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**Auguri di Buone Feste**  
*from the Italian Cultural Society*



**The Italian Cultural Society**  
**Celebrates 40 Years!**

***For the past 40 years, the Italian Cultural Society has been at the forefront of uplifting the Italian American community.***

The Society has successfully served the cultural needs of the Italian community during these past 4 decades and has become a major cultural institution in the Sacramento region.

From humble beginnings, the Society has grown and provided community leadership to achieve our aspiration of building a brighter future for the Italian community.

**Our most recent success was the role the Society played in obtaining Recognition of the East Sacramento Italian neighborhood as a “*LITTLE ITALY HISTORIC DISTRICT*” by the City of Sacramento. This recognition was long overdue but now it is part of our legacy.**



*Other Community Goals that the Italian Cultural Society has Achieved Include:*

- **Built and operates the multi-million-dollar modern Italian Cultural Center of northern California** to house a rich and diverse cultural program – “*A Dream Realized.*”
- **Established a major Italian Language School** including pre and elementary school programs as well as adult and traveler’s classes and summer camps for

children.

- **Sponsor Children's and Adult Italian Folk Dance troupes** which perform across northern California
- **Publish a community newsletter** distributed to thousands of homes.
- Sponsor a **Weekly Italian American Radio Show** to air the best of our Italian musical heritage.
- Conduct low-cost **Tours to Italy** from the Lakes of the north, to Rome and Tuscany, to Sicily in the south.
- Created **Historical Exhibits that tell our story and are on permanent display** in the Italian Cultural Center including the "*Italians of Sacramento*" and the "*Italians in the Gold Rush*" exhibits.
- **Sponsor Italian-American Community Festivals** like "*Festa Italiana*" attended by thousands each year, an "*Italian American Heritage Day/Columbus Day Celebration*," and "*Festa della Befana*," an annual festival for the Italian children of the region.
- **Present weekly films, lectures, food and wine demonstrations, and art and history exhibits** which reflect our traditions and heritage.
- **Built a major Italian American library collection that is housed at the Italian Cultural Center.**
- **Operates a community hotline.**
- **And most of all, under one roof, the Society has been the advocate and voice for the Italian American people.**



### ***The Accomplishments of the Italian Cultural Society Over the Past 40 years Are Enormous***

The Society's cultural programs have touched the lives of many people. And for many the Society has changed their lives.

Thousands of students have attended our Italian Language school which operates both day and evening programs. Hundreds of travelers have had the opportunity to see Italy on our small group tours hosted by the Society. Thousands of Italian households receive our newsletter. The number of people who have participated and attended our festivals, films, lectures, food shows, art and history exhibits, concerts, and other special events over the past 40 years is in the tens of thousands. And the number of inquiries on the community hotline have also been in the thousands. All part of maintaining and preserving our larger Italian American community.

Not bad for a self-supporting cultural organization. The programs of the Italian Cultural Society are greater than the sum of their parts. But we rely on the support of people who care about their connection to our Italian Heritage. ***People like you.***

**All of our good work was made possible by the Society Volunteers and Staff and support from our Members and Friends of the Society.**



*On this Anniversary, The Society wishes to express its gratitude to those who have supported us over the years and helped keep our Italian heritage and spirit alive.*



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***Donate to the Italian Cultural Society***



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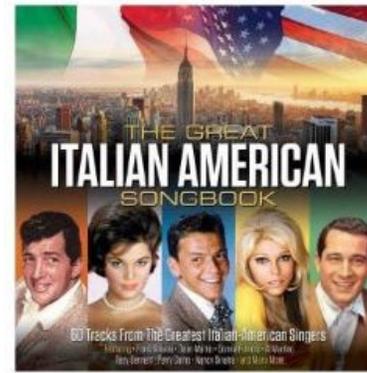
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There are many ways you can make a Legacy gift by designating a gift in your will or estate. Designating the Italian Cultural Society as a beneficiary is simple and easy.

If you would like to make a gift, please contact the Society at [italy1@surewest.net](mailto:italy1@surewest.net) or call 916-482-5900. You can also visit our website at: [italiancenter.net](http://italiancenter.net) for further directions or to download a Statement of Future Gift Form. The Society is a non-profit organization and your gifts are tax-deductible.

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**SACRAMENTO'S ITALIAN RADIO**



## ITALIAN-AMERICAN RADIO BROADCASTS SUNDAYS IN SACRAMENTO

### *"Sacramento, Italian Style"*

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*...and listen from anywhere in the world.*

Enjoy the best of Italian and Italian American music on the Italian Cultural Society's weekly radio show, "Sacramento Italian Style," hosted by Society member Phyllis Cupparo. **Phyllis has some special Christmas and New Year shows, plus a birthday tribute to Frank Sinatra and Connie Francis on December 12.**

A major cultural event in the United States was the emergence of Italian American Music in the 1940s, 1950's and 1960's. During the rock and roll era, Italians and Italian language music were involved in more hit records than any other foreign language. It was a time when a wave of talented Italian American singers dominated the pop charts with sounds that became the standard on American jukeboxes and radio and provided the soundtrack of postwar America. It was a time when Italian-Americans entered mainstream American life and popular culture. From 1956 to 1959 – there were more Italian-American singers on the Billboard charts than at any time before or since. Italian-American singers won the hearts of the public with a smooth, stylish, classy brand of pop. These Italian-American singers had a kind of charisma not seen before. They sang with a passion that appeared casual and easy. They embodied the Italian idea of - *La sprezzatura*- making hard work

look easy. Not only were they Italian-Americans but their songs were sung , in part, in Italian. Their music became a mainstay of pop, rock, folk and opera.

The Italian Decade of American Music spanned the years from 1947 to 1964. A time when Domenico Modugno wrote and sung “**Volare**” entirely in Italian which reigned as the number one chart topper for all of 1958 and won the first Grammy Award. When Connie Francis (Concetta Franconero) made everyone weep to “**Mamma**” and Mario Lanza, “**the American Caruso**” brought an operatic voice to popular music and opened the doors for future tenors to come. When Frank Sinatra became the first modern Singing idol and ...Did it his way. Tony Bennetts ( Antonio Benedetto) “I Left My Heart In San Francisco” is still a requested standard. A time when Dean Martin ( Dino Crocetti ) crooned “**That’s Amore**” in his warm, romantic style which remains one of America’s most played tunes. In the summer of 1964, Martin’s “**Everybody Loves Somebody**” overtook the Beatles #1 spot on the charts.

**Italian Americans have created a musical legacy that endures and is a source of pride to Italian-Americans. ENJOY THE BEST OF ITALIAN & ITALIAN-AMERICAN MUSIC!**

***If you want to request a song or make an announcement on the show, contact Phyllis by phone at 916- 852-6429 or by email at [pcupparo@comcast.net](mailto:pcupparo@comcast.net).***





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