

General Dinner Meeting
Thursday - January 13 - 6:30pm
Mount Virgin Church Hall
No January Luncheon

Happy New Year
il Ficcanaso



Official Bulletin of the Italian Club ... Established April 26, 1920

President Corner *By Anna Popovich*

Wonderful People



As I write my last article as President of the Italian Club, I wish to thank all of you who have supported me in the last two years. Thank you to all the board members who have served so diligently. It's been a joy to see all the enthusiasm they brought to the club.

Since joining the club I always wanted to participate in all the events, knowing that you would meet great people and still have some fun. I hope all the new members will get involved and support our new president and his board. The past two years has been a privilege and honor to serve the Italian Club. What a wonderful group of people, GOD BLESS. Mille Grazie.

Childrens Christmas Party is a Hit *By Nancy Grossi*

The children's Christmas party hosted by the Italian Club and chaired by **Tom and Nancy Grossi** was a hit! With a new first class location, the event featured great food; santa and a puppet show which all help to start the season off beautifully. 23 children and 50 adults were in attendance. As guests checked-in, children were given santa hats and the adults were offered cinnamon rolls. The room was decorated with poinsettias, lights, and a huge Christmas tree. Tables were decorated with Christmas chains in Italian colors and yummy candy. Everyone ate scrambled eggs; sausage/bacon and potatoes all provided by the very talented Judy Lewis and

her catering company, *Celebrations Catering*. Endless coffee and water was served by the local coffee shop, *The Coffee Drop Café*.

With **Nick Grossi** playing his accordion and all the children singing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" the puppet troupe "Giraffe and Staff" were setting up their 10-foot stage for a holiday puppet show featuring "George" the eight-foot giraffe and his friends. Sharon, the

puppeteer, did a great job getting all the children involved in the show and had everyone smiling and laughing. The puppet show ended with "George the Giraffe" announcing he heard some jingle bells. All was quiet and in enters Santa while Nick Grossi started playing "Here Comes Santa Claus" and a rousing chorus thundered throughout, welcoming Santa to our party. Children were wide-eyed and jumping up and down with excitement, seeing Santa. One by one each child sat on Santa's lap and told them their sincerest desires and were each given a present.

Everyone departed the event with happy little children clutching their gifts and chocolate on their faces and wishing each other a very Merry Christmas. If you didn't get to the Christmas party this

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General Dinner & Meeting
THURSDAY, January 13
Mount Virgin Church Hall
Dinner at 6:30PM ...

Followed by the general meeting
& installation of officers
Progressive prize ... \$25

NO JANUARY LUNCHEON

Next Luncheon Scheduled for March ... Details to Follow

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year you really missed out and we hope to see you next year! A special thank you to **Joe and Barbara Galluccio, Michael Lazzaretti, Orlie and Velva Saltarelli** who helped make the event such a success.



SECRETARY'S REPORT ...

January 2011 *By Dennis Caldirola*

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a current roster of 252 members. This includes 126 members who have paid their dues for 2010 (as of December 25, 2010) and two new applicants to be voted on at the next meeting. If you've already sent in your dues, thank you very much, and your membership cards should have arrived in the mail already.

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for 35 years. Our records show that out of 252 members, 47 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the January meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 44¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Installation of Officers

By Dorothy Whitney, Chairwoman

The slate of officers for 2011 was presented and accepted by the general membership at the December meeting. Installation of the following new officers will take place at the January general meeting.

President: **Monte Marchetti**

Vice President: **Marty Negrelle**

Secretary: **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer: **Joe Galluccio**

Trustees: **Ron Alia, Barbara Peretti**

Returning Trustees: **Tom Grossi,**

Michael Lazzaretti and Diana

Laforanara and past president Ex-

Officio Anna Popovich

Lest We Forget

*Our members who
passed away in 2010 are:*

Earl Hoffa

Tino Lazzaretti

Charlotte Pagni

Verna Collela Jinks

Glenda Alvau

May they rest in Peace.

HAPPY HOLIDAY DINNER by Joanne Spino Marchese, Chair, Adult Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party was a wonderful event attended by many of our members. Our room at the Embassy Suites was decorated in a very festive Christmas fashion.

