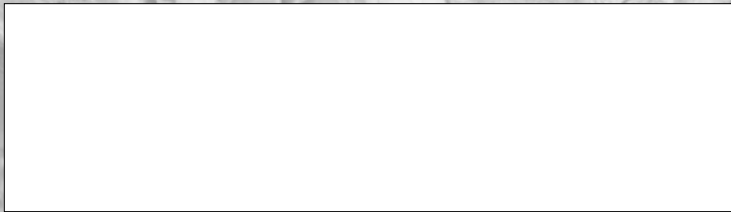




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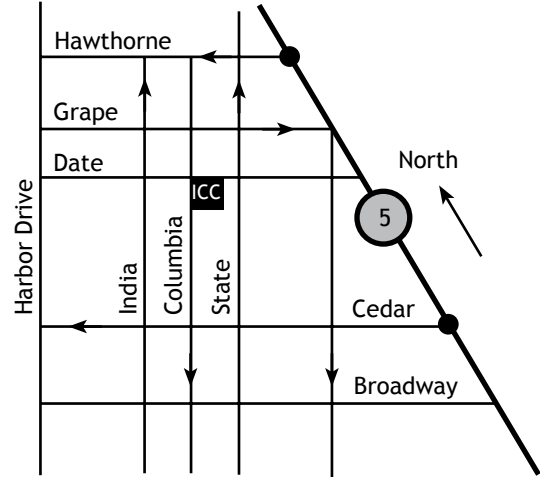
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NEW YEAR NEW CLASSES

Make learning Italian your New Year Resolution

The New Year will begin with many surprises for our students: brand new classes, the revision of our language program, and many social events.

Winter Quarter starts on January 4th. Enroll by December 15th and receive \$20 discount per class!

Is there anything better than learning Italian culture through its history, movies, food and wine?

Professor Pasquale Verdicchio of UCSD joins the ICC to teach a one-of-a-kind class on Italian movies, Chef Andrea Zarattini has regional food and wines for you to taste, and on popular demand Gabriella will bring back the Italian History I class! Check out the new classes that will be offered.

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Read complete class description starting on page 3-4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 13: Festa Di Natale

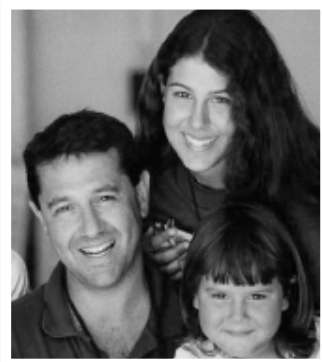
Dec. 15: Last Day to Receive
Enrollment Discount

Jan. 4: Winter term Classes Begin

Jan. 7: Toddler Class Begins

Jan 22: Abruzzo Earthquake
Fundraising Dinners IV

Jan. 24: Kids Classes Begin



CARI SOCI,

Questo periodo autunnale, insieme alle castagne, il fuoco nei camini e la festa di Halloween ci ha portato e ci porterà insieme per tanti eventi di carattere italiano.

- Amici Ball e' stato un successo per la raccolta di fondi per la nostra Lady of the Rosary,
- Il Columbus Day in Little Italy ha visto la partecipazione di circa 200,000 persone allietate da musica, balli e cibi italiani (personalmente ho incontrato una delegazione di Chicago che erano venuti a studiare il successo della nostra festa di Piazza, considerata la piu' verace e originale di tutto il west degli USA!!).
- La citta' di San Juan Capistrano ha celebrato il mese dell'Italian Heritage con una risoluzione consigliare che riconosce il mese di ottobre come Italian heritage Month e San Diego il luogo di celebrazione di questo mese.

Ma cosa piu' importante, ottobre ha dato inizio all'Italian Film Festival. I film sono favolosi e la partecipazione di pubblico di tutte le contee del sud della California, strepitosa. Troppo successo!!! Dobbiamo purtroppo chiudere il cinema al MOPA ogni sera a centinaia di persone per le quali non ci sono posti.

Stiamo studiando la possibilita' di utilizzare teatri piu' capienti per le prossime proiezioni. Il festival si chiudera' con la Gala del 7 novembre al MOPA alle 17,00. L'Italian Cultural Center e' protagonista di questo evento e i suoi soci godranno di uno sconto del 25% sul prezzo del biglietto di entrata.

