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NEWSLETTER OF THE ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

CLAIMING OUR HERITAGE:

Little Italy In Sacramento

Italian roots run Deep in Sacramento. Italians were among the earliest pioneers of Sacramento and have been settling here since the Gold Rush. Generations of Italian-Americans have helped shape the cultural and economic landscape of Sacramento. In the period between 1850–1870 Italians were concentrated along the City's Embarcadero. By the early 20th century they were concentrated in Southside, Oak Park, Land Park, Midtown, and East Sacramento. In the 1930's and 1940s almost half the households in Oak Park had come from Italy, particularly along 39th Street, then called Carmello Boulevard.

After World War II, the largest concentration emerged in the East Sacramento area when Italians moved from the other city neighborhoods to East Sacramento with the construction of the new St Mary's Church in 1948 at 58th and M Street after a major fundraising campaign by the Italian community. St. Mary's Church has served as a spiritual, social and ethnic hub for the Italian community since 1906 when it was founded at 8th and N street and later moved to 7th and T street in 1916. As an Italian parish church it was staffed by Italian Priests and masses were held in Italian.

By World War II, the East Sacramento area was home to many Italian Truck Farms and already populated by Italians. Some of the Stone Farm Houses built by the Italians still exist around East Portal Park in the heart of the neighborhood. The five existing stone houses are called "**The Stone Sisters**" and were originally inhabited by Italian families named **Reali, Guidotti, Carli, Belluomini** and **Brida**. In 1946, across the street from the park on Rodeo Way, 20 homes were built on Anthony Zito's produce farm and lived in by Italian Families with names like **Defazio, Luigi, DaPrato, Pane, Puccinelli, Stefani, Grida, Guidotti, Procida** and **Reali**.

The high concentration of families throughout the zone established the neighborhood with a distinctly Italian flavor and as the core of the city's Italian community. Many Italian-Americans still live in the area and one can still hear Italian spoken.

The Little Italy neighborhood, generally identified as concentrated between 48th and 59th Streets and bounded by J Street and Folsom Boulevard, continued to grow and thrive through the 1950s, 1960s and 1970's and into the present. The Italians established many communal institutions in the neighborhood like St Mary's Church and Giovanni Hall, a Bocce club in East Portal Park which today has 65 league teams, a number of Italian-American organizations which operate in the area and Catholic



St Mary's Catholic Church at 58th and M Street (2020)

schools; St Mary's Elementary and St Francis High, which generations of Italian-American children have attended and which offer classes in Italian.

Italian-American organizations operating in the area include the *St Mary's Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) Branch #45 (est. 1936)*, *The Dante Club (est. 1923)*, *Marsala Lodge (est. 1911)*, *The East Portal Bocce Club (est. 1970)*, *The Piemonte Reale (est. 1888)*, *Arberesh of Sacramento (est. 1990)* and the *Italian Cultural Society (est. 1981)*

The Italian presence in the historic "Little Italy" district continues with longtime residents and businesses. Italian businesses grew up around the Italian neighborhood to serve Italians. Many businesses have operated in the historic area along Folsom Blvd and still dot the area. Grocery stores with Italian goods have been a staple of the area such as *Corti Bros (59th & Folsom)* (Corti family), *Quality Market (51st & Folsom)* (Brida family) and *Italian Importing Company (51st & Folsom)* (Velo Family).

Other important businesses catering to the Italians were the *Square Deal Restaurant-Stefani family (58th & Folsom)* and *Espanol Italian restaurant (58th & Folsom)*, *Relles Florist (52nd & Folsom)*, *Lagormarsino Seed (51st & Folsom)*, *Pietro Tallini Nursery (56th & Folsom)*, *Italian Law Office (49th & Folsom)*, *Pesce Locksmith (53rd & Folsom)*, *Nicoletti Funeral home (54th & Folsom)*, *Frank Lettini's Automotive (52 & Folsom)*, *Bertolani Travel (57th & J)*, *Mario Duchini's Gas Station (57th & H)*, *Archie Bugatto Hardware (56th & J)* and *Affinito's "Italian Corners" shopping complex at 51st & Folsom Blvd*. A Bank of America branch that served Italian neighborhoods and staffed by Italian branch managers operated at *53rd & Folsom* as did an Italian Vice-Consulate office at *54th & Folsom*. Many of these businesses continue to maintain the Italian heritage of the area.

