



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

Felice anno nuovo a tutti. Happy New Year to everyone.

As I look back on the challenges the Foundation faced in 2022, we were still able to offer members events that brought us together to celebrate our Italian heritage. The Foundation was able to offer: To-Go dinners, Pizza, Birra and Vino party in July, Member appreciation party in October, November Polenta dinner, Mercatino di Natale, Italian language camp for youth, Coro Allegro, and Sundays at the Center movies. Now, as the NBICF begins its 39<sup>th</sup> year there are still challenges facing the Foundation. The biggest challenge is to get members to participate on committees. The two main areas that are in need of help are: planning dinners and cultural events. I hope more members will get involved so that the Foundation can continue its mission of the study, preservation, and enjoyment of Italian culture.

A special thank you to the Board of Directors for their hard work, support, guidance and commitment to the Foundation this past year. I would like to congratulate our newest Board members who were recently elected by members at the November dinner. **Welcome to: Sonia Badalamenti, Rene Berardi, Susan Cole, Christl Unglaub, and Virginia Wilburn.** The Board and I appreciate their commitment to NBICF, and I know they will contribute to the success of the Foundation. The Board and I would like to thank Cindy Hume, Lynne Burton, Lisa Goe, Ron Grassi, and Arlene Place who have decided not to return to the board. Their dedication, contributions, and support have led to the overall success of the Foundation.

All Board member information and biographies are in the process of being updated. Board bios can be found on the NBICF website ([www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)). Click on "About Us / Directors" for a short biography of each Board member. I am pleased to report that the Mercatino di Natale was a success. Thank you to **Susan Terracina Adler** and **Linda Apel**, for their hard work in planning and coordinating the event. I would like to thank the following people who helped make this event a success: **Kathy Gillis** and **Joan Demitz** for setting up the books and selling them and to **Jamil Adler** who helped with set up.

Membership renewals will be sent out in early January. The Board is counting on members to renew their membership as membership dues contribute needed income to sustain the operations of the Foundation. Be proud knowing you are investing in the future of our Italian heritage. The Board appreciates the support of its members now more than ever.

I will end my message on a sad note. A valued member **Don Tarpley** recently passed away. Don was a long time member and supporter of NBICF. He served many years on the Board and also served as its first Vice President. In 1988, Don started directing the opera ensemble for NBICF with 3 original music productions. Don's infectious humor and energy will be missed.

**Member Meeting and Dinner**

Monday, January 23, 2023

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa



**See enclosed flyers for both events**

**NBICF Winemaker Dinner**

February 13, 2023



**TRECINI**

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open **1:30pm**, screening at **2:00pm**.

For information: 707-546-9654

**Free - Snacks - No reservations required.**

**Showing Sunday, January 29, 2023**

***Ocean's Eleven*** (1960) 2h 7m. Comedy/Crime (N/R)



Two Italian-American icons, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin (Dino Crocetti) perform in one of the greatest heist films of all time. Along for the ride are Peter Lawford and Sammy Davis, Jr. all members of the original "rat pack". The plan is to rob five Las Vegas Casinos at midnight on New Year's Eve. Las Vegas in 1950 presents the audience with a great time capsule.

**Showing Sunday, February 26, 2023**

***My House in Umbria*** (2003) 1h 49m Drama/Thriller (TVPG)

A train wreck strands a motley group of passengers together at the villa of a kindly but eccentric romance novelist in the lovely hills of Tuscany. The gorgeous vistas of sun dappled gardens and ripening fruit orchards punctuate the sometimes melancholy mood.



Starring Maggie Smith and Giancarlo Giannini

Donations are kindly accepted.

Movies may vary due to availability

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**Ongoing Incontro group** for informal Italian conversation. Please contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

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For Information:

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## NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

Linda Apel (Treasurer), Sonia Badalamenti, Allen Barbieri, Rene Berardi, Susan Cole, Alfred (Al) Pucci, Don Raimondi, Virginia Smith, Carole Stewart, Christl Unglaub, Les Villanyi (VP), and Virginia Wilburn

Directors Emeritus: Angelo Catelani

Please visit NBICF.org About Us / Directors, for a short biography of each Board member.

