



*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 19)**

*Buona festa della mamma e felice festa del papà*

*Italy celebrates Mother's Day, the same as the USA, the second Sunday in May.*

*Father's Day is celebrated on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph.*

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 warm rays of the sun fill one with the hope that spring has arrived.

As we emerge from the pandemic the Foundation is looking forward to reuniting with our members. The Board is planning outdoor events that will allow members to join in and celebrate our Italian heritage. Please watch for more information in this and upcoming Mosaicos.

The Board of Directors elected officers at the March Board meeting whose term will run from 2022 to 2024. Congratulations to **George Golfieri** (President), **Les Villanyi** (Vice President), **Linda Apel** (Treasurer) and **Cindy Hume** (Secretary). Please visit NBICF.org About Us / Directors, for a short biography of each Board member.

Thanks to member support, the March and April To-Go dinners were a success. I would like to thank the Mangiamo Committee who planned the dinners: **Linda Apel**, **Cindy Hume**, **Allen Barbieri**, **Lisa Goe** and **Al Pucci**. A special thanks to all Board members who assisted at the dinners. *Mille grazie* to **Randy Apel** for preparing two delicious meals. The next dinner is scheduled for May 28, 2022. Please refer to the enclosed flyer.

I am pleased to announce the recipients of **The Sharie Sbrazza NBICF Florence Study Abroad Scholarship** for the 2022 spring semester. Congratulations to **Mason McAlister**, **Sophia Serrano**, and **Jennifer Wiley**. This scholarship is awarded each spring to students furthering their education as part of SRJC's study abroad program in Italy. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholarship. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$124,000 in scholarships for Italian studies at SRJC. Please see page 3 for more information.

There are many reasons to study Italian, often called "il dolce parlar" (the sweet talk) and "la bella lingua" (the beautiful language). Italian is considered one of the most beautiful languages in the world. Therefore, I am happy to announce that the Foundation will once again offer "**Italian Summer Camp for Youth**" this June. This 2-week camp is a language immersion experience for youths ages 6 to 12 years old. Dr. Joli Love will return as the instructor. Volunteers are needed as counselors for each week. If interested, please contact me at 707-843-3176 or [george.zena65@gmail.com](mailto:george.zena65@gmail.com). For full details please refer to the flyer in this issue of the Mosaico.

Felice festa della mamma e del papà.

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!**

**Please support our business members. See enclosed flyer.**

**HAPPY  
Father's  
Day**



**Sundays at the Center  
with Diane McCurdy  
is back!**

Now that we are all vaccinated, we need an uplifting film ...this one will make you laugh!

Doors open **1:30pm**, screening at **2:00pm**.  
NBICF Cultural Center  
(wear a mask at your discretion)  
For information: 707-546-9654  
**Free**. No reservations required.  
Showing: **Sunday, May 22, 2022**

**The Secret of Santa Vittoria** (1969) 2h 19m PG-13

Bombolini is a fairly worthless drunk in the small Italian town of Santa Vittoria in the closing days of World War II. The town gets a new mayor that needs to hide over a million bottles of wine from the Germans. Starring Anthony Quinn and Anna Magnani, directed by Stanley Kramer. In English.



Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

Aquila, Farfalla, e Coniglio  
(eagle, butterfly, and rabbit)

**Incontro group** for informal Italian conversation.  
Please contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

For Information:

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George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

Linda Apel (Treasurer), Allen Barbieri, Lynne Burton, Lisa Goe, Ron Grassi, Cindy Hume (Secretary), Arleen Place, Alfred (Al) Pucci, Don Raimondi, Virginia Smith, Carole Stewart and Les Villanyi (VP)

Director Emeritus: Angelo Catelani

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

**Membership News**

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individual:

**Vincent Audino**

**Janice Campiformio**

**Angie Comalli**



Patron new and renewing:

**Mark Rizzo** (new)

**Daniel Wright** (renewed)

Business:

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members:

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**CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS RECOVER**

*to members and their families who are not feeling well*

**Buon Compleanno** to all

gennaio, febbraio, marzo, aprile,  
maggio e giugno birthdays



*Thank you - Grazie*

The following members have made donations to NBICF  
in **memory of Sharie Sbrazza:**

Shelley Caviness, Kenneth and Donna Fiori, Louis and Dena Pelfini, Carole Stewart, and George and Sandra Traverso.

