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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 6:30PM THE AWESOME DAYS OF AUTUMN

In Italia all Saints' (11/1) and All Souls' Days are celebrated along with San Martino (11/11) and the end of the agricultural year. Chestnuts, the new wine of the year and fava bean soups are ritual foods used to express Thanksgiving for the Raccolta (harvest). On November 16, NBICF will observe Thanksgiving in our own way with pollo and risotto, salad, beverages and desserts at the Santa Rosa Veterans building from 6:00 (doors open) to 9:00pm. Add music, special guests, a raffle and a few surprises for a lively evening with your friends. Mark your calendar and make your reservations NOW.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

Italians say "Natale con i tuoi..." Christmas with your family. Come celebrate both Natale and Epifania with the NBICF family in the Santa Rosa Vets Bldg dining room from 4 - 8:00pm. The first 175 people, including children, can be seated. Doors open at 4:00pm with a crafts workshop for the younger guests who will make our tree decorations. Music by the Zighi Baci duo, Sheri Mignano and Michael Van Why and the chance to bid on our silent auction items will follow from 4:30 to 5:15pm. A beautiful buffet with prime rib and contorni (side dishes) will be served at 5:30. The Ursuline High School Choral Group has been invited and arrangements are pending for after dinner entertainment. We will anticipate the appearance of La Befana with her treats if we can coax her to come all the way to Santa Rosa ahead of her schedule.



Reservation Forms

November 16, 2009 Dinner Meeting

- ___ places @ \$12 for members
- ___ places @ \$14 for guest
- ___ places @ \$ 5 for child 5 to 12 years
- ___ places for under 5 years - free

Name _____

Mail in by Nov. 11, 2009

BUON NATALE

In Italia at Christmastide the shepherds come down from the hills to the cities and towns playing carols on bagpipes (zampogne) which date back to ancient Roman times, stopping in front of shrines and being welcomed into the houses, reminding everyone of the savior's birth with their pastoral melodies.

Just after the start of the New Year old Befana comes. She has searched the world over for many centuries looking for the Christ child and she honors him by giving gifts to all the good children. To those with lessons still to learn coal is the reward. She arrives on January 6th (the Epiphany). Santa Claus is an American export to Italy.

NEW LIFE FOR SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

San Francisco opera's new music director, Nicola Luisotti, scored a dual triumph. He conducted a critically acclaimed performance of *Il Trovatore*. Bay Area opera lovers are looking forward to the return of the company to world class status.

Secondly he has won the hearts of local Italian Americans by being the grand marshall of the 141st Columbus Day Italian Heritage Parade, the oldest of its kind in America. In June 2010 he will conduct Puccini's *La Fanciulla del West*. This performance will mark the debut of Italian tenor Salvatore Licitra who will sing the role of Dick Johnson. Anyone interested in carpooling for the Sunday afternoon performance please contact Donald Tarpley at 539-1734 or e-mail: donaldtarpley@att.net



December 20, 2009 Dinner Meeting

- ___ places @ \$16 for members
- ___ places @ \$18 for guest
- ___ places @ \$8 for teens 13 to 17 years
- ___ places @ \$5 for child 5 to 12 years
- ___ places for under 5 years - free

Name _____

Due to limited seating, all checks received after capacity of 175 has been reached, will be returned.

NBICF MEMBERSHIP

BENVENUTI~WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Individuals: Max Amoroso, Ted Cabral, Marilyn Dolce Davis, Myra Grist, Carla Scoliefri, Gilda Gondini Sullivan, Carol Gai Wilson,

Families: Robert & Deanna Bissiri, Ercolina & Gene Buvelot, Ana & Jim Clark, Laurie Cox, Kathy Dowdall & Michael Gowan, Nancy Dupont, Richard Freitas, Vicki Balma Henry, Dan Lightfoot, Ron & Pat Puccinelli, Christina Romani Tonelli, Wayne Taylor & Liz Shewan, Jennifer & Josh Wilson.

Renewed as a Patron: Maria Gloria

The NBICF Board of Directors invites you to our next dinner meeting and future events. Hope to see you soon.

DONATION

We thank John & Katrina Gardini Angeli for their generous donation to the building maintenance fund.

DUES RENEWALS WILL BE OUT IN JANUARY

We value each member and rely on your continued support. *Celebrate your Italian heritage or your interest in Italianità.*

IN MEMORIAM

A generous donation has been received to our Memorial Fund in the memory of Andy Camozzi Jr. by Marie Aggio.

We extend condolences to Marilyn Halverson, former Director on NBICF Board, on the death of Keith Carlson who accompanied Marilyn to many of our events.

MEMBER NEWS

Long time dairy farmer, Domenic Carinalli, recent grape grower and NBICF member, recently received the Leadership in Agriculture award at the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's annual Agri-Business Barbecue. Congratulations Domenic!

