



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

What a difference a year makes. Last summer we could not enjoy outside activities such as barbecues with friends, going to the beach, and going for a nature hike due to the pandemic. Summertime is the time we get outdoors and enjoy all the summer-related activities and make new memories that we will cherish for years to come. This summer will be different as it looks like we are at the tail end of the pandemic and COVID is in the rear-view mirror. California will be reopening for business and we can once again get back to our summer activities as normal as possible. Won't it be great not having to wear a mask or social distancing?

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation is also anxious to get back to its normal activities and monthly member dinners. I can't wait to greet members at the Foundation's monthly dinners once again. Once we know all the details from both the state and county about reopening in June, the Board will decide the best month to restart our dinners. I am hoping it will be September but there is a lot of preparation and planning that needs to be done to ensure the safety of everyone.

I would like to thank those members who purchased the To-Go dinner in April. It was a success and sold out very quickly. Randy cooked a delicious polenta and stew. NBICF will offer a To-Go dinner in July. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for full details and menu.

On July 4th Americans will celebrate the 245th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, ratified on July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia. The Declaration's great principle, "All Men are Created Equal", was paraphrased from Italian physician, Filippo Mazzei, a good friend of Thomas Jefferson. 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.

"Finché c'è vita c'è speranza". "As long as there is life there is hope."

July 24, 2021, To-Go Dinner

Prepaid Reservations ONLY

Limited to 120 dinners. Reserve early.

Reservations and payment must be received by

July 7, 2021

Chicken Cacciatore, risotto, salad, roll, and dessert.

Prepared by Randy Apel

See enclosed flyer

Happy Birthday America

The Fourth of July is known for parades, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks. Fireworks have been part of Independence Day in the United States since its first celebration in 1777. Back in 2009, New York City had the largest fireworks display in the country, with more than 22 tons of pyrotechnics. A few of the popular songs during the fireworks include: "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", and "This Land Is Your Land."

Thank you George for the poem on page 3

PAINT ITALY
classes to return
Saturday, July 10, 2021



1:00-5:00 PM

North Bay Italian Cultural Center
64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa

Paint Italy classes will start up once again at the NBICF Center on July 10. This will be the 26th Paint Italy class open to all interested folks with little or no painting experience necessary. This class will focus on a scene from colorful Bosa, Sardinia.

The class costs \$40, which includes instruction, materials, snacks, and drinks.

You must be COVID-vaccinated to attend.

Space is limited to 10 participants. For more info contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.

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

Charles Poletti (July 2, 1903 – August 8, 2002) was an American lawyer and politician. He became the 46th governor of New York in December 1942, and was the first Italian-American governor in the United States. Current governors of Italian descent:

Andrew Cuomo - New York, 2011 - Present
Douglas Ducey - Arizona, 2015 - Present
Gina Raimondo - Rhode Island, 2015 - Present
Ron DeSantis - Florida, 2019 - Present
Greg Gianforte - Montana, 2021 - Present

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May they rest in peace.

The First Bank started in Italy. The Bank of San Giorgia in Genoa opened its doors in 1149.

La parola del giorno (the word of the day)

The Italian word for **tattoo** is **tatuaggio**

The Meaning of "Siamo fuori di testa!"

We're out of our minds

The following poem has been reprinted with permission by Primo magazine and the author Gerardo Perrotta. Mr. Perrotta is originally from Paola Calabria. He is retired from the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Dante Alighieri, the poet, was born in 1265 in Florence and died in 1321 in Ravenna. His use of the Tuscan dialect for works such as "New Life" and the "Divine Comedy" helped establish the modern Italian language.

Happy birthday dear Dante
forever grande
your cantos still resonate
loud and clear from your florentine cradle.
Every age has considered your wise seeds
and still we find ourselves in darkened spaces
reveling in the profane
struggling with the divine;
while glimmers of hope
pull us skyward, there
where Cristoforetti sowed
your wisdom anew
in the vast ocean of your infinite stars.

Buon compleanno caro Dante
sempre grande
i tuoi canti risuonano ancora
forte e chiaro dalla tua fiorentina culla.
Ogni era ha considerato la tua semenza
ma ci troviamo tuttora in luoghi oscuri
dilettantoci nel profano
lottando col divino;
Mentre barlumi di speranza
ci tirano verso il cielo, la`
dove la Cristoforetti ha seminato
la tua sapienza di nuovo
nel vasto oceano delle tue infinite stelle.

