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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
April 12th, 2018**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**

April Showers!



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

THIS IS YOUR LAST IL FICCANASO!

Your Italian Club dues for this year are due by April 15, 2018. At that point, as per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list, the email database and the new Members Directory coming out in June.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 208 members. As of March 22nd, only 173 have paid their dues leaving 35 who have not yet responded. If you have friends or family members you think are delinquent, now would be the time to call them and encourage them to stay in our great organization.

If you plan to attend the April meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 50¢ by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued on the spot. This will be your last chance!

CASA Scholarship

CASA Italiana has announced a new annual \$1,000 scholarship for post-secondary studies. Children and grandchildren of members of CASA affiliated clubs (e.g., Italian Club of Seattle) are eligible to apply. The link below will allow you to download the instructions, qualifications and the application. Applications are due by May 18.

Download location: <https://goo.gl/qkSQ7Z>

Message from the President

Happy Springtime everyone!

So nice to see new members at our March meeting who will be joining our club. Let us continue to reach out for new members. Everyone seems to be having a good time visiting with each other and enjoying the delicious food Doug Chiechi prepares for us.

We don't have an event going on in April but the Westside Italian Civic Club is having their Annual Banquet dinner at St. Francis Church in Burien on April 21st. Let me know if you would like to attend.

Thank you to Marty Nigrelle for putting together Mariners' Italian night. He will be selling tickets at our April meeting, so let's have a good turnout from our club.

As always we are open for suggestions to better our club. Feel free to contact me at any time bobannpop@com-cast.net.

Please check the calendar for upcoming events. I hope to see you at the meetings.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Crab Dinner..... **Anna Popovich**

Family Christmas Party..... **TBD**

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

Festa Sausage Booth **Tom Grossi**

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Health & Welfare..... **Gemma Thielges**

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

Mariner Baseball Night..... **Martin Nigrelle**

New Membership..... **Dennis Caldirola**

Parliamentarian..... **Dorothy Whitney**

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Diana Kaczor**

Prices for Ads in the Italian Club Roster 2018

\$100 for full page inside front or back cover.

\$75 for interior full page.

\$50 for half page.

\$25 for business card size including memorials.

New Membership

By Dennis Caldirola

There are three new applications to be voted on at the March meeting.

Leitem-Pierotti, Sally, Retired R.N. (1929 43rd Ave. E. #400, Seattle, WA 98042-6652, sally.pierotti@gmail.com, Cell: 206-920-4131.

Clayton, Patty (Stephen), R.N. (7539 41st Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115, ptricic@UW.edu, Res. 206-498-4888).

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WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani.

The Birthday Winners for March were (as usual) Dennis Caldirola and Joe Galluccio.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Flower Bulbs were won by Terry Sacco (2x), Marty Nigrelle (2x), Joe Jacobin (2x), Deanna Dent, Steve Clayton, Nick Grossi, Bill Wright, Scott Fitzpatrick, Dennis Caldirola, Linda Madrid, Kathy Langeneggar, Anna Popovich, Diana Kaczor, and "Marvelous" Marven Hanson.

The Progressive Prize of \$75 would have been won by Cristina Zappoli-Ryser had she been present. The jackpot now goes up to \$100.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Sandra Faccone passed away on February 26th after dealing with cancer and suffering a stroke. Our sympathies to her sister-in-law, **Diana Faccone Kaczor**, & to her husband, Diana's brother, Joe Faccone, former long-time member of our Club.

Dorothy Miori Whitney was at the March meeting, happy to be wearing just a small bandage after having had surgery on her hand to remove a ganglion cyst and also to relieve carpal tunnel syndrome symptoms.

This bit of news came in from our members **Monte & Margaret Marchetti**: "Uncle John Batista Marchetti turns 100 years old March 30th. He was born in Wilkeson, Washington to immigrant parents from Piedmont, Italy. He learned to read and write English in grade school and eventually taught his parents. He graduated from the UW School of Engineering in 1946. I found his UW Yearbooks (TYEE) on EBay and gave them to him for his birthday. Uncle John maintains his high-rise apartment in downtown Everett and just renewed his driver's license. He loves Bridge, taking walks and enjoying his water view apartment. He told me he credits his long life to eating white bread and milk. I cooked him a polenta and chanterelle mushroom dinner last week and am going up with my grandson on Sunday to cook him steaks." Happy Birthday to John Batista who has apparently been a great example of good living to his relatives & others who care about him.

