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## Torino 2006 ~ A Dream Come True

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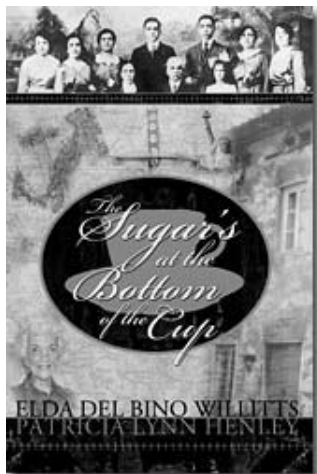
Our dream began in 1999 when, during a visit with my cousins in Torino, my husband Ugo, son Michael and I stumbled upon a “Torino 2006 Candidate City” office while touring Lingotto, a former FIAT “stabilimento: (factory). Upon entering, we discovered Torino’s intent to submit a bid to host the 2006 Winter Olympics. We immediately decided that should Torino win, we would come back for the Olympics. Almost seven years later, our dream became a reality as we arrived at my cousin’s home and boarded a taxi to take us to the Stadio Olimpico, where the opening ceremonies were to take place. Once through security, we found our way to our seats in the beautifully redone stadium, and opened our silver mylar “goodie bag” which contained a book on the opening ceremonies, a flashlight, a white poncho to wear (to symbolize snow and to keep us warm), and an alpine cow bell to ring. As the jumbotron screens showed the countdown beginning, we were filled with great excitement and anticipation.

The whole evening was a series of unforgettable moments ...the young girl who sang “l’Inno di Mameli” with such pure innocence (I cried)...the Olympic flag being carried in by prominent women, including the regal Sophia Loren...Olympic volunteers forming a live, moving “skier” on the ice...wire climbers forming a magnificent white dove of peace in mid-air...the five Olympic rings exploding with fireworks...the Ferrari sportscar forming Olympic rings on the ground with its tires...Luciano Pavarotti singing “Nessun Dorma”...Gold-medallist Alberto Tomba carrying the Olympic torch into the stadium... Seeing the athletes from different nations was awe-inspiring, and when the American athletes entered to great cheers we stood and proudly held our large American flag. When the Italians entered last, the stadium was audibly humming with excitement. The crowd chanted “Italia, Italia” and roared with appreciation. We stood and waved our large Italian flag, while tears poured down my cheeks. The highlight, for me, occurred when the Olympic *fiaccola* (hand-held torch) was used to light the fireworks which then encircled the athletes on the stadium floor and the top of the stadium, and then lit the Olympic flame (which we could see at night from my cousin’s balcony). The opening ceremonies were magnificently creative, and I believe at that moment I was never prouder to be Italian, and especially Piemontese.

A few days later, we left Torino for San Benedetto del Tronto in the Marche region, (my husband’s hometown), then on to Trecate, in the province of Novara, to visit my maternal nonno’s hometown. The day before the closing ceremonies, we were back in Torino and attended the women’s 5000 meter speed-skating event at the Oval Lingotto (a beautiful new stadium), finally getting a taste of an Olympic competition. We also walked around town, going to the famous “*Al Bicerin*” café (1763) where we drank *Bicerin*, a concoction of hot chocolate, coffee and heavy cream (che bun), enjoyed a visit to the famous Café Mulassano, and stopped at the Café Vittorio Veneto, where we enjoyed a typical Torinese afternoon *aperitivo*, complete with *tramezzini* sandwiches, *stuzzichini*, *salatini*, *dolci*, and several sinfully delicious *gianduiotti*. Having our pictures taken with the Olympic mascots Gliz and Neve was frosting on the *torta* (cake)!

Finally, the closing ceremonies were upon us, and once again, we were in the stadium. The evening’s theme was “Carnevale Italiano” and we were all wearing either angel or devil masks while watching traditional Carnevale acrobats, jugglers, clowns and stilt walkers perform their ageless routines on the stadium floor. Listening to Andrea Bocelli sing was heavenly. Seeing an Italian awarded the gold medal in the presence of his countrymen for winning the last Olympic event was very emotional. When Vancouver, Canada received the Olympic flag from Italy as the 2010 Host City, we were filled with sadness, as we knew that these most special magical moments would soon end. Before we realized it, the Olympic torch burned no more, the spectacular fireworks were over, and 17 days of hopes, dreams, memories and emotion had ended in glory for Torino and Italy.