The story of East Sacramento's "Little Italy" neighborhood and the Italian people that made that story needs to be claimed and told and kept alive to inspire the future of the Italian community.

FILM BIOGRAPHY: “DANTE - The First Renaissance Man” Sunday, April 26 @ 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:30) At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission \$10



This year, Italy will celebrate the 700th anniversary of Dante's immortal work of Literature – *La Divina Commedia* (The Divine Comedy) by declaring March 25 as an annual day in honor of Dante. Dante Alighieri was one of the most important people in Italian history and his work, *The Divine Comedy* is considered one of the greatest works of world literature. Born in Florence at the beginning of the Renaissance in 1265, he is known as the “Father of the Italian Language.” His was the first work written in the Tuscan dialect, which became the common language of Italy, due to his influence.

Our documentary film will explore his life and work as the author of *The Divine Comedy*. *The Divine Comedy* is a narrative poem describing Dante's journey through the afterlife with famous figures from history and a new way of looking at the world where individuals mattered more than rulers-and gave a first voice to the Renaissance. Dante's journey takes it's readers through the realms of the Inferno (Hell), Purgatory and Paradiso (Heaven) in search of understanding. Dante has become as immortal as his book. **THE PUBLIC IS INVITED; REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.**

ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: “THE VILLAGE - Life In New Haven's Little Italy” Sunday, May 3 @ 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:30) At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission \$10

Around 5 million Italians arrived in the United States during the “Great Migration” in the years between 1880 and 1930. During that period one out of four immigrants to the United States were from Italy. They established hundreds of “Little Italy” communities across the United States. Many of these communities have remained and prospered, while other are being revitalized.

One such “Little Italy,” and one of the oldest that has remained, is New Haven, Connecticut. During the years of the “Great Migration” immigrants from the southern Italian town of Amalfi settled there and established a village where people lived, worked, worshiped, played and shared values. Targeted for demolition by Urban Renewal planners in the 1950's, the neighborhood resisted and survived.

Today, New Havens “Little Italy” district is a vibrant, compact bastion of Italian-American culture, and is known for its Italian restaurants, bakeries and pizzerias lining its Wooster Street location. Its two legendary Pizzerias, Frank Pepe's Pizzeria Napoletana established in 1925 and Sally's Apizza established in 1938, are run by new generations of the original Italian families and continue the rivalry of who makes the best Pizza. Salvatore Consiglio's Italian Restaurant, established in 1938, is also run by the same Italian family. The area has an old world flavor and is accented by a Green and Red Neon Arch, “Little Italy banners and small Italian flags. This film tells the story of this Little Italy neighborhood. **THE PUBLIC IS INVITED; REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.**



Frank Pepe, 1935

SACRAMENTO'S ITALIAN RADIO: “Sacramento - Italian Style” Broadcasts Every Sunday at Noon on ACCESS Cable Channel 18 & KUBU Radio 96.5



Did you know that Sacramento has its own weekly Italian-American Radio Show? A major cultural event in the United States was the emergence of Italian American Music in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. It was a time when a wave of Italian-American singers dominated the pop charts with sounds that became the standard on America jukeboxes and provided the soundtrack of America. Not only were they Italian, but their songs were sung, in part, in Italian. The Italian Decade of American Music spanned the years from 1947 – 1964. Italian-Americans have created a musical legacy that endures and is a source of pride. **Tune in to this musical heritage and request a song by contacting radio host Phyllis Cupparo at 916-852-6429 or email at pcupparo@comcast.net**

LA BEFANA VISITS THE CHILDREN OF SACRAMENTO!