La partecipazione ai corsi, sebbene in leggero ribasso per i corsi beginner, ha ripreso benissimo nei corsi intermedi e avanzati. Vi prego di controllare l'offerta di nuovi corsi a tema specifico.

E mi raccomando non mancate alla **Festa di Natale** il 13 dicembre!!

A presto,

Roberto Ruocco

Cari Soci:

The autumn season, along with chestnuts, the warmth of the fireplaces and the extravaganza of Halloween, has brought and will bring to us many events of Italian character.

- The Amici Ball was a fund raising success for Our Lady of Rosary.
- Our Little Italy Columbus Day saw the participation of more than 200,000 persons enjoying music, dances and Italian food (I personally met with a delegation from Chicago monitoring the most original event of the west of the US!!).
- The city of San Juan Capistrano issued a council resolution celebrating October as the Italian heritage month, and San Diego the place of celebration of this heritage.

But the most important thing is that October saw the beginning of the Italian Film Festival. The movies are fabulous and the public participation from all the counties of South California, sensational. Too much success!!! We had to close the MOPA to hundreds of viewers for lack of seats. And in fact the festival was carried in a couple important Italian cinema websites. We are studying the possibility of bigger venues for the future projections. A gala will close the festival on November 7, 2009, at 5:00pm. The ICC is a partner of the festival and members will enjoy a 25% discount on the entrance fee.

Finally, the participation in the Italian courses are slightly low for beginners, however the intermediate and advanced courses are still well subscribed. Important new courses are offered. Please check out our schedule.

And please don't forget our **Festa di Natale** of December 13, 2009.

See you,

Roberto Ruocco



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MORE NEW CLASSES

Lingua, Cinema e Cultura

A one of a kind educational experience through movie viewing, discussion forums and Italian Language skills building.



Professor Pasquale Verdicchio and Laura Bianconcini will hold this unique course which is a great opportunity to learn more about Italian culture through the analysis of films, from a socio-historical perspective.

The course will be a 10 week long experience including 4 Italian movies followed by a forum and a special Italian Language lesson.

The language course is designed specifically for advanced level students and will aim to reveal phraseology and the use of Italian expressions applied to realistic situations, through the analysis of the movie scripts. The movies will be shown in Italian with English subtitles and it will be possible to enroll in the movie screening part alone of the course.

The schedule will alternate movies and Italian Language lessons. See detailed schedule on page 9.

The cost for the entire course is: \$200. To enroll in the movie screening and forum nights only: \$150. No enrollment in language course alone is permitted since the viewing of the movie and discussion will be necessary to participate.

Storia d'Italia I – back by popular demand

Learn Italian history with an interactive and unconventional approach.

After completing courses Storia d'Italia I, II and III, Gabriella Pozzoli brings back one of the most interesting classes at the center.

If you missed Storia d'Italia I this is the time to enroll and catch up! This 8 week course explores rich Italian history starting from Roman times. No book is necessary, the approach is very interactive: the teacher will show movie excerpts, short videos, pictures, articles and students will participate in a discussion on historical events.

This is not the type of class where you learn boring dates! It's a class that invites students to think critically on Italian History while practicing their Italian.

Classes are taught in Italian and are designed for an intermediate to advanced language proficiency level.

more on page 4



Exploring Italy through Wine and Regional Food

Learn Italian language and culture while tasting wine and delicacies!

This course is designed for students to increase their knowledge of Italian regional wine and food including technical, historical, and social aspects.

Every week, for 11 weeks, we will special-order wine and specialty foods from Italy and we will learn all about the region they come from.

The class will be held both in English and Italian so that all level students can participate and at the same time, build a glossary in Italian language.

Students will learn the Denomination of Origin of Italian regional wines and foods through tasting, they will have their palates exposed to approximately 40 different Italian wines, learn skills of wine tasting, and develop an appreciation of regional food.

Only 21 and older students can enroll in this course. No text book is required, but you'll need to bring your own glasses: two wine glasses (one for red and one for white) are necessary to attend the course.

The cost for this one of a kind culinary experience is \$150 + \$75 for 11 weeks of food and wine. Due to the nature of this course we invite you to enroll ahead and avoid first night enrollment, this way we can buy and prepare the right amount of food.



