



*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.

The Foundation is in the process of awarding the **Marianne Pedroncelli Scholarship, \$525.00**, and the **Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell Scholarship, \$1,300**. The recipients of these scholarships will be announced in late August. NBICF has granted 308 scholarships to deserving SRJC students since 1989 for a total of **\$131,350**. I would like to thank the scholarship committee, **Gino Muzzatti** chair, **Virginia Kelley**, and **Emily Evans** for their hard work in reviewing scholarship applications.

The Foundation offered its "Italian Language for Youth" the week of July 10. Although this year it was only for one week, and with only four campers, the camp was still fun and educational. I enjoyed assisting **Dr. Joli Love** with the many language activities, games, and skits that were put on by the campers. This year's theme was "Vacanze Romane" ("Roman Holidays"). The campers learned about the history of Rome and all the important monuments. At the end of the week, the campers performed skits in Italian for their parents to show what they learned and to demonstrate their new language skills.

I would like to thank members **Maria Ayala** and **Mary Kay Pederson** who also assisted Joli.



Thank you to the members who attended the 9<sup>th</sup> annual "Pizza, Birra, & Vino" party. It was nice to see members getting together to socialize and catch up with friends. There is nothing more Italian than enjoying pizza as one big family. I would like to thank the following people who made this party a success: **Don Raimondi** chair, **Susan Cole**, **Linda Apel**, **Virginia Wilburn**, **Ginny Smith**, **Les Villanyi**, **Maria Ayala**, **Bob Criner**, and **Alan Barbieri**.

By proclamation in 1989 by the President and Congress, October was designated Italian-American Heritage month. This proclamation was established to honor the achievements of Italian immigrants and their descendants and their contributions in arts, science, and culture.

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Board Member **Don Raimondi** is the Webmaster for the NBICF website and is responsible for monitoring event reservations, communicating with members and responding to inquiries from members using [nbicf2member@gmail.com](mailto:nbicf2member@gmail.com).

NBICF member **Blaise Cirelli** is responsible for putting content on the NBICF Facebook page.

Don is looking for a volunteer with IT experience who is interested in assisting and providing back-up for him. Interested members can communicate with Don using the email address [nbicf2member@gmail.com](mailto:nbicf2member@gmail.com).



**Win a Trip to Italy for 2**

**10 Days in Tuscany**

**See enclosed flyer and page 3 for details. Good Luck!**

**A Message from your Mangiamo Committee Chair**

It has been a privilege for the last 7 months to be able to work with the Foundation, and get past the pandemic. When I took over this position, I had some big shoes to fill along with the loss of a cook. **Continue on page 3**

## 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, September 24, 2023**

***Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell*** (1968) 1h 48m Comedy (PG)

Gina Lollobrigida, once a naive young girl, is now one of San Forino, Italy's leading citizens thanks to the generous support checks from three American G.I.s she met during WWII, each of whom thinks that he's the father of her daughter. But now the 23rd regiment is hosting a 20-year reunion and all three fathers are on their way to town, much to Mrs. Campbell's frantic dismay as her daughter can't wait to meet her dad! With Peter Lawford, Shelley Winters, Phil Silvers and Telly Savalas. Mostly in English.



**Showing Sunday, October 29, 2023**

***The Agony and the Ecstasy*** (1965) 2h 18m  
History/Drama (NR)

Pope Julius II (Sir Rex Harrison) is eager to leave behind works by which he will be remembered. To this end, he cajoles Michelangelo (Charlton Heston) into painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. When not on the battlefield uniting Italy, the Pope urges Michelangelo to speed up his painful work on the frescoes.



Donations are kindly accepted. Movies may vary due to availability.

### Ongoing Incontro group

For informal Italian conversation.

Please contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

For NBICF 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: 707-981-8252 Gino Muzzatti  
Sunshine Cards: 707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida

## 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](http://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

**Cheryl Kabanuck**

**Maureen McSorley**

New Patron Member

**Paul Weaver**

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

**Apri La Creative Consulting**

**Buttitta Design**

**Ecostruction - Mitchel Slade**

**Faloni Ranch**

**Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)**

**NorCal & Wine Country Real Estate LLC**

**North Bay Diamon Fusion**

**Servico Building Maintenance Inc.**

Sonoma County Historical Society Presents

**Sonoma County Finding History Day**

**October 21, 2023 - 10am until 2pm**

Finley Community Center, Santa Rosa

NBICF historian, **Kathy Dowdall**, will present information and displays on local Italian family history including the history of Little Italy on the west side of Santa Rosa. Please stop by the NBICF booth.

