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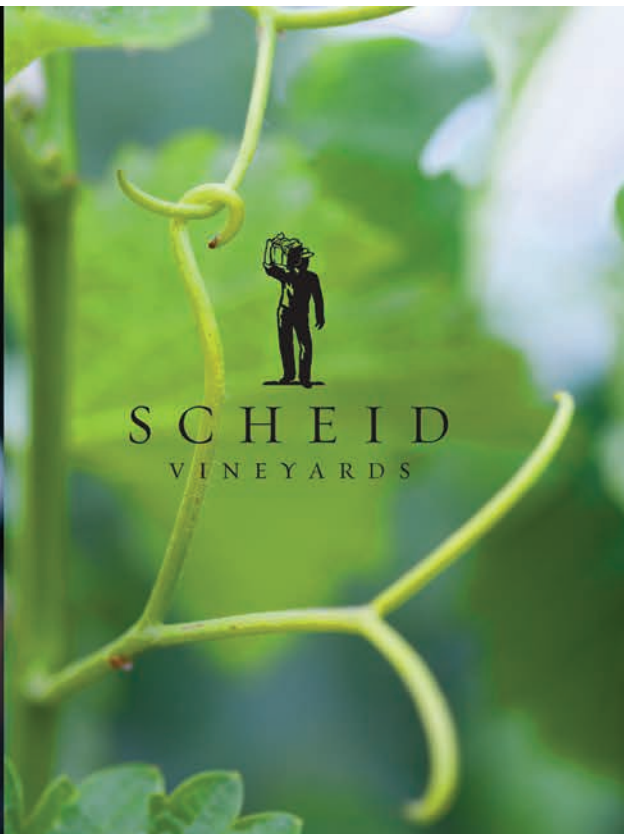


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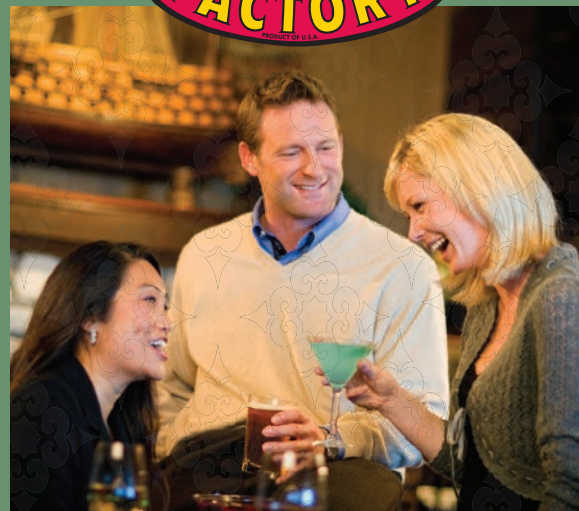
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BENVENUTI!

We are delighted to welcome everyone to the grand

Festa Italia 90th Anniversary!

We gather with family, friends and Visitors to honor the history of the fishing industry in Monterey. As usual we invite everyone to become a part of our heritage and tradition of “being Italian” during three days of fun, festivities and food. Please enjoy the food, music, dancing, crafts and all that we work towards year round to bring this admission FREE event to our community, visitors and friends. We work year-round to bring the event; the camaraderie and good cheer to the Festa. Without the sacrifice, dedication and blood, sweat and tears that our local fisherman have given this community, Monterey would not be what it is today. We thank all the volunteers, the board of directors, committee members and our sponsors, donors and advertisers. Please eat, drink, and be Italian! Ciao and Mille Grazie

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Cardinalli Family 6 boys and 6 girls, Celebrate the safe return of brothers Johnny and Carl from World War II.

BENVENUTO! A welcome from the President of Festa Italia Foundation Joe Cardinalli.

