

General Dinner Meeting

Thursday - Sept. 10, 2009
Mount Virgin Church Hall

September Festa Luncheon

Tuesday - Sept. 22, 2009
Fairmont Olympic Hotel

il Ficcanaso



September 2009

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President Corner



By Anna Popovich

Hello to all of you. It will be so nice to see everyone again. What a beautiful

summer we're having. I hope all is well.

I would like to thank all the people who were in charge of the functions for this summer: **Joe Galluccio** for a fun time at the races, we seem to be getting more people every year; **Marty Nigrelle** for the night at the Mariners. We had a great turn out and fun was had by all. A special design scarf was given to all who attended: **Fran Albanese** for her selection of **Clair DeRocco** to represent the Italian Club at Seafair, and Ron Roletto for representing us at the annual picnic which as always was well attended.

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General Dinner & Meeting

THURSDAY, September 10

Mount Virgin Church Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

Dinner at 6.00PM ...
Followed by the general meeting.

Festa Italiana Luncheon

Patricia de Stacy Harrison is the guest speaker at the Festa Luncheon on September 22 at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. Ms. Harrison is the president and chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the leading funder of public radio and public television programming for the American people.

Prior to joining CPB, Ms. Harrison served as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs and Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Ms. Harrison became president and chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting on June 23, 2005.

A former entrepreneur, Ms. Harrison is a frequent speaker and writer on the subjects of leader-

ship, communication strategy and constituency building. In addition to many articles, she has authored two books. She received her BA from American University, Washington DC, and an honorary doctorate from the American University of Rome in 2002.



Ms. Harrison is the recipient of many awards and honors, including the Special Achievement Award for Education from the National Italian American

Foundation.

She is a member of the boards of the National Italian American Foundation and The American University in Rome.

Again, the Festa Italiana Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at the Garden Court at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. *See details page 5.*



Art Oberto throws out first pitch at the third annual Mariner's Italian Heritage night held on June 24. The Italian Club members in attendance had a great time ... *Details on Page 6*

Festa Italiana Traditional Mass in Italian

Saturday
September 12, 5 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church
2800 S. Massachusetts St., Seattle
Free reception to follow

September Luncheon Festa Italiana Luncheon TUESDAY, September 22

11:30am No-Host Cocktails
12:15 Luncheon Begins

**Garden Court at the Fairmont
Olympic Hotel**

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President Corner

What I want everyone to get excited about is the Festa coming up in a few weeks. As you all know we have the sausage booth this year. It was such a success last year that I'm calling on all of you. We need your talents. Some

people have signed up already, so I'm looking forward to having a good turnout of helpers.

Be sure to check all the details on Festa. Hope to see you all at our meeting.

From Miss Italian Club

First off I would like to say thank you for selecting me as your Miss Italian Club, 2009.

From the very start you welcomed me into the community making me very proud of my Italian Heritage.

I have had wonderful experiences representing the Italian Club in the Greater Seattle Area. You have given me the chance to experience networking with many influential people in Seattle, practice my public speaking, show off my artistic talents and fulfill my dream of being a princess!



Claire DeRocco

As Miss Italian Club I was able to immerse myself in all of the wonderful communities that other girls represented and truly take away a feeling of gratitude for this experience.

So once again thank you for all of your support and encouragement. It has been my honor to represent the Italian Community and an adventure I will remember always.

Con Amore (With Love),
Claire De Rocco

Membership News

By Marty Marchetti, Membership Chairman

A new membership application to the Italian Club has been received from:

Louise Pietrafesa
11020 Riveira Pl. NE
Seattle, WA 98125
206-527-6661

She is a Psycho Therapist and is self employed. She has one daughter and two grandchildren. Her father, grandfather and grandmother are from Campo Basso and Rome. She is very anxious to meet Italian people.

It has been announced that the new application for membership will receive the "Festa Special" in September ... Two for \$125.



Christmas News

Dinner Dance

The Christmas Dinner Dance will be held Saturday night, **December 19** at the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue. This is an evening affair, so save the date and put it on your calendar. **Diana and Mike Kaczor** are the chairmen.

Children's Santa Breakfast

The Children's Santa Breakfast will be held on December 12 at the North Shore Senior Center in Bothell (same as other years). Santa will be there! For more information and sign up, read the *il Ficcanaso* in the coming months. Heading this event are **Molly Grossi**, and **Jerry and Judy Lewis**.

The Italian Festival ... Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27

The culmination of Festa Italiana and the largest ethnic festival at the Seattle Center, the Italian Festival features food, music, art, dance and participatory activities for the entire family.

