



BUON CAPODANNO

SPECIAL EVENT FOR JANUARY

Saturday, January 27, 2018

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL all-you-can-eat CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER is on January 27, 2018 at St. Rose Parish Hall. The Crab Feed has become one of NBICF's major fundraisers for the year, so bring your friends and family to enjoy this winter seafood favorite. The net proceeds will be divided between the Foundation's scholarships and cultural activities fund and to the Redwood Credit Union Fire Relief Fund.



Chef Randy Apel and the Crab Feed "crew," including event lead Maggie Brothers and food/service lead Linda Apel, will return for this popular event. The menu will include shrimp cocktail appetizers, ceviche, pesto pasta, salad, garlic bread, all-you-can-eat crab and dessert. Each attendee will also receive one free glass of wine or soda. A no host bar will be available and there will also be a raffle. Tickets are \$60 per adult. Reservations and payment must be received by January 23, 2018. Seating is limited to 170, so reserve early. Please see enclosed flyer to make reservations or make reservations through the reservation link on the NBICF website. If you have questions about the Crab Feed, please contact Maggie Brothers at 707-695-2022 (call or text). If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Maggie Brothers.

Doors open at 5:00pm, *dinner served at 6:00pm.*

CARNEVALE CELEBRATION

Monday, February 19, 2018

THE ANNUAL CARNEVALE CELEBRATION will be held Monday, February 19, 2018 at St. Rose Parish Hall. This dinner will be prepared by Taste of Perfection Catering. The menu will include spanakopita and smoked chicken phyllo; slow-roasted pork loin; baby red mashed potatoes; sautéed green beans; mixed greens with shredded carrots, English cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. finished with a Champagne vinaigrette, assortment of rolls with sweet butter; and for dessert, apple cobbler a la mode. There will be a no-host bar until 6:30pm and a raffle. Reservations and payment must be received by February 9, 2018. Please see enclosed flyer to make reservations or make reservations through the reservation link on the NBICF website.

Carnevale, also known as carnival or mardi gras is celebrated in Italy as a final party before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," which reflects the practice of eating richer, fatty foods during the last night before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season begins. For people in Italy, Carnevale is a huge winter festival, usually complete with masks, parades, music and parties. Being the final celebration before Lent begins, it is as popular in Italy now as it was in the thirteenth century.



Doors open at 5:00pm, *dinner served at 6:00pm.*

- *A friendly reminder that outside alcoholic beverages, including wine, cannot be brought to the monthly dinners or other NBICF events. Thank you in advance.*

— NBICF Board of Directors

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, April 16 at 5:30 pm—

2018 Winemaker Dinner at Riviera Ristorante.

Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings from Pedroncelli Winery. Menu and wine details with reservation forms in March issue of the Mosaico.

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Dr. Douglas Kenning Lecture on Italian Immigration.
Time to be announced.

Credit Card Payments for Reservations

The NBICF website www.nbicf.org has a Reservations Page providing online credit card payment for member dinner meetings and other events. Mail-in reservations with checks will continue to be accepted. The online system uses secure encrypted internet communications and no personal or credit card information is recorded or retained on the NBICF website.

Special Note from the Board

The Board would like to thank Kathy Winkelman for her generous donation of two tickets to the NBICF Crab Feed for a family in need. The Board will choose a family who lost their home in the fire at the January 3, 2018 board meeting.

—NBICF Board of Directors

Membership News

Business Members:

Rebecca Abbruzzese, Realtor,
Maurizio Castagna, Realtor,
Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning,
FaiSano Wines of Italy, Faloni Ranch,
Forchini Vineyards & Winery, Pedersen's Furniture

In Memoriam:

Condolences to the family of Dortha Sonnikson (*Stan Laughlin's mother*) who recently passed.

Book Group

The book selection for January is *Ferocity*, winner of the 2015 Strega Prize, Italy's preeminent prize for fiction. *Ferocity* is at once an intimate family saga and a vivid portrait of the moral and political corruption of an entire society. *Ferocity* combines suspense, psychological acuity and contemporary realism in a moving feat of storytelling. *Ferocity* is also available in the original Italian language edition on Amazon if anyone wants to test their language skills.

Author: Nicola Lagioia, © 2017

Genres: Fiction, Thriller, Suspense

The Book Group meets every third Thursday evenings from 7–8pm, upstairs at the NBICF Center. For information, email Diane McCurdy at dmcurdy@sonic.net or call NBICF: 707-591-9696.

