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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cari Amici,

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation was founded in 1984. This year is the **Foundation's 35th year anniversary**. A celebration of this milestone will be announced in the next couple of months.

On December 1, 2018 the Foundation held its second **Mercatino di Natale** fundraiser. This event was well attended and feedback from vendors and attendees was very positive. Net income from this fundraiser was **\$4,602**. The success of this fundraiser could not have been achieved without the dedication of **Linda Apel, Susan Adler**, and the many volunteers who helped throughout the event. In particular I would like to thank our sponsors, **Luther Burbank Savings, Trione Vineyards & Winery, and Western Farm Center**.

On January 26, 2019 the Foundation held its fifth annual **Crab Feed** fundraiser. The event was well attended and I believe everyone enjoyed the bountiful feast of crab. The total income from the crab feed was \$7,880, with a net income of **\$3,429**. The proceeds will benefit the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation's scholarship programs and cultural activities. I would like to thank **Maggie Brothers**, chairperson and **Linda Apel**, for their hard work to create this successful event. I would also like to thank **Randy Apel** for preparing the ceviche and pasta al pesto. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Financially the Foundation ended 2018 with \$46,396 in the bank. After posting a loss in 2017, the Foundation ended 2018 with a **profit** of \$4,298. Income from membership dues, donations, dinners and fundraisers are what supports the scholarship programs, cultural events, and helps to cover operating expenses. The Foundation depends on members to support the fundraisers and events. Donations also go a long way to supporting the Foundation's mission and our home, the Italian Cultural Center, as this is our heritage and binds us together as Italian Americans and to further the Foundation's commitment to the North Bay Italian community.

Congratulations to **Siena Scuderi** on receiving a **\$750 scholarship** for Florence semester abroad for the spring of 2019 semester.

Membership renewal notices were sent out in January. A new page for **Annual Membership** renewals is now available on our website. Please pay your dues by March 31, 2019. If you have any questions regarding your membership renewal please call George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

For Information:

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Volunteer Coordinator: 707-591-9696 Please leave a message

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Lynne Burton, Lisa Goe, Ron Grassi,

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Rebecca Abbruzzese: Realtor, Forchini Vineyards & Winery,

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In Memoriam:

NBICF send condolences to the families of:

Frances "Faye" Christani

Ernie Piantanida

Reminders:

Membership Application, Annual Membership Renewals and Donations to the Foundation can now be made on our website.

A new email address, nbicf2member@gmail.com has been added to provide more timely communication to members in addition to the nbicf@sonic.net. Please add the new address to your *email Contacts*. We will use this address for reminders about upcoming events and as new ones arise. Please do not use this email to make reservations.

The Book Club 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 or call NBICF at 707-591-9696.

March 21, 2019 – Pick a favorite! The nominees are:

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
Little Beach Street Bakery by Jenny Colgan
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

April 18, 2019 – And the winner is...Results of the March meeting. Followed by reading a variety of short stories and movie scenes. We will continue with a discussion of the readings at the meeting.

PAINT ITALY

April 6, 2019 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
North Bay Italian Cultural Center
64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa

Ombrelloni da Spiaggi
(colorful umbrellas lining the seashore)

Would you like to explore painting an iconic image of Italy in acrylics but have no experience? You can join the Paint Italy Workshops at the NBICF Center. It's for all levels of painters. The \$40 cost of the class includes your canvas, use of paints, brushes, plus instruction, snacks and drinks.

To enroll submit a check for \$40 to Susan Adler
307 Buckeye Circle, Cloverdale 95425 **by April 2, 2019**.
Questions? Contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.
Space is limited to 14 participants. There is a \$10 charge for cancellations.

THANK YOU to those who have made donations to NBICF.

Because of **YOU**, we are able to maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.

Each donation, no matter the size, has an impact for NBICF.

You can specify where your donation goes, building fund, scholarships, in memoriam or general fund, by indicating it on your check.

Make your checks payable to NBICF

64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

For more information, call: 707-591-9696

Articles are welcome. Please submit articles as Word documents or PDFs to nbicf2member@gmail.com, attn: Marie. You can also send a hardcopy to George Golfieri. Editors reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.

Note from the Board

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Board.

