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Giorno di Ringraziamento e la Festa di Natale

MERCATINO DI NATALE— an Italian Christmas Festival

Saturday, December 3, 2016 11am – 5pm
St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA

FOR THOSE OF YOU who miss the old Festa Italiana at the Vets Building, rejoice! On December 3, 2016, inside the St. Rose Parish Hall, we will be bringing you an Italian Christmas festival—a *Mercatino di Natale!* Take a stroll through our Italian village filled with holiday decorations, live music, food, gift items, with visits from Befana (the kind Italian Christmas witch) for the children, and fortune-teller Signora Allora, who tells only good fortunes. It will be great fun for all!

Partnering once again with the non-profit Slow Food Sonoma County North, *Mercatino di Natale* will be a day of enjoying Christmas shopping, music, food and drink, Italian-style. There will be live entertainment by Sherri Mignano of Due Zighi Baci and our own Coro Allegro. In the marketplace, you'll find art, jewelry, pottery, woodworking, local olive oil, imported gift items from Italy, cannoli, honey, pickles, an Italian-themed book sale, our own NBICF mercato for clothing and other gifts, live tabletop Christmas trees, and many more things to enjoy!

You'll be able to buy polenta and stew, Italian sausage sandwiches, pesto pasta, or a combo plate. Enjoy it all with wine, Italian beer, or sparkling water while sitting in our Italian cafe. For dessert? Try the cannoli!

View the "History of Italians in Sonoma County" multimedia exhibit, proudly featuring interviews with members of some of the oldest Italian families in the area.

Slow Food Sonoma County North and the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation will each be holding silent auctions to benefit their respective cultural and community endeavors. Come bid on gourmet dinners, cases of fine wine, and other intriguing items.

Doors will open at 11am. The tickets are \$5 in advance, available at all NBICF events, at the NBICF office at 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, or through Brown Paper Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2667032. Admission for children under 12 is free. Tickets on the day of the event are \$10 at the door, so get your tickets early! Parking is free! For more information, call the NBICF office at 707-591-9696.

GIORNO DI RINGRAZIAMENTO

Monday, November 21, 2016

AS WE LOOK AROUND Sonoma County, we see the season changing before our eyes—leaves falling, vineyards turning into colors of red and yellow, and holiday decorations going up everywhere. As the days get shorter and the cooler weather sets in, it's time to go indoors and gratefully share a meal with friends and family.

For the Giorno di Ringraziamento, our *Italian-American Heritage Dinner*, we will be dining on antipasti, salad and bread, bay-leaf chicken with risotto, butternut squash and pumpkin pie for dessert. Reservations must be received by November 16, 2016. Please see the flyer enclosed for dinner reservations.

FESTA DI NATALE

Annual Member Christmas Dinner
Saturday, December 17, 2016

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL DINNER with a guest appearance of Befana for the children and Coro Allegro singing for us. We will enjoy a meal featuring antipasti, bread, Caesar salad, rosemary potatoes, portobello mushrooms, winter vegetables, prime rib and cream puffs for dessert! *Please note:* the cost of this dinner is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. The price for teens and children is unchanged. The deadline to reserve your place is December 10, 2016. Make your reservation early because this dinner always sells out. Also, on this evening, we will draw the winner of the Raffle for the Trip for Two in Tuscany, so don't miss it!

*Member Dinners are held at St. Rose Parish Hall,
320 Tenth Street, Santa Rosa, CA
Doors open 5:00 pm. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm*



» *Save the Date!* The NBICF Third Annual Crab Feed will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Rose Parish Hall. All net proceeds will benefit NBICF's scholarships and cultural activities. The menu will include appetizers, pesto pasta, salad, garlic bread, all-you-can-eat crab and dessert. Enjoy the no-host bar and the prize-filled raffle.

