



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

As the Foundation approaches 2023 and celebrates its 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there are challenges facing the Foundation. The most immediate challenges are to fill the voids on our Board of Directors, and to reestablish our network of subcommittees for planning dinners and events. Member involvement is crucial to the future of the Foundation. The cornerstone of NBICF is getting together to celebrate our Italian heritage and culture at dinners and events. Together we can overcome these challenges and secure the future of the Foundation.



On August 6, 2022 the Foundation participated in the Sonoma County Finding History Day at the Finley Community Center. There were 32 various organizations that participated in this event. NBICF was well represented and offered information about Italian history in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County through displays and information on prominent Italian families in the area. This was also an opportunity to give out information about the history of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and its mission to promote Italian culture in Santa Rosa through programs such as the Foundation's scholarship programs. I would like to thank **Kathy Dowdall** for her work in creating the displays and for her knowledge of Italians in Sonoma County. I would also like to thank Kathy's friend **Scotty Thompson**, Sonoma State University staff archaeologist, for his assistance in setting up the displays and to **Mary Dowdall** who helped with meeting visitors at the NBICF booth.

Wasn't October 17 a great party? Not only did we come together to celebrate our Italian heritage, but also to reunite with members and friends. I would like to thank those members who attended. I hope members had a good time and enjoyed the food catered by the **Franchettis**. I received very favorable comments from members.

**Coro Allegro** provided the entertainment and their performance was outstanding. I know members are wondering why the Board is being so generous. The Board wanted to show its gratitude and appreciation to members who have stood by and supported the Foundation through the challenging times these past two years. The Board is grateful to its members for their support and commitment to the Foundation.

At the **November 21, 2022 member dinner**, members will **vote to elect new and incumbent board members**. Please see insert for more information. Members will notice an increase in the price of the dinner. The Board reluctantly had no choice but to raise the price of the dinners in order to cover all costs associated with the dinner. These expenses include: rent, food, wine and paper goods. The Board hopes that members understand this, as in most cases, the Foundation makes very little profit on dinners, if any. Again, the dinners are a way to connect, share our heritage and have fun!

*I migliori auguri e saluti per le feste.*

**November 11** - The holiday is commonly printed as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day*, however, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs states: Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe but does include an "s" at the end of "veterans" because it is not a day that "belongs" to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans.

Save the date

**December 10, 2022**

**Festa di Natale Dinner**

320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

NBICF Cultural Center

No reservations required

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

**Free** (donations welcome to cover expenses)

For information: 707-546-9654.

### Showing Sunday, November 27, 2022



**The Godfather: Part III** (1990) 2h 42m.  
Crime/Drama (R)

Godfather III never received the critical acclaim or general appeal of the first two movies. Let's give it another look.

Michael seeks to legitimize his businesses and separate the family from the underworld. He deals with the Vatican, younger members upsetting the Mafioso, and his daughter's love affair with a protégé. Al Pacino and Diane Keaton return along with Sofia Coppola, Andy Garcia and Raf Vallone.

### Showing Sunday, December 18, 2022

**Luca** (2021) 1h 35m Comedy/Fantasy (PG)

Bring the kids, grandkids or the kid in every one of us for our holiday mini-celebration....



Set on the Italian Riviera, the film centers on a young sea monster boy with the ability to assume human form while on land! The sea monsters, a "metaphor for feeling different", were loosely based on old Italian regional myths.

Snacks served and feel free to bring some to share.

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Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi  
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## NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

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

## Directors Emeritus:

Angelo Catelani

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



## Membership News

*benvenuto*

### Individual

**Janice Campiformio, welcome back**

**Gia Granucci**

**Donna McCulloch**

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members:

**Buttitta Design**

**Ecostruction - Mitchel Slade**

**Faloni Ranch**

**Forchini Vineyards**

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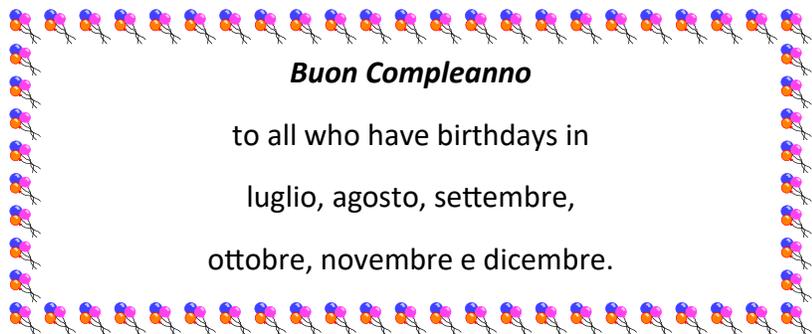
Condolences to the family of:

Frank Giannini

May he rest in peace.

**CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS HEAL RECOVER**

*to any member and their families that are not feeling well*



## **Buon Compleanno**

to all who have birthdays in

luglio, agosto, settembre,

ottobre, novembre e dicembre.

November 1 is **All Saints' Day**. In Italy it is considered a national holiday.

**Finally**, the second part of the fun quiz by member and author/publisher **Leon Radomile**

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

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

Answers are below. Part 2 of 2. Part 1 was in the July/August Mosaico, in case you missed it.

14] Four major destructive agents in olive oil: light, heat, air and?

15] To receive this EU status, the entire product must be traditionally and at least partially manufactured within the specific region.

16] Three key words for the most flavorful and best olive oil.

17] The name for a single variety olive oil.

18] In processing quality olive oil, what is avoided?

19] She is credited in John Mariani's book, *How Italian Food Conquered the World*, for doing more to promote Extra Virgin Olive Oil sales than anyone else via television.

20] Once olives are picked in Italy, they are moved immediately for pressing. Identify the Italian word for this facility.

21] Consuming over 80 million gallons annually, largest olive oil market outside Europe.

22] Term means the olive oil has been chemically stripped to eradicate any defects that would normally disqualify it from being labeled *extra virgin*.

23] Frying in olive oil renders food crunchier, less greasy, lower fat content and fewer what?

24] Internationally known as, *The Olive Oil Hunter*, this man's olive oil club can deliver freshly pressed extra virgin olive oil to your table within days of pressing. Who is he?

25] To receive this EU status, the entire product must be traditionally and *entirely manufactured* within the specific region.

26] Lowest grade of an olive oil used commercially.

27] Term indicates that the olives have been pressed to extract the oil; no heat or chemicals used during extraction and oil is pure and unrefined.



Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

La Strega vola sulla sua scopa

(The witch flies on her broom)

In honor of la befana, the Christmas witch

The Trevi Fountain in Rome took more than 30 years to build before it was finally completed in 1762.

The word "Fountain" comes from the Latin word for "source" or "spring".

"Fountains of Rome" by Erwin Rybin

Another year working on the Mosaico. It has been a pleasure to still feel connected to NBICF, even though I can't be there in person. A big **THANK YOU** goes to **Les Villanyi**, for his expertise with proofreading. Les, I could not do this without you! Thank you to those that provide feedback and articles.

Marie Maggi-Wilson

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

Upcoming Events

**November 19, 2022** - Saturday, 10am - 4pm: **Mercatino di Natale** at the NBICF Center. Free event for our community.

**November 21, 2022** - Monday, NBICF Dinner (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm). Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

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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**.

**Mosaico Culturale** is published six times a year. It is the newsletter of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, a **California nonprofit membership corporation**. NBICF Statement of Purpose: A nonprofit, open membership organization dedicated to the study, preservation, and enjoyment of Italian Culture. Founded in 1984, NBICF brings people of all ancestries together to share all things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions, and support education via scholarships, classes, and programs.

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



## NBICF Monthly Dinner

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa

Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

Reservations must be made by November 14, 2022

### *Menu includes:*

Antipasti, Salad, Bread

Polenta with Stew

Dessert

Wine at the table

Prepared by Randy Apel and the Mangiamo Team

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$25 for Members \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$27 for Guests

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$12 for Teens (13 –18 yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$ 8 for Child (5–12 yrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ places at free for Child under 5yrs

**Reservations must be made by November 14, 2022.**

Make checks payable to **NBICF**. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. **Or, make reservations online at: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)**

**All net proceeds support SRJC Scholarship Fund and NBICF Cultural Activities.**

## Artisan Holiday Gifts

**November 19 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**North Bay Italian Cultural Center**

64 Brookwood Santa Rosa

Park and Enter on Chinn Street



Please join local artisans for this year's MERCATINO di NATALE.

This is a free event for friends, family and our community.

This year's artists will be bringing: **handmade jewelry using exotic beads, kiln fused glassware, greeting cards, matted photographs, original paintings, multiple hardwood cutting & charcuterie boards.**

**Handmade biscotti** in delicious flavors! These sell out fast.

As a fundraiser for **NBICF**, there will be a **gently used book sale** and NBICF membership table.

Donations of gently used books can be dropped off at the Center the day before the Mercatino from 10:00 am to noon.

Hope to see you there! Susan Adler