



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

The Board is working tirelessly to keep the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation viable and active in the North Bay Community, and approved hiring an independent facilitator. In July, the Board and the facilitator had a 2-day meeting to review current Foundation programs and activities. There was a lot of positive discussion between the facilitator and Board members on how to move the Foundation forward and make it more welcoming and interactive for current and future members. Of course, member input is critical and members will be contacted by Board members to get their views on how they would like to see the Foundation evolve and what type of future programs they would like such as dinners, cultural events, and any other ideas members may have.

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 business, arts, science, and culture.

On October 13, **Columbus Day** will be celebrated throughout the United States.

Did you know that Columbus Day is one of America's oldest holidays and was first celebrated in the 18th century? In 1792, the New York Society of Tammany honored Columbus on the 300th anniversary of his first voyage. According to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, America has more monuments to Columbus than any other nation in the world.



Celebrate our vibrant Italian Heritage, by attending "**Festa Italiana di Santa Rosa**" on **Sunday October 26, 2025 at D'Argenzio Winery**. Please refer to the attached flyer.

On **Saturday November 1, 2025**, NBICF will once again participate in **Sonoma County Finding History Day** presented by the Sonoma County Historical Society. **Kathy Dowdall, NBICF historian**, 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. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for further details.

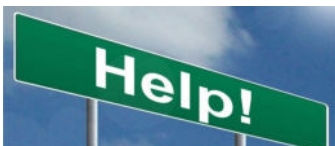
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NBICF Website Support

The Board is seeking an NBICF member to assist in maintaining the NBICF Website.

Don Raimondi created the site and has been the Webmaster for the past 21 years.

The website is built on the WordPress platform and interfaces with PayPal payments for reservations, donations, and membership dues.



Don will provide training and backup support until the person is comfortable taking full responsibility. The individual needs a combination of technical and non-technical skills. These include a solid understanding of the WordPress platform, basic coding skills (HTML), website security knowledge, content management capabilities, and troubleshooting skills.

To contact Don, send an email to NBICF2member@gmail.com. Please include a brief description of your computer systems experience.

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, September 28, 2025

Only You (1994) 1h 44m Comedy/Romance (PG)



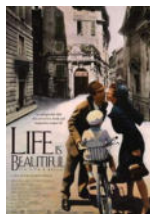
A pure romantic fluff movie, but it also exudes a certain charm. A young girl whose search for the man she believes to be her soulmate leads her to Italy. This allows for an awesome travelogue through Italy. The star, Marisa Tomei, who holds dual citizenship, is paired with Robert Downey, Jr. In English.

Showing Sunday, October 19, 2025 (not the last Sunday)

La Vita è Bella (Life is Beautiful) (1997)

1h 58m Comedy/War (PG)

This film is both humorous and tragic and to combine those two antithetical emotions takes genius. In this case, the virtuosity belongs to writer and star, Roberto Benigni. Some critics say that it romanticizes the Holocaust. To protect his son, Guido (Benigni) makes their incarceration in a Nazi prison camp a game, which is in itself a testament to human ingenuity. In Italian with subtitles.



Movies may vary due to availability.

For Information:

Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi

Library/Office: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn

Italian Classes: 707-874-2512 Emily Evans

Membership: 707-843-3176 George Golfieri

Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn

Scholarships: 707-981-8252 Gino Muzzatti

Volunteer Coordinator and Sunshine Cards:

707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

Sonia Badalamenti, Allen Barbieri, René Berardi, Diane Bourassa, Breanna D'Argenzio-Tamburin, Gina Fortino Dickson, Sofia LoRé, Susan Macaluso, Don Malvestiti, Don Raimondi, Carole Stewart, Les Villanyi (VP), and Virginia Wilburn

Director Emeritus: Angelo Catelani

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 Individual

Marie Landi

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

Buttitta Design - Patti Buttitta

Cotati Accordion Festival

Della Terra Oils

Faloni Ranch

Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)

Jamie Maletta Real Estate

Servico Building Maintenance Inc.

Staged Right - Martine Piazza

Taft Street Winery

True Delicious Biscotti

Whipper Snappers

CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS HEAL RECOVER

to members and their families who are not feeling well

Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

biglietto, bagagli, treno

ticket, luggage, train

The Foundation mourns two Italian-American icons who recently passed away.

Connie Francis died at 84 years old. Born Concetta Rosemaria Franconero in Newark, New Jersey. Her family emigrated from Reggio di Calabria. She had a successful career and sold over 100 million records which includes such hits as "Where the Boys Are" and "My Heart has a mind of its Own".

Hulk Hogan who died at age 71, was born Terry Gene Bollea. His family emigrated from the province of Vercelli (Piemonte) Italy. Hogan was a wrestling superstar and was proud of his Italian heritage.

NBICF Dinner

Thursday, September 25, 2025

doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm

Sonoma County Veterans Building Dining Room

Please see enclosed flyer for information and reservations

Upcoming NBICF Dinner

Save the Date: **Friday, December 12, 2025**

menu TBD

Lido Cantarutti presents the

2025 Italian Film Festival

September 27 to November 1, 2025

The Italian Film Festival is celebrating its 48th year.

All 6 shows will take place at Angelico Concert Hall on the campus of Dominican University.