The City of Torino, capital of the Piedmont region, is no longer Italy’s best-kept secret. The city, home to one million people, is filled with red pennant flags and red banners bearing the Olympic symbol of la Molle Antonelliana (Torino’s landmark monument). I am profoundly happy and grateful that my family and I had the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of sharing in this passion, this pride, and this joy of the XX Winter Olympics in Torino. Viva Turin!



## Meet The Author

### *“The Sugar’s at the Bottom of the Cup”*

Sunday, September 24 at 3 pm

At the Italian Cultural Center

2791 - 24th street (24<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave) Rm 13

Author Patricia Henley, Director of the Ellis Island Oral History Project, tells the life story of Italian American immigrant Elda Bino Willitts, who came to this country in 1916 from rural Italy when she was 7 years old, traveling steerage on a steamship with her family. She grew up in the Cow Hollow district of San Francisco when it still had gas street lights and horse drawn wagons. Told as a young girl that “All the sugar’s at the bottom of the cup,” Elda used that phrase to sustain herself during childhood poverty, family heartaches, the Great Depression, World War II, her own battle with cancer and more. – and to do it with a loving and upbeat attitude. Her fascinating life and the lessons she learned unfold in this book presentation. Free and the public is invited.

## Italian American Heritage “Save the Romaggi”

**Friday, October 6, at 8 pm**

The early Italian immigrants to the Gold Country of northern California left many historic buildings which dot the Mother Lode landscape. Many of these buildings, dating from the Gold Rush are being lost to the ravages of time and neglect. The Romaggi Adobe sits alone along highway 49 in an area once known as the mining camp of Albany flat. It was built by James Romaggi who arrived from Genoa in 1850. The building, once used as the family home upstairs and a store downstairs, is a classic of Gold Country architecture. Today it sits abandoned. Adrian Nestor of the Save The Romaggi Adobe Foundation, which is dedicated to restoring it, will speak about the Foundations plans to turn it into the Gold Country Family Museum. There is an urgent need to preserve these unique and historic buildings which are part of the distinctive Italian legacy in the Gold country. At the Italian Center. Free and the public is invited.



## Film Documentary: Christopher Columbus

**Friday, October 13, at 8 pm**

The Discovery of America by Columbus is celebrated as a national holiday with parades in many cities across the United States. The origins of the holiday began in the Italian communities across the United States and evolved from an ethnic holiday to a national commemoration. Born in Genoa, Italy, Columbus is treated as a heroic figure among Italian Americans. While there is a concerted movement to eliminate Columbus Day from the public schools and the public square, the fact remains, when Columbus discovered America, it stayed discovered and led to the largest movement of a single people – the Italians - from one continent to another in history. Join us for this video documentary on the life and voyages of Columbus. At the Italian Center. Free and the public is invited.



Queen Isabella, Columbus Day  
1939, Richmond, California

## Travel Italy Visions of Sicily

**Friday, October 27, at 8 pm**

Less than two miles off the Italian mainland, Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean. The island of Sicily is rich in historical sites, stunning scenery, and wonderful food. It is a place with year- round sunshine, Greek and Roman ruins, sandy beaches, ancient fishing ports, modern autostradas and a top travel destination. Join us for this unique aerial tour of Sicily. At the Italian center. Free and the public is invited.



