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LITTLE ITALY IN AMERICA:

La Via Vecchia- Coming To America

(Photo): Little Italy Sacramento, California: St. Marys Church Italian Catholic Federation #45 Woman's Drill Team in !941

Throughout both the 19th and 20th Centuries immigrants from Italy were responsible for the establishment of hundreds of "Little Italy" communities across the world and the United States. ***Why did they come?***

Italian people first began to immigrate to America in the early part of the 1600's along with many of the earliest settlers to the Virginia colony. But it wasn't until the 19 th and 20th centuries that Italy experienced the largest migratory exodus in its history.

For four hundred years Italy had endured foreign invasion and control from Spain, France and Austria. In the mid 1800's, the Italian people revolted against foreign domination and in 1870, Italy became a unified country. Due to the occupation of Italy by foreign powers, Italy was plagued by extreme poverty and a large peasant class. After the revolution, Italian leaders hoped that the unification of Italy would improve the status of the Italian people.

Instead, the Unification of Italy in 1870 sparked an exodus which led to almost nine million Italians to cross the Atlantic to North and South America in search of the promises denied them by the unification movement. During the 50 year span of 1870 to 1920, twenty six million Italians left their homeland for a better life elsewhere in such continents as Europe, Africa, Australia and South America as well as the United States and Canada.

Some 6 million Italian immigrants have come to the United States of America to make a better life for themselves, their families and future generations. After emigration processing in Ellis Island ***(nearly one-third of all immigrants that went through Ellis Island were Italian)***, the immigrants primarily settled in the metropolitan centers and Italian agricultural communities across the United States. Italians typically went to cities and communities in which they had relatives or where Italian communities existed.

The Italian immigrants to America were primarily from villages with powerful local traditions and loyalties. Italian immigrants turned their blocks and neighborhoods in the heart of American cities into their substitute villages they had left behind. These communities became commonly referred to as "Little Italy." The Italian communities were not just geographical communities or urban villages but encompassed large numbers of people throughout metropolitan regions.

In the Little Italy's across America, Italians held strong loyalties to their heritage. In many Little Italy's, peoples from different regions of Italy settled in different sections. One reason was because of language barriers. Dialects were all that were spoken. Being able to speak their dialects gave the early immigrants a semblance of emotional order, because the transition they faced was enormous. The New World into which these immigrants had come was truly a new world for them, filled with cultural and linguistic diversity, and a new sense of racial prejudice and discrimination.

In the face of these immense obstacles, "Little Italy" communities provided a source of personal identity and group cohesion. The close bonds of family and community provided a sense of security and safety. It was the feeling of extended family and group belonging that gave this sense of safety. These people trusted one another and helped each other in time of need. The community was an intricate part of the Italians daily life. The community would come together as the extended family for a variety of both religious and traditional celebrations.

The Italian spirit and identity is a communal one: it has always been intimately connected to where Italians have come from and where they have lived. Italian people lovingly refer to this as "La Via Vecchia." - family, tradition, the life blood.

This article, is reprinted from the Spring 1998 issue of Altre Voci .

MEET THE AUTHOR:
"ITALIANITA - The Essence of Being Italian & Italian-American"
Sunday, April 28 @ 1:30 pm *(Doors open at 1:00)*
At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission $15

Whether you are from Napoli or New York, Bari or Boston, Siena or San Francisco, there is a special quality that binds Italians - Italiani nel Mondo - together. That element that unites Italians as a people is* Italianita' *-the essence of being Italian.