Children from across Sacramento's Italian American community attended the 30th Annual Children's festival celebrating “*The Legend of La Befana*.” The festival is a magical day of fun and tradition and included a Puppet show, folk dancing by the Society's Bambini Dancers, crafts, children's books, traditional Italian desserts and a visit by La Befana with her basket of gifts.

GRAZIE to our Volunteers: Patty Peter, Phyllis Cupparo, Doris Beckert, Diana, Mary and Garrett Quilici, Kasey Bierwirth, Bill & Patrizia Cerruti, Marie Wenger, Paula Bravo, Angela Cone, Laura Valoppi and Armando Andreozzi.



**(ABOVE)
 Our terrific volunteers!**

TRAVEL FILM SERIES:
“GREAT LAKES OF ITALY - Lake Como & Lake Garda”
 Sunday, May 17 @ 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:30)
 At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission \$10

Northern Italy is blessed with some of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Among them are Lago Di Como and Lago di Garda. Today, our video journey will take us on a visit to both.

Nestled among Italy's towering Alps, Lake Como is Italy's most famous Lake and is surrounded by natural splendor, stunning Villas and picturesque towns like Como and the village of Bellagio, considered the “pearl of Lake Como” with its stone streets and shops. We will visit them and the gardens of Villa Carlotta and Villa Melzi, two of the amazing Villas with lush gardens that Lake Como is known for.

With Rocky Ridges, unique islands and vast stretches of water, Italy's Lake Garda is one of the larger lakes in the Alpine region. We will explore the lake and its Fortress city of Sirmione. We will also visit the lakes neighboring vacation spots including Verona, considered the most roman of the Italian cities because of its famous Roman Arena and also home to Romeo and Juliet's balcony. Then on to Venice, and the areas Italian Renaissance castles and Roman Villa's. The Italian Cultural Society's “ITALY: The Beautiful Tour” in September visits both lakes and Venice by private motorboat, as well a day in Verona.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED; REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.



FILM BIOGRAPHY:
“RUDOLPH VALENTINO - The Great Lover”
 Sunday, May 31 @ 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:30)
 At The Italian Center, Carmichael / Admission \$10



From St. Valentine in 200 AD and Giacomo Casanova in the 1700s, through Marcello Mastroianni, Gina Lollabrigida, Rosano Brazzi, and Sophia Loren to Fabio, the image of Italians as romantic lovers has a long legacy. But Hollywood's top Italian male sex symbol was the legendary actor Rudolph Valentino. Arriving in New York as an 18 year old immigrant from Apulia, Italy in 1913, he became Hollywood's top star at the peak of the silent film era in the 1920's. Famous for his dark looks and onscreen passions he rose to the status of a living legend and remains Hollywood's greatest screen Lover. The most famous of Valentino's films are “The Sheik” and “The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse,” both made in 1921. His performance in the “The Sheik” made him an instant superstar and male sex symbol. In the annals of Cinema and American culture he is celebrated as the quintessential “Latin Lover.” After his untimely death at the age of 31 in 1926, an estimated 100,000 people lined the streets of Broadway in Manhattan, New York, to pay their respects at his funeral. This film biography presents the life of Valentino. **THE PUBLIC IS INVITED; REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.**

NEW INITIATIVE! “LITTLE ITALY” HISTORIC DISTRICT

Currently, There is a new initiative being pursued by the Italian community to have the City of Sacramento recognize and designate Italian East Sacramento as a “LITTLE ITALY HISTORIC DISTRICT.” It is important for Italian Americans to preserve the local memory of Little Italy and the Italian history of the neighborhood. Recognizing “Little Italy” would be a tribute to those generations of Italians who settled there and created a way of life for the Italian people. It would also provide a greater awareness about the Italian heritage of the area and provide a sense of community for the larger Italian community of the region.