## Bella Festa!

Festa Italiana Sacramento is widely recognized as one of the top Italian festivals and this year did not disappoint. Once again, the Italian community in northern California gathered together for two days of Italian style fun. Many have compared the Festa to a two day Italian wedding. Others say it is the event of the year and wouldn't miss it for the world. From the red Italian sports cars to the amazing caliber of the entertainment on the Festa stage, this years 21st annual Festa Italiana was a perfect way to celebrate everything Italian. The food was delicious – and the variety of authentic Italian favorites was mouth watering. The cooking shows by local chefs are always popular as are the many Italian products for sale in the Festa Marketplace. Shoppers could select from dozens of different vendors. Sacramento is the only city in the state with three performing Italian folk dance troupes who delighted the crowd with their colorful Italian costumes and traditional Italian dances. Once again, the Saturday night dance was a crowd favorite with a packed dance floor. From the winner of the Grand Prize Trips to Italy (Gina Reyes of Citrus Heights) to the crowning of our Festa Queen (Kathrine Cross), Festa 2006 was the place to be. Our Festa committee deserves thanks for putting on this major event which is attended by thousands of Italian Americans from our region. Grazie! To Festa Director Bill Cerruti and his Committee: Patty & Tony Peter, Bob Beckert, Jennifer Caruso, Patrizia Cerruti, Dominic Adorno, Marcella Sciarrotta, Julie Radtke, Jerry Adda, Maria & Joe Pasquale, Julie Torchio, Drew Caprile, Carol Mollica and Shelby Wagner – **and all the festa volunteers**



Festa Queen Pageant

## Gioventù Italiana

The Gioventù Italiana is our social and cultural group for those in their 20's and 30's. The purpose of the Gioventù is to enable younger Italian Americans to connect with their culture and to become more active members of our community. It allows younger adults to get involved and meet people with similar cultural interests, The Gioventù has an active schedule of activities planned including a new member potluck for all Gioventù and their families on Saturday, August 26 from 6 to 9 pm at the Italian Center – room 14. There will be a children's activity table to keep the little ones entertained. RSVP to gioventusacramento@yahoo.com with the dish you would like to share. Other events planned include Italian Game Night on Saturday, September 16 at the Center from 6 to 8 pm and a Channel 6 Phone Bank on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Call Julie Radtke at 601-6051 to volunteer.

## Air Italia - Sacramento Italian Style Sundays at noon - Cable Ch. 18.

The Italian American Radio Show is sponsored by the Society and airs every Sunday. The program features the best of Italian music and your Italian American favorites. The Show is also available on the internet at [www.accesssacramento.org](http://www.accesssacramento.org). You can request your own on air selections. Call Phyllis Cupparo at 916-852-6429



## Children's Summer Camps a Big Success



Our Ciao Piccoli pre-school summer camps this year were very popular with more than 100 children from our community attending.. This year, we offered 8 summer camp sessions - four one week Camps and four Single Day Adventures. Pre-school teachers, Katy Harrison and Jenna Downey prepared a wonderful program with weekly themes which kept the children engaged. Many parents were thrilled to report that their toddlers were using Italian words at home. The Ciao Piccoli program allows our children to discover all the fun and exciting things the Italian Language and culture has to offer. Our regular Ciao Piccoli Pre-school and Ciao Italia School sessions begin in October. Go to [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net) to check the schedule.

## Support the Society Through the United Way

Did you know you can support the Society through the United Way. You can make tax-deductible direct or payroll deductions to the Society on United Way forms. We appreciate the donations we receive from our supporters through the United Way and their continuing support each year. We thank those individuals for their contributions.

# Learn *ITALIAN*

***“Un uomo che parla due lingue ne vale due.”***  
***A man who speaks two languages is worth two men.***

Now is the time to learn the beautiful language of music, food, culture, fashion, art and *amore!* Have you fallen in love with Italy or an Italian? Do you want to learn the language of your *nonni*? Our Italian classes stress the pleasure of the Italian Language and culture because we know that the most effective learning happens in a dynamic and friendly atmosphere. **DON'T HESITATE!** We offer **free** tutoring for students who desire extra help or practice. Convenient **day and evening** times are available. Classes are offered at \$135. for a complete 9 week program. It's fun and it's easy! Registration and Books are available for purchase at the first class meeting; **CALL: ITALY-00 (482-5900)** or visit **www.italiancenter.net** and pre-register on line. Learn Italian: Live the Passion!