The early evening began with a social/cocktail hour including three gaming tables. The tables were full and enjoyed by all playing blackjack.

During the social/cocktail hour and after dessert music was provided by Rick Bloom. Dinner was served with selected choices of prime rib, baked chicken or baked salmon followed by a scrumptious dessert.

Following dinner were door prize drawings and a great raffle with many nice gifts.

We also had a surprise visit from Santa (**Jim DeCaro**, my nephew-in-law) who had treats for our guests, heard what was on their wish lists, and of course had pictures taken. Hopefully Santa remembered and everyone received what they were wishing for.

A huge thank you to **Nick Grossi** for the colorful Christmas flyer

in *il Ficcanaso*; to **Bob Popovich** for overseeing the gaming tables and his dealers, **Mike Lazzaretti, Lou Fontana and Carolyn Jackson**; to **Ray and Caroline Petre** and **Barbara Peretti** for covering the check-in table; to Rick Bloom for the music; to **Anna Popovich, Monte Marchetti** and **Audrey Manzanares** for helping with the raffle; to our Santa (Jim DeCaro) and his helper Elf **Gianna Marchese** (my granddaughter); to **Bill Picchena** for donations of door prizes; to *Lavazza Coffee* and *San Gennaro Foods* for their generous donations of coffee and polenta; and to all who attended and made this such a festive event.

Thank you and Happy New Year - and may 2011 bring health, happiness and peace to all.



Art Oberto



Gianna (granddaughter), Joanne Marchese, son Joe



Holly Croce and Kristi Ann Thorn



Barbara & Brian DiJulio, Michael Troiani, Scott Merrell, Ron Roletto, and Monte Marchetti



Ginny & Nick Grossi



Audrey Manzanares and Santa



Barbara Peretti, Joanne Marchese & Dot Whitney

Italian Club Scholarships for the 2011-2012 School Year

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

The Italian Club of Seattle will again be awarding up to three \$500.00 scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below).

Parents & Students take note, we had more applications than scholarships last year, keep those grades up!!

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are as follows:

1. A parent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club for at least three years. (Grandparents are not included).
2. The parent(s) of the applicant must attend at least three club meetings during the year.
3. The applicant (student) is enrolled in high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2011-2012 school year, in the greater Seattle area



4. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (with official transcript) and take part in extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.

5. Each applicant must write & submit a letter describing themselves and activities in which they are participating. (focus on community & charitable involvement is recommended)

6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 1st 2011 and no later than May 1st 2011.

7. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- March 2011 – Application Forms published in il Ficcanso
- April 2011 – Applications submitted
- May 2011 – Applications reviewed & verified

5th Annual Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night By Martin Nigrelle

Wednesday June 15th 2011, 7:10pm the Mariners will be taking on the Los Angeles Angels. The giveaway item for this year's game will be an Italian themed baseball cap.

The Mariners are still working on further details of the event & are looking into different options that may help increase the marketing of the event & subsequently the size

of the crowd buying tickets just for the event. More details will be provided as they become available. The Mariners web site for the event has not been redesigned for the 2011 season yet, a link to the site will be included once the Mariners have updated their web site.

The Italian Club will likely purchase a set of tickets the same as

last year, but this has not been confirmed yet. More details will be published in the February edition of the il Ficcanso. The tickets will be available on a first come – first serve basis, both through the club & through the Mariners. More details on ticket availability as soon as they are available.

Please Return Aprons!

President Anna Popovich is putting out a call for missing aprons from the Crab Fest last year.

Please return them so the volunteers can use them for our next crab fest.

Please call Anna Popovich at 206-453-4002.

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Italian Club of Seattle



Crab Feed

Saturday, March 19 - 6:30pm - \$30 per person

All You Can Eat!

St. Alphonsus Church Hall

5816 15th Ave. NW, Seattle (Ballard)

Delicious Fresh Dungeness Crab!