## Member Highlight

**Lar Landa**, whose family has deep roots in Northern California, lives in Healdsburg, CA. He attended Columbia University, Universitas di Firenze and Stanford University, where he received a B.A. in art in 1955. Landa has served with the Board of Directors for the California Museum of Art, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa, and the Sonoma Arts Council. His paintings and sculpture have been shown in numerous solo and group exhibitions in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere. His work is in private collections worldwide.

The Museo Italo Americano, established in 1978 in San Francisco, was the first museum in the United States devoted exclusively to Italian and Italian-American art and culture. In 2006, the Museo Italo Americano featured a major retrospective of Landa's art: "**Carnivale / 50 Years.**" Recently, a large collection of paintings and drawings by Lar Landa was acquired by the Museo Italo Americano for its permanent collection.

The collection is on display at the Museo Annex, 940 Battery Street, San Francisco, CA. For more information, please visit the Museo website at [info@sfmuseo.org](mailto:info@sfmuseo.org) or call (415) 673-2200.



Did you know that the NBICF has funded and awarded **402 scholarships** to **Santa Rosa Junior College** students totaling over **\$124,000** since the program began? These have gone to SRJC students of Italian and related majors at the Junior College and to those studying abroad in **Florence** each spring. You have all been contributors to this program if you have participated in any of our NBICF-sponsored fundraising events! **Grazie!**

We also have established three scholarships through the **SRJC Foundation** in memory of three past NBICF leaders.

**Marianne Pedroncelli Scholarship Fund** established in 1996, is a \$450 annual scholarship awarded to a student with a major related to Italy such as fashion, wine studies, and international business.

**Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell Scholarship Fund**, established in 2014, is a \$900 annual scholarship for a student pursuing a career in teaching or Italian-related studies. As you know, Jeanette was our beloved past NBICF President.

**Sharie Sbrazza NBICF Florence Study Abroad Scholarships** (name change in 2022), are three \$1,000 Florence study abroad scholarships awarded each year to students furthering their education as part of SRJC's Study Abroad Program in Italy.

For more information, please visit [NBICF.org](http://NBICF.org) About Us / Scholarships. To make a donation, you can:

Send a check payable to:

**NBICF** and indicate the scholarship you are donating to.  
NBICF

64 Brookwood Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Or

Donate directly on our NBICF website

<https://www.nbicf.org/donation/> through PayPal or  
Credit Card indicating Scholarship or Memoriam.

Send a check payable to:

**SRJC Foundation** (indicate the scholarship you are donating to.

SRJC Foundation, attn. Sarah Laggos  
1501 Mendocino Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Or

Donate directly on the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation website: <https://foundation.santarosa.edu/> and click on  
Donate.

Thank you and please email me at [gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu](mailto:gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu) if wish to establish a scholarship in your name, a family member's name or in memory of a loved one, or if you have any questions about our NBICF scholarship program.

Gino Muzzatti, NBICF Scholarship Committee Chair (707-981-8252)

**THANK YOU to those who have made donations to NBICF!**

Because of **YOU**, we are able to maintain our goals of the 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, such as the building fund, scholarships, or in memoriam, 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**.