This year, 2023 we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival. We gather with family and friends on the Custom House Plaza next to the Monterey Bay Historic Fisherman's Wharf to celebrate and share Sicilian-Italian Culture, Cuisine and Family connections. In 1933 the tradition of the blessing of the Fishing Fleet and praying for the safety of the fisherman to Santa Rosalia was established. The four women credited with establishing the ceremony are Francesca (Ferranti) Giamona, Giovanna Balbo, Rosa Ferrante and Domenica Enea. Central to the celebration was always the thought that the lives and ships of the fishermen were to be protected from the dangerous sea through the intercession of the patron saint: Santa Rosalia. The Festa Mission remains to honor those men and women who left their homes in Sicily and established new lives in the State of California. Their cultural heritage and labors contributed to the growth of the City of Monterey and the establishment of Monterey as the "Sardine Capital of the World".

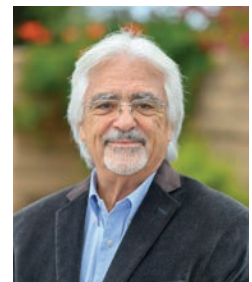
I always get asked this question, which Cardinalli are you, are you the car guy, no, I'm the "a-l-l-i" guy, so here is my super condensed family story:

SHARING MY FAMILY STORY ... My father, Steve Cardinalli was a fisherman, he was born in Pittsburg California on August 26, 1913. My grandfather, Nonno Andrew Cardinalli, was born in Isola delle Femmine, Sicily and immigrated to Pittsburg CA, my grandmother, born in Sicily, Nanna Jennie (Ursino), also immigrated to Pittsburg California. They met in Pittsburg married

and had a family of 12. When my dad was about 8 years old my Nonno and Nanna moved the family of 12 children (6 girls and 6 boys) from Pittsburg to Monterey in an old truck, my Nonno supported his family as a fisherman. My Mother, Josephine (Josie Russo) was also born in Pittsburg, California, her sisters were: Frances, Angelina and Jenny. My Grandmother, Elinora Russo (Aiello) moved them from Pittsburg to North Beach Columbus Ave, in San Francisco. As children, my Father and Mother lived just around the corner from each other in Pittsburg.

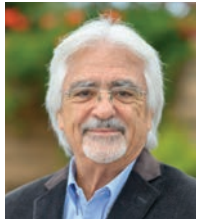
During World War II my Father worked in the ship yards in San Francisco, Steve and Josie met, fell in love and married, the war ended and my father and mother moved to Monterey to be near the Cardinalli Family. My father was a fisherman and a truck driver, he owned and operated "Steve's Bait" delivering fresh fish and bait up and down California. Later in life my mom and dad owned and operated a motel on Fremont Street in Monterey and a motel on Munras Avenue known as "Carmel Hill" motel row. I have one older brother Andy, who is four years older than me. When I was about 8 I learned how to build Fish Boxes from my dad to help earn extra money for the family. This probably was the beginning of my carpentry skills. When I was a little older I accompanied my dad on his truck route delivery bait up the Sacramento River. The trucks in the 1950's are not the trucks of today, they were cold, smelled of gas fumes, hard riding and you could see the roadway through the floorboard cracks near the gear shift knob. This is just a little of what I remember as a kid growing up in Monterey, we had a great life as kids playing under fisherman's wharf jumping back and forth on the big purse seiner skiffs and all day playing outside until it was too dark to see and we had to go home. Today with my wife Marilyn we continue to have a great life, I wouldn't change it for the world. Enjoy the 90th Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival. Viva Santa Rosalia,

Joe Cardinalli
President Festa Italia Foundation



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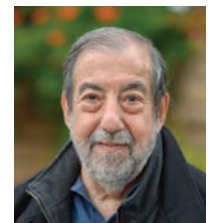
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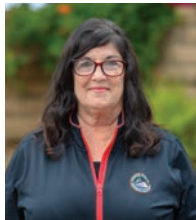


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I, along with my fellow Councilmembers, are delighted to welcome you to the 90th Annual Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival! Much of the rich history that contributes to the Monterey Peninsula experience comes from the Sicilian fishermen and their families who immigrated here decades ago to build a life on the west coast of California. Festa Italia celebrates keeping the stories and cultural heritage alive for future generations. It is also a great tradition for families from other cultures, to join in and experience the festive music and dancing, fun and friendships, and of course the world-class deliciousness of savory Italian cuisine.