ONE MORE NEW CLASS

Conversation on a Book

*A focused conversation
for beginners*

This beginner conversation class is designed for students who have taken Beginner Italian I and II (formerly Italiano 1 and 2). This class will be supported by Italian books at an easy level whose function will be mainly as a point of reference for creating conversations that reflect both the personal experience of the students and the contemporary reality of the Italian culture and society. The students will read and discuss the book in class and will also be assigned special homework each week.

This class runs for 10 weeks, tuition fee is \$130 and the book is included in the price.



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday:

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday:

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

EVENTS REVIEW

A Delicious and Worthy Cause

by Debbie Seracini

When I read about the dinner that Andrea was putting together to help rebuild the city of Barisciano in the province of l'Aquila after the devastating earthquake of April 6, I wasted no time in purchasing my ticket. Not only did I want to help with this worthy cause, I also knew that Andrea Zarattini is a fantastic chef and I did not want to miss out on one of his delicious dinners!

His menu sounded intriguing, exotic and most importantly, yummy with Insalata di Farro, Polenta di Farro al Pecorino Canestrato di Castel del Monte, Lenticchie di Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Cicerchie all'Olio Extraverginedi Oliva, Pecorino Canestrato di Castel del Monte con mieli aromatizzati di Barisciano, and Gelato allo Zafferano, Amaretti morbidi e Torrone dell'Aquila.

Something else that caught my curiosity was his mention that two items on his menu were "Slow Food Presidia products". "What was that?" I wondered. I wasn't familiar with the organization, so I did a little research and was very impressed by what I found.

The Slow Food website, www.slowfood.com, says they are "a non-profit, eco-gastronomic, member-supported organization that was founded in 1989 to counteract fast food and fast life, the disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the rest of the world. To do that, Slow Food brings together pleasure and responsibility, and makes them inseparable." They also have over 100,000 members in 132 countries.

What a great philosophy – the idea of slowing down and enjoying the simple pleasures of life sounds like such a treat and wonderful remedy that all of us modern-day city dwellers should embrace. I was definitely looking forward to this dinner!

We met on Friday, September 18. The main room of the ICC was set up with tables draped in white linen, with place settings and wine glasses for six at each table. Franco and Ilaria were rushing about, greeting the guests, making sure everyone had wine and were enjoying themselves. Andrea was working



in the kitchen, dressed in his white chef's coat, and looking very pleased and happy.

Before he served dinner, Andrea presented a travel video showing L'Aquila before the earthquake. What a beautiful city – but your heart ached while watching the show knowing that so many of the beautiful buildings had been damaged or destroyed. He did not show any post-earthquake scenes, which probably would have been too sad to watch, but it was a great feeling to know that our contribution to the dinner we were about to eat was going to help rebuild this beautiful mountain-top city.

The dinner was delicious! Each course offered pure and simple food such as grains and cheeses, and was prepared with time and consideration. My favorite was the “Polenta di Farro al Pecorino” – it was warm and creamy and the pecorino added just enough interest and tang – I loved it!

If we were to gauge the success of this dinner by the philosophy of Slow Foods, it met and excelled its goal. We enjoyed an evening among friends while eating traditional and delicious food – and life doesn't get any better than that! *Mangia bene!*

Andrea's Last Abruzzo Fundraising Dinner

Andrea's last dinner of this series will be on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Dinner price is \$65.

For reservations and information, contact the ICC at 619.237.0601, or email: info@icc-sd.org.



Full Menu

Friday, January 22, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

- Insalata di Farro (Emmer wheat)
- Passatina di ceci con gamberi (Garbanzo Beans purée with Shrimp)
- Capesante in salsa di zafferano dell'Aquila DOP (Scallops in dell'Aquila saffron sauce)
- Lenticchie di Santo Stefano di Sessanio (Santo Stefano di Sessanio Lentils)
- Gelato allo zafferano dell'Aquila DOP con Torrone al Cioccolato e Nocci-ole (Dell'Aquila saffron gelato with chocolate Nougat and Hazelnuts)
- Trebbiano e Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOP Acqua Minerale San Pellegrino

Abruzzo Earthquake Fundraising Dinners

by Andrea Zarattini

I would like to thank all who attended the two Abruzzo fundraising dinners for their contribution. It was a lot of work but it was fun. A special thank you is extended to the Italian Cultural Center for hosting the events and the Italian American Civic Association for their donation of \$500 for this cause.