## **Welcome**

## **Membership News**

## **benvenuto**

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

### Individual

**Lisa Bolla-Cole**

**Cathi Cari**

**Gloria Leandro** (welcome back)

**Donna McCulloch** (welcome back)

**Mary Schaeffer** (welcome back)

### Family

**Vincent Fedeli**

**Mark & Connie Jones**

**Ernie and Lovey Marcucci** (welcome back)

## Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

**Buttitta Design**

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**Joe and Amy Ann Grayson**

**Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)**

**Servico Building Maintenance Inc.**

Condolences to the family and friends of:

**Don Tarpley**

**Marie Hebert**

May they rest in peace

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**CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS HEAL RECOVER**

*to any member and their families that are not feeling well*

## SRJC Community Education Spring-Summer Cancellation

NBICF members who have taken any Community Education courses at Santa Rosa Junior College recently received a notice that our "CommEd" has **cancelled its entire spring and summer 2023 program of courses** in order to have time to "re-imagine itself."

### "Will there be any spring-summer Italian-language courses?"

Answer: Absolutely, but I will be offering them privately, and will announce them through my *E-Italy News Bulletin* list. The courses will be essentially the same, via Zoom, so students can take the course anywhere.

More details later, but the spring 2023 courses are:

**Italiano Tre:** 6 Wednesday evenings, 5:30 -7:30 pm, February 1 through March 8, 2023.

**Italiano Uno (One):** 7 Wednesday evenings, 5:30 -7:30 pm, March 15 through April 26, 2023.

*Metti un bigliettino sul frigo!* Put a note on your fridge!

If you would like to receive my periodic *Italy News Bulletin* and to receive information about my Italian courses drop me a line at [davehen@sonic.net](mailto:davehen@sonic.net).

*Con rispetto,*

Dave Henderson, SRJC World Languages Italian Instructor



### **PAINT ITALY**

NBICF Center

64 Brookwood Ave. Santa Rosa

Saturday, January 28, 2023

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### ***Celebrating Carnevale***

The next Paint Italy class will explore images of *Carnevale* in Venice.

No previous painting experience required.

Cost includes: supplies, instruction and refreshments. You just bring your creativity.

To enroll send a check for \$45 to:

Susan Adler

307 Buckeye Circle

Cloverdale, CA 95425

or Venmo Susan Terracina Adler @paintitaly.

Must be **received by January 14th**. Enrollment limited to 12. For more information email Susan at [adler@sonic.net](mailto:adler@sonic.net).

See you there!

Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

oggi è un nuovo giorno. Divertirsi!

Today is a new day. Enjoy it!

On January 6, 2023, Italians celebrate the Epiphany (Le Befana Epifania) and the name Befana is derived from the word Epifania, the Italian name for the religious festival of the Epiphany. La Befana is the benevolent old woman with magical powers who brings gifts to children of Italy on the eve of the Epiphany.

La Befana vien di notte  
The Befana comes by night  
Con le scarpa tutte rotte  
With her shoes all tattered and torn  
Col vestito alla Romana  
She comes dressed in the Roman way  
Viva, Viva La Befana!  
Long life to Befana!



Thank you George for this article and song

*Carnevale*, also known as carnival is celebrated in Italy as a final party before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. In the late 1700 celebrations were stopped and the use of masks were forbidden. It is said that Mussolini banned the celebration in the 1930s.

Around the late 1970s the celebration was renewed and thousands of people go to Venice. The city becomes a giant stage filled people in masks and costumes enjoying masquerade balls, boat parades, music and more. This year the celebration will start February 4 and go through most of February. Dates vary in different regions.



Article is from various sources from the Internet



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## Upcoming Events

**January 23, 2023** - Monday, (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm): **Members Dinner Meeting**, Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa

**January 28, 2023** - Saturday, 1-5pm: **Paint Italy** at the Center

**January 29, 2023**- Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: *Ocean's Eleven (1960)*

**February 13, 2023** - Monday, 5:30pm: **Winemaker Dinner**, Riviera Ristorante, 75 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa

**February 26, 2023** - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: *My House in Umbria*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

## Some New Year traditions in Italy:

Eating lentils at midnight brings good luck or opt for 12 grapes! Throw old things from the window, to symbolize letting go of the unwanted. Wear something red, usually underwear, it is believed to fend off negativity.



