



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

**North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Board of Directors. A Special Message to members:**

*“The primary objective and purpose upon which the Foundation is formed is to encourage and promote the Italian language, literature, cultural traditions, and social values.”*

This is what we are all about. The Foundation and its members depend on the Board for its guidance, leadership, and responsibility to ensure the future success of the Foundation. However, this cannot happen without the full support of the members becoming involved and participating in the Foundation.

Currently there are two vacancies on the board. As a member, if you are interested in participating in the success of the Foundation and are interested in showing your support to promote Italian culture and traditions by joining the board, please call George Golfieri at 707-843-3176. I hope to hear from you.

**Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri**

Cari Amici,

As I write my message, I am thinking about the past two years and how our lives have been altered due to COVID. Although many COVID-related restrictions have been lifted and our lives have returned to some form of normalcy, COVID has not gone away as breakouts continue within the community. Yogi Berra said it best: *“it ain’t over till it’s over”*. But, to be honest, I am tired of being isolated from family, friends, and of course you, the members. On a positive note, my team is back to playing bocce and it is nice to reconnect with teammates and friends on the courts.

I know that I have asked members to be patient about getting back together and celebrating our Italian heritage. Well, the wait is finally over! The 8th annual **Pizza, Birra e Vino** party will be **July 26** at the Italian Cultural Center. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. The Foundation is also planning to return to in-person dinners at St. Rose/Father Denis O’Sullivan Parish Center for October, November, and December 2022. Further information on these dinners will be available in upcoming Mosaicos.



**These events cannot happen unless members are willing to participate and/or volunteer.**

On **August 6, 2022**, the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation will participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Sonoma County Finding History Day**. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for details on the event. NBICF historian, **Kathy Dowdall**, will present information and displays on local Italian family history including the history of Little Italy on the west side of Santa Rosa. Please stop by the NBICF booth.

On **July 4<sup>th</sup>** Americans will celebrate the 246<sup>th</sup> 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 Fillippo 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).

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

NBICF Cultural Center  
(wear a mask at your discretion)

For information: 707-546-9654

Free. No reservations required. Snacks.

Doors open 1:30pm, screening at 2:00pm.



### Showing Sunday, July 31, 2022

**House of Gucci** (2021) 2h 38m. Crime/Drama (R)

House of Gucci is inspired by the shocking true story of the family behind the Italian fashion empire. It is an American biographical crime drama film directed by Ridley Scott. The film follows *Patrizia Reggiani* played by Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta otherwise known as Lady Gaga. The movie features many well known actors.



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### Showing Sunday, August 28, 2022

**The Double Hour (La doppia ora)** (2009) 1h 42m. Thriller/Mystery (not rated)

The Double Hour is a pleasurable puzzle about a Slovenian immigrant and a former cop. A passionate romance develops, but then things suddenly take a dark turn. Through twists and turns of events, you will be guessing until the film's final moments. Most of the movie is filmed in Turin, Italy. In Italian with subtitles.



Lorenzo Joseph Fertitta is an Italian-American entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist. Also, a billionaire that brought both of his yachts to Kona a few months ago: one is 285-feet long and the other is the support yacht at 216-feet. The support boat holds all the toys: a helicopter, ATVs, motorcycles, boats etc.

(Taken from an Hawaiian newsletter)

June 2 was an Italian national holiday celebrating the birth of the Italian republic through a national referendum which took place in 1946 marking the start of the modern country.

### NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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)

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

### Membership News

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**Buttitta Design**

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**CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS RECOVER**

*to members and their families*

*who are not feeling well*

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Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

Buon viaggio!                      Have a good trip!

Di dove sei?                        Where are you from?

Mi sono perso(a)!                I am lost!

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### Ongoing Incontro group

For informal Italian conversation. Please contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

Another fun quiz by member and author/publisher **Leon Radomile**

### **Become an Instant Italian-American Olive Oil Expert**

For me, Extra Virgin Olive Oil is serious business. It is the only cooking oil I would consider using. I remember when Olive Oyl was Popeye's girlfriend. In those days, Olive Oil was only sold in Italian neighborhood markets and Italian delis.

This quiz will teach you about Olive Oil. Answers are below. Part 1 of 2.