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Policies

No refunds/exchanges; tickets transferable; no reservations accepted on event date. Space limited: first come, first served. Any offering in the *Mosaico Culturale* should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

Italian Cultural Center ~ Library ~ Office
Tuesdays 1-4 pm or by appointment, 591-9696

Board Meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm are open to all members.

FESTA UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

La Festa Italiana was a huge success! Attendance was greater than the past few years. Many thanks to all. The money and bills are still coming in and from all indications we did very well financially. Congratulations to the Super Raffle winners:

\$1,000.00	Connie Duncan
600.00	Bertolani
400.00	Carl Dobson

Door Prize winners:

First prize	Dan Cohn
Second prize	Fran McNatt
Third prize	M. Carpenter

La Festa Italiana is our biggest annual fundraiser and it takes many volunteers to put it all together. The committee, consisting of 22 dedicated NBICF members plans and organizes the event. It takes 17 cooks, 3 salad makers and 26 waiters to bring all that wonderful Italian food to the public. Tell me about the food! Everything was so good I had trouble choosing and the portions were very good. Many thanks to our sponsors, advertisers and vendors. And please do not forget the ticket takers, security, clean up crew, etc., consisting of over 100 volunteers who make this all possible. And, how about the entertainers! Have you every had so much fun listening to Italian music! From Steve Albini, The Balliamo dancers, Tom Cordoni, The Coro Allegro, The Don Giovannis and Zighi Baci, I could have danced all night.

Next year *La Festa Italiana* will be held on October 10, 2010 and we promise to bring you another fun-filled day. So mark your calendar and plan to attend again on 10/10/10

Is this an omen?

FRA NOI ~ AMONG US

Coro Allegro	483-8075	Sal Peritore
Festa Chairman	573-7185	Virginia Wilburn
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Mailing Volunteers	538-4031	Muffy Bertuccio
Membership	433-6033	Dolores Giorgi
Office/Library	573-7185	Virginia Wilburn
Opera Ensemble	539-1734	Donald Tarpley
Refreshments	579-8054	JoAnn Ferrera
Reservations	544-5236	Geni Maggi
Scholarships	523-0296	Gino Muzzatti
Sunshine Cards	542-6605	Cleo Konhoff
Tours (Andiamo)	522-0340	Sharie Sbrazza
Translations	938-8729	Dave Henderson
Volunteers	542-5245	Jeanette Mitchell
	546-2552	Yvette Laflamme

ANDIAMO

CHRISTMAS in ROME or...

Celebrate the holidays in the Holy Eternal City of Rome, or cruising the Danube while shopping delightful Christmas markets (color brochure) or closer to home in San Antonio, in Colonial Williamsburg, in New York or in New Orleans!

CHEER SPECIALS in February

Join me for Vino-in-Vancouver during the Olympics or look for NBICF member discounts to *Class in a Glass Wine Tasting* at Sonoma County Museum, set for February 26.

TINKERBELL and TUT on Sunday, March 14

Be one of the first to explore the new Walt Disney Family Museum, featuring theater, exhibits, café and store. Savor an Italian lunch before a Golden Gate Park visit: select either King Tut, Amish Quilts or Academy of Sciences! Santa Rosa roundtrip: from \$85 each (depends on museum).

SPRING GARDENS of the SOUTH ~ March 20-27

Mar. 20 – Arrive in charming **Charleston**, S.C. for 3 nights.
Mar. 21 – Explore this city's history, gardens and elegance.
Mar. 22 – See Antebellum homes, Fort Sumter battery and Boone Hall Plantation's moss-draped oaks and slave cabins.
Mar. 23 – Coach to quaint **Beaufort**. Free time in historic **Savannah**, boasting America's largest historic district. Stroll *Garden of Good & Evil* and other blossoming parks.
Mar. 24 – Visit Girl Scouts' founder's Low Home, Factors Walk and city landmarks before arriving in **Golden Isles**.
Mar. 25 – Stay 2 nights at posh **Jekyll Island Club** and see mansions of America's Gilded Age families. Visit historic lighthouse & Coastal Museum on fabled **St. Simons** Island.
Mar. 26 – Enjoy **St. Augustine**, America's oldest city settled in 1565, with its Spanish Quarter and lively plazas.
Mar. 27 – Your escorted tour ends in **Jacksonville**, Florida.
Group land rate: from \$1494 each sharing

SWITZERLAND & OBERAMMERGAU ~ May-Sept.

