

General Dinner Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2009
Mount Virgin Church Hall

January Luncheon
Cancelled

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Happy New Year! Buon Capo D'anno!



President Corner



By Brian DiJulio

Happy New Years

As I write my last letter as the President of the

Italian Club, I look back upon my time in office with great joy. The many friendships made, the great times had at so many events, the pride I've felt watching so many do so much so unselfishly for others. True joy.

Joy is a word that is often misused and misunderstood. Our local parish priest compared "joy" and "pleasure" so eloquently a couple of weeks back, and really opened my eyes about the huge difference between the two. He stated that pleasure comes from some form of physical stimulation, and usually from external things. Food, drink, warmth, touch ... are all things that bring us pleasure. Inanimate objects also do the same. A new car, diamond, or leather jacket... an IPOD or big screen TV... all bring us pleasure. There's nothing wrong with pleasure or the things that are associated with it, but they all have one thing in common, they don't last.

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Past Presidents Honored at December 17 Luncheon

By Nick Grossi

This year the past presidents of the Italian Club were honored at the December luncheon with a great turn out. The honorees received a boutonniere or corsage and a complimentary lunch. Many thanks to Chairman Carolyn Jackson for all the effort she put into the luncheon to make it a success. *See details on page five.*



Front: Brian DiJulio, Tino Lazzaretti, and Mike Kaczor. Back: Dom Driano, Tony Facciuto, Orly Saltarelli, Lou Cella, Nick Grossi and Franco Tesorieri.



Velva Saltarelli, Mary Hoffa, Carolyn Jackson, Joanne Lazzaretti and Anna Popovich.

General Dinner & Meeting
Installation of New Officers

THURSDAY, January 8

Mount Virgin Church Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

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

CRAB FEED



It's that time again for the annual crab feed. It was such a success last year and we hope for the same this year.

March 21, 2008 at St. Alphonsus Church Hall

Seating is limited so get your reservations right away.

(See flyer on page 4)

Carolyn Jackson, luncheon chairwoman, has cancelled the January luncheon. She is planning a new format for our monthly luncheons and will discuss it at the January meeting. One idea is to have a quarterly lunch instead of every month and they are considering a change of location. So, be prepared to give your opinion and ideas on the subject. See you at the meeting!

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Children's Christmas Party: **Molly Grossi**

Bylaws: **Barbara Peretti**

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President Corner

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They are physical, of this earth, of our body, and like all things physical, they eventually disintegrate into nothing. They cannot, and will not ever bring us joy.

Joy is something we feel from within, not from without. It is the great satisfaction we get from doing something for others, from giving rather than receiving. It is not something you can buy, nor can you put a price on it. It is simply the feeling one gets when they get outside of themselves and accomplish something almost spiritual, something outside of the body,

beyond the physical world. Mother Theresa described joy by spelling it out, J is for Jesus, O is for others, and Y is for yourself...if you live your life in this order, then you will experience true joy.

I thank you all again for the opportunity to serve as your President, and for all those who worked so hard during my tenure in office. I hope you have experienced the same kind of Joy I have over the last two years. Happy New Year, and best wishes to our new president and officers, and a joyous 2009 to you all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ... January, 2009 *By Dennis Caldirola*

As of New Year's Eve, 146 members of the Italian Club have paid their dues for 2009. This includes those members who have joined the Club since September 1, 2008 and those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership.

To date, all of the above have been issued their membership cards and with the loss of **Joe Patricelli** and the resignation two members, the total number of members now stands at 263.

If you plan to attend the January meeting, you can save both yourself and the Club 42¢ each by paying your dues in person and having

your membership card issued immediately. Hope to see you there.

Tanti auguri per un prosperoso anno nuovo!

