

*In Onore della Madre e del Padre***FESTA DELLA MAMMA**

WHENEVER IN THE WORLD they may be, Italian mothers are the focus of family traditions. In Italy mothers are celebrated all year round but officially Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Like most feast days in Italy, it can be traced back to ancient Roman culture when a whole week of celebrations were held in May to celebrate the goddess Juno. Juno's name means "vital force" (a great description of Italian mothers) as she was the goddess of marriage and motherhood. With the passing of time and the coming of Christianity, this tradition evolved into a religious festival when the "mother" referred to "mother church", the giver of spiritual life. It became important in Italy for families to return to their home villages and visit their "mother" church — the church in which they were baptized. In America, it's a much more recent celebration of mothers, first introduced in 1907 but not recognized officially until 1914, when it finally became a public holiday. In Italy the formal recognition of mothers as a public holiday did not happen until 1957.

On Monday, May 16, 2016 we will honor all mothers at St. Rose Parish Hall with a dinner of antipasti, herb salad and bread, basil mozzarella baked chicken, pasta with pesto, Italian beans and a special dessert. Don't forget to bring a photo of your mamma to share and honor on our stage.

*May 16, 2016, St. Rose Parish Hall, Santa Rosa, CA
Doors open 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to those who have contributed to our Building Fund to paint the NBICF Center: Rae & John Rehn, Melinda Napier, Dale Stokes, Jeanette & Bill Mitchell, George Golfieri, and Maggie Brothers.

The exterior of the Center had not been painted since the original purchase in 2000, and was in much need of attention. We sincerely appreciate the donations thus far received, however we are still in need of addition funds to cover the cost. To contribute, please send your donation to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, 95404. Donations to NBICF, earmarked for the Building Fund, are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

FESTA DEL PAPÀ

FATHERS ARE THE PILLARS of a family and thus they deserve a whole day dedicated to them. In America, we celebrate this day on the third Sunday in June. In Italy, Italians celebrate all fathers on the 19th of March, known to commemorate San Giuseppe—a fatherly symbol of love, compassion, kindness, generosity and acceptance. The Italian name for Father's Day is "Festa del Papà." This day is celebrated mainly in the Roman Catholic countries. In Italy, it is usually celebrated with a grand feast and fanfare. This is the day when families show their gratitude to their fathers with favors and gifts.

Join us for our day of gratitude to our fathers on Monday, June 20, 2016 at St. Rose Parish Hall by feasting with us on antipasti, caesar salad, tri-tip steak, garlic mashed potatoes, buttered carrots and a special dessert, just for papà. Remember to bring photos of your fathers to share and honor on our stage.

*June 20, 2016, St. Rose Parish Hall, Santa Rosa, CA
Doors open 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm*

For those of you who attended our San Giuseppe Dinner and asked for the Fava Bean Tapenade recipe:

Fava Purée with Meyer Lemon Tapenade

— from the San Giuseppe Dinner —

2 cups dry, shelled Fava beans	½ cup flat Italian parsley leaves
1 large clove of garlic, crushed	1 tsp. salt
2½ cups water	1 cup extra virgin olive oil

Place the favas, salt & water into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer until the beans are soft and mushy—about 1 hour. After the beans are cooked, let them cool a bit, and then place in a food processor with the parsley and crushed garlic. Pulse a few times, and then add the oil in a stream while blending. Taste, and correct salt if necessary. Serve at room temperature with Meyer Lemon Tapenade, or a drizzle of good olive oil over the top, on crostini or some nice crackers. *To make Meyer Lemon Tapenade:* coarsely chop 1–2 Meyer lemons—the entire lemon, including the skin. Place in a bowl and add salt to taste, coarsely ground black pepper, and extra virgin olive oil. Toss these ingredients together & spoon onto the top of the Fava puree.

—Recipe courtesy of Marie Giacalone, Slow Food.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals: Cristina Baggese, Tony Casesa, Marina Crosariol, Victoria Fleming, Brook Montagna

Returning Patrons: Robert & Kim Agrella, Ed Micheli, Daniel & Patsy Wright

New & Continuing Businesses:

Maurizio Castagna, Realtor,
Harry Licursi Tax & Retirement Planning,
Balletto Vineyards, Market Place on Fourth,
FaiSano Wines of Italy, Pedersen's Furniture,
Zappelli Body Shop, and Faloni Ranch

In Memoriam

Lou Bertolini— A generous man who gave his time and financial support to NBICF for many years. Whether it was donating to our purchase of our Center or supporting Festa, he was there for us. He was especially passionate about the preservation of the West End and Railroad Square neighborhoods and believed in the value of community.

Lee Tamo— He was NBICF's unofficial wine steward. Lee was dedicated to serving NBICF and gave freely of his time purchasing our wine, delivering it to our dinners and getting it onto the dinner tables. He was kind, strong, and a pleasure to be with.

Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Lee Tamo and Lou Bertolini.

We have received a donation from Bill and Jeanette Mitchell in memory of Wil Craig, Elizabeth Mazzotti and Lee Tamo. We have received donations from Sharie Sbrazza in memory of Elizabeth Mazzotti and Lee Tamo. We have also received a donation from Al and Dee Jay Belluomini in memory of Lee Tamo.

Pronti, Partenza, Via!

(Ready, Set, Go!)

Join us for a six-week Italian class for beginners with a focus on vocabulary and phrases useful for travelers. This class is designed to help you gain confidence and feel more comfortable in speaking and understanding Italian. A great course for preparing to visit and travel in Italy.

Six classes at the NBICF Center
May 11—June 15, 2016, Wednesdays 7:00pm–8:30pm

Instructor: Stefanie Nourse

Fee: \$140 for members (\$150 for non-members),
Includes materials. Minimum class enrollment: 10

For more information, please contact Stefanie Nourse:
stefanienourse@gmail.com (707) 799-8520

Foreign Exchange Student Program Needs Host Family

Want to host an Italian exchange student in your home? Contact Cindy Mogannam for more information at 707-867-6110 or cindy.mogannam@efexchangeyear.org. Check out EF High School Exchange Year, visit www.efexchangeyear.org.

Italian Language Summer Camp for Kids

Summer Language Camp at the Center returns with instructor, Joli Love. Session One starts June 13–17. Session Two starts June 20–24. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2:00pm. For information: 707-591-9696
Free. No reservations required.

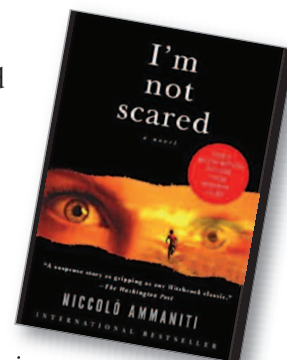
Showing May 22, 2016: *Mambo Italiano*

Set in the Little Italy neighborhood of Montreal, *Mambo Italiano* is a fresh and enjoyable take on gay relationships. After reconnecting with an estranged childhood friend, Angelo (Luke Kirby) discovers that he and Nino (Peter Miller) have more in common than just their Italian heritage and suffocating families. After they move in together, Angelo finds that he can't stand being in the closet any longer—but Nino, who's a cop is much more attached to passing as straight, resists. After Angelo tells his parents (Ginette Reno and Paul Sorvino), their lives explode and Angelo discovers that coming out may cost him everything he held dear. The emphasis on ethnic humor threatens to turn *Mambo Italiano* into *My Big Gay Italian Wedding*, but the clever writing, sprightly performances, and inventive direction keep the movie consistently unpredictable and funny. Also featuring Claudia Ferri as Angelo's neurotic sister. *In English*



Showing June 26, 2016: *I'm not Scared*

While playing outside one day, nine-year-old Michele discovers Filippo, who is chained to the ground at the bottom of a hole. Michele witnesses town baddie, Felice nearby and suspects something bad is happening. Michele is unsure whom he should tell about his discovery, eventually spilling the beans to his closest friend. This is an interesting drama highlighting the European predilection for kidnapping. Gorgeous cinematography. *In Italian*



Travel News/Andiamo

Sunday, May 1, 3:00pm

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

Come to the Center to share delights of exploring *La Bella Italia*. Learn about each of Italy's 20 diverse regions. This free series (donations for refreshments/utilites welcome) began in March with Sicily. April featured Tuscany. Join us May 1 at 3pm for Liguria's seaside wonders. Earn a glass of Dolceacqua vino if you can guess *who* was able to smell *what* in order to take *what* to *which city!* RSVP to Sharie by 4/27/16 at email below.

Upcoming Tours:

TUSCANY'S MAREMMA/ETRUSCAN COAST—

Departs November 1–15, 2016 (extend option to 11-21-16)

Fly from SFO & transfer to Lucca

Stay 5 nights in Lucca

Stay 4 nights on Follonica Bay on the Etruscan Coast

Stay 4 nights near Orbetello

Daily tours by bus through Tuscany with a focus on the Tuscan coast. Includes SFO—Italy air travel, transfers, 14 nights in fine hotels, daily breakfast, daily dinner, daily sightseeing, escorts & more.

Go to www.nbicf.org for tour application or email tour escort Sharie Sbrazza at andiamotravel@hotmail.com. Sharie Sbrazza, an NBICF member since 1986, has designed and escorted individual/group vacations since 1979.

Pizza, Birra & Vino at the Center

July 12, 2016, 6pm (event limited to 50 guests)

Join friends and family for our Fourth Annual Pizza, Birra & Vino party. All you-can-eat pizza night, dining al fresco with food generously donated by Franchetti's Wood Fire Kitchen. Includes salad, dessert, wine or beer.