Rolls - Angel Hair Pasta Aioli

Beer/Wine/Pop/Ice Cream - Drawn Butter

Buy your Tickets Today! ... Anna Popovich 206-453-4002

Bring your own crab cracker!

Name _____

Address _____

Send Me _____ Tickets or Reserve _____ Tables of Ten for My Family

Here's my check for my Ticket(s) reservation(s)

Mail to: Anna Popovich - 2901 NE Blakley Street, #505, Seattle, WA 98105

A very happy, blessed and healthy new year to you and yours.

2011 here we come.

Time to make your New Year's Resolutions. I tried to make some that were not way out, but some that I hope I would be able to accomplish. "When I wake up in the morning, I tell myself, "My purpose is to _____ today." #1. "Try to make at least three people smile" #2. "Don't take myself so serious, no one else does." #3. "No one is in charge of my happiness, except "ME". And finally "To remember that I am too blessed to be stressed." A Happy and blessed New Year.

It's been a while that I started writing the Health and Welfare Column, the two words Health and Welfare says it all. We're praying for your health and sharing in your daily welfare. It's nice to know there are friends and new members interested in our well being.

I personally am happy to see 2010 gone, but it's not forgotten. Into all our lives some rain must fall, but we don't want a flood. To have a rainbow, we have been told, it takes SUNSHINE AND RAIN. Then comes the beautiful colorful rainbow, with its pot of gold. Thank you dear Lord.

It's a New Year ... let's see what we can share about Health and Welfare?

To all that will be celebrating birthdays in January, Happy Birthday. Your birthstone is a garnet and your flower is a carnation" Good health and a year full of happiness.

We announced at our December meeting that **Gino Marchese** had knee surgery on Dec. 8th. Gino is now home and obeying his doctor and Joanne. You have been in our prayers Gino.

Speaking of the Marcheses' ... A great big thank you to Joanne, chairman of our great Christmas party and to her committee. We thank them all for their efforts in making the party fun and successful. A special thank you to

one of our future members, **Gianna Marchese**, Joanne's granddaughter. Whatever she was asked to do, it was promptly done, oh to be young again.

I was sorry to miss the Childrens' Party, but heard it was great. We thank **Tom and Nancy Grossi** for giving the Children (and the adults that attended) a day to remember. What a blessed start for the Christmas season.

Another announcement made at our December meeting was a wedding . Best wishes and loving congratulations to **Joseph Paul Sargent** and **Deborah Marie Quien**. May God bless you, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent, love, health and happiness.

We missed **Bill and Angela Wright** at our December meeting, but they were visiting in Arizona, welcoming, helping and loving their 14th grandchild, Faith Ashley Williams. Faith was born on December 1. Bill and Angela now have four granddaughters and ten grandsons. God bless them all children, parents and grandparents. Angela was sweet in her note, she said, " It's wonderful enjoying our month away and hopefully we are being helpful with adjusting a third child at this busy, but beautiful time of the year." Thank you Angela and Bill for sharing your joy.

We hope the **Ruppins** are enjoying their R & R in California. See you at the meetings.

If you see a "red streak" going down the road, It's not a comet or meteor" it's just Sister Mary in her new red car. Safe driving Sister.

Prayers to **Orlie and Velva Saltarelli**. Our condolence on the loss of Orlie's brother, Larry. Condolences also to Larry's granddaughter our new member, **Audrey Manzaneres**, Orlie and Velva's great niece.

Orlie was under the weather, pneumonia and unable to attend his brother's funeral. We hope you're much better Orlie and getting out and about, carefully. This weather doesn't

help much.

It's for the birds, no they don't want it either. Although, it beats snow. Let us all resolve to take care of ourselves, take it easy and stay healthy.

On January 23 there will be a Gov. Rosellini Scholarship dinner at Kennedy High School. The dinner is being sponsored by The Seattle Fedele Lodge No. 1390 of the Sons of Italy. All Proceeds will go into this scholarship fund. A great tribute and cause assisting our youth with their education. Tickets and information may be obtained from Chairman, **Jeff D'Amelio** .(206) 963-8763. Email: jeffdamelio@live.com.

The well is running dry, can't think of any other news to share.

