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Fun in the Summertime

PALLINO CASINO— *a Gala Casino Night* Saturday, July 30th 5:30PM–10:00PM

BLACKJACK, ROULETTE, CRAPS, BINGO, Game Away! NBICF and the Sonoma County Bocce Federation (SCBF) are joining forces for a gala Casino Night fundraiser at St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa. Enjoy a fun-filled evening with special dance music by Carlo Solivan.



Doors open at 5:30pm with Happy Hour, followed by non-stop appetizers and gaming until 9:00pm when the casino prizes will be awarded. There will also be a silent auction with donated items from a variety of local businesses and organizations.

For the \$30/per person ticket, you will receive \$25 in playing chips, and a free drink, and appetizers served throughout the evening. Additional playing chips may also be purchased; \$10 for 25 chips, \$20 for 60 chips and \$30 for 100 chips. Mixed drinks, wine, beer, sodas and bottled water will be available at the no-host bar. Additional drink tickets are available at \$4/each for mixed drinks, wine and beer, and \$1/each for sodas and bottled water.

Tickets (\$30/person) are available at Brown Paper Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2530791> or by mailing checks payable to NBICF at 64 Brookwood Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

This event provides funds for NBICF's SRJC Scholarship Fund, the cultural activities of the Foundation, SCBF's support of the Special Olympics, and a Youth Bocce Tournament. Give back to your community while having a fun play date for yourself and friends!

July 30th, 2016, St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA. Doors open 5:30pm. Gaming until 9:00pm, followed by awarding of Casino Prizes.

PIZZA, BIRRA E VINO EVENT Tuesday, July 12th is Sold Out!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO NBICF members for making the Pizza, Birra e Vino Night a sold-out success. There might be cancellations, so if you call the NBICF office at 707-591-9696, we will place your name on a waiting list. If your payment was received after our capacity limit was reached, your check will be held and your name(s) will be added to the waiting list. You will be notified by phone if we receive cancellations and you will be able to attend the event.

The NBICF Pizza, Birra & Vino annual event raises money for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian Community. We are grateful to Franchetti's and would like to thank them for their time and donations of pizzas and salads for this year's event. Members' financial support and interest in all aspects of Italian culture makes NBICF strong! To donate to NBICF, call our office at 707-591-9696 or visit our website at www.nbicf.org.

BIGGEST RUMMAGE SALE EVER!

Saturday, August 13, 9:00AM–3:00PM

TIME TO CLEAN THE GARAGE, attic and closets! The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation is looking for new and gently used items for our rummage sale. We will be selling your donations, plus biscotti and coffee on Saturday, August 13th, 9am–3pm at the NBICF Center. Enter our parking lot from Chinn Street, off of College Avenue or Fourth Street.

Bring friends, neighbors and family. There will be many treasures to take home, we promise. Proceeds from this event will go to our scholarship fund and other NBICF cultural events. Let's make this the biggest and most successful Rummage Sale, ever!

Bring donations to the Center either on Wednesday, August 10; Thursday, August 11; or Friday, August 12, between 9am–4pm. We'll take clothing, books, kitchen items, tools, CDs and DVDs, toys, collectibles, art, lamps, and small pieces of furniture, such as side tables, or book shelves. No large pieces please as (*continued on page 2*)

PLEASE NOTE

*There are no NBICF Member Dinners
in July and August. See you in September!*

(continued from page 1) anything left over after the sale must be hauled to a local thrift store. We cannot haul large pieces or furniture.

Board Director Ann Abbruzzese has generously volunteered to pick up your donations on Friday, August 12th if you cannot bring them to the Center. However, you must make an appointment for the pick-up by calling the NBICF office (707-591-9696) by Thursday, August 11th. Please leave your name, address and phone number.

If you would like to help with the Rummage Sale, please email Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net or call the NBICF office at 707-591-9696. We will need help sorting and pricing on the day before the sale and assistance setting up and selling the day of the sale, as well as cleaning up afterwards. We will also need your donations of baked goods. Thank you, Members!!!