In his new book, Author William Giovinazzo, has woven a story of the Italian people both in Italy and the United States in which he explores the culture and history of both and the forces that shaped who we are and makes us all part of a global family. While Italian American culture is different than the reality of Italy, Giovinazzo examines the diversity and hallmarks of both cultures and the cultural inheritance they share through their history, food, language, religion and traditions. His journey takes us from the early Greek colonists of Italy to the influx of Italian immigrants in the 19th and 20th centuries to the United States and the extensive impact that Italian culture and people have had on both western civilization and the world. **The authors book will be available for purchase and signing.** ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

MEET THE AUTHOR: *"SICILY - A Hearts Journey"*
Sunday, May 5 @ 1:30 pm *(Doors open at 1:00)*
At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission $15

Author Mary Tolaro Noyes had a childhood dream of discovering her Sicilian family. Her connection to Sicily, less than two miles from the Italian mainland and the largest island in the Mediterranean, was strong because of her grandfathers stories about her Sicilian family. Her grandparents, Filippo Tolaro and Maria Zarba settled in Bellows Falls, Vermont in 1913. Her fathers life long search to find his extended family became hers. They experienced the joy of finally connecting it together in 1989 when they traveled to their family's home in Pietraperzia, Sicily where they were embraced by their Sicilian family. Mary's book, *Sicily, A Hearts Journey,* is a wonderful personal account of her journey of family love that enriches each generation. Her book will be available for purchase and signing. ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

ITALIANS ARE THE LARGEST ANCESTRY GROUP IN FOUR STATES...

Italian ladies Motorbike Outing, Amador County, Ca -1910

According to the US Census Bureaus Community Survey, Italian Americans are the largest ancestry group in four States: Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. They are the second largest in Massachusetts and the third largest in Pennsylvania. California also has a large Italian-American population with 1.5 million people who identify themselves as of Italian ancestry. Nationwide, some 18 million Americans identify as Italian. Living in California we sometimes forget we that are part of the widespread settlement of the United States by Italian immigrants. The Italians in California came with the Gold Rush and kept coming and played a major role in establishing many of the states' major industries from fishing to wine making and from agriculture to branch banking.

Italian-Americans helped shape the cultural landscape of California and the modern West. The Italian settlement of the Mother Lode mining counties of northern California during the Gold Rush and beyond was part of the larger settlement of California by Italian people from northern Italy. The Italians were one of the earliest and most important groups of people to settle in the California foothills of the Sierra Nevada referred to as the "Mother Lode.". ***If you visit the Italian Cultural Center in Carmichael, take a look at the major exhibit on permanent display about the early Italian settlement of California's Gold Country entitled: "Nostra Storia - The Italian Legacy In The Mother Lode. "***

LA BEFANA VISITS THE CHILDREN OF SACRAMENTO

In folklore, La Befana visits all the children of Italy on the eve of January 6, the date of the Epiphany, with presents for the good kids and a lump of coal for the others. La Befana celebrations, dating from the 8th century and a national holiday in Italy, occur throughout Italy, each having its own customs. In Sacramento, the Legend of La Befana was celebrated at the Italian Center on January 6 with a Children's Festival which included a puppet show, crafts, traditional Italian desserts, musical entertainment and a visit by the Befana herself. For the dozens of children from the Italian community that attended it was a magical day of fun and tradition. **Thanks for the success of this wonderful annual event go to the Festa della Befana Committee:** ***Patty Peter, Phyllis Cupparo, Doris Beckert, Kasey, Dominic & Anthony Bierworth, Diana, Mary & Garrett Quilici, Geoff & Barbara Nickless, Tony & Kathleen Damiani & family,and Bill, Marco & Patrizia Cerruti.***

PHOTO L - R: **Bill Cerruti** *(Executive Director),* **Phyllis Cupparo as 'La Befana'** *(Society President),* **Patrizia Cerruti** *(Language & Travel Director)*

ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE FILM: *"Bella Vita"*

Sunday, May 19 @ 1:30 pm *(Doors open at 1:00)*

At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission $15

Surfer Chris del Moro travels back to his ancestral homeland to explore the modern surf culture of the Tuscan Riviera in Marina di Pisa, Italy. As a kid, Chris had traveled back and forth to Italy. As an adult surfer from California he desired to get in touch with his Italian culture and family. This beautifully shot film explores the beginnings of Italian surf boarding in Tuscany in the 1960's by the boys of Marina di Pisa when one of them bought a board from an American serviceman from Hawaii stationed in Italy. From that beginning the tradition has been passed down to new generations and today's world class Italian surfers. In the film, Chris connects with the Italian surfing community and their pride in surfing Italian style. ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

FILM DOCUMENTARY:

"Leonardo, The Man Who Saved Science"

Sunday, May 26 @ 1:30 pm *(Doors open at 1:00)*

At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission $15

This year is the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo Da Vinci in May 1519. He was an Italian that changed the world. An artist, scientist , philosopher, genius, Leonardo was one of the Renaissance"s most brilliant minds. Born 40 years before the discovery of America in Tuscany, Italy in 1452 in the town of Vinci, he helped pioneer the Italian Renaissance and was a contemporary and rival of Michelangelo. He was the embodiment of the Renaissance man and world renowned for his masterpiece paintings including the Last Supper and the Mona Lisa, some of the most memorable paintings the world has known. He is known for his revolutionary inventions as well as his art and his greatness is recognized 500 years after his death. This film features some of his most famous ideas and inventions, and traces their origins and influence on the modern world. ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

ITALIAN FOLK DANCERS OF SACRAMENTO: *CHECK US OUT!*

The Italian Cultural Society sponsors two Italian Folk Dance troupes that maintain the dance traditions of Italy. Those of us who live in the Sacramento region are lucky to have both a children's folk dance group (I BAMBINI) and an adult group (BALLIAMO!) that offer the opportunity to learn the regional dances of Italy. The Society Folk dance troupes are open to all who want to participate in our dance heritage.

For those interested in participating or attending a dance practice of the children's dancers contact Diana Quilici at: bellachicca44@yahoo.com. If you want to check out the adult dancers contact Irene Brown at: shadesub@comcast.net. ***Both groups practice at the Italian Center.***

THE ITALIAN SOCIETY SALUTES VOLUNTEER: *PATTY BIUNDO PETER*

Longtime Society Volunteer, ***Patty Biundo Peter,*** was born in Sicily and arrived in Sacramento in 1967 when her family immigrated here. She began her career with the Society as a young member of the Society's Gioventu group of 20 and 30 year olds. From that beginning, Patty currently serves as Vice -President and has been actively involved in organizing the Societies annual summer Festa Italiana for the past 33 years as well as the societies annual children's Befana Festival and the annual Columbus Day Festival. According to Patty, *"The Society has given me the Camaraderie that I find in my extended Sicilian family. I love interacting with my Italian friends I have found within the Society and hope to continue building more friendships."*

AIR ITALIA: THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN RADIO SHOW

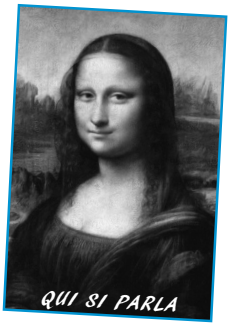
Every Sunday at Noon!

Broadcasts on ACCESS Cable Channel 18 and KUBU Radio 96.5. Tune in every Sunday at noon to *"SACRAMENTO ITALIAN STYLE"* and listen to the best of our Italian and Italian-American favorites.

Hosted by Society member Phyllis Cupparo

Learn Italian!

"TANTI AUGURI DI BUONA PRIMAVERA" DALL'ITALIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL



There is no better way to celebrate Italian culture than to learn the language! The Italian Cultural Society's Italian Language School can teach you to speak Italian, or improve your Italian with instructors who know that the most effective learning takes place in a dynamic and friendly environment. We have taught Italian in Sacramento since 1982 using a proven curriculum to teach students how to speak and understand Italian in a fun, no-stress atmosphere. Our approach gives students a real understanding of Italian history, customs, food and people, and emphasizes the pleasure and beauty of Italian language and culture. In addition to the satisfactions of learning Italian, the classes offer a fun experience and the opportunity to meet people who share similar goals and interests.

Tuition for the Spring 2019 Quarter is $215, used books may be purchased in class while supplies last, or online. **Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions; our experienced faculty will assist you in selecting the best class. Call: 916 ITALY-00 (482-5900), or email our school Director Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti at italy@italiancenter.net**

2019 *SPRING* LANGUAGE CLASS SCHEDULE

STUDIES SHOW THAT SPEAKING TWO OR MORE LANGUAGES SLOWS DOWN COGNITIVE DECLINE FROM AGING. THE ADVANTAGES OF BILINGUALISM PERSIST INTO OLD AGE, EVEN AS THE BRAIN'S SHARPNESS NATURALLY DECLINES, BILINGUALISM CAN WARD OFF ALZHEIMER'S BY AS MUCH AS FIVE YEARS.