In recent years, California cities like San Diego, San Jose and San Pedro have created Little Italy Historic Zones to revitalize their historic city Italian areas and have geographically identified the areas with Arches, banners and flags, monuments, Piazza's and festivals to symbolize the Italian heritage of these communities. **If you would like to support the Little Italy Initiative and get involved, contact the Italian Cultural Society at 916-482-5900 or email at Italy1@surewest.net.**



Sign at Corti Bros. Grocery, E. Sacramento

LET'S DANCE! Join One Of Sacramento's Italian Folkdance Troupes



Sacramento is one of the few cities in California that has its own performing Italian folkdance troupes. The Italian Cultural Society proudly sponsors two folk dance troupes which perform in costume, one for children (*I BAMBINI*) and one for adults (*BALLIAMO!*) Both troupes practice at the Italian Center in Carmichael.

Our *I BAMBINI* dance group for children 5-18 years of age provides children a wonderful opportunity to connect with their Italian heritage and have a lot of fun in the process. In the past the *BAMBINI* have performed for both the Sacramento Kings and the San Francisco Giants and at local festivals since 1997. **For further information to sign your child up contact Diana Quilici at bellachicca44@yahoo.com.**

The *BALLIAMO!* adult dance troupe has been proudly keeping the dance traditions of Italy alive in Sacramento since 1987 while performing in their stunning regional costumes at local and northern California events like the San Francisco Italian Heritage parade, the Oakland A's and SF Giants games and Italian festivals in Sacramento, San Jose, Stockton and San Mateo. **To Learn more about attending a practice night or inviting the troupe to perform contact Irene Brown at balliamodancers@comcast.net.**

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 Quarter is \$235, 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



SPRING 2020 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):

Day Section 1:

25 March - 27 May

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

Eve Section 1:

26 March - 28 May

THURSDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lorella

ITALIANO DUE (Two):

Day Section 1:

24 March - 26 May

TUESDAYS, 10:45am to 12:45pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

Eve Section 1:

24 March - 26 May

TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Ester

ITALIANO TRE (Three):

Eve Section 1:

30 March - 8 June

MONDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

Eve Section 2:

25 March - 20 May

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Gabriella

ITALIANO SEI (Six):

Day Section 1:

24 March - 26 May

TUESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Ester

Eve Section 1:

25 March - 27 May

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

ITALIANO SEI-OTTO (Six-Eight):

Eve Section 1:

24 March - 26 May

TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

ITALIANO SETTE (Seven):

Eve Section 1:

26 March - 28 May

THURSDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO DODICI-TREDICI (Twelve-Thirteen)

Eve Section 1:

26 March - 28 May

THURSDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

ITALIANO TREDICI-QUATTRODICI (Thirteen-Fourteen)

Eve Section 1:

26 March - 28 May

THURSDAYS, 5:00pm to 6:55pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

CONVERSAZIONE e GRAMMATICA:

Day Section 1:

26 March - 28 May

THURSDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

CORSO AVANZATO (Advanced):

Eve Section 1:

24 March - 26 May

TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

CORSO SUPERIORE:

Eve Section 1:

26 March - 28 May

THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Ester

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

ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS: SPRING & SUMMER



Are you planning a trip to Italy? Italian for Travelers is a fun, exciting and practical application-focused course designed to give travelers 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 handling 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.**

SPRING CLASS

Wednesdays: 25 March - 27 May • 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm
@ Sacramento Sierra 2 Center (Inst: Lorella)

SUMMER CLASS

Thursdays: 9 July - 13 August • 6:30 - 8:30 pm
@ Sacramento Sierra 2 Center (Inst: Nancy)

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR BOTH CLASSES! WWW.ITALIANCENTER.NET

Course Textbook: 'BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.'

Spring tuition is \$215 (9 wks), Summer tuition is \$185 (6 wks). Book is \$35 and may be purchased at the first class meeting.

SUMMER 2020 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 \$195; no additional textbooks required. Call 916-482-5900 or visit our website at www.italiancenter.net for detailed course descriptions and online registration!

