



Il Bollettino
D'UNICO
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April 2015

Thursday, April 16th, 2015
6:15 pm
@ The Coral Casino
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Our April speaker is new UNICO Member—The Singing Chef - Andy Lorusso! Chef Andy LoRusso grew up in New Jersey in a close-knit, Italian-American family and was inspired by his grandmother who lovingly cooked for the entire family while operatic music played in the background.

His love of food and good music was fostered at a young age and, by 22, his love for cooking and singing ultimately melded into a career which includes both at the same time!

And that is exactly what Chef LoRusso does in presentations around the world and in "Cooking Cabaret," a cooking musical featuring the singing of international recipes in what becomes a veritable United Nations of food and song, and, will include working with local caterers and presenting the cooking demonstration in true sing-a-long style.

For almost twenty years, Chef LoRusso has appeared on such national television shows as those hosted by Donny and Marie Osmond and has presented cooking/singing demonstrations nationwide. His best-selling book "Sing and Cook Italian" and his unique singing/cooking performances aren't just about having fun in the kitchen.

As a speaker, entertainer and chef, he has gained a wide following as a celebrity cooking professional. His cooking/singing presentations became a television hit as cooking programs and food-oriented cable channels were evolving—think "Top Chef" meets Bocelli! Mangia!

Join us Thursday night to hear the Andy Lorusso story!



I Madonnari 2015 – May 23rd, 24th and 25th!!

Our annual booth at the I Madonnari festival is looking for volunteers! This is our big fundraising event of the year – the proceeds fund our Brian Piccolo and Renaissance scholarships. Please let Jeff Vitucci or Patrice Serrani know when you are available to work – we need your help! Grazie!

UNICO MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

Cocktails with Silvio and friends at The DiLoreto Family Theater in Imagine Park

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

5-7 p.m.

Please join the family and friends of Silvio DiLoreto for a private unveiling of **The DiLoreto Family Theater**

at Alpha Resource Center's new event venue, **Imagine Park**. Silvio and family have generously supported the work of Alpha and the development of Imagine Park. Join us in celebrating Silvio for his years of good work in our community.

RSVP to Marisa Pasquini mpasquini@alphasb.org; 805-683-2145



Imagine Park at
Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara
4501 Cathedral Oaks Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110
\$25 per person, Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails will be served.



Alpha is establishing the "*Silvio DiLoreto Arts and Recreation Fund*" which will support children and adults with intellectual disabilities to engage in the performing arts and access community arts and recreation activities

UNICO at The Santa Barbara Museum of Art

<http://www.sbma.net/exhibitions/botticelli.web>

On Thursday evening, UNICO members were treated to a guided tour of the Museum's fantastic exhibition: **"Botticelli, Titian, and Beyond: Masterpieces of Italian Painting from Glasgow Museums"**. The tours were arranged by Gabriella Schooley - docent at the Museum - and were very informative and entertaining.

This beautiful and powerfully moving exhibition explores the evolution of Italian painting over five centuries, from late medieval works of the 14th century to Impressionist pictures of the 19th. Drawn from the Glasgow Museums' outstanding Italian holdings, the show features works by some of the greatest masters of these periods, including Giovanni Bellini, Sandro Botticelli, Domenichino, Francesco Guardi, Salvator Rosa, Luca Signorelli, and Titian; many of the pictures have never before been exhibited outside of Scotland. The Santa Barbara Museum of Art represents this travelling exhibition's exclusive West Coast venue.



Above – Bill Volero, Barbara Hill-Volero and Linda Jordan



6 Openings left!

If you missed the visit to the exhibition, there are 6 more openings with the ICHF tour, Saturday, April 25th at 3:30 PM. Admission to the museum is \$10.00 for adults. It is first come first serve so if you are interested please email Gabriella at: ICHFinfo@italianheritagesb.org Additionally, one of Gabriella's Italian language students, Barbara Hill, has translated into English a wonderful piece on the Italian Renaissance. You can read it here: <http://italianheritagesb.org/2015/03/31/the-italian-renaissance-introduction/>



2015 UNICO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 93rd Annual UNICO Convention will be held at the Marriott Newport Beach Hotel & Spa in Newport Beach, California, July 29-August 1, 2015.

Due to the convention being held in California this year we hope to see a good group from our Santa Barbara Chapter attend. Watch the newsletter for more information. If you have already decided to attend please use the links below for the registration and reservation forms.

Convention registration form:

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/30a2b5ff001/24178226-f8a0-4d5b-a272-f80fecccab20.pdf>

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Club Calendar

April 16th, 2015 – Dinner Coral Casino – Speaker Chef Andy Lorusso

May 21st– Scholarship Awards Dinner @ the Coral Casino

May - I Madonnari 2015, May 23, 24 and 25

June 18th, - Dinner Coral Casino

July 16th, - Dinner Coral Casino

July 29th-August 2nd – UNICO National Convention, Newport Beach, California

August 2015 – No meeting

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