



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

I am pleased and excited to announce that member Diane Bourassa has volunteered to be the treasurer for NBICF and will join the Board filling an open position. Diane is currently CFO at Goldschmidt Vineyards in Healdsburg. She is an accounting professional with extensive experience in accounting management, tax compliance, and audits. Diane's dedication and commitment to NBICF is greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to announce the recipients of the **Marianne Pedroncelli Scholarship** and the **Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell Scholarship** for the 2025 spring semester. **Congratulations** to **Nicolas Alioto** who was awarded the **Marianne Pedroncelli Scholarship \$775**, and to **Kayla Pounds** who was awarded the **Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell Scholarship \$1,400**.

Since 1986, the Foundation has awarded **402** scholarships totaling **\$142,935**. For more information about the Foundation's scholarship programs or to make a donation, log on to www.nbicf.org/scholarships.

The Foundation recently lost a longtime friend, member, and supporter. **Jim Alfieri** passed away on April 22, 2025. Jim served as a Board member for many years and his contributions to the Foundation's success will never be forgotten. Jim rooted for the Oakland A's and rolled an honoree bocce ball at the Oakland A's Italian Heritage night. Jim was proud of his Sicilian heritage and will be greatly missed.

On **July 4th**, Americans will celebrate the 249th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, ratified on July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia. The Declaration's great principle, "All Men are Created Equal", was paraphrased from an Italian physician Filippo Mazzei, a good friend of Thomas Jefferson. The original phrase written in an essay by Mazzei was "Tutti gli uomini sono per natura egualmente liberi e indipendenti" (all men are by nature equally free and independent). Thirty-one years after the ratification of the Declaration of Independence, Giuseppe Garibaldi was born on July 4, 1807 in Nice. Garibaldi was an Italian general, patriot, revolutionary, and republican. He contributed to the Italian unification and the creation of the Kingdom of Italy in 1860. He is considered one of the greatest generals of modern times and one of Italy's "fathers of the fatherland." He died in 1882 in Caprera, Kingdom of Italy.

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Pizza, Birra, e Vino

11th annual fundraiser at the Center

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:30pm

See enclosed flyer.

Reserve early / limited to 60 guests



Happy Birthday America

The Fourth of July is known for parades, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks. Fireworks have been part of Independence Day in the United States since its first celebration in 1777. Back in 2009, New York City had the largest fireworks display in the country, with more than 22 tons of pyrotechnics! A few of the popular songs during the fireworks include: "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", and "This Land Is Your Land."

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

For information: 707-546-9654

Free admission - Snacks - No reservations required.

Donations are kindly accepted.

Showing Sunday, July 27, 2025

City Island (2009) 1h 44m. Comedy/Drama (PG-13)

Living on City Island in the Bronx, Vince Rizzo a prison



guard is the father of a dysfunction-
al family whose members all have
secrets. When all the secrets come
out in the open, they realize that

the Rizzos are ultimately a loud but loving family. Andy
Garcia and Juliana Margulies star. Written and directed
by Raymond De Felitta. In English.

Showing Sunday, August 31, 2025

Shun Li and the Poet (2011) 1h 38m. Drama (NR)

Shun Li has been trafficked to Italy from China and is
working in a Rome factory to pay off her debt so she can
bring her young son to join her. She is suddenly trans-
ferred to a small town near Venice where she
meets an older Slav immigrant, "The Po-
et". They form a tender, delicate, innocent
friendship which seems to threaten both cul-
tures.



In Italian and Chinese with subtitles. Filmed in the sea-
side town of Chioggia, Italy.

Movies may vary due to availability.

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Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn

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

Welcome

Membership News

Benvenuti

Welcome to our newest NBICF members!

New Patron

Mario Fraioli

New Business

Whipper Snappers

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

Buttitta Design - Patti Buttitta

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Taft Street Winery

True Delicious Biscotti

Condolences to the family and friends of

Jim Alfieri

May he rest in peace

CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS RECOVER

to members and their families

who are not feeling well

July and August in Italy

The **Palio di Siena** known locally simply as **Il Palio**, is a passionate horse race held in the heart of the city in the **Piazza del Campo**.

The race takes place on **July 2** and **August 16** every year.



The ten jockeys, dressed in the appropriate colors that represent ten of the seventeen *Contrade*, or city wards, always mount their horses without a saddle.

The 17 *Contrade* which still exist today are: the Eagle, Snail, Wave, Panther, Forest, Tortoise, Owl, Unicorn, Shell, Tower, Ram, Caterpillar, Dragon, Giraffe, Porcupine, She-Wolf, and the Goose.

The *Palio* actually takes place over four days. The first day is the assignment **of the horses** to each of the *Contrade*. The next few days are trial runs and the fourth day is the race. The horses must **run three laps** around the *Piazza del Campo*.