Winter now comes to Abruzzo as the first flakes of snow fall on the mountains surrounding the city of L'Aquila and its hillside towns. At night the temperature falls below freezing and people are still sleeping in tents. Our dinners have been successful in raising money to assist in the rebuilding. The last dinner event will be held on January 22, 2010. In the Gran Finale Dinner we will offer a “Menù d'autore”: Italian Best Chef courses prepared with organic products coming directly from the Earthquake area. If you cannot attend the dinner, any donation is welcome and it will certainly help people less fortunate than us.





Italian Adult Classes – Winter 2010

<i>Day / Dates</i>	<i>Class Title</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Weeks</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Price</i>
MONDAYS					
01/04-03/22	Beginner Conversation (<i>Requires Int. Italian I</i>)	5:30 – 6:45pm	10	Michela	\$105
01/04-03/22	Intermediate Conversation (<i>Requires Int. Italian II</i>)	5:30 – 6:45pm	10	Roberto	\$105
01/04-03/29	Beginner Italian I	5:30 – 7:15pm	11	Silvia K.	\$150
01/04-03/29	Intermediate Italian I	6:45 – 8:30pm	11	Michela	\$150
01/04-03/29	Intermediate Italian II	7:15 – 9:00pm	11	Silvia K.	\$150
01/04-03/29	Adv. Conversation & Grammar (<i>Req. Adv. Italian I</i>)	6:45 – 8:30pm	11	Roberto	\$150
TUESDAYS					
01/05-03/09	Conversation on a Book (<i>Requires Beg. Italian II</i>)	5:30 – 6:45pm	10	Ilaria	\$130
01/05-03/16	Beginner Italian II	5:30 – 7:00pm	11	Gabriella	\$150
01/05-03/16	Beginner Italian I	6:45 – 8:30pm	11	Ilaria	\$150
01/05-02/23	Storia d'Italia I	7:00 – 8:30pm	8	Gabriella	\$110
01/05-03/16	Exploring Italy Through Wine and Regional Food	6:45 – 8:30pm	11	Andrea	\$150 + \$75
WEDNESDAYS					
01/06-03/17	Beginner Italian I	5:30 – 7:15pm	11	Chiara	\$150
01/06-03/17	Advanced Italian I	5:30 – 7:15pm	10	Simonetta	\$125
01/06-03/17	Advanced Italian II	5:30 – 7:15pm	11	Eleonora	\$125
01/06-03/17	Advanced Italian III	7:15 – 9:00pm	11	Chiara	\$110
01/06-03/11	Italian for Travellers	7:15 – 8:45pm	10	Simonetta	\$150
THURSDAYS					
01/07-03/18	Parent & Me – for toddlers and parents	10:30 – 11:30am	11	Gabriella	\$150
01/07-03/18	Beginner Italiano I at Lunch (intensive)	12:30 – 1:30pm	11	Eleonora	\$125
01/07-03/18	Beginner Italiano II at Lunch (intensive)	12:30 – 1:30pm	11	Gabriella	\$125
01/07-03/18	Intermediate Italiano I at Lunch (intensive)	12:30 – 1:30pm	11	Consuelo	\$125
01/07-03/11	Lingua, Cinema e Cultura	6:00 – 9:00pm		Pasquale/ Laura	\$150 +\$50
SATURDAYS					
01/09-03/13	Beginner Conversation (<i>Requires Beg. Italian II</i>)	9:15 – 10:30am	10	Maria	\$105
01/09-03/13	Intermediate Conversation (<i>Requires Int. Italian I</i>)	9:15 – 10:30am	10	Michela	\$105
01/09-03/20	Beginner Italian I	9:00 – 10:45am	11	Eleonora	\$150
01/09-03/20	Beginner Italian II	10:45am – 12:30pm	11	Gabriella	\$150
01/09-03/20	Intermediate Italian I	10:45am – 12:30pm	11	Eleonora	\$150
01/09-03/20	Intermediate Italian II	10:45am – 12:30pm	11	Ilaria	\$150
01/09-03/20	Advanced Italian I	10:45am – 12:30pm	11	Consuelo	\$150
01/09-03/20	Advanced Italian II	10:45am – 12:30pm	11	Michela	\$150
01/09-03/20	Adv. Conversation & Grammar (<i>Req. Adv. Italian I</i>)	10:45am – 12:30pm	11	Rossella C	\$150

Classes meet once a week at the ICC. **NO CLASS on: January 18 and February 15**

REGISTRATION starts November 15 at the ICC, via website, or by mail, with completed registration form and payment. Enrollment is confirmed with full payment of tuition or cash, check, (credit card is available online only). Current ICC membership (\$25 individual, \$35 family) is required to enroll in all courses. Early registration DISCOUNT: Register by December 15 and get \$20 off per class.