LEST WE FORGET

The Italian Club members who passed away during 2008 are:

Larry Bianchi
Jennie Roletto
Nick Patricelli
Ellen Cragg
Pat DeLaurenti
Nick Paoella
Isolina Armstrong

Installation of Officers

Nominating Chairperson **Dorothy Whitney** reported that the nominating committee, **JoAnne Lazzaretti** and **Mike Kaczor** have presented the following slate of officers for election at the December meeting:

President: **Anna Popovich**

Vice President: **Monte Marchetti**

Secretary: **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer: **Joe Galluccio**

The new trustees are **Diane Kaczor** and **Paul Pioli**. Trustees returning for their second year are **Fran Albanese**, **Tom Grossi** and **Michael Lazzaretti**.

Brian DiJulio will automatically become the ex-officio trustee. At the

December meeting, because there were no nominations from the floor, **Joe Sargent** moved that we accept the entire slate of officers by voice vote. The motion was seconded by **Carolyn Jackson** and passed unanimously. The installation of officers and trustees will be held at the January meeting.

Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

No new applications were received this month. One applicant, **Diana LaFarnaro**, was voted on and was accepted into the Club at the November meeting, *Congratulations Diana and Welcome!*

A very happy, healthy and blessed New Year to you and yours. May 2009 be full of love and family. A 2009 blessing for our families and friends:

May God grant them a rainbow for every storm and a smile for every tear. For each care a promise and a blessing in each trail. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share; for every sigh, a sweet song and an answer for each prayer.

2008, gone, but not forgotten, many good memories and some sad. It's all history now. Did you make any resolutions? Was one "to try and attend the Italian club meetings and attend the activities?" Let's not break that one.

Our next meeting is just around the corner, Thursday January 8th. Starting on the first Thursday doesn't give us much time does it? But we are all looking forward to attending the evening's event. There will be the installation of our new officers.

We want to be there to show our new officers our support and give our outgoing officers a great big thank you for their successful years of service. Thank you Brian, best wishes Anna.

Much has happened since our December meeting, so would like to share a little past history with you.

Sorry to hear that **Lou and Helen Carrosino** were both having problems. They are so loyal about attending meetings and missed when they are not there. Just called, they are better. Although, Helen said Lou had a little argument with his pills, spent two days in the hospital, during the snow, and came home in a cab. Prayers for you both. 2009 is going to be better

Called **Lena Boitano** re the past presidents' lunch, she shared that with regrets she would be unable to attend, she would be having a procedure the first of that week. She sent her best regards and misses us all. You are in our prayers Lena.

Speaking of the December luncheon when our past presidents and committees were hosted, it was some affair. That snow and what they were predicting was a real problem. But, after all said and done, it was a great afternoon, full of sharing and visiting. We started with 37 reservations. The rock salt were great to work with, they called early the morning of the lunch and wanted to know if we wanted to cancel? I said no, but would like to cut our reservations

from 30 to 20. I was a little concerned. Once you quote a number, that's what you pay. They agreed. We started with 37 reservations. Then the phone kept ringing with some cancellations. All good reasons, the weather.

The final number of attendees was 32. God bless you all for making that special effort. Nine male and five female past presidents and spouses. Also were five committee chairpersons. To all our loyal members, thanks for being there.

A special thank you to **Robert and Antoinette Rupp**, our friendly in-house florist. You out did yourselves, the orchids and roses for our past presidents were beautiful and the poinsettias lovely. Our editor has already thanked you all for your door prize donations, but I want to add my thank you for your generosity and Christmas spirit. It is fun to win.

O.K. you all know me, once I go on and on, it's hard stopping, but wanted you know what happened.

We were sad to hear that **Joanne and Tino Lazzaretti** were robbed. Their son, Michael, had dropped them off in front of their home. An unknown person knocked Joanne down and took her purse; Tino was carrying it and was shaken up with the entire trauma. Joanne and Tino and Michael, sorry it happened, we thank god no major physical problems were inflicted. It is scary and we all have to be super cautious. Be careful and safe Joanne and Tino, we thank God, and you are O.K.

