

General Dinner Meeting

Thursday - October 8 2009
Mount Virgin Church Hall

No October Luncheon

il Ficcanaso



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President Corner

Beautiful Festa



By Anna Popovich

What a beautiful Festa, thanks to **Dennis Caldirona** and all his crew. To **Carolyn Jackson**

for all her effort in making the Italian Mass a wonderful and heartfelt event, the reception following was enjoyed by all.

I attended the luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel honoring **Frank Iernio**, and our volunteers **Ray and Caroline Petre**.

Brian DiJulio was chairman of this event, and as always a perfect host. The Italian club had the sausage booth again this year, and as usual, the lines never stopped. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who worked so hard in making this event such a success.

See you at the meeting!

Festa Chef's Stage 2009

By Martin Nigrelle

Two thousand forks, twelve chef demos, eight portable burners, nine liters of *Petosa's Olive oil*, hundreds of pounds of *Iernio's* sausage, several tens of flats of *Ostrom's* mushrooms, ten volunteers, two celebrity chefs, three Cuoco di Ferro contestants, and a few bottles of Italian wine.

Throw the ingredients together shake liberally, add heat and what comes out is one more exciting and successful Great Italian Chef's stage at Festa Italiana this year. This year presented more opportunities than ever with prep required for six different demos and full preparation of three sets of chef's samples for about 125 audience members each.

With the wonderful weather again this year, almost all the chefs were presenting to a packed audience who were treated to a wide range of Italian food. Dishes for sample ranged from vegan bruschetta to cuttlefish and squid ink risotto with a myriad of dishes in between.

This year two celebrity chefs who both have shows on PBS, returned to the stage to share their wisdom, talent, and stories with us. Both

Christina Pirello and **Nick Stellino** were crowd pleasers and brought new recipes to the event.

For the first time ever, the Chefs stage hosted the Cuoco di Ferro contest. A contest sponsored by

Christina Cooks, *Ostrom's Mushrooms*, and *Ritrovo Italian Food Importers*.

Three amateur chefs from as far away as Texas and New Jersey made their winning vegan dishes live at the same time for a panel of 20 judges made up of audience members.

The contestant who won by popular vote happened to be from Seattle, they will be enjoying a trip to Italy with Christina and her husband Roberto.

Thanks go to the local restaurants who donated their own chefs and food for the demos, along an extra thanks to the sponsors:

Iernio's Sausage, *Ostrom's Mushrooms*, *Petosa's Olive Oil* without whom we could not have put on the shows. You missed a demo, or did not hear all of the ingredients in one of the dishes? Have no fear, the recipes from each of the demonstrations will be posted on the Festa web site: <http://www.festaseattle.com/chefs.htm>



General Dinner and Meeting

THURSDAY, October 8

Mount Virgin Church Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

Dinner at 6.00PM ...
Followed by the general meeting.
Progressive prize ... \$100



Children's Santa Breakfast

Children's Santa
Breakfast on
Saturday Morning
December 12, 2008

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to il Ficcanaso for 2009**

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October - September 30th
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Festa Italiana Luncheon by Nick Grossi

The luncheon, one of the highlights of Festa Italiana, was held September 22nd at the Fairmont/Olympic hotel. The event was again held in the beautiful Garden Court. As soon as you entered you could tell that this was going to be something special. The tables were beautifully set and the ambience was stunning to say the least.

Honors were given to the volunteers who contributed the most to Festa and the Italian Community. This honor was given to **Ray and Caroline Petre**. The Italian Man of the Year Honor was given to **Frank Isernio**.

The guest speaker at the luncheon was **Patricia Stacy Harrison**, CEO of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting (Channel 9 in our area). She spoke on values of American life and compared it to her personal life growing up in an Italian home. The luncheon master of ceremony was **Dennis Caldirola**.

Among those in the audience was a special table for the press, radio and television. Also in attendance was **Elissa Ruffino** from the National Italian American Federation from Washington, D.C.

It was a wonderful lunch and program enjoyed by all.

“Go Fish” at the Halloween Party Set for October 24

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



Hello all, we're back in the swing. Hope you had a great summer enjoying family, friends and activities. Speaking of summer. Wow. I think we all have become more familiar with the term "global warming" fall is here let's enjoy it.

You'll note, I headed this column: "September and October 2009" I gave a short verbal report at our September meeting of the news that I had. But now want to share the news with you that were unable to be with us, of the events, happy and sad of our Members during the Summer.

So, here we go, our sympathy and prayers to **Lou Fontana** and family on the passing of his brother **Lawrence L. Fontana**, June 28th.

Joe Galluccio and his family on the passing of his brother, **Michael Galluccio**. To **Dawn Peretti** on the loss of her 27-year-old Sister, **Kathryn Marie Flyte** on Aug. 11th.

Katie was seven months into her second pregnancy when she was diagnosed with double pneumonia and later the H1N1 influenza (Swine flu). Doctors performed an emergency C-Section and delivered a little angel, 2 lbs. 14 oz. Abigail Marie. Abbi is now home and weighs six plus pounds.

