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Messaggio del Presidente

Cari Amici,

Who ever thought at the beginning of the year that you and your families would be experiencing these difficult times as our daily lives have been distracted by the Covid 19 pandemic? Many lives, businesses, non-profits, schools and others have also been affected. For non-profits, including NBICF, disruptions to donations and cancellations of fundraisers have had an impacted on revenues. The Foundation still needs to pay its fixed expenses such as taxes, utilities, insurance, and building maintenance and still fund the scholarship programs. The Foundation **depends** on revenue from membership dues, donations, and fundraisers. Your donations will go a long way to insure the Foundation's financial future. Part of what makes NBICF unique is its celebration and promotion of our Italian heritage, its culture and traditions. Hopefully, life will get back to normal soon, but until then, we look forward to the time we can resume normal operations and get together with family and friends. Stay safe.

On July 4th Americans will celebrate the 244th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, ratified on July 4, 1776 at Philadelphia. The Declaration's great principle, "All Men are Created Equal", was paraphrased from an Italian physician Filippo Mazzei, a good friend of Thomas Jefferson. Part of the original phrase written in an essay by Mazzei was "Tutti gli uomini sono per natura egualmente liberi e indipendenti." (All men are by nature equally free and independent). Many Italians fought for the American cause. In 1779 two Italian regiments the 3rd Piemont and the 30th Du Perche fought in the revolutionary war helping to defeat the British.

The Foundation would like to congratulate the following scholarship recipients:

Beth Power: a \$500 scholarship for Italian Studies at the Santa Rosa Junior College.

Sara Fraker: the \$450 Marianne Pedroncelli scholarship for Italian studies.

Zehua He: the \$900 Bill and Jeanette Mancini Mitchell scholarship for educators with a course in Italian or an Italy study abroad experience. The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation scholarship program has awarded **over \$123,000 to students for Italian Studies.**



On April 21, 2020, Rome turned 2,773 years old. Buon compleanno Roma.

Welcome to Our New Business Member

Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA) is one of the largest Italian-American firms that provides assistance to individuals of Italian descent who are interested in obtaining dual citizenship. ICA has offices both in Italy and in the US, and its team of professional lawyers, genealogists, translators, and citizenship specialists provide clients with the best legal services in both countries and elsewhere.

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Visit their website at italiancitizenshipassistance.com. A link to this has been added to NBICF website.



QUO VADIS COVID!

A Poem about Coronavirus by Gerardo Perrotta

Sei venuto di nascosto e ci hai rinchiusi!

Molti respiri hai portato via!

Ricordati pero` che il 19 e` di san Giuseppe

Anche se a Napoli e` la risata

Il tuo opus non e` un opera

Basta col ridere Pagliaccio

La commedia sta per finire

le stelle tremanti di Puccini

Brilleranno ancora una volta

mentre cadi ai piedi dell'arcangelo

in cima alla tomba di Adriano

La tua ora e` arrivata

All'alba comincio a sentire Pavarotti

Vincero`

You came stealthy and locked us up!

Many breaths you took away!

Remember that 19 belongs to St. Joseph

Even if in Naples it's a laugh

Your opus is not an opera

Enough laughing Pagliaccio

The comedy is ending

Puccini's trembling stars

Will shine once again

as you fall at the foot of the archangel

on top of Hadrian's tomb

Your hour has come,

At dawn I am beginning to hear Pavarotti

Vincero`!

(permission from the poem's author and Primo magazine has been given to reprint the poem in the Mosaico)

Incontro - Ongoing Incontro group meets at

10:30 every Saturday, via **ZOOM**,
for informal Italian conversation.

For more information contact

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Top TV shows in Italy

- ◆ **"Suburra"** is a show that's based on an Italian neo-noir film, which in turn is based on a novel by Carlo Bonini and Giancarlo De Cataldo. It centers on organized crime and Italian politics, and it follows an Italian MP (Member of Parliament) who gets tied up in mafia happenings, and the Vatican. It's an intense and wild ride.
- ◆ If you're a fan of medical drama "Grey's Anatomy", then **"L'allieva"** should be right up your alley. The show follows a medical student who has no idea what the future holds for her or even if she wants to continue on as a medical student. After the death of her nonna's caregiver, however, she decides she wants to go into legal medicine.
- ◆ A bit like Italy's answer to "Modern Family," **"Come Fai Sbagli"** follows two families as they cope with modern life. The series is a perfect mixture of humor and drama. It's a great way to see Italian spoken from many demographics: from the parents, the children and even the moody teenagers.
- ◆ Close to "Two and a Half Men," **"Zio Gianni" ("Uncle John")** follows a man who is in the midst of a mid-life crisis. Considering he has no job, no wife, without a home and has to move in with three 20-somethings in order to afford a living space. This show is great for learning the "trendy" language spoken by millennials in Italy, and it's also a great way to learn about the realities of life in Italy in modern times.