For full information on dates, films and ticketing go to www.italianfilm.com

NBICF and Risorgimento present

Festa Italiana di Santa Rosa

Sunday, October 26, 2025 12-4pm

D'Argenzio Winery

Please see enclosed flyer for all the details

Come and celebrate Italian heritage! La Festa returns with all the festivities you enjoyed last year with food, music, the silent auction, and a family Italian-themed corner. This year, we are also partnering with Risorgimento, a consortium of West Coast wineries and vineyards dedicated to the production and promotion of Italian varietals, and you can sample these premium wines from 40 California Wineries. Throughout the afternoon, you will be treated to **live music** with **Steve Albini, Carlo Soliván, Steve Puleo**, and more.

La Festa will be held at D'Argenzio Winery, Santa Rosa Vintners Square

Admission is free! RSVP

<https://FestaitalianadiSantaRosa2025.eventbrite.com>

Food, beverage, and wine for purchase.

Be a part of La Festa - if you would like to be on the Festa **planning committee or volunteer on the day of the event**, please **contact Rene Berardi, 707-291-2173, or Susan Macaluso, 917-892-8652.**

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Please note that nominations for new board members begins in September. The Foundation has 1 open board seat. 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.

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.



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation
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www.nbicf.org

Upcoming Events

September 25, 2025 - Thursday, (doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm):
NBICF Dinner, Sonoma County Veterans Building Dining Room, Santa Rosa, CA

September 28, 2025 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: **Only You**

October 19, 2025 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: **La Vita è Bella (Life is Beautiful)**

October 26, 2025 - Sunday, 12-4pm: **Festa Italiana di Santa Rosa**
D'Argenzio Vintners Square, 1301 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

November 1, 2025 - Saturday, 10am - 2pm: **Finding History Day**
Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

Save the date for an upcoming NBICF Dinner:

December 12, 2025

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



Columbus Day

October 13, 2025

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.

Christopher Columbus primarily spoke Genoese, a dialect of Ligurian, as his native language. While he likely also learned and used Latin, Castilian Spanish, and Lingua Franca, his mother tongue was Genoese.

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 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.

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

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

NBICF Dinner

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Sonoma County Veterans Building Dining Room

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

Reservations must be made by September 19, 2025

Menu includes:

Antipasti

Greens, shaved zucchini, shaved fennel, carrots, Asiago cheese, and
raspberry vinaigrette

Pasta with spinach, mushroom, zucchini, Parmesan cheese, and garlic
tomato sugo

Herb-roasted pork loin with mushroom demi

Dessert: share your favorite recipe and bring cookies

Wine at the table

Dinner prepared by **Eric Malvestiti**



Reservations due by September 19, 2025

NBICF Dinner - Thursday, September 25, 2025

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

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)

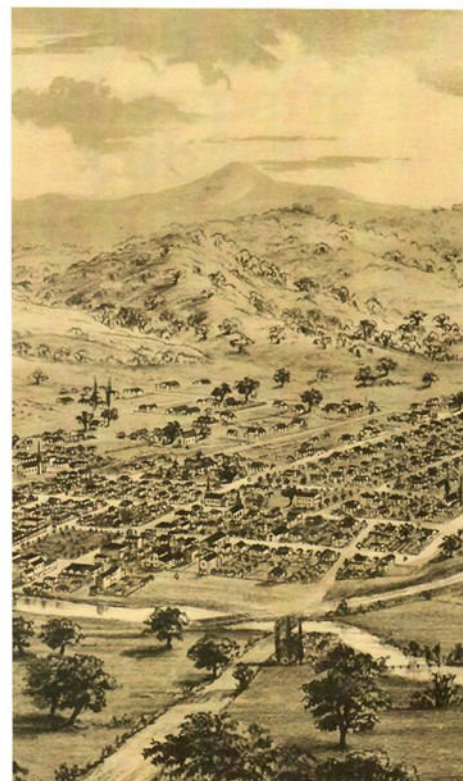
_____ places at free for Child under 5yrs

Make checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa,
CA 95404. Or, make reservations online at: www.nbicf.org

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



A Celebration of Sonoma County's
Unique Past



**Finding
History
Day
2025**

**Saturday
November 1
10 am-2 pm**

Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue
Santa Rosa

**DISPLAYS
PRESENTATIONS
BOOK SIGNINGS**

Presented by the Sonoma County Historical Society
Co-sponsored by Sonoma County Library



More information:
info@sonomacountyhistory.org

Free admission
Free parking



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation & Risorgimento
PRESENT



FESTA ITALIANA di SANTA ROSA

October 26, 2025 12-4pm

An afternoon of *La Dolce Vita* in our urban winery village!
Indulge in pizza, gelato, biscotti, espresso, and assorted Italian specialties.
Sample premium Italian varietal wines from **40 California wineries.**

Musical Entertainment

Italian/International Balladeer Carlo Soliván • Singer Steve Puleo
Accordionist/Singer Steve Albini

Silent Auction • Bocce Ball • Family Corner with Italian-themed Activities

Come celebrate our vibrant Italian Heritage *insieme!*

ADMISSION IS FREE

For more information: www.nbicf.org or www.dargenziowinery.com



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SANTA ROSA VINTNERS SQUARE
1301 CLEVELAND AVENUE
SANTA ROSA**

