



Giorno di Ringraziamento e la Festa di Natale

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING & BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Monday, November 19, 2018

THE NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING will be held Monday, November 19, 2018 at St. Rose Parish Hall. It is polenta and Board of Directors election time. Dinner will be antipasti, polenta with stew, salad, roll and dessert. There will be a no-host bar and raffle. After dinner we will hold our election for new and incumbent Board members.

Reservations and your payment must be received by Tuesday November 13, 2018. Please see enclosed flyer for information and to make reservations.

Doors open at 5:00pm.

Meeting and antipasti at 6:00pm, dinner to follow.

ATTENTIZIONE!

All reservations can be made one of three ways:

- 1) Online at www.nbicf.org
- 2) Check mailed or dropped off to NBICF office
- 3) Calling NBICF office: 707-591-9696.

Please do not e-mail any reservation requests.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 26, 2019



NBICF'S FIFTH ANNUAL CRAB FEED will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2019 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. All net proceeds will benefit the NBICF's scholarships and cultural activities. 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 appetizers, pesto pasta, salad, garlic bread, all-you-can-eat crab and dessert. A no host bar will be available. A silent auction and bigger raffle will be added due to requests. Tickets are \$60 for adults. Reservations and payment must be received by January 21, 2019. Seating is limited to 170, so reserve early. If you have questions regarding the Crab Feed, please contact Maggie Brothers at 707-695-2022 (call or text). If you would like to donate an item for the raffle/silent auction or volunteer at the event, please contact Maggie Brothers.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Saturday, December 15, 2018

THE DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 at St. Rose Parish Hall. This will be our annual Festa di Natale dinner. We will enjoy a meal featuring antipasti, salad, roast beef with side dishes, and dessert. There will be a no-host bar and raffle. NBICF's Coro Allegro will perform and La Befana will make an appearance. Reservations and payment must be received by December 7, 2018. Please see enclosed flyer for information and to make reservations.

Doors open at 5:00pm.

Meeting and antipasti at 6:00pm, dinner to follow.

MERCATINO DI NATALE IS COMING!

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 11am – 5 pm

St. Rose Parish Hall

We invite our members and their friends to attend our second Mercatino di Natale, an Italian Christmas Marketplace, on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at St Rose Parish Hall in Santa Rosa.

Live entertainment will be provided by Steve Albini, Duo Pizzicato, and Coro Allegro. Come enjoy our Italian Cafe featuring pesto pasta, Italian sausage sandwiches, and imbibe at the beer and wine bar. Eliza, the Strolling Musician, and Signora Allora (fortune teller) will also be present. Visit the history of *Italians in Sonoma County* exhibit. Bid on wine and other items at the silent auction.

Shop the Italian-themed mercato for hats, sweatshirts, aprons and other items. Purchase for yourself or others artisan gifts by local craftmakers and Italian-themed books from the NBICF book group. Stop by the Slow Food Sonoma County North's booth to find out more about their non-profit and purchase a cookbook.

In coming and enjoying the Mercatino di Natale, you will be supporting the NBICF's cultural endeavors. Tickets are \$5 in advance and may be purchased at the door. Children under 12 are free. Advance ticket holders will receive a free "Be Italian" tote bag at the door. For more information about the Mercatino di Natale or if you are interested in being a vendor at the event, please contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.



Thanks from Rejuvenation Chair

I thank all who organized the Italian Center's interior/exterior and all who presented programs of music, art, wine, books and genealogy this past year. Grazie a Reuben, Ernie and Lovey Marcucci, David Lightfoot, Maggie Brothers, George Golfieri, Don Raimondi, Dave Henderson, Sherman Caviness, Susan Adler, Jeremy Nichols, Diane McCurdy, Rosalie Towers, Anna Golfieri, Diane Toso, Marilyn Geary, Sally Heath, Neva Turer, Rae Rehn, Ann Abbruzzese, Gino Muzzatti, Arleen Place, Larry DiStasi, Micheline Justman, Joan Demitz, Barbara Fabrizio, Kathy Kinkela, Juliet Kniffen, Diane Nabor, Denise Traverso, Mike VonDerPorten and Bob Parker.

—Grazie, Sharie Sbrazza

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals: Monica Ashcraft, Claire Harris, Anita Migliore, Nanette Simmons, Virginia Smith

Families: Philip & Lynn Nereo

New & Continuing Business Members:

Rebecca Abbruzzese, Realtor,
Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning,
Faloni Ranch, Forchini Vineyards & Winery,
Pedersen's Furniture, Riviera Ristorante

In Memoriam:

We have received donations from Anthony and Gina Vau, and Larry and Pat Hartley, in memory of Dennis Thygesen

Get Well Wishes: To Ernie Piantanida and our caring wishes and thoughts to JoAnn Piantanida

Book Group

The NBICF Book Group meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm, upstairs at the Center. For more information, email Diane McCurdy: dmccurdy@sonic.net or call NBICF at 707-591-9696.

