



## *La Primavera di Nuovo*

### MARCH MEMBER MEETING & DINNER

*Monday, March 19, 2018*

MARCH'S MEETING AND DINNER will be held at St. Rose Parish Hall on March 19, 2018 in celebration of San Giuseppe. March 19th is Festa di San Giuseppe—the Feast of Saint Joseph, which is commonly celebrated in Italian communities throughout the world. Thanks is given to St. Joseph for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. According to legend, there was a severe drought at the time, so the faithful prayed to their patron saint for rain. They promised that if San Giuseppe answered their prayers, they would prepare a large feast in his honor. The rain did come, and the people of Sicily gathered to prepare a large banquet for their patron saint. Since St. Joseph's Day falls during Lent, no meat is served. Instead, fish and pasta are mainstays of the feast. One typical dish is pasta with bread crumbs, (St. Joseph was a carpenter so the bread crumbs are meant to symbolize sawdust). He is also recognized as the patron saint of the worker, the family, and the New World (the Americas). A three-tiered altar is usually built using seasonal vegetables, fava beans, bread and whatever you have to offer. The "three" of the three tiers represents the Divine Trinity.

Giving food to the needy is customary on St. Joseph's Day. NBICF has always followed this tradition. We ask that you bring canned goods to be donated to the local Food Bank. There will be a no-host bar and a special raffle to benefit a local charity. We will be giving half of all the proceeds from our raffle to the charity, which will be named at the next meeting. Please see enclosed flyer for further details. Reservations and payment must be received by March 13, 2018

Doors open at 5:00pm.

*Meeting and antipasti at 6:00pm, dinner to follow.*

### NOTE FROM THE BOARD

The board elected and re-elected officers for the term beginning 2018 and ending in 2020 at their February 7, 2018 meeting. Congratulations to President George Golfieri, Vice President Allen Barbieri, Treasure Linda Apel, and Secretary Lynne Burton. You can read about new board member Lynne Burton on page 3.

### WINEMAKER DINNER —

RIVIERA RISTORANTE & PEDRONCELLI WINES

*Monday, April 16, 2018 5:30pm–8:00pm*

APRIL'S MEMBER MEETING AND DINNER will be replaced by a *Winemaker Dinner* at Ristorante Riviera. Riviera will prepare a special four-course dinner with wine pairings from Pedroncelli Winery. The menu will feature your choice of Braised Lamb Shank or Salmon Picatta. For the full menu and wine pairing details, please see enclosed flyer and reservation form.

This special Winemaker Dinner is priced at \$75 per person. *Seating is limited and reservations must be made by April 10, 2018.* Reservations can be made on the NBICF website or by mail to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Be sure to specify your main course, dessert choice and seating preference when making your reservation.

In addition, there are a limited number of gift cards available for future use at Riviera Ristorante and/or at Pedroncelli Winery. These gift cards will be sold at a discounted price to guests who will be attending the Winemaker Dinner. The gift cards must be ordered in advance by April 10, 2018. For more information send an email to [DonRaimondi1@gmail.com](mailto:DonRaimondi1@gmail.com) or call Don at 707-758-3222.

### DR. DOUGLAS KENNING

*Italian Immigration to America*

*Lecture at the Center, Sunday April 22, 2018*

*2pm–4 pm Doors open at 1:30pm*

Seating is limited to 35 people.

Cost: \$5.00 for members \$7.00 for non-members.

If you made a graph of Immigration to the United States, it would be an undulating landscape with twin peaks; the great wave of Eastern European Jews and Italians at the turn of the 20th century and the Hispanic-Asian immigration of today. The first shaped what America is now and the second is shaping the future. Let us look at the moments when Italians arrived to help shape America. We will focus on the Ellis Island years, but first we must go back to the colonial period, then talk about early Italians in California, then carry the story into the twentieth century.

## Membership News

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Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

**Individuals:** Lynn Stewart, Elizabeth Shatto

**Families:** Tom & Linda Laudari, Liz & Larry Perez

**Patrons:**

Robert & Kim Agrella, Lawrence & Mary Antolini,

Maggie Brothers, Charles & Joan Demitz

George & Anna Golferi, Ginny Pitts,

Don & Kathryn Raimondi, Diane Toso, Daniel Wright

**New & Continuing Business Members:**

Rebecca Abbruzzese, Realtor,

Maurizio Castagna, Realtor,

Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning,

FaiSano Wines of Italy, Faloni Ranch,

Forchini Vineyards & Winery, Pedersen's Furniture

**In Memoriam:**

Donation has been received from Denise Scaglione

In memory of her mother, Christina Blasi.