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals: Natalino and Patricia Ferlito, Lyrae Myxter and Paul Balsamello

Continuing Patrons: Richard and Pamela Belluzzo, J. V. and R. Ginocchio, Rene Berardi-Stewart

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

Incontro

Ongoing Incontro meets at 10:30am every other Saturday at the NBICF Center at 64 Brookwood Avenue. Join in on informal Italian conversations with others who speak Italian. For more information contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176 or email him at george.zena@gmail.com.

Book Group

The final meeting of the Book Group for the summer will be on July 21st. The topic of discussion is *Himalayan Pink Salt*, a short novel written by Italian author Camilla Baresani. Described as tough, relentless, corrosive—*Himalayan Pink Salt* tells the story of Giada, a thirty-year-old, business-driven woman living alone in Milan who mysteriously disappears. Did she have a gambling habit? Did she runaway with a lover? Why would she miss her mother's birthday or an important business appointment? For Giada, it's wondering why no one is looking for her. This book is a commentary on the preoccupation with social media and assumptions. Book Group meets on 7pm at the NBICF Center. For more information, call 707-591-9696. Everyone is welcome. Book Group will resume meetings in September.

Team Member Needed to Assist Raffle Chairperson!

Our raffle chairperson, JoAnn Piantanida, is asking for a volunteer to help with raffle duties. This person will help gather prizes for the monthly raffle and serve as back-up if the chairperson be unavailable. It should be a member who attends monthly dinner meetings, and secondly, enjoys shopping and searching for items of interest. The majority of prizes are purchased, however we also receive donated items from members and merchants, for which we are grateful. Interested members should call JoAnn at 707-586-1167.

At the Center with Diane McCurdy

Showing Inside at Pizza, Birra e Vino, July 12, 2016

You must have a ticket to the event in order to attend this film showing.

A Five Star Life (2013)

Forty-something Irene has a dream job that makes life easy—she is a luxury hotel inspector and her work takes her from Paris to Gstaad to Berlin to Morocco to China. But does a dream job necessarily mean a dream life? Her sister wants her to marry, her ex, who is now her best friend, has found someone new. This film has been called the Italian *Eat, Pray, Love*.

Star Margherita Buy won the Best Actress Donatello Award in Italy. *In Italian (with subtitles).*



Showing Sunday, August 28, 2016

Doors open 2:00pm.

For information: 707-591-9696

Free. No reservations required.

October 1944 in war torn Italy, Hana, a French-Canadian nurse working in a mobile army medical unit, feels like everything she loves in life dies on her. Because of the dangers and difficulty of traveling, especially in a terrain still heavily booby-trapped with land mines, Hana volunteers to stay behind in a bombed-out church to care solely for a dying semi-amnesiac patient, who is badly burned and disfigured. All the patient remembers is that he is English and that he is married. Their solitude is disrupted with the arrival of David Caravaggio, part of the Intelligence Service, who is certain that he knows the patient as a man who cooperated with the Germans. Caravaggio believes that the patient's memory is largely intact and that he is running away from his past. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Colin Firth, Willem Da Foe, Juliette Binoche and Kristin Scott Thomas. *In English*



Travel News/Andiamo

Sunday, July 17, 3:00pm

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM: LAZIO

Sharie Sbrazza of Andiamo Travel will present her next free lecture/video on the region of Lazio at the NBICF Center on Sunday, July 17th at 3pm. Rome, the capital of Italy, lies in the region of Lazio. Other cities to explore are Viterbo, Frascati, Tivoli and Terracina. Hear about the history, arts, wine and travel tips of Lazio from an expert. These events are well attended so RSVP early to Sharie at andiamotravel@hotmail.com.

A donation of \$5 for refreshments and to cover utilities is suggested.