Our prayers and sympathy also to **Dr. Albert Sbragia** and family on the death of his uncle, **Dante Sbragia** in Italy. Dolores Ashbaugh loss her Brother recently. He and you are in our prayers, Dolores.

Father Pasquale Spoletini, passed away in May. He had retired and was in Spokane.

This Summer was a happy time for first time Grand Parents and Great Grand Parents. Received an email note from **Monte Marchetti** announcing the arrival of his first grandchild, Keaton Shane, 8 pounds 14.5 ounce on August 25th. Proud great grand parents, **Dee and Lou Cella**. God bless the new babies, parents, grand and great grand parents.

Angie Molinaro has moved, She is now at Merrill Garden's Rm # 401,. Phone # (425) 228-0285. Angie has family and friends in the area and is enjoying her new home.

We were sorry to hear that **Governor Al Rosellini** fell and broke his hip. The 100th birthday party has been delayed to a later date. God bless you Governor and a speedy recovery

Heard that **Monte Marchetti** fell at Festa and sprained his ankle. Take it easy Monte. Keep an eye on him Margaret.

Bill Picchena was sporting a couple of band aids on his head at our last meeting, he said all was fine. I wonder what the other fellow looked like???? Glad all is O.K. Bill.

Dorothy and Dick Whitney request some prayers for their Daughter in Florida who is having some health problems. She is in our Prayers.

Seven Scholarships were awarded by the Casa Board. Five of the recipients are children or grand children of our members. **Angela Bever**, daughter of **Mary Helen and Dave Bever**, Granddaughter of **Helen and Lou Carrosino**, niece of Kimberly and **Michael Carrosino**. **Laura and Margaret Cochran**, daughters (yes 2) of **Holly and Paul Cochran**, Grand Daughters of **Rose and John Croce**, nieces of **Cathy and Ken Volpone**. **Stephen Lund**, Son of **Andrea and Richard Lund** and **Lucca Merlino**, Daughter of **Lola and Nick Merlino**. Congratulations Scholars. May your year be all you wish and expect.

The all Italian Community Picnic was a huge success. Many of our members enjoyed the activities, the company and the food. We thank the Chairperson and workers for their loyal and dedicated work..

Hard to believe Festa is now history. Per usual it was great, and thank God the weather really cooperated. The director, our own Dennis, and his regular hard working committee members are to be congratulated for

the best ever Festa Italiana.

The Festa Italian Mass was the week before all the activities. The Saturday 5 P.M. Mass was celebrated on Sept. 12th by Father Paul Magnano followed by a great reception in the Parish Hall. We thank Croce's *Pacific Foods*, *Borracchini's Bakery* for their contributions and the hard working committee that really put it together.

The Festa Luncheon was well attended, our own **Caroline and Ray Petre** were honored as the "Volunteers of the Year". Congratulations Caroline and Ray a well deserved honor.

Good to see so many of our members working and attending Festa on Saturday and Sunday. **Armandino Batali** and **Tony Longo**, were there, looking good, and keeping busy.

We keep our home bound in our thoughts and prayers. **Carmen and Margaret Murray**, **Lena Boitano**, **Vito Chiecchi**, **Earl Hoffa**, **Reita Romei**, **Inky and Gene Merlino**, You are all missed.

I know there are more, be assured you are all missed and in our thoughts and prayers also.

A reminder: Save the date, our next Italian Club Luncheon will be on Wednesday November 18th, 2009. We will be honoring our Past Presidents. The Place will be the

Marriott Courtyard, near Lake Union. More information will be forthcoming. All members are invited. Reservations are a must.

Well, that's it for now, I know there is more out there I could report, if I knew about it, so please members, if you have something you would like to share, give me a call or email me. I think you all know my email address ... srmayholywater@aol.com. Yep, that's me.

Take care, stay healthy, see you at the meeting or at some function.

Your informer,

Carolyn E. Jackson Aka Sister

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday December 19, 2009

Evergreen Room, Red Lion Hotel

1211 Main Street

Bellevue, WA 98004

No Host Cocktail Social Hour 5:30 PM

With gaming



DINNER 7:00 PM

Dance to the Fantastic Music of
The Emerald Bards Band

MENU

Starter

Classic Caesar Salad

Entree

Rosemary and Cracked Pepper Roasted Prime Rib
Served with AuJus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce
Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Deep dish apple pie
Freshly Brewed Coffee Regular and Decaf
with
Assorted Herbal teas

\$55.00 per person

All Reservations with Check must be in no later than Tuesday December 15, 2009.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____

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2616 West Lynn St.

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Dick Contino and Accordion Palooza is Big Hit at 2009 Festa

By Tina Conforti, Field Reporter

On Saturday, September 26, 2009, Dick Contino, the “World’s Greatest Accordion Player” and his group, took the stage at 7:45 pm at Festa Italiana.

Dick Contino has been performing for over 65 years and is finally returning to Seattle for this performance after 21 years. Mr. Contino has performed all over the United States and has appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show 48 times.

