

General Dinner Meeting
 Thursday - January 14
 Mount Virgin Church Hall
 No January
 Luncheon

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

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Official Bulletin of the Italian Club ... Established April 26, 1920

President Corner

Where did the year go?



By Anna Popovich

I guess the old saying is true ... the older you get the faster the time flies.

In reflecting the past year, we accomplished quite a bit. All that we set out to do seemed to be enjoyed by all that participated. Suggestions are always welcomed.

I want to thank all the people that served on the board this past year. I felt so lucky to have a board that gave their opinion and worked so well together. I look forward to another exciting year.

Every month we seemed to be getting new members, so our goal is to have them become an active part of our community. The best way to feel good about the club is to get involved.

Throughout the year we have several activities, so we need all the support from all our members. We pray that the Italian Club will continue to be blessed and all of our members enjoy a healthy and happy new year.

The Christmas Dinner Dance A Great Way to Start the Holiday Season



The party was well attended by many members. The evening began with a cocktail hour and the gaming tables. The guests enjoyed the blackjack gaming by those who played. A wonderful dinner of roasted prime rib was served in the holiday decorated ballroom enjoyed by all.

music of the Emerald Bards Band and the door prize raffle of nice gifts. A big thank you for the donors of door prizes and gifts.

Donors were Borracchini, Armandino Batali, Pacific Food Importers, Rosso Garden Nursery, and the Italian Club of Seattle.

This was followed by a dessert buffet and dancing to the fantastic

Thanks for attending,
 Michael and Diane Kaczor, Chairmen



100 Year Birthday Celebration for Governor Albert Rosellini

Sunday, January 24, 2010

3:30pm-5:30pm

Kennedy Memorial High School

140 S 140th St, Burien, WA 98168-3496

Estimated attendees 500

Tickets \$50, payable to:
 Governor Rosellini Scholarship Fund

This is a casual family style birthday event - Jeff D'Amelio, will be a MC and Joe Faccone (206 246 0500 X332) will present a slide show.



The dinner tickets are through Jeff D'Amelio, Sons of Italy, Seattle Fedele Lodge, cell 206 963 8763.

General Dinner & Meeting

THURSDAY, January 14

Mount Virgin Church Hall

2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

**Dinner at 6.00PM ...
 Followed by the general meeting.
 Installations of Officers
 Progressive prize ... \$25**

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Day at the Races: **Joe Galluccio**

Mariner Baseball Night: **Marty Nigrelle**

Picnic: **Ron Roletto**

Halloween Party: **Tom and Nancy**

Grossi

Adult Christmas Party: **Diana Kaczor**

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

Bylaws: **Barbara Peretti**

Luncheons: **Carolyn Jackson**

Scholarship: **Marty Nigrelle**

Miss Italian Community: **Fran Albanese**

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Golf Tournament: **Brian DiJulio**

Crab Dinner: **Anna Popovich**

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A Day at the Snoqualmie Casino by Michael Lazzaretti

The Italian club is sponsoring a day of fun and games for its members and friends at the Snoqualmie Casino for February 3, 2010. The coordination is handled by **Michael Lazzaretti** who can be reached at **206-280-6691**.

The following arrangements have been made. The casino will send a bus at no cost to us, which will depart at 10:00 AM from the Mount Virgin parking lot and will return from the casino to same place at about 4:00 PM.

Anyone can ride the bus. However, if

you desire to participate and wish to drive in your own car or with friends it is acceptable.

Also there is a lunch for anyone who wishes to partake of the food for a charge of \$9.95 per person.

Other gifts will be provided by the casino. Michael needs to know how many of you will go by bus and the total number who will attend

the festivities in order for the casino to be prepared. The latest date to inform Michael is January 20, 2010.



Winners

Last months winners of spirits, coffee cards, dinners and beer were: **Daniele Moreni, Carole Bishop, Marie Dahlgren, Lou Cella, Jim DiJulio, Barbara Galluccio, Bob Popovich, Monte Marchetti, Glenn Smith, Angela Wright, Helen Carrosino, Michael Lazzaretti, Tom Grossi, Carolyn Jackson, Betty**

Skibo, Ron Alia, Dick Whitney, Tino Lazzaretti, Diana Kaczor and Delores DeVitis.