Course Registration Form – Winter 2010

To enroll, please drop off, mail, or place this form in our mailbox with payment. Pre – registration is strongly encouraged since we attempt to limit class size to 12 students (8 for conversation classes).

- Please add me to your mailing list for information on Italian classes and cultural events
- I'd like to register for classes now as indicated below

Name: First _____ Last _____

E – mail _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____ City and Zip _____

Specify: New student Returning student

Register me for the following:

Class _____ Day _____ Time _____ Class _____ Day _____ Time _____

Alternatives—in case the above choices are full:

Class _____ Day _____ Time _____ Class _____ Day _____ Time _____

Please check the boxes to indicate your selections and amount			check
ICC Annual Membership >You must be a member to enroll in courses	Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25
	Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Italian (textbook below is required)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$150
Italiano at Lunch (textbook below is required)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$120
Beginner or Intermediate Conversation	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$105
Advanced Conversation and Grammar	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$150
Conversation on a Book (book included)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$130
Italian for Travelers (book and CD included)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$150
Parent & Me (for toddlers and caregivers)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$150
Storia d'Italia I (material included)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$110
Exploring Italy through Wine & Regional Food (tuition \$150 + \$75 food & wine)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$225
Lingua, Cinema, Cultura (\$150 movie nights only OR \$200 movie nights + language class)	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$150
	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$200
Early registration discount (\$20 per class above) ONLY if before 12/15	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$_____

TEXTBOOKS

Ciao! 6th Edition Book and CD available for order at major bookstores (Barnes & Noble, UCSD, etc.) and online (Amazon.com, Textbooks.com, Half.com, etc.). Please note the ICC does not sell textbooks. Allow some time for ordering, buy your books early!

TOTAL (have you checked the boxes to indicate your choices?)

Paid by: Cash \$ _____ Check # _____ \$ _____

Refund Policy—please review and sign below

The ICC reserves the right to cancel or rearrange classes for any reason. If ICC cancels a class, students can transfer to a different class or receive a full refund. Approvals for transfers will be based on course and space availability. Up to and including the first class, students who send a cancellation **in writing** will receive a full refund. Up to and including the second class, a credit is available for a subsequent session. After the third class NO refund or credit will be given.

I acknowledge and accept the refund policy: _____
Signature of Student Date

ITALIAN ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES

WINTER 2010

Same Book, Revised Program!

We have reviewed and updated our Italian Language Program to follow the division of levels most commonly used in colleges. For those students who have already taken classes at the ICC, we prepared an easy reference table to find out in which class they should enroll in.

In the left column are former names of classes and in the right column the current names of corresponding classes. If you have questions call us and we will be happy to assist you in selecting the right level for you.

Former Class	Current Corresponding Class
Italiano 1	Beginner Italian I
Italiano 2	Beginner Italian II
Italiano 3	Intermediate Italian I
Italiano 4	Intermediate Italian II
Italiano 5	Advanced Italian I
Italiano 6	Advanced Italian II
New Class	Advanced Italian III

Adult Classes Description

BEGINNER ITALIAN I - *for absolute beginners*

Goal: This course gives students the basic tools needed to successfully understand and communicate in Italian. At the completion of this course, students should be able to greet others, introduce themselves, ask for information and directions, talk about themselves and others, and describe people, things, and places. **Grammar:** Pronunciation, subject pronouns, c'è (there is) and ci sono (there are), indicative present tense of essere (to be), avere (to have) and regular verbs in -are, articles, gender and plural of nouns, numbers 0-49, formal and informal communication, prepositions, interrogative.

BEGINNER ITALIAN II - *for students with very basic knowledge of Italian*

Goal: This course builds on Italiano 1 and provides students a stronger and wider skill set necessary to understand, speak, read and write in Italian. At the end of the course, students should be able to order and talk in detail about food, drinks, common activities, leisure time, plan a trip, describe daily life and talk about family and traditions. **Grammar:** Indicative present tense of regular and irregular verbs in -ere and -ire; possessive adjectives and pronouns, partitivo (some, any); sapere and conoscere (to know); days of the week, numbers 50-100.