We thank our outgoing officers for the unselfish giving of their time and energy. 2010 will go down in our history as successful and a year of growth and unity.

To our New Officers, thank you for saying YES, you have our support, cooperation and PRAYERS.

For your information, the luncheons are being planned for April, June and November 2011. September is the Festa Luncheon.

A couple to close this column:

"I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure."

"Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "if an emergency, notify:" I put DOCTOR."

Last but not least: "Nostalgia isn't what it used to be."

Happy January 2011. Remember our shut-ins and if the spirit moves you, send a card, make a call or just remember try and make a person smile. It's good for them and you.

AMEN.

The H & W informer.

Carolyn Aka SISTER

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$5.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6:30PM.








Meetings on **SECOND** Thursday of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall

Luncheons: 11:30 PM at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) are held quarterly

Social Hour 11:30, Luncheon 12 Noon

Finance and Bylaw Meetings: 7 PM at IC office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month, unless otherwise noted

| JANUARY 2011 | FEBRUARY 2011 | MARCH 2011 |
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| <p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6:30PM.</p>  | <p>3: Trustees Meeting 10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM.</p>  | <p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM. 19: Crab Feed Anna Popovich, Chair</p>  |
| APRIL 2011 | MAY 2011 | JUNE 2011 |
| <p>7: Trustees Meeting 14: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner, 6:30PM.</p>  | <p>12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM</p>  | <p>2: Trustee Meeting 9: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6:30PM 16: IC Luncheon, Carolyn Jackson, Chairman, Courtyard at Marriott 15: Seattle Mariners Italian Heri- tage Night, Chairman Marty Nigrelle TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> |
| JULY 2011 | AUGUST 2011 | SEPTEMBER 2011 |
| <p>Summer Break No Meetings <i>No il Ficcanaso</i></p>  | <p>Summer Break No Meetings <i>No il Ficcanaso</i> TBA: Ferragosto, various locations 21: Italian Community Picnic 25-27: Festa Italiana - Portland</p> | <p>1: Trustee Meeting 8: IC General Meeting, 6:30PM 10: Festa Italiana Mass Carolyn Jackson, Chairman TBA: Golf Tourney 20: Festa Downtown Luncheon 23: Festa "Taste of Italy" 24-25: Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p> |
| OCTOBER 2011 | NOVEMBER 2011 | DECEMBER 2011 |
| <p>8-9: Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV 13: IC General Meeting Dinner 6:30PM 29: Halloween Party for kids</p>  | <p>10: IC General Meeting - 6:30PM Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers 16: Past Presidents Luncheon, Chairman Carolyn Jackson</p>  | <p>TBA: IC Christmas Children's Party 8: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6:30PM TBA: IC Christmas Party</p>  |



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Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

Applications for membership to the Italian Club were received from:

Karen Bianchi
1334 S. Dawson
Seattle, 98108

She was born in Chicago, Ill and is now retired.

Tony LaStella
14323 - 64th Ave. W.
Edmonds, 98026

He is a singer, entertainer and music producer at LaStella Foundation/ICA Records. He has 5 children. His grandfather was born in Udine and grandmother **in Napoli.**

The Italian Club approved the application of **Phil Segadelli** at the November meeting.

Welcome Phil, to the Italian Club!

Winners At The December Meeting

by Nick Grossi

Drawings for prizes at the December meeting were conducted by **Ron Roletto**, Sargent of Arms. The birthday winner was **Jim DiJulio, Jr.** Spirits and coffee cards were won by **JoAnne Lazzaretti, Lou Fontana, Scott Merrell, Roy Scibo, Nick Grossi, Tom Grossi, Linda Madrid, Danny Volpone, Rod Warczak, Dot Whitney, Barbara Peretti and Carolyn Jackson.**

The Progressive Prize, for \$75.00 was won by **Helen Carrosino.** *Congratulations Helen!*

The jackpot returns to \$25.00 for the January meeting.

Need a Ride?

Trustee **Diana Laformara (425-827-4728)** has offered to give a ride to the meetings to anyone on the Eastside who needs one.