



## TANTI AUGURI DI BUON ANNO!

### THIRD ANNUAL CRAB FEED Saturday, January 21, 2017

THE NBICF THIRD ANNUAL CRAB FEED will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth Street in Santa Rosa. All net proceeds will benefit NBICF's scholarships and cultural activities. The menu will include Ceviche, made and donated by Randy Apel, as well as shrimp appetizers, pesto pasta, salad, fresh bread, all-you-can-eat crab and dessert. Enjoy the no-host bar and the special prize-filled raffle.



Reservations and your payments must be received by Monday, January 16, 2017. Please see enclosed flyer for more details and to make reservations. *Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm.*

### MERCATINO DI NATALE (UPDATE) Our Italian Christmas Festival

MILLE GRAZIE!—THANK YOU!—to everyone that participated, including the non-profit Slow Food Sonoma County North, in our first Mercatino di Natale. Many thanks as well to all of the wonderful vendors who came with their items to sell. And, a special thank you to Susan Adler who had the idea to create the Mercatino di Natale event. It was a festive day of enjoying the Christmas season with shopping, music, food and drink—all Italian-style.

### With the New Year Come New Changes

RANDY APEL, our NBICF chef for over 20 years, has decided to retire from his position as of February 1, 2017. Along with this change, as of the first of February, Linda Apel will be stepping away from the Mangiamo committee. For the past 20 plus years, Linda has been involved in planning, running and working the monthly member dinners. This year Maggie Brothers and Susan Adler will also be departing the Mangiamo Committee.

Thank you to Randy, Linda, Maggie and Susan for their many years of dedication and hard work. We all appreciate and have benefited from their efforts and time.

We hope to see them at the future dinners to enjoy, relax and sit down with fellow members and friends!

### GIORNO DI CARNEVALE—Winter Celebration Monday, February 20, 2017

THE ANNUAL CARNEVALE WINTER CELEBRATION will be held Monday, February 20, 2017 at St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth Street in Santa Rosa. The Pasta King, Arturo Ibleto, will prepare his famous pasta, both red sauce with meat balls and pesto pasta. The menu will also include antipasti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. There will be a no-host bar, raffle and entertainment. Reservations and payment must be received by Monday, February 13, 2017. Please see enclosed flyer for reservations and details. *Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm.*



For the people of Italy, Carnevale is a huge winter festival, usually complete with masks, parades, music and parties. Starting as a final celebration before Lent begins, it is as popular in Italy now as it was in the 1200s. The most famous Carnevale celebration takes place in Venice. Viareggio, located on the Tuscan coast, has one of the largest celebrations in all of Italy.

The town of Ivrea, located in Piedmont, might just have one of the most particular Carnevale celebrations in all of Italy. Every year, the colorful parade ends in a huge orange-throwing battle in the center of town that fills the city with the smells and colors of the oranges. Put on a red hat to show that you won't be throwing any oranges—which might not totally protect you from flying fruit, but should help!

Puglia has more Carnival celebrations than any other region in Italy, but special mention goes to the Carnevale of Putignano for being Italy's longest and possibly oldest celebration!

» *Save the Date! Monday, March 20, 2017—*

**Tavolo di San Giuseppe** (The Feast of St. Joseph) also known as Father's Day in Italy, is a popular Italian and Sicilian tradition. On the night of our dinner, members are asked to bring donated gifts of canned or dried foods to provide for those who are less fortunate.

## Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

**Individuals:** Norma Bramstedt, Ann Porrino, Tim Tesconi

**Families:** Sam and Betz Miller, Patricia Lara family, Ron and Sally Grassi

**Patron New Members:**

Peter Workman and Mimi Tapper

**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

We have received a donation from Sharie Sbrazza in memory of Muffy Bertuccio and Jack DeMeo.

## Book Group

NBICF has an Italian-themed book group that meets at the Center once a month. This group is open to men and women interested in Italian-themed literature. Sometimes the group will read and discuss the same book, sometimes it is reader's choice and you can share what you've read. All books are written in English with an Italian theme.

The Book Group meets every third Thursday of the month at 7pm, upstairs at the Center, 64 Brookwood Avenue. If you'd like to attend, no reservations are needed. For more information email Diane McCurdy at [dmccurdy@sonic.net](mailto:dmccurdy@sonic.net) or call the NBICF office at 707-591-9696.

## Incontro

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.

## 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.

Each workshop provides participants with a canvas, use of brushes and paints. Snacks and drinks are also provided. It is four hours of fun and creativity as you are guided through the experience by the instructor. For more information or to join the group, contact Susan Terracina Adler at [adler@sonic.net](mailto:adler@sonic.net).

