



❁ *Giorno di Ringraziamento e La Festa di Natale* ❁

NOVEMBER MEMBER DINNER MEETING

Monday, November 20, 2017

THE NOVEMBER MEMBER DINNER MEETING will be held Monday, November 20, 2017 at St. Rose Parish Hall. It is time for polenta and for something new. Why wait for the New Year to do new things? We are testing “Curbside Pick-Up” with the November dinner for those members who do not want to drive home in the dark. Use the reservation page as usual to make your dinner reservation and payment. There will be discounted prices for the Curbside Pick-Up. To receive your Curbside Pick-Up, drive to St. Rose Parish Hall on November 20 and stop in the designated parking area. Your dinner will be handed to you and then you can be on your way back home. Curbside pick-up is available from 5:30–6:00pm only and must be prepaid as for any other dinner. November’s dinner menu includes polenta with meat or vegetarian sauce, salad, roll and dessert. There will be a no-host bar until 6:30pm, plus a raffle.

Please Remember: At the November dinner meeting we will cast ballots for new and incumbent Board members.

Reservations and payment must be received by November 14, 2017. Please see enclosed flyer to make reservations or use the Reservations Page on the NBICF website.

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

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS for Reservations

THE WEBSITE www.nbicf.org now has a Reservations Page providing online credit card payment for Member Dinner Meetings and other events. Mail-in reservations with checks to NBICF will continue to be accepted. Please reserve by the deadline set for each dinner.

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

❁ Notes of Interest and Fun Facts:

- Italy has the most hotel rooms of any European nation.
- Every day 3,000€ are tossed into the Trevi Fountain
- Italy’s national flower is the Lily
- The patron saint of Italy is St. Francis of Assisi

DECEMBER MEMBER DINNER MEETING

Saturday, December 16, 2017

THE DECEMBER MEMBER DINNER MEETING will be held Saturday December 16, 2017 at St. Rose Parish Hall. This dinner is a special Prime Rib dinner with side dishes prepared by Maria Carrillo High School’s Culinary Arts Program. There will be a no-host bar until 6:30pm, plus a raffle. NBICF’s Coro Allegro will be performing for us. In addition, La Befana will be making an appearance and will be ready to fill children’s shoes with treats. Reservations and payment must be received by December 5, 2017. Please see enclosed flyer to make reservations or use the Reservations Page on the NBICF website.

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



» Save the Date! NBICF Fourth Annual Crab Feed will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018 at St. Rose Parish Hall. The Crab Feed has become one of NBICF’s major fundraisers for the year, so bring your friends and family to enjoy this winter seafood favorite. This year 50% of net proceeds will benefit the Foundation’s scholarships and cultural activities and the other 50% will be donated to the North Bay Fire Relief Fund. Chef Randy Apel and the Crab Feed “crew,” including event lead Maggie Brothers and food/service lead Linda Apel, will return for this popular event. The menu will include appetizers, pesto pasta, salad, garlic bread, all-you-can-eat crab and dessert. A no host bar will be available and there will also be a silent auction or raffle.

Tickets are \$60 for adults. Reservations and payment must be received by January 23, 2018. Seating is limited to 170, so reserve early. Mail checks to NBICF or make reservations through the reservation link on the NBICF website. If you have questions regarding the crab feed, please contact Maggie Brothers at 707-695-2022 (*call or text*). If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Maggie Brothers.

Wildfires in our North Bay Community

Our hearts and prayers go out to our members and their families, especially those members whose families were strongly impacted by the devastating wildfires. Words cannot express the sadness and loss our community has sustained.

We want you to know that we are here to help in any way we can.

NBICF will be donating 50% of all profits from the January 2018 Crab Feed to the North Bay Fire Relief Fund.

—NBICF Board of Directors

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals: Sandy Tradewell

New Family Members: Frank & Lisa Loghetto (*patrons*)

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

November Book Club will be a holiday potluck with book sharing. There will be no book club in December. The selection for January is *Ferocity*, winner of the prestigious Strega Award (in English). *Ferocity* is also available in the original Italian language edition on Amazon if anyone wants to test their language skills. The Book Group meets every third Thursday from 7–8pm upstairs at the NBICF Center. For more information, send an email to Diane McCurdy at dmccurdy@sonic.net or call NBICF: 707-591-9696.