Ron Grassi

I'm retired from practicing Law in San Francisco. I live with my wife Sally, a retired school teacher, in Healdsburg. My father was from Naples and Ischia, an island off the coast of Naples. Italian was never spoken in the home while I was growing up. I learned Italian in school, thanks Dave Henderson and others, travelling to Italy many times and living in the South of Italy for a year near Sorrento. I look forward to being a board member and sharing new ideas.

Cindy Hume

Cindy has lived in the Sonoma County area her entire life and currently resides in Windsor with her two teenage children. Cindy attended Santa Rosa High School and has earned degrees from SRJC, Sonoma State, and more recently a master's degree from USC. She is an Assistant VP and Commercial Underwriter with Summit State Bank. Most of Cindy's free-time is spent supporting her kids at Windsor High School or traveling with her daughter who plays competitive soccer. This will be Cindy's third time serving on the NBICF board and was selected as secretary for this current term.

Lisa Goe

I was born in North Beach, San Francisco, grew up in South San Francisco and later met and married my husband, Tim from Noe Valley. We moved to Sonoma County where we raised our daughter and she is now in college in Marin. I worked for the DA's office until I retired. Tim passed away in 2017. I joined the NBICF to be part of an Italian organization. I am also involved in the Church. I have traveled most of Italy including Sicily where my Dad was from. My Mom was from the Abruzzo region. I am excited to serve on the board and helping with the dinners.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

For information: 707-591-9696

Free. No reservations required.



Showing March 31, 2019

La ragazza del lago (original title)

The Girl by the Lake (2007) 1hr. 36mins. Mystery/Thriller

The body of young girl is found beside an alpine lake in northern Italy. Sanzio, a middle aged police officer, is in charge of investigation. He is almost at retirement age and has an ill wife who does not to recognize him. In this apparently quite town, Sanzio, pursued by his family troubles, will find more than just the truth. In Italian with subtitles.

There will not be a movie in April, see you in May.

Dr. Douglas Kenning - Lecture at the Center

Italian Immigration to America (Part II)

Sunday, April 28, 2019 2pm-4pm

Doors open at 1:30pm. Seating Limited to 35

\$5.00 members and \$7.00 non-members

Light refreshments will be served.

Immigration to the United States: The great wave of Italians and Eastern European Jews at the turn of the 20th century (the Ellis Island generation) and the Hispanic-Asian immigration of today.

The first shaped what America is now and the second is shaping the future.

In this two-part lecture, we are looking at the moments when Italian immigration most shaped America.

In the first part, last year, we looked at colonial America through Ellis Island arrivals. In Part II, we will focus on what happened after Ellis Island Italians arrived, their reception and impact, then carry the story into our own times.

Please see insert for reservations, due **by April 23, 2019**

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

SRJC Class: Rome Revealed: Its Food, Wines, and Secrets. Culinary Arts Center. Presented by Dave and Kathryn Henderson. March 1 through March 15, 2019 Friday evenings. See SRJC schedule for further information.

Tavola di San Giuseppe

(St. Joseph's Table)

Monday March 25, 2019

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

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

Festa di San Giuseppe (actual feast date is March 19) - the Feast of Saint Joseph, which is commonly celebrated in Italian communities throughout the world. 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.

Dinner Includes:

Antipasti, Salad, Bread

Fried Fish with lemon

**Faro Salad and Roasted Asparagus
Dessert**

There will be a no-host bar and a special raffle to benefit a local charity. Half of all the proceeds from our raffle go to a local charity, which will be named at the next meeting.

Reservations and payment must be received by

March 20, 2019

See insert page for reservation slip

Travel News

ANDIAMO (Let's Go)

March 9, 2019, Sunday 10am - Tasting Italia meeting at The Center. RSVP via e-mail to Sharie.

April 30, 2019 - *Leonardo da Vinci: in 1519 and now*

Join me from Paris to Bordeaux, honor 500th anniversary of da Vinci's death. Admire his genius at Amboise's Clos Luce, stroll chateaux gardens, sip Grand Cru wines and marvel at prehistoric cave art. With local friends, savor some of the best cuisine traditions of southwest France. Stay 4 nights each in Loire Valley, Dordogne et St Emilion.

Sept 22, 2019 - Tasting Italy with Urbania language class. Presented by Centro Studi Italiani and Gino Muzzatti.