The birthday winner was **Jim DiJulio**. The Progressive Prize of \$50.00 was won by **Sharon Pioli**.

The jackpot goes back to \$25.00 at the January meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ... January, 2010 By Dennis Caldirola

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a current roster of 256 members. This includes 139 members who have paid their dues for 2010 (thank you!) and three new applicants to be voted on at the next meeting. It also includes two members whose dues statements and newsletters have come back "forwarding address unknown" and for whom we have no current phone number or email address. We will continue to attempt to contact these members until April 15, 2010.

Unfortunately, we have also had six former members write to say they are no longer interested in participating in the Club. They are no longer in the

roster and have been dropped from the mailing list.

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for 35 years. Our records show that out of 255 members, 46 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 January meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 44¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Fellini Films at Seattle Art Museum

At the Seattle Art Museum, they will be running a series of Fellinifilms that you might find interesting:

Jan 8 "La Strada"

Jan 22 "The night of Cabrina"

Mar 5 "Juliet of the Spirit"

Mar 19 "Ginger and Fred"



The tickets are \$7.00 per show but if you want to get all 4 the price is

reduced to \$25.00 if you are a member it is \$22.00 They will take cash/check only.

Visit: www.seattleartmuseum.org/calendar/calendar.asp

Happy New Year: A New Decade: A New Year. 2010! How do you say it? Two thousand ten or twenty ten?

I hope you all had a wonderful, blessed and healthy Christmas. Stay that way. May it be filled with love, family, friends and good health.

The last couple months have been busy and full, so it's time to wind down, catch our breath, enjoy and smell the roses.

Our Christmas party was great fun and we thank our Chairpersons, **Diane and Mike Kaczor** for the time and effort they put in to make it such a success. There were a lot of high rollers at the Black Jack tables. The music was easy listening and the dancers all enjoyed the selections Bruce and his group selected. The table decorations of Christmas balls and beautiful poinsettia plants added to the decor.

The door prizes were pretty special. Thanks to **Armandino Batali and Remo Borracchini** for their generous donations. To the committee and attendees, thank you for sharing this giving and sharing time of the year.

We noticed that **Diane Kaczor** was wearing a walking boot (is that what it was Diane?) at the Party, It didn't stop her; she was making sure all things were going smoothly.

Mary Hoffa's husband Earl was home for Christmas. He really enjoyed her pasta. Her son and daughter-in-law were up from Portland for the day also.

Saw in another newsletter, that our member **Tony Mola** will be celebrating a special birthday party at his home on the 27th... Happy 80 plus Birthday Tony.

Joanne, Tino and Michael Lazzaretti spent the New Year at Birch Bay.

Mother and Father, **Dawn and Dino Peretti** and Grandmother Barbara were watching the Rose Bowl Game hoping to see daughter and granddaughter, Dominique, on the screen cheering for her Ducks. Dominique is a loyal student at the University of Oregon. Sorry Dominique, they played a good game.

That flu bug has been busy. Hope it passed over your home.

I heard that it visited **Velva and Orlie Saltarelli**. Hope you're both feeling better. I'm sure there are many more that have had a visit from the bug, sorry I don't know by name. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care and stay healthy.

Our new member **Kristi Branze Thorn** and Husband Gary flew to Las Vegas for a little R & R between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hope it was lots of fun and relaxing. (And profitable)

Some good news, a little late, but, in October **Mary and Earl Hoffa** were presented with a new great grandson named Heath, proud parent, granddaughter Danelle and Brent Kronmiller. God bless you Heath.

Call, visit or send a card to a family member, a friend or a shut in. Smile more; a smile is the shortest distance between two people. Take better care of yourself. Remember, don't let what you can't do interfere with what you can do. There's a lot of doing to be done. AMEN.

I wasn't going to mention "ME" but some of you have been concerned, so here's the latest. Doing better, still doctoring. Thank you all for your calls, cards and prayers. Keep them coming.

It's nice to hear from our Members with news they would like to share. So, friends, how about it, call or send your news PLEASE.

See you at the meetings and/or club activities. Keep smiling and PLEASE STAY HEALTHY. A happy and blessed 2010.

The Getting Better Informer. (ME), Carolyn

Good Bye 2009, Welcome 2010 *by Tina Conforti, Field Reporter*

For many people, 2009 was a bad year economically with housing forecloses, job loss and the high unemployment rate. This is happening not only in the United States but all over the world. In Italy, as in the US, many new college graduates have difficulty finding a job. They end up graduating college, returning home to live with their parents and have their parents financially support them.