Tickets are \$60 for adults. Reservations and payment must be received by January 16th. See enclosed flyer.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals: Carla Forchini, Judy Paolini,
Carol Speranza, Stephanie Stergion, Beth Edwards

Families: Rose & David Buechler

Business Members:

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:

Jane Cadd, Jack DeMeo,
and Margaret Benelli, mother of Mark Pedroia

We have received a donation from Sharie Sbrazza in memory of Edy Reagan, Gloria Pennato, Jane Cadd and Mrs. Della Faloni

Book Group

Calling all readers! If you haven't heard, NBICF holds an Italian-themed book group that meets upstairs at the Center every third Thursday of the month at 7pm. The group is open to anyone interested in Italian-themed literature. Sometimes the group will read and discuss the same book, sometimes it's reader's choice and you can share what you've read. All books are written in English. Some were originally written in Italian, while others have Italian-American authors, many take place in Italy, or are stories about Italian-Americans.

Here are some titles the group has read in the past: *The Baron in the Trees* by Italo Calvino, *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante, *Timeskipper* by Stefano Benni, *The Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim, *A Tuscan Childhood* by Kinta Beevor, *Himalayan Pink Salt* by Camilla Barenzani, *The Almond Picker* by Simonetta Agnello Hornby, *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham and *Inferno* by Dan Brown. The group has also read titles from the series of books by Donna Leon and Andrea Camilleri, and many historical novels.

Come join the next group meeting Thursday, November 17th. There will be no meeting in December because of the holidays. The book group will resume in January.

To attend, no reservations are needed. For more information email Diane McCurdy at dmcurdy@sonic.net or call the NBICF office at 707-591-9696.

Incontro

The ongoing Incontro group meets at 10:30am every other Saturday at the NBICF Center for informal Italian conversation. For more information contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

Win A Trip to Tuscany for Two!!

There is still time to get your tickets! NBICF has rolled out a raffle for a ten-day TRIP TO TUSCANY for two people. The trip includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. Travel will take place in Fall 2017. The drawing will be held on December 17, 2016 at the NBICF Member Dinner. Tickets are \$20/each. **Only 600 tickets are available**, so your chances of winning are quite good. A portion of the proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Santa Rosa High School *Scambio Culturale* Italian Student Exchange Program. Tickets are available at all NBICF events and dinners, also from any NBICF board member, or by calling George Golfieri at 908-202-7321, or Les Villanyi at 707-484-4992.

Paint Italy Workshop

The Paint Italy Workshop will resume in the new year starting January 14, 2017 at the Center. This group is open to all levels of painters who are interested in painting iconic images of Italy as their subject matter.

This year, participants painted images of a Carnevale mask, Cefalu Sicily, lavender in Tuscany, a lemon still life, and an iconic Italian door. Each workshop provides participants with a canvas and the use of brushes and paints. Snacks and drinks are also provided. Come enjoy four hours of fun and creativity. No experience is necessary, as you are guided through the painting process by the instructor. For more information or to enroll in the workshop, contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

Showing November 27, 2016 *The Tourist* (2010)

Starring Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie, the story revolves around Frank, an American tourist visiting Italy to mend a broken heart. Elise is an extraordinary woman who deliberately crosses his path. Against the breathtaking backdrop of Venice, Frank pursues a potential romance but soon finds himself the pursued, as he and Elise are caught in a whirlwind of intrigue and danger. *In English, Italian, French, German, Russian and Spanish.*



Please Note: There will be no film in December.

Travel News/Andiamo

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM:

Christmas is the perfect time to share Italy's special events with family & friends. This holiday season offers extra reasons to visit—Pope Francis proclaimed 2016 as the “Year of Mercy”, with the St. Peter Basilica Holy Door open until November 21st, before the Christmas festivities begin.

You can take advantage of tour and travel discounts now until March 2017, ahead of the busy season that begins with Easter.

Andiamo's 20th Annual Autumn Tour participants will return right before this Thanksgiving from Tuscany's Etruscan Coast. Everyone will feel grateful that they were able to visit beautiful Italy at this time of year. If you missed signing up for this milestone adventure, consider the lucky 21st Annual Autumn Tour exploring Puglia and Calabria in November 2017. You'll linger for five nights in Puglia, then travel to Calabria, staying four nights near Vibo and four relaxing nights in Maratea. You'll have an option to extend your trip to include Naples, Sorrento, Pompeii, Capri, or other destinations.

