

General Dinner Meeting  
Thursday - June 10, 6pm  
Mount Virgin Church Hall

June Luncheon  
Wednesday, June 16

Happy Father's Day!

# il Ficcanaso



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

Note: This is last issue of il Ficcanaso until September

## President Corner *By Anna Popovich*

### In Their Own Words



Below is the second in our series allowing those active members of our club, who have been with us 35 years or longer, to tell their stories in a new column called *In Their Own Words*.

#### *In Their Own Words*

### Hello Fellow Members

*By Tino Lazzaretti*

I was born in this country and taken to Italy at age three. I grew up under the shadow of the Fascist Party and the Catholic Church (no apologies intended). From these institutions I learned two things.

- 1) You are an individual and therefore responsible for your actions and consequences (i.e. rewards and/or punishments).
- 2) As a citizen you should ask what can I do to make things better for society rather than ask what society can do for me?

At age eighteen I returned to the USA courtesy of the USA government. When I arrived

in New York I was penniless and \$150 in debt to the government. I was able to pay back the government in 10 months.

I started evening cases as soon as possible to learn English. My accent is still with me, but I can communicate pretty well. I took advantage of everything that this country had to offer. I finished my high school, obtained a degree in mechanical engineering from U.W. and a masters degree in finance from Seattle U (I'm still a professional licensed engineer in Washington) while working full time.

In no other country in the world would this have been possible except the USA. This is not a great country it is a fantastic country.

I was mentored and proposed for membership into the Italian Club by **Luigi Cella** who I consider one of the best presidents of the Italian Club and as a contributor to the com-

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## June Luncheon Features Author Dominic Pulera

*By Carolyn Jackson, Luncheon chair*



The speaker at our next luncheon is Mr. Dominic J. Pulera, a published author from Wisconsin. His most recent book, *Green, White and Red: The Italian-American Success*

*Story* (2009) includes a vignette about the Italian-American community of Seattle.

Place and price the same, Courtyard, Marriott. \$23.00. Door prize gifts not mandatory, but appreciated. A reservation made is a reservation paid. I'll take reservations and checks at our June meeting. *Let's have a great turn out for Mr. Pulera.*

### Breaking News ...

### Christmas Party Goes Forward

Thanks to **Joanne Marchese** volunteering to be the chair of the Adult's Christmas party, this annual affair will continue and is set for Sunday, December 12 at the Embassy Suite Hotel in Tukwila.

### We need sausage help

The sausage booth at the 2010 Festa is in need of more worker bees. Call **Anna Popovich** at 206-453-4002.

## General Dinner & Meeting

**THURSDAY, June 10**

Mount Virgin Church Hall  
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

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

Progressive prize ... \$150

## A Saturday at the Races

**Joe Galluccio** is chairman for *A Day at Emerald Downs*.



The date is **June 19th**. Mark your calendar now. Details on page 4.

## June Luncheon

Next Luncheon:  
**Wednesday, June 16**

The Courtyard by Marriott  
925 Westlake Avenue North  
Seattle, Washington

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Picnic: **Ron Roletto**

Halloween Party: **Andrea Petrone**

Adult Christmas Party: **TBD**

Children's Christmas Party: **Tom &**

**Nancy Grossi**

Bylaws: **Barbara Peretti**

Luncheons: **Carolyn Jackson**

Scholarship: **Marty Nigrelle**

Miss Italian Club: **Margaret Marchetti,**

**Carole Bishop and Linda Madrid**

Facilities: **TBD**

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### Tino Lazzaretti

munity. Other presidents, with help of the Club members, raised money for the *NW Kidney Foundation* or *Multiple Sclerosis* ... hundreds of thousands dollars. We give scholarships to deserving students, we support culture the arts and many other things with funds, but more personally

with our own involvement.

We're proud to be Americans. This is the reason why I joined and am a member for thirty years. We're doing something for society and our county and you do not see any Italian Americans asking the government what it does for us.

## Halloween Party Announced for October 30th

**Andrea Petrone**, chair of this year's Halloween Party, has announced that the date will be Saturday, **October 30th**, the day before Halloween. Location will once again be the Mt. Virgin School Hall. "This gives everyone a chance to stretch the festivities over two days," she announced, "and get more than one use out of the costume." Once again, the event will feature "Toss the spider," "Pin the Stem on the Pumpkin", and



"Go Fish" for scary treats. Each game will have a winner that goes home with a special prize, and everyone is encouraged to bring a small pumpkin so that can be decorated. There will also be refreshments for young and old alike. Price of admission is free and grandchildren of members are welcome. More details and an attendance form in the September issue of *il Ficcanaso*.