## Fall – 2006 – CLASS SCHEDULE:

### **Beginning I - Italiano Uno:**

**Day Section 1:** Sept 13 to Nov 8

*Wednesdays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Evening Section 2:** Sept 12 to Nov 7

*Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

**\*Evening Section 3:** Sept 13 to Nov 8

*Wednesdays, 5:00 to 7:00 pm*

The perfect introductory class for those with very little or no knowledge of Italian. An ideal course for anyone who wants to learn to converse in ITALIANO!

**Instructors:** *Patrizia, \*Katy*

### **Beginning II - Italiano Due:**

**Day Section 1:** Sept 12 to Nov 7

*Tuesdays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Evening Section 2:** Sept 12 to Nov 7

*Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

Students will expand vocabulary and grammar and learn to speak and understand everyday Italian.

**Instructors:** *Patrizia, \*Nancy*

### **Beginning III- Italiano Tre:**

**Day Section 1:** Sept 12 to Nov 7

*Tuesdays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Evening Section 2:** Sept 13 to Nov 8

*Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

Graduates of due will learn new grammar, expand vocabulary and practice conversational skills.

**Instructors:** *Franca, \*Matteo*

### **Intermediate I - Italiano Quattro:**

**Day Section 1:** Sept 15 to Nov 10

*Fridays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Evening Section 2:** Sept 12 to Nov 7

*Tuesdays, 5:00 to 6:50 pm*

Continue learning Italian, enhance your skill and play an active role in the class discussions.

**Instructors:** *Gabriella \*Katy*

### **Intermediate II - Italiano Cinque:**

**Day Section 1:** Sept 13 to Nov 8

*Wednesdays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Evening Section 2:** Sept 11 to Nov 6

*Mondays, 7:15 to 9:15 pm*

Continue where Italiano Quattro left off to improve conversation, grammar and vocabulary with lively class discussions.

**Instructors:** *Gabriella, \*Ester*

### **Intermediate III - Italiano Sei:**

**Evening Section 1:** Sept 14 to Nov 9

*Thursday, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Day Section 2:** Sept 14 to Nov 9

*Thursday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

This class is taught primarily in Italian to increase and encourage conversation, teach new grammar and vocabulary.

**Instructors:** *Gabriella, \*Lorella*

### **Advanced I - Italiano Sette:**

**Section 1:** Sept 14 to Nov 9

*Thursday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

This class offers students the opportunity to improve grammar and conversation skills working with everyday Italian.

**Instructor:** *Rocco*

### **Advanced II - Italiano Otto:**

**Section 1:** Sept 11 to Nov 6

*Mondays, 12:30 to 2:30 pm*

Class is taught in Italian and focuses on finishing Prego and fine tuning grammar and conversation skills.

**Instructor:** *Gabriella*

### **Advanced III - Corso Avanzato**

Sept 11 to Nov 6

*Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm*

Class is taught in Italian and reviews linguistic constructions, grammar, idioms and expressions to improve comprehension and conversation skills. Text is da Capo.

**Instructor:** *Gabriella*

### **Advanced IV -Corso Superiore:**

**Day Section 1:** Sept 11 to Nov 6

*Mondays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm*

**\*Evening Section 2:** Sept 11 to Nov 6

*Mondays, 5:15 to 7:15 pm*

Class is taught in Italian to broaden understanding of more complex linguistic constructions, grammar, idioms and expressions. - Text is da Capo

**Instructors:** *Gabriella, \*Ester*

### **Beginning to Intermediate Conversation:**

\*Sept 12 to Nov 7

*Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:45 pm*

(\*Prerequisite: Complete Italiano 3)

\*\*Sept 13 to Nov 8

*Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2:15 pm*

(\*Prerequisite: Complete Italiano 3)

**Instructors:** *\*Nancy, \*\*Gabriella*

### **Intermediate to Advanced Conversation:**

\*Sept 14 to Nov 9

*Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:15 pm*

(\*Prerequisite: Complete Italiano 6)

\*\*Sept 14 to Nov 9

*Thursdays, 5:15 to 6:55 pm*

(\*Prerequisite: Complete Italiano 6)