Also showing indoors, *A Five Star Life*, a 2013 Italian comedy-drama film starring Margherita Buy.

Reserve early: \$25 members, \$28 non-members
Send checks to NBICF, 64 Brookwood SR 95404, by July 05, 2016. (See enclosed flyer for details.)

Pallino Casino, A Gala Casino Night

July 30, 2016, 5:30pm – 10:00pm

NBICF and the Sonoma County Bocce Federation (SCBF) are joining forces for a gala Casino Night fundraiser at St. Rose Parish Hall. Come for a fun-filled evening of blackjack, bingo, craps and roulette with special dance music by Carlo Solivan.

Doors open at 5:30 with Happy Hour followed by non-stop appetizers and gaming until 9:00 pm. (See enclosed flyer for details.)

From the President's Corner

Salute e auguri tutti! The first quarter of 2016 has been a busy one for the foundation. In January the Foundation hosted its second annual crab feed. In February the Foundation held its Carnevale dinner. I believe everyone had a good time dancing to the music of Carlo Solivan.

At the March dinner the Foundation celebrated the Festa di San Giuseppe. This dinner was a joint partnership with the non-profit Slow Food Sonoma County North and featured the west coast premier of the documentary film "Amuri—The Sacred Flavors of Sicily." I would like to thank Marie Giacaione, Marish Zeffer, and Lynn Davis of Slow Food for their food, table decorations and help with this event. I would also like to thank Linda Apel, Susan Adler, Joan Demitz, and Sue Alesi for organizing for NBICF. A special thank you to Janet Barocco for her help in setting up the altar and a thank you to members who donated 175 pounds of food to the Redwood Food Bank which Janet delivered for us. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Randy Apel and his crew for their part in this delicious dinner and to Vintage Wine Estates for their donation of Viansa wine that was served during dinner. The Foundation and Slow Food has donated \$300 from the proceeds of the raffle to "The Living Room," a service for women and children in need. This is in keeping with the traditions of San Giuseppe by giving back to our community. Also in March the Foundation hosted a lecture by Professor Kenning on 2600 years of Art & Architecture in Sicily. It was a very informative and interesting lecture. Over 40 people attended this event at the NBICF Center.

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation will once again offer Italian Summer Camp for Youth in 2016. Joli Love will return as instructor. Please refer to the flyer in this issue of the Mosaico for more information. Give your children or grandchildren the opportunity to learn Italian and connect with their heritage.

Membership renewals were due March 31, 2016. The Foundation has added 26 new members. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so now. Benefits include discounts at dinners, classes and events, plus your Mosaico newsletter.

We need more members to participate as volunteers! Or the Foundation's existence may be in jeopardy. More of you need to take an active role in the Foundation by participating on the Board and on committees. Otherwise, we cannot hold special events like the Festa. Of course, it's a lot of work, time and commitment, but volunteering is a rewarding experience. Remember, it's a team effort.

Sign up to volunteer! Call NBICF office: 707-591-9696

"Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici."—Dante
We cannot have a perfect life without friends.



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

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Mosaico Culturale is published six times a year. It is the newsletter of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, a CA nonprofit membership corporation.

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation 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 things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions and support education via scholarships, classes and programs.

U P - C O M I N G E V E N T S

- May 1, 2016** 3pm
Sundays at the Center, *Regional Travel Program—Liguria*
- May 11 – June 15, 2016** Beginning Italian Class Series, Weds., 7–8:30pm
- May 16, 2016** 6pm (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)
Festa della Mamma Dinner, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa
- May 22, 2016** 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Mambo Italiano*
- June 13–17** Italian Summer Camp for Kids, Session One, 9am–Noon
June 20–24 Italian Summer Camp for Kids, Session Two, 9am–Noon
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Festa del Papà Dinner, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa
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Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *I'm Not Scared*
- July 12, 2016** 6pm
Pizza, Birra e Vino Night at the Center
- July 30, 2016** 5:30–10pm
Casino Night Fundraiser at St. Rose

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

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NBICF Board of Directors:

Susan Terracina Adler (Secretary), Ann Abbruzzese, Linda Apel (Treasurer), Allen Barbieri, Maggie Brothers (1st VP 707-544-9244), Patti Buttitta, Mark DeVincenzi, Kathy Dowdall, George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176), Don Raimondi (2nd VP 707-525-1939), Reid Sheridan, Carole Stewart, Denise Traverso, Les Villanyi

Directors Emeritus: Angelo Catelani, Arturo Ibleto and Jeanette Mancini Mitchell

Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Susan Adler, George Golfieri, Patti Buttitta

NOTE: Members are encouraged to submit articles or items for publication. Please submit articles four weeks prior to bi-monthly Mosaico publication date. Please submit articles as Word documents or PDFs. We reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Policies:

No refunds/exchanges; tickets transferable; No reservations accepted on event date. Space limited: first come, first served. Any offering in the Mosaico Culturale should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

Italian Cultural Library & Office

Tuesdays 1-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696
Board Meetings held the first Wednesday evening of each month.

