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SEPTEMBER MEMBER DINNER*Monday, September 18, 2017 6pm–9pm*

OUR WELCOME BACK dinner will be held Monday, September 18, 2017 at St. Rose Parish Hall. This dinner will be prepared by Harry Licursi. The menu will include antipasti, panzanella salad with grilled chicken, and dessert. There will be a no-host bar until 6:30pm and a raffle. Reservations and payment must be received by Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Please see enclosed flyer to make reservations.

*Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm.***CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS
for Dinner Reservations**

THE WEBSITE www.nbicf.org has a new Reservations Page providing online credit card payment for the September Member Dinner. To ensure a smooth transition for members using the Reservations Page, we will add reservations for the October member dinner at a later date. Mail-in reservations with checks payable to NBICF will continue unchanged.

For online reservation payments, use Visa, MasterCard, Explorer, American Express or PayPal. A small processing fee will be added for credit card processing, e.g., for dinners costing \$18, an additional charge of 75¢ will be added for a total of \$18.75. Detailed instructions for making reservations and payments are included on the Reservations Page. Be sure to include names and seating preferences, if any.

The online system uses secure encrypted internet communications and no personal or credit card information is recorded or retained on the NBICF website.

NBICF FAMILY TREE

JUST RECENTLY an Italian town and name were mentioned by members that found they had a common link with my family. Could we be related? Look for the poster board/map at the September and October dinners in order to post names and towns. Let's see if we can "connect the dots."

Note of Interest: The fourth Sunday of October is celebrated as World Pasta Day.

OCTOBER MEMBER DINNER*Monday, October 16, 2017 6pm–9pm*

IN HONOR OF Christopher Columbus, the October Member Dinner will be held Monday, October 16, 2017 at St. Rose Parish Hall. This dinner will be prepared by Taste of Perfection Catering. The menu will include mixed green salad, roasted pork loin, baby red mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. There will be a no-host bar until 6:30pm and a raffle. Reservations and payment must be received by Tuesday October 10, 2017. Please see enclosed flyer to make reservations.

Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT to the Board's attention that there were many complaints regarding the last dinner. We sincerely apologize to those that were disappointed. Please, if problems occur at the dinner, immediately speak to George Golfieri, or another board member.

ALSO, we are looking for volunteers to cook for the 2018 dinners. Please notify a board member if you or someone you know might be interested.

RUMMAGE SALE*Saturday, September 16, 2017*

WE ARE LOOKING for new and gently used items for our annual Rummage Sale. We will be selling the donated items on the day of the event in the NBICF Center's parking lot. Proceeds from this event will go to our scholarship and general fund.

Donations can be dropped off at the NBICF office on September 14th and 15th, from 8:30am to 1pm. You may also contact Marie Maggi-Wilson for other drop off or pick-up arrangements.

Volunteers are needed between 8:30am and 3:30pm, to help sell items. If you would like to volunteer on the September 16th for an hour or more, please contact Marie Maggi-Wilson by calling 707-570-1182 or email marie@pcnetconsult.com.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals: Cheryl Kabanuck and Frank Pagnamenta

Business Members:

Rebecca Abruzzese, Realtor,
Maurizio Castagna, Realtor,
Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning,
FaiSano Wines of Italy, Faloni Ranch,
Forchini Vineyards & Winery, Pedersen's Furniture,

Book Group

The Book Group is back! Meetings are held every third Thursday from 7–8pm upstairs at the NBICF Center. On September 21st, The Book Group will review an Amazon Charts most-read, most-sold book, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*. Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, it is the triumphant epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. Pino Leola, who wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis, is a normal Italian teenager. However his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps where he meets Anna. For more information, send an email to Diane McCurdy at Discordia@sonic.net or call NBICF: 707-591-9696.

Paint Italy Workshop

Come for the last Paint Italy Workshop of 2017 to paint an iconic scene of Venice filled with autumn light. The process will not be complicated, but will be something that beginners to advanced painters will enjoy. Meet at the NBICF Center on September 23rd from 1–5pm. All supplies are included in the \$40 registration fee. You will receive an 11" x 14" canvas, the use of acrylic paints and brushes, instruction, plus drinks and snacks. No experience necessary.

Please enroll by September 11th by sending a check for \$40 to Susan Adler, 307 Buckeye Circle, Cloverdale, CA 95425. A non-refundable \$10 fee is included in your registration, so if you must cancel, the \$10 fee will not be returned. There are only 12 spaces available. For information contact Susan at adler@sonic.net.

NBICF's Coro Allegro

Do you remember those wonderful songs by Pavarotti, Dean Martin, Connie Francis, Robertino? How about "That's Amore," "Funiculi Funicula," "Anema e Core," "Turna a Surriento?" These are some of the songs Coro Allegro sings and performs at wineries, senior facilities, NBICF dinners and special occasions. **We need more singers!** Tuesday night practices are held at the NBICF Center are from 7–8:30pm (except first Tuesday of the month). Call Les Villanyi: 707-484-4992 for information.