Thank you to the Festa Italia Committee for all your work in making this such a long-sustaining and successful event. The Festa Italia Foundation operates completely on a volunteer workforce, and we want to give all the volunteers a big thank you as well.

The motto included as part of our City Seal is "Anda". It means onward in Spanish, and is symbolic of the spirit of the City of Monterey and expresses the hope for continued forward growth. We wish the same for all of you. Whether you are a visitor to Monterey attending the Festival or a local resident, we thank you for being a kind consumer - kind to one another, to our charming city, and to our beautiful natural resources, we work so hard to preserve. Join in the fun and have a wonderful time at this year's Festa Italia!

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Festa Italia

Entertainment Schedule Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival 2023 September 8, 9, & 10

Friday, September 8

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM The Money Band

Saturday, September 9

11:30 AM – 12 PM Opening Ceremonies
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Mike Marotta and Friends
1:00 PM – 1:20 PM Tene Shake Cooking Demonstration
Classic Fisherman's Cioppino
1:20 PM – 2:20 PM Anthony Lane Band
Tarantella Dancers
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Pasquale Esposito
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Anthony Lane Band
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Pasquale Esposito
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM 831 ALLSTAR Band

Sunday, September 10

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Anthony Lane Band
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM Pasquale Esposito
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Mike Marotta and Friends
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Pasquale Esposito
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Anthony Lane Band

Schedule subject to change

*** Saturday and Sunday Festival opens at 10AM**



David Marzetti
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Erasmus "Orazio" Aiello

Erasmus 'Orazio' Aiello comes from Palermo, Sicily. He has been discovered by musicians eager to share his gift of singing traditional Italian songs and opera with wider audiences. During the day he practices while baking bread at his famous Palermo Bakery.



David Marzetti, Master of Ceremonies/Singer

This is the 29th year that David Marzetti has emceed and performed at Festa Italia with his close friend, Mike Marotta. David comes from a radio background that spans over 40 years. He currently hosts a radio show every Saturday morning called the "Shag Bag" on 1460 AM/101 FM KION, as well as Sundays with Sinatra: Live from Old Fisherman's Wharf on KMBY 1240 AM/95.9 FM every Sunday morning. David spent many years working at the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau promoting the region. He is highly regarded as "Monterey's Emcee" and hosts many local functions and fundraisers.



Anthony Lane Band

Anthony Lane was born as Antonino Pasquale Cotroneo in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. At the young age of ten Nino began to perform with many bands in the Italian community. Singing mainly in Italian he was known as "the little Italian Singer" At the Age of fourteen he decided to leave his Italian sound and begin his first rock Band "Double Vision" later to be called "Clear Cut" they went on to record three albums. Throughout the 80's Anthony was a part of a powerful musical team. To make it easier in the Music Business Anthony changed his name to Lane (Plain Lane is what he would say!) To keep Music alive Nino purchased the Legendary FOX THEATER in Salinas, California where he brings major shows and events. Anthony decided to follow his heart and sing the music he once enjoyed - Classic Italian.



Pasquale Esposito

was born and raised in Naples, Italy. He immigrated to the United States winning the Green Card Lottery in 1998. He pursued his passion for music by studying at San Jose State University receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree where he was a distinguished alumnus in 2009. He is an international cross-over recording artist, acclaimed for his pop-opera delivery of songs. Esposito released 9 albums and began touring internationally with his first musical revue: *Naples ... That's Amore* in 2005. Thereafter, he toured with his CD of Original Compositions: *A Brand New Me* (2009) and *Il Tempo* (2011).

THE MONEY BAND



Led by charismatic lead vocalist and harmonica player Zoe Alexander, The Money Band performs with a remarkable intensity and fire that garners new fans and critical acclaim wherever and whenever they play. Playing every style from country to funk to disco to classic rock, reggae, modern rock and pop, with songs from the Beatles, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Van Morrison, The Rolling Stones, Kid Rock, Jason Mraz, Oasis, Sublime, Maroon 5 and many more of your favorites, The Money Band will have you and your guests "All Shook Up," and the dance floor will be packed all night long.

