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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cari Amici,

Buon anno nuovo a tutti. Happy New Year to everyone. I hope members enjoyed the holidays with their family and friends and that 2019 is a happy and healthy year for all members and their families.

The Foundation held 5 fundraisers in 2018 and donated \$1,725 to local charities. I will report on the Foundations financial results in the next Mosaico.

I would like to thank our members for their support and especially for the volunteers who have invested their time to assist at various NBICF events throughout the year.

A special thank you to the Board of Directors for their hard work this past year. I would like to congratulate and introduce our newest board members: Cindy Hume, Lisa Goe, and Ron Grassi. I appreciate their commitment to NBICF and I know they will contribute to the success of the Foundation. I would like to thank Patti Buttitta, Sharie Sbrazza, Evelyn Izzarelli and Marie Maggi Wilson who have decided not to return to the Board. Their dedication, contributions and support have led to the overall success of the Foundation.

One of the Foundation's proudest achievements is its scholarship programs. The Foundation offers scholarships for Italian Language studies at Santa Rosa Junior College and scholarships for Italian studies abroad. For 2018, the Foundation awarded \$2,250 in scholarships. Since its inception in 1986, the Foundation has granted 407 scholarships awarding \$116,275 to students for Italian Studies. I would like to congratulate the following fall scholarship recipients for Italian language studies. Andrew Granger, Martin Gutierrez, and Meghan Moore. Each has received a \$500 scholarship.

For 2018, the Foundation added 32 new members. Membership renewals will be mailed out January 2, 2019.

Just a reminder that the Foundation's **Fifth Annual Crab Feed** will take place at St. Rose Parish Hall on Saturday January 26, 2019. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and the net proceeds will benefit the Foundation's scholarship and cultural activities. I hope you will be able to attend this event, supporting NBICF.

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Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi
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Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 Please leave a message

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)
Linda Apel (Treasurer), Allen Barbieri (VP)
Lynne Burton (Secretary), Lisa Goe, Ron Grassi,
Cindy Hume, Arleen Place, Don Raimondi
Carole Stewart and Les Villanyi

Directors Emeritus:

Angelo Catelani Arturo Ibleto



Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Family Members: Rene Berardi

New and Continuing Business Members:

Rebecca Abbruzzese, Realtor
Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning
Faloni Ranch
Forchini Vineyards & Winery
Pedersen's Furniture and Riviera Ristorante



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***Grazie to Patti Buttitta for being
the text editor, graphic designer and overall
guru for the Mosaico for the past few years.***

Grazie mille.

Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication 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. You may send them to nbicf2member@gmail.com, attn: Marie.

The Book Club 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 at 707-591-9696.

January 17, 2019 –Let the readers decide! Please bring your favorite book that you would like the Book Club to read during the year.

February 21, 2019 To be announced at a later date.

OPERA SERIES: *TOSCA* by Giacomo Puccini
January 13, 2019 , Sunday showing at 2:pm
NBICF Center

San Francisco Opera Guild-Sonoma Chapter and NBICF co-host ***TOSCA***, a 1976 movie filmed on location in Rome at Palazzo Farnese and Castel Sant'Angelo, as noted in Puccini's 1900 libretto. The setting for this lyrical drama of love, lust and tyranny is 1800, when Napoleon reinvades Italy at Marengo. It features soprano Raina Kabaivanska as singer Floria Tosca, tenor Placido Domingo as painter Mario Cavaradossi and baritone Sherrill Milnes as police chief Barone Scarpia.

Seating is limited to 30 people.

Reservations and payment must be received by
January 9, 2019

See insert page for reservation slip
\$5 members and \$10 guest. (Includes refreshments)

Role of Italian Immigrants for Equal Rights in 1920.

