



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation
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Messaggio del Presidente

Cari Amici,

The Board of Directors elected officers for 2020 - 2022, at the January Board meeting. Congratulations to the following: President: George Golfieri, Vice President: Les Villanyi, Treasurer: Linda Apel, and Secretary: Cindy Humes. Officers and Director biographies have been added to the www.nbicf.org website. To view, click on "About Us" in the top menu bar. Click on "Directors", to see a list of the Officers and Directors. From this page you can open the biographies.

On January 25, 2020, the Foundation held its sixth annual Crab Feed fundraiser. The event was well attended and I believe everyone enjoyed the bountiful feast of crab. Total income from the crab feed was \$8,466, net income was \$4,449. Proceeds will benefit NBICF's scholarship programs and cultural activities. I would like to thank Maggie Brothers for taking the lead to chair this event along with Linda Apel for her help in planning this successful event. The Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations to the crab feed: **Castello di Amorosa, Pedroncelli Winery, Balletto Vineyards, Trecini Winery, Lauterbach Cellars, Heather Young Realtor, Erin Dolan CMT, Maggie Brothers, Al & Jean Barbieri, Don Raimondi, Stephanie Contreras of Tease Hair Studio, Ghilotti Construction, Randy Apel, and George Golfieri.** Grazie mille a tutti! A **big thank you** to all of the **volunteers** who helped make this event a success.

Financially, the Foundation ended 2019 with \$42,951 in the bank. However, the Foundation suffered a loss for 2019. The Foundation did not generate the needed income to cover expenses. Unexpected building maintenance expenses led to this loss. The Foundation generates the majority of its income from **membership dues, donations, dinners, and fundraisers.** The Foundation depends on its members to support its fundraisers and events. Donations also go a long way to support the Foundation's mission and the Italian Cultural Center, as this is our heritage and binds us together as Italian Americans and to further the Foundation's commitment to the North Bay Italian community. If you have any questions regarding the Foundation's financials, please feel free to contact me.

Membership renewal notices were sent out in January. Members can now pay their membership dues online by credit card on our website at www.nbicf.org. **Please pay your dues by March 31, 2020.** If you have any questions regarding your membership renewal please call George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

A list of all members that have renewed their membership will be listed in the next Mosaico.

March 19th is Festa di San Giuseppe—the Feast of Saint Joseph.

A traditional "*altar*" or "*St. Joseph's Table*" in private homes churches or social clubs is popular in Italy. Many Italians



brought that tradition with them to the States. Generally, a statue of *St. Joseph* is placed at the head of the table and is surrounded by gifts of various foods, citrus fruits and of course, breads. Fava beans, one of the spared crops, represent good

luck and abundance. Usually, fava beans, lemons, breads, and seafood are eaten on the feast day of *San Giuseppe* followed by *Zeppole di San Giuseppe*. Found in Italian bakeries, both in the States and in Italy, a *zeppola* is a pastry, almost resembling a cream puff, but fried, then it is cut in the middle and filled with sweetened ricotta.

Join us on **Monday March 23, for our annual Tavola di San Giuseppe Dinner.** See the back page and insert for further information and reservations.

NBICF Winemaker Dinner

Monday, April 20, 2020, 5:30 pm

Ricky's Eastbound

5755 Mountain Hawk, Santa Rosa

Wine Pairings from **Portalupi Winery**

\$85 per person/ limited to 70 people

www.rickyseastbound.com

See insert for information and reservations

Rick Bruno, Chef/Proprietor,

Ricky's Eastbound and Bruno's 4th Street.

Portalupi's owners & winemaker

Jane Portalupi and Tim Borges



PAINT ITALY WORKSHOP

NBICF Center

64 Brookwood Ave. Santa Rosa (enter on Chinn St.)

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The workshops start with an inspiring slide show of photos and paintings of the place you will paint, followed by step-by-step instruction. No previous painting experience. I provide supplies, instruction and refreshments. You just bring your creativity.

March 14th we will be painting parts of the Tuscan countryside. Deadline to enroll is March 4, 2020.

April 25th we will paint a scene from the Amalfi Coast. Deadline to enroll is April 15, 2020.

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 12 participants. There is a \$10 cancellation fee. For more information, contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.

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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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)

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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.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2pm, screening at 2:30pm.

For information: 707-591-9696

Free. No reservations required.