ITALIANO UNO (One):
Eve Section 1:
2 April - 4 June
TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

ITALIANO DUE (Two):
Eve Section 1:
4 April - 6 June
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lorella

ITALIANO TRE (Three):
Day Section 1:
2 April - 4 June
TUESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Ester
Eve Section 1:
1 April - 10 June
MONDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia
Eve Section 2:
3 April - 5 June
WEDNESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

ITALIANO QUATTRO (Four):
Eve Section 1:
4 April - 6 June
THURSDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO CINQUE (Five):
Eve Section 1:
3 April - 5 June
WEDNESDAYS, 5:00pm to 6:55pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

ITALIANO CINQUE-SEI (Five-Six):
Eve Section 1:
2 April - 4 June
TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

ITALIANO SETTE (Seven):
Eve Section 1:
3 April - 5 June
WEDNESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

ITALIANO SETTE-OTTO (Seven-Eight):
Eve Section 1:
2 April - 4 June
TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO NOVE-DIECI (Nine-Ten):
Day Section 1:
4 April - 6 June
THURSDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

ITALIAN 1-13: USE TEXT BOOK PREGO! ANINVITATION TO ITALIAN, 7TH EDITION

ITALIANO DIECI-UNDICI (Ten-Eleven):
Eve Section 1:
4 April - 6 June
THURSDAYS, 5:00pm to 6:55pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO UNDICI -TREDICI (Eleven-Thirteen)
Day Section 1:
3 April - 5 June
WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

CONVERSAZIONE e GRAMMATICA:
Day Section 1:
1 April - 10 June
MONDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

CORSO AVANZATO (Advanced):
Eve Section 1:
2 April - 4 June
TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

CORSO SUPERIORE:
Day Section 1:
1 April - 10 June
MONDAYS, 12:30pm - 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy
Eve Section 1:
4 April - 6 June
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS: *SUMMER SESSION*

Are you planning a trip to Italy? ***Italian for Travelers*** is a fun, exciting and practical application-focused language course especially designed to give travelers to Italy the ability to communicate about a variety of tourist-related situations. Students learn the rules of pronunciation, courtesy words, greetings, salutations, numbers, months and days of the week. They will be able to navigate common communicative situations, like meeting new people, asking for directions, ordering food and drinks and handing emergency and urgent situations. ***This class is an introduction to Italian culture, history and geography and the perfect pre-travel course for anyone planning a trip to Italy.***

SUMMER SECTION: A

Mondays: 17 June - 22 July • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
@ *Sacramento Sierra 2 Center* (Inst: Nancy)

Register for Italian for Travelers now at www.italiancenter.net.
Course Textbook: '*BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.'*
Tuition is $175, Book is $30 and may be purchased at the first class meeting.

2019 *SUMMER* LANGUAGE CLASS SCHEDULE

Three six-week summer sessions give students the opportunity to continue learning and using Italian with fun interactive activities and conversation. studying and reviewing italian. Summer classes are $175; no additional textbooks required. Call 916-482-5900 or visit our website at www.Italian center.net for detailed course descriptions and online registration!

SESSION 1: 17 June - 25 July

ADVANCED BEGINNING CONVERSATION

17 June - 22 July
MONDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

19 June - 25 July
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED CONVERSATION

19 June - 25 July
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

20 June - 1 August
THURSDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

20 June - 1 August
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ADVANCED CONVERSATION

18 June - 23 July
TUESDAYS,6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

17 June - 22 July
TUESDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

SESSION 2: 8 July - 16 Aug.

BEGINNING CONVERSATION

9 July - 13 August
TUESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED CONVERSATION

10 July - 14 August
WEDNESDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

ADVANCED CONVERSATION

11 July - 15 August
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

SESSION 3: 19 Aug. - 26 Sept.