During my interview, Mr. Contino told me that he learned to play the accordion at a very early age from his musician father. Mr. Contino’s father arrived in the United States from Agrigento, Sicily, Italy .

Mr. Contino was welcomed to the Festa Italiana stage by a standing ovation. He sang and played the accordion with feeling, putting himself into the music. He delivered many well known songs such as “Un ora sola ti Vorrei” and “Dimmi Quando Quando Quando.”

He also sang a classic Frank Sinatra song “I Did It My Way.” Mr. Contino was joined on stage for the opening of the concert by the six person local accordion group “Accordion Palooza,” including the well known editor of the *il Ficcanaso*, Mr. Nick Grossi. Nick played one of my favorite songs of the night “La Spagnola.” Well done.



Festa Photo Highlights

Photos by Monte Marchetti and Harry Cartales



Membership News

By Marty Marchetti, Membership Chairman

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

Dilettare, Patricia Jean

(Forecaster for Nordstrom, Inc.)

13811 NE 87th St.

Redmond, WA 98052

Her grandfather Fattore from Ripa, Italy

Manni, Kenneth A. (attorney)

2094 SW Dillard Lane

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

His descendents are from Cave and Foggia, Italy

Manni, Eleanor (homemaker)

2094 SW Dillard Lane

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Her descendents are from Palermo and Naples

Judith Ann Seth

8600 Island Drive S.

Seattle WA 98118

She is retired and her husband is Nils R.

Seth. Her grandmother is Mary Ann Sacco.

Gerald Anthony Casey, Jr.

10825 S E 200th St. C-302

Kent, WA 98031

He is in Information Technology and is a manager at Western Ports Transportation, Inc. He has two children, Jeffrey and Jennifer.

Bravo!

Congratulations to **Dave and Caroline Petre** on receiving the **Pat Delaurenti Memorial Volunteer Award** for their tireless work on the Festa Italiana Historical Photo Collection.

Their presentation of the photos this year was a absolutely stunning display. The Award was presented at the Festa Italiana Luncheon.

Thank you Dave and Caroline.

SAVE THE DATE!

Leading Metropolitan Opera tenor Eduardo Villa returns to Seattle following his recent appearance with Lyric Opera Northwest in Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci to sing in concert with Italian-American bel canto soprano Pamela Casella, international baritone Craig Heath Nim, and select Lyric Opera Northwest ensemble singers.

Reserve 7:30 PM, Sat. Nov. 21, at Blessed Sacrament Church. Call 206.938.7820.

Nomination of New Officers

The Italian Club President **Anna Popovich** has appointed **Dorothy Whitney** as chair of the nominating committee to pick the new slate of officers for 2010.

The slate of officers will be submitted to the membership at the November business meeting and shall likewise be submitted to the November edition of the *Il Ficcanaso*.

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

A vote will take place in December and the installation of officers will be in January.

Benefitting of relaunch of Seattle U baseball



Italian Club of Seattle ...

Columbus Day Golf Tournament

Date: Columbus Day, Monday October 12th

Where: Redmond Ridge (Trilogy) Golf Course

When: 1pm, Shotgun Start (all start at same time at different holes)

Sign Up Today!

\$100 includes: Golf Cart, Greens Fees, Box Lunch, Italian Dinner, Tee Prizes!

(This course is usually \$96 just for green fees! Great deal!)

Foursome Plus Hole Sign Sponsorship is only \$500.00

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• Twosome (\$200) name one _____

Name two _____

• Threesome (\$300) name one _____

Name two _____

Name three _____

• Foursome (\$400) name one _____

Name two _____

Name three _____

Name Four _____

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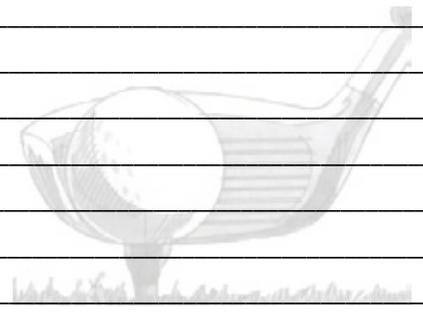
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Santa Maria Sponsorship: \$450 (Foursome + Business Card Add on Rule Sheet)

Include Business Card

Pinta Sponsorship: \$25 (no Foursome/ Name on Rule Sheet as Tournament Patron)

Dinner Only: \$20.00 name _____



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 and Bylaw Meetings: 7 pm at IC office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month

OCTOBER 2009	NOVEMBER 2009	DECEMBER 2009
<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>12: Golf Tourney, Redmond Ridge Trilogly 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> 	<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> 
JANUARY 2010	FEBRUARY 2010	MARCH 2010
<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 	<p>4: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 	<p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>TBA: Crab Fest</p> 
APRIL 2010	MAY 2010	JUNE 2010
<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> 	<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>
JULY 2010	AUGUST 2010	SEPTEMBER 2010
<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>	<p>2: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>TBA: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>TBA: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>24-25: 22nd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>



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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 and sign up, read the Il Ficcanaso in the coming months. Chairmen are **Molly Grossi** and **Jerry and Judy Lewis**.

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