For Information:

Coro Allegro 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi
Library/Office 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
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APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

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

Italian ancestry (regions) _____

Please indicate your areas of interest (circle all that apply):

Bocce Festa Italiana Fundraisers History Language
Mailings Music Office Scholarships Travel

*Please make checks payable to NBICF,
64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Tel: 707-591-9696*



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

— MEMBER DINNER —

Festa della Mamma

Monday, May 16, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Dinner Menu:

Antipasti, herb salad and bread,
basil mozzarella baked chicken, pasta with pesto,
Italian beans and a special dessert.

No-host Bar & Raffle

For more information visit:

www.nbicf.org

or call 707-591-9696

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Festa della Mamma Dinner

Monday, May 16, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Prepaid Reservations Only

- _____ places at \$15/each for Members
- _____ places at \$17/each for Guests
- _____ places at \$12/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs
- _____ places at \$ 8/each for Child, 5–13 yrs
- _____ places at free/each for Child under 5 yrs

Name _____

Reserve by May 11, 2016. Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

— MEMBER DINNER —

Festa del Papà

Monday, June 20, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Dinner Menu:

Antipasti, caesar salad, tri-tip steak,
garlic mashed potatoes, buttered carrots,
and a special dessert.

No-host Bar & Raffle

For more information visit:

www.nbicf.org

or call 707-591-9696

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Festa del Papà Dinner

Monday, June 20, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Prepaid Reservations Only

- _____ places at \$15/each for Members
- _____ places at \$17/each for Guests
- _____ places at \$12/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs
- _____ places at \$ 8/each for Child, 5–13 yrs
- _____ places at free/each for Child under 5 yrs

Name _____

Reserve by June 15, 2016. Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



Pizza, Birra e Vino

FUNDRAISER AT THE CENTER

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Franchetti's Wood Fire Kitchen has graciously agreed to donate all the food for this event. We will dine al fresco and treated to all-you-can-eat pizza, salads and dessert, plus beer and complimentary wine.

SHOWING INSIDE

A Five Star Life (2013)

Italian Comedy-Drama Film starring Margherita Buy

Reserve early! — only 50 tickets available

*For more information visit: www.nbicf.org
or call: 707-591-9696*

RESERVATIONS

Pizza, Birra E Vino Fundraiser at the Center

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Prepaid Reservations Only

_____ places at \$25/each for Members

_____ places at \$28/each for Guests

Name _____

Reserve by July 5, 2016. Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and Sonoma County Bocce Federation

— JOINTLY PRESENT —

Pallino Casino

CHARITABLE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016

5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa

Blackjack ~ Bingo ~ Craps ~ Roulette
Silent Auction, Casino Prizes,
Music & Dancing by Carlo Solivan

Pallino Casino provides funds for SCBF's support of the Special Olympics,
Youth Bocce Tournament, and NBICF's SRJC Scholarship Fund
& Cultural Activities of the Foundation

*For more information visit: www.nbicf.org
or call: 707-591-9696*

RESERVATIONS

Pallino Casino, Fundraiser for NBICF & SCBF

Saturday, July 30, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Adults Only, Prepaid Reservations Necessary

_____ number of people at \$30/per person
(\$25 Playing Chips, Free Drink, Appetizers)

Name _____

Reserve by July 23, 2016. Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Credit card purchase available at BrownPaperTickets.com/event/2530791



Italian Summer Camp for Youth 2016

“Viva l’Italiano!”

JOIN us for 2 lively weeks of Italian-made fun for youth!

Monday – Friday	June 13 –17 (recommended for ages 7-12 yrs) June 20 –24 (recommended for ages 13-17 yrs)
Time	9am - Noon
Location	North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 <i>(parking in the rear, enter on Chinn Street)</i>
Fee Schedule	\$75.00 for one week \$135 for two weeks <i>(Additional discounts are available for multiple siblings)</i>

This camp is an immersion language experience for youth ages 7-17 years.
All ages are accepted, however, the second week of Camp is recommended for ages 13-17 yrs.
Exceptions will be made for Campers younger than 13 years **ONLY** if they have participated during the first week of camp and **ONLY** under teacher’s advisement.

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 hour. Friends and family welcome!

REGISTER QUICKLY! Spaces are limited. Questions? Call the NBICF at 707-591-9696

Name(s) of child(ren) _____

Age(s) _____ Session One ____ Session Two ____ Both ____

Phone number _____

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