Some Fun Facts About Italy

Azzurro (literally azure) is the national color of Italy. The blue color, together with the tricolore, is a symbol of Italy. Why azzurro?

Azzurro is the color of a clear, blue Mediterranean sky. The origin of the national color dates back to 1366. When ready to embark on a crusade organized by Pope Urbano V, Il Conte Verde, Amedeo VI of Savoy, in tribute to the Madonna, hoisted a large blue banner on his flagship next to the banner of his native Savoy. Amedeo VI used the opportunity to proclaim “azzurro” as the national color.

Incontro

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

NBICF's Coro Allegro

Coro Allegro sings and performs at wineries, senior facilities, NBICF dinners and special occasions. *Our Coro needs more singers!* Tuesday night practices are held at the NBICF Center are from 7–8:30pm (*except first Tuesday of the month*). Call Les Villanyi at 707-484-4992 for information.

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 28, 2018

Life is Beautiful (1997) 1hr. 56mins.

Life is Beautiful, although dealing with a very serious subject, is filled with hope which is something we desperately need in our fire-ravaged environs. The inimitable Roberto Begnini won an Oscar for best actor at the 71st Academy Awards ceremony. Viewing the film together will be an uplifting way to begin the New Year.



A Jewish Italian waiter named Guido is sent to a Nazi concentration camp, along with his wife and their young son. Refusing to give up hope, Guido tries to protect his son's innocence by pretending that their imprisonment is an elaborate game. *In Italian, with subtitles.*

Showing February 25, 2018

Rome Adventure (1962) 1hr. 59mins.

A romantic comedy is in store for February, the month of love. *Rome Adventure* stars Susan Pleshette as the young librarian Prudence at an all-girls school and Rossano Brazzi, as Roberto, who is her tender-hearted tour guide. Prudence meets Don (Troy Donahue), an architecture student, who has eyes for her, but must get rid of his old girlfriend, Lyda (Angie Dickinson). All the action takes place on a colorful tour throughout Italy. *In English.*



Have you ever wondered how the hauntingly beautiful song “Al Di La” rose to popularity? Well, you’ll know when you hear it in the film. It provides a underlying musical backdrop for all the couple’s travels through the Italian landscape.

TRAVEL NEWS: Andiamo / Let's Go! —

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

Experience La Bella Italia with NBICF friends and escorts!

Welcome home to NBICF amici who visited Puglia-Calabria in November of 2017, sharing good times in Italy's Heel & Toe! For November 2018, shall we cross at Bari to explore the Adriatic's other side—Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Corfu & Greece? Join me at NBICF Center for the annual Capo d'Anno Reunion Party for Heel & Toe and Andiamo guests.

January 27, 2018: Join Italia-bound amici at SRJC for my annual Italy Travel Secrets Class. Enroll now at Santa Rosa Junior College Community Education.

FEBRUARY 14, 2018— IN VENEZIA

Join me and revel-makers in Venezia for fun Carnevale!

MAY, 2018— EXPLORE LE MARCHE

Join me to explore the scenic region of LeMarche. Linger three nights in each town: Ascoli Piceno, Numana Sirolo, Rimini and Ferrara. Enjoy Gran Sasso, Norcia, Amatrice—see NBICF earthquake donations at work—Cascia, Offida, Macerata, Ancona, Loreto, Jesi, Conero, Urbino, Pesaro, Gradara, Cesenatico, San Leo, Faenza, Dozza, Pomposa, Ravenna, Modena and San Marino Republic. Come early to Rome and stay in Venice!

JUNE 2018— ENJOY ITALY AND CLASSES IN URBANIA

Gino and Julie Muzzatti return to Urbania. Enjoy Italian lessons and be escorted through the scenic and historic regions of central Italy.

Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza, Andiamo, Post Office Box 406, Santa Rosa 95402 or andiamotravel@hotmail.com

NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1985

The President's Corner

Cari Amici,

Un buon Capodanno a tutti voi. Happy New Year to everyone. I hope members enjoyed the Holidays with their family and friends. I hope that 2018 is a happy and healthy year for all members.