## So... who won the Trip to Tuscany??

WE ANNOUNCED the winner of the TRIP TO TUSCANY FOR TWO on December 17, 2016 at the NBICF Member Dinner. The winner was Neal Arneson of Healdsburg. The winning ticket was sold by Monica Garcia, a teacher at Santa Rosa High School. This is quite fitting, since a portion of the proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Santa Rosa High School *Scambio Culturale* Italian Student Exchange Program. Congratulations to the winner and all who helped in this successful fundraising event!

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

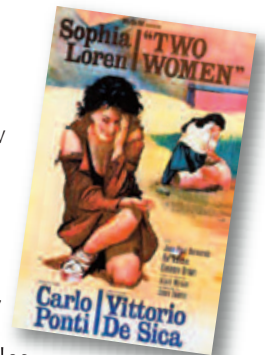
Showing January 22, 2017

*Two Women*(1960) 1hr 40min

Cesira (Sophia Loren) is a beautiful widow and a successful grocery store owner in Rome. WWII is raging, and she fears for her beloved daughter, 13-year-old Rosetta, amid the daily bombings. They travel to the village where Cesira was born, where Cesira believes they will be safer. There, they are happy even as food dwindles.

A young intellectual, Michele, falls in love with Cesira, who is too consumed with the well-being of her daughter and their survival to return his timid advances. As the allies advance, Cesira decides to return to Rome, and encounters the horrors of war at last. *In Italian, with English subtitles.*

This film represents the first time an OSCAR was given for a non-English speaking performance... Brava Sophia!!!!



Showing February 26, 2017

*The Name of the Rose* (1986) 2hrs 10min

A mystery starring Sean Connery (the first James Bond). In 1327, after a mysterious death in a Benedictine Abbey, the monks are convinced that the apocalypse is coming. With the Abbey to play host to a Council on the Franciscan Order's belief that the Church should rid itself of wealth, William of Baskerville, a respected Franciscan friar, is called on to help determine the cause of the untimely death. Alas, more deaths occur as the investigation draws closer to uncovering the secret the Abbey wants to keep hidden. There is finally no stopping the Holy Inquisition from taking an active hand in the process. William and his young novice must race against time to prove the innocence of those unjustly accused and avoid the wrath of Holy Inquisitor, Bernardo Gui. *In English.*



## Travel News: Andiamo / Let's Go! —————

### REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS

#### ITALY, THE ETRUSCAN COAST

Welcome home to those who made new friends and enjoyed the bucolic Maremma area in seaside Tuscany last month!

#### ITALIAN LANGUAGE, OPERA, ART & MORE

JUNE 16 – JULY 2, 2017

Savor the small LeMarche town of Urbania from June 16th to July 2nd. Learn Italian at one of seven levels. Take cooking, opera and art classes. Discover Urbino, Florence and Rome. SRJC Professor Gino Muzzatti escorts this unique tour, plus Emerging Cuba in March. Information, email Gino at gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu.

#### ITALY'S HEEL & TOE:

PUGLIA & CALABRIA — NOVEMBER 1– 13, 2017

Italia's three southern regions beckon November 1st through the 13th. Linger four days in Puglia/Basilicata, amid trulli and Adriatic masseria—see Alberobello, Gallipoli, Ostuni, Polignano, Metaponto and Matera Sassi. Sip primitivo wine in Manduria! Then via Sybaris and Rossano, stay four days near Catanzaro to visit Crotona, Vibo, Squilace, Tropea, Bagnara, Scilla, Gerace, Locri and Reggio Calabria. Marvel at those Riace Bronzes! Then via Cosenza and Cetraro, linger 3 days on Policastro Bay in Maratea, Sapri, Scalea, Cilento Cape, Palinuro, Velia & Paestum. Admire the Greek temples, better than the ones in Greece! Via Padula, Pertosa, Eboli, Salerno, Amalfi coast and Mt. Vesuvio, arrive in lively Napoli. Stay independently on a 6-night optional extension. Sharie Sbrazza escorts this 21st annual fall tour. In May, she will also be escorting a Budapest/Prague cruise.

*Sharie at Andiamo by Sbrazza since 1979*

*Information: contact andiamotravel@hotmail.com*

NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1986

## On the Tradition of Carnevale —————

In Italy, every city and town, even the smallest, has its very own parade to celebrate Carnevale. Everyone participates, every family cooks up a storm to honor this century long tradition of dancing, masquerading and feasting before the fasting and meditating of Lent. Carnevale ends with the beginning of Lent, on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday. The festival, of course, is world famous for its beautiful and elaborate masks.