The Money Band has shared the stage with many major acts including Steve Winwood, The Dixie Chicks, Kenny Chesney, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dave Mason, Link Wray, The Stray Cats, The Byrds, James Burton and many more. They have toured and performed all over the United States as well as

internationally, with dates in Europe including England, The Netherlands, Italy, and France.

Additionally, they have performed for weddings and private parties at some of the most prestigious hotels and venues both locally and around the world, including The Lodge at Pebble Beach, Chateau Julien, The Inn at Spanish Bay, The Asilomar Conference Grounds, Carmel Mission Ranch, The Holly Farm, Corral De Tierra Country Club, Paraiso Vineyards, The Coconut Grove in Santa Cruz, The Peabody in Memphis, TN, and The Hotel Negresco in Nice, France, to name just a few.

The Money Band has been voted Best Band by readers of Monterey County Weekly and Carmel Pine Cone numerous years.

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FESTA ITALIA

SANTA ROSALIA FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL



Keeping the Italian-Sicilian Culture and way of life alive is what the Festa Italia is all about. The Italian and Sicilian fishermen and their families are who built this community that we all today call home. They brought jobs, housing, and prosperity to Monterey many years ago with the fishing and canning industries. The Santa Rosalia Festa Italia of Monterey is the celebration of the patron saint of the fishermen. This festival in Monterey makes many contributions in the form of scholarships, donations to San Carlos School and Church, and more.

During the admission free 3 days of the Festa more than 20,000 people attend the festivities enjoying Italian and Sicilian style music, food, entertainment, and fun. From the amazing caliber of top entertainment, delicious authentic food, premier bocce tournament,

authentic Italian-Sicilian gifts, Monterey's very own Tarantella Dancers who delight the crowd with colorful Italian costumes and traditional dancing. The Festa is the perfect way to celebrate anything and everything Italian and Sicilian from the Bocce ball tournament, raffle prizes, and authentic food; to the parade, crowning of the Santa Rosalia Statue and blessing of the fleet on the wharf; the festival is the place to be every September! We have a dedicated, hard working and enthusiastic board and committee that work year round to put on the first class festivities at the Festa. As always we have to thank our sponsors who are too numerous to list, but each and every one knows how grateful we are for their continued support. With the generous support Festa Italia, is able to continue this wonderful festival, which enriches the community through promoting and preserving the heritage, traditions, and cultures of Monterey's Italian-Sicilian Americans.



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In 1997 the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Foundation, a 501© (3) non-profit organization was incorporated. The Foundation's Board of Directors are responsible for planning and implementing the logistics, set-up operations while insuring the safety of all guests, visitors and volunteers. The Festa Foundation is plans and implements several fundraising events throughout the year. It is due to the Foundation board members hard work, commitment and dedication that the Monterey Fisherman's Festival has achieved unprecedented success year after year.

Grazie mille- Many Thanks to the Festa Volunteers

The continued success and keeping the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival an admission Free Family event is due to the hundreds (thousands)of Volunteers, Civic Organizations, Magazine Sponsors and current Donors who give their time and energy to keep the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia open to families, friends and visitors to Monterey!

BOCCE Ci vediamo al campo de bocce!

One of the biggest draws to the Fisherman's Festival is the Bocce Tournament. Each year teams travel from far away to compete for cash prizes and bragging rights. There is an entrance fee per team, which includes lunch. There is a 32 team maximum and teams are accepted on a first come first served basis, they are matched at random. Teams must be able to play any time on Saturday and Sunday at the Festa Italia Bocce Court. Once a team is confirmed they are sent tournament rules.

We welcome and encourage all Bocce enthusiasts young and old to participate. Have fun cheering on your favorite team, and learn the rules and strategies at this exciting event.

Mangia cibo Bevanda Birra o Vino -Eat food, Beer & Wine

Crowd favorites include: **Arancini**. Delizioso! Rice balls, stuffed with sauce meat and cheese, rolled in bread crumbs then deep fried to a crispy golden brown with a tomato based sauce made fresh by our Festa Italia volunteer cooks. They are sold out by noon on Sunday. Other crowd pleasers include **Steak** and **Sausage Sandwiches**, and of course **Pizza!** And of course what would an Italian Festival be without **Pasta and Meatballs**. The Pasta sauce is made fresh and served hot to satisfy.