**Free admission – Free parking**

**CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS RECOVER**

*to members and their families who are not feeling well*

**A Message from your Mangiamo Committee Chair, continued  
from page 1**

It has been a struggle to bring quality food to the table, but I am not giving up yet. I have a lot more cupcake recipes to explore!

I wanted to write this letter to say thank you to the amazing Mangiamo team that works hard behind the scenes and the many volunteers that have helped me along the way. Without the support of the membership, we would not be having North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation dinners at all. The board feels that the Italian culture is very important to remember and support, so I am not giving up.

I have recently been able to secure the services of an amazing chef that is excited to help me build our Foundation back to a great Italian heritage that our founding fathers would be proud of.

As many of you know the cost of **EVERYTHING** is astronomical and we are trying very hard to minimize our costs to be able to support our dinners. The \$35.00 cost of dinner going forward is our only way to support this and keep quality food on the table. Remember there is no tip (**except for the thank you, that you give to the volunteers**), tax, back tax, or cost for wine at these dinners.

We are excited to announce that our next dinner will be: **Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day.**

**See enclosed flyer for reservations and details**

Please introduce yourselves to me at the dinners, I would love to get to know each of you personally.

Susan Cole, Board Member/Mangiamo Committee Chair

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Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

staccare la spina (take a break)

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Thank you, **Genevive Moran** for your recent donation in memory of Ada Nourse.

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**Lido Cantarutti** presents the **2023 Italian Film Festival** from September 30 to November 4. All shows will take place at Angelico concert hall on the campus of Dominican University. For full information on films and ticketing go to [www.italianfilm.com](http://www.italianfilm.com)

**Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri, continued  
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**Nominations for new board members begins 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.

The last **Italian American crooner, Tony Bennett**, passed away on July 21, 2023 at 96 years old marking the end of an era. Anthony Dominick Benedetto was born in New York on August 3, 1926, but his roots were firmly planted in Italy. Tony's family emigrated to the United States from Podargoni near Reggio Calabria in 1906. Tony will be forever remembered for his rendition of "I Left My Heart in San Francisco".

**Win a Trip to Tuscany for 2!!**

NBICF is excited to announce a raffle for a 10-day trip to Tuscany for two people. **First prize includes airfare, lodging, and transportation.** Travel will take place in the fall of 2024. The raffle also includes **second and third prizes: \$100 gift certificates to the Riviera Ristorante** in Santa Rosa. The drawing will be held at the NBICF Christmas Dinner in December 2023 or when all tickets have been sold. Tickets are \$25 each. Only 750 tickets will be sold. A portion of the proceeds will support NBICF scholarship programs. See [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org) for full raffle details. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets will be available at all NBICF events, dinners, and through any NBICF board member. You can also call

**George Golfieri, (908) 202-7321 or  
Les Villanyi, (707) 484 -4992**

**Christopher Columbus**

**Born:** 1451, Genoa, Italy

**Died:** May 20, 1506, Valladolid, Spain

Columbus had his faults, like so many before and after him, however, he was a great man with an adventurous spirit, sailing the seas to prepare to establish a 'new world.'

We should honor historical figures by their great achievements, and not their mistakes or weaknesses. If we only honor those in human history that did not have flaws or imperfections, we cannot honor anyone at all.

*Parts taken from Daily Citizen*



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### Upcoming Events

**September 24, 2023** - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell*

**October 9, 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, CA

**October 21, 2023** - Saturday, 10am - 2pm: **Sonoma County Finding History Day** at Finley Community Center, Santa Rosa - free

**October 29, 2023** - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The Agony and the Ecstasy*

**November 18, 2023** - Saturday, **Save the Date**, time TBA: **Mercatino di Natale** at the NBICF Center.

**December 2023** - Drawing for Raffle for Trip to Italy

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



Columbus Day  
October 9, 2023

**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.

The Museo Italo Americano proudly presents: **BRAVO – Celebrating San Francisco Opera, Its Italian Roots and Legacy**, an original documentary exhibition exclusively sponsored by **E. L. Wiegand Foundation**. The prestigious San Francisco Opera company was founded by Italian Americans a century ago. The Museo Italo Americano is honored to recognize the vital role that San Francisco's Italian community played in creating the institution and fostering the art of opera in our city. **Exhibition dates: through October 22, 2023.** Thank you Maggie Brothers for this information

### 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.

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

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



# **North Bay Italian Culture Foundation**

*Member Meeting and Dinner*

**Monday, October 9, 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 prepared by**

**Chef Cesar Orozco from Sonoma County Catering Co.**

**Dinner includes:**

**Antipasti, Caesar Salad**

**Focaccia Bread**

**Chicken Piccata, Rice Dish**

**Roasted Vegetables, and Dessert**

**Wine at the Table**

**(REMINDER: NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED)**



**Prepaid reservations must be made by October 2, 2023**

**NBICF Member Meeting Dinner - Monday, October 9, 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 \$38 for Guests

\_\_\_\_\_places at \$10 for Teens (13 –18 yrs.)    \_\_\_\_\_places at \$5 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.**





NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

*Dedicated to the Study, Preservation and Enjoyment of Italian Culture*

# **Raffle for Trip to Italy**

## **10 Days for 2 people in Tuscany!!**

**First Prize includes airfare, lodging, and transportation.**

**Trip to be taken in Fall 2024.**

**Drawing: December 2023 at the NBICF Christmas Dinner  
or when all tickets have been sold.**

***Second and third prizes:  
\$100 Gift Certificates  
to Riviera Ristorante in Santa Rosa!***

**Only 750 tickets will be sold!**

**Tickets are \$25 each.**

**George Golfieri  
908-202-7321**

## **Tickets**

**Les Villanyi  
707-484-4992**

**See [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org) for full raffle details.**

**Winner need not be present to win.**

**A portion of the proceeds will support the  
NBICF Scholarship Program.**

## **NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION 2023 TRIP TO ITALY RAFFLE TERMS & CONDITION, DISCLAIMERS**

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation hereinafter referred to as “NBICF” is a California non-profit, 501c3 organization, located at 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, telephone 707-591-9696. These rules govern the raffle and, by purchasing a raffle ticket, you agree to be bound by these rules.

1. You must be 18 years or older in order to purchase a raffle ticket.
2. The price of the raffle ticket is \$25.00. If your check is dishonored by the financial institution, the entry ticket will be invalid unless full payment is received by NBICF prior to the time of the drawing.
3. No more than 750 tickets will be sold. All tickets will be recorded in the order received. Original raffle ticket is required to redeem prize.
4. The winner will be determined by random drawing. The drawing will take place at NBICF’s Festa di Natale dinner in December 2023. If NBICF has not received full payment for all 750 raffle tickets by the raffle time, NBICF may, at its sole and absolute discretion, delay the drawing until all 750 tickets have been purchased.
5. Three prizes are offered. The first prize is a 10-day trip for 2 to Tuscany, Italy. The first prize includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. All travel arrangements will be made through an independent travel agency. Travel will be in the fall of 2024. NBICF does not provide any guarantee, agreement, representation, or warranty, express or implied, in connection with the prize package. NBICF has no liability for the travel arrangements or any other travel-related issues or occurrences. Second and third prizes are \$100 gift certificates for Riviera Ristorante in Santa Rosa, CA.
6. The Winners need not be present for drawing. Winners will be notified by telephone, or/and email or/and US mail.
7. If the first prize has not been claimed within 30 days of the drawing, there will be an additional drawing for the first prize.
8. Raffle tickets are not redeemable for cash or any other monetary value.
9. All state, local, and municipal laws and regulations apply.
10. The estimated value of the first prize is \$12,000.00. The value of the second and third prizes is \$100 toward each dinner for two. Winners are responsible for all state and local taxes and shall indemnify, defend, protect, and hold harmless NBICF against all claims relating to such taxes. The winners agree to provide NBICF with written information regarding social security number, withholding, and proof of identity.
11. The IRS does not consider the purchase of a raffle ticket to be a tax-deductible charitable contribution. Please consult a tax advisor for personal tax matters.
12. Safekeeping of raffle ticket stub is the sole responsibility of the purchaser. Raffle ticket stub is void if it has been tampered with, altered, counterfeited, forged, or is otherwise irregular or invalid. NBICF is not responsible for stubs that are lost, damaged, stolen, incomplete, or illegible; 2023 NBICF Trip to Italy and, in all such cases, such stubs are void and NBICF shall have no liability in conjunction with same.
13. Each person who purchases a raffle ticket and whose name appears on the raffle ticket order form, acknowledges and agrees to the terms stated in these terms and conditions and that any obligation of NBICF is limited solely to its undertaking to provide a prize to the winners of the drawing. NBICF shall in no event be subject to any other obligation or liability, including but not limited to, any consequential, special, or punitive damages of any kind. Purchaser agrees that NBICF, its directors, and officers are not responsible for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising in connection with or as a result of this raffle or that person's failure to win or redeem the prize and releases and agrees to indemnify, defend, protect, and hold harmless NBICF officers and directors.
14. Should a printing, programming, or other error result in multiple winning raffle tickets, a second drawing will be held to determine the winner of the various prizes. NBICF disclaims any liability for typographical, printing, production, or other errors with raffle tickets, and the sole remedy for a defective ticket is replacement with another ticket or the refund of the purchase price of the raffle ticket.