Donation has been received from Sharie Sbrazza

In memory of Newton Dal Poggetto, Rita Frugoli,

Chiyoko Miyano, Gloria Pedroni & Dortha Sonnikson

## Book Group

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The featured book for March will be *The House at the Edge of Night* by Catherine Banner. A sweeping saga about four generations of a family who live and love on an enchanting island off the coast of Italy, combining the romance of beautiful ruins with the magical, tapestry-style of works by Isabel Allende.

The format for April will be a little different. Participants are asked to bring in a list of five books which have had the most effect on their life or just personal favorites. Prepare for a lively discussion as we see if we have chosen overlapping titles.

The Book Group meets every third Thursday from 7–8pm upstairs at the NBICF Center. For more information, send an email to Diane McCurdy at [dmccurdy@sonic.net](mailto:dmccurdy@sonic.net) or call NBICF at 707-591-9696.

## Incontro

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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.

## NBICF's Coro Allegro

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Coro Allegro sings and performs at wineries, senior facilities, NBICF dinners and special occasions. *Coro Allegro needs more singers!* Tuesday night practices are held at the NBICF Center are from 7–8:30pm (except the first Tuesday of the month). Call Les Villanyi at 707-484-4992 for information.

## Looking for a Fun Activity?

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The Sonoma County Bocce Club is hosting a bocce clinic at Julliard Park on Saturday March 10, 2018 from 10am–4pm.

Learn to play bocce and a chance to meet and make new friends. For more information visit the website: [www.sonomacountybocce.org](http://www.sonomacountybocce.org).

## Special FUNDRAISER Documentary Film

Showing March 18, 2018

*Pizza Shop—*

*An Italian-American Dream* 57mins.

Members \$5.00 Guests \$7.00

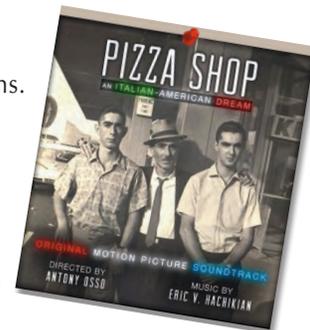
Doors open 2pm,

Screening at 2:30pm

The proceeds from this fundraiser will support our SRJC Scholarship Funds and other NBICF activities.

*Reservations are required, please email Arleen Place at [tplace6153@aol.com](mailto:tplace6153@aol.com) or call 707-542-8133.*

This documentary film celebrates the achievements of two Italian brothers who emigrated from Calabria in the 1960s and built a successful life for themselves in the United States. Filmed in New Jersey and Calabria, the documentary chronicles Charlie and Fred Osso's immigrant experience and their 40-year run owning Rudy's Ristorante and Pizzeria, one of northern New Jersey's most beloved restaurants. Through their humor, hard work, and unflinching discipline, the two brothers illustrate the fortitude and resiliency of Italian immigrants who so richly define America.



## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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Doors open 2pm, screening at 2:30pm.

For information: 707-591-9696

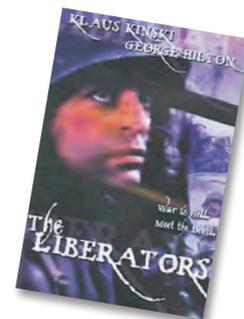
*Free. No reservations required.*

Showing April 29, 2018

*The Liberators*(2007) 1hr. 18mins.

Sentenced to death for war crimes, an Allied soldier (Klaus Kinski) escapes military prison along with another condemned American G.I. and a lieutenant. The trio crosses enemy territory and settles into an Italian village, where they'll finally learn what it means to be soldiers. When the men arrive, the Italians believe they've been liberated, but the war isn't over... yet.

*In Italian, with subtitles.*



## TRAVEL NEWS: Andiamo / Let's Go! —

### REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

*Experience La Bella Italia with NBICF friends and escorts!*

*Travel Sunday at the Center, March 4, 2018 3pm*

An informal seminar about Italy's north regions which touch France, Switzerland, Austria and Croatia. Refreshments served. RSVP by March 2, 2018 to [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com) A donation of \$5 for refreshments and to cover utilities is suggested.