New this Year: Deep fried Shrimp. Sure to sell-out! Desserts include **Cannolis** with fresh ricotta filling and **Italian cookies**.

Enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea.

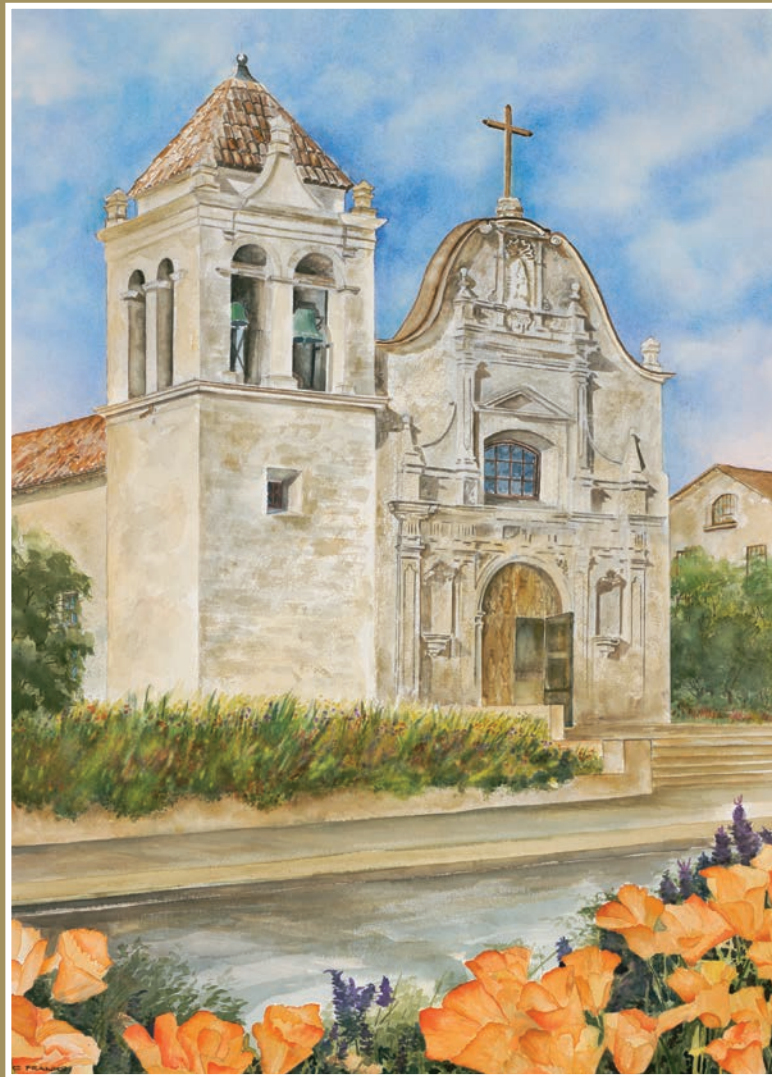
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Bounty of the Sea Exhibit Located at the Stanton Center



The Festa Italia Foundation in partnership with the Italian Heritage Society has created a timeline exhibit of the history of fishing in Monterey Bay—Bounty of the Sea—the exhibit includes text, photos and stories. The exhibit emphasizes the Sicilian/Italian contributions made during the sardine era that led to Monterey earning the title of Sardine Capital of the World. The display covers the Pittsburg connection, the Santa Rosalia ceremonial blessing of the fleet, the Festa Italia Celebration, a Tarantella traditional dress along with information on fishing boats, nets, canneries and the wharfs. It also highlights information on Indigenous, Chinese, Portuguese, and Japanese fishermen, the Western Flyer, and the Monterey Bay Fishing Trust.

The exhibit is located at the Monterey History and Art Stanton Center at the Custom House Plaza. Viewing is available daily from 10 am to 5 pm, except Fridays. Admission fees are charged.