NBICF is a member of the Sonoma County Heritage Networkers (SCHN), a group of 135 nonprofits. In preparation for a local Centennial Celebration of women obtaining the Right to Vote in 1920, we seek information about the role Italian immigrants played -women and men- in this equalitarian quest. Share your family story by February 1, 2019 to NBICF-SCHN contact Sharie Sbrazza at andiamotravel@hotmail.com or send it to the NBICF office at 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, attention Sharie.

PAINT ITALY

January 19, 2019 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
North Bay Italian Cultural Center
64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa

Would you like to explore painting an iconic image of Italy in acrylics but have no experience? You can join the Paint Italy Workshops at the NBICF Center. It's for all levels of painters. The \$40 cost of the class includes your canvas, use of paints, brushes, plus instruction, snacks and drinks.

To enroll submit a check for \$40 to Susan Adler
307 Buckeye Circle, Cloverdale 95425 **by January 5, 2019.**
Questions? Contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.
Space is limited to 12 participants. There is a \$10 charge for cancellations.

THANK YOU to those who have made donations to NBICF.

Because of **YOU**, we are able to maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.

Each donation, no matter the size, has an impact for NBICF.

You can specify where your donation goes, building fund, scholarships, in memoriam or general fund, by indicating it on your check.

Make your checks payable to NBICF

64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

For more information, call: 707-591-9696

Tasting Italia fall tour

September 22 through October 5, 2019

Please join us for this special international travel culinary program offered by **Centro Studi Italiani** and Gino Muzzatti of **Santa Rosa Junior College.**

Based out of Urbania, we will venture to the finest food and wine venues of that region's Emilia-Romagna Food Valley. While in Italy, you will take a few fun classes in Italian language, culture, and the culinary heritage and traditions of Italy. Additional excursions, chance to meet with culinary experts, local wine and food producers and so much more.

For further information please attend one of the following meetings at the NBICF Center at 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa:

Saturday, January 12, 10am-11:00

Sunday, February 10, 2-3 pm

Saturday, March 9, 10-11 am

Please RSVP to Gino at gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2pm, screening at 2:30pm.
For information: 707-591-9696
Free. No reservations required.



Showing January 27, 2019

The Tiger and the Snow (2005) 1hr. 58mins. NR

Let's begin our cinematic cycle with the inimitable Roberto Begnini! Attilio de Giovanni teaches poetry in Italy. He has a romantic soul, and women love him. But he is in love with Vittoria, and his love is unrequited. Every night he dreams of marrying her, in his boxer shorts and t-shirt, as Tom Waits sings. Vittoria travels to Iraq with her friend. They are there when the second Gulf War breaks out. Vittoria is injured and Attilio must get to her side. In war, does love conquer all? In Italian, English, and Arabic.

Showing February 24, 2019

The Secret of Santa Vittoria (1969) 2h 19m PG-13

Bombolini is a fairly worthless drunk in the small Italian town of Santa Vittoria in the closing days of World War II. When word comes that the Fascist government has surrendered, he climbs a water tower to tear down the flag and he can't get down. As a result, the Fascist town gets a new mayor that needs to hide over a million bottles of wine from the Germans. Starring Anthony Quinn and Anna Magnani, directed by Stanley Kramer. In English.

Travel News

ANDIAMO (Let's Go)

January 12, 2019 – 10 am – See Tasting Italia fall tour—page 2

February 10, 2019 – 2 pm– See Tasting Italia fall tour—page 2

April 30, 2019 - *Leonardo da Vinci: in 1519 and now*

From Paris to Bordeaux, honor 500th anniversary of da Vinci's death. Admire his genius at Amboise's Clos Luce, stroll chateaux gardens, sip Grand Cru wines and marvel at prehistoric cave art with escort Sharie. Stay 4 nights each in Loire Valley, Dordogne et St Emilion.