The **first horse** that crosses the finish line, even if it arrives without a jockey, wins the race. The winning *Contrada* receives the **Drappellone**, a large painted canvas to display in its museum.

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Each **July**, **Perugia** hosts a 10-day **Jazz Festival**. Music lovers fill the town's beautiful *piazas*, gardens, and wine bars to experience one of the **world's best** known **jazz festivals**.

Perugia is also known for the **EuroChocolate**. This festival started in 1993, and is one of the largest chocolate festivals in Europe.

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Ferragosto, August 15, marks the start of the country's annual vacation period. From this date until the beginning of September, you'll find many signs on restaurants and shops in the big cities declaring **chiuso per ferie**, (closed for vacation). Italians typically celebrate Ferragosto by retreating to the coast or countryside with friends and family.

Various websites

Santa Rosa Junior College is now offering an in-person Italian Conversation Course for beginners.

This interactive language class will be held **off-campus**, at D'Argenzio Winery, 1301 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa

September 15, 2025 through December 10, 2025

Monday and Wednesday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Space is limited to 30 students.

Co-Instructors: **Emily Evans** and **Catherine Balestrieri**.

Register through the SRJC:

<https://admissions.santarosa.edu/how-register-classes>

ITAL 50A

Italian Conversation for Beginners - Part 1

Description: A beginning conversational Italian course designed to develop those listening and speaking skills needed at school, on the job, and in the community. Students participate in a variety of pronunciation, listening, and conversational activities. An introduction to the core grammatical structures and vocabulary required for communication.

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A side note on Nice. At that time, Nice was part of the House of Savoy which became the kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia. Nice did not become a part of France until 1860 when it was handed over as part of the treaty of Turin.

The enclosed flyer regarding information on **host exchange families** is being sent as a courtesy to members.

For more information, please contact Michael Ferrario at ferrario@ips.net.

"Finche' c'è vita, c'è speranza."

"As long as there is life there is hope."

Le Parole Del Giorno (The Words of the Day)

Buon viaggio! la spiaggia

Have a good trip! the beach



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Upcoming Events

July 4, 2025 - Friday All Day: **Happy Birthday America!**

July 27, 2025 - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: ***City Island***

August 16 & 17, 2025 - Saturday and Sunday, **Cotati Accordion Festival**, La Plaza Park, Cotati. See their web page for the schedule.

August 17, 2025 - Sunday, 11am - 4pm: **Festa Italia di Healdsburg** at Orsi Family Vineyards

August 19, 2025 - Tuesday, 5:30pm: **11th Annual Pizza, Birra, e Vino** party at NBICF Cultural Center dining *al fresco*

August 31, 2025 - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: ***Shun Li and the Poet***

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

Viareggio



A beach resort area in northern Tuscany, that is located on the Tyrrhenian Sea and is the second largest city in the province of Lucca. It is famous for being the home of Carnevale of Viareggio, held each year since the late 1800s, and its papier-mâché floats that parade along the promenade known as "Passeggiata a mare" during the weeks of Carnival. The floats started in 1925.

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

THANK YOU

___ 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.

to those who have made donations to NBICF!

Your donations will help us maintain our goals of the 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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Pizza, Birra, e Vino

11th annual fundraiser at the Center, dining *al fresco*

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:30pm

Dinner includes:

antipasti, all-you-can-eat pizza,
salad, dessert, and complimentary wine or beer.
(No outside alcoholic beverages allowed.)

\$25.00 per dinner

This event is limited to 60 guests

The NBICF Pizza, Birra, e Vino annual event raises money for our scholarship programs
and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian Community.

Reservations must be made by August 12, 2025.

Pizza, Birra, e Vino - August 19, 2025 - 5:30pm

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Center, Chinn Street parking lot

Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Number of guest(s) at \$25.00 _____

Email address _____

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

Reservations can be made through the NBICF website.

For more information, visit: www.nbicf.org or call 707-591-9696



BECOME A HOST FAMILY OR HOST EXCHANGE FAMILY

**Get back in touch with your family roots
Help an Italian student improve their English
OR**

**Does your son or daughter want to spend a year in Italy?
If yes, consider exchange hosting
Ages 16-18 School year 2026-2027**

**I am a full time English teacher at Faenza Liceo Linguistico while my wife is a principal at another high school. I am a San Rafael native. My objective is to help my Italian students who wants to spend a school year in the U.S.
I am in contact with Petaluma and Casa Grande High School**

**Faenza Italy is world renowned for ceramics and quality of life.
Check out the Liceo <https://www.liceotorricelli-ballardini.edu.it/>**

I would be happy to explain everything in more detail via email or in person as I will be in San Rafael mid-July to mid-August.

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