SESSION 1: 15 June - 23 July

BEGINNING CONVERSATION

16 June - 21 July
TUESDAYS, 10:30am to 12:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

ADVANCED BEGINNING CONVERSATION

15 June - 20 July
MONDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION

16 June - 21 July
TUESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

INTERMEDIATE to ADVANCED CONVERSATION

18 June - 23 July
THURSDAYS, 12:30 to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

SESSION 2: 7 July - 13 August

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION

8 July - 12 August
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ADVANCED CONVERSATION

7 July - 11 August
TUESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

SESSION 3: 17 Aug. - 24 Sept.

BEGINNING CONVERSATION

19 August - 23 September
WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

20 August - 24 September
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lorella

ADVANCED BEGINNING CONVERSATION

17 August - 21 September
MONDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION

18 August - 22 September
TUESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Ester

19 August - 23 September
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

INTERMEDIATE to ADVANCED CONVERSATION

20 August - 24 September
THURSDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

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

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20 August - 24 September
THURSDAYS, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Ester

FALL QUARTER ADULT CLASSES
BEGIN 5 OCTOBER, 2020

ciao!

SPRING CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

OFFERED AT THE ITALIAN CENTER, CARMICHAEL

Pre-School
(Ages 2 - 5)

Ciao Piccoli I: Mondays, 30 March - 8 June, 2020
10:00am - 12:00pm (Insegnanti: Lucia e Grazia)

Pre-School
(Ages 2 - 5)

Ciao Piccoli I: Fridays, 27 March - 29 May, 2020
10:00am - 12:00pm (Insegnanti: Lucia, 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 ONE DAY per week**

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:
20 - 24 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!
(\$195 per child per week OR \$50 single day drop in option / Insegnanti: Lucia e Irene)

WEEK TWO SESSION:
27 - 31 July

"LE ARTI – ITALIAN 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! (\$195 per child per week OR \$50 single day drop in option / Insegnanti: Lucia e Irene)

See Italy With Those That Know It Best!

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY IS THE ITALY ONLY SPECIALIST

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!

For over 30 years, the Society's **Travel Director, Tuscan born Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti** has given travelers an insider's view of Italy only a native can share. *Spring in Sicily and Sorrento Tour* is sold out for 2020, but this and other exciting tours are coming in 2021! Call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail italy@italiancenter.net to receive current and 2021 tour offerings & brochures as soon as they are available. **BUONVIAGGIO!**



ITALY: THE GRAND TOUR

Departing 19 - 29 June, 2020

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

Discover the heart of Classical Italy with our Grand Tour, highlighting romantic Tuscany, Le Cinque Terre and Rome during the longest days of the year. Our 'insider's tour' visits the most fabled cities in Tuscany: with a ferry ride to the stunning villages of the Cinque Terre and Portovenere on the Mediterranean Sea! After a wonderful 8 nights stay at our villa hotel, our guests travel by private motor coach to Rome to enjoy fully guided visits to Vatican City and St. Peter's, the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain and many

other piazzas and famous sights. The tour begins in Florence and ends in Rome. This incredible tour has been a favorite for years and offers travelers the Classical Italy tour with many special extras. Only a few places remain. **Only a few places remain on this tour. (\$3,299 /Per Person, Double Occupancy)**

ITALY: THE BEAUTIFUL TOUR

Departing 29 Aug. - 9 Sept., 2020

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

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Italian Riviera, the elegance of the Italian Lake Region, the Sophistication of Milan, and the Romance of Verona and Venice plus a special food and motors tour in Parma and Modena with this exceptional Italian Cultural Society VIP tour. Travelers say this tour is "over the top" 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. Visit the Italian lakes and the Venetian Lagoon by private boat with local skippers and guides. Be a special guest at an exquisite Valpolicella Wine Estate and meet a Balsamic Vinegar producer whose family has produced this magic elixir for 10 generations. Go inside a famous Parmigiano cheese factory to see each stage of production. Visit the incredible FERRARI MUSEUM in Maranello! The tour begins in Genova and ends in Verona. Experience Italy's greatest treasures with our Italy the Beautiful Tour of Northern Italy.