BEGINNING CONVERSATION

22 August - 26 September
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lorella

ADVANCED BEGINNING CONVERSATION

19 August - 23 September
MONDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

21 August - 25 September
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED CONVERSATION

21 August - 25 September
WEDNESDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

22 August - 26 September
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

22 August - 26 September
THURSDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

ADVANCED CONVERSATION

20 August - 24 September
TUESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

22 August - 26 September
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

SPRING CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

OFFERED AT THE ITALIAN CENTER, CARMICHAEL

Pre-School *(Ages 2 - 5)*	**Ciao Piccoli I: Mondays, 1 April - 3 June, 2019** **10:00am - 12:00pm (Insegnanti: Lucia e Grazia)**
Pre-School *(Ages 2 - 5)*	**Ciao Piccoli II: Fridays, 5 April - 31 May, 2019** **10:00am - 12:00pm (Insegnanti: Lucia e Lorella)**
Language Class *(Ages 6 - 12)*	**Ciao Italia: Saturdays, 6 April - 1 June, 2019** **10:00am - 12:00pm (Insegnanti: Lorella e Irene)**

The gift of learning is the most important gift you can give your child. Our children's classes are offered year-round with small teacher-to-student ratio for personalized learning, giving your child the opportunity to learn Italian in a fun, interactive setting; CIAO classes are a place where children learn naturally through play, games, songs, food and art. *****Enroll your 2 - 5 year old in EITHER ($120/8 wks) or BOTH ($215/16 classes) Monday & Friday Pre-School classes to create the perfect two-day experience! Our Saturday class offers elementary school children the perfect introduction to Italian language and culture.*** Give your child this wonderful opportunity to learn one of the world's most beautiful languages: *l'Italiano!* **Register today at www.italiancenter.net before classes fill up!**

ITALIAN-THEMED *SUMMER CAMPS* FOR CHILDREN

Children ages 3 to 10 will love our week long Italian Summer Camps! The Italian Center in Carmichael will offer these fun and exciting one-week immersion camps from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm from Monday to Friday. Our facility has access to a wonderful outdoor park and play area. Children will enjoy singing, play, and Italian-themed activities. ***Two, one-week camps are offered this year and single day drop in option is also available. Pre-register now at www.italiancenter.net before camps fill up!***

WEEK ONE SESSION: 22 - 26 July	**"IL CIBO – ITALY'S FOOD & FUN: "** Children discover Italy's world famous food, enjoy olive oil tasting, pasta making, pizza tossing and a yummy gelato making adventure! **($175 per child per week OR $45 single day drop in option / Insegnanti: Lucia, Lorella e Irene)**
WEEK TWO SESSION: 29 July - 2 August	**"LE ARTI – ARTS AND ARTISTS: "**Bring out your child's inner Michelangelo! This hands-on creative adventure allows children to enjoy painting, create mosaics, sculpture and explore their creativity! **($175 per child per week OR $45 single day drop in option / Insegnanti: Lucia, Lorella e Irene)**

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AND SEE WHAT A DIFFERENCE PASSION AND EXPERIENCE MAKE!

CALL OUR TRAVEL DIRECTOR PATRIZIA CINQUINI CERRUTI AT 916.482.5900, EMAIL HER AT italy@italiancenter.net, OR VISIT www.italiancenter.net TO PLAN YOUR ITALY EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

ITALY: THE GRAND TOUR

Departing 14 - 25 June, 2019

Florence, Lucca, The Chianti Region, Pescia, Siena, Viareggio, Volterra, San Gimignano, Le Cinque Terre, Rome and Vatican City

(12 Days / $3,299 Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Discover the heart of Italy with the exclusive Grand Tour, highlighting romantic Tuscany, Le Cinque Terre and Rome during the Summer Solstice. Our 'insider's tour' visits the most fabled cities in Tuscany: Florence, Siena, Lucca, Pisa, Viareggio, the Chianti Wine Road and the stunning villages of the Cinque Terre by sea! Optional day to Venice. Visit the Eternal City – Italy's famous capital city of Rome and The Vatican. ***This incredible tour has been a favorite for years and offers travelers the Classical Italy tour with many special extras.***

