

General Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 13
Mount Virgin Church Hall
No Monthly Luncheon
in November

il Ficcanaso



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The Italian Club Wishes You Happy Thanksgiving



President Corner



By Brian Dijulio

November is the month of gratitude, with the Thanksgiving

holiday being the crescendo of the month, and it's focus on all that we should and are thankful for. Here are just a few of the things I am truly thankful for and may help you see your own glass half full rather than half empty too:

The gift of faith, which when all else in the world may fail, or disappoint me, it is there to calm and comfort me, and help me realize what's really important in my life.

The gift of a large loving family, who love me unconditionally, and always make me feel welcome and worthwhile, they will always be my "home."

The gift of health, which I

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November 2008 Luncheon: (And Future)

I have spoken to our president, **Brian Dijulio** and our vice president **Anna Popovich**, and suggested we cancel our November luncheon.

Our December luncheon will still be our special luncheon, honoring our past presidents and 2008 committee chair persons. That date is set for Wednesday, December 17th and it will be held at our regular meeting place, the Rock Salt Steakhouse (see reservation forms and information on page 5).

We have many loyal, regular members and friends that attend and donate lovely door prizes to make the luncheons even nicer. We thank them for their support and contributions in the past. Now, we need to address the future of our luncheons. Should we continue our monthly lunches? Go to every other month? Or even have them quarterly? It would be a shame to discontinue them completely. Dear members, we're just sharing with you and needing your thoughts, wishes and your support.

We can never thank **Nick and Ginny Grossi** enough for their years and years of chairing this

event. His untiring phoning to have at least 20 attend and then the praying that we will hit our quota. Many of us may not be aware that the Italian Club has been subsidizing the lunches. Prices go up, thank you Italian Club. **Roy Skibo** and **Ron Roletto**, thank you also for your years of assistance at the luncheon and where ever else you are needed.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the former chairpersons and workers, of our monthly lunches for their dedication and presence. I thank Brian and Anna for appointing me as chairperson of this committee, but I need some feedback, please, on what "you" want and will support.

We'll talk at the meeting. I welcome your phone call or email regarding your thoughts and feeling regarding the lunches and its future.

See you at the meeting on the 13th.

The newly appointed luncheon chairperson,

Carolyn Jackson
srmayhollywater@aol.com
(206) 725-9405

General Dinner & Meeting

THURSDAY, November 13

Mount Virgin Church Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

Dinner at 6.30 PM ...
followed by the general meeting.

Turkeys to be raffled plus regular drawings.



Children's Santa Breakfast

Children's Santa
Breakfast on
Saturday Morning, 8:30AM
December 13, 2008

Look for coupon on page 4

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President Corner

must remember can be quickly taken from me, if I don't work to take care of myself daily.

The gift of friendships that are more valuable than any material possession, and make each of lives more "rich" in every way.

The gift of living free in a country that stands for and fights for individual rights and a better way of life for all

mankind, working to grant every human being the same opportunity to succeed.

Lastly, I'm so grateful for all of you and the opportunity you gave me to serve you as President of this great organization, which supports, fosters, and incorporates all of the gifts I mentioned above. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to you all! Tutto Mangerie!

SECRETARY'S REPORT ... November, 2008 *By Dennis Caldirola*

Have you changed your mailing address lately? We have recently been hit with a number of returned newsletters and "Address Service Requested" charges from the Post Office which could have been avoided, had you simply picked up the phone and let us know.

As we are getting ready to send out dues notices for 2009, please help us out and tell us your new address. The office number is (206) 282-0627. Thanks!

For the record, we currently have 266 members in good standing,

which shows good growth over the past couple of years. Many of our new members have originally found us on the internet: <http://www.italianclubofseattle.org> where you can also read il Ficcanaso in color!

Corrections to 2008 Roster:

The Hawaii phone number for member **Angelo Merlino** should read (808) 953-2003.

The correct cell phone number for **Dorothy Whitney** is: (206) 369-0076.

Nomination of Officers for 2009

By Dorothy Whitney, Chairman of Nominating Committee

President: **Anna Popovich**

Vice President: **Monte Marchetti**

Secretary: **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer: **Joseph Galluccio**

Trustees: **Fran Albanese, Tom Grossi, Diana Kaczor, Michael Lazzaretti, Paul Pioli, and Brian DiJulio**

Any member may make additional nominations from the floor at the November General Meeting, provided the nominee is present to accept the nomination or the nominee has previously consented in writing to accept the nomination.