22 giugno, 2009. Ultimo giorno della classe di conversazione 3. Insegnante Roberto Ruocco. Con un bicchiere di vino rosso, si parla meglio!!

INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN I - *for students with a fairly good command of Italian*

Goal: to build on Italiano 2 and give students the structures necessary to make polite requests, express tastes and preferences, describe people and experience from past, make comparisons, express wishes. At the end of this class students should be able to communicate in a shopping environment, talk about their childhood, describe and compare people and things, make social arrangements. **Grammar:** reinforcement and practice of all tenses of the indicative mood, including imperfect and past perfect, direct and indirect object pronouns, conditional, comparative and superlatives, present progressive.

INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN II - *for students with a good command of Italian*

Goal: This course helps build on Italiano 3 and give students a stronger foundation to develop their skills base in order to achieve a higher level of complexity in their speaking and reading. At the end of the class students should be able to talk in detail about Italian cuisine, ingredients, and kitchen tools, communicate about vacation, real estate, and converse about economy and employment. **Grammar:** Direct, indirect, and disjunctive pronouns, the future tense, the verb piacere, the invariable pronouns ne and ci, double object pronouns, and the conditional mood.

ADVANCED ITALIAN I - *for students with a strong command of Italian*

Goal: As a transition from Italiano 4, this course gives students the advanced language skills necessary to communicate at a high level of complexity. At the end of the course students should be able to describe in detail landscapes and cities, converse about sports, communicate on health and environment,

express opinions on art and theater. **Grammar:** Comparatives and superlatives, relative and indefinite pronouns, the gerund mood and the progressive form, the subjunctive mood, and the hypothetical construction.

Advanced Italian II - for students with a strong command of Italian

Goal: to build on Advanced Italian I and give students stronger and wider language skills to be able to interact at a very high level of complexity. At the end of the class students should be able to debate, judge and talk about any subject.

Grammar: conjunctive, conditional tense, relative pronouns, and gerund

Advanced Italian III - for students with a strong command of Italian

Goal: to build on Advanced Italian II and give students refined language skills. At the end of the class students should be able to debate, judge and talk about any subject.

Grammar: Passato Remoto, Progressive and gerund + Literature Elements.

BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED CONVERSATION

Italian culture —art, cuisine, cinema, lifestyles, music, fashion, etc—is the starting point for a number of conversations and discussions that will help students to both enrich their knowledge of Italy and build a larger vocabulary. Includes practical usage and a review of the grammar previously studied. (*Book: Italian Grammar in Practice*)

ITALIAN FOR TRAVELLERS

This popular and lively course of Italian starts you in the right direction with phrases about hotels, restaurants, shops, cafes, and museums. These basic conversational skills will greatly enhance your Italian experience. No prior knowledge of Italian required.

NOTE:

- **Beginner Conversation requires Beginner Italian II+ (or equivalent)**
- **Intermediate Conversation requires Interm. Italian I+ (or equivalent);**
- **Advanced Conversation requires Advanced Italian I+ (or equivalent)**

NEW CLASSES

(for full class description, see pages 1-4)

STORIA D’ITALIA I

Learn Italian history with an interactive and unconventional approach. Instructor: Gabriella Pozzoli. Brief Intro Paragraph

EXPLORING ITALY THROUGH WINE AND REGIONAL FOOD

Learn Italian language and culture while tasting wine and delicacies! Instructor: Andrea Zarattini.

CONVERSATION ON A BOOK

A focused conversation for beginners. Instructor: Ilaria Tabusso

LINGUA, CINEMA, CULTURA

A one of a kind educational experience through movie viewing, discussion forums and Italian Language skills building. Instructors: Pasquale Verdicchio and Laura Bianconcini

Class Schedule

Date	Program	Time
Thursday January 7	Introduction to the history of Italian cinema	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday January 14	Vocabulary and phraseology in the cinema world	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday January 21	Film 1: introduction, screening, discussion	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday January 28	Italian language class on film 1	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday February 4	Film 2: introduction, screening, discussion	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday February 11	Italian language class on film 2	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday February 18	Film 3: introduction, screening, discussion	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday February 25	Italian language class on film 3	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday March 4	Film 4: introduction, screening, discussion	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday March 11	Italian language class on film 4	6:00-7:30pm

Parking Tickets for Sale

Frustrated about parking in Little Italy? Parking tickets are available for sale to Saturday morning students. Parking lot is directly across from the ICC. Each ticket is \$3.00 and can be used from the hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday only. Please see Dianna in the office for details.