Audrey Manzanares went to San Diego for four days of sun and took the train up to Los Angeles to see her daughter Marissa. I'm sure it was a real treat to see the sun & the daughter!

Aloha greetings from **Angelo & Mary Merlino** - "We are currently in Honolulu and return to Reno April 26th. Our annual stay, as always, is great." Always nice to hear from you and know that you are enjoying your usual routine and, hopefully, some warmer weather.

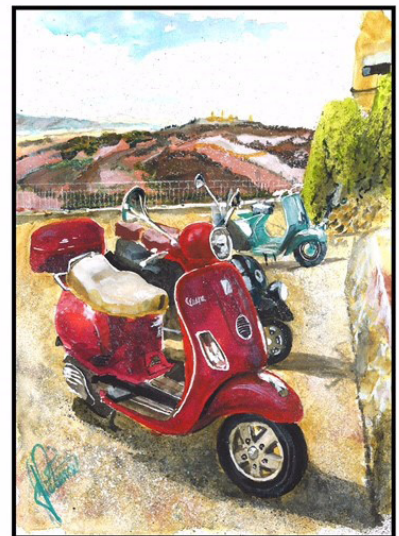
Angela & Bill Wright spent a week in Eastern Washington the end of March. They said all the snow that fell while they were over there was beautiful.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a very Happy Easter, very early this year on April 1st with snow not many days just before that. Looking forward to spring weather arriving soon, we hope.

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A Gondola Gig

By Joel Patience

If you have ever gone to Italy and enjoyed a gondola ride in Venice – or done so from the day dreams of your easy chair – we discovered a day event that will let you live it for real.

Gig Harbor Gondola is the result of an American in love with Venice. John Synco thought that the small harbor provided just the right spot for rowing. John purchased the gondola from friends in California that had imported it from Venice and resold it to him.

The trips in the gondola are 60 or 90 minutes. They include a nice snack box from the Gig Harbor General Store that contains cheeses, crackers, olives, sausage and grapes. Guests can bring the beverage of their choice – we brought cans of bubbly from Coppola wines as our boating wine of choice that comes with straws.

As you are rowed around the Harbor your gondolier sings for you, provides history about the Harbor and some of the buildings along the way. The views are spectacular of Mt. Rainier and local wildlife. Make your reservations to pick days with the best weather. We received our event as a gift and I would suggest it as a perfect gift as events do not require a particular size and offer no clutter to the recipient. Gig Harbor Gondola (.com) 253-432-0052 runs all year long and decorates their gondola for holiday cruises.



Gig Harbor has a nicely compact downtown with plenty of all day parking especially if you come during the week for your event. There is a nice city park right on the water less than a block from the marina and with clean public restrooms. We enjoyed taking an easy walk around the downtown shops while waiting for our gondola to launch. One shop – For the Love of Spice – has olive oil and wine tasting, along with a full range of spice selections from simple spuntino to full meal cooking. The owner, Windy Payne, is very knowledgeable about Italy from her own travels.

Before returning to Seattle we wanted to keep the Italian flavor of the day date and enjoyed dinner at Massimo Italian Bar and Grill on Purdy Drive. The restaurant is located just a few feet above sea level giving us a great view of the harbor to finish our gondola day.

Joel Patience is a watercolor artist and free lance writer that derives his inspirations from travels with his wife Dale Bonn. The basis for this story was a shorter trip than usual.

Miss Seafair – Italian Community 2018

By Anna Popovich and Diana Kaczor

We are interested in hearing from young women interested in representing the Italian Club of Seattle and the greater Italian-American community for the 2018 Seafair Scholarship Program for Women, aka: Miss Seafair. Listed below are the criteria for entering this year, and a link to the Seafair site if you or someone you know is interested. Please let us know as soon as possible! **Public Speaking, Interviews, and Networking:** Participants will have the unique opportunity to interact with a wide variety of business, civic, philanthropic, and public leaders in the Greater Seattle region. They will serve as informed stewards for Seafair events, building confidence, leadership and networking skills while sharing individual festival experiences and discussing their community service platforms at community events as well as through media interviews.

Participant Guidelines:

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 23 before July 29, 2018.
- A United States citizen, permanent resident or on a definitive path to citizenship.
- Able to show proof of enrollment at a post secondary school, college, university, or vocational institution for the Fall 2018 – Spring 2019 quarter/semester(s).
- Payment of the \$225 application fee (see below).