The Name Game

"What's in a Name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet....." Shakespeare said it first. Let's look at some of the celebrities who carry the name but little of the ethnicity and vice versa. For the sake of discussion, we'll mention the less visible but more recent crop of entertainers. We'll skip Frank Sinatra who carries the name and the nationality, mother from Genoa, father from Palermo. Conversely, Dean Martin was born Dino Crocetti, parents from the Abruzzo region, but he anglicized his name. On a recent list of best actors Oscar winners Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, and also Sean Penn were included. Penn's mother's name was Ianucci. De Niro as well as director Quentin Tarantino and John Travolta are half Irish. Leonardo Di Caprio is half Italian and half mixed European. Another Oscar winner, Marisa Tomei, carries the name and the ethnicity and carries two passports and has dual citizenship. Everyone knows that Nicolas Cage is a Coppola but did you know that Susan Sarandon is a Criscione? Petite, blue-eyed blonde T.V. hostess, Kelly Ripa, is three fourths Sicilian and blue-eyed heartthrob Bradley Cooper's mother is Gloria Campano whose roots are in Naples. Joe Mangianello and Valerie Bertinelli are half and half as are teen idols Ariana Grande and Selena Gomez. Jane Fonda's ancestors emigrated from Italy to the Netherlands in the 1500's so her Latin blood is fairly dilute. Lady Gaga is really Stephanie Germanotta. Madonna is Madonna Ciccone, but her mother was French. Paul Giamatti, Steve Buscemi, Danny DeVito, John Turturro, Stanley Tucci, Kristin Cavallari and Hayden Panettiere have bloodlines that are undeniable. Directors Scorsese and Di Palma have obvious roots in the boot but did you know that director Penny Marshall was born Masciarelli and that directors Robert Zemekis and David O. Russell both have Italian mothers?

Some celebrities carry the name but have only a small amount of Italian blood. Others are totally Italian but have chosen to anglicize their names to more easily blend into the dominant culture. What's in a name?

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Upcoming Events are Starting Again

July 4, 2021 Sunday, **Happy Birthday, United States of America!**

July 7, 2021 Wednesday, Deadline for reservations for To-Go Dinner

July 10, 2021 Saturday, 1 pm: Paint Italy at the NBICF Center

July 24, 2021 Saturday, 5 pm to 6 pm: To-Go Dinner - Chicken Cacciatore, Risotto, Salad, Roll and Dessert.



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Viareggio

A beach resort area in northern Tuscany, that is located near the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea and is the second largest city in the province of Lucca. It is famous for being the home of **Carnivale of Viareggio**, held each year since the late 1800s, and its papier-mâché floats that parade along the promenade known as "Passeggiata a mare" during the weeks of Carnival. The floats started in 1925.

Long ago the city was the only way of connecting Lucca to the sea and was used as a seaport. The oldest structure in Viareggio is a tower known as **Torre Matilde**. It was built by the military to defend the entire district of Lucca in the 16th century.

Viareggio is also an active industrial and manufacturing center. The shipbuilding industry has long been renowned around the world. Fishing and floricultural industries are also important sectors of the city's economy.





North Bay Italian Culture Foundation To-Go Dinner

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Saturday, July 24, 2021

NBICF Cultural Center (Chinn Street parking lot)

Curbside Pickup 5 pm to 6 pm only.

Park in the designated **pickup** area
and your dinner(s) will be delivered to your car.



To-Go Dinner includes:

**Chicken Cacciatore, Risotto,
Salad, Roll, and Dessert**

\$15.00 per dinner

Prepared by Randy Apel

Reservations and payment must be received by July 7, 2021

See below for mail-in reservations or make reservations online at: www.nbicf.org.

Prepaid Reservations Only

NBICF To-Go Dinner - Saturday, July 24, 2021 - Curbside Pick Up at 5:00pm to 6:00pm only

NBICF Cultural Center, Chinn Street parking lot

Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Number of Dinner(s) at \$15.00 _____

Email address _____

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