*Travel Sunday at the Center, April 8, 2018 3pm*

An informal seminar about Italy's central regions of Tuscany, Umbria, Emilia-Romagna and LeMarche. Refreshments served. RSVP by April 4, 2018 to [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com) A donation of \$5 for refreshments and to cover utilities is suggested.

### MAY, 2018— ROMANS IN NORTH OF ITALY

Who knew Romans left Empire traces near Italy? Join Sharie Sbrazza to see Italian legacy in Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Krakow & more.

### JUNE 2018— ART & CLASSES IN URBANIA

Join Gino and Julie Muzzatti in Urbania for Italian language and art.

*Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza, Andiamo, Post Office Box 406, Santa Rosa 95402 or [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com)*

NBICF MEMBER SINCE 1985

## New Board Member —

I would like to introduce myself— I am Lynne Burton, originally from San Francisco and a graduate of Balboa High School. I'm the new Secretary of NBICF. I have been a member for many years and feel very passionate about it. I moved to Sonoma County 50 years ago and worked as a bartender in Sonoma County and in Hawaii. Currently, I am bookkeeper for Corrick's in downtown Santa Rosa. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself to me at one of our regular meeting dinners.

### DONATE TO NBICF

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

Donations can be applied to the following areas:

\_\_\_ SCHOLARSHIPS      \_\_\_ IN MEMORIAM  
\_\_\_ BUILDING FUND      \_\_\_ GENERAL FUND

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

*Make your checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. For more information, call: 707-591-9696*

## President's Corner

Cari Amici,

On January 27, 2018 the foundation held its fourth annual Crab Feed fundraiser. The event was well attended and I believe everyone enjoyed the bountiful feast of crab. Total income from the crab feed was \$7,351, net income was \$2,963. Half the proceeds will benefit the North Bay Fire Relief Fund and the other half will benefit the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation's scholarship programs and cultural activities. I would like to thank Maggie Brothers and Linda Apel for planning this successful event, Randy Apel for cooking and donating the ceviche, and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. As reported in the January/February issue of the Mosaico, two Crab Feed tickets were donated by Kathy Winkelman to be given to a family who lost their home in the October fires. At the February board meeting a drawing was held and Isabel and Bill Cavalli were chosen. They were very appreciative for the donation of the tickets and Bill Cavalli approached me at Crab Feed to express his appreciation.

Financially, the Foundation ended 2017 with \$41,732 in the bank. However, the Foundation did not generate the needed income to cover expenses. As a result the Foundation had a loss for the year. The Foundation generates the majority of its income from membership dues, donations, dinners, and fundraisers. The Foundation depends on its members to participate in fundraisers and events that support NBICF scholarship programs, cultural events, as well as covering operating expenses. Donations also go a long way to help support the Foundation's mission and "our home" of the Italian Cultural Center. This is the heritage that binds us together as Italian Americans and furthers the Foundation's commitment to the North Bay Italian community. If you have any questions regarding the Foundations financials, please feel free to contact me.

Congratulations to Sarah Fortino, Nikkia Psomas-Sheridan, and Natalie Reynosa on receiving the \$500 NBICF fall scholarships for Italian I students at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Membership renewal forms were mailed in mid-January. Please return your membership dues by March 31, 2018.

It is now official—UNESCO has awarded "world heritage" status to *Pizza Napoletanna*. This is a huge success for Naples and for Italy.



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

**March 4, 2018** Sunday, 3pm: Travel Sunday at the NBICF Center

**March 15, 2018** Thursday, 7pm: Book Group at the NBICF Center

**March 18, 2018** Sunday, 2pm  
 Fundraiser Documentary Film: *Pizza Shop – A Italian American Dream*

**March 19, 2018** Monday, (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm)  
 Member Dinner Meeting, St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA

**April 8, 2018** Sunday, 3pm: Travel Sunday at the NBICF Center

**April 16, 2018** Monday, 5:30–8pm  
 Winemaker Dinner at Riviera Ristorante, 75 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA

**April 19, 2018** Thursday, 7pm: Book Group at the NBICF Center

**April 22 2018** Sunday, 2–4pm (doors open at 1:30pm)  
 Dr Kenning Lecture at NBICF Center— *Italian Immigration to America*

**April 29 2018** Sunday, 2pm  
 Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The Liberators*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

**NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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

Directors Emeritus: Angelo Catelani, Arturo Ibleto

*Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor), George Golfieri, Patti Buttitta (text editor, graphic design & production)*

**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. Editors 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 2-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696  
 Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of every other 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 George Golfieri  
 Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn  
 Scholarships: 707-523-0296 Gino Muzzatti  
 Sunshine Cards: 707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida  
 Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 Please leave a message.