Italian for KIDS Registration Form – Winter 2010

Learn Italian the fun way through hands-on activities! \$20 OFF per child if you enroll by 12/15!

Thursdays 10:30- 11:30am	January 7 March 18	Parent and Me – ages 1-4 toddlers come with their parent or caregiver for a fun filled play and learn time in Italian.	11 weeks \$150 child
Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30am	January 24 May 30	Italiano attivo I - ages 5-8 students develop vocabulary and simple phrases and questions through fun and stimulating games, stories, crafts, and songs.	15 weeks \$200 child \$180 siblings
Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30am	January 24 May 30	Italiano attivo II - ages 7-10 students continue to develop vocabulary and conversational skills and simple reading comprehension, writing and grammar skills are introduced through fun and stimulating themes and activities.	15 weeks \$200 child \$180 siblings
Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30am	January 24 May 30	Italiano attivo III - ages 9-12 for heritage speakers and advanced students, to increase vocabulary, improve conversational skills, and expand reading, writing and grammar skills through fun and stimulating themes and activities	15 weeks \$200 child \$180 siblings

No Saturday class on: February 14, March 28, April 4, May 23.

Please note that additional classes could be arranged upon request during the week, in the afternoon or morning. If you are interested in this or another class not presently offered, please contact us at info@icc-sd.org

Children Winter 2010 Registration Form

Please complete & bring (or send via mail) to ICC (address below) with payment (\$20 off per child by 12/15) or enroll online

Applicant Name _____ Applicant Age/Date of Birth _____

Parent/GuardianName _____ Email _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____

Address _____ City and Zip _____

Specify: New student Returning student

Please Describe Italian Language Skills:

Preferred Class: (Note: Children are placed by teachers based on age/skills)

Italiano 1 Italiano 2 Italiano 3 Parent and Me

Please add me to your mailing list for information on Italian classes and cultural events

Enrollment: You may enroll in person during normal office hours (Mon, Wed 5:30-7 pm and Sat 9am-12:30pm) or mail this form, with a check. Enrollment is confirmed with full payment of tuition. Enrollment limits: Min 5, max. 8 children. Current ICC family membership (\$35) is required to enroll. Payment is by cash or check only. Make checks payable to ICC and send/deliver to: ICC of San Diego 1669 Columbia Street, San Diego, CA 92101
NEW! Credit card payment accepted online (www.icc-sd.org) in the Online Enrollment page.

Refund Policy—please review and sign below

The ICC reserves the right to cancel or rearrange classes for any reason. If ICC cancels a class, students can choose to a credit or a full refund. Approvals for transfers will be based on course and space availability. Up to and including the first class, students who send a cancellation in writing will receive a full refund. After the first day, NO refund or credit will be given.

I acknowledge and accept the refund policy:

_____ Signature of Parent _____ Date



We are all Italians: Little Italy Festa

By Elena Incardona

It was early morning, and everybody was setting up kiosks, stages and stands. Around 9am, an hour before opening the Little Italy Festa, the crowd was already filling India Street. We felt like Davids against Goliaths, our little but joyful crew among veterans like Filippi's, super-ready for the big day. Despite its relatively small size, the ICC has been able to draw great interest from people coming from everywhere. We have hundreds of visitors and a great deal of contacts and attention for our association. Many came to us and said, "My parents were from Calabria; I'm Italian!" To these words I immediately thought, "Of course you are, we are all Italians!"

Descendants of Italians are an important reality in San Diego, and their will to learn about the culture of their families is praiseworthy. We all live in a society constantly seeking affirmation and roots, something to grab onto and to understand better the world around us. Italians came a long way looking for affirmation here, and now their children want roots. Since the 1920s, the neighborhood of Little Italy has been a vital, pulsing heart of the city of San Diego, and that's why we love the Little Italy Festa. We want to celebrate Italians, Italian culture, and everyone who loves them both. This is a chance for Italians and Italo-Americans to look at each other's face and think that we all have a story, everybody's life can be like a movie, full of adventure, love and suffering.