Applications for the 2018 Scholarship Program for Women will be available in early February. Those interested in having the Italian Club of Seattle sponsor their application fee need to email a 100 word statement on why you would like to be our representative for 2018, including how you are connected to the Italian-American community, along with your most recent transcript showing your GPA to dianakaczor@hotmail.com.

If you are interested, please realize that: **you are committing yourself to this endeavor for the entire summer of 2018 and continued involvement in the Italian-American community afterwards.**

Submission of required documents by April 27, 2018 (<https://www.seafair.com/p.aspx?plD=about/foundation/328&>).

“Base-a-ball been berry-berry good to me”

By Martin Nigrelle

Who: The Mariners will be hosting the Los Angeles Angels at the 12th annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night.

When: Tuesday, June 12th, 2018. At 7:10pm.

What: The giveaway item this year will be a blue t-shirt. The new t-shirt will be printed on both front & back. “Mariners” in the *il tricolore* color scheme on the front & “ITALIA” on the back.

How Much: Main Level seats are \$35; View Level seats are \$26. The Italian Club will be buying Main Level seats.

Extras: Still TBD but we will have other activities to enhance the event, notice coming ASAP.

For tickets to sit with the Italian Club friends & family, see Martin Nigrelle at the April General meeting.

Tickets may also be purchased through the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>.



2018-19 Scholarship Application

By Diana Kaczor, Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding up to two individual \$500.00 scholarships. The scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year will be awarded to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below). As in years' past; the better the GPA, the better chance of a scholarship award.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 2018 – Application submission window opens
- May 2018 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2018 – Award Recipients determined, all applicants notified of their status
- September 2018 – Award Recipients published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2018 – Scholarship payments made to the schools on behalf of the recipients

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

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 or will be enrolled in high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2018-2019 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 a letter telling about themselves and activities in which he/she is participating.
6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 15th, 2018 and no later than May 10th, 2018.
7. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2018/2019 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's Parent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing): _____

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2018/2019 School year: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending (2017-2018 school year).
2. Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service

Applications are to be sent to: Italian Club of Seattle - Scholarship
c/o Diana Kaczor
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

ICoS Calendar

April 2018

No Trustee meeting this month

12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

25th Input Deadline for May
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May 2018

3rd Trustee's Meeting

10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

25th Input Deadline for June
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June 2018

No Trustee Meeting this month

12th Italian Heritage Night, Seattle
Mariners vs. LA Angels

14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

July 2018

No Trustee Meeting this month

4th Independence Day

8th Italian Night at Seattle Storm

22nd ICoS Luncheon at the Races
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2018

No Trustee Meeting this month

19th All Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley

No *il Ficcanaso* this month

22nd Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf
Tourney, Echo Falls

23-25 Portland Festa Italiana

20th Input Deadline for September
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September 2018

2nd Italian Day at Emerald Downs

6th Trustee's Meeting

7-9 Seattle San Gennaro Festival

13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

15th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church

21st Festa Italiana Luncheon

25th Input Deadline for October
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28th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center

29-30 Seattle Italian Festival; Sausage
Booth

October 2018

No Trustee meeting this month

6-7 Italian Festival, Reno, NV

TBD Columbus Day Dinner

11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

25th Input Deadline for October
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TBD Seattle Fedele "John Croce"
Homemade Wine Festival

November 2018

1st Trustee Meeting

8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

12th Festa Italiana Volunteers
Appreciation Dinner

22nd Thanksgiving

26th Input Deadline for December
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December 2018

No Trustee meeting this month

2nd Adult Christmas Party at Rainier
Golf & Country Club in conjunction
with WSICC

9th Buon Natale: An Italian Christmas,
Seattle Symphony Choral, 8PM,
Saint Mark's Cathedral - Tickets:
Brown Paper Tickets on-line

General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday,

April 12th, 2018

6:30 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

ITALIAN CLUB

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meetings:

- Drinks & Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the SECOND Thursday of the month, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month

For *il Ficcanaso*

Advertising,

see Joe or Barbara

Galluccio

December 2018 (Cont'd)

11th Past Presidents Luncheon &
Board Appreciation dinner
(combined) at Mamma Melina's

14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

16th Children's Christmas Party
combined with Seattle Fedele SOI
at St. John's Parish Hall

25th Christmas Day

26th Input Deadline for January
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