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.

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.

eScript for NBICF

Sign up and get an eScript Community Card at Oliver's Markets. Every time you shop at Oliver's, they will contribute 3% of the purchase to support NBICF.

Signing up is an easy one-two-three process:

- 1) Stop in at Oliver's and pick up a Community Card.
- 2) Fill out the in-store form to register.
- 3) Show your card each time you check out.

If you are new to using eScript, you will need to create an account and register your card at the store before using it. If you already have a card, you can add NBICF as a non-profit organization to your account.

TINY CHRISTMAS MARKET NBICF CENTER

(*Piccolo Mercato di Natale*)

Saturday, December 2, 2017 10am–4pm

Local NBICF artists and the NBICF Book Group will host a mini Christmas Market at the NBICF Center on December 2, 2017, from 10am to 4pm. Come join in the fun of shopping for gifts, enjoying friends and conversations, and seeing local artisans and their wares.

Proceeds from the Book Club sales along with proceeds from sales of donated items will be given to NBICF.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2pm. For information: 707-591-9696
Free. No reservations required.

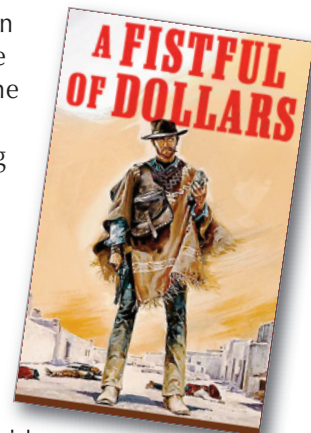
Showing November 26, 2017

A Fistful of Dollars (1967) R 1hr. 40mins.

A Fistful of Dollars is the 1964 Italian (and originally unauthorized) remake of the Japanese film *Yojimbo*. It is one of the famous "Spaghetti Westerns" directed by Sergio Leone and starring Clint Eastwood.

Eastwood plays a wandering gun-fighter who pits two rival families against each other in a town torn apart by greed, pride, and revenge. When he arrives in the border town of San Miguel, he is told by the local innkeeper Silvanito that he would be better off just riding right out of town. But he sees an opportunity to make some money by playing the families against each other when a shipment of gold, escorted by a troop of Mexican soldiers, is due to arrive in town.

This is a call out to you red-blooded, testosterone-fueled men. Join us for a movie filled with action!



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

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

Our hearts go out to those who lost loved ones and their homes during the eleven days of the North Bay wildfires. We are devastated, but will continue to rely on our community friendships and the human spirit of resilience.

Experience La Bella Italia with NBICF friends and escorts!

PUGLIA & CALABRIA, PLUS BASILICATA: NOVEMBER 1– 14, 2017

Fun memories in the making as we enjoy the regions of southern Italy, lingering for three days in Maratea, four days in Tropea and four days in Alberobello. *The 2018 Reunion Party date to be announced.*

Saturday, December 2, 2017

NBICF Piccolo Mercato di Natale 10am–4pm

Shop, sip and chat while browsing Italian-inspired holiday items plus *travel gift certificates* for “someone special!”

JUNE 2018— ENJOY ITALY AND CLASSES IN URBANIA

Gino & Julie Muzzatti return to Urbania. Enjoy Italian lessons and be escorted through the scenic and historic regions of central Italy.

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

NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1985

Advanced / Intermediate Italian Classes —————

Emily Evans will hold her Wednesday evening Italian classes through November 15, 2017, then resume class again in the spring. If you have the equivalent of two or three college semesters of Italian and would like to continue to develop your skills, come join in.

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

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

The President's Corner

Cari Amici,

Another year is winding down and the Holiday Season is just around the corner. Where does the time go?

