

# MOSAICO CULTURALE

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## AUTUNNO SORRIDE A NOI

### Autumn is Smiling at us

Join us in Celebrating the Region of Molise

#### MONTHLY DINNER

Monday, September 21, 2015

St. Rose Parish Hall Dining Room  
398 - 10th Street, Santa Rosa, Ca  
Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

*Menu: Antipasti, ravioli with meat sauce, salad and dessert.*  
Entertainment by the Coro Allegro - honoring Angelo Catelani.  
A prize raffle is planned. No host bar.

#### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

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#### CELEBRATING THE REGION OF *MOLISE*

*MOLISE*, the youngest region of Italy. It was once known as *Abruzzo-Molise* until 1963 when *Molise* split off. It was not officially named a region on it's own until 1970.

*Molise* is bordered by *Abruzzo* to the north, *Puglia* to the east, *Lazio* to the west and *Campania* to the south. It has a short coastline on the Adriatic Sea.

Agriculturally *Molise* produces wine, wheat, cereals, olive oil, vegetables, fruits and dairy. Traditional products are grass pea (*cicerchia*) and farro. The cuisine is very similar to that of *Abruzzo*. The menu above will honor the area of *Molise*.

After the earthquakes of 2002 (Two 5.7's on October 31st and November 1st) struck *Molise*, some communities, particularly in *Larino*, adopted a policy to restore homes to their historical colors. Based on research, the town was painted in soft pastel tones. As a result, it has become an important center for tourism. *Molise* has large expanses of unspoiled beaches, a lack of congestion on the roads and a gentle pace that all contribute to the surge in international tourism.

Time to visit *Molise* !

#### ROOTSTOCK ITALIAN FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 17, 2015  
1:00-8:00 PM

SANTA ROSA VINTNERS SQUARE  
1301 & 1305 Cleveland Ave. SR  
See flyer enclosed

There will not be a monthly dinner in October instead join us at the Rootstock Festival.

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#### SUNDAYS AT THE CENTER September 27, 2015

Doors Open at 2:00 PM, screening at 2:30 PM

“Tea with Mussolini” A coming-of-age tale of a vanished world: that of the quiet city of Florence on the brink of World War II. Based on the life of film-maker Franco Zeffirelli, stars Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, Maggie Smith, Cher and Lily Tomlin.

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#### SAVE THE DATE:

#### NBICF CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER JANUARY 23, 2016

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#### MONTHLY DINNER RESERVATIONS

##### Prepaid Reservations Only for Sept. 21, 2015

- \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$14.00 for members
- \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$16.00 for guests
- \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$ 8.00 for teens 13 to 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$ 5.00 for child 5 to 13
- \_\_\_\_\_ places for under 5 years, free

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail in by September 16, 2015

## NBICF MEMBERSHIP

### Benvenuti ~ Welcome to new Members

*Individuals:* Janah LoPresti and Barbara Fabrizio

*Family:* Dennis & Marie Giacalone

*Business:* Balletto Vineyards, Faison Wines of Italy and Pedersen's Furniture

The NBICF Board of Directors invites you to our next dinner meeting and future events. Hope to see you soon.

*Members who renewed their membership as Patrons:*  
Ed Micheli.

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### IN MEMORIUM

We send condolences to the families of James Lawrence Alfieri and Heinz Schrader. May they rest in peace.

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### WELCOMING OUR NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS

NBICF has established a new Business Membership level for businesses that want to support us. Recently NBICF contacted various businesses in the Sonoma County area and have received 4 new memberships. We'd like to welcome our latest, Faison Wines of Italy and Pedersen's Furniture.

If you own a business and would like to upgrade your membership to business level the cost is \$150 annually. Your current membership dues would be applied to that fee. See your name in our Mosaico and help us build a stronger Italian community by networking through us. For more information contact George Golfieri at 591-9696.

