



Founded in 1984, NBICF brings people of all ancestries together to share all things Italian

## Happy Mother's Day - May 9 and Happy Father's Day - June 20

### Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

I would like to start my message with an Italian quote about spring.

"I primi caldi raggi di sole che si riempiono di Speranza che la primavera è arrivata." The first rays of the sun that fill one with the hope that spring has arrived.

As I wrote in the last Mosaico, there is light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to the pandemic, and it looks like that light is getting much brighter. Covid is not over but its transmission rates are coming down, vaccinations are on the rise and restrictions being eased. Hopefully by the fall NBICF can host its monthly dinners and we can once again come together to celebrate our Italian heritage. I am looking forward to that day.

Thanks to members that supported the To-Go dinners. They were a success. I would like to thank the following: **Al Pucci** who coordinated and planned the dinner with **Randy Apel**. The Board would like to thank the following board members for their donations for the April 24 dinner: **Arleen Pace** who donated the postcards and stamps, **Allen Barbieri** for donating the food and **Don Raimondi** for donating the biscotti.

An Italian proverb: "Chi si volta, e chi si gira, sempre a casa va finire." No matter where you go or turn, you will always end up home.

Felice festa della mamma e del papà.

### Thank you to our business members for their support.



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## Sicily, "The key to Everything"

an online lecture by Dr. Douglas Kenning

Let us rediscover the Sicily once known to every schoolchild, the Sicily that gloried in two golden ages, when twice she was a turning point of Western Civilization. We begin with mythic Sicily—Demeter and Persephone, Skylla and Charybdis, Homer's *Odyssey*, Virgil's *Aeneid*. This leads us to the Sicily that became the wealthiest part of the ancient Greek world, that defeated Athens, that taught civilization to the Romans and through them to us. Then, under Arab and Norman rule, she helped ignite the Renaissance. Hers is a history repeatedly magnificent, mythic, monster-plagued, and mistreated, alternatively glorious and tragic, a story we shall explore through hundreds of beautiful images.

Douglas Kenning, Ph.D., is a professor of history and literature, with a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland. He has taught at universities in Europe, Asia, and the U.S., and has written books, articles and stage plays. He lives half the year in Petaluma, and the other half of the year in Sicily.

### Course information.

Wednesdays 12:00-1:30, 2-30 June

(5) 1 ½ hour illustrated lectures, \$120 total

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Please contact Dr. Kenning at [dkenning@sicily-tour.com](mailto:dkenning@sicily-tour.com) for more information and how to register for the course.



### PAINT ITALY CLASSES UPDATE

Paint Italy classes hope to resume this summer at the NBICF Center. Stay tuned for the Board of Director's decision on safely reopening the Center for small events. For the safety of all Paint Italy participants, you will be **required to have your COVID-19 vaccination and to wear a mask**. Class size will be limited to 10. The cost will continue to be \$40 for the four hours and include supplies, drinks and snacks. For more information contact Susan Terracina Adler at [adler@sonic.net](mailto:adler@sonic.net).

### NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

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Please visit [NBICF.org](http://NBICF.org) About Us / Directors for a short biography of each Board member.

## Thank you - Grazie

The following member(s) have made donations to NBICF:

Ron and Sally Grassi.

### Membership News

#### Individual

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#### Condolences to the families of:

Anita Forchini

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May they rest in peace.

La parola del giorno (the word of the day)

The Italian word for **wisdom** is **saggezza**

May 31, Memorial Day \* June 14, flag day \* June 21, 1st day of Summer (longest day of the year)

**Buon Compleanno** to all gennaio, febbraio, marzo, aprile, maggio and giugno birthdays



Last Mosaico, we had part 1 of this quiz, that has been provided by, **Leon J. Radomile**, a recent member to NBICF.

You can learn more about Leon's blog at <https://www.leonradomile.com>

### POPULAR ITALIAN SURNAMES - Is Your Name Listed?

1. This surname comes from the word 'bianco,' meaning 'white' and was often given to a person who had white hair or a very light complexion.
2. The surname was derived from the Latin word, 'marinus,' meaning 'of the sea'.
3. Deriving from the Old French word, 'conte' meaning count, it denoted someone who worked for a count (noble) or was possibly himself a count.
4. This popular surname means 'boy' or 'a young apprentice' in Italian.
5. Is said to be the most common surname in all of Italy and very common in other countries due to the Italian diasporas during the 19th and 20th centuries.
6. If you love trying different hats, you could try this popular surname as a nickname, which means 'a little round hat'.
7. Originally deriving from Martinus, or commonly known as Mars, the Roman god of war and fertility, the name has become famously linked to a drink.
8. A patronymic (a name that derived from the name of the father) surname meaning 'son of Luca.' The given name was the Italian translation of Luke, from the Greek name Loukas meaning from Lucania, a region found in Italy.
9. This is a geographical surname for someone who came from Lombardy, a specific region in Italy which received its name from the Lombards, a Germanic tribe who invaded the region in the 6th century.
10. From the Italian word for brown. It was a nickname for a person with brown clothing, hair, or skin. It comes from the German word, 'brun,' meaning dark brown.
11. The Roman word Valens is the root word for this surname, which means 'healthy and vigorous'.
12. This surname is from the Italian word for dove and was a last named often given to dove keepers. This name also increased in popularity during the middle ages due to the fact that the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit in Catholicism.
13. This last name is an occupational surname from the Italian word 'ferraro', which means blacksmith.
14. This was a nickname for a proud person or one with a vain or cocky attitude. It comes from the Latin 'gallus,' which means cock or rooster.
15. The Italian word for 'Romanus' and the Latin word for Rome. This popular Italian surname was often used to denote an individual from Rome, Italy.

Answers are below! Thank you Leon for sharing.

1. Bianchi 2. Marino 3. Conti 4. Caruso 5. Rossi 6. Coppola 7. Martini 8. De Luca 9. Lombardi 10. Bruno 11. Valentino 12. Colombo 13. Ferrari 14. Gallo 15. Romano



**Sundays at the Center**

Check back for dates and titles

**Ongoing Incontro group** meets at 10:30 every Saturday, for informal Italian conversation. Please contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

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**Ventimiglia**

There are two types of markets in Ventimiglia: the weekly Friday market, which is the more famous, and the covered market of Ventimiglia, less known but loved by the inhabitants of the Italian Riviera for the quality of its products. It is considered the largest market in Italy and is a tradition and an institution for Italians, for the French living on the French Riviera and for all tourists who choose the Riviera for their holidays.



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