Showing March 29, 2020

Pavarotti (2019) Music/Documentary 1h 54m

Featuring never-before-seen footage, concert performances and intimate interviews, filmmaker Ron Howard examines the life and career of famed opera tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

Showing April 26, 2020

Three Coins in the Fountain (1954)

Drama/Romance 1h 42m

An American romantic comedy about three American women working in Rome who dream of finding romance in the Eternal City. The film's main title song "Three Coins in the Fountain", sung by an **uncredited Frank Sinatra**, went on to become an enduring standard. It was made in Italy during the "Hollywood on the Tiber" era. At the 27th Academy Awards in 1955, the film received two Academy Awards for Best Cinematography and Best Song, and was nominated for Best Picture.

Lecture at the Center

Dr. Douglas Kenning

Italy and World War I. Marching from Colonialism to Fascism.

Sunday April 19, 2020, 2- 4pm at the NBICF Center.

Doors open at 1:30 pm. Seating limited to 40 people.

\$5.00 members and \$7.00 non-members.

Please see insert for **reservations**, due by **April 15, 2020**

By the late 19th century, reeling from the consequences of corruption and mismanagement, the government of the newly minted parliamentary monarchy called "Italy" sought to purge its sins and achieve elusive national unity through the blood of her sons. Dreaming of a new Roman Empire, she joined late the scramble of European nations for colonial territories. Thus did Italy positioned itself to tumble with the rest of Europe into World War I. She finished on the winning side, but instead of cleansing, the gods answered with failure at Versailles, political chaos, and economic misery. Thus did a drowning nation grasp eagerly at the reassuringly firm stick of fascism. This will be the story Dr. Kenning will tell.

Dr. Kenning Ph.D is an university professor and has taught at various universities around the world. He divides his time between the North Bay area, lecturing on Mediterranean histories and cultures, and Sicily, where he runs Sicily Tour, a small tour-guiding business.

Opera Sing-Along

NBICF along with **Sonoma County** chapter/**San Francisco Opera Guild**

Sunday **March 8, 2020**, at 2:30 at the NBICF Center

YouTube clips of arias and chorus will be presented via television-once for viewing and listening then again for all to sing or hum along. Words to the arias and choruses will be gathered from librettos and other sources and will be printed up for use of the participants.

For **reservations, please call** the Center at **707-591-9696** and leave a message with your name, how many will be attending and if you are associated with NBICF, the SCC/ SFOG or both.

Deadline for reservations is March 5, 2020

A \$5.00 donation at the door is suggested.

Festa della Donna, or International Women's Day, is celebrated **March 8 all over Italy**. On this day, men bring flowers, usually yellow Mimosa, to the women in their lives. Restaurants have special Festa della Donna meals and there are often small local festivals or concerts. Groups of women frequently have dinner together that evening, and some museums and sites offer free or reduced admission for women.



The Black Madonna by Louisa Ermelino

(Reviewed by Diane McCurdy)

Never mind the Mafia; it's the **mamas** you have to watch out for. At least that's what Ermelino would have you believe in her zesty debut novel about life in New York's Little Italy from the '40s through the '60s. We meet a trio of women who embody the cliché of the nurturing but overbearing Italian mother who inordinately adores her son. All the women pray to the eponymous black-faced Madonna, **a famous statue in Viggiano, Italy**. Always the Black Madonna is interwoven into the lives of the characters, hovering, influencing, providing grace. It is an intriguing and delightful read.

Join us for **Incontro** and **Italian Conversation** each Saturday at 10:30 at the Italian Cultural Center.

Incontro and Conversation will **alternate** each Saturday.

For more information for **Incontro** contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176, and for **Conversation** contact Lynn Stewart at stewartl@sonic.net.

TRAVEL NEWS

ANDIAMO / LET'S GO!

Custom *Le Marche's Marvels* Tour by Sharie

May 21..Meet and stay **2 nights Bologna**...or come early.

May 22..Art of medieval Ferrara and byzantine Ravenna awe!

May 23..See Cesena and San Marino; stay **2 nights Rimini**.

May 24..Explore Rossini's Pesaro, Gradara castle and Fano.

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

May 26..See Frasassi caves, Fabriano paper mills and Jesi.

May 27..Discover Loreto's pilgrimage, Numana's beaches, Castelfidardo's accordions and Ancona's maritime history.

May 28..Via Macerata's Arena, Fermo's ancient cisterns and Cupra's Adriatic treasures; stay **2 nights Ascoli Piceno**.

May 29..Discover Ascoli Piceno, Norcia and Offida lace art.

May 30..Via Gran Sasso, stay in **Castelli Romani** to explore gems of Frascati, Nemi, Grottaferrata and Castelgandolfo.

May 31..Via Ninfa Garden and old Appian Way, **arrive Rome**.