It's my second year at the Little Italy Festa, and I can't help but wonder how many Little Italy's in the United States can count such an attendance, such a warm spirit and cooperation? Maybe only a few nowadays, and I'm proud to be part of one of those. Everybody is happily surprised by the strength of this community. San Diego for almost a century has been the perfect nest for



us. Maybe California and Italy are not as different as we think after all. Blame it on the weather, on the spirit, on the status of city-on-a-border and naturally inclined to attract and host people from everywhere. We love and will keep supporting our Little Italy and our San Diego.



Una Professoressa in Visita a Montepulciano

By Graziella Spinelli Kehrenberg

L'estate scorsa ho avuto l'occasione di passare qualche giorno nella campagna Toscana e, avendo sentito parlare con grande entusiasmo della scuola d'italiano "Il Sasso", ho deciso di mettermi in contatto con la Signora Heike Wilms, che gentilmente si è resa molto disponibile. Non solo mi ha trovato un appartamento per i giorni che soggiornavo a Montepulciano, ma ha messo a disposizione i vari servizi che la scuola offre: l'uso di internet, computer, informazioni, organizzazioni di gite, ecc...

Montepulciano è un paesino graziosissimo, con il suo fascino tipico toscano. Se si affitta una macchina questo è un luogo dal quale si raggiunge facilmente Firenze, Siena, Pienza...

In quei giorni ho avuto anche l'opportunità di visitare la scuola, situata in un antico palazzo. L'aspetto esteriore inganna e non rende giustizia a cosa offre l'edificio una volta entrati. Infatti il portone dà l'impressione di un luogo piccolo, ma al contrario, una volta passata la segreteria ci si trova davanti a sale e saloni utilizzati come classi. Che lusso! La scuola offre un ottimo programma di corsi di italiano che vanno da quelli elementari a quelli più avanzati. Le classi sono a numero limitato per poter garantire



la dovuta attenzione agli studenti e dare loro l'opportunità di praticare l'italiano. Gli insegnanti sono molto professionali e aggiornati secondo le ultime metodologie d'insegnamento.

La bellezza del paese di Montepulciano, la gentilezza ed accoglienza dei gestori de "Il Sasso", la competenza e professionalità della scuola sono stati al di sopra delle mie aspettative. Ora capisco perchè gli studenti dell'ICC ci tornano volentieri!

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Filastrocca di Natale

di Gianni Rodari

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di tipo speciale,
ma bello veramente.
Non lo farò in tinello,
lo farò nella mente,
con centomila rami
e un miliardo di lampadine,
e tutti i doni
che non stanno nelle vetrine.
Un raggio di sole
per il passero che trema,
un ciuffo di viole
per il prato gelato,
un aumento di pensione
per il vecchio pensionato.
E poi giochi,
giocattoli, balocchi
quanti ne puoi contare
a spalancare gli occhi:
un milione, cento milioni
di bellissimi doni
per quei bambini
che non ebbero mai

un regalo di Natale,
e per loro ogni giorno
all'altro è uguale,
e non è mai festa.
Perché se un bimbo
resta senza niente,
anche uno solo, piccolo,
che piangere non si sente,
Natale è tutto sbagliato.

(dal libro "Filastrocche in
cielo e in terra")



Gianni Rodari

Gianni Rodari (1920 - 1980) was born in Omegna, a small town in the province of Novara (Northern Italy). In 1948, as a journalist for the periodical L'Unità, he began writing books for children. In 1951, Rodari published his first books, Il Libro delle Filastrocche and Il Romanzo di Cipollino. After working intensively on collaborative projects with children, in 1970 Rodari was awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal for children's literature, which gained him a wider, international reputation as the best modern children books writer in Italian. His works have been translated into numerous languages around the world.

Books published: Il libro delle filastrocche, Il Romanzo di Cipollino, La freccia azzurra, Gelsomino nel paese dei bugiardi, Filastrocche in cielo e in terra, Favole al telefono, Gip nel televisore, La torta in cielo, La Grammatica della Fantasia, C'era due volte il barone Lamberto, Lettere scritte a macchina.

Festa di Natale! Annual Christmas Potluck Party

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our favorite holiday!

Sunday, December 13, 2009
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