

Sunday Aug. 13, found the Patrons once again supporting the ‘Italo-Americano’ at its Ferragosto Gala, this year held at the D’Aquino Winery in Duarte, Ca. With the support and generosity of Mr. Gaetano D’Aquino and Mr. Robert Barbera, Publisher of the paper, 3 dozen PIC members enjoyed a unique wine tasting event, that included four of D’Aquino’s lovely wines accompanied by tasting courses of Italian delicacies.

The joint event, held every other year, is a long standing tradition between the I/A Paper & the Patrons. It was also the occasion for the Patrons to present the ‘2017 Casola Prize’ to UCLA, PH.D. candidate, Mr. Joseph Tumolo. Flying in from Pittsburgh, Pa. to watch the award and join in the festivities was his entire family.

Ms. Elisabetta Russo, noted Soprano, provided an amazing number of familiar opera pieces. Her vocal talent gave way to many rounds of applause and appreciation.

At the conclusion of the event, every guest was presented with a ‘gift’ bottle of Mr. D’Aquino’s delicious Prosecco to enjoy. See the photos of the event in our Photo Gallery.