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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
December 14th, 2017**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Italian Club Elections

by Dorothy I. Miori Whitney

Set for December Meeting December 14, 2017, the nominating committee, chaired by Dorothy I. Whitney, presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting. There were nominations from the floor. Nominations will be open at the December Meeting and members will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting.

President: **Anna Popovich**
Vice President: **Diana Kaczor**
Secretary: **Dennis Caldirola**
Treasurer: **Joseph Galluccio**
Ex-Officio: **Audrey Manzanares**

Trustees: Returning for their second year of service:

Barbara Galluccio
Ron Roletto
Martin Nigrelle

There are two candidates running for the two open positions as Trustee:

Tom Grossi
Amadeo Rossi

Message from the President

Ciao Amici di Famiglia!

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with their loved ones. I was lucky enough to spend it with my daughter in LA – in 80 degree weather!

Christmas Parties are in full swing now with the Adult Party on December 3rd. It will be a fun night of socializing with our West Side Italian Civic Club friends and listening to Danny Quintero perform.

The Children's Christmas Party, hosted with Seattle Fedele, will be held at St. Johns on Saturday, December 16th. We can always use help setting up! Many hands make light work. Reservations for the children's gifts should already have been turned in, but if there is a last-minute addition, please let me know ASAP.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our last general meeting of 2017 on Thursday, December 14th, if I don't see you before then.

As always, I am available by phone or email 206-779-7325 /amanzanares@live.com.

Wishing all of you a blessed and magical holiday season.

Con amore ed affetto,

Audrey Manzanares

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Barbara Galluccio (206) 275-4688

Martin Nigrelle (206) 310-7689

Ron Roletto (206) 722-2712

Amadeo Rossi (425) 391-9148

Sergeant at Arms: **Micheal Troiani**

Committee Chairs

Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

Bylaws..... **TBD**

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

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

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

Festa Sausage Booth **Tom Grossi**

Golf Tournament **Brian DiJulio**

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

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

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

New Membership..... **Anna Popovich**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Anna Popovich**

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Buone feste, tutti.

As usual, notices for 2018 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2017, nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those 11 members will receive their free membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member and Past President, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949 and will be 96 this coming Christmas Day!

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25 per year. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for at least 35 years. Our records show that out of 215 members, 20 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 December meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di Buon Natale.

WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Amadeo Rossi.

The Birthday Winner was Matthew Fitzgerald.

Thanksgiving Turkeys were won by Barbara Galluccio, Al Nelson, Joe Picciano, Paul Pioli, Cathy Lembo, Gerome Thielges, Judy Seth, Dick Whitney, Bill Wright and Linda L. Jacobin.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Meals were won by Joanne Spino Marchese, Joe Picciano, Earl Frank (2x), Giuseppe Zingalle, Jerome Thielges, Dick Whitney (3x), Deanna Dent (2x), Fred Leibhaber, Marty Nigrelle, Joe Galluccio, Sonny Robertson and Linda Madrid.

Progressive Prize of \$150 would have been won by Max Leone had he been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$175 which should lure big crowds to the December meeting!

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Dale Bonn & Velva Saltarelli - an Edmonds kind of Halloween.

Monte Marchetti shared this piece. He said he "called **Nick Grossi** just to see how things were going. Nick answered the phone and we said our hellos. Then Nick said, 'I am glad you called but I have got to cut you short because I am heading out to my exercise class, so I have to go.' This put a smile on my face and I thought, "I hope I am in a hurry to get to my exercise when I am 93."

There are a lot of Club members who might enjoy a visit from some of us. **Nick & Ginny Grossi** at Bellewood on the Issaquah Plateau, **Joanne Lazzaretti** at Mirabella in Seattle at Fairview & Denny, **Dolores & Quinto DeVitis** at Brookdale in Kirkland on Lakeview Dr., **Mike Kaczor** in West Seattle (ask Diana for the address). I'm sure there are others and hopefully their relatives can let us know where they are and if they would like visitors.

Linda Madrid had a complete knee replacement on November 17th. She is recuperating well at home and we can pray, along with Linda, that this will be her last surgery in a very long time. She has had more than her share over the last few years.