## The President's Corner

Un Buon Capodanno a tutti voi. Happy New Year to everyone. I hope members enjoyed the holidays with their family and friends. I hope 2017 is a happy and healthy year for all members. As we look ahead to the New Year, let us review the Foundations accomplishments for 2016.

The foundation sponsored six very successful fundraisers including the "Trip to Italy" raffle that supported the Santa Rosa High School Italian exchange program. The Foundation has raised over \$10,000 which will go to support the Foundations scholarship programs, events, and operating expenses. In June, the Foundation hosted its annual Language Camp for Youth. This has become a popular annual event. In 2016 the foundation awarded \$3,575 to students enrolled in Italian language classes. The Board also approved an increase in the Florence study abroad scholarship to \$750. Since the inception of the NBICF scholarship program over \$107,575 has been awarded to students. The Foundation also donated \$1,000 on behalf of members to the Italian Relief Fund to support the relief efforts after the powerful earthquake that rocked central Italy this past summer. In the spring the Board approved painting the Italian Cultural Center building's exterior which was badly needed. Our membership continues to grown steadily, this year adding 21 new members.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work this past year and to our members for their support. I would also like to thank all our volunteers who have helped at various NBICF events throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate and introduce the new NBICF Board members: Evelyn Izzarelli, Arleen Place, Stephan Ruffino, Sharie Sbrazza, and Marie Maggi Wilson. I appreciate their commitment to NBICF and I know they will contribute to the success of the Foundation.

A long time board member and first Vice president, Maggie Brothers has decided not to pursue another term on the Board of Directors, as she needs to devote more of her time to her business. Maggie's service to NBICF and to the Board of Directors is greatly appreciated. Her leadership and planning skills has led to successful events such as the Human Race and Crab Feed. Maggie also volunteered at many NBICF events including Festa and served on the Mangiamo committee. Much of the success of the Foundation can be attributed to Maggie's dedication and support. Maggie will remain a member of NBICF and we wish her the best of luck in her business.

I would also like to thank Susan Adler who has decided not to return to the Board. Susan was second vice president and secretary. Her contributions to NBICF are many— Pizza & Birra, Mercantino di Natale, Rummage Sale, and Paint Italy, just to name a few. Her dedication, contributions and support have led to the overall success of the Foundation.

*Save the Date > April 1, 2017 is the date of the next lecture on Italian history by Dr. Douglas Kenning. More information will be announced in the March/April Mosaico.*



*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 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**

- January 14, 2017** 1–5pm  
Paint Italy Workshop at the NBICF Center
- January 19, 2017** 7pm  
Book Group 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
- January 22, 2017** 2pm  
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Two Women*
- February 20, 2017** 6pm (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)  
Carnevale, Winter Celebration Dinner, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
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- March 20, 2017** 6pm (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)  
Tavolo di San Giuseppe Dinner, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

**NBICF Board of Directors:**

Ann Abbruzzese, Linda Apel, Allen Barbieri, Patti Buttitta, Mark DeVincenzi, George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176), Evelyn Izzarelli, Marie Maggi-Wilson, Arleen Place, Don Raimondi, Stephan Ruffino, Sharie Sbrazza, Carole Stewart, Les Villanyi

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

*Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Marie Maggi-Wilson, 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/Kathy Ruffino: 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*



NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

— PRESENTS —

THE 3RD ANNUAL

# *Crab Feed*

FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, 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**

Saturday, January 21, 2017

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](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2696238)

— MENU —

Ceviche, Shrimp Appetizers

Salad, Fresh Bread,

Pesto Pasta,

all-you-can-eat Crab,

Dessert

No Host Bar & Special Raffle

St. Rose Parish Hall,

320 10th Street,

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

For more info call: 707 591 9696

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NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION  
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# Carnevale

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

Entertainment by Carlo Solivan

**DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**Carnevale Celebration Dinner**

Monday, February 20, 2017

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 \$18/each for Members
- \_\_\_ places at \$20/each for Guests
- \_\_\_ places at \$ 8/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs
- \_\_\_ places at \$ 5/each for Child, 5–12 yrs
- \_\_\_ places at free/each for Child under 5 yrs

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve by February 13, 2017. Make checks payable to NBICF.  
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Antipasti, Garlic Bread,  
Pasta with Red Sauce and Meatballs,  
Pesto Pasta, Salad, and Dessert,  
Wine included  
No-host Bar & Raffle

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

For more info call: 707 591 9696

*Wear your masks.  
Come and dance!*