On November 18, 2018 we will discuss books that we have read and would like to share, our favorite holiday books and books we would like to read in the future. The Book Club will be on vacation in December. See you in January 2019.

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.

SRJC News

Programs at SRJC, especially the World Language classes, are being cut. The Italian program is down to only three courses for the upcoming semester. We urge all NBICF members, families and friends to support our program by taking courses to keep our Italian culture thriving!

—Terri Frongia

Paint Italy Resumes in 2019

The last Paint Italy class of 2018 was held in October. This was the 20th class that celebrates creativity and all things Italian. In 2018 we painted a Tuscan hillside with sunflowers, a doorway in Italy, Taormina and Mt. Etna in Sicily. No experience is necessary to attend and all supplies are provided. Thank you to members and guests who participated and hope you'll join us in 2019 to explore your artistic side in Paint Italy at the NBICF Center. Watch for the announcement of the next class date in the upcoming Mosaico. For more information on Paint Italy, email Susan Terracina Adler: adler@sonic.net.

We are fortunate to have a Center for art, film, lectures, Incontro and Italian language classes. Explore them all!

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2pm, screening at 2:30pm

For information: 707-591-9696

FREE. No reservations required.

Showing November 25, 2018

Under the Tuscan Sun (2005) 1hr. 53mins. PG-13

Frances Mayes is a 35-year-old San Francisco writer whose perfect life has just taken an unexpected detour. Her recent divorce has left her with terminal writer's block and extremely depressed, and her best friend, Patti, is beginning to think she might never recover. Frances decides to take a break. She buys a villa in the beautiful Tuscan countryside and decides to begin anew. Restoring her new home, she eventually finds the fulfillment she was searching for, including love. This is a sunny and delightful charmer to start the holiday season. *In English.*



The Sunday Movies will be on vacation in December. See you in January 2019.

FROM THE MOVIE LADY, aka *Diane*, an interesting factoid—The entertainment world is abuzz about the new film *A Star is Born*. It features Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. I think everybody knows that Lady Gaga is, in fact, Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, but how many of you know that Bradley Cooper is Italian as well? His mother is Gloria Campano whose lineage is from Naples and Abruzzo.

Want Ads/Wish List for NBICF

WANTED: Rolling storage cart for folding chairs at Center

WANTED: A buyer for 1890s piano that is at the Center

NEED: Volunteer to be the *Special Events Chair*

NEED: For coming year 2019, a *Volunteer Coordinator*

Please email nbicf@sonic.net or call office: 707-591-9696

TRAVEL NEWS: Andiamo / Let's Go! —

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

APRIL 30, 2019—LEONARDO DA VINCI IN 1519 AND NOW
Honor the 500th anniversary of da Vinci's death in France with escort Sharie Sbrazza. Arrive early in Paris to smile at his *Mona Lisa*, then admire his double helix staircase and Clos Luce inventions at Amboise. Stroll chateaux gardens, sip Grand Cru wines and marvel at prehistoric cave art. Stay four nights each in Loire Valley, Dordogne and St. Emilion. Post-tour option: walk the Camino from Sarria to Santiago Compostela.

MAY, 2019—ANCIENT & MODERN SICILY TOUR: SOLD OUT!

Grazie, Sharie of Andiamo at andiamotravel@hotmail.com
NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1985

Early 20th Century Italian Immigration —

Between the years of 1900–1915, three million Italians immigrated to America from all regions of Italy, but mainly from Southern Italy—Calabria, Campania, Abruzzi, Molise, and Sicily. Laborers who worked in textiles industries came from factories in Piedmont and Tuscany, and those in mining came from Umbria and Sicily.

Due to their large numbers, Italian immigrants became a vital supply of labor in America, comprising a large segment of labor in industries such as mining, textiles, and garment manufacturing. In fact, Italians became the largest immigrant population to work in the mines and 20,000 Italian immigrants were employed in the textile mills of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by 1910.

Between 1901–1920, about 50% of Italian immigrants repatriated. Newly-arrived immigrants generally found a padrone, who served as a go-between with an American employer. The padrone was also an immigrant, but had been living in America for several years. He provided the new immigrants with lodging, handled savings, and found them work. All in all, he helped the American employers by organizing a supply of labor.

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

President's Corner

November/December, 2018

Cari Amici,

The year is winding down and before you know it we will be busy getting ready for the Holiday Season and celebrating a New Year. Where did 2018 go? I would like to thank members for their support over the past year.

At the upcoming monthly member dinner meeting on November 19, 2018, NBICF members will vote to elect new and incumbent Board members. Please attend this very important member dinner meeting. As members, it is your obligation to cast your vote for the board members who will be responsible for managing the business affairs of the Foundation.

