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I MIGLIORI AUGURI PER UN BUON ANNO NUOVO. BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



REVELERS ENJOYING THE 2011 PICCOLO CARNEVALE

As we bid *addio* to 2011 and the many activities that we sponsored to put more Italian in your life, we now look forward to 2012. As a preview, below is a partial list of our planned activities. We hope to see many members at these social gatherings to relive the Italian heritage. Put some *allegria*/happiness and *divertimento*/fun on your calendar.

January

- 15th Sunday at the Center Lecture - **Bel Paese**
- 15th **Installation Dinner - Polenta & Stew**
Surprise Master of Ceremonies
- 22nd Movie - **Under the Tuscan Sun**

February

- 5th Opera - **La Gioconda**
- 19th **Piccolo Carnevale - Dinner & Music**
- 26th Movie - **Big Deal on Madonna Street**

March

- 19th **San Giuseppe Dinner**
- 25th Movie - **The Keys to the House**

April

- 16th **Post Pasqua Dinner**
- Sunday at the Center - Movie, Opera & date to be announced

May

- 21st **Post Mother's Day Dinner - - La Festa della Mamma**
- Sunday at the Center - Movie, Opera & date to be announced

June

- 18th **Post Father's Day Dinner**
- Sunday at the Center - Movie, Opera & date to be announced

Reservation Form for Santa Rosa Vets Building ~ Doors open at 4:30pm Dinner served at 5:30pm

Sunday, January 15, 2012 Dinner Meeting

- _____places @\$14 for members
 - _____places @\$16 for guests
 - _____places @\$ 8 for teens 13 to 18 years
 - _____places @ \$ 5 for child 5 to 12 years
 - _____places for under 5 years - free
- Mail in by Jan 11, 2012

Sunday, February 19, 2012 Piccolo Carnevale

- _____places @ \$15 for members
 - _____places @ \$15 for guests
 - _____places @ \$ 8 for teens 13 to 18 years
 - _____places @ \$ 5 for child 5 to 12 years
 - _____places for under 5 years - free
- Mail in by Feb 15, 2012

NBICF MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new members:

Alexis Collins, Margaret Enea-Patrizi, Joan Ferrero, Nicolle Harrity and Donna Hedley.

Family Memberships:

Anthony & Theresa Iantosca

We hope to see you soon at one of our events.

IN MEMORIAM

The Board of Directors extends condolences to the families of Mary Castagnola, Fernando Dan, Evelyn Arrigoni and Doris Scacchi. May they rest in peace.

ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues renewal notices were mailed on December 30, 2011. You will notice the dues for individuals and family membership have increased \$5.00. The new total for individuals is now \$30.00 and \$40.00 for families. This year membership cards will not be mailed. Anyone wishing to have a membership card may obtain one at our dinners or at the Center. Please respond promptly and keep NBICF alive! We need you!

CARABINIERE STATUE DONATED

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, wishes to extend our appreciation to the Traverso families who generously donated their statue of the carabinieri. He will continue to be exhibited and remembered as part of Traverso's history.

Carabinieri were organized in the Kingdom of Piedmont years before the risorgimento in 1814. This new force was organized as a national police force.

DOLORES GIORGI

Mille grazie to Dolores Giorgi for her 20 plus years of service to NBICF as membership coordinator. *Tre Urrà*, three cheers to Dolores Giorgi for keeping track of new memberships, mailing out dues renewals, etc. She will be missed.

ROBERT AGRELLA

Congratulations to Patron Robert Agrella on his retirement as president of Santa Rosa Junior College for 21 years. Job well done, Roberto!

QUEL CHE BOLLE IN PENTOLA "What's Cooking"

Mark your calendar for our continuing series of **SUNDAYS at the CENTER** (64 Brookwood Avenue). The doors open at 2:00 PM, program starts at 2:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. Due to limited seating, please call the center for reservations. There is no charge for these events.

January 14 - - Sons of Italy dinner dance. Please call phone 546-2157.

January 15 - - **Bel Paese lecture** by SharieSbrazza of Andiamo Travel and Gino Muzzatti.

Walk away with free handouts! Taste free refreshments!