There's the Salumi Salami Challenge, "The Great Italian Chefs" cooking demonstrations, the Festa Grape Stomp, the DeLaurenti Bocce Tournament, an Italian film festival, children's activities, an historical photo collection, a contemporary exhibit of photos of Italy, an Italian Classic Vehicle Show, and three stages with Free Entertainment.

"Wow!" A free all-ages concert & dance at 7 PM on Saturday, September 26th starring the legendary accordionist, Dick Contino and "Accordiaon-Palooza!"

Special Added Attraction ... Seattle Opera presents a Live Preview of their Italian Operas in the 2009 season featuring live vocalists and a commentary by Jonathan Dean. 4 PM, Saturday in the Seattle Center Pavilion.

The "Taste of Italy" is Relocated

The "Taste of Italy," the popular wine tasting which also serves as the Opening Ceremonies of the Italian Festival will be relocated this year to Exhibition Hall on Mercer Street, right next to McCaw Hall, in the heart of the Seattle Center grounds.

The "Taste of Italy" is a chance for the general public to try some seventy wines from Italy at the minimal cost of \$25 per person in advance, or \$30 at the door. Each ticket includes a souvenir wineglass and five 2 oz. tastings of wine. Additional tastings may be purchased for \$2.50 apiece, and there will be sparkling water, bread, Italian antipasti and crudites available for palate-cleansing.

You must be 21 years of age to be able to attend this event and there is no child-care provided. In addition, attendees will be able to view samples from the Foto Italiana photography exhibit and review Festa Italiana posters going back 22 years!

Details are as follows:

When: Friday, September 25th from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Where: Exhibition Hall at Seattle Center

Live Music by: The Primo Basso Band

Cost: \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. You must be 21 years of age to enter.

To purchase tickets in advance, send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with a check made out to "Festa Italiana" in the amount of \$25 per person to "Taste of Italy," Box 9549, Seattle, WA 98109.

Because of the Italian tradition of marrying wine and beer with food, there will be three Wine & Beer Gardens at the Italian Festival, both sponsored by Danzante Wine and Moretti Beer.

One Wine and Garden will be in the Fisher Pavilion with a nice view of the Mainstage, one will be in the Fisher Food Court, and the other will be in the Fisher Pavilion Courtyard featuring strolling musicians playing your Italian favorites in the sunshine. Look for the colorful umbrellas and the white picket fences.

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Italian Language Classes begin September 14

This fall we are offering a couple new conversational workshops for those who wish to work a little more on fluency. The class schedule is posted on our website (www.scuolaseattle.com).

About La Scuola Italiana

La Scuola Italiana is a small, intimate Italian language school located in Belltown.

As an alternative space, it offers affordable language instruction and small class sizes (8 -10 students per class), in downtown Seattle.

Each student's development is followed closely; a strong grammatical foundation is established

while discussing customs, traditions, travel information, food, wines and integrating personal interests/goals.

A common cause of frustration in language acquisition is the lag-time between student/teacher interactions caused by large classes. A smaller class size allows more individual attention, less delay and allows students to address individual issues the moment they occur in his/her learning.

LA SCUOLA ITALIANA

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Italian News

- The Pope's Facebook page is one of the Vatican's several efforts to use modern technology to serve and keep in communication with the faithful across the globe.

- Following in the economic crises in the United States, the Euro sank 2.5 percent in the worst fall since the introduction of the Euro 10 years ago. In 2009, Italy experienced the worst gross domestic product (GDP) drop in nearly 30 years. However, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi assures the Italian public that the worst is over.

The Halloween Party Set for October 24 at Mt. Virgin Church Hall

Come and enjoy the magic of costumes, decorations, candy treats, games, lunch and more when you attend this years Italian Club Halloween Party.

To enjoy this ghoulish gathering expect to play Toss the spider, Pin the stem on the Pumpkin, and "Go Fish" for your favorite treats. Each game will have a winner that goes home with a special prize. Don't forget to bring a small pumpkin so that your children can decorate it. Someone will also go home with a prize for the best costume.

We have no tricks up our sleeves. We are poised to greet you with jaunty party favors and pretty seasonal displays that will spread good cheer your way. Along with a lunch that would satisfy any critters appetite.

We all love trick-or-treating on Halloween. It's the one day a year when monsters are seen. Please reserve your space by email to: nancygrossi@hotmail.com if you dare, because space is limited. Reservation deadline is October 15, 2009. This year the Italian Club will be hosting the annual Halloween party for kids and families with no charge. Yes you read it correctly... no money will be charged. So we better see you there!