Conversation classes offer the best way to enhance Italian language skills, learn new vocabulary and have the opportunity to read and speak Italian in a teacher led, friendly environment. Classes can be taken on their own, or are the perfect addition for students in current Italian classes. \*Bonus\* Conversation classes are **ONLY \$115.00\***

(\*Prerequisites or teacher OK)

**Instructor:** *\*Gabriella, \*\*Lorella*

# Italian For Travelers

## "Don't leave home without this class"

**Day Section 1:** September 12 to November 7, \*Tuesdays, 12:30 to 2:15 pm

**Evening Section 2:** September 13 to November 8, \*Wednesdays, 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm

"This is the perfect class if *il Bel Paese* - Italy is on your itinerary. This informative class is designed especially for travelers to Italy. Prepare yourself to experience the best the world has to offer: -art, history, food, wine, music, culture and spectacular beauty all wait the traveler to Italy. The course will make your trip to Italy more enjoyable! Travelers learn basic conversation skills, useful vocabulary and key phrases. Students appreciate the focus on Italian culture and customs, and the valuable travel tips and practical information which prepare travelers to confidently visit and enjoy the Italian Peninsula. Students return from Italy praising the usefulness of the course.



... "I've just returned from a three week trip in Italy. Thanks to all of your excellent teaching and valuable tips our trip was a complete success. We felt comfortable in bars, restaurants, and train stations knowing how the systems work. We enjoyed meeting the Italian people and talking with them in their own language. That really opened doors for us! Train conductors thanked us for learning Italian cheering us on with "brava!" Wine shop owners eagerly took us to their private cellars and shared stories of their grandparents while showing us their ancient barrels, bottle storage carved into tufa walls and opened their special vin Santo and grappa. This was my first trip abroad and it was so much fun. Our whole experience was deeper and richer because of what I learned from you. Thank you for all the education and passion for Italy that you shared with me."

Instructor, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, is a native of Tuscany, an expert travel planner and the author of the course textbook: BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. Register now at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net) or call 916 482-5900

## Ciao Italia!

*Italian for first to sixth graders*

**Section 1:** October 15 to November 12, Sundays 1:00 to 2:30 pm

**Section 2:** November 26 to December 17, Sundays 1:00 to 2:30 pm

"There is no greater gift for a child, than that of their language, culture and heritage." The Ciao Italia program is specially designed to introduce elementary school children to Italian language and culture. These convenient weekend classes give school age children a wonderful opportunity to learn simple Italian with thematic curriculum that brings games, art, geography, creative play and fun into the classroom. Children will be divided into grade levels for some activity. \$45 fee for 5 week program. Pre-register NOW at 916 482-5900 or [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net).



## CIAO PICCOLI

*Italian Pre-School*



- ☺ Ages 2 to 3 1/2 years - **Oct 12 to Nov 16, Thurs, 9:15 to 10:15 am**
- ☺ Ages 3 1/2 to 5 years - **Oct 12 to Nov 16, Thurs, 10:45 am to 12:15 pm**
- ☺ Ages 2 to 3 1/2 years - **Oct 13 to Nov 17, Fri, 9:15 to 10:15 am**
- ☺ Ages 3 1/2 to 5 years - **Oct 13 to Nov 17, Fri, 10:45 am to 10:15pm**

This special program for little ones recognizes the importance of introducing language at an age when children are "hardwired" for language acquisition and it is an effortless, fun process for them. Our program includes Italian culture and heritage, and offers a place where children learn naturally through play, games, songs, art, videos, dancing, food and fun.

Ciao Piccoli gives your Pre-school age child a program of their own. Studies document the advantages of introducing a second language as soon as possible in a child's life. \$45 fee for the 5 week program. Pre-register NOW at 916-482-5900 or [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net)



## See Italy with those Who Know it Best!

Florence, Italy, is considered the No. 1 city in the world for travelers, according to Travel + Leisure's annual "World's Best" awards. Rome, Italy came in as the No. 2 city. This is probably no surprise to anyone who has visited Italy. A magnificent blend of incredible natural beauty, history, art, culture, architecture, wines and food all await the traveler in Italy, as well as a way of life that inspires travelers long after they return home. Here is what people that travel with us say about the experience. *"I want you to know that I had a wonderful time in Italy. The hotel, the food, our group of travelers, the touring arrangements, the tour guides ... everything was fantastic. The Thanksgiving presentation and serving of the turkey was terrific... and the turkey was great tasting."* We invite you to join the Italian Cultural Society in Italy for any of these tours.