### CULTURAL NEWS

Besides our wonderful Coro singing, NBICF members are also pursuing art and literature. The next book group meetings are Sept 17 and Oct 15 at 7 PM at the Center. 'Paint Italy' has its final meeting this year on Sept. 19. For more info contact Susan Adler at [adler@sonic.net](mailto:adler@sonic.net).

#### North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Policies

No refunds/exchanges; tickets transferable;  
no reservations accepted on event date. Space limited: first come, first served. Any offering in the Mosaico Culturale should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

Italian Cultural Center ~ Library ~ Office  
Tuesdays 1-4 PM or by appointment, 591-9696

Board Meetings held the first Wednesday evening of each month.

## INCONTRO

Informal conversation group for Italian speakers meets every other Saturday at 10:30 am at the NBICF Center. For more information contact George Golfieri at 843-3176 or email: [george.zena65@gmail.com](mailto:george.zena65@gmail.com).

## CORO ALLEGRO NEWS

Your Coro sang August 15 at the Liguri Nel Mondo picnic, under trees, in smoky superheated air...and we all had a great time! Onward and upward! Remember the Coro for special occasions, anniversaries, weddings and parties. Have voices will sing.

Catch us next time: September 21 NBICF dinner  
October 17 Rootstock Festa

## FLORENCE STUDY ABROAD: SPRING 2016

This unique program is offered to enable students to study abroad while making normal progress toward their degree objectives. Units earned in Florence will appear on transcripts issued by participating colleges. Application deadline is in October 2015. For more info go to <http://study-abroad.santarosa.edu/>. Study in Firenze, the cradle of the Renaissance!

## CENA e CINEMA is RETURNING...

*Cena e Cinema* is returning October 23, 2015. After the success of our first Friday night dinner and a movie, we are bringing it back by popular demand. Enjoy a leisurely visit with friends over wine and *antipasti* followed by the adult-themed Italian film, 'Five Star Life' with discussion led by Diane McCurdy PLUS pasta, salad, and dessert all for \$20. To reserve send a check for \$20 to NBICF by October 14. Space is limited to 20 so reserve early. Wine and antipasti start at 6 PM, dinner and film start at 6:30. For more info call 591-9696.

#### FOR INFORMATION

|                        |          |                   |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Coro Allegro           | 484-4992 | Les Villanyi      |
| Library/Office/Mosaico | 573-7185 | Virginia Wilburn  |
| Language               | 542-1799 | Ada Nourse        |
| Classes at the Center  | 874-2512 | Emily Evans       |
| Mailing Volunteers     | 573-7185 | Virginia Wilburn  |
| Membership             | 544-3499 | Denise Scaglione  |
| Reservations           | 573-7185 | Virginia Wilburn  |
| Scholarships           | 523-0296 | Gino Muzzatti     |
| Sunshine Cards         | 586-1167 | JoAnn Piantanida  |
| Volunteers             | 542-5245 | Jeanette Mitchell |

## **ANDIAMO**

**ICONS of SPAIN & FRANCE: Nov 2-15, 2015.....last call**

**Costa Brava – Andorra – Languedoc - Provence**

Nov 2 – Fly together with escort **Sharie Sbrazza** from SFO.  
Nov 3 – Transfer to settle for **3 nights on the Costa Brava**.  
Nov 4 – Explore **Gerona's** gems & charming fishing villages.  
Nov 5 – The **Gulf of Roses & Cadaques** coves are glorious!  
Native son Salvador Dali's art in **Figueras** is whimsy!  
Nov 6 – Cross the **Pyrenees** to **Seu d'Urgell** and shop in **Andorra** before arriving medieval **Carcassonne for 3 nights**.  
Nov 7 – Discover **Carcassonne** with a guide & on your own.  
Nov 8 – Marvel at Lautrec in **Albi** and tech art in **Toulouse**.  
Nov 9 – Enjoy **Languedoc: Corbieres** vineyards, perched Cathar castles, **Minervois** merlots plus **Fontfroide Abbey**.  
Nov 10 – With **3 nights in Herault** region, explore **Pezenas** and **Montpellier** plus the **Canal du Midi** marvel of 1680.  
Nov 11 – See Roman wonders in **Provence: Nimes'** Maison Carree temple, **Arles'** Arena & the **Pont du Gard's** 3 tiers!  
Nov 12 – Back to Spain via **Narbonne, Perpignan, Salses** Fortress & Ceret Musee for **3 nights in seaside Sitges**.  
Nov 13 – Explore **Barcelona** with a guide & on your own. Enjoy a special treat with cava & wine tasting in **Penedes**.  
Nov 14 – Admire Roman mosaics at **Villa Centelles**, Roman ruins in **Tarragona** & the **Poblet** royal palace-abbey.  
Nov 15 – transfer to fly from Barcelona to SFO...or extend to fly Barcelona to SFO on **Nov. 23**...see more of Europe!