### Winners *by Nick Grossi*

The name drawn for the Progressive Prize at the May meeting was **Carl Romei**. Carl was not present so the new jackpot for the June meeting will be \$150.

The Birthday winner for May was **Nick Grossi**. The spirits and coffee

cards were won by **Monte Marchetti, Carolyn Jackson, Barbara Peretti, Marty Nigrelle, Ron Roletto, Joanne Marchese, Deborah Quien, Tom Grossi, Joe Sargent, Helen Carrosino, Joe Galluccio and Lou Fontana**.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT ... June 2010 *By Dennis Caldirola*

The 2010 roster has gone to press and I should have them for distribution at the General Meeting in June - one copy per person, please. For those unable to attend, we will mail out one per couple the following week. From that point on, additional copies will only be available by special request. Special thanks to Nick Grossi who sold \$700 worth of advertising which will aid tremendously in offsetting the cost of this expensive biannual project.

Since this is our last *il Ficcanaso* before September, please save the calendar portion to remind

yourselves of the many wonderful Italian-oriented activities happening over the summer. I'd like to draw particular attention to the Italian Community Picnic, and a fundraiser for Festa Italiana at Piccora's Pizza on June 26th. Please see the article elsewhere in this issue.

### Need a Ride?

Trustee **Diana Lafornera (425-827-4728)** has offered to give a ride to the meetings to anyone on the Eastside who needs one. *Thanks Diana.*

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Happy June: Where did the first five months of this year go?

Looking at all the coming events ... it's going to be a busy summer. The June meeting (the last one until September), our June 16 luncheon, the Mariner game, Day at the Races, graduations, weddings, picnics, vacations, BBQ's, parades, family gatherings, Festa activities ... WOW I'm tired already. Hope the weather cooperates.

Some of the traveling has begun. **Inez Fournio** is off to Italy for her yearly visit. Enjoy Inez. Heard **Michael Troiani** will spend seven weeks in Italy, visiting family and doing a lot of sightseeing. *Safe trip Inez and Michael.*

Sure can't keep **Bill Picchena** home. He called to tell us that he and his family would be spending the Memorial Day weekend in Las Vegas, with a side trip to the Grand Canyon, then in Bill's own words, "Back to Las Vegas to lose more money." *Good for you and your family Bill. You are a winner. Enjoying your family the sights and just having fun. What's your next stop?*

I want to apologize to **Mary Lou Leone**, I wasn't aware that you had broken your toe. *Glad you're all better now, Sorry Mary Lou, take care and enjoy the summer.*

Heard that **John Croce** was in the hospital and had three stents inserted in his Leg. *Get better John, you are in our prayers.*

**Earl Hoffa** was back in the hospital. Took a bad spill. Mary

said he is badly bruised and has developed pneumonia. *You and Mary are in our thoughts and prayers Earl.*

It was so good to see **Lou and Helen Carrosino** at our last meeting.

**Michael Lazzeretti** took a little R& R and spent a few days in Las Vegas. Hope you came back a happy winner Michael.

We wish **Alice Mariani** the very best of happiness. She is moving back to Tennessee to be close to her family. You will be missed Alice. You have always been a loyal supporter of all the Italian Club activities. *Keep in touch, God be with you.*

Happy birthday **Orlie Saltarelli**, the family had a special Birthday celebration in his honor on the 30th of May.

A happy birthday to all our members celebrating their birthdays in June.

I'll be heading south soon. I'm first traveling to San Francisco to spend a few days, then heading for Sacramento to attend a convention. *Safe and healthy trip Carolyn.*

Congratulations and best wishes to **Martin Nigrelle** and his lovely fiancé on their recent engagement. *Much love and happiness.*

Heard that **Terry Carroll** was in Europe. *Way to go Terry.*

**Holly Croce** and **Bill Cochran** are proud parents, daughter, Laura made the Dean's List at Gonzaga, University. She will be interning at Alaska Airlines in public relations. Daughter, Margo, also made the Dean's

List at Loyola University in Chicago. She will be interning with the magazine "Ready Maid" a part of *Better Home & Gardens*, as an editorial intern. Then their cousin, **Melissa Croce**, daughter of **Mike and Chris Croce**, made the Dean's List at University of Washington the last two quarters. *That's the way to go girls. We're proud of you too.*

Well, that's it for now. But first "You know you're getting old when they start playing your song, and it's in the dentist's waiting room."

Thank you all, See you at the meeting, lunch, ball game, track and one of our other many activities.

Take care and please stay healthy.

Have to share this one: "Never miss a good chance to shut up". So practicing what I read.