Email andiamotravel@hotmail.com for next travel meeting. For daily itinerary and rates, go to nbicf.org (travel page)

Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza of Andiamo since 1979

NBICF Member since 1985

New Membership: **Ashlee Faloni**

New Family Membership: **Maria Ayala Cirner**

New Patron Membership: **Gary D'Acquisto**

In Memorium: **Caroline Vitellini**

New and Continuing Business Members:

Forchini Vineyards & Winery and Faloni Ranch

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

Linda Apel (Treasurer), Allen Barbieri

Lynne Burton, Blaise Cirelli, Lisa Goe, Ron Grassi

Cindy Hume (Secretary), Arleen Place, Alfred (Al) Pucci,

Don Raimondi, Carole Stewart and Les Villanyi (VP)

Directors Emeritus:

Angelo Catelani

Arturo Ibleto

Please visit NBICF.org About Us / Directors for a short biography of each Board member.

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.

- ◆ **March 8, 2020 Sunday, 2:30** - Opera Sing -Along at the NBICF Center
- ◆ **March 14, 2020 Saturday, 1pm** - Paint Italy at the NBICF Center
- ◆ **March 23, 2020 Monday**, Tavola di San Giuseppe - Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center. Doors open 5pm - Dinner at 6 pm
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Pavarotti (2019)
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DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



**Tavola di San Giuseppe (St. Joseph's Table)
Monday March 23, 2020**

Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa
Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

Festa di San Giuseppe (actual feast date is March 19), the Feast of Saint Joseph, is commonly celebrated in Italian communities throughout the world. Thanks are given to St. Joseph for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. Giving food to the needy is customary on St. Joseph's Day. NBICF has always followed this tradition. **We ask that you bring canned goods to be donated to the local Food Bank.**

Dinner Includes:

Antipasti, Salad with Focaccia
Spaghetti with Marinara sauce
Roasted Asparagus and Dessert
Wine, coffee, and tea are included

There will be a no-host bar and a **special raffle to benefit a local charity**. Half of all the proceeds from our raffle go to a local charity, which will be named at the next dinner meeting.

Reservations and payment must be received by March 18, 2020. See insert page for reservation slip.

Prepaid Reservations Only

Make checks payable to NBICF.

Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Tavola di San Giuseppe (St. Joseph's Table)

March 23, 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

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____

_____ places at \$18/each for Members _____ places at \$20/each for Guests

_____ places at \$12/each for Teens, 13-18 years _____ places at \$ 8/each for 5-12 years

_____ places at free/each for Child under 5 years

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Part of the online NBICF Survey regarding dinners

- ◆ Are you interested in Italian culture information being presented at the dinners, whether from
[] a guest speaker? [] a fellow member? [] one of the Board? (Click all that apply.)
- ◆ If you attend less than 4 of the dinners annually, would you explain why? Please use the back or an additional page.
- ◆ Most dinners are on Monday nights. Would you be more apt to come on a different night? () Yes
What night? _____
- ◆ So that we can better communicate with you and also to help us cut down on postage costs, please provide us with your email address if applicable.

- ◆ Comments:



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Featuring Wine Pairings from Portalupi Winery

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Rick Bruno, Chef/Proprietor, Ricky’s Eastbound and Bruno’s 4th Street, will prepare a special four-course dinner with wine pairings from **Portalupi Winery of Healdsburg**. In addition to the gourmet menu, Portalupi’s owners & winemaker **Jane Portalupi and Tim Borges** will tell us the story behind each of the wines served and talk about the winery. They will also offer the **opportunity to purchase** a selection of their wines.

Appetizers (Antipasti)

Italian meatballs, Eggplant Bruschetta, Tomato Bruschetta

Paired with **Prosecco Cocktail**

First Course (Primo)

Assorted Pizza – Sausage & Fennel, Olives, Peppers & Arugula

Paired with **2019 Vermentino Mendocino County** or **2016 Barbera Amador County**

Entrée (Secondo)

Please Select Choice of Entrée. (One per person)

#1) Filetto di maiale con risotto ai funghi ripieni

Pork tenderloin stuffed with rosemary filling, parmesan mushroom risotto & seasonal vegetables

OR

#2) Salmone in crosta di pinoli con risotto ai funghi parmigiana

Pine nut crusted salmon with parmesan mushroom risotto, pesto cream sauce & seasonal vegetables

Entrées paired with **2019 Arneis Amador County** or **2017 Zinfandel Amador County**

Dessert (Dolce)

Ravioli di ricotta fritti con salsa di frutti di bosco

Fried ricotta ravioli with berry sauce

Paired with **Portalupi 2014 Antone M. (Port)**

Reservations may be made on the NBICF website www.nbicf.org or by mail using this form and check mailed to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Name _____ Entrée Choice # _____

Name _____ Entrée Choice # _____

Seating Preference _____

Email address _____ Telephone _____

Addition reservations can be made. Please attach a piece of paper with information including choice of entrée

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