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WINE TASTING

July 18, 2010

Enjoy a summer Sunday afternoon listening to Italian music and sipping on a tasting of five wines paired with Italian antipasti at D'Argenzio Winery, 1301 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa.

The event will take place from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Music will be provided by the Don Giovannis and the Coro Allergro singing traditional Italian music. The cost will be \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. Contact NBICF for advanced ticket sales. **Checks must be mailed by Thursday, July 14th, made payable to NBICF, and sent to the Center.**

FESTA ITALIANA THE PERFECT TEN (10/10/10)

Don't miss the *dolce vita* on Sunday, October 10, 2010, at the 20th annual Festa Italiana which will be held at the Vets Memorial Building in Santa Rosa from 11:00am to 6:00pm. This year's theme is centered around Naples and the region of Campania. Come and enjoy great food, music, singing, dancing, history, *mercato* (marketplace) and surprises! Children's activities include Twizzle the Clown and the Romans with all of their authentic weaponry.

Again this year we will have a raffle with \$1,000 first prize and a large silent auction. Outside activities will include bocce and the auto show with Italian and American classics.

Advance admission tickets \$5 and \$8 at the door. Circle your calendar **NOW** and plan to celebrate *Italianita*.



La Danza
Balliamo Dancers
of Sacramento
Festa 2009



SCAMPAGNATA AN ITALIAN EXCURSION ALL'APERTO WILD OAK POLO FIELD PICNIC GROUNDS, OAKMONT, CA. SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010 12:00PM TO 6:00PM LUNCH SERVED AT 1:30PM SEATING LIMITED TO 150

Once again this year Henry and Eileen Trione have invited NBICF members to the scenic polo field for an afternoon of picnicking Italian style with music, singing and bocce. Lunch includes antipasti, barbequed tri-tip *ala Randy Apel & Ray Lazzini*, ceasar salad, pasta salad, garlic bread, dessert with beverages.

Due to parking restrictions please do not arrive before 12:00pm. Designated parking areas will be marked. PREPAID RESERVAIONS ONLY - EARLY RESPONSE REQUESTED - PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO NBICF AT 64 BROOKWOOD AVE., S.R. 95404

SCAMPAGNATA Wild Oak Polo Field Picnic Grounds Lunch served 1:30 PM

- _____places @ \$22.50 for Members and Guests
- _____places @ \$10.00 for Teens ages 13 to 18 years old
- _____places @ \$ 5.00 for children 5 to 12 years old
- _____places for under 5 years - free

Name _____

NBICF MEMBERSHIP

BENVENUTI~WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Individuals: Jill Alger, Lloyd Roesch, Angela Saul, and Lucretia Smith

Families: Robert & Yvonne Bertolini-Busch, Mirian & John Helm, Melvin & Barbara Levy and Jacqueline Peterson & Billy Simone

Members who renewed as donors: David & Denna Faloni

IN MEMORIAM

Sympathy is extended to the family of Board Member JoAnn Ferrera on the untimely death of her husband, Don. His interest and support will be missed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

At the June Board meeting it was voted to award six scholarships at \$250.00 each. Since 1990 the Foundation has awarded approximately \$85,000 to qualified students.

BOCCE

NBICF sponsors two bocce teams in the new Santa Rosa Bocce League. Ron Misasi is Capo of Squadra Uno and Don Raimondi Capo of Squadra Italiana Due. We have 19 NBICF members playing every Wednesday at Julliard Park. The Santa Rosa Bocce League was formed in the Spring of 2009 with six teams. NBICF fielded one team in the Spring and expanded to two teams in the Fall of 2009 with our team winning the "runner-up" trophy in the Spring playoffs. The Spring 2010 season started in April and will end in July. The League now has 14 teams competing on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. NBICF members interested in playing in the Fall may send an email to DonRaimondi@aol.com For more information about the League, see www.santarosabocce.com

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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 7:00 PM are open to all members.

QUEL CHE BOLLE IN PENTOLA

"What's Cooking"

The next time you rent a video of **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** remember that it is through the efforts of an Italian American that we enjoy this film today. In late 1937 when Walt Disney needed additional financing on this film idea he started in 1934, he approached A. P. Giannini, President of Bank of America for a loan. Giannini, impressed by the idea, granted a loan for the project. Disney's dream went on to become the first full length animated film.....one we enjoy to this day.

The new Student Center at SRJC that opened January 11th has been named in honor of NBICF member Lawrence A. Bertolini, a man who has given a lifetime of service to the college. Special features of the new 72,000 sq. ft. Center include the dining commons, student affairs rooms, cybear (sic) center and conference rooms.

The youngest golf player to play in the Masters Tournament in Atlanta, Ga. last April was 16 year old Italian Matteo Manassero. He earned the invitation to this event by becoming the youngest player to win the 124th year old British Amateur.

During the new school year starting August 17th, Santa Rosa High School will offer three new Italian classes available to all students. The classes taught by Carla Forchini will include Italian history and culture as well as the usual conversation and grammar. For more information contact Tony Negri at 570-2164.