It is with prayers and sympathy we share the sadness of the family of **Joe Patricelli**. Joe was a loyal and active member of many of the Italian organizations, loved, and supported all of them. We send our condolences and prayers to his family. Joe's final commitment was held at our Lady of Mount. Virgin Church on Tuesday, December 30th. We'll miss you Joe. May you rest in peace.

Heard that **Marylou Leone** is getting cabin fever and wants to be traveling, she is now home and max is having a great time keeping her home bound. We're happy you are on the mend Marylou. God be with you.

Our trustee, **Fran Albanese**, has a new title, grand-nanny, (I think that's what she said) good for you, lots of fun, granny nanny. Fran.

Again, we want to thank our co chairpersons, Anna and Mike for the festive

Christmas party arrangements. The blackjack tables were loaded, with people, and the winners were able to bid on the great prizes that were available. It started to snow about 7:30 (don't quote me on the time) and we all were looking out to see what was happening and should we leave? (I thank **Barbara Peretti** for the ride, (you know, designated driver) thank God, we all got home safe and sound, did hear that we had one table that hung on to the absolute end, in fact, even had the music play a little longer. When you're having fun, who wants to leave?

It was so good to see **Earl Hoffa** at our last meeting.

We miss **Carmen and Margaret Murray**; they really have been having their problems. I would like to thank Margaret for calling and keeping me posted on their health and their thoughts re what is happening in the club. Thank you both for reading our great publication and for expressing your thoughts.

Speaking of thoughts, I have asked for your thoughts re our monthly lunches, will we discount them? Go every other month? Or try quarterly? I know our meeting place is one of the problems, the stairs and the parking. I have looked into a few other places; prices have risen just like everything else. So, again, "what should we do"? Will you support your decision? I speak for myself; I hate to see this long time tradition be discontinued.

I spoke with Brian and Anna and we will not have a January lunch.

The next one is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday in February, which is February 18, 2009. (The week before Ash Wednesday) .will you be there?

I guess I had better call it "amen" I'm sure there is a lot that I have missed sharing but I know you all understand, it's been a different holiday season and the snow did not help our attending church and parties. (Notice, I put church first) and keeping up with all the happenings, and just trying to share and visit.

To our special members that are unable to get out and about, we are thinking and praying for you. Take care, have a happy and loving 2009

To all our members, a safe, blessed, healthy and happy 2009

Carolyn Jackson the Informer.

Italian Club of Seattle



Crab Feed

Saturday, March 21st - 6pm - \$30 per person

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Past Presidents Luncheon Attendees:

Orly Saltarelli	Brian DiJulio
Anna Popovich	Velva Saltarelli
Tino Lazzaretti	Lou Cella
Carolyn Jackson	Jo Anne Lazzaretti
Mike Kaczor	Franco Tesorieri
Mary Hoffa	Dominic Driano
Tony Facciuto	Nick Grossi

Past Presidents Luncheon Raffle:

Those who contributed to the raffle are:

Box of Whitman Sampler - **Velva and Orly Saltarelli**
Box of Whitman Sampler - **Rosa and Tony Facciuto**
Box of birthday cards - **Carolyn Jackson**
Bottle of Frangelica - **Anna Popovich**
Package of decaf coffee - **Carolyn Jackson**
Bottle of wine - **Carolyn Jackson**
Soap basket - **Carolyn Jackson**
Snowman coffee mugs - **Fran Albanese**
Wine - **Diana and Mike Kaczor**
Lavender toiletries - **Ron Roletto**
Scarf - **Ron Roletto**
Panatone - **Mary Hoffa**
Kalua - **Ginny and Nick Grossi**
Bottle of red wine - **Joe Galluccio**

Annual Italian Club Christmas Party

The Italian Club party was held December 13 at the Marriott Hotel on Westlake Ave. Tables were set up for Poker and they were soon filled. Everyone played with the chips given to them and they had a great time even though they were not all winners.

Dinner was served after the gambling. The entree was a choice of steak or fish with all the side dishes. The highlight was the spectacular dessert ... the

Marriott version of Tiramisu.