The Foundation will have its challenges for 2018—the Foundation has established a committee, chaired by Sharie Sbrazza, to review our mission to promote the study, preservation, and enjoyment of Italian culture. This includes activities for cultural awareness, celebrating traditions, and supporting education through scholarships, classes, and programs. The committee held its first meeting in October, focusing on areas that would have an immediate impact. The committee will be reaching out to NBICF members via a survey for ideas, feedback and suggestions.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work this past year and to our members for their support. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who invested their time to assist at various NBICF events throughout the year. I would like to congratulate and introduce our newest board member, Lynne Burton. I appreciate her commitment to NBICF.

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 2017, the Foundation has awarded \$2,075, in scholarships. This does not include \$1,500 for our fall scholarships which are yet to be awarded. Since its inception in 1986, the Foundation has awarded over \$110,000 to students for Italian studies.

In 2017 the Foundation added eighteen new members. NBICF membership renewal forms will be mailed out in January, 2018.

As a reminder, the NBICF Fourth Annual Crab Feed will take place at St. Rose Parish Hall on Saturday January 27, 2018. This year 50% of the net proceeds will benefit the Foundation's scholarship and cultural activities; and the other 50% of the net proceeds will be donated to the Redwood Credit Union North Bay Fire Relief Fund. I hope you will be able to attend this event, supporting NBICF and Fire Relief Fund.

DONATE TO NBICF

Your donations to NBICF will help us maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.

Donations can be applied to the following areas:

SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORIAM
 BUILDING FUND GENERAL FUND

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

Make your checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. For more information, call: 707-591-9696



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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.

U P - C O M I N G E V E N T S

January 18, 2018 Thursday, 7pm
Book Group at the NBICF Center

January 27, 2018 Saturday, 6pm (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm)
NBICF 4th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, St. Rose Parish Hall,
320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

January 28, 2018 Sunday, 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Life is Beautiful*

February 15, 2018 Thursday, 7pm
Book Group at the NBICF Center

February 19, 2018 Monday, 6pm (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm)
Carnevale Dinner, St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

February 25, 2018 Sunday, 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Rome Adventure*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

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NOTE: Members are encouraged to submit articles or items for publication. **Submit your articles 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.

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Policies:

No refunds/exchanges; tickets are transferable; No reservations accepted on event dates. Space is limited: first come, first served.

Any offering in the *Mosaico Culturale* should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

Italian Cultural Library & Office

Tuesdays 2-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of every other month.

For Information:

Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi
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Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 Nancy DeVincenzi

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

- ___ INDIVIDUAL: \$35 ___ HOUSEHOLD: \$50
- ___ PATRON: \$100 ___ BUSINESS: \$150
- ___ STUDENT: \$10 (Please provide a copy of your valid student I.D.)

Please indicate your areas of interest below; mark all that apply.

Fundraisers History Italian Classes Music Scholarships

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please make your checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. For more information, call: 707-591-9696



NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

— PRESENTS —

THE 4TH ANNUAL

Crab Feed

FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

*50% of proceeds will benefit North Bay Fire Relief Fund and
50% of proceeds will benefit NBICF's scholarships and cultural activities.*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS

NBICF 4th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

Saturday, January 27, 2018

St. Rose Parish Hall

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Prepaid Reservations Only

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

_____ places at \$60/each per person

Name _____

Reserve by January 23, 2018. Make checks payable to NBICF.

Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Or, make reservations online at: www.nbicf.org

— MENU —

Ceviche, Shrimp Cocktail Appetizers

Pesto Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread,

all-you-can-eat Crab,

and Dessert

No Host Bar & Special Raffle

St. Rose Parish Hall,

320 10th Street,

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

For more info call: 707 591 9696

Make reservations online at: www.nbicf.org



NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION
— PRESENTS —

Carnevale

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Carnevale Celebration Dinner

Monday, February 19, 2018

St. Rose Parish Hall

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Prepaid Reservations Only
Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

- ___ places at \$18/each for Members
- ___ places at \$20/each for Guests
- ___ places at \$ 8/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs
- ___ places at \$ 5/each for Child, 5–12 yrs
- ___ places at free/each for Child under 5 yrs

Name _____

Reserve by February 9, 2018. Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Spanakopita and Smoked Chicken Phyllo,
Slow Roasted Pork Loin,
Baby Red Mashed Potatoes,
Mixed Greens with Carrots,
English Cucumbers & Cherry Tomatoes,
finished with Champagne Vinaigrette,
Assorted Rolls, and Apple Cobbler a la Mode
Wine included. No-host Bar & Raffle

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Wear your masks.
Come and dance!

