



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

I hope all of you, your family, and friends are in good health.

I was hoping to start my article on a more positive note, but unfortunately, I do not have any good news about when the Foundation can restart its monthly dinners. The Board was hoping to begin dinners this September, however, due to the rise of the COVID variant, it has been decided to postpone the monthly dinners to insure a safe environment for members and guests. The Board will monitor the situation to determine when monthly dinners can restart. I know that this is not what members want to hear. Perhaps there is a positive to the delay of the monthly dinners – needing a new venue. St. Rose substantially raised their rental fee for the Parish Hall which makes it prohibitive for the Foundation to rent the hall as the fee has more than doubled. The Foundation is contacting other venues and hopefully a venue can be found that will offer rental fees that will be within the Foundation's budget.

October was designated "Italian-American Heritage month" in 1989 by the Presidential and Congressional proclamation. This proclamation honors the achievements of Italian immigrants and their descendants and their contributions to the arts, science, and culture.

Did you know that Columbus Day is one of America's oldest holidays, first celebrated in the 18<sup>th</sup> century? It was in 1792 when the New York Society of Tammany honored Columbus on the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first voyage. According to the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, America has more monuments to Columbus than any other nation in the world.

I would like to thank those members who purchased the To-Go dinner in July. It was a sold-out success. Randy cooked a delicious chicken cacciatore and risotto dinner. NBICF will offer a To-Go dinner in October. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for full details and menu. Please continue to page 2

**Saturday, October 23, To-Go Dinner**

**Prepaid Reservations ONLY.** Limited to 120 dinners.

Homemade Italian sausage, Pasta al Pesto,  
Focaccia, Salad, and Dessert.

Prepared by Randy Apel

**See enclosed flyer**

*Thank you - Grazie*

The following member(s) have made donations to NBICF:

**Micheline Justman**

Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

The Italian words for **patience and understanding:**

**pazienza e comprensione**

## Disney and Pixar's Luca

**Luca** is a tribute to Italy, focusing on the Italian Riviera. Enrico Casarosa, is a Genoese director, animator, and screenwriter. The film is inspired by a childhood bond with Alberto Sura, an Air Force Pilot, who was also born in Genoa.

The story is set in a beautiful seaside town on the Italian Riviera and is about two young boys experiencing an unforgettable summer filled with gelato, pasta, and endless scooter rides. The two don't only share a deep friendship but also a great secret.

Casarosa moved to New York to study animation and grew up at Disney and was the screenwriter and director of "La Luna", a short film which was nominated for the Academy Award. He also lived in Berkeley, CA, but has returned to Piaggio, in Genoa.

Excerpts from an article were quoted with permission by the online version of L'Italo Americano newspaper.



**Volunteer needed** to administer our Facebook page. Interested? Please leave a message at the NBICF office. 707-591-9696.



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## Condolences to the family of:

**Joan Gaidzik**

May she rest in peace.



Thank you **Diane McCurdy** for this wonderful drawing!

Hopefully the Sundays at the Center will return soon.



Maybe the Book Club, too! You always picked great movies and books.

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

“Il mondo è un libro e chi non viaggia legge solo una pagina” translates to “the world is a book and those who don’t travel read only one page”. It is one of our favorite quotes. Like so many, we had numerous trips canceled in 2019 and in 2020, but we both love to travel and were bound and determined to not let a few setbacks beat us. So as travel restrictions began to lift this past June we decided to go to Italy.

After some research, we chose to book a “COVID flight,” which required being COVID tested three times to avoid having to quarantine upon arrival. Like Roman soldiers on a conquest armed with vaccination cards, we were ready to battle the unknown. We boarded our flight to Rome and were pleasantly surprised to discover the flight was only twenty five percent full. All in all, though the logistics of the COVID flight sounded daunting at first, it was no problem. We gallantly survived the paperwork battle and arrived!

We spent three glorious days in Rome exploring on foot local cafes and outdoor sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Piazza Navona, the Coliseum and the Campo di Fiori, to name a few, and what we found was a vibrant city awakening from its quarantine slumber and eager to welcome tourists. Everything was open save for a few museums. Masks were required indoors but not outside, similar to California. Next, we traveled to Sicily for 5 days via a short flight from Rome to Catania and visited the cities of Taormina, Isola Bella, Aci Castello and Ortigia. We encountered few tourists, but the locals were extremely warm and welcoming. We then returned to Italy and spent 5 days in the Puglia region. We rented a renovated trullo in the middle of a 10-acre olive orchard in Ostuni, which we used as a jumping off point to visit Lecce, Polignano a Mare, Locorotondo, Alberobello, and Monopoli. Renting cars at airports in both Catania and Bari was no problem nor was it difficult to find lodgings even though we were booking at the last minute.