At the monthly member dinner meeting on November 20, 2017 members will vote to elect new and incumbent board members. Please attend this very important member dinner meeting. As members, it is your obligation to cast your vote for the board members who are responsible for managing the affairs of the Foundation.

Thank you to members who donated items and time to the successful NBICF Fourth Annual Rummage Sale. The event brought in \$579 that will be used to help fund the Foundation's scholarship programs. I would especially like to thank Marie Maggi Wilson who planned and organized the event. I would also like to recognize the following volunteers who helped make this event a success: Shannon O'Neal, Kathy Ruffino, Linda Apel, Arleen Place, Rosalie Towers and Nancy Divincenzi

The month of October was designated as Italian Heritage month through a presidential proclamation. Italian Heritage month coincides with Columbus Day celebrations. However, Italian Heritage month honors more than just Columbus. It also recognizes the many contributions, achievements and successes of Italians who emigrated to the United States.

Notably Columbus was from Genova. When Genovese immigrants came to America they brought with them recipes for their favorite sauce, pesto. Pesto has become very popular in the United States, but did you know that the idea of pesto goes back to Roman times? The Romans used to eat a similar sauce called “*moretum*,” which was made by crushing garlic, salt, cheese, herbs, and vinegar together using a mortar and pestle. During the Middle Ages, there was a popular sauce in the Genovese cuisine called “*agliata*.” It was basically a mash of garlic and walnuts, as garlic was a staple in the Ligurian diet, especially for seafarers. The introduction of basil as a main ingredient was added in the 19th century by the Genovese, along with pine nuts in place of walnuts.

“Ogni cosa ha il suo tempo, bisogna solo avere la pazienza e la forza di aspettare.”

“Everything has its time, you just have to have the patience and the strength to wait.”



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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.

UP - COMING EVENTS

November 16, 2017 Thursday, 7pm
Book Group at the NBICF Center

November 20, 2017 Monday (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)
Member Dinner Meeting, St. Rosa Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa, CA

November 26, 2017 Sunday, 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *A Fistful of Dollars*

December 2, 2017 Saturday, 10am-4pm
Tiny Christmas Market (*Piccolo Mercato di Natale*) at the NBICF Center

December 16, 2017 Saturday, (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)
Member Dinner Meeting, St. Rosa Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa, CA

January 27, 2018 Saturday, (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)
NBICF Fourth Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser
St. Rosa Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa, CA

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

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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, Sharie Sbrazza, Carole Stewart, Les Villanyi

Directors Emeritus: Angelo Catelani, Arturo Ibleto

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:

Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi
Library/Office: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
Italian Classes: 707-874-2512, Emily Evans
Membership: 707-591-9696 George Golfieri
Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
Scholarships: 707-523-0296 Gino Muzzatti
Sunshine Cards: 707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida
Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 Nancy DeVincenzi

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
 — MEMBER DINNER MEETING —

November Member Dinner Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
 (Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Dinner Menu:

Salad and Bread Rolls,
 Polenta with Meat or Vegetarian Sauce,
 Dessert

No-host Bar & Raffle

For more information visit:
www.nbicf.org or call 707-591-9696

DINNER RESERVATIONS

November Member Dinner Meeting Monday, November 20, 2017

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
 (Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

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 CURBSIDE PICK-UP

- ___ Polenta & Sauce \$10 ___ Salad & Roll \$2

Name _____

Reserve by November 14, 2017. Make checks payable to NBICF.
 Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation
 — MEMBER DINNER MEETING —

Festa di Natale December Dinner Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 2017

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
 (Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Dinner Menu:

Prime Rib with Side Dishes

Prepared by

Maria Carrillo High School Culinary Arts Program

No-host Bar & Raffle

Entertainment by Coro Allegro
 Guest Appearance by La Befana

For more information visit:
www.nbicf.org or call 707-591-9696

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Festa di Natale December Dinner Meeting Saturday, December 16, 2017

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
 (Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Prepaid Reservations Only

- ___ places at \$22/each for Members
- ___ places at \$25/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

Name _____

Reserve by December 5, 2017. Make checks payable to NBICF.
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