You can also travel to discover authentic Italy in June with Santa Rosa Junior College Professor, Gino Muzzatti, chairman of NBICF's Scholarship Committee.

Buon Natale e Buon Capo d'Anno from Sharie at Andiamo by Sbrazza since 1979
andiamotravel@hotmail.com

NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1986

Cultural Opportunities for Members

Bringing art to the Center is just one more way that NBICF is working to provide cultural experiences for our members. If painting isn't your thing... try singing with Coro Allegro, learning more Italian in one of our language classes, brushing up on your Italian conversational skills with Incontro, learning about Italian films on Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, reading Italian-related literature with our Book Group, doing some armchair travel or taking a trip to Italy with Andiamo Travel programs. Viva Italia!

Molto Importante !

If you have questions regarding, or would like to participate in the upcoming 3rd Annual Crab Feed in January, 2017, please call Maggie Brothers at 707-695-2022.

And, if you would like to volunteer to help with any other NBICF event, please contact either one of our volunteer coordinators, Nancy DeVincenzi or Barbara Grcar, through the NBICF office at 707-591-9696.

From the President's Corner

Cari Amici,

Another year is winding down and before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us.

Please join me in wishing Arturo Ibleto, the Pasta King, un Buon Compleanno! Arturo turned 90 on October 9th. Arturo is one of the founders of the Foundation, Board Director Emeritus, and always a supporter of NBICF.

Central Italy suffered a major earthquake on August 24, 2016. To support relief efforts, the NBICF Board of Directors approved a donation of \$1,000 at the September 7th board meeting. The donation was made through the National Italian American Foundation to the Italian-American Relief Fund. This year, NBICF also contributed \$2,500 toward scholarships and in other other charitable donations.

In our last Mosaico, the Foundation announced a raffle fundraiser, *A Trip to Tuscany for Two*, a ten-day trip which includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. Raffle tickets are \$20/each. Only 600 ticket will be sold! The drawing takes place at the Festa di Natale dinner on December 17, 2016. You do not have to be present to win. Raffle tickets are available from board members or by contacting Les Villanyi at 707-484-4992 or me (George) at 908-202-7321. For more information and details visit www.nbicf.org.

At our monthly member dinner on November 21, 2016, we will cast votes to elect new, or re-elect some of the current board members. Please attend this very important dinner and cast your vote!

I hope everyone that attended the October 23rd Wine-maker Dinner at Franchetti's Wood Fired Kitchen had a good time and enjoyed the wines and presentation from Forchini Winery. Proceeds support our scholarship programs.

Come join us on December 3rd at St. Rose Parish Hall for the *Mercatino di Natale* Italian Christmas Festival. This will not replace our regular monthly member dinner in December, instead it will be an additional event—a mini Festa Italiana for NBICF members and the general public. Also, coming up in January, is our 3rd Annual Crab Feed fundraiser. For complete details, please refer to the articles and flyers in this issue of the Mosaico.

I would like to introduce our volunteer coordinators: Nancy DeVincenzi and Barbara Grcar. They will be calling members on occasion to ask for volunteers to help with NBICF fundraisers and events. Please give them your courteous cooperation when they call.

“Ogni cosa ha il suo tempo, bisogna solo avere la pazienza e la forza di aspettare.”

“Everything has its time, you just have to have patience and the strength to wait.”



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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 all 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

- November 17, 2016** 7pm
Book Group meeting at the Center
- November 21, 2016** 6pm (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm)
Italian-American Heritage Member Dinner, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
- November 27, 2016** 2pm
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The Tourist*
- December 3, 2016** 11am-5pm
Mercatino di Natale Christmas Festival, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
(Tickets \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door)
- December 17, 2016** 6pm (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm)
Festa di Natale Member Dinner, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
- January 14, 2017** 1-5pm
Paint Italy Workshop at the NBICF Center
- January 21, 2017** 6pm (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm)
3rd Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

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. Submit your articles four weeks prior to the 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 are transferable; No reservations accepted on event dates. Space is 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 & Thursdays 2-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696
 Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of each month.

