggio è l'abbreviazione di majores, una parola latina che significa uomini più anziani. Alcuni linguisti credono che May fosse considerato sacro per gli uomini più anziani e Giugno era considerato sacro per gli juniors, i giovani.

Le persone che vivono in Inghilterra molto tempo fa hanno chiamato questo mese Thrimilee. Questo significa "mungere tre volte". In quel periodo dell'anno c'era molta erba nuova, le mucche avevano più da mangiare e producevano più latte. Potrebbero essere munte tre volte al giorno invece delle solite due volte al giorno.

May is the fifth month of the year; it has thirty-one days. In Roman times, when the year began in March, May was the third month of the year. There are several stories about how this month was named. According to one story, May was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Another story is that May is short for majores, a Latin word that means older men. Some linguists believe that May was held sacred to older men and June was held sacred to juniors, or young men. People living in England long ago called this month Thrimilee. This means "to milk three times." At this time of year there was much new grass, Cows had more to eat and produced more milk. They could be milked three times a day instead of the usual two times a day.

May

In Italian we say:

*Trenta giorni a novembre
Con aprile, giugno e settembre
Di ventotto c'è ne uno
Tutti gli altri
Ne hanno trentuno.*

In English we say:

*Thirty days have November,
April, June, and September.
With 28 there is but one.
All the rest have thirty-one.*

Submitted by Rosa Severo 🍷



A Bit of
**SOUTHERN ITALIAN
HISTORY**



It is well known that Italian immigrants, the majority from the south of Italy, have prospered wherever they landed. Many people have wondered how it was that immigrants who came from such abject poverty could rise so quickly in a different environment. The facts of the history of the South of Italy, called the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies before the unification of 1860, help to explain this success story of immigrants, a story born out of a long and thriving history.

Until the unification of Italy in 1861, Italy, south of Rome, was the largest, most prosperous, wealthiest and populous of the Italian states. Nearly half of the world's Italians, both in Italy and abroad trace their roots to the The Kingdom of the Two Sicilies.

The Kingdom of the Two Sicilies has a very long history. It was founded in 1130 by Roger II, a Hapsburg prince. His more recent heir, Ferdinando II, was an authoritative but shrewd ruler. He sponsored various agricultural projects which were at the cutting edge for their time. For example, In 1832, he ordered the first differentiated refuse collection in what is now Italy, with a focus on recycling glass. In 1839, he sponsored construction of the first railroad in Italy,

After the 1860 unification southerners were termed "backward" by northern politicians. Please look at these facts which speak for themselves:

First, compare the gold reserves of gold lire in millions of various states on the peninsula. You can see the southern districts in bold letters.

- **Two Sicilies - 443.2**
- Papal State - 90.6
- Grand Duchy of Tuscany - 85.2
- Kingdom of Sardinia-Piedmont - 27.1
- Venetia - 12.8
- Lombardy - 8.1
- Duchy of Parma - 1.2
- Duchy of Modena - .4

It has been suggested that to this day the Bank of Italy has one of the world's larger gold deposits thanks to the inclusion of the Neapolitan reserves of 1860 following the unification. Also, northern Piedmont had a much higher national debt at over a billion lire compared to 411 million for the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. No wonder the North wanted to annex the South!

At the time of the unification census data shows that the South

led the peninsula in education. The former territory of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, with a population of some 7 million, had half of the total of Italian university students. (excluding Rome)

The North frequently referred to southerners as "landless peasants." Facts dispel this lie. Despite the presence of large estates held by the nobility, especially in grain-growing areas, most southern Italians of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries owned their own homes and a garden or small parcel of land. The ready proof of this are the land tax records retained at Palermo's state archive. Those of 1748 and 1811 list numerous smallholders in each Sicilian town.