Thank you to AnnaMarie Della Sala-Stanton President of the Italian Heritage Society and Joe Cardinali President of the Festa Italia Foundation for leading this exhibit project. Also Festa Italia volunteers Marilyn Cardinali, Michael Pacciorini and Andy Cardinali, and Italian Heritage volunteers Mike Ventimiglia, Bob Enea and Joe Amelio, Mikko Mananghaya for the design of the Festa Italia museum panels.



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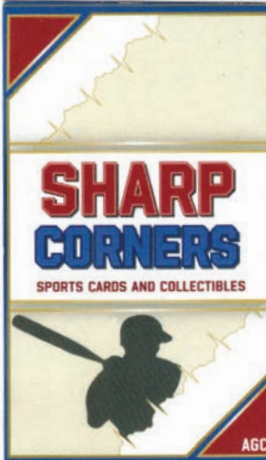
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- In 1319 AD, Bocce was prohibited from play by anyone of lesser than noble status, as it was feared that it took too much time away from practical endeavors and military training.
- By 1519, the game once again became public and spread to places like Belgium and Holland.
- The Republic of Venice condemned the sport in 1576 and the Catholic Church prohibited clergymen from playing bocce.
- Guissepi Garibaldi, sometimes referred to as the George Washington of Italy, popularized the sport and made it what it is today whilst unifying Italy.
- In 1896, the first Bocce Olympiad was played in Athens, Greece. It has been an international sport ever since.
- The first bocce clubs were formed in Italy and the first recorded Italian league was established in 1947. This was also the first year of the annual Bocce World Championships.

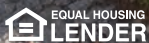
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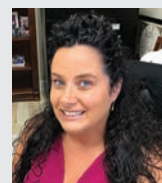
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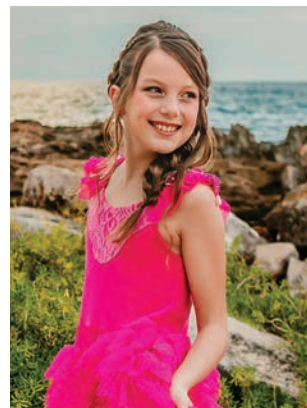
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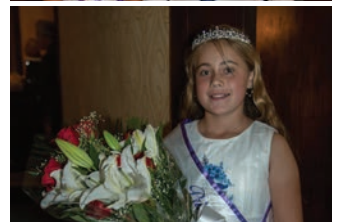
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Elena Davi

Hi my name is Elena Davi, and I am so thankful and blessed to have served as the 2022-2023 Santa Rosalia queen! I have been a part of this beautiful celebration for as long as I can remember, and I am happy to say that I have made so many amazing memories and friendships! The Santa Rosalia festival has taught me so much about my culture, religion, tradition and the history of my Italian ancestors! I would like to thank all of my family, my parents Peter and

Sidra, my siblings, my Nonno Peter and Nonna Lia, my Grandmother Sally, all of my aunts uncles and cousins for the constant support I have received throughout my life! Recently I graduated from Notre dame high school, and I am excited to announce that I am currently attending Chico state university to study psychology! Lastly, I would like to thank Fran, and the entire festa Italia committee and community for continuously putting on this amazing event! Viva Santa Rosalia!





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Tene graduated from Bethany University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1988. Following college, he completed levels 1-3 at the California Culinary Academy and attended Le Cordon Bleu and the

International Culinary Center/French Culinary Institute. In 2009, Tene was honored to spend time at the White House with Chef Sam Kass. Chef Tene was voted 2014 Chef of the year and Chairman of Les Toque Blanchés International-Monterey and the American Culinary Federation, Central Coast and President of the National Chapter of ACF Central Coast.

Born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, Tene Shake is an authentic "Local Real Estate Expert" with "local Knowledge" of real estate on the Monterey Peninsula. Tene has a passion for real estate buying his

first home at age 19. Tene follows in the tradition of giving back instilled in him as a young man by his Mom & Dad that simply taught him "you receive in order to give."

Tene is proud to support over 300 charities. One of Tene's most humbling experiences was meeting Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India in 1991 and spending a half day with her visit the areas of the poor and homeless she visited often.