For Information:

Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi
 Library/Office: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
 Italian Classes: 707-874-2512, Emily Evans
 Membership: 707-591-9696 Nancy DeVincenzi
 Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn
 Scholarships: 707-523-0296 Gino Muzzatti
 Sunshine Cards: 707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida
 Volunteer Coordinators: Nancy DeVincenzi/Barbara Grcar 707-591-9696

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please make your checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. For more Information, call: 707-591-9696



— R A F F L E —

Win a Trip to Italy for Two

Ten Days in Tuscany

Trip includes airfare, lodging, and transportation.

Drawing: December 17, 2016
at the NBICF Christmas Dinner
Winner need not be present to win
Trip to be taken in Fall 2017

A portion of the proceeds to benefit: Santa Rosa High School
Scambio Culturale Italian student exchange program

\$20/ticket

Only 600 tickets will be sold! Get yours soon!

For Tickets:

Call George Golfieri: 908-202-7321 or Les Villanyi: 707-484-4992

Tickets available at all NBICF events, or by calling the NBICF office: 707-591-9696

Terms and conditions for the raffle and the trip to Italy are available on the NBICF website: www.nbicf.org.

Hard copies of the terms & conditions are available upon request.



NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the Study, Preservation and Enjoyment of Italian Culture



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and Slow Food Sonoma County North



P R E S E N T



AN ITALIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Mercatino di Natale

Saturday, December 3, 2016
11am – 5pm

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Live Entertainment by

Sheri Mignano of Due Zighi Baci and NBICF Coro Allegro

Food, Wine, Beer, Live Music, Food Tastings, Local Crafts, Artisan Gifts,
Silent Auction, Italian-Themed Books for all ages, and more

Special Appearance by La Befana
(the kind Italian Christmas witch)

\$5/ticket in advance \$10/ticket at the door
Children under 12: Free

Be sure to get your tickets soon!



FOR TICKETS

NBICF office 707-591-9696. Also, available at all NBICF events and dinners,
or email Slow Food Sonoma County North:
slowfoodsonomacountynorth@gmail.com
or through Brown Paper Tickets at
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2667032.

For more information, please see the NBICF website: www.nbicf.org.

— S P O N S O R S —

LUTHER BURBANK SAVINGS

VICTOR & KAREN TRIONE AND SONOMA COUNTY GRANGE CREDIT UNION

*Proceeds from this event benefit the community endeavors of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation
and Slow Food Sonoma County North, non-profit organizations in Sonoma County, CA.*



NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION
— PRESENTS —

THE 3rd ANNUAL
Crab Feed
FUNDRAISER

JANUARY 21, 2017

Proceeds to benefit NBICF's scholarships
and cultural activities

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS

NBICF 3rd Annual Crab Feed

St. Rose Parish Hall
320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Prepaid Reservations Only
Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

_____ places at \$60/each per person

Name _____

Reserve by January 16, 2017. Make checks payable to NBICF.
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

You can also reserve tickets online at:
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2696238

— MENU —

Appetizers
Salad, Garlic Bread,
Pesto Pasta,
all-you-can-eat Crab,
Dessert

No Host Bar & Raffle

St. Rose Parish Hall,
320 10th Street,
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

For more info call: 707 591 9696

Reserve tickets online at:
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2696238



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation
— MEMBER DINNER —

Italian-American Heritage Dinner

Monday, November 21, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Dinner Menu:

Antipasti, Salad, Bread,
Bay-Leaf Chicken & Risotto, Butternut Squash,
Pumpkin Pie

No-host Bar & Raffle

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

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Monday, November 21, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 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 November 16, 2017. Make checks payable to NBICF.
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North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation
— MEMBER DINNER —

Festa di Natale

Saturday, December 17, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

Dinner Menu:

Antipasti, Caesar Salad, Bread,
Prime Rib with Horseradish Sauce,
Rosemary Potatoes, Portobello Mushrooms,
Winter Vegetables,
Cream Puffs

No-host Bar

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

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Festa di Natale Dinner
Saturday, December 17, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
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