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Messaggio del Presidente

Cari Amici,

Felice anno nuovo a tutti! Happy New Year to everyone! I hope members enjoyed the Holidays with their family and friends. May 2020 be a happy and healthy year for all members and their families.

The Foundation held 3 major fundraisers in 2019 resulting in a profit for the Foundation of \$4,575. These profits go to fund the Foundation's scholarship programs, cultural events, and building maintenance. This does not include income from membership renewals, dinners, donations, and raffles. I will report on the Foundation's financial results in the next Mosaico.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work this past year and to our members for their support and all the volunteers who have invested their time to assist at various NBICF events throughout the year. I would like to congratulate and introduce our newest board members, Alfred Pucci and Blaise Cirelli. I appreciate their commitment to NBICF and know they will contribute to the success of the Foundation. Board of Director bio's will be added to the NBICF website in early 2020.

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 2019 the Foundation has awarded \$3,250 in scholarships. Since its inception in 1989, the Foundation has granted 407 scholarships awarding \$120,875. The following fall scholarship recipients for Italian language studies are: **Natalie Baladejo-Reynosa, Bekah Pacheco, Christopher Shayota, and Maria Ayala-Cirner**. They have each received \$500. Congratulations to them. For 2019 the Foundation has added 19 new members. Membership renewals will be mailed out January 2, 2020.

NBICF 6th Annual All You Can Eat Crab Feed

Saturday, January 25, 2020 at St. Rose/Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center

Doors open at 5 p.m. No Host Bar

Appetizers start at 5:45 - Dinner at 6 p.m.



All you can eat

Salad

Pesto Pasta

Crab

**Wine and Dessert
included with dinner**

Reservations and payment must be received by **January 20th**. Seating is limited to 170. Mail checks to NBICF, see insert for payment coupon or make reservations through the reservation link on the NBICF website.

\$65.00 per person.

**\$15.00 A child's menu
(no crab) is available**

The NBICF Crab Feed annual event raises money for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian Community.

CARNEVALE – February 22, 2020

See page 2, the back page, and the insert for ALL of the details. Prizes to be awarded for the best costume.

Wear a mask, costume or *Carnevale colors*: purple, green & gold



Save the date for 2020 Winemaker Dinner

A Winemaker Dinner is tentatively scheduled for

Monday, April 20, 2020. The venue, host winery, and menu will be announced in the March-April Mosaico.

PAINT ITALY

NBICF Center
64 Brookwood Ave. Santa Rosa
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

It's hard to believe that the February 1st workshop will be the 25th painting class at the NBICF Center. Thank you to all the members who have participated and have kept this creative program alive.

February 1st we will be painting a scene from the Lake District of Northern Italy.



March 14th we will be painting parts of the Tuscan countryside.

April 25th we will paint a scene from the Amalfi Coast.

There will be no painting workshops during the summer. Our members are so busy!

This workshop requires no previous painting experience. I provide supplies, instruction and refreshments. You just bring your creativity.

To enroll, send a check for \$40 per class to:

Susan Adler
307 Buckeye Circle,
Cloverdale CA 95425

Specify which workshop you would like to participate in. Space is limited to 15 participants. Enrollment closes two weeks before the class. There is a \$10 cancellation fee. For more information, contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.

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

Ciao! Buongiorno Che cosa?

Articles are welcome. Please submit articles as Word documents or PDFs to nbicf2member@gmail.com, attn: Marie. You can also send a hardcopy to George Golfieri. Editors reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.

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 26, 2020

Goodfellas (1990) Drama/Crime 2h 28m

Director Martin Scorsese's gripping gangster opus recounts three decades in the life of real-world mobster Henry Hill, who dreamed of becoming a big-time wise guy but landed in the Witness Protection Program instead. Starring: Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco, Paul Sorvino, Frank Sivero, Frank DiLeo, Michael Imperioli

Showing February 23, 2020

Incantato (2003) Drama/Romance 1h 47m

Because February is the month of love we present:

Incantato. This engaging tale follows Nello, a 35-year-old college professor dispatched by his affluent parents to find a spouse in Bologna, where he meets high-spirited blind beauty Angela at a tea dance. After she captures Nello's heart, Angela promptly turns his world topsy-turvy. Giancarlo Giannini plays Nello's skirt-chasing father to perfection.

In Italian with subtitles.

Save the Date

Sunday March 8, 2020

Opera lovers join NBICF and the Sonoma County Opera Guild for an **opera sing-along** at the NBICF Center. Look for more information in the next Mosaico.