Look at this list of achievements in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies relative to northern Italian states, during the nineteenth century immediately preceding the unification:

- First pension system in what became Italy (2% deduction from salaries)
- Most printing presses of any Italian city (Naples with 113)
- Lowest taxes in Italy
- Largest naval yards based on number of employees (1900 in Castellammare di Stabia)
- Largest iron and steel engineering/manufacturing plant in Italy (at Pietrarsa)
- Largest iron casting foundry in Italy (Ferdinanda in Calabria)
- Oldest continuously-active opera house in Europe, the San Carlo in Naples (1737, rebuilt in 1816)
- First university chair and department in economics (Antonio Genovesi, Naples, 1754)
- Dwarf planet Ceres first observed (Giuseppe Piazzi, Palermo 1801)
- First constitution in Italy (Sicily)
- First steamship in the Mediterranean, the Ferdinando I (1818)
- First glass recycling program (1832)
- First steel suspension bridge in Italy (Gagliano River in 1832, components from Mongiana Works)
- First gas-fueled public lighting system (1839)
- First railroad in Italy (1839)
- First seismic observatory in the world (Vesuvius 1841)
- First steamboat with screw propulsion in the Mediterranean (the Giglio delle Onde 1847)

- First functioning electric telegraph in Italy (1852)
- Ranked 3rd country in the world for industrial development (1st in Italy) at Paris International Exhibition (1856)
- First submarine telegraph in Europe
- First military steamship in Italy (the Ercole)
- First maritime code in Italy
- First public housing complex/estate in Italy (San Leucio near Caserta)
- Highest per capita number of physicians in Italy
- First botanical gardens in Italy (Naples and then Palermo)
- First school for the deaf in Italy
- Lowest infant mortality rate in Italy (1850-1860)

It's good to be aware that there was a time, not long ago when Neapolitans and Sicilians were not just "southerners" of Italy but citizens of a proud, independent nation rooted in medieval history. In the wake of the fall of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and its annexation to the Kingdom of Italy, Neapolitans and Sicilians became "southerners" and the region's prosperity declined relative to that of northern Italy, spawning the Italian diaspora, the emigration of millions of Italians.

Source: <http://www.bestofsicily.com/mag/art425.htm>

-- Article submitted by Linda Binkley 🌿*



Italian Family Festa: Speaking of Art

Last month I attended an opening reception and artist talk for IAHF member Robert LaRocca at the Italian Cultural Institute, 601 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. Robert's works have taken off and there are plans to have a showing at the Museo Italo-Americano, also in San Francisco. Saying all that, we are also proud to note that Robert's works were shared and appreciated for two years prior at our Italian Family Festa. Because of our new site at History Park San Jose we have had the additional option of having a "galleria" and invitational art show. Robert was invited to share his works at both gallery shows.

It's a timely reminder, too, we do have a limited gallery space for our IAHF Members and friends to exhibit their works at the Italian Family Festa. If you would like to share your works at the Festa, please contact me, Ken Borelli, at the IAHF office at 408-293-7122 to further discuss details. We try to be as inclusive and diverse as possible as we promote a "well spring of great talent" from our Membership circle.

As a side note, Mary Menniti from the Italian Gardens Project also gave a lecture at the Italian Cultural Institute. I am happy and proud to acknowledge her past presentations at the Villaggio Culturale at the Italian Family Festa for two years running. We are hoping to have her back this year, too. In many ways our Villaggio Culturale exhibits are a very special activity, especially in the arts, which are an ongoing part of the Festa. As a cultural organization, we want to continue these special events, and encourage your input and recommendations to grow a greater awareness of "Italianita" in the arts.

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POPCORNFUN @ THE IAHF MOVIES

Sixty people had a great evening enjoying the comedy film *Noi e Giulia*. It received a rousing applause; the audience was so happy.

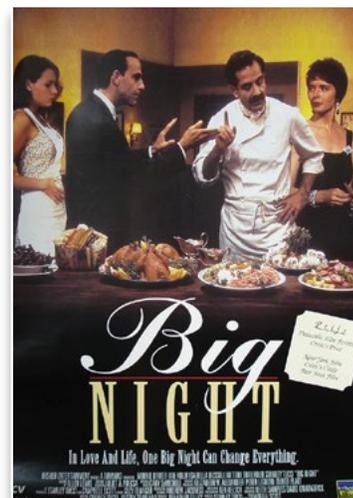
The film is based on four men dissatisfied with their activities in life. The first is a car salesman somewhat unhinged by his father's death so he decides to change his life; the second a Roman fascist, xenophobic and debt-ridden; a third, also Roman, has just caused the family's food store to fail and is a militant communist.