Membership News

New Individuals:

Sandra Stone

New & Continuing Business Members:

Buttitta Design

Faloni Ranch,

Forchini Vineyards & Winery

Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)

Ramazotti Winery

In Memoriam:

Karen Boscolo, Pearl Fusco, Claudia Serrano Handley

Bill Mitchell, Michelle Zanetti Perryman and Helen Silva

May they Rest in Peace

Some of the Regions of Italy

Piedmont is in Italy's northwest and borders Switzerland and France. True to the meaning of its name (foot of the mountain), Piedmont is a land of mountains. It is surrounded on three sides by the Alps, with the highest peaks and largest glaciers in Italy. It is known for its wines and fall truffles, mountains with ski resorts in the west and north, and the city of Turin.

Liguria is a crescent-shaped region in northwest Italy. Its Mediterranean coastline is known as the Italian Riviera. Genova, Columbus's home town makes every day Columbus Day in Liguria. The 5 colorful fishing villages of the Cinque Terre, as well as stylish Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure, are on the eastern coast or Riviera di Levante.

Emilia-Romagna is known for its elegant medieval cities, sun-soaked Adriatic beaches, and some of the best cuisine in Italy. Bologna has its pasta and meat sauces, Parma has its famed ham and parmigiano cheese, and Modena the world's finest balsamic vinegar.

Tuscany is in central Italy. Its capital, Florence, is regarded as the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and has been home to many figures influential in the history of art and science, and contains well-known museums such as the Uffizi and the Pitti Palace. Its landscape encompasses the rugged Apennine Mountains, the island of Elba's beaches on the Tyrrhenian Sea and Chianti's olive groves and vineyards.

Abruzzo is world-famous for its wildlife parks (Abruzzo National Park, Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, Maiella National Park) and regional park (Sirente Velino), and 38 protected areas between oasis, regional reserves, and state reserves. The isolation which has characterized the region for decades has ensured the independence of its culinary tradition from those of nearby regions.



Molise is well known for its egg pasta, *maccheroni alla chitarra* (also known as spaghetti alla chitarra). Until 1963, it formed part of the region of Abruzzi e Molise, alongside the region of Abruzzo. The split, which did not become effective until 1970, makes Molise the youngest region in Italy.

Naples is known for its natural beauties, such as Posillipo, Phlegraean Fields, and Nisida. Neapolitan cuisine is noted for its association with pizza, which originated in the city, as well as numerous other local dishes. Naples is also home to one of Italy's best archaeological museums: The National Archaeological Museum.

Sicily is an autonomous island region of Italy that is located in the Mediterranean Sea. Sicily is not a country. Sicily and a group of small islands around it make up the region known as Regione Siciliana. Not all Italians are Sicilian, but all Sicilians are Italian.

Sardinia like Sicily, is an autonomous region of Italy. It is the second-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea after Sicily and famous for its clear and pristine waters. This region is rich in flora and fauna. Many Sardinians are surpassing the ripe age of 100 and that makes Sardinia one of the seven blue zones of the world.

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A few Italian Designers

Giovanni Alessi: The Italian company Alessi was founded in 1921 is a housewares and kitchen utensil company. It has grown into one of the most well respected kitchenware makers in the world.

Giorgio Armani: The luxury fashion house Armani was founded in 1975 and with its headquarters in Milan, this company is one of the most well known Italian fashion brands.

Achille Castiglioni: Understood better than anyone the impact that a boldly designed piece of furniture brings to any room to make a major style statement.

Roberto Cavalli: is an Italian fashion designer and inventor. His home collection is bursting with animal prints and luxurious textures.

Piero Fornasetti: Stands apart in the world of Italian design as one of the most prolific decorative artists of the twentieth century.

Guccio Gucci: A famous fashion brand that was founded in 1921 in Florence and is still one of the most valuable brands worldwide.

Missoni: have proven that fashion is as important for the home as it is for the runway.

Enrico Piaggio: The Italian inherited his family's engineering company and decided to build motor scooters after WW2. His company started to build the famous Vespa motor scooters in the 1950s. Piaggio is today one of the world's leading manufacturers of two-wheeled vehicles. Corradino D'Ascanio is considered to be the original designer of the Vespa scooters. The Italian scooter is hailed as a design icon and a highly collected item all over the world. By the way, the Miami Auto Museum claims to have the largest Vespa collection in the world!