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

Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Les Villanyi (editing and proofreading), George Golfieri, Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor) . Website : Don Raimondi

Members are encouraged to submit articles or items for publication. **Submit your articles two weeks prior to the bi-monthly Mosaico publication date.** Please submit articles as Word documents. Editors reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.

## 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 \_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_ Other

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Applications can also be done via our website, **www.NBICF.org**.

For more Information, call: 707-591-9696.

## THANK YOU

**to those who have made donations to NBICF!**

Your donations will help us maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.

You can specify where your donation goes, such as the building fund, scholarships, in memoriam, or for any other reason, by indicating it on your check.

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Donations can also be made via our website, **www.NBICF.org**.



## ***North Bay Italian Culture Foundation***

*Member Meeting and Dinner*

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center (St. Rose)

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa

Doors open at 5:00pm, meeting and dinner at 6:00pm

Open seating - arrive early to ensure seating for your entire party.

### **Dinner includes:**

**Antipasti**

**Mixed Green Salad, Bread,  
Fried Fish with Roasted Potatoes,  
and Dessert**

**Wine at the Table**

Dinner prepared by Randy Apel and the Mangiamo Team

**Reservations must be made by January 16, 2023**

NBICF Member Meeting Dinner - **Monday, January 23, 2023**

**Doors open at 5:00pm, meeting and dinner at 6:00pm**

Open seating - arrive early to ensure seating for your entire party.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_places at \$35 for Members    \_\_\_\_\_places at \$37 for Guests

\_\_\_\_\_places at \$12 for Teens (13 –18 yrs)    \_\_\_\_\_places at \$ 8 for Child (5–12 yrs)

\_\_\_\_\_places at free for Child under 5 yrs

Make checks payable to **NBICF**. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

**Or, make reservations online at: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)**

All net proceeds support SRJC Scholarship Fund and NBICF Cultural Activities.



## **NBICF Winemaker Dinner**

**Monday, February 13, 2023 – 5:30 pm**

**Riviera Ristorante and Trecini Winery**

**75 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa**

**\$100 per person - limited to 72 attendees**



**Riviera Chefs Rita & Luca Pesce** will prepare a special four-course dinner with wine pairings from **Trecini Winery**. In addition to the gourmet menu, Trecini's owners John & Cathy Vicini will tell us the story behind each wine served. They will also offer the opportunity to purchase a selection of their wines. The evening will begin with a special welcoming toast of Trecini Prosecco.

### **Antipasto Rustico**

***Wild boar salame, prosciutto, olives, roasted peppers, cheese and artichokes***

Paired with **2020 Barbera di Asti**

### **First Course (Primo)**

***Trofie from Recco – Traditional pesto pasta with potato and green beans***

Paired with **2018 Boasso Barolo**

### **Entrée (Secondo)**

**Please Select Choice of Entrée #1 or #2 (one per person)**

**#1) Stinco di Agnello al Forno – *Braised Lamb Shank in Natural Jus served on Polenta with mushrooms, lamb demi & seasonal vegetables***

Paired with **2016 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo**

**OR**

**#2) Salmon Piccata – *Salmon in lemon & capers with white wine sauce with farro & seasonal vegetables***

Paired with **2020 Vermentino di Sardegna**

### **Dessert (Dolce)** Select A, B, or C (one per person)

**A) Tiramisu OR B) Limoncello Semifreddo OR C) Hazelnut Chocolate Mousse**

Paired with **Trecini Moscato**

**Reservations may be made on NBICF website [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org) or by mail using this form and check mailed to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée (1 or 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert (A, B or C) \_\_\_\_\_

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Seating Preference \_\_\_\_\_

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

Additional reservations can be made. Please attach with information including choices of entrée & dessert

**Reservations must be received by February 6, 2023.**

**All net proceeds support SRJC Scholarship Fund**

**Each reservation is considered a \$25 donation to the Scholarship Fund**