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**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010
INSTALLATION DINNER**

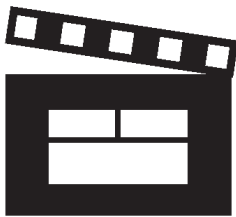
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2010
VALENTINE DINNER**

Do away with the winter blahs, bundle up, come to the Installation Dinner and enjoy Stufatto and Polenta with all the trimmings. Eva Marie Sbraggia will entertain us with background accordion music.

New Board Member Arlene Pleich will be installed to replace Jim Caron. Jim Caron and Darryl Notter, former owners of the Applewood Restaurant and Resort, have moved to Italy. The Foundation wishes them much success in their new venture.

Cindy Hume will provide activities for the children from 6 to 6:30pm. Parents are encouraged to bring their children and take part in the fun.

Angelo Catalani, Director Emeritus, will again officiate at the Installation Ceremony. What he has planned is a mystery, but will surely entertain us all.



**ITALIAN FILM, SUNDAY AT THE CENTER
JANUARY 17, 2010, 2:30PM**

NBICF will again reinstate its Sunday at the Center with an Italian film "MEDITERRANEO", with English subtitles. Refreshments will be served. No charge but reservations required. Please call Diane McCurdy 546-9654 or the Center 591-9696. Diane, who will host the film, is from the Tocchini family who brought sound films to Sonoma County in the late 1920's with the opening of the Strand Theater.

Reservation Form

February 8, 2010 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 Feb. 3, 2010



Bring your sweetheart and enjoy a wonderful Ravioli dinner with *contorni*/side dishes.

Plans are in the making for a Valentine exchange with prizes that you and your sweetheart can enjoy. Since the history of St. Valentine has Roman roots NBICF cannot ignore him. The whole world knows Italian is the language of love, *la lingua d'amore*.

**WINE TASTING
FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

NBICF is sponsoring a wine tasting at Sonoma County Museum from 5 - 7:00pm for the benefit of the Marianne Pedroncelli Memorial Scholarship for Italian studies. Donations, which include wine glass, unlimited tastings and appetizers, are as follows:

- \$34.00 per NBICF member, in advance
- \$39.00 per guest, in advance
- \$49.00 at the door

Please send check payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, Ca 95404. For information send email to Sharie Sbrazza at andiamotravel@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY

NBICF is taking a step into the future. Would you like to receive the Mosaico as an **email**? If so please send us your email address. We will continue to mail the newsletter to those who do not wish to receive an email copy or do not have a computer.

Name _____

email address _____

NBICF MEMBERSHIP

BENVENUTI~WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Individuals: Adrienne Moeller, Barbara Brancati Bendik, Reid Sheridan.

Families: Ralinda & Vince Ginocchio, George & Anna Golfieri, and Jeff & Julie Silva.

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

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

Condolences to Marie Wealand and the family of Edythe Asti who was the aunt of Board member Gerri Asti. Edythe worked in the Sonoma County Assessors office for over 40 years.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Joe Belluzzo who was credited with popularizing soccer in Sonoma County. In 1975 he received the Santa Rosa Citizen of the Year award.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Robert Moratto, a native of Santa Rosa, and a graduate of St. Rose school in 1949. An active volunteer, he served as chairman of many civic boards.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Avila Jennings for study in Florence with the SRJC semester abroad program. The Board also voted to award five \$250 scholarships for Spring semester at SRJC.

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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.



WHATS THIS?? NO CARNEVALE??

Due to the two Federal Holidays in February of 2010, when the Vets Building is closed, scheduling our Carnevale became impossible. It is with regret that NBICF must postpone this exciting event for this year. We plan to come back next year bigger and better. So let's start now by asking your family and friends to join you in 2011.

SAINT VALENTINE

The history of Valentine's Day, part of American folk lore, is surrounded by various legends. The holiday's pagan roots go back to the ancient Roman festival of *Lupercalia*, a fertility celebration. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius I recast this pagan festival as a Christian feast day, declaring February 14th to be Saint Valentine's Day. Most scholars believe that the St. Valentine of this holiday was a priest who dared to defy the Roman Emperor Claudius II around 270 AD. According to the legend, Claudius II, in his imperial manner, prohibited marriage for young men, claiming that bachelors made better soldiers. Valentine ignored this edict and continued to secretly perform marriage ceremonies. He was eventually apprehended by the Romans and sentenced to death. While in prison he fell in love with the daughter of his jailor. Before he was executed, he allegedly sent her a letter signed from "Your Valentine."

FRA NOI ~ AMONG US

Coro Allegro	483-8075	Sal Peritore
Festa Chairman	573-7185	Virginia Wilburn
Language	542-6761	Ada Nourse
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

**THE LAKE REGIONS OF WESTERN
SWITZERLAND
MAY 27 TO JUNE 11, 2010
ESCORTED BY AL & MYRNA TRAVERSI**

Tour Switzerland with its lovely lakes, beautiful valleys and gorgeous Alps.