Following dinner, they started the auction because it started snowing and people began to worry. Those who did not worry about the snow, stayed to enjoy the wonderful music and dancing. All in all, it was a great party, but it did end early.

Thanks to **Anna and Bob Popovich** and **Diana and Mike Kaczor** for all their hard work and dedication to making it a memorable evening.

Children's Santa Breakfast Gets Great Reviews



By Nick Grossi

Saturday morning at 8:30 A.M., yes that was quite early to start a party, but children, parents and grandparents filled the hall at the Bothel Senior Center.

Judy and Jerry Lewis' had the place beautifully decorated and tables set up for a wonderful breakfast. Homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee, milk and juice greeted everyone as they arrived and when everyone was there, they served breakfast of pancakes or French toast, scrambled eggs and milk, coffee and juice. The children were very excited.

Tina Conforti then gathered the children around in a circle and told them about Christmas in Italy and the Bufana. Then Santa arrived with his jingle bells and **Nick Grossi** played the accordion. Santa then passed out the gifts to each child.



The Italian Club should be commended for sponsoring such a great program. Thanks to all the people who helped make this possible; **Molly Grossi** for helping Santa get and wrap the presents, **Judy and Jerry Lewis** for their hard work in setting up, preparing the food and organizing it all.

Thanks also to all those who helped set up and clean up and serve the food: **Barbara and Joe Galluccio, Velva and Orly Saltarelli, Margaret Marchetti, Ginny Grossi, Tony, Tom and Joe Grossi** and all the others who pitched in to help. THANK YOU.

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Are You A Winner at the Meeting?

The Birthday Prize was won by Rich Riotto. Other winners of spirits and coffee cards were:

Roy Skibo, Lou Cella, Velva Saltarelli, Tina Conforti, Rosa Fasciutto (twice), **Paul Pioli** (twice), **Fran Albanese** (twice), **Mary Hoffa** (three times), **Diana Kaczor, Marty Negrelle, Lou Fontana, Sharon Pioli, Delores DeVitis, Jerome Thielges, Bob Popovich** and **Inez Fournio**.

The winner of the Progressive Prize of \$75.00 was **John Costello**, however, he was not present so the January jackpot will be \$100.00.

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Proposed Budget for 2009

Treasurer **Joe Gallucio** has finalized the budget for 2009 and will be presented and voted on for approval of the general membership at the January meeting.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2009</u>
Advertising	\$1,000
Casa Subsidy	\$2,700
Crab Feed	\$1,500
Festa Italiana	\$4,500
Interest	\$23,000
Member Dues	\$10,000
New Members	<u>\$1,250</u>
	\$43,950
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2009</u>
Accountant	\$1,800
Administration	\$7,200
Awards	\$0
Board Meetings	\$1,000
Dinner Meetings	\$7,000
Donations	\$900
Festa (tanana)	\$3,000
Halloween Party	\$300
Insurance	\$750
Legal Fees	\$10
Luncheons	\$300
Newsletters	\$8,750
Office	\$300
Past Pres. Brunch	\$1,200
Picnic	\$500
Postage	\$500
President's Discretionary Fund	\$500
Progressive Draw	\$325
Rent - Meetings	\$3,250
Rent - Dexter Office	\$880
Rent - Storage	\$440
Roster	\$0
Scholarship	\$1,500
Seafair Miss Italy	\$100
Sick Committee	\$100
Website Redesign	\$400
Xmas Party - Adult	\$2,000
Xmas Party - Children	<u>\$1,700</u>
	\$44,705



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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

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



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Casa Italiana News

Congratulations are in order to **Brian DiJulio** who has accepted the position of Casa Italiana Chairman of the Board of Governors.

He follows **Louie DeLaurenti** who has announced his retirement. Louie has served on the Board for many years and is well respected within the Italian Community.



**May all your troubles last
as long as your New Year's
resolutions.**

-Joey Adams

**He who breaks a resolution
is a weakling;**

He who makes one is a fool.

-F.M. Knowles