**FLORENCE to FRANCE: May 29 - June 11, 2016**

**Italian Riviera & Cote d'Azur! Pisa to Provence!**

May 29 – meet escorts **Gino & Julie Muzzatti** in **Florence**.  
May 30 – Via **Vinci & Lucca**, stay **4 nights near Portofino**.  
May 31 – Spend a full, glorious day amid the **Cinque Terre!**  
Jun 1 – Explore **Portovenere, LaSpezia, Sarzana-Luni, Pietrasanta** and the Carrara marble quarries of **Massa**.  
Jun 2 – A day for Portofino, Rapallo, Camogli & more.  
Jun 3 – Via **Genova & San Remo**, enjoy **Riviera dei Fiori**. Cross into France to stay **4 nights in Nice** on Cote d'Azur.  
Jun 4 – Discover lovely **Nice** with a guide and on your own.  
Jun 5 – To the west, see **Antibes, Grasse, Frejus & Esterel**.  
Jun 6 – To the east, see **Eze, Cagnes, Vence & MonteCarlo**.  
Jun 7 – Via **St. Tropez & Cassis**, yacht the **Calenques** before walking the Cours in **Aix** & staying **4 nights in Avignon**.  
Jun 8 – Explore papal **Avignon** with a guide & on your own.  
Jun 9 – Admire the Roman treasures of **Orange's** theatre & the **Pont du Gard**. Discover **Vaucluse, Nimes & Tarascon**.  
Jun 10 – Learn of van Gogh's legacy in **Arles & St. Remy**. Enjoy quaint **Les Baux** & the wildness of the **Camargue**.  
Jun 11 – au revoir! Stay on for Bordeaux or Paris or ?

**TWO FREE MEETINGS at Italian Cultural Center**

Sat, **Sept 12** at 10-11am...and...Sun, **Oct 11** at 2-3pm

Limited space, so RSVP to [gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu](mailto:gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu)

**ANDIAMO since 1979 ~ NBICF member since 1986**

[andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com)

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It has been a busy summer for NBICF, as the Foundation held five successful events.

In June, it was the Youth Italian Language Camp and the Foundation's first *Cena e Cinema*. In July we held our third annual *Pizza e Birra* night. In August we had our annual Winemakers Dinner at The Riviera Ristorante. On August 23rd, we were entertained by Ben Slaven singing songs from Napoli.

The Foundation received very positive feedback on the *Cena e Cinema* from members who attended. I believe all enjoyed the movie, "Love is all You Need". There was an abundance of food which featured lasagna. A special thanks to Susan Adler, Linda Apel and Maggie Brothers for planning and hosting the event.

Also, in June, the Foundation offered it's annual Italian Language Camp for children. We had 20 children enrolled for the two week camp. I would like to thank Joli Love, Instructor, and Carla Forchini for her help in providing camp counselors from her Italian high school class.