2009 has been a rough political year in Italy. In 2009, Italy's Prime Minister Berlusconi was involved in a racy scandal with young girls that led to his wife writing an open letter in the Italian newspaper and filing for divorce.

Most recently, Prime Minister Berlusconi was attacked by having a statue thrown in his face. His Most Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI was attacked on December 24, 2009 by the same woman that attempted to tackle him during mass in 2008. Wearing the same red jacket,

the allegedly mentally unstable woman jumped a barrier and rushed His Most Holiness knocking him to the floor before being pulled away by security.

Once again, the United States has experienced a terrorist attack when on Christmas Day a Nigerian national tried to explode Delta Air Flight 253 with 278 passengers on board. The attempt failed and instead he was burned during the attempt.

We cannot forget the loss of life of four local police officers and the two more that have recently been shot and seriously injured in the line of duty.

Let us all say "Good bye 2009 and Welcome a safe, happy, and healthy 2010." As we say in Italy: "Anno nuovo, Vita nuova (New Year, New Life)."

Happy New Year to all.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

By Dorothy Whitney, Chairman of Nominating Committee

The slate of officers for 2010 was presented and accepted by the general membership at the December meeting. Installation of the following new officers will take place at the January meeting.

President: **Anna Popovich**

Vice-President: **Monte Marchetti**

Secretary: **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer: **Joe Galluccio**

Trustees: **Tom Grossi, Michael Lazzaretti, Diane Lafornera, Marty Nigrelle, Diana Kaczor** and ex-officio **Brian DiJulio**.

Italian Children Story Time

Ages 3 to 7

Sunday, January 10, 2010, 1:30 PM

Mercer Island Library

Join Vita for stories songs and activities all in Italian Language

Italian Club of Seattle



Crab Feed

Saturday, March 20 - 6:30pm - \$30 per person

All You Can Eat!

St. Alphonsus Church Hall

5816 15th Ave. NW, Seattle (Ballard)

Delicious Fresh Dungeness Crab!

Rolls - Angel Hair Pasta Aioli

Beer/Wine/Pop/Ice Cream - Drawn Butter

Buy your Tickets Today! ... Anna Popovich 206-453-4002

Bring your own crab cracker!

Name _____

Address _____

Send Me _____ Tickets or Reserve _____ Tables of Ten for My Family

Here's my check for my Ticket(s) reservation(s)

Mail to: **Anna Popovich** - 2901 NE Blakley Street, #505, Seattle, WA 98105



Children's Christmas Party *by Nick Grossi*

They were there at 8:30 AM Saturday, Dec. 12, waiting for the doors to open. Inside tables were set with tablecloths and really beautiful Christmas decorations on each table. A juice bar and milk for the kids and fresh hot coffee for the adults and right-out-of-the-oven cinnamon rolls were waiting.

Wide eyed children couldn't take their eyes off a beautiful decorated tree. And then the party began!

Young excited children ran around the hall while the adults were visiting. **Nick Grossi** took his accordion

and gathered the children around him to sing the songs they knew.

Filled with a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage, the children eagerly awaited the big attraction. Santa made a grand entrance and the children sang "Here Comes Santa Claus". Santa handed out a gift to each child and then bedlam reigned. They were so anxious to open their presents and to see what everyone else got and, they were excited about having their picture taken with Santa.



All this happened by noon and while everyone gathered their gifts and things, mothers, fathers and grandparent started cleaning up and putting things away.

It was a great party and the Italian Club is to be congratulated for a good job. Thanks to **Molly Grossi** and the Lewis family for all their work and making it such a nice affair.

Thanks also to **Joe and Barbara Galluccio** and all who worked in the kitchen, served, and cleaned up. There was a lot to do.

Also thanks to Santa who did a great job!



Italian Club Scholarships for the 2010-2011 School Year

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

Despite (& in response to) the economy, The Italian Club of Seattle will again be awarding up to three \$500.00 scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below).

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- March 2010 – Application Forms published in il Ficciano
- April 2010 – Applications submitted
- May 2010 – Applications reviewed & verified

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are as follows:

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

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

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 earlier than April 1st 2010 and no later than May 1st 2010.

6. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

4th Annual Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night

By Martin Nigrelle

Mark your calendars, Tuesday July 20th 2010, 7:05pm. The Mariners & Verizon are sponsoring Italian Heritage Night.

The Mariners will be taking on the Chicago White Sox.

Current thoughts are to do a scarf similar yet different from scarf last year's as the giveaway item.

Ticket details should be available next month.



Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

Application for membership have been received from:

Anna Tucci

4344 SW Concord St.
Seattle, WA 98136

Importer - coffee

Italia Imports Seattle

She is married to Trond Ringstad and has a 2-year old son. Her father is Alfonso Tucci from Marzi (Cosenza) Calabria

Philip J. Lafornera

4709 - 112th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033

He is a Software Developer for Microsoft. He is married to Dianna, a current member of the club. They have two children. Great grandparents are from Valdemone, Sicily

Scott Ryan Merrell

4330 NE 55th St.
Seattle, WA 98105

He was born in Seattle

Daniele Moreni and wife Sue

3925 Woodlawn Ave North
Seattle, WA 98103

The above applicants will be voted on at the January meeting.

The members of the Italian Club approved the membership of **Michael Croce** and **Kristi Thorn**.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB.



"Chi tante male azioni fa, una grossa ne aspetta."

"He who does many bad deeds can expect a big one in return."

Idiomatic translation: "What goes around comes around."

"Chi troppo vuole, nulla stringe."

"He who wants too much doesn't catch anything."

"Chi trova un amico, trova un tesoro."

"He who finds a friend finds a treasure."



In Memoria

The Italian Club Members who passed away during 2009 are:

Rose DeMatis

Reita Romei

Frank Franzini

Fr. Pasquale Spoletini

Lawrence Fontana

May they rest in Peace.

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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, Mount Virgin Church Hall

Luncheons: 11:30 PM at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) are held quarterly

Social Hour 11:30, Luncheon 12 Noon

Finance and Bylaw Meetings: 7 PM at IC office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month

JANUARY 2010	FEBRUARY 2010	MARCH 2010
<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 	<p>3: Day at Snoqualmie Casino Chairman Michael Lazzaretti</p> <p>4: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 	<p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>20: Crab Feed Anna Popovich, Chairman</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</p> 	<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>16: IC Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p>
JULY 2010	AUGUST 2010	SEPTEMBER 2010
<p>Summer Break</p> <p>20: 4th Annual Seattle Mariners Italian Heritage Night Chairman Marty Nigrelle</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>15: Ferragosto, various locations</p> <p>15: Italian Community Picnic</p> <p>27-29: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>	<p>2: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>18: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>21: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>24: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>25-26: 23rd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>
OCTOBER 2010	NOVEMBER 2010	DECEMBER 2010
<p>14: IC General Meeting Dinner 6pm</p> <p>TBA: Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tourney</p> <p>TBA: Halloween Party for kids</p>	<p>7: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>14: IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p>TBA: Past Presidents Luncheon</p> 	<p>9: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p>TBA: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM</p> <p>TBA: IC Christmas Party</p> 



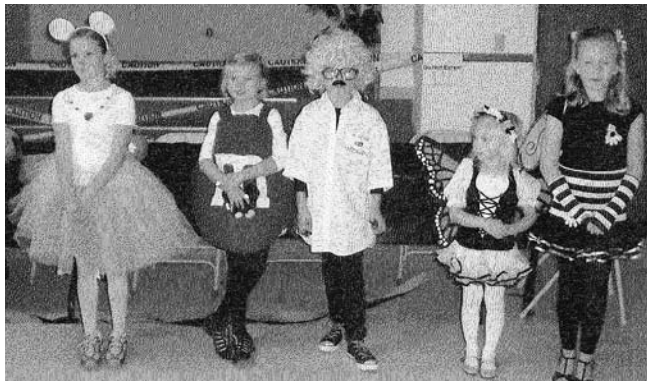
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Halloween Photos Memories of Italian Club Halloween Party



Deadline Dates for Inputs to il Ficcenaso for 2010

Issue - Deadline

- February - February 1
- March - March 1
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- April - March 29
- May - May 3
- June - May 28
- July & August - no newsletter
- September - August 30
- October - October 4
- November - November 1
- December - November 29

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