Enjoy a free slideshow! Make new friends!

Admire Italy's cultural wonders & "visit" its beautiful places. Learn about opportunities and nuances of "Insider Italy." A must for Italophiles and those who love all things Italian!

For various other Italian programs offered by the SRJC, please enroll at www.santarosa.edu/communityeducation by January 14.

January 22 - - **Movie: Under the Tuscan Sun**

While on vacation, a just-divorced writer buys a villa in Tuscany on a whim, hoping it will be the start of a change for the better in her life.

February 5 - - **La Gioconda opera tape**

This production by San Francisco opera starring Luciano Pavarotti and Renata Scotto was the first telecast of an American Opera Company's performance to Europe. Be sure to come to this showing to learn the intriguing antics of the cast.

February 26 - - **Big Deal on Madonna Street**

A motley quintet of inept small-time thieves bungle the burglary of a local pawnshop in this Italian farce. Stars: Vittorio Gassman, Marcello Mastroianni and Renato.

March 25th - - **The Keys to the House**

Meeting his handicapped son for the first time, a young father attempts to forge a relationship with the teenager. Directed by Gianni Amelio. This movie is in Italian with some German, English and French subtitles.

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

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 evening of each month.

FOR INFORMATION

Coro Allegro	539-1986	Angelo Catelani
Library/Office/Festa	573-7185	Virginia Wilburn
Language	542-1799	Ada Nourse
Mailing Volunteers	538-4031	Muffy Bertuccio
Membership	544-3499	Denise Scaglione
Reservations	544-5236	Geni Maggi
Scholarships	523-0296	Gino Muzzatti
Sunshine Cards	542-6605	Cleo Konhoff
Volunteers	542-5245	Jeanette Mitchell
Festa Volunteers	538-7352	Gerri Asti

PICCOLO CARNEVALE

Sunday, February 19th

Main Auditorium at Santa Rosa Veterans Building

Get into the spirit of Carnevale by wearing a costume or a mask. Use your imagination!

Doors open at 4:30pm ~ No host bar to 5:30pm

5:30pm Dinner buffet

Menu: Antipasti and garlic bread sticks
Rosemary pork loin,
Tortellini w/cream sauce
Balsamic roasted vegetables
Salad, garlic bread
Cream puffs

6:30pm Parade of Costumes

6:45pm - 9:00pm Music by Steve Albini (and dancing)

Prepaid reservations only by Feb 15th.

Reserved seats for large parties will be available.

Carnevale, meaning “goodbye to flesh”, is a time for feasting before the fasting of *Quaresima* or Lent. *Carnevale* is celebrated with much merriment in Italy, especially in Viareggio, Ivrea and Venice. It has parallels in other Latin countries and, of course, down South in New Orleans and Rio De Janeiro.

It's our traditional merriment in another guise. It is a plentiful feast with food, desserts and flowing wine. It's the high stepping parade of everyone in costume. ***So please everyone in costume.*** It is a family affair with lively music. Do not miss the fun. Send in your reservation today.

ITALIAN TRADITIONS OF THE NEW YEAR

Italians give misletoe as a *strenna*, a New Year's gift. They are called *strenna* after the Roman goddess Strenia, whose responsibility was to oversee an exchange of presents at the start of a new year. Sacred twigs or mistletoe from Strenia's grove were carried along the Via Sacra on the first of January, the month named after Janus, god of beginnings and endings plus portals. Mistletoe was hung over doorways to ward off illness. Today, Italians hang it for good luck, similar to the way we Americans use it to garner kisses for luck in love.

New Year's is a time for gifts when a Yule log or *ceppo* is dragged from the woods and set afire with much ceremony which includes blindfolding the children. When the blindfolds are removed, a pile of gifts magically appears in front of the ashes, which are kept as a charm against oncoming winter storms.

On the eve of **Epiphany** (Jan 6th), many Italian children believe it's the night of magic when empty stockings and shoes await the witch-like appearance of *La Befana*.