The *Pizza e Birra* night is becoming another popular annual event. Unfortunately, Anna and I missed this event, but I understand it was a fun evening. I would like to report that the Foundation raised \$719.00 that will be used to fund our scholarship programs, cultural events and to cover operating expenses. I would like to thank Rosso's Pizzeria for supplying the food and to Dennis Thygesen of Faisono Wines for donating the wine for this event. Also special thanks to Don Raimondi for coordinating this event and for donating the Peroni *birra*. Such events cannot happen without the dedication of volunteers who helped. Special recognition to Vincent Poggi, Linda Apel, Maggie Brothers, Reid Sheridan, Randy Bonfantini and Carole Stewart.

I attended the Oakland A's "Italian Heritage Night" on August 7th. This event was sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation. It was a fun night with a bus ride to the park which included pizza, wine and snacks. We had dinner sponsored by the A's and also received a scarf as a memento of the game. Our seats were on the lower level and best of all the A's beat the Astro's 3 to 1. I would like to thank Mary Gosiak and Patti Adams for an entertaining evening.

Our next monthly dinner meeting will be on September 21st and will be dedicated to Angelo Catelani for his years of service to NBICF and the Coro Allegro. Come celebrate with us and the Coro who will perform some of Angelo's favorite Italian Folk music.

On October 17th NBICF will co-sponsor the second annual "Italian Rootstock Festival" with D'Argenzio Winery. The festival will run from 1:00pm to 8:00pm at D'Argenzio Vintners Square located on Cleveland Avenue in Santa Rosa. Admission is free. This year the festival will feature more food, vendors, silent auction, music and other events. Come enjoy a day of Italian culture in Santa Rosa. Please refer to the enclosed flyer or log onto the NBICF website for more information. We are looking for volunteers to help in planning and during the day of the event.

Nominations for new Board members start in October and it is never too early to begin the nomination process. If you are interested in serving as a Board Director or have suggestions for a new member, please contact me or any current Board member.

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## COMING EVENTS

**September 21, 2015**  
**Members Monthly Dinner**  
**St. Rose Parish Hall**

**September 27, 2015**  
**Sunday at the Center Movie**  
**2:00 pm at the Center**

**October 17, 2015**  
**Italian Rootstock Festival**  
**Vintners Square**

**October 23, 2015**  
**Cena e Cinema**  
**6:00 pm at the Center**

**Coming Soon...Crab Feed January 23, 2016**



DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



## APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Annual Dues: \_\_\_\$35 Individual \_\_\_\$50 Family \_\_\_\$100 Patron \_\_\_\$150 Business \_\_\_\$10 Student

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My Italian Ancestry (regions): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants, please indicate your interest in activities (circle):

Bocce Festa Italiana Fund-raisers History Language Library Mailings Music Office Scholarships Travel

Please mail with check payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404 - phone 707-591-9696

## 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 things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions and support education via scholarships, classes and programs.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Terracina Adler (2nd VP 523-3434), Ann Abbruzzese, Linda Apel (Treasurer), Allen Barbieri, Maggie Brothers (1st VP 544-9244), Kathy Dowdall, JoAnn Piantanida, George Golfieri (President 843-3176), Jeanette Mancini Mitchell, past president, Michelle Poggi, Vincent Poggi, Don Raimondi, Reid Sheridan, Carole Stewart, Denise Traverso and Virginia Mennucci Wilburn (Secretary 573-7185).

Directors Emeritus are Angelo Catelani, Arturo Ibleto.

Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Susan Adler, George Golfieri, Jeanette Mitchell, and Virginia Wilburn  
Members are encouraged to submit articles or items for publication. We reserve the right to select and edit as space allow.



# 2015 ITALIAN FESTIVAL

*Come Celebrate*

# ITALY

OCTOBER 17TH  
1:00 TO 8:00 pm

- ITALIAN HISTORY DISPLAY
- LIVE MUSIC & DANCING
- SAUSAGE & PEPPERS
- PIZZA & PASTA
- WINE & BEER
- JUICE
- GELATO
- ESPRESSO
- BOCCE, GAMES
- GRAPE STOMP
- KIDS & ADULTS

FREE Admission

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THE CORO ALLEGRO  
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