*The Sweet little Informer.*

Carolyn E. Jackson. (Amen)

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## Italian Club's Day at the Races

Join us for a day of food and fun...  
Seattle Italian Club annual day at Emerald Downs

**Saturday June 19th at 2pm**

\$45 per person (including admission, tip sheet, and a sumptuous buffet lunch)  
Turf Club Reserved Seating ... Tax and Gratuity. Valet Parking.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010**

**Be there for the Italian Club Race**

Mail reservations to:

**Joe Galluccio**

**7018 82nd Ave. SE**

**Mercer Island, WA 98040**

**(206-275-4688) to reserve your place.**

**LAST CALL!**

### Event Schedule

12:30 pm - Gates Open to the Public  
1:30 pm - Handicapper Available  
2:00 pm - The First Race  
2:30 pm - Approximate Serving of Buffet  
6:30 - Approximate Conclusion & Count your Winnings

### Turf Club Buffet

- Sliced marinated flank steak with caramelized onion jus
- Grilled chicken with Asian glaze
- Herb roasted Yukon potatoes
- Vegetable platter • Caesar salad
- Assorted rolls and butter
- Fresh fruit bowl • Assorted cake tray
- Coffee and tea service

Please Note: A business casual dress applies in the Turf Club, Denim jeans, T-Shirts, shorts and athletic are prohibited. Privileges will be denied to any guest considered inappropriately attired.

## ITALIAN COMMUNITY PICNIC

Royal Arch Park

**Sunday August 15th, 2009**

Festivities start at 10am

20825 Maple Valley Road SE

8 miles East on Maple Valley  
Highway 169

*For more information:*  
[italiancommunitypicnic.com](http://italiancommunitypicnic.com)

12:00pm - 2:00pm: **Free hotdogs, free popcorn, free soda pop/water, free italian sodas and free cotton candy!**

12:00pm - 3:00pm: Kids games, face painting, clowns. Moonwalk, Volleyball, Souvenir Sales Raffle Sales

12:00pm - 4:00pm: Classic Car Show  
BOCCE starts at 12:30pm

1:00pm - 2:00pm: BINGO

1:00pm - 6:00pm: Karaoke by Julio

Dinner: Free, starts at 2:30pm

Final Raffle and door prize drawings

Admission: \$5.00 per adult, Chairman Dale Palella, 206-433-2741



**NEXT PICNIC**

## OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

*Traveling in Italy...* by Tina Conforti, Field Reporter

As summer travel quickly approaches us, those Italian citizens wishing to travel to countries requiring a passport will be faced with new passport requirements.

Italian citizens requesting new passports will have to record their fingerprints when presenting their request at the Italian Consulate General. Requests sent by mail or through the Honorary Consular office will no longer be accepted. Minors under the age of 12 (who, as of November 25, 2009 are required to possess an individual passport) are exempt from recording their fingerprints.

Please note that the new European Passport with fingerprints will

gradually replace those currently in use which will remain valid and fully recognized as travel documents. Therefore, requesting a new European passport will not be necessary if the passport in use is still valid.

Rome and Milan are gearing up to test a body scanner on flights to the United States in the wake of the failed Christmas Day bomb attack of 2009. Installation of the new scanners is expected to begin at Fiumicino airport first. Italy is among the first European countries to try out the new scanners using X-ray vision.

*Buon Viaggio and have a safe trip.*

## Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

The members approved the following applicants to the Italian Club at the May meeting:

**Salvatore Lembo**  
**Jay Andrew Boitano**  
**Kim Gervasoni**

*Welcome to the Italian Club!*

There were no new applications this month.

## No Miss Italian Club Seafair this Year

As co-chairs, **Carole Bishop** and **Margaret Marchetti** have some good news and some bad news to report.

The good news is that during these challenging economic times, the Club will keep a little more cash in the scholarship pool of funds for the future.

The unfortunate news is that we will not have a representative for Seafair this year.

We had two very well-qualified candidates. However, while reviewing the major commitments required by Seafair, both candidates withdrew their applications due to conflicts with other obligations. We very much appreciate their honesty and both young women are excited about applying again in the future.

# Festa Opera Night

6 PM, Saturday, June 26

**Piecora's Pizza**

1401 E. Madison, Seattle, WA 98122

Starring Tenors Gino Lucchetti, Steve Wall & Tony Kibbie,

Soprano Nancy Grossi, Baritone Chai Ahrenius,

The Bonnie Birch Band - and others!

\$25 per person, includes pizza, antipasto, wine, beer and soft drinks.

All proceeds to benefit the Italian Festival entertainment Fund.