You're a Winner

The drawing for the prizes were conducted by **Ron Roletto**. The October birthday winner was **Sharon Pioli**.

Spirits, coffee cards and dessert were won by **Ed DeRocco, Cathy Volpone, Caroline Petre, Ron Roletto, Margaret Murray, Delores Ashbaugh, Mary Zorotovich, Dorothy Whitney** and **Mike Kaczor**.

Carol Bishop, who was not in attendance, would have won the Progressive Prize. The Jackpot now goes to \$50.00.

Where oh where does the time go?
Seems just like yesterday I was starting to prepare the October news.
Now, here's November.

October was busy, as predicted.
We're sure November and December will be no different. Time will tell and so will "we".

November: Voting, starting to shop for Christmas, attending meetings, going to some warm climate, Thanksgiving, visiting, relaxing and just enjoying family and friends.
Wow, tired, just thinking about it.

December: Children's Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party, regular meeting, baking and shopping, writing Christmas cards, the past presidents and committee members appreciation lunch, the birthday of the baby Jesus, a happy and holy Christmas to all, thinking of the resolutions we're going to make for the new year,

Calling and visiting friends and shut-ins, the list just gets longer

All signs of a true loving Christmas spirit and thanking God for all the good we have received in 2008.

O.K. now, back to October ... if you don't mind. Our October luncheon was cancelled. We only had 10 member/friends that were able to attend. That would not be fair to our speaker, Judge Terrance Carroll and also, a little embarrassing. Judge Carroll understood and said he would be happy to come at another time in the future. Thank you Terry.

A great deal time and preparation was evident at our Halloween party. We thank **Nancy and Tom Grossi**, our chair persons, and the entire Grossi family for the decorated hall, the set up, the clean up, the fish pond for the children and the materials to decorate the pumpkins brought by the happy children. The youngest little party goer was **Giada Caldirola**, with mama and nana. Giada didn't miss a thing, watching and smiling. The oldest, well, I think there might be a tie, there was a happy clown and a sweet little

holy witch. Both up there, but going strong.

We thank the children and adults that did attend and the members that assisted in the cleaning. Thank you **Velva and Orlie**, and my grandchildren. It was real teamwork.

Joe Patricelli has had some bad spells and was in the hospital. He is back at Wesley Home Health Care and receiving careful and loving care from his family and the Wesley caregivers. You are in our prayers Joe. Get better.

Tony Facciuto spent some time in the hospital also, had a bile duct procedure and is under the watchful care of Rosa. Tony take care and follow your doctor and Rosa's instructions. We understand surgery is in the future. You are in our prayers. Hurry and get well.

I thank you all for the prayers and good wishes when I had my cataract surgery. It's getting there. I will be down in the San Francisco area for five days. Looking forward to a good time with old friends, and of course, making some new ones too.

Barbara Peretti and Joanne Marchese traveled to Reno for the Columbus Day activities, we know you had a great time. Seeing good shows, playing and even relaxing a little.

This is a little old news, but news is news, heard that **Linda and Frank d'onofrio** traveled to Hawaii with 17 members of the family to celebrate their cousin's "60th." Birthday, I guess Frank wanted to learn how to hula. Then a couple months ago, they went to the San Francisco area. For what? We'll have to find out.

Mike Kaczor is still having problems with that leg. We know it does not stop Mike, he's getting to be quite the bingo player. Behave Mike.

We hope **Ronnie Roletto** had a great time on his trip, we'll be wanting to hear all about it Ronnie.

Another traveler heard that **Michael Lazzaretti** was in Vegas. How did

you do, Mike?

FYI: Our lady of Mount Virgin Church's priest's house, (the old nun's house) suffered a fire. The two priests and the two dogs escaped, thank God. Until the house is repaired, which they say will take a couple months; they will set up housekeeping in a small rental near the church. They are in need of kitchen and household essentials. All was lost. A plea was made in our parish bulletin, donation of new items or \$\$\$\$. Donations may be brought to the parish office. This happened two weeks ago.

I want to wish all our shut-ins and members that are not able to attend the meetings a very happy Thanksgiving. We miss you; you are in our prayers and thoughts. We would love to hear from you and then share your news with the rest of the members, via the il Ficcanso. It is nice to read about "you and yours"

I try to update you with the goings and comings of our members, but I can't do it unless I hear about them. Be assured, we respect your wishes of what you want to share.