Incontro

Ongoing Incontro group meets at 10:30am every other Saturday at the NBICF Center for informal Italian conversation. For more information contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2pm. For information: 707-591-9696

Free. No reservations required.

Showing September 27, 2017 (by popular request)

Only You (1994) Romance/Comedy, 1hr. 55mins.

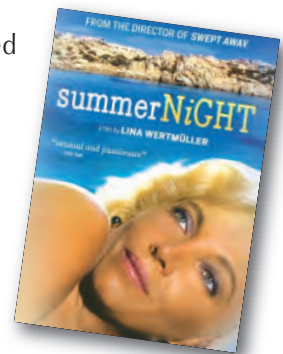
Schoolteacher Faith Corvatch believes she is destined to spend her life with a man named "Damon Bradley." Just days before she is to marry a podiatrist she may not love, she receives a phone call from a friend of her fiancé named, you guessed it, Damon Bradley. He is on his way to Venice, and Faith decides to spend her weekend pursuing her dream man. With Marisa tommie and Robert Downey, Jr. *In English.*



Showing October 29, 2017

Summer Night (1996) R, Comedy Italian, 1hr. 34mins.

Summer Night (notice d'etat con prolify greco, octic a mandorla e odored di basilicon), also known as *Summer Night with Greek Profile, Almond Eyes and Scent of Basil*, is directed by Lina Westlander (*Swept Away*). She is the first woman to receive an Oscar nomination for directing. Lina once again pairs mismatched strangers, a wealthy woman (martingale melton), a former CIA agent and the No. 1 poacher (Michele Placido) that creates a movie full of chuckles. *In Italian.*



DONATE TO NBICF

Your donations to NBICF will help us maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.

Your donations can apply to the following areas:

___ SCHOLARSHIPS ___ IN MEMORIAM
___ BUILDING FUND ___ GENERAL FUND

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Make your checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue,
Santa Rosa, CA 95404. For more information,
call: 707-591-9696

TRAVEL NEWS: Andiamo / Let's Go! —————

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

Experience La Bella Italia with NBICF friends and escorts!

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 3pm at NBICF Center

Join Andiamo chair Sharie to learn about 20 regions of Italy or just the regions from where your Nonni hail, as we celebrate GRANDPARENTS DAY! Bring any birth certificates, photos and/or travelogues of your Nonni. Refreshments served, so please RSVP by September 6th to andiamotravel@hotmail.com.

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3pm at NBICF Center

Why do they say: "Once you've seen Naples, it's okay to die?" Attend and learn about the enchanting edgy gems of ole Napoli and its Campania region via videotalk and handouts. Vino served, so RSVP by October 18th to andiamotravel@hotmail.com.

TOUR PUGLIA & CALABRIA: NOVEMBER 1- 14, 2017

Italy's historic and scenic Heel & Toe areas beckon! Join escort Sharie on her 21st annual tour to four regions: Basilicata, Calabria, Campania and Puglia. Fly Lufthansa roundtrip SFO to Naples. Linger three days in Maratea, four days near Vibo and four days in Alberobello. Enjoy breakfast, dinner, sightseeing and friends every day. *Only three places remain, so please hurry!*

Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza, Andiamo, P. O. Box 406, Santa Rosa 95402 or andiamotravel@hotmail.com

NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1985

Special Event at NBICF Center

Saturday, September 30, 2017 —————

Join us on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 10:30am for a special presentation by the visiting Director of Urbania's Il Centro Studi Italiani (Center for Italian Studies), Giovanni Pasotto, and Director Emeritus Anna Pasotto. Learn about opportunities to study and travel in Urbania, Le Marche and beyond. Along with SRJC Professor Gino Muzzatti, they will present "Tasting Italy," a travel program planned for June 2018 that will include visits to food, wine, fashion and auto (*Ferrari*) must-sees in Central Italy. Refreshments will be served.

Limited to 30 people. Please RSVP by September 28th. Send email to Gino Muzzatti at gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu.

Advanced/Intermediate Italian Classes

This September and October, Emily Evans will again hold classes Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at NBICF Center. If you have the equivalent of two/three college semesters of Italian and would like to further develop your skills, come join us. Converse in Italian, build vocabulary, read and review sticky points of grammar.

For more information, call Emily Evans: 707-874-2512 or email: emilyoevans@gmail.com

The President's Corner

Cari Amici,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. It has been a fairly busy summer for the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation.

In June the Foundation offered its annual Italian "Summer Language Camp for Youth." This year's theme was "The Italian Renaissance." This summer ten children enrolled for the two-week camp. I really enjoyed assisting the instructor Joli Love with the many language activities. Joli has an innovative style of teaching and is very creative developing language aids. It is amazing how quickly the children learn the grammar and vocabulary! There were a couple of special activities this summer session as well. Students made their own individual pizzas and painted their own pictures of girasole (sunflower) and papaveri (poppies).