Tene lives in Monterey County with his wife, Tracy. January 2023 marked the celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

Directions Fisherman Wharf Cioppino Serves 8-10

Ingredients

3 Cups Marinara
1/2 Cup Butter
2 Tbsps. Garlic, minced
1 Cup Clam Juice
1 Cup White Wine
1/2 lb Cod – cut into 2" chunks
1/2 lb .Swordfish- cut into 2" chunks
6 ea. .Scallops
6 ea. . Prawns
1/2 lb Dungeness Crab Legs –Cracked at the joints
6 ea. Clams
6 ea. Mussels

1. Melt the butter in a large, deep sauté pan.
2. Add the garlic and stir together over medium heat.
3. Add the marinara, clam juice and white wine and stir to incorporate for 5 minutes
4. Carefully add all fish and shellfish to the marinara and combine.
5. Cover and simmer together for 15-20 mins.
Serve with some crusty garlic bread and a glass of Monterey County Chardonnay.

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Saint Rosalia HER STORY



Who was Santa Rosalia? She was born in 1130 AD and is the Patron Saint of Palermo, Sicily. According to legend, Rosalia was born to a Norman noble family that claimed descent from Charlemagne. Devoutly religious she abandoned her family's wealth and royal lifestyle to live as a hermit in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she died alone in 1166. Tradition says that she was led to the cave by two angels. There she lived as a hermit dedicating her life to prayer and solitude.

According to her story, a ship carrying the bubonic plague landed in Palermo in May 1624. The epidemic that ensued caused the deaths of about one third of Palermo's population. The epidemic raged on until the middle of July when a young man, Matteo Bonello, had a vision in which Rosalia appeared to him and directed him to her cave. She instructed him to retrieve her bones and to carry them to the four corners of the city. Bonello found the cave, Rosalia's bones and a rock with Rosalia's name on it. He carried the bones to the city and soon Palermo's horrible plague was over. Santa Rosalia became the patron saint of the City of Palermo. In fact, she is generally revered throughout Sicily.

Every July 15-17, Palermo holds a festival to commemorate the ending of the plague and to honor their patron saint. The annual festivities are elaborate and attract people from great distances. The Community of Isola delle Femmine is a mere 15 kilometers from Palermo. Many of the original Isola delle Femmine immigrants participated in Palermo's annual festivals bringing the tradition to Monterey.

In 1933, the tradition of blessing the fishing fleet and mass at San Carlos Cathedral followed by Saint Rosalia traveling in a procession to the Monterey Wharf was established. As Santa Rosalia traveled from the Cathedral she is led by the Local Catholic clergy, Knights of Columbus, the congregation and community members. Upon arriving at the waterfront, the names of those lost at sea are read aloud and a wreath is placed in their honor. A blessing is offered for all who make their living on or by the Monterey Bay.

Santa Rosalia's float is adorned with fresh flowers donated in honor and memory of fishing families. There are a limited number of spots available. If you are interested in honoring a family member, please contact Phyllis Grillo at pgrillo831@gmail.com or (831) 402-8030

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No Italian wedding or celebration is complete without the rhythmic song and dance to the Tarantella. It is considered by some to be the most popular of all the Italian songs and it is even considered by many as the song of Italy. The dance is both lively and graceful, with light and quick steps mixed with passionate gestures.

The Tarantella, originally an Italian folk dance of the lower-middle-classes. Has been labeled as a dance to cure sickness. Legend states that between the 15th and 17th centuries an epidemic of tarantism swept through the town of Taranto of

southern Italy. This was as a result of being hit by the poisonous tarantula spider. The victim, which is referred to as the tarantata, once bitten would fall into a trance that could only be cured by frenzied dancing. People would surround the victim while musicians would play mandolins, guitars and tambourines in search of correct rhythm. Each beat would have a different effect on the tarantata causing various movements and gestures. Once the correct rhythm was found it was almost certain that the tarantata was cured.

The Tarantella Dancers perform on Saturday and Sunday

The Tarantella Dancers of Monterey are sponsored by Festa Italia/Santa Rosalia Foundation, a 501© (3) non-profit organization. They perform annually at the Festival and other cultural events.

If you are interested in joining the group or booking them for an event, please contact Phyllis Grillo at pgrillo831@gmail.com or (831) 402-8030 for more information.

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