## ✦ THANKSGIVING IN TUSCANY ✦

9 days \*Two departures Open!!

November 10 to 18, 2006 and \*November 17 to 25, 2006

Travelers on this tour will have plenty to be thankful for this Thanksgiving! This nine day excursion gives you the opportunity to visit the world's top two destinations; Florence and Rome. Spaces remain on BOTH departures dates and you can book now! Staying in one place makes this the ideal trip to Tuscany ~ \$2,199 includes round trip airfare from San Francisco to Florence, all accommodations in a first class hotel in Pescia, all breakfasts and all dinners, 6 sight seeing tours including visits to Florence, Lucca,

Viareggio, Siena, Pisa, San Gimignano, Volterra, Montecatini and the Chianti Wine Road. Travelers can visit Rome and Vatican City the optional Rome tour. Tuscany's incomparable beauty and variety have lured travelers for over two thousand years. Tuscany is an exquisite blend of wonders of nature, the greatest art treasures, incredible architecture, excellent foods, wine and culture and much more. Your host from Sacramento is Tuscan native, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, who will host a pre-trip orientation and slide presentation. For information on Society tours call (916) 482-5900 or email your request to [Italy@winfirst.com](mailto:Italy@winfirst.com).

## ✦ Sicilian Fantasy ✦

11 days - March 19 to 29, 2007

Sicily has been called "the trampled paradise" because all those who landed on its shores coveted this island jewel and wanted it for themselves. And who could blame them for wanting this Mediterranean jewel? Sicily is the largest, and many say the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean Sea. This island is a magnificent contrast of dramatic volcanic mountains and blossom-covered almond and citrus groves. The scenery is breath taking and the island is steep in history. There are fantastic Greek temples, Roman theatres and majestic cathedrals and monuments. In Spring, the landscape is lush and the air is fragrant with vivid wildflowers and citrus blossoms. Don't miss Sicily this Spring!

An incredible \$2,399 tour price includes Round Trip airfare from \*\*San Francisco to Catania, Accomodations in lovely 4-star Hotels. **All buffet style breakfasts, full course - sit down lunches, and dinners** - and 5 comprehensive sightseeing tours. In Italy, we have our own private tour bus for all excursions. Travelers will enjoy a pre-departure show and orientation luncheon. The tour is fully escorted by native Sicilian hostess Pietra Biundo Peter, and local English speaking guides. While in Sicily See Catania, Taormina (2 nights), Agrigento, the Valley of the Temples, Sciacca, Sant' Angelo, Palermo, and Monreale. For a complete brochure and details call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail your request to [Italy@winfirst.com](mailto:Italy@winfirst.com)



Alberto, Patrizia and Olga - the TERRIFIC TRAVEL TRIO

## ✦ TUSCANY, ROME, VENICE ✦

11 days - Two departures June 5 - 15 or June 16 - 26, 2006

*This tour visits all three top travel cities along with so many beautiful others.* Discover the heart and soul of Italy with this Italian Cultural Society exclusive **Grand Tour**. This fully escorted tour highlights the romantic, legendary region of Tuscany, Italy's famous capital city of Rome: the Eternal City- with an optional tour of the magical Queen of the Adriatic: Venice.

All this for \$2,999 per person price which includes Round Trip airfare from San Francisco - to Florence and return out of Rome, and all accommodations in lovely 4-star Hotels, transfers, and all- breakfasts, and dinners in Tuscany and breakfasts in Rome. For brochure and details call (916) 482-5900 or email [italy@winfirst.com](mailto:italy@winfirst.com).