Deposit by January 19, 2019

May 2019 - Ancient and Modern Sicily....**sold out**

May 2019 – Camino walk: Sarria to Santiago Compostela

Sept 2019 – Tasting Italy with Urbana language class

Nov 2019 – Romans in Jordan and Egypt with Nile cruise

May 2020 – Region of Le Marche along the Adriatic

Grazie, Sharie Sbrazza of Andiamo at andiamotravel@hotmail.com

NBICF Member since 1985

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



January Crab Feed Fundraiser

Saturday, January 26, 2019

St. Rose Parish Hall,

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

Join us for NBICF's major fundraisers for the year, so bring your friends and family to enjoy this event

Dinner includes:

**Ceviche, Shrimp Cocktail Appetizers,
Pesto Pasta, Salad, Bread,
all-you-can-eat Crab
and Dessert
Wine at the table**

There will be a no-host bar

A silent auction and **BIG raffle** to end the night
Reservations and payment must be received by
January 21, 2019

See insert page for reservation slip

Carnevale

Monday February 25, 2019

St. Rose Parish Hall,

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

Join us for NBICF's annual Carnevale party

Dinner includes:

**Focaccia, Salad,
Pork Tenderloin,
Meyer Lemon Risotto, Italian Beans
and Dessert
A bottle of red and white wine per table**

Music Entertainment!

Wear a mask or a costume

There will be a no-host bar Famous great raffle
Reservations and payment must be received by
February 19, 2019

See insert page for reservation slip

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.

January 12, 2019 Saturday, 10 am- Tasting Italia Fall Tour at the NBICF Center
January 13, 2019 Sunday, 2pm - Opera Series *Tosca* (Movie 1976) at the NBICF Center
January 17, 2019 Thursday, 7pm: Book Group at the NBICF Center
January 19, 2019 Saturday, 1pm- Paint Italy at the NBICF Center
January 26, 2019 Saturday, 5:30pm: 5th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser at St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa
Jan. 27, 2019 Sunday, 2pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane, film: *The Tiger and the Snow*.
February 10, 2019 Saturday, Tasting Italia Fall Tour at the NBICF Center
February 21, 2019 Thursday, 7pm: Book Group at the NBICF Center
February 24, 2019 Sundays at the Center with Diane, film: *The Secret of Santa Vittoria*
February 25, 2019 Monday, (doors open at 5 pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm)
Carnevale Meeting Dinner at St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



New Membership Application & Renewals - A new website page for Membership Application and Annual Membership Renewals is now available on our website. This new process will be more efficient than the paper/mail process and will result in significant cost savings to the Foundation.

The Membership Application provides a prospective new member a simple form that may be filled out with payment by credit card or by mail. The information provided by the user is transmitted to the Membership Committee for recording in our member database. Existing members are able to simply make their payment either by credit card or mail.

New Email Address for Member Communications - As indicated in previous Newsletters, the Board is using a new email address to provide more timely communication to members in addition to the nbicf@sonic.net. The new email address nbicf2member@gmail.com should be added to your *email Contacts*. We will use this address for reminders about upcoming events and new ones that arise. Please do not use this email to make reservations.

Foundation Donations – Donations to the Foundation may now be made on the website. A link is provided on the website side bar – look for **Donate to NBICF Link**. Donations may be made optionally to a specific fund, e.g. General Fund, Scholarship Fund, Building Fund, In Memoriam. You may provide your name and address or make your donation anonymously.

Prepaid Reservations Only

Make checks payable to NBICF.

Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

NBICF 5th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser Saturday, January 26, 2019 St. Rose Parish Hall

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Email address _____

_____ places at \$60/ each per person _____ places at \$20/children (no crab)

Reservations must be received by January 21, 2019.

Carnevale February 25, 2019 St. Rose Parish Hall

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Email address _____

_____ 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 5–12 yrs

_____ places at free/each for Child under 5 yr

Reservations must be received by February 19, 2019.

OPERA SERIES: *TOSCA* by Giacomo Puccini January 13, 2019 NBICF Center

Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Email address _____

_____ places at \$5 /each for Members _____ places at \$10 each for Guests

Reservations must be received by January 9, 2019.