**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

— MEMBER DINNER MEETING —

*San Giuseppe Dinner*

Monday, March 19, 2018

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

Dinner Menu:

Antipasti

Baked Fish and Roasted Potatoes

Green Salad and Bread Rolls

Dessert

No-host Bar & Raffle

Please bring canned food to donate for a local charity..

Reservations can be made through the NBICF website,  
for more information visit:

www.nbicf.org or call 707-591-9696

DINNER RESERVATIONS

**San Giuseppe Dinner**

Monday, March 19, 2018

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

Prepaid Reservations Only

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve by March 13, 2018. Make checks payable to NBICF.  
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

— SPECIAL LECTURE —

*Dr. Douglas Kenning*  
*—Italian Immigration to America—*

Sunday, April 22, 2018

2:00–4:00pm

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Center

64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

(Doors open at 1:30pm)

Seating is limited to 35 people.  
Please make reservations early.

Lecture will discuss moments when Italians arrived to help shape America, focusing on the Ellis Island years, but also going back to the colonial period, and then onto early Italians in California, and carrying the story into the twentieth century.

For more information visit:

www.nbicf.org or call 707-591-9696

LECTURE RESERVATIONS

**Dr. Douglas Kenning: Lecture on Italian Immigration to America**

Sunday, April 22, 2018

NBICF Center 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

2pm-4pm, doors open at 1:30pm

Prepaid Reservations Only

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 for Members      \_\_\_\_\_ \$7 for Guests

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve by April 14, 2018. Make checks payable to NBICF.  
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

# NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the Study, Preservation and Enjoyment of Italian Culture

2018

## Winemaker Dinner

Riviera Ristorante & Pedroncelli Winery

Monday, April 16, 2018 5:30–8:00pm

Riviera Ristorante, 75 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

\$75/person

*Seating is Limited. Reservations must be made by April 10, 2018. Prepaid Reservations Only.*

A limited number of gift cards are available for future use at Riviera Ristorante and/or at Pedroncelli Winery, sold at a discounted price to guests who are attending the Winemaker Dinner. *Gift cards must be ordered in advance by April 10, 2018.*

For more information send an email to [DonRaimondi1@gmail.com](mailto:DonRaimondi1@gmail.com) or call Don at 707-758-3222.



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### Four Course Menu with Wine Pairings

#### —Antipasto Rustico—

Wild boar salame, prosciutto, olives, roasted peppers, cheeses and artichokes

Paired with Pedroncelli Alto Vineyards Sangiovese

#### —Primo—

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

Paired with Pedroncelli F. Johnson Vineyard Chardonnay

#### —Secondo—

*Please Select Choice of Entrée. (One per person)*

(1) Stinco d' Agnello al Forno – Braised Lamb Shank in Natural Jus served on Polenta with mushrooms & seasonal vegetables

Paired with Pedroncelli Wisdom Cabernet Sauvignon

(2) Salmon Picatta – Salmon in lemon & capers with white wine sauce with farro & seasonal vegetables

Paired with Pedroncelli East Side Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc

#### —Dolce—

*Please Select Choice of Dessert. (One per person)*

(a) Tiramisu (b) Lemoncello Semifreddo (c) Hazelnut Chocolate Mousse

All Desserts Paired with Pedroncelli Four Grapes Vintage Port

_____ Number of people at \$75/person	Name _____	_____	_____
<i>Indicate Menu Selections by Number and Letter next to Name</i>	Name _____	_____	_____
		ENTRÉE	DESSERT
		ENTRÉE	DESSERT

I would like to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make reservations by April 10, 2018** by credit card on the NBICF website ([www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)).

Or mail reservation and make checks payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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