Dennis has called attention to the fact that **Luigi Borda** is our last living Full Life Member & Past President. Lou joined the Club in 1949 and will be 96 this coming Christmas Day! Happy Birthday, Lou, on 12/25 and thank you for being a faithful member of this Club for the past 68 years.

We send **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year** wishes to all our members. It must be an especially busy year for everyone, so busy that very few had time to share much news. This is your column and we love hearing from you. Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in January.



Dale Bonn & Velva Saltarelli

New Membership

By Anna Popovich

There are two new applications: Godfrey Gresenguet and Trudi Picciano. They will be voted on at the December meeting.

Italy in Pictures



by Amadeo Rossi
My cousin's family showed us this Italian War Memorial (left) in the town of Pastena where they live. Pastena is small hilltop town between Rome and Naples where my grandfather was born. The War Memorial is for both WWI and WWII. The names on the War

Memorial includes those of my family, 'Rossi,' and my cousin's wife's family, the "Frattarelli" and "Bartolomucci." During this visit my cousins also told us that during WWII, the Germans occupied the home with the relatives.

(Right) View looking along Via Del Orso in Centro Roma. This is a typical scene on the small streets of Rome. Lots of fun walking at night.

Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo a Tutti, dalla Famiglia Rossi!!



Torino Style Hot Chocolate.

By Joel Patience

There are so many recipes that have not passed down that we could likely write another cook book. With the seasons changing it is time to release the secret recipe for Torino style hot chocolate.

Not all of us have an espresso machine so I am going to present this with a few variations. If you do not have an espresso machine, then get out your thermos bottle and pre-heat it with hot water from your tap. You will be using it as a shaker just as you would with cold drinks – shaken not stirred.

Please make sure to try this recipe a few times **without** adding the usual suspects that wreck what you think needs to go into hot chocolate – whipping cream, marshmallows or spices.

1. You will need an espresso. It can be from a machine, instant espresso or even one from those little bottles. The bottles are actually great if you are camping or on a picnic.
2. A bar of dark chocolate – 70% cocoa or more will do the trick as we are trying to reduce the amount of processed sugar. If you have a bar that is 3.5 oz (100 grams) then use about 20% of the bar. Use a cheese grater to shred two squares of the bar.
3. A tablespoon of marscaopne cheese. This is in the little tubs at your cheese counters.
4. A teaspoon of coconut palm sugar – widely available in grocery or specialty food stores and much better for you.

Heat the espresso to just about a boil in a small pan. Next gently add the shredded dark chocolate. Then, add the coconut palm sugar. Last the marscaopne cheese in little bits so it melts evenly.

When the mixture comes up to nearly a soft boil either run it through the steamer on your espresso machine or, transfer it to your pre-heated thermos. Give the thermos a dozen good shakes. Pour into little coffee cups and enjoy. The nice part is with a thermos you can take your hot chocolate on a walk or hike and enjoy it later.

Joel Patience is a watercolor artist and independent writer drawing inspiration from travels with his wife Dale Bonn.

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Tickets : \$50/per person or \$500/per table

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ICoS Calendar

December 2017

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 3rd 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
- 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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- 31st New Year's Eve Party - Italian Style! Pellegrino's Event Center, Tumwater - Tickets: 360-709-9055

January 2018

- 4th Trustee's Meeting
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February
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February 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 17th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus
- 25th Input Deadline for March
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March 2018

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 17th Seattle SOI Annual Banquet, Kennedy High School, Burien
- 24th Auburn Bocce Club, WA State Tournament, Les Gove, Park Gym Auburn, WA
- 25th Input Deadline for April
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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
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM

July 2018

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 4th Independence Day
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August 2018

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- TBD All Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
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- 23-25 Portland Festa Italiana

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Thursday,
December 14th, 2017
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

**Please send ICoS
Calendar additions or
updates by the 25th of the
prior month of publication
to Joe Jacobin
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Thank you.**



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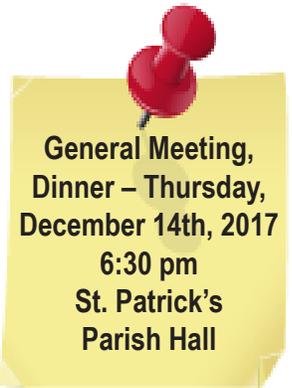
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