Upcoming Tours:

TUSCANY'S MAREMMA/ETRUSCAN COAST—

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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.

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 11am–5pm

As some of you may already know, there will not be a Festa Italiana this year. Instead, NBICF is bringing a new tradition to our community. The *Mercatino di Natale Festa* will be held at St. Rose Parish Hall on December 3, 2016, 11am–5pm. This will be a traditional Italian Christmas Market with a marketplace, food, music, Befana and more. Open to the general public and co-produced with the Slow Food Sonoma County North Chapter, advance tickets will go on sale at our September dinner for \$5. Tickets on the day of the event will be \$10. Tickets will also be available on Brown Paper Tickets and through NBICF. For more information, see the next issue of the *Mosaico*.



This event is in addition to our Annual Festa di Natale Member Dinner, December 17th.

From the President's Corner

Salve (*Hello*),

In May, Stephanie Norse began teaching a beginning Italian language class at the Center on Wednesday evenings. Emily Evans also teaches an advanced Italian Language class at the Center on Thursday nights. In addition, NBICF offers an Italian Language Summer Camp for youth with instructor Joli Love. I am pleased that the Foundation offers Italian language classes. We are lucky to have three highly qualified teachers who have a passion for the Italian language, as I do. This is in keeping with the Foundations mission of promoting Italian culture and heritage in the North Bay.

I recently learned, that due to budget constraints, the Santa Rosa Junior College may cut back on offering Italian language classes. Fortunately, Santa Rosa High School still offers Italian classes with instructor Carla Forchini. However Carla has been struggling to get support from school officials to continue funding these classes. Now, Carla has received approval from the SRCS board to start a Santa Rosa High School cultural exchange program with a high school in Montebelluna, Treviso, Italy. Carla will need additional financial support for this program.

So why study Italian? Since Italy is one of the top five economies in the world, an estimated 7,500 American companies do business in Italy. These companies are seeking people who speak both Italian and English. Being able to speak Italian is beneficial in many fields. Italy is a leader in culinary arts, fashion, robotics, graphic design, and transportation equipment. Knowledge of Italian is also essential for a good understanding of art and music. The Foundation and its members need to support Italian language studies as they are necessary for maintaining our cultural heritage culture in the North Bay. Your opinions are welcome. Please let me know your thoughts on this important subject.

I hope to see you at the Pizza, Birra & Vino fundraiser on July 12th, and the Pallino Casino on July 30th!

And please save the date of September 11, 2016 for a Sunday at the Center lecture by Lawrence W. DiStasi on his new book *Branded*. The book chronicles the experiences of Italian immigrants branded as “enemy aliens” by their adopted country during World War II. Further details on reserving a seat and the ticket cost will be published in the September/October *Mosaico*. And, on Saturday, December 3, 2016 join NBICF for the first annual “Mercatino Di Natale Festa” at St Rose Parish Hall. Ticket information will be available soon. Look for details regarding this event in the upcoming edition of the *Mosaico*.

“La semplicità è l’ultima sofisticazione.” (*Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.*) — Leonardo Da Vinci.



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

- July 12, 2016 6pm**
Pizza, Birra e Vino at the NBICF Center, with film, *Five Star Life*
- July 16, 2016 1-5pm**
Paint Italy Workshop at the NBICF Center
- July 17, 2016 3pm**
Sundays at the Center, *Regional Travel Program—Lazio*
- July 21, 2016 7pm**
Book Group at the NBICF Center
- July 30, 2016 5:30-10pm**
Pallino Casino Night Fundraiser at St. Rose Parish Hall,
320 Tenth Street, Santa Rosa
- August 13, 2016 9am-3pm**
NBICF Biggest Rummage Sale Ever, at the NBICF Center
- August 28, 2016 2pm**
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The English Patient*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

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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

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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, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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

R E S E R V A T I O N S

Pallino Casino, Fundraiser for NBICF & SCBF

Saturday, July 30, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 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

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