So my friends, I know you're saying, "thank God, she's finally closing." Have a great Thanksgiving, full of family, friends, love and good health.

See you at the meeting, please stay healthy.

Your informer,

Carolyn aka "sister"

Carolyn Jackson

Thank You

Thank you **Bill Wright** for submitting all the pictures taken at the Festa.

They will be placed in our Italian Club album.

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ITALIAN CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday Night, December 13
at Courtyard by Marriott, Seattle/Lake Union
925 Westlake Ave. North, Seattle
(Free parking in building)

Entertainment and dancing to music by Nick Potdbnya

No Host Social hour at 5:30 PM
Casino opens at 6:00 PM
Dinner Buffet begins at 7:00 PM

Bar will be open during dinner

Reservation/Cancellation deadline is Dec. 5, 2008
Cost is \$55.00 per person

Buffet Menu

Appetizers:

Tomato Basil Bruschetta

Salad:

Mixed greens with Crumbled Gorgonzola and Walnuts with Red Wine Vinaigrette

Entrée:

Fresh Seared Halibut With Dill Caper Wine Sauce

or

Grilled New York Steak with Portobello Mushroom Bearnaise Sauce with Rosemary Garlic Red Potatoes & Asparagus with Hollandaise

Dessert:

Specialty Cheesecake

I/we wish to attend _____

Number in party _____ Please seat us at the _____ table

Choice of entrée Halibut _____ N.Y. steak _____

Please make your reservation early, before deadline of Dec. 5. No tickets sold at the door.

Please make your check payable to the Italian Club and mail to:

Mike & Diana Kaczor - 2616 W. Lynn St., - Seattle, 98199



Trick or Treat ...

Saturday, October 25, St. Joseph's Hall was all decked out for the Italian Club Halloween Party for children. Chairpersons **Tom and Nancy Grossi** and a group of helpers created a very festive Halloween atmosphere after hours of set-up time. There were plenty of scary things to delight the chil-



dren .games, fishing pond and decorating pumpkins all added to the fun. Subway sandwiches, drinks, cupcakes and candy were served.

Many thanks to **Tom and Nancy** and **Andrea Petrone** and all the others who worked so hard. A good time was had by all, despite the low turn out.



Past Presidents Luncheon

When: December 17, 11:30am

Where: Rock Salt Restaurant

Who: Past Presidents, Male and Female and their spouses (complimentary) and those who wish to join us the cost is \$20.00.

PS: Major 2007 Event Chairs will be invited as guest of President DiJulio.

RSVP

Name: _____ No of Guests: _____

Contact:
Carolyn Jackson at 206-725-9405
 2706 30th Avenue South
 Seattle, WA 98144

Membership News

By Membership Chairman **Monte Marchetti**

The following persons were voted into the Italian Club membership at the October general meeting. Welcome to the Italian Club.

Vincent Ferrese

2211 Federal Ave. E.
 Seattle, 98102

Architect, Married to Amber Ferrese
 Children: Anthony , James and Robert
 Both grandparents of both sides are from Calabrese, Italy.

James Bodia

152 Galer S. E.
 Seattle, 98109

Architect, Married to Laura Bodia
 Children: Christina and Anthony
 Both grandparents from Abruzzi, Italy

Jean Marie Woltz

421 - 20th Ave. East
 Seattle

Pre-school teacher
 Married to Charles
 Children: Ben, Joey and Sam
 Grandparents are from Abbruzzi

Erin Kathleen Epidendio Jacobs

627 - 4th Ave, W. #30
 Seattle 98119

Landscape Achitect
 Grandfather from Buto, Varece Ligure S.P.

Italian Club Membership Applications Available

Please contact:

Monte Marchetti
 907 Grant Avenue South
 Renton, WA 98055
 Phone: 425-255-2641



Happy Thanksgiving



Pasta e Fagioli

There is always a debate whether this dish should be included in the soup or pasta category. This traditional peasant recipe is a great, stick to your ribs dish that is both nourishing and tasty. Serves 6.