I would like to thank Ca' Bianca Ristorante who provided the use of their ovens to bake the children's pizzas and also like to thank Taylor Morgan, Joli's sister, who assisted the children with their paintings. At the end of each week the children put on a skit in Italian for their parents to show what they had learned and to demonstrate their new language skills. I would also like to thank Carla Forchini for her help and for providing students from her Italian high school class as counselors.

On July 18th the Foundation held its 5th annual "Pizza, Birra, e Vino" fundraiser. This event is popular with our members who look forward to an evening of pizza, drink and socializing with friends. The Foundation raised \$542 which will be used to help fund scholarship programs, cultural events, and operating expenses.

I would like to thank the downtown Santa Rosa Mary's Pizza for providing the pizzas at a generous discount to the Foundation. I would like to thank Don Raimondi for coordinating this event. Thank you, too, Maggie Brothers and Arleen Place who each donated a case of wine and to Allen Barbieri for donating the Peroni beer. Special recognition to Marie Maggi Wilson, Virginia Wilburn, Reid Sheridan, Carole Stewart, Virginia Smith, Mark DeVincenzi, Jean Barbieri, Kathryn Raimondi, Ann Abbruzzese and Patti Buttitta.

Note: The nominations for new board members start in October. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or would like to nominate a member, please contact me, George Golfieri, or any other board member.

Ci vediamo at the September Dinner!



Mosaico Culturale is published six times a year. It is the newsletter of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, a California nonprofit membership corporation.

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Statement of Purpose: A nonprofit, open membership organization dedicated to the study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture. Founded in 1984, NBICF brings people of all ancestries together to share all things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions and support education via scholarships, classes and programs.

U P - C O M I N G E V E N T S

- September 10, 2017** Sunday, 3pm
Sundays at the Center, *Regional Travel Program—20 Regions of Italy*
- September 16, 2017** Saturday, 8:30am–3:30pm
Rummage Sale, NBICF Center Parking Lot
- September 18, 2017** Monday (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)
Member Dinner, St. Rosa Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa, CA
- September 21, 2017** Thursday, 7pm
Book Group at the NBICF Center
- September 23, 2017** Saturday, 1–5pm
Paint Italy Workshop (Venezia) at NBICF Center
- September 24, 2017** Sunday, 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Only You*
- October 16, 2017** Monday, (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)
Member Dinner, St. Rosa Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa, CA
- October 19, 2017** Thursday, 7pm
Book Group at the NBICF Center
- October 22, 2017** Sunday, 3pm
Sundays at the Center, *Regional Travel Program—Napoli & Calabria*
- October 29, 2017** Sunday, 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Summer Night*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

Special Event at NBICF Center
 Saturday, September 30, 2017 *See Inside, Pg 3*

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Ann Abbruzzese, Linda Apel, Allen Barbieri, Patti Buttitta, Mark DeVincenzi, George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176), Evelyn Izzarelli, Marie Maggi-Wilson, Arleen Place, Don Raimondi, Stephan Ruffino, Sharie Sbrazza, Carole Stewart, Les Villanyi

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Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor), George Golfieri, Patti Buttitta (text editing, design & layout)

NOTE: Members are encouraged to submit articles or items for publication. **Submit your articles four weeks prior to the bi-monthly Mosaico publication date.** Please submit articles as Word documents or PDFs. Editors reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Policies:
 No refunds/exchanges; tickets are transferable; No reservations accepted on event dates. Space is limited: first come, first served.
 Any offering in the *Mosaico Culturale* should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

Italian Cultural Library & Office
 Tuesdays 2-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696
 Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of every other month.

For Information:
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APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

- ___ INDIVIDUAL: \$35 ___ HOUSEHOLD: \$50
- ___ PATRON: \$100 ___ BUSINESS: \$150
- ___ STUDENT: \$10 (*Please provide a copy of your valid student I.D.*)

Please indicate your areas of interest below; mark all that apply.

- Fundraisers History Italian Classes Music Scholarships

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

Please make your checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. For more information, call: 707-591-9696



NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

for Dinner Reservations

St. Rose Parish Hall

320 10th Street

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Doors open at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm

Print this form and fill in the information below.

Make checks payable to NBICF and mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Or, use the online form available on the NBICF website: www.nbicf.org.

Please Note: Reservations required one week prior to event!

Name(s): _____

Date of Event: _____

Seating Preference (if any): _____

Prepaid Reservations Only

_____ places at \$18/ each for Members

_____ places at \$20/each for Guests

_____ places at \$12/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs

_____ places at \$ 8/each for Child, 5–12 yrs

_____ places at free /each for Child under 5 yrs

For questions about reservations, call the NBICF Office at 707-591-9696

Dear Members,

Your assistance is needed when making your dinner reservations via U.S.Mail. Due to the new monthly dinner format, we are requesting that you mail your dinner reservation so that it is received in the NBICF office by the due date listed in the Mosaico (one week prior to event).

NOTE: No outside alcoholic beverages, including wine, are allowed at the monthly Member Dinners or any other NBICF event.

Sincerely,

—NBICF Board of Directors

DINNER RESERVATION FORM