Oct 5, 2019 - Sail with me from magical Venice to lively Genova for two weeks on Italian-style *Musica* via Puglia, Olympia/ Greece, Mykonos, Athens, Albania, Dubrovnik/ Croatia, Kotor/Montenegro, Corfu, Naples and Livorno/ Florence.

May 21, 2020 - Join me from Bologna to Rome for Region of Le Marche along the Adriatic.

Please visit www.NBICF.org, About Us / Travel for further information.

Grazie, Sharie Sbrazza of Andiamo
at andiamotravel@hotmail.com

NBICF Member since 1985

Winemaker Dinner

Sunday, April 7, 2019

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Bistro 29, 620 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa

Bistro 29 Chef/Proprietor Brian Anderson will prepare a special four-course dinner with wine pairings from **Ancient Oaks Cellars.**

The menu will feature appetizers, salad, choice of three entrees and dessert with wine pairings.

In addition to the gourmet menu, Ancient Oaks' award winning winemaker Greg La Follett will tell us the story behind each of the wines served.

Owner, Melissa Moholt-Siebert will talk about the winery and offer the opportunity to purchase their award winning wines.

For the full menu details, please see next page. Seating is limited to 48 guests and reservations must be made by April 2, 2019.

\$75 per person - Reservations can be made on the NBICF website or by mail (see insert). Be sure to specify your main course choice and seating preference.

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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.

March 9, 2019 Saturday, 10 am - Tasting Italia Fall Tour at the NBICF Center

March 21, 2019 Thursday, 7 pm - Book Group at the NBICF Center

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

March 25, 2019 Monday, 6pm - Meeting / Dinner. *Tavola di San Giuseppe* at St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th St. Santa Rosa. Doors open at 5pm meeting and dinner at 6pm)

March 31, 2019 Sunday, 2 pm - Sundays at the Center with Diane, film: *The Girl by the Lake*

April 6, 2019 Saturday, 1 pm- Paint Italy at the NBICF Center

April 7, 2019 Sunday, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Winemaker Dinner at **Bistro 29 Cafe** at 620 Fifth St, Santa Rosa 95404

April 18, 2019 Thursday, 7 pm - Book Group at the NBICF Center

April 28, 2019 Sunday, 2 pm - Dr. Douglas Kenning - Lecture: Italian Immigration to America (part II) at the Center

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.



NBICF Winemaker Dinner

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Bistro 29 at 620 Fifth St, Santa Rosa 95404

Featuring wine pairings by **Ancient Oaks Cellars**

\$75 per person - limited to 48 guests



See insert for reservations or visit our website at www.nbicf.org

Appetizers with Prosecco Cocktail - *crispy risotto with ricotta and crostini of caponata*

First Course - Sicilian Salad – *orange/olive & arugula salad w/ pickled red onions & fennel*

Entrée: (#1) Braciola – *flank steak stuffed with herbs & breadcrumbs braised in tomato sauce w/ baked polenta*

or (#2) Sicilian Seafood Stew – *mussels, prawns & squid braised w/ tomatoes, green olives & spices served w/ cous cous*

or (#3) Crispy Eggplant with *ricotta silata, creamy polenta, arribiata sauce & fried basil*

The first course and each of the entrées will be paired with an Ancient Oaks

Wine especially chosen by the Chef and Winemaker.

Dessert – **Bellweather Farms Ricotta Cannoli** with *cherry & chocolate & mini vanilla panna cotta*

with coffee and tea service

Prepaid Reservations Only

Make checks payable to NBICF.

Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

San Giuseppe Dinner - Monday, March 25, 2019, at St. Rose Parish Hall

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____

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

Reservations must be received by March 20, 2019.

Please bring canned goods for the local food bank

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NBICF Winemaker Dinner -

Sunday, April 7, 2019, Bistro 29, 620 Fifth St, Santa Rosa

Name _____ Entrée Choice # _____ (pg 4 Mosaico) \$75.00

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Seating Preference _____

Email address _____ Telephone _____

Reservations must be received by April 2, 2019.

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Addition reservations can be made. Please attach a piece of paper with information including choice of entrée.



Dr. Douglas Kenning - Lecture: Italian Immigration to America (part II)

Sunday, April 28, 2019, at the Center

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____

_____ places at \$5 /each for Members _____ places at \$7 each for Guests

Reservations must be received by April 23, 2019.

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