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

**Save the date**

**May 22, 2022** - Sunday, 1:30 pm - Sundays at the Center with Diane, film: *The Secret of Santa Vittoria*

**May 28, 2022** - Saturday, 5-6 pm - To -Go Dinner at NBICF Cultural Center

**June 20-24, 2022** - Italian Summer Camp week 1 at NBICF Cultural Center

**June 22, 2022** - Wednesday, Movie Night at NBICF Cultural Center. *Luca*. Time TBD.

**June 27-July 1, 2022** - Italian Summer Camp week 2 at NBICF Cultural Center

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**CELEBRATING 225 YEARS OF "IL TRICOLORE"**

The Italian national flag was established on January 7, 1797, when it was chosen in Reggio Emilia to distinguish the Italian troops of Neapolitans army from the French. The flag bears the national colors green, white, and red with the green at the hoist side. The flag became an important symbol of the Italian reunification which culminated on March 17, 1861, with the proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy. The "tricolore oggi" (flag day), dedicated to the Italian flag, and established by law on December 31, 1996, is held every year on January 7<sup>th</sup>. George Golfieri

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**Quaresima (Lent) in Italy**

Lent corresponds to the forty days Jesus spent fasting. Traditionally, this is a period of restraint and meditation, often accompanied by days of fasting – usually Fridays. This doesn't mean that the period of Lent isn't celebrated in special ways. Traditional foods during Lent consist of food that is considered "poor", meaning it was once accessible to all, such as bread, vegetables, polenta in the North, soups and fish, both fresh and salted, (baccalà, salted and stoccafisso, air dried). There are different recipes in each region. *Cappon magro* is popular in Liguria, while in Piemonte, *lasagne gran magro*, is served and the Neapolitans like *scammario*. Desserts anyone? Genoa is known for its *quaresimali*, cookies made without fats. Away from the kitchen, rituals and customs continue such as, *Irsina* or *Caremma*, depending on the region - both are based on seven items, one item being removed on each Sunday.

Thank you, George Golfieri, for this version of an article from L'Italo Americano.



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# North Bay Italian Culture Foundation

## Mangiamo Committee's To-Go Dinner

### **Prepaid Reservations ONLY**

Saturday, May 28, 2022

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:

Ribs

Focaccia

Mangiamo Committee's  
Pasta Salad and Green Salad

Cookies

**\$20.00 per dinner**



Ribs prepared by Randy Apel

**Reservations and payment must be received by May 21, 2022**

See below for mail-in reservations or make reservations online at: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org).

**Prepaid Reservations Only. Reservations must be made by May 21, 2022.**

NBICF To-Go Dinner - Saturday, May 28, 2022 - Curbside Pickup 5:00pm to 6:00pm only

**NBICF Cultural Center, Chinn Street parking lot**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dinner(s) at \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404.



# Italian Summer Camp for Youth 2022



Join us for 2 lively weeks of Italian-made fun for youth!  
**June 20-24 "Viva l'italiano #1" ~ June 27-July 1 "Viva l'italiano #2"**

**Monday — Friday June20—24**(ages6–12yrs)  
**June27—July1**(ages6–12yrs)  
 Older/younger siblings may enroll at instructor’s discretion

**Time**                    **9am – noon**

**Location**                **North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation**  
 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
 (parking in the rear, enter on Chinn Street)

**Fee Schedule**            **\$95.00 for one week**  
**\$145 for two weeks**  
 (Additional discounts are available for multiple siblings)

**This camp is a language immersion experience for youth ages 6–12 years.**

Required COVID-19 mandates will apply, including washing of hands. Sanitizer available.

The schedule includes:

- 1) The Vocabulary Hour with Vocabulary Games
- 2) The Italian Snack time
- 3) An indoor or outdoor craft/sport activity
- 4) The Music Hour/Skit practice time
- 5) And, finally the Italian cartoon movie time.

The youth will be supervised at all times by two adults and a camp counselor.  
 Awards and surprise prizes will be conferred during Friday’s Final Show presentation and potluck lunch. Friends and family all welcome!

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**Register quickly!** Spaces are limited. Questions? Call the NBICF at 707-591-9696

Name(s) of child(ren)

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Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Session One \_\_\_\_\_ Session Two \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Joli Love**, and mail with registration form to:  
64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

To become a member of NBICF, check out our website at [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)