Ingredients:

- 3 Tablespoons of Olive Oil
- Large Garlic Cloves, Minced
- Large Carrot, Finely Chopped
- Celery Stalks, Finely Chopped
- 1 Small Onion, Finely Chopped
- Peeled, Seeded and Chopped Ripe Roma Tomatoes (or Canned Equivalent)
- Quart Chicken Broth
- 2 (13oz) Tins Cannellini Beans (or Equivalent, Prepared From Dried)
- 1 Cup Small Pasta (Tubettini or Ditalini)
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Fresh Parsley
- Salt & Pepper
- Dash Of Red Pepper Flakes

- Good Quality Olive Oil
- Shaved Parmesan Cheese
- Fresh Chopped Parsley

Prepare:

Heat the oil in a large heavy pot. Cook the onion, carrot, and celery until soft. Add the garlic and cook another minute. Pour in the broth, beans and chopped tomatoes, and cook for 5 minutes. Remove a few scoops of the bean mixture and puree or mash. Return to the pot. Add the pasta, chopped parsley and seasonings. Cook until the pasta is cooked al dente. Serve in bowls topped with a drizzle of olive oil, the shaved cheese and a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

Note: You can add a little chopped pancetta or diced prosciutto to this dish as well for a different taste. Just add the meat into the pot, when you are cooking the onions.



Children's Santa Breakfast



Santa Christmas Breakfast . . . **December 13, 2008**

For reservations, please call **Molly Grossi** at 425-557-2847 or send by email to: mtgrossi@aol.com

Greeters will be ready to receive all guests at 8:30 A.M. with freshly baked cinnamon rolls right out of the oven, juice for children and freshly brewed coffee for the adults. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 A.M. prepared by the Lewis family.

After breakfast, the children will gather to sing and listen to stories while we wait for Santa to arrive. The atmosphere will be very festive with Nick Grossi playing Christmas songs on the accordion.

Each family will be asked to bring a gift for a child, baby or teenager, unwrapped, to be donated to the Forgotten Children's Fund. All gifts must be new.

Thanks, and we hope to see you there! The breakfast will again be held at:

North Shore Senior Center, 10201 East Riverside Dr. - Bothell, WA. - 206.487.2441

Children of members only must be of age 1 to 10 and one parent must be a member of the Italian Club. Grandparents are welcome . . . Please remember this event is for members only.

Bring a gift for a child, baby, or teenager, unwrapped

Member name: _____

Phone number: _____

Child's name _____ age _____ boy or girl _____

Italian Club Calendar of Events

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

Meetings on SECOND Thursday of the month

Luncheons: 11:30 am at Rock Salt Steak House (formally Latitude 47) on the **THIRD Wednesday of each month**

Social Hour 11:30, Luncheon 12 Noon

Finance & Bylaw Meetings: 7 pm at IC office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month

NOVEMBER 2008	DECEMBER 2008	JANUARY 2009
<p>6: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>13: IC General Meeting Nominations will be taken from floor for 2007 officers 6pm</p> <p>19: IC Luncheon Cancelled</p> 	<p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p>13: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: Anna Popovich & Mike Kaczor</p> <p>13: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: Molly Grossi</p> <p>17: Luncheon honoring past presidents and 2008 chair persons 11:30am Rock Salt Restaurant Chair: Carolyn Jackson</p>	<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> <p>21: IC Luncheon</p> 
FEBRUARY 2009	MARCH 2009	APRIL 2009
<p>7: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>20: IC Luncheon</p>	<p>TBA: Crab Fest St. Alphonsus Anna Popovich, Chair</p> <p>12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>18: IC Luncheon</p>	<p>2: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting/Dinner</p> <p>15: IC Luncheon</p>
MAY 2009	JUNE 2009	JULY 2009
<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>20: IC Luncheon</p>	<p>4: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> <p>TBA: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Marty Negrelle</p> <p>17: IC Luncheon</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> 
AUGUST 2009	SEPTEMBER 2009	OCTOBER 2009
<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> <p>TBA: Feragosto, various locations</p> <p>TBA: Italian Community Picnic</p> <p>TBA: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>	<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>19: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>22: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>25: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>26-27: 22st Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tournery, Bear Creek Chair: TBA</p> <p>21: IC Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Halloween Party for kids Chair: Tom & Nancy Grossi</p> <p>TBA: Children's Halloween Party 12:30pm St. Josephs Church Hall</p>



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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

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Visit our new website at:
www.ItalianClubofSeattle.org

The Italianette ... Free Classes Available

Seattle's Italian Club "The Italianette" will meet in Bellevue at the South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 S.E. Newport Way. Please come to register your children for the class.

The children will have the opportunity to learn traditional Italian songs and dance. We will meet on the first Saturday of every month. Classes are free of charge.

To sign up please contact: **Tina Conforti at (425) 427-9515.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Parent or Gaurdian _____

My chaperone will be _____