TUTTA TOSCANA TOUR

Departing 18 - 26 September, 2019

Florence, Lucca, Siena, Chianti Wine Road, Pisa, San Gimignano, Volterra, Vinci, Pescia

(9 Days / $2,699 Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Tuscany's incomparable beauty and variety have lured travelers to this region of Italy for over 2,000 years! Discover the heart of Italy - this truly insider's tour highlights the romantic, legendary region of Tuscany. Explore a region that is brimming with the finest Italian art, history, culture, scenic beauty and culinary delights. Your native Tuscan tour director assures you visit the 'must see' locations, We will visit the town of Pinocchio, see one of the most magnificent, legendary trees in Europe and we will be special guests at Luigi and Filomena's hillside olive oil estate in Vinci where we will enjoy an incredible homemade lunch with the food and wine grown on the grounds. Unpack only once and enjoy VIP service at our four star Villa hotel where both the service and food are impeccable. Imagine yourself in Tuscany's lush olive groves, sweet hillsides, Chianti vineyards and romantic hamlets. Optional day to Le Cinque Terre. ***Tuscany is the wonderful region of splendor and beauty; it awaits your discovery on the Tutta Toscana Tour!***

ITALY: THE BEAUTIFUL TOUR

Departing September, 2020

Genova, Portofino, Santa Margherita Ligure, The Cinque Terre, Milan, Lake Maggiore, Lake Como, Bellagio, Lake di Garda, Sirmione, Verona, Maranello, Modena, Murano, Burano and Venezia!

Experience the incredible beauty of the Italian Riviera, the elegance of the Italian Lake Region, the Sophistication of Milan, and the Romance of Verona and Venice with this exceptional Italian Cultural Society tour. Travelers often call this tour "the vacation dreams are made of" and "the vacation of a lifetime". Every day of our Italy the Beautiful Tour brings new discoveries and the finest natural beauty, architecture, culture, gastronomic delights, and Italian art and history. We will visit the lakes and the Venetian Lagoon by private boat with local skippers and guides. We will be special guests at an exquisite Valpolicella Wine Estate, and meet a Balsamic Vinegar producer whose family has produced this magic elixir for 10 generations. We will go inside a famous Parmigiano factory to see each stage of production. We will visit the incredible FERRARI MUSUEM in Maranello where it is possible to take one of these beautiful machines for a test drive! Experience many more of Italy's most wonderful treasures with our Italy the Beautiful Tour of Northern Italy. ***BUON VIAGGIO!***

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER

IL SOGNO REALIZZATO; THE DREAM REALIZED

The Italian Center in Carmichael celebrated its Grand Opening in May, 2007. After a 10 year campaign to fund the 6,000 square foot nearly two million dollar project, the Italian Center and Museum of Northern California became a reality.

Today, the Center is a place where Italian Americans gather and call home. The Italian Center has lived up to its promise as the Center of Italian cultural life in the region. The Center is operated by the Italian Cultural Society which conducts some 25 cultural and heritage events a year at the Center and operates seven days a week with classes and activities. ***The Center is more than a vision today, rather, it is the future of the Italian heritage in the area.*** It's a place where people can learn about their heritage, can pay tribute to their ancestral roots, participate in cultural awareness programs, and take part in the tremendous experience that is being Italian American and connect to our Italian American sense of community.

The Italian Center in Carmichael

GRAZIE FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE ITALIAN CENTER:

$500 MICHELANGELO CIRCLE

Bob & Doris Beckert

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$100 RAFAELLO CIRCLE

Anonymous, Robert J Barbara Anthony Bevacqua, Karen Boulet, Valeri Callori, Marlene Ferrero *in Honor of Grandparents Ferrero and Quilici,* **Andrew Plescia** *In Memory of the Plescia, La Brusca & DiMaggio family,* **Anthony & Diane Folcarelli, Nancy Gilberti, Steve & Suzanne Giorgi J Patrick Morrison** *in Memory of Bartie & Louie Ferrero,* **Ronnie Pane, Jim & Mary Ray, Rita Tonitto, Scott & Bonnie Williamson**