We are so glad we took the chance in the face of many unknowns to venture forth. We felt very safe traveling except for the challenges we faced driving on the impossibly narrow Sicilian streets. Though conditions may change as COVID continues to evolve, we are happy to report that at the time of writing this article “il bel paese” is still open for the world to explore, so don’t be afraid to pick up that book and start reading a new page!

Arrivederci e buon viaggio,  
Mike Tosti and Jennifer Cadden

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Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

**Maggie Stader:** \$450 Marianne Pedroncelli scholarship for Italian Studies.

**Christopher Shayota:** \$900 Jeanette and Bill Mitchell scholarship for educators with a course in Italian or an Italy study abroad experience.

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation scholarship program has awarded over \$124,075 to students for Italian Studies.

Nominations for new board members will begin in September. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or would like to nominate a member, please contact me or any board member. A Director must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year to be qualified to serve on the Board.

Congratulations to the Italian national soccer team (gli Azzurri) who beat England on Sunday July 11, to win the European Championship by a score of 3-2. This is a major accomplishment for the Italian National team that witnessed a rebirth after its lowest moment when the team failed to qualify for the World Cup 4 years ago. This was Italy’s 2<sup>nd</sup> European championship. The Italian National team has won 4 World Cups.

“La casa è dove si trova il cuore”. The home is where the heart is. Pliny the Elder.

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**THANK YOU to those who have made donations to NBICF.**

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64 Brookwood Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

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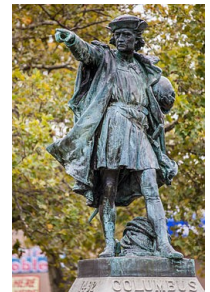
**October 9, 2021** Saturday, 1 pm: Paint Italy at the NBICF Center

**October 11, 2021** second Monday in October - **Columbus Day**

**October 13, 2021** Wednesday, Deadline for reservations for To-Go Dinner

**October 23, 2021** Saturday, 5 pm to 6 pm: To-Go Dinner at the NBICF Center

Homemade Italian sausage, Pasta al Pesto, Focaccia, Salad, and Dessert.



Santa Rosa Junior College. Community Education. Fall semester 2021 – Registration in August

**ITALIANO TRE      Conversational Italian: Engaging *gli italiani***

This course is designed for students who already have a basic understanding of Italian.

This will be a very “active participation” class. There will be conversations with other students and role-playing with your instructor-waiter-cop-shopkeeper-*vucumprà*.... Also, some free time will be needed to practice at home.

We’ll continue with little-known Italian songs & singers, including contemporary singer-songwriters.

Fee: \$126.00. Includes Course Reader, designed for this course and also for self-study after the course. (no book to buy). The Instructor will arrange for delivery one week before the course begins. ***Please try & enroll by Oct. 18, in order to receive the Course Reader.*** This course will be conducted exclusively **online via Zoom.**

6 Wednesday evenings, 5.30-7.30pm, **Wed. Oct. 27 through Dec. 8, 2021**

Instructor: Dave Henderson, PhD Italian, has taught at the SRJC for 39 years.

If you would like any more information, or if you have questions about your own level of Italian for the course, don’t hesitate to contact me at [davehen@sonic.net](mailto:davehen@sonic.net)

Info & registration: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/debf95b6/wbxf03BRkk2A4oQv4VhBhw?u=https://communityed.santarosa.edu/>



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To-Go Dinner**

**Prepaid Reservations ONLY**

Saturday, October 23, 2021

NBICF Cultural Center (Chinn Street parking lot)

**Curbside Pickup 5 pm to 6 pm only.**

Park in the designated **pickup** area and your dinner(s) will be delivered to your car.

To-Go Dinner includes:

**Homemade Italian Sausage**

**Pasta al Pesto, Focaccia,**

**Salad, and Dessert**

\$15.00 per dinner

Prepared by Randy Apel



**Reservations and payment must be received by October 13, 2021**

**Limited to 120 dinners. Reserve early.**

See below for mail-in reservations or make reservations online at: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org).

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NBICF To-Go Dinner - Saturday, October 23, 2021 - Curbside Pick Up at 5:00pm to 6:00pm only

**NBICF Cultural Center, Chinn Street parking lot**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dinner(s) at \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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