ANDIAMO = LET'S GO

LIVE LIKE an ITALIAN ~ July 1-21

Prof. Gino & Julie Muzzatti escort their 10th Anniversary Study Tour to Urbania, a small friendly town in lovely Le Marche, nestled between the Adriatic and Tuscany. Enjoy a 4-day custom tour of Umbria: Ascoli's Quintana Festival, Perugia's Jazz Festival, Norcia, Spoleto, Assisi...

EMILIA-ROMAGNA'S FOOD & WINE ~ July 22-28

Prof. Gino & Julie Muzzatti escort a custom savory week of Italy's breadbasket: sample wine, balsamic vinegar, Parma cheese, olive oil, Zibello culatello, gelato & more! Stay 2 nights in Bologna & 4 nights in Emilia to leisurely experience Rimini, San Marino, Ferrara, Maranello, Modena, Cremona, Busseto, Parma, Mantova, Verona...

ITALIAN DOLOMITI & OTHER PEAKS

Hike the jagged Italian Alps near Cortina or stroll Peru's Machu Picchu ruins, discovered just 100 years ago. Soak in hot springs below Costa Rica's towering Poas Volcano! Please inquire about various departure dates.

ITALIAN ALPS & SWISS TRAINS ~ Summer 2012

Escort Yolana reveals Switzerland & Italy's alpine scenery of Munich, Innsbruck, Cortina, Bolzano, Merano, St. Moritz, Lake Como, Torino, Aosta, Zermatt, Interlaken, Berne & Zurich...via coach, Bernina & Glacier Express!

TURKEY: Cappadocia & Cleopatra Coast ~ Nov. 1-14

Escort Sharie Sbrazza offers her 17th annual affordable autumn trip: this time to timeless western Turkey! Stay 3 nights in each of 4 locations to see the ancient, Roman, Greek, Christian and Ottoman sights well: Cappadocia, Turquoise Coast Riviera, Marmaris harbor and Kusadasi.

CRUISE ITALIAN STYLE

Sail around Italy's Beautiful Boot from Venice to Genoa with choice of yacht, medium-sized vessel or megaship. Sail this summer from San Francisco to Alaska while savoring tasty cuisine made onboard by Italian chefs.

REASONS TO GO NOW

Winter – Revel in Italy's Carnevale in Venice or Viareggio!

Spring – Holland's Floriade only happens every 10 years!

Summer – London host Queen's Jubilee & the Olympics!

Autumn – See Mundo Maya before Mayan calendar ends!

2012 & 2013 – Commemorate 150 years since Civil War.

Always – Take advantage of strong dollar & old age: enjoy your own personal, customized vacation to La Bella Italia!

LOOKING AHEAD: SARDEGNA in November 2013

Stay tuned for Andiamo's return to Italy with its 18th annual autumn tour exploring mysterious Sardegna!

MISSED MY SICILY-MALTA TOUR NOV. 2011?

Hear all about it Jan. 15 at the Italian Cultural Center show.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Log onto Travel Page at www.nbicf.org or email agent-escort Sharie Sbrazza at andiamotravel@hotmail.com. Andiamo since 1979 ~ Licensed agency CST 2080834-40

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COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY AT THE CENTER LECTURE
January 15th, 2:00pm ~ Bel Paese

INSTALLATION POLENTA DINNER
January 15th, 4:30pm

MOVIE: UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN
January 22nd, 2:00pm

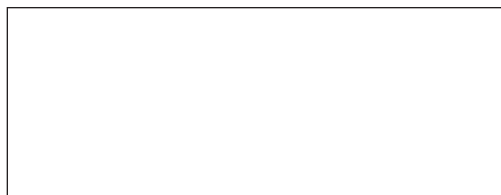
OPERA VIDEO: LA GIOCONDA
February 5th, 2:00pm

MOVIE: BIG DEAL ON MADONNA STREET
February 26th, 2:00pm

PICCOLO CARNEVALE
February 19, 2012



DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Annual Dues: ___\$30 Individual ___\$40 Family ___\$50 Patron ___\$100 Donor ___\$500 Life ___\$1,000

Name _____ Phone _____ email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Date _____

My Italian Ancestry (regions): _____

Applicants please indicate your interest in activities (circle):

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

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

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