On August 21 the Foundation hosted its 6th annual *Pizza, Birra, e Vino* fundraiser. This fundraiser is very popular with members who look forward to the evening socializing with friends and dining alfresco. The foundation raised \$1,100 which will be used to fund scholarship programs and cultural events.

A special thank you to the following committee members who donated their time to the event: Don Raimondi, chairperson, donated pizza, wine, water and ice; Arleen Place donated a case of wine; Ginny Pitts donated six bottles of wine; Jean and Al Barbieri donated the beer; Carole Stewart donated the flowers; Linda Apel prepared the salads, desserts, and provided all of the supplies for the event. Thank you to Ann Abbruzzese, Virginia Wilburn, Reid Sheridan, and Ginny Smith who helped with set up and clean up. Un mille grazie a tutti.

It was a beautiful fall day for the NBICF Scampagnata fundraiser at Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Recreation area. This was a joint event with Slow Food Sonoma County North. The profit of \$898 from the fundraiser was split with Slow Food, therefore NBICF's share was \$449. I would like to thank Linda Apel and Susan Adler who co-chaired the event with Marie Giacalone and Violet Nelson. I would also like to thank volunteers Howard Adler, Anna Golfieri, Lisa Hunter, Jean and Al Barbieri. Special thanks to Randy Apel for barbecuing the delicious chicken.

If you have any suggestions for future fundraisers, please let the Board know.

*"I migliori auguri e salute per le feste."
Best wishes and health for the holidays.*



Mosaico Culturale is published six times a year. It is the newsletter of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, a California nonprofit membership corporation.

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

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

November 19, 2018 Monday, (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm)
 Member Meeting & Dinner, St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
Please Remember: At the November Dinner Meeting we will cast ballots for new and incumbent members of the Board of Directors.

November 25, 2018 Sunday, 2pm
 Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Under the Tuscan Sun*

December 1, 2018 Saturday, 11am–5pm Mercatino di Natale Christmas Festival
 St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth Street, Santa Rosa, CA
Tickets: \$5, Children under 12: Free

December 15, 2018 Saturday, (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm)
 Festa di Natale Member Dinner, St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

January 26, 2019 (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm)
 Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Linda Apel, Allen Barbieri, Lynne Burton, Patti Buttitta, George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176), Evelyn Izzarelli, Marie Maggi-Wilson, Arleen Place, Don Raimondi, Sharie Sbrazza, Carole Stewart, Les Villanyi

Directors Emeritus: Angelo Catelani, Arturo Ibleto

Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor), George Golfieri, Patti Buttitta (text editor, graphic design & production)

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
 Library/Office: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
 Italian Classes: 707-874-2512 Emily Evans
 Membership: 707-591-9696 George Golfieri
 Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
 Scholarships: 707-523-0296 Gino Muzzatti
 Sunshine Cards: 707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida
 Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 Please leave a message.

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



November Member Dinner & Board Elections

Monday, November 19, 2018

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Doors open at 5:00pm, Meeting & Antipasti at 6:00pm, Dinner to follow.

D I N N E R R E S E R V A T I O N

Prepaid Reservations Only

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

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

Name _____

Reservations must be made by November 13, 2018.

Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

— M E N U —

**Antipasti, Polenta with Stew,
Mixed Green Salad,
Dinner Rolls
Dessert**

(Wine, Coffee and Tea Included)

No Host Bar & Raffle

Board of Directors Election to follow Dinner.



Christmas Festa di Natale Member Dinner

Saturday, December 15, 2018

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Doors open at 5:00pm, Meeting & Antipasti at 6:00pm, Dinner to follow.

D I N N E R R E S E R V A T I O N

Prepaid Reservations Only

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

- _____ places at \$22/each for Members
- _____ places at \$25/each for Guests
- _____ places at \$12/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs
- _____ places at \$ 8/each for Child, 5–12 yrs
- _____ places at free/each for Child under 5 yrs

Name _____

Reservations must be made by December 7, 2018.

Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

— M E N U —

**Antipasti, Mixed Green Salad,
Roast Beef with Side Dishes,
Dessert**

(Wine, Coffee and Tea Included)

No Host Bar & Raffle

*Coro Allegro will perform,
La Befana will make an appearance.*



THE NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION
PRESENTS



AN ITALIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Mercatino di Natale

Saturday, December 1, 2018
11am – 5pm

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Live Entertainment by
Steve Albini, Duo Pizzicato, Coro Allegro Italian Folk Chorus,
Eliza the Strolling Musician, Signora Allora (*fortune teller*)

Italian Cafe, Beer & Wine Bar, Food Tastings,
Local Crafts, Artisan Gifts, and Silent Auction

\$5/ticket in advance and at the event
Children under 12: Free

Be sure to get your tickets soon!



TICKETS

For advance tickets: www.nbicf.org
or available at all NBICF events and dinners

For more information, please see www.nbicf.org or call 707-591-9696.

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