This unlikely foursome begins the renovation of the farmhouse together. The film melds their story with a young pregnant woman, hired to do their cleaning and cooking, and Abu, a farmworker from Ghana.

As they begin their reconstruction project they receive an unwelcome visit from a mafioso driving an Alfa Romeo Giulia 1300. As you can imagine this Giulia becomes a major player in the film and leads to all sorts of shenanigans and comedic interaction with the gangsters.

Please join us on May 9th at 7:00 PM for popcorn and "Big Night"

-- Article written by Delia Schizzano 🍷



It's Gardening Time!



Tomatoes / Peppers / Eggplant / Herbs Sale May 17 @ IAHF Hall

No, it's not too late to begin planting your summer garden! In fact, the soil is finally warm enough that tomatoes, peppers and eggplants should thrive. And don't worry too much about a dry summer as the plants will do just fine with practical watering methods like drip irrigation.

The volunteers from Prusch Farm Park have outdone themselves this season in growing hundreds of special tomato, pepper and eggplants for us to purchase. Many unusual as well as typical Italian tomatoes will be available along with expert growing instructions. Some varieties include: Aunt Rubies Green, Old Flame, Paul Robson, and the Italian Heirloom to mention a few.

The volunteers from Prusch are all retired Master Gardeners with years of training and experience, so please feel free to bring in some garden questions and we will try to get them answered.

Along with heirloom and specialty tomatoes, there will be a variety of peppers, from hot to mild. At our last tomato and pepper tasting many of you expressed an interest in milder pepper varieties. Some varieties we will offer include Padron, Goccia d'oro, and Corno de Torro, both red and gold. Several different eggplants are included along with some unusual as well as standard basil and other practical herbs.

The sale will begin at 11 and end after the Regional Lunch. All plants have been tenderly and organically grown from seed in Prusch Farms personal greenhouses. Bring your friends and family! -- Article written by Sharon McCray / samccray@aol.com 🌱

MAY

May 3 / Cooking Class

7:00 PM / IAHF Hall / Instructor: Josie Taddeo / Torta Rustica / \$30; Students under 18: \$20
RSVP at eventsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

May 9 / Free Movie Night / "Big Night"

7:00 PM at the IAHF Hall / No RSVP necessary

May 15 / Pre-Game Orientation to the game of Calcio

(Soccer) / 7:00 PM / IAHF Hall / With IAHF Soccer pros / In connection with Earthquakes May 19 soccer game / RSVP at eventsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

May 17 / Regional Lunch / Arbeshe Affair with Lucia Clementi

12 noon / IAHF Hall
Members: \$15; Non-members: \$18
RSVP at eventsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

May 19 / Italian Heritage Night with San Jose

Earthquakes Soccer / 7:00 PM / Avaya Stadium / Buy Tickets at Tinyurl.com/ItalianCommunity

May 31 / Cena Fuori

Terun / 448 California Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306 / 7:00 PM / Pay at door only, \$35
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You can click or tap on the link to RSVP and to pre-pay at <http://www.iahfsj.org/#levents/cfv>

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: \$18; Non-members: \$20
RSVP at eventsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

June 7 / Cooking Class

Focaccia with instructor: Mary Brasuell
7:00 PM at the IAHF Hall / \$30/ Students under 18: \$20
RSVP at eventsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

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

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

June 24 / Scholarship Dinner

7:00 PM at the IAHF Hall / Save The Date
RSVP at eventsvp@iahfsj.org or call 408-293-7122

June 28 / Cena Fuori

Information to follow / 7:00 PM / Pay at door only, \$35
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- Please provide the following information:
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Description of event

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