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Take a Virtual Tour of Our New Hall



Welcome! We wish everyone could see the gorgeous Hall renovation in person, but for now, join us on this virtual tour.

As you step into the Foyer, you may have the sense you are entering a 5 star hotel. It's bright and airy, with a new marble tile floor, fresh paint, and beautiful new furniture and artwork.



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Issue 6 – Special CCIS Renovation Edition

Il Cuore Italiano staff took the summer off due to Covid-19 and—happily—due to Samantha's maternity leave. (Congratulations, Samantha and John Lighty, on your beautiful son, Thomas.) We expect to be back soon with the September-October edition.

Meanwhile, **we're happy to bring you this Special Renovation Issue.**

Although the pandemic has kept us apart, the Board has been hard at work carrying out the planned Ballroom renovation. Thanks to Board members, Officers and members of CCIS, a beautifully refreshed Hall awaits us when we return to fellowship at CCIS. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this virtual tour.

About the September-October 2020 Issue: Please help us make it an issue you want to read. Do you have news to share? A story of how you're dealing with Covid? An article? Photos and a story about your travels in Italy? A recipe? A funny, poignant or inspiring story? Tidbits about your ancestors' region of Italy? Email ccisnewsletter@gmail.com to discuss your idea or just send your submission by August 10 for the next issue, or anytime for future issues.

IMPORTANT -- Reader Survey: Frankly, CCIS members have been fairly silent *about Il Cuore Italiano*, so we don't know whether to keep doing what we're doing. Do you want to continue receiving *Il Cuore Italiano*? How well is *ICI* meeting your needs? What can we do better? Please take 5 minutes to complete this online Reader Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRSMCYB>

Please. We truly can't keep doing it without you. Thanks!

- CCIS Board and *Il Cuore Italiano* Editors

Tour of the New Hall, continued



This is the new Regina Room, all repainted and refreshed with gleaming wood floors and elegant appointments.



This is the all new Ladies Room. Everything has been replaced and refreshed. We extended the marble tile into both Ladies and Mens Restrooms, making the spaces flow and seeming so much larger.



The Regina Room will remain staged and ready for showings for Hall rental.



The sitting area of the Ladies Room features new artwork and an ornate full length mirror, "Wow" factors for folks considering renting our Hall.

Meanwhile, next door, San Francesco di Paola Church has enhanced their aesthetic appeal for weddings with their own major renovation, including their Bride's Room, Kitchen and Conference Room. The proximity of these two beautiful venues make the CCIS Hall even more desirable as a wedding venue.



The Regina Room can accommodate 220 people and is available for rental for weddings, events and parties.



The newly renovated Bride's Room at San Francesco de Paulo Church.

Tour of the New Hall, continued



The newly renovated kitchen at San Francesco di Paola Church.



The newly renovated Church Conference Room.

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Thank you to all who contributed to this issue!

Send us your responses! Have a story, event, recommendations, recipe or pictures you'd like featured in the newsletter? Email them to ccisnewsletter@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. That doesn't stop us from meeting safely and creatively! If you have an idea for a virtual gathering through CCIS, please contact Sam Greco, President of CCIS, for approval.

We will continue to communicate as we plan for joyful gathering when it's safe.

For Upcoming Events, watch your email and visit ccis-satx.org

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