- 1] First and largest olive oil producing state in the United States.
- 2] This country leads the world in per capita olive oil consumption. Spain and Italy follow.
- 3] What does "spemitura a freddo" mean?
- 4] Only olive oils free of defects and satisfy the quality standards of this organization can be designated "extra virgin".
- 5] Most large olive oil companies have a tasting expert on staff. What is the Italian term?
- 6] Olive oil extracting method employing crescent-shaped steel blades.
- 7] Italian Designation code for Extra Virgin Olive Oil.
- 8] Major Italian olive oil producers are known as *Oil Cities*. What's the Italian term?
- 9] Hydraulic discontinuous press method is driven by water pressure where the resulting liquid is transferred to this device for separating olive oil and olive water.
- 10] This particular production skill enables Italy to be the world's biggest importer and exporter of olive oil.
- 11] Olive oil is graded on two essential factors, quality and?
- 12] In Italy, the largest production of olive oil fruit is harvested in the regions of Puglia and?
- 13] Highest quality olive oil, containing no more than 0.8% acidity and judged for superior taste.

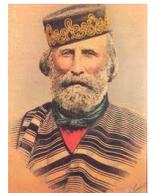


Thank you Leon for this quiz, and he recommends reading: **How Italian Food Conquered the World** by John F. Mariani.

Leon's web address is: <https://www.leonradomile.com>

### **Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri , continued from page 1**

Thirty-one years after the ratification of the Declaration of Independence, Giuseppe Garibaldi was born on July 4, 1807 in Nice. Garibaldi was an Italian general, patriot, revolutionary, and republican. He contributed to the Italian unification and the creation of the Kingdom of Italy in 1860. The Kingdom of Italy claimed all of the territory which is modern-day Italy. Garibaldi is considered one of the greatest generals of modern times and one of Italy's "fathers of the fatherland." He died in 1882 in Caprera, Kingdom of Italy.



A side note on Nice. At that time, Nice was part of the House of Savoy which became the kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia. Nice did not become a part of France until 1860 when it was handed over as part of the treaty of Turin.

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



1] California 2] Greece 3] Cold Pressed 4] International Olive Council 5] Assaggiatore 6] Sinolea 7] EVOO  
8] Città dell'olio 9] Centrifuge 10] Blending 11] Pressing 12] Calabria 13] Extra Virgin

Upcoming Events

**July 26, 2022** - Tuesday, 5:30pm: Eighth Annual Pizza, Birra e Vino party at NBICF Cultural Center for dining *al fresco*

**July 31, 2022** - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The House of Gucci*

**August 6, 2022** - Saturday, 10am - 2pm: Sonoma County Historical Society 60th Anniversary at Finley Community Center, Santa Rosa

**August 28, 2022** - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The Double Hour (La doppia ora)*

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**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**.



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Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Les Villanyi (editing and proofreading), George Golfieri, Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor)

Articles and comments are welcome. Please submit articles as Word documents to nbicf2member@gmail.com, attn: Marie. You can also send a hardcopy or email to George Golfieri. Editorial staff reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.

**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL: \$35    \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSEHOLD: \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ PATRON: \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS: \$150  
\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT: \$10 (Please provide a copy of your valid student I.D.)

Please indicate your areas of interest below; mark all that apply.

\_\_ Fundraisers \_\_ History \_\_ Italian Classes \_\_ Music \_\_ Scholarships \_\_ Volunteer \_\_ Other

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Apply for membership via our website, **www.NBICF.org**. For more Information, call: 707-591-9696.



## *Pizza, Birra e Vino*

*8th* annual fundraiser at the Center, dining *al fresco*

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 5:30pm

**Dinner includes:**

antipasti, all-you-can-eat pizza,  
salad, dessert, and complimentary wine or beer.  
(No outside alcoholic beverages allowed.)

**\$25.00 per dinner**

**This event is limited to 60 guests**

The NBICF Pizza, Birra e Vino annual event raises money for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian Community.

**Reservations must be made by July 19, 2022.**

Pizza, Birra e Vino - July 26, 2022 - 5:00pm  
NBICF Cultural Center, Chinn Street parking lot

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guest(s) at \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Reservations can be made through the NBICF website, for more information, visit: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)  
or call 707-591-9696

**Sonoma County Historical Society**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

and

**Sonoma County History & Genealogy Library**

Presents

**Sonoma County Finding History Day**

Sponsored by the Rancho Bodega Historical Society.

**Sonoma County History presented by  
Sonoma County's many historical societies and organizations**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Finley Community Center, Santa Rosa**

**10am until 2pm**

**Free admission – Free parking**

**Sponsored by  
Sonoma County Historical Society**

**Maps Documents**

**Photos Books**

**Historians Movies**

**Lectures**

**A day of scheduled events and displays**



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