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## Review & confirm continues, announcement delayed until the June General meeting

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

The review & confirm process has taken longer than expected, the winners for the 2010 ~ 2011 school year will be announced @ the June General meeting.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- May/June 2010 – Applications reviewed & verified
- June 2010 – Award Recipients announced at the June General Meeting
- September 2010 – Award Recipients presented @ General Meeting

*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) is enrolled in high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2010-2011 school year, in the greater Seattle area

4. 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.

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

6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 1st 2010 and no later than May 1st 2010.

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

## Italian Heritage Night @ Safeco Field

By Martin Nigrelle

The Mariners & Verizon are sponsoring Italian Heritage Night, Tuesday July 20th 2010, 7:05pm the Mariners are hosting the Chicago White Sox.

More tickets are available through the Mariners at <http://mariners.com/italian>. Ticket prices are \$27.00 (Field level) & \$13.00 (Top deck).

The giveaway item for this year's game will be a scarf designed & created just for this event. The scarf will again include the colors of the Tricolore, running the length of the scarf along with a Mariners embroidered logo.

## 2010 FESTA ITALIANA LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

### GARDEN COURT AT THE FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL

THE 2010 FESTA ITALIANA LUNCHEON WILL BE HONORING ARMANDINO BATALI WITH THE GILL CENTIOLI MEMORIAL AWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING LOCAL ITALIAN-AMERICAN AND ALSO RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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 and 10 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,  
11166 Champagne Pt. Road, Kirkland, Washington 98034 (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 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, unless otherwise noted

JUNE 2010	JULY 2010	AUGUST 2010
<p><b>3:</b> Trustee Meeting</p> <p><b>10:</b> IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p><b>16:</b> IC Luncheon, Carolyn Jackson, Chairman, Courtyard at Marriott</p> <p><b>19:</b> Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p><b>20:</b> 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><b>15:</b> Ferragosto, various locations</p> <p><b>15:</b> Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park</p> <p><b>26-28:</b> Festa Italiana - Portland Starring Ray Massa and Eurorhythms</p>
SEPTEMBER 2010	OCTOBER 2010	NOVEMBER 2010
<p><b>2:</b> Trustee Meeting</p> <p><b>9:</b> IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p><b>11:</b> Festa Italiana Mass Carolyn Jackson, Chairman</p> <p><b>16:</b> Golf Tourney</p> <p><b>21:</b> Festa Downtown Luncheon Chairman Brian DiJulio</p> <p><b>24:</b> Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p><b>25-26:</b> 23rd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p><b>9-10:</b> Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV</p> <p><b>14:</b> IC General Meeting Dinner 6pm</p> <p><b>30:</b> Halloween Party for kids Chairman Andrea Petrone</p>	<p><b>7:</b> Trustees Meeting</p> <p><b>14:</b> IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p><b>17:</b> Past Presidents Luncheon, Chairman, Carolyn Jackson</p>
DECEMBER 2010	JANUARY 2011	FEBRUARY 2011
<p><b>9:</b> IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p><b>4:</b> IC Christmas Children's Party 9:00AM, Tom &amp; Nancy Grossi</p> <p><b>12:</b> IC Christmas Party, Sunday at Embassy Suites, Tukwila Chairman Joanne Marchese</p>	<p><b>13:</b> IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 	<p><b>3:</b> Trustees Meeting</p> <p><b>10:</b> IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 
MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011	MAY 2011
<p><b>10:</b> IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p><b>TBA:</b> Crab Feed</p> 	<p><b>7:</b> Trustees Meeting</p> <p><b>14: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner</b></p> 	<p><b>12:</b> IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> 



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## Italian Club of Seattle Golf Tournament

*Benefitting Seattle U Baseball*



**Date:** Thursday, September 16th

**Where:** The Golf Club at Echo Falls, (Snohomish)

**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

Send in your RSVP Today, Make Check Payable to: The Seattle Italian Club - Mail Reservation to: Brian DiJulio, 11166 Champagne Pt. Road, Kirkland, Washington 98034 (425) 646-6630 or after 6pm at (425) 820-4424

- Single player (\$100) name \_\_\_\_\_
- Twosome (\$200) name one \_\_\_\_\_  
Name two \_\_\_\_\_
- Threesome (\$300) name one \_\_\_\_\_  
Name two \_\_\_\_\_
- Name three \_\_\_\_\_
- Foursome (\$400) name one \_\_\_\_\_  
Name two \_\_\_\_\_
- Name three \_\_\_\_\_
- Name Four \_\_\_\_\_

Columbus Level Sponsorship (Foursome + Hole signage) \$500

Hole Sign Wording: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_