You are sure to have a hauntingly good time!

Saturday, October 24, 2009 - 12:30pm

Mt. Virgin Church Hall
1531 Bradner Pl S
Seattle, WA 98144-3813

Halloween Party RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ No. of Adults _____ Children _____ Others _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 15, 2009 MAIL TODAY ...

or email Nancy Grossi at nancygrossi@hotmail.com or call Andrea Petrone at 206-282-1950

Send reservation form to:

Nancy Grossi

136 - 239th Way SE

Sammamish, WA 98074

425 - 557 - 0071





Bocce Ball



Primo Basso



Christina Pirello, chef



Dick Contino



Nancy Grossi & Gino Luchetti

Week Of Festa Italiana Activities Begins September 12

Saturday, September 12
Traditional Mass in Italian
5 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church
2800 S. Massachusetts St., Seattle
Free Reception to follow.

Friday, September 25
"Taste of Italy" Wine Tasting
& Opening Reception
7 to 10 PM at Seattle Center.
Great wine, antipasto & live music

Tuesday, September 22
The Festa Italiana Luncheon
Gill Centioli Memorial Award to an
outstanding local Italian-American.

Saturday-Sunday, September 26 & 27
The 21st Annual Italian Festival
at the Seattle Center
Everyone is invited - Admission is FREE!

2009 FESTA ITALIANA LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

GARDEN COURT AT THE FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL

THE 2009 FESTA ITALIANA LUNCHEON WILL BE HONORING FRANK ISERNIO WITH THE
GILL CENTIOLI MEMORIAL AWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING LOCAL ITALIAN-AMERICAN AND ALSO
RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR ... RAY AND CAROLYN PETRE

GUEST SPEAKER: PATRICIA DE STACY HARRISON,
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

• 11:30AM: NO-HOST COCKTAILS • 12:15PM; LUNCHEON BEGINS

Make your reservations early! \$55.00 per person. Tables for parties of 6, 8, 10 and 12 available.

I/We Wish to Attend _____

Number in Party: _____ Please Seat Me/Us at the _____ Table.

Number in Party Attending: _____ Amt. of Check: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make Check Payable to: The Seattle Italian Club - Mail Reservation to:
Brian DiJulio, C/O Washington Asset Management

10657 NE 2nd, Bellevue, Washington 98004 (425) 646-6630 or after 6pm at (425) 820-4424

Italian Club Calendar of Events

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

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

Luncheons: 11:30 am at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) 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

SEPTEMBER 2009	OCTOBER 2009	NOVEMBER 2009
<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>12: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>22: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>25: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>26-27: 22nd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>12: Golf Tourney, Redmond Ridge Trilogy Golf Course</p> <p>24: Halloween Party for kids Mt. Virgin Parish Chairs: Nancy Grossi and Andrea Petrone</p> 	<p>5: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>12: IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p>18: Past Presidents Luncheon</p> 
DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY 2010	FEBRUARY 2010
<p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p>12: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: Molly Grossi</p> <p>19: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: Diana Kaczor Red Lion, Bellevue</p> 	<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 	<p>4: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 
MARCH 2010	APRIL 2010	MAY 2010
<p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>TBA: Crab Fest</p> 	<p>1: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>8: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner</p> <p>21: IC Luncheon</p> 	<p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm (Back to Thursday night schedule)</p> <p>No IC Luncheon in May</p> 
JUNE 2010	JULY 2010	AUGUST 2010
<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>17: IC Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> <p>TBA: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Chair - Marty Nigrelle</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> 	<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>



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Italian Club Scholarships Winners to be Awarded

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

The Italian Club will be awarding \$500.00 scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year to:

Kelsey Flones – daughter of Jon & Wanda Flones, Kelsey will be attending Holy Names Academy

Clara "Gianna" Merlino – daughter of Nick & Lola Merlino, Gianna will be attending Holy Names Academy

Dominic A. Peretti – son of Rico & Dawn Peretti, Dominic will be attending J. F. Kennedy High School

Congratulations to each of the recipients!

Next steps in the scholarship process:
September 2009:

- Award Certificates will be presented to the recipients @ the September General Meeting
- The recipients will be asked to read the letters that accompanied their application at the meeting
- Scholarship checks will be mailed to the appropriate schools

Each recipient met the following criteria:

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

3. The parent(s) of the applicant must attend at least three club meetings during the year.

4. Each applicant must write a letter telling about him/her self and activities in which he/she is participating.

5. The application and transcript must be post marked no later than May 1st 2009, Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

Information regarding the scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year will be published in the January edition of the club newsletter.