Make your way on your own and meet us in **Geneva** on May 28th where we will stay **1 night**. See the famous Jet d'Eau and the Jardin Anglais with its Flower Clock. Tonight savor a traditional fondue dinner while enjoying a typical Swiss folkloric show.

May 29th see the Red Cross Museum and the Palace of Nations in **Geneva** before traveling by rail to **Montreux** where we spend the next **3 nights**. While in this area, visit the Olympic Museum, the Swiss Camera Museum, the Food Museum and more. On an all day special excursion, visit a demonstration cheese dairy and the famous Cailler-Nestle' Chocolate Factory.

Next tour the old port town of **Neuchatel** on Lake Neuchatel, the largest lake solely within the borders of Switzerland, where we stay for **2 nights**. The oldest sections of this town's castle date back to the 12th century. Take a train or bus ride to **Bern**, the capital of Switzerland with its famous **Bear Pits**.

Travel by rail to **Spiez** on Lake Thun where we spend **2 nights**. We will take a boat ride to the lovely town of **Brienz** to visit an open-air park that displays Swiss crafts and houses.

From here, we go to the resort town of **Weggis** on Lake Lucerne for **2 nights**. Take a cable car ride up to **Mt. Rigi** for a fabulous view of the lake or take a leisurely stroll through the village. A cogwheel train ride up to Mt. Pilatus, returning via a gondola ride is included.

We will leave this area by a paddle wheel steamer boat with lunch on board included, followed by a rail trip thru the 15-kilometer St. Gotthard Tunnel. We'll arrive in the **Ticinese** city of **Locarno** with its palm tree-studded promenade along **Lake Maggiore** and stay **4 nights** for the finale of this customized tour.

For further information, please contact us at (707) 544-5711 or TraversiDuo@sbcglobal.net.

**NEW ITALIAN COURSE INTRODUCED
FOR SPRING 2010!
ITALIAN 2.5 CONSOLIDATING / LOOKING
FORWARD**

This is a non-credit course, offered through the SRJC Community Education program, for students who have taken a course or two of Italian and want to continue with Italian (maybe Italian 3 or similar level), but feel that they need a grammar refresher or more practice in conversation before taking that next step.

The course presumes a "basic knowledge" of Italian grammar, basic familiarity with verbs and conjugations, reflexive verbs, some pronouns, the past tenses, etc. The course will provide 1) better mastery of that grammar, and 2) ease of conversational use of that grammar. It will concentrate on what is *most frequently used* in personal encounters in Italy: most frequent situations, most frequent verbs and expressions, most frequent grammar... The course will center on Italian-language exercises designed to help students converse in real-life situations in Italy.

Presenter Dave Henderson, Ph.D.

15 Thursday evenings, 5:30-7:30pm, Jan. 21 through May 16, 2010 (No class Mar. 18).

On the SRJC campus, Santa Rosa: In Emeritus Hall, Room 1518.

Fee: \$100 (includes \$10 of materials). NO textbook to be purchased.

For detailed information and enrollment procedure: daven@sonic.net or call 545-2688

NEW LANGUAGE CLASS AT THE CENTER

Ada Arnaudo Norse will begin a new Intermediate Italian class Wednesday, January 20th. Please phone Ada directly, 542-6761, for detail about time and price.

A NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM IN ITALIA

On New Year's Eve family and friends gather together, stay up until midnight, and then eat a large meal of several courses. Since this is not a religious festivity just about anything goes from pasta to baked fish with plenty to drink. The 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany concern the closing of one year and opening of another. On New Year's day, the ancient Romans offered the God Janus grains of farro mixed with salt and foccacia made with flour, eggs and oil for his help in providing a good harvest.

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COMING EVENTS:

January 11, 2010

Installation Dinner

January 17, 2010

Italian Film at the Center

February 8, 2010

Valentine Dinner

February 26, 2010

Wine Tasting



Addressee or current resident

Address label

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS & INTERESTS

Annual Dues: ___\$25 Individual ___\$35 Family ___\$50 Patron ___\$100 Donor ___\$500 Life ___\$1,000

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

Art Bocce Festa Fund-raisers History Language Library Mailings Music Office Scholarships Travel

Memorial for _____ From _____ (Acknowledge to person below)

Gift membership for person below from _____

Name _____ day/evening phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Date _____

Please mail with check payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404 - phone 707-591-9696

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patti Adams, Jim Alfieri, Linda Apel (Treasurer 837-9151), Gerri Asti, Allen Barbieri, JoAnn Ferrera, Cindy Hume, Yvette Laflamme, Stan Laughlin, Geni Maggi (Corresponding Secretary 544-5236) Jeanette Mancini Mitchell (President 542-5245), Faye Piazza, Arlene Pleich, Don Raimondi, Norma Rivas, Donald Tarpley (VP 539-1734) and Virginia Mennucci Wilburn (Recording Secretary 573-7185).
Directors Emeritus are Angelo Catelani, Arturo Ibleto and Chic Rey.

Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Jeanette Mancini Mitchell, Virginia Mennucci Wilburn and Donald Tarpley. Members are encouraged to submit articles or news items for publication. We reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.