$50 BOTTICELLI CIRCLE

Sandra Ambroff, Patricia Bertacchi *in memory of Bruno & Ida Giorgi and Harry & Elizabeth Bertacchi,* **Robert Caruso, E & M Dell Aquila, Hank & Karen DiPillo, Gary Dunne, Joseph & Betty Gambatese, Joseph Giordano** *in memory of Joseph Perrelli (1899- 1998),* **Phillip Giurliani, Dennis & Garda Kohlmann, Marie Lorenzini Martin** *in memory of her sister Marise & brother Lorenzini,* **Norma Baldocchi Paterson, Diana Quilici** *in honor of the Quilici family,* **Rich & Trudy Rose, Joyce Silva,** *in memory of John A Ferrero,* **Doug & Pat Troughten,** *in memory of Sam J Chilelli,* **John & Wendy Virga, Loren Wheat**

$25 GIOTTO CIRCLE

Vince & Judith Albiani, Mark Bogetich, Velio Bronzini, Sharon Brumley, Valentino Damiata *in honor of the Damiato families,* **Lucianno Iorizzo** *in honor of the Iorizzo family,* **Marie Leonard** *in memory of Concetta Gallina,* **Adele Negro** *In honor of the Una Storia Segreta Exhibit,* **Virgina Powell, Robert & Carol Rocca, Emily Rossi** *in memory of Peter Rossi,* **Rich Rose,** *in memory of John A Ferrero,* **Mrs. Mariann L Tocci** *in memory of Edward F Tocci*

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ICS EVENTS CALENDARIO

April 1:	***Adult & Children's Language School Opens***
April 26:	**Friday Night Film: *Torno Indietro...Vita***
April 28:	**Meet The Author: *Italianita`***
May 5:	**Meet The Author: *Sicily, A Hearts Journey***
May 17:	**Friday Night Film: *The Whole Shebang***
May 19:	**Italian-American Experience: *Bella Vita***
May 26:	**Documentary Film: *Leonardo DaVinci***

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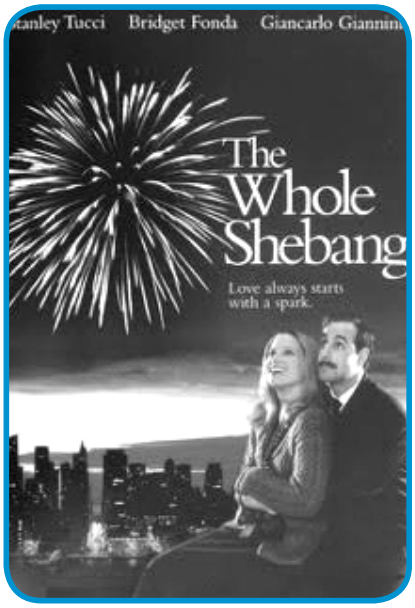
FRIDAY NIGHT ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

At the Italian Center: 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael 95608
Admission $15 • Doors Open at 7:00pm, Film at 7:30pm • Refreshments Included

Italian film is as much a part of Italian culture as the food, music and people! Come out and enjoy an evening with family and friends at our featured Friday Night Italian Film Festival. The 2016-17 season continues with these final two films in April and May. *The Society Film Festival series is organized by Society Member Bob Masullo.*

Friday, April 26 at 7:30 pm
"TORNO INDIETRO E CAMBIO VITA"

("I'm Returning and My Ways Are Changed") Marco's wife leaves him after 25 years of marriage and he and his friend Claudio, who also is having problems, get into an accident that puts them back in time. Returning to the present, they find their lives quite different. But, love triumphs. *In Italian with English Subtitles (2015).*

Friday, May 17 at 7:30 pm
"THE WHOLE SHEBANG"

Tragedy meets comedy when a bumbling yet passionate Italian travels to America to save his family's firework business and all hell breaks loose. Family, loyalty, life, death, dreams and answered prayers … that's "The Whole Shebang," a funny, heartwarming tale about an Italian-American family steeped in tradition. *In English (1989).*