The work preparing both rose **petals** and **pedals** won us Best Use of Roses in the May 15th **Rose Parade**. Stan Laughlin prepared the petals and Allen Barbieri and David Peritore supplied the pedals.

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
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Scholarships	523-0296	Gino Muzzatti
Sunshine Cards	542-6605	Cleo Konhoff
Tours (Andiamo)	570-7076	Sharie Sbrazza
Translations	938-8729	Dave Henderson
Volunteers	542-5245	Jeanette Mitchell
Festa Volunteers	546-2552	Yvette Laflamme

ITALIAN AMERICANS AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

This July 4th as we celebrate the 234th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence we pause to remember an Italian and two Italian Americans who played a large part in this historical event.

Filippo Mazzei was born and educated in the region of Tuscany. He traveled extensively in Europe before settling in London where he opened a shop that introduced the English to Italian native foods such as cheese, olives, olive oil and wine. During this time he befriended Ben Franklin who encouraged him to come to America. He arrived in 1773 and was introduced to Thomas Jefferson. These two men formed a friendship and became early champions of America breaking away from England. Mazzei began writing many articles about free men. These articles written in Italian were translated to English by Thomas Jefferson. When Jefferson completed the first draft of the Declaration of Independence he sent it to Mazzei for his opinion.

Many feel the phrase “all men are created equal” was paraphrased from Mazzei’s *“Tutti gli uomini sono per natura egualmente liberi e indipendenti”* (all men are by nature equally free and independent)

Mazzei eventually returned to Italy where he died in 1816 at age 86.

William Paca, an Italian American, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born in Abingdon, Maryland in 1740. His family came from Italy in the early 1700’s. He began his college education at age 15 at Philadelphia College. He began his law studies in Annapolis. He was elected to the State Legislature of Maryland in 1771 and appointed to the Continental Congress in 1774. In 1779 he was appointed Chief Justice of the State of Maryland. In 1782 he was elected governor of Maryland and afterward was appointed Federal District Judge. He served in this position until his death in 1799.

Another Italian American signer was **Caesar Rodney**, born in Delaware in 1728. His family ancestry, the Adelmare family, could be traced back to Treviso. His parents arrived in America in 1680. He was an officer in the Delaware militia during the revolution and was elected to the Continental Congress in 1774. He served as President of Delaware from 1778 to 1781. He died in Delaware on June 29, 1784.

DISCOVERY OF ETRUSCAN HOME

Archaeologists have unearthed a beautifully preserved Etruscan house in western Italy. In the first-ever discovery of its kind in this part of Italy, this 2,400 year old building, uncovered at the archaeological site of Vetulonia near the Tuscan coast, is one of only a handful of Etruscan homes ever found. The remarkable condition of the house makes the discovery even more exceptional. “These are the best remains ever found in Italy of an Etruscan home.” explained Vetulonia Archaeological Museum Director Simona Rafanelli.

A large quantity of metal nails in the house, along with their placements, indicates the main room might have once contained a kind mezzanine level built from wooden beams. Six Roman and Etruscan coins discovered on a small altar inside the structure suggest it collapsed in 79BC. Experts believe the building, which was used both as a home and for commercial activity, belonged to a wealthy and influential family.

Excavations are due to continue and this building will eventually become a museum.

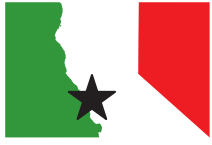
POMPEII

A ruined and partially buried Roman city near Naples is in the region of Campania. Along with its sister city, Herculaneum, Pompeii was destroyed and completely buried during the eruption of the volcano Mt. Vesuvius in 79AD. The city of Pompeii, buried under 22 meters of ash and pumice, was lost for almost 1,600 years before its accidental discovery around 1592.

The city was founded around the 7th-6th century BC by Oscans, a people of central Italy. It had already been used as a safe port by Greek and Phoenician sailors and was also captured by the Etruscans. Recent excavations have shown the presence of Etruscan inscriptions and a 6th century BC necropolis. Pompeii was a lively place. A large number of well preserved frescoes of everyday life have been a major advance in the art history of the ancient world. At the time of the eruption, the city could have had as many as 20,000 inhabitants and was located in an area in which Romans had their holiday villas. Besides the forum, an amphitheatre and two theatres have been found, along with a palaestra or gymnasium. A hotel of 1,000 square meters was found a short distance from the city.

To learn more about Pompeii and the region of Campania, venite alla Festa 10/10/10!

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SCAMPAGNATA

August 22, 2010

PASTA & MEAT BALLS

September 20, 2010

LA FESTA ITALIANA

October 10, 2010

Addressee or current resident

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS & INTERESTS

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

My Italian Ancestry (region): _____

I am interested in (circle):

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

Memorial donation for _____ From _____

Gift membership for _____ From _____

Name _____ Phone _____ email _____

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.

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