Only a few places remain on this tour. (\$4,199 /Per Person, Double Occupancy)



VISIT THE ROMANTIC CITY OF VERONA!

William Shakespeare set his play Romeo and Juliet in charming Verona. Romantic travelers come from all over the world to visit Juliet's House. The Juliet House features a bronze statue of Juliet in its courtyard where it is said that touching her right breast will bring good luck. It's a popular place for visitors to take photos of themselves beside the bronze statue. It's also possible to get married in the house. A replica of the balcony from a scene in Shakespeare's play has been constructed on Juliet's house and Juliet sometimes appears on the balcony to greet visitors. Verona is an ancient city set on the Adige River whose 2000 year old Roman open air Arena was among the largest in the Roman world, predates Rome's Colosseum, and accommodates 25,000 spectators for its outdoor performances. The city is an important Renaissance art center and called the "Florence of the North." It has

been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and is a favorite destination on the Society's "Beautiful Tour." We invite you to join us in September and bring back your own photo with Juliet.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER

KEEPS OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE ALIVE!

The Italian Cultural Center continues its successful history as a source of unity and pride in the Sacramento region with cultural programs we can all enjoy. The success of our mission to maintain our community and our proud Italian heritage depends on the support of our wonderful Italian community.

There are many ways you can support the Italian Center as our home for our community: *Become a Member of the Italian Cultural Society* as many have-only members have an official Society membership card. Membership is open to all. Or *Make A Donation to the Society's Renaissance Circles In Memory Of or in Honor Of* a loved one as the generous people listed below have done. Or *Honor the Contributions of the Society with a remembrance gift in your estate by becoming a Legacy Donor.*

Is the Society In Your Estate Plan? Create A Legacy – Make a Legacy Gift! By including a gift to the Italian Cultural Society in your estate plan you can provide valuable future support to the Society. The Society is a non-profit organization and your gifts are tax deductible. *If you would like to consider making a Legacy gift please contact the Society at 916-482-5900 or email at italy1@surewest.net. Visit our website at: italiancenter.net/heritage society for a Statement of Future Gift form, OR or just let us know that you have made a gift to the Society.*



The Italian Center in Carmichael

GRAZIE FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE ITALIAN CENTER:

MICHELANGELO CIRCLE:

Louis Venturini in Memory Of
Louis & Evangelina Venturini

DONATELLO CIRCLE:

Bob & Doris Beckert in Memory Of
Parents Dante & Isabel Braccialini

Doris Beckert in Memory Of *Carlo & Giovanna Fracchia*

Patricia Esagro in Memory Of
Charles Esagro Sr.

J. Pat Morrison in Memory Of
Grandma Rosie

Gianfranco Pedrini in Memory Of Parents
Giuseppe & Angela Pedrini and Mero & Angie Bandoni

**Richard & Alfreda Cleverley,
Mike Di Miceli, Bartie Ferrero,
William & Elaine Pesce,
Randall Rapetti**

RAFAELLO CIRCLE:

Jackie Barton in Memory Of *Gilbert Rosino*
Trish Fontana In Memory Of *Robert & Antonietta Fontana*

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March 24:	SPRING LANGUAGE CLASSES BEGIN
April 17:	Friday Night Film: <i>La Strada</i>
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Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm "LA STRADA"

(*The Street*) Arguably Fellini's greatest film, *La Strada* is a highly detailed story of a poor girl who is sold by her mother to a brutal carnival strongman. Called one of the most influential films ever made by the American Film Institute, it won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. *In Italian With English Subtitles.* (1954)

Friday, May 15 at 7:30 pm "THE GREAT CARUSO"

This highly fictionalized film traces the life of tenor Enrico Caruso (1873-1921). He loves Musetta, in his home town of Naples, and then Dorothy, the daughter of one of the Metropolitan Opera's patrons. Caruso is unacceptable to both women's fathers: to one, because he sings; to Dorothy's, because he is a peasant. *In English.* (1952)