Carnevale

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 rich, 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 13th century. See the back page and insert for more information on NBICF's **February 22, 2020** celebration.

Presentation by Author Natalie Galli on her book
The Girl Who Said No
Sunday February 9, 2020, 2 pm at the NBICF Center.

Franca Viola was 18 years old when she made history in 1966, by refusing to go along with a centuries-old forcible marriage custom in Sicily. Viola's remarkable story unfolds when the author arrives in Palermo to search for her, with little more than the memory of a tiny article she had spotted two decades prior. Galli wanted to know: whatever had become of this courageous girl.

Reservations due by Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

Please see insert. Limited to 35 guests.

Light refreshments will be served. \$5 donation requested
Natalie Galli, a native San Franciscan and third generation Italian/American who lives in Marin. Her book will be available for sale at the presentation.

THANK YOU to those who have made donations to NBICF.

Because of **YOU**, we are able to maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.

Each donation, no matter the size, has an impact for NBICF.

You can specify where your donation goes, building fund, scholarships, in memoriam or general fund, by indicating it on your check. Make your **checks payable to NBICF**, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Donations can also be made via our **website www.NBICF.org** using the Donation link on the sidebar

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Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 (Please leave a message)

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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.

Buon Natale, Felice 2020 & Happy Travels to all...

Sharie's Custom Le Marche's Marvels Tour

May 21: meet & stay **2 nights in Bologna**...or come early.

May 22: art of medieval Ferrara & byzantine Ravenna awe!

May 23: via Cesena's library & San Marino's republic, stay seaside **2 nights in Rimini**, with Roman & Malatesta relics.

May 24: explore Rossini's Pesaro, Gradara's castle, Fano's bastion & Adriatic resorts of Riccione & Gabicce Mare.

May 25: via Urbino's ducal palace, ceramic-rich Urbania and wild Furlo Gola, stay **3 nights in Monte Conero**.

May 26: see Frasassi's crystal caves, Fabriano's paper mills, Vittore's 11th c chapel & sip in Jesi's Verdicchio vineyards.

May 27: discover Loreto's pilgrimage, Numana's beaches, Castelfidardo's accordions & Ancona's maritime history.

May 28: via Macerata's Arena, Fermo's ancient cisterns and Cupra's coastal gems; stay **2 nights at Ascoli Piceno**.

May 29: explore marble-paved Ascoli Piceno, Offida's lace artisans & foodie traditions of Norcia in nearby Umbria.

May 30: via the Gran Sasso, stay a **night in Castelli Romani** to discover gems of Frascati, Nemi & Grottaferrata

May 31: **arrive in Rome** via Ninfa Gardens, Lazio lakes & Papal summer home in Castelgandolfo, all along Via Antica Appia.

For next info meeting, email andiamotravel@hotmail.com

Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza of Andiamo since 1979

NBICF Member since 1985

Please visit www.NBICF.org, About Us / Travel for further information. For a brochure on any of these Tours, send your request to Sharie Sbrazza, Andiamo, P. O. Box 406, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

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- ◆ **January 25, 2020 Saturday - NBICF 6th Annual Crab Feed -**
Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center . Doors open 5pm - No Host Bar -
Appetizers 5:45 pm - Dinner at 6 pm
- ◆ **January 26, 2020 Sunday, 2 pm - Sundays at the Center with Diane,**
film: *Goodfellas*
- ◆ **February 1, 2020 Saturday, 1 pm - Paint Italy at the NBICF Center**
- ◆ **February 9, 2020 Sunday, 2pm - NBICF Center - Presentation by**
Author Natalie Galli on her book *The Girl Who Said No*
- ◆ **February 22, 2020 Saturday - NBICF Annual Carnevale - Father Denis**
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DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

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Masks (*maschere*) are an important part of the Carnevale festival. People also **wear costumes for the festival.** No costume or mask – wear the Carnevale colors:

Purple Green and Gold.

Either way please join us on

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - Doors open at 5:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm



Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center (formerly known as St. Rose Parish Hall) 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa.

Entertainment by:

Gino Raugi and his Pearl Alley Trio

prizes for Best Costume (various categories)

\$22/for Members

\$24/ for Guests

\$16/ for Teens, 13–18 yrs and \$9/for 5–12 yrs

Focaccia, Salad

Pork Tenderloin, Applesauce

Meyer Lemon Risotto

Italian Beans

Dessert



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Prepaid Reservations Only

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Name _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____

_____ Places at \$65.00 _____ Places at \$15.00 Child's Menu (no crab)

Seating Preference _____

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All net proceeds support SRJC Scholarship Fund and NBICF Cultural Activities.

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