# ATTENZIONE! OUR NEW CENTER IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



We are proud to announce construction of the new Italian Center. The Center will be located in a fine commercial and residential area in the Carminchael area of Sacramento, where many Italian American families live. The new multi-million dollar Center will be expensive to build. We have raised enough up to put up the Building, but fundraising for construction will continue as we still need your support to complete the interior design before we can open our doors. We are close and need your support now.

In Italy you are born with community. In America, each generation must create its own sense of community. It is our hope that our new Cultural Center will help us renew and rebuild our Italian American cultural community for future generations. Our new Center represents the future of the Italian American community in northern California. It will serve as the Center of Italian life in the region and will include facilities where we can showcase the best of our heritage and celebrate our heritage - everyday.

The new Center is our last, best hope for building a lasting Italian community with a bright future. You can help the dream of establishing a proud home for the Italian community a reality by making a donation to the Building Fund today. Every donation will be listed in our "Legacy Book." All donations are tax deductible and can be accumulated to make you eligible for a "Brick" or "Brass Plate" on our "Italian American Wall of Honor." Celebrate your heritage, build your community... it's your future! For more information about the project, call the Society at 916 482-5900.

### "Buy - A - Brick"

You can "Buy - A - Brick" for the construction of the new Italian Center by making a \$500 donation to the Building Fund. If you buy two or more bricks you will be eligible for a Brass Plate on the Italian Cultural Center Wall of Honor.

### "Italian American Wall of Honor"

You can honor your family by making their name a permanent part of the Italian Cultural Center "Wall of Honor" with either a \$1,000 donation for a 2" by 6" Brass Plate or \$5,000 for a 6" by 10" Brass Plate

## "Thanks You" For Your Donations To The Building Fund

#### \$1,000

Richard J Vannucci - *in memory of Rudolph & Mable Vannucci*

#### \$1,000

Adrian Passadore - *in loving memory of George J Passadore*

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Natalie Alizadeh - *in memory of Lonnie Dean Dolce*

#### \$50

Joan Pelligrino - *in memory of Tony Pelligrino*

Alex & Linda Bellehumuer - *in memory of Judith Intoppa*

Michael Petrucci - *in memory of his father Reno J Petrucci*

Alex & Linda Bellehumuer - *in memory of Carina Cerolini*

Bob & Arlene Kemis - *in memory of Judith Intoppa*

Dominic J. Pulera - *in honor of William Cerruti*

#### \$25

Kathy Sesso-King - *in memory of her grandfather Sam Sesso*

Joseph Farruggia - *in memory of Haward Seemann*

Mario & Anna Alfonsi - *in memory of Balbina, Joseph & Frank Ropelto*

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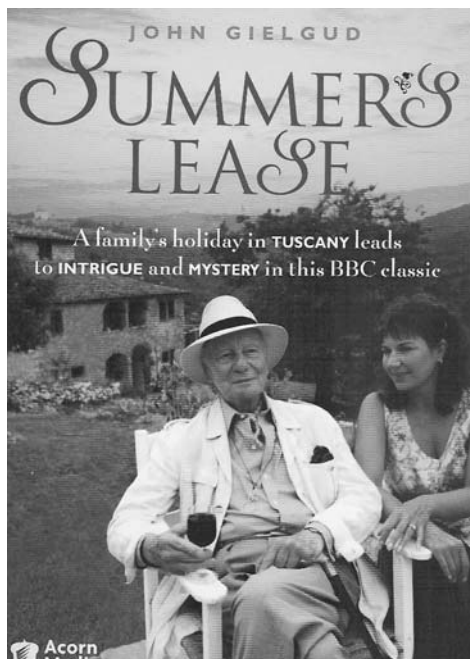
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## ITALIAN FILM SERIES



**Friday, September 15**  
**8:00 pm**

### **“SUMMER’S LEASE”**

**Part 1**

*A British family goes on a family holiday to a beautiful villa in Tuscany's Siena. (1989) in English*

**Friday, October 20**  
**8:00 pm**

### **“SUMMER’S LEASE”**

**Part 2**

*The family vacation in Tuscany leads to intrigue and mystery in a beautiful setting. (1989) in English*

**Both films are shown free at the Italian Center, 2791 24th St. - Room 13**