1 – Meet your professional escort in cosmopolitan **Zurich**.
2 – Coach to **St. Moritz** via Appenzell & tiny Liechtenstein.
3 – Ride the famed **Bernina** Train over the Alps to **Lugano**.
4 – Explore **Lago Maggiore** and arrive at the **Matterhorn**.
5 – Rail to **Zermatt** and drive to Lake Geneva's **Lausanne**.
6 – Visit **Gruyere**, **Berne's** bears and quaint **Interlaken**.
7 – Discover the best of **Lucerne** before a Zurich evening.
8 – Coach to **Oberammergau** village via Lake Constance.
9 – Free morning, then witness the awesome **Passion Play!**
10 – Coach to lively **Munich**, nestled in the Bavarian Alps.
11 – Stay on in Europe or fly home.
Group land rate: from \$2639 each sharing
Another escorted tour features Germany & Oberammergau.
Another escorted tour features Austria & Oberammergau.
Another tour does all 3 countries + Liechtenstein!

COME TO MEETINGS TO LEARN MORE

1) Sat., **Nov. 21** at 10am at Italian Cultural Center
2) Sat. **Feb. 6** at Santa Rosa Junior College; time TBA
RSVP to email: andiamotravel@hotmail.com
or to Andiamo by Sbrazza, Box 406, Santa Rosa 95402

by SBRAZZA

TORINO to TRIESTE ~ June 9-24

Join experienced, congenial escorts **Gino & Julie Muzzatti** on a custom but exclusive tour across Italy's alpine "attic"!
June 9 – Meet the Muzzatti's, SRJC professors, in **Torino**.
June 10 – See Torino & Superga, onto **Asti for 3 nights**.
June 11 – Sip Barolo, Barbera and Barbaresco in the **Langhe** wine district and dine at a **Slow Food** trattoria in **Bra**.
June 12 – Spend a day amid Roman ruins, alpine peaks, fontina cheese and frescoed castles in the **Val d'Aosta**.
June 13 – Monferrato vines give way to Vercelli rice fields as we dine on Lake Orta and **stay 3 nights on Lake Como**.
June 14 – Sail to legendary lakeside gardens and the chic villages of Tremezzo, Varenna and **Bellagio** on Lake Como.
June 15 – Our two lakes today are **Lugano and Maggiore!** Discover Lugano, Locarno, Stresa and her Isola Bella.
June 16 – Ascend **Bergamo's** Citta Alta, sip **Franciacorte** wines, visit Lake **Garda's** Salo & **stay 3 nights in Verona**.
June 17 – Tour **Verona**; time to shop or attend the opera!
June 18 – Admire **Vicenza's** Palladian architecture, dine amid **Bardolino** vines & savor gelato in adorable **Sirmione**.
June 19 – Enjoy a free day in Verona or rail to **Venice!**
June 20 – See Marostica's chessboard, **Bassano's** grappa, Maser's villa and **Valdobbiadone's** prosecco. **Stay 3 nights in Udine**, in Gino's ancestral homeland of Friuli.
June 21 – Explore **Cividale, Cormons, Gorizia** and **Collio** vineyards, as well as a walking tour of charming Udine.
June 22 – It's ancient and WWI history today: **Grado, Aquileia and Redipuglia**, plus fascinating **Palmanova**.
June 23 – Taste prosciutto in **San Daniele**, cross **Julian Alps** to enjoy crystal **Lake Bled** before 1 night in **Trieste**.
June 24 – Explore **Trieste** before our tour ends at noon.
Group land rate: from \$3785 each sharing

ISTRIA, CROATIA & SLOVENIA ~ June 22-29

Escort Sharie Sbrazza continues the custom tour theme:
June 22 – Arrive in **Udine**, welcome dinner & stay tonight.
June 23 – Taste prosciutto in **San Daniele**, cross **Julian Alps** to enjoy crystal **Lake Bled** before **2 nights in Trieste**.
June 24 – Tour **Trieste**; free time to shop or sail the gulf!
June 25 – Meander the beautiful coast of **Istria**: Koper, Piran and Porec. Stay tonight in delightful seaside **Rovinj**.
June 26 – **Pula's** Roman splendor will awe you! Dine along the Istrian coast. Stay tonight on **Opatija's** sea promenade.
June 27 – Pause in **Senj** on Croatia's coast before strolling cascades and the 16 lakes of **Plitvice Park**, where we stay.
June 28 – Enjoy the sights of **Zagreb, Croatia's capital**. Stay in charming **Samobor**, a foodie hilltown of artisans.
June 29 – **Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital**, has Old Town treasures: castles, museums, churches and bridges. A train takes us underworld in the fascinating **Postojna Caves**, Europe's largest. Our tour ends in Trieste this afternoon.
Group land rate: from \$1492 each sharing

LOOKING AHEAD in 2010...

June 26–July 17 ~ Study in **Urbania** & Live like an Italian!
Nov. 1–14 ~ **Apulia**: Bari seacoast, Lecce & Alberobello.
IATA & CST 2080834-40 registered full service agency.
Obtain info and Tour Application at **www.nbicf.org**

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My Ancestry Italian interests: _____ I am interested in (circle):

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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 things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions and support education via scholarships, classes and programs.

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