

General Dinner Meeting
Thursday - November 11, 6:30pm
Mount Virgin Church Hall

Past Presidents' Luncheon
Wednesday, November 17
The Courtyard by Marriott



Happy Thanksgiving

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November 2010

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President Corner *By Anna Popovich*

In Their Own Words



Below is an article by **Tony Facciuto**, the fifth 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

Memories *By Tony Facciuto*

I joined the Italian Club in 1929. The club was meeting at the Casa on Capitol Hill then. I recall that the club held some combined picnics at Norm's Resort at Cottage Lake, Nile Temple picnic area, Martha Lake and Lake Sawyer.

The club hired a boat for summer cruises on the sound until it became too expensive and some years later they hired the Odyssey for dinner cruises on Lake Washington. Dinner dances were held at many locations including the Casa on Capitol Hill, Evergreen Ballroom, Seattle Trade Center, SeaTac Marriott Hotel, Rainier Golf & Country Club, and the Broadmoor Country Club to name a few.

Frank Sugia and **Ed Allenbach** usually provided the music. Some of the Businessmen's lunches were held at Vito's on Ninth and Madison, Italo's on Empire Way, Rossellini's Four-10 and the Hyatt House Hotel at SeaTac.

Many other places too numerous to mention or recall. **Bill and John Gasperetti's** Roma Cafe closed after 50 years in business. It was located on 4th Avenue just up from the Union Railroad station.

In 1960 **Dominic Vendetti** put on a "Night at the Follies" event as a fund raiser for the Northwest Kidney Foundation. It was held at McGovern's Music Hall and the club presented the Kidney Foundation a check for \$10,000 from the proceeds. He had hired **Dick Contino**, a friend of mine, to provide accordion music. Dick, being Italian, played much Neapolitan music as well as Continental and Modern. This was just one of many occasions when the Italian Club has raised money for the Kidney Foundation.

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Past Presidents' Luncheon Wednesday, November 17, 2010

By Carolyn Jackson

It's that time again, when we will be honoring the Past Presidents of the Seattle Italian Club. We were founded in 1920 and 49 loyal members have served as President of the Italian Club. Prior to the merger of the Women's Auxiliary 36 Gracious Ladies served as Presidents of the Women's Auxiliary Italian Club.

To the past presidents, female and male you are invited to be our guests at lunch on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the Courtyard, Marriott, Lake Union, 925 Westlake Ave, Seattle, Puget Sound Room. 11:30 A.M. Social, 12 Noon -Lunch.

All members and guests are welcomed. Lunch Price: \$23.00

Reservations a must with Carolyn Jackson, (206) 725-9405 or email Srmaryhollywater@aol.com. By Friday, **November 12**.

Door Prize donations are most welcomed. Committee Chairpersons will also be the guests of the Club.

The menu will be Northwest Salad, Chicken Parmesan OR Salmon, Rolls/butter, dessert and Coffee/tea.

Please all, a reservation made is a reservation paid. Thank you.

General Dinner & Meeting
THURSDAY, November 11
Mount Virgin Church Hall

Dinner at 6:30PM ...

Followed by the
general meeting.

Progressive prize ... \$50

Raffle for turkeys



Children's Santa Breakfast

**Children's Santa
Breakfast on
Saturday Morning
December 4, 2010**

See coupon on page 6

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Tony Facciuto *Continued from page 1*

Victor Rossellini owned several restaurants. The Four-10, Six-10, and he and **Mick McHugh** partnered in the Nine-10 on 2nd Ave. Victor's Retirement Party was held at the Nine-10. The Italian Club was one of the sponsors of the Italian Hour on Radio KXA which aired on Sundays. It introduced our Italian culture, language and music to the public. I looked forward to it each week and I'm sure there must be some of our members who listened to the program also.

Martin Patricelli (Joe's son) chaired the first Christmas dance for the Young Italian Group which was held at St. Paul's Church. The attendees had to be over 18 years of age and this event was free. **Ernie Merlino** and **Leonard Longo** co-chaired Fishing Derbys at Westport and **Orlie Saltarelli** and **Joe Patricelli** co-chaired Golf Tournaments, as did Don Vizzare. The club still holds these golf events. The Italian flag at our meetings was obtained for the club by a Vice Consul V when

he was here. **Marleen Magnoni Alhadef** and her husband were supporters of the club's events at Longacres. Today the event is held at Emerald Downs.

The Ladies Auxiliary had yearly Pool Parties at Julius Rosso's home on Beacon Hill. In '95 and '96 the Adult Christmas Party and dinner dances were held at the Stouffer-Madison Hotel on Sundays as the charge for rent and dinners was reduced by half, saving the club considerable money. Music at both events was provided by Sandy Brandt and his seven piece band. The children's Christmas Party was held at St. Peter's Church. **Velva and Orlie Saltarelli** did a lot of the leg work for me which was greatly appreciated. A few members who attended Cleveland High School on Maple Hill in Seattle were: **Dominic Vendetti, Julius Rosso, Fred Schweitzer, Orlie Saltarelli, Tony Facciuto** and I. I'm sure there must be others in our club.

Hope my ramblings have helped revive your memories

Nominations for 2011 Officers

By Dorothy Whitney, Chairwoman

The nominating committee, **Dorothy Whitney, JoAnne Lazzaretti** and **Brian DiJulio**, met at the end of September. At this time they would like to place in nomination the following names for 2011 officers:

President:

Monte Marchetti

Vice President:

Martin Nigrelle

Secretary:

Dennis Caldirola

Treasurer:

Joseph Galluccio

Trustees:

Ronald Alia and Barbara Peretti

Three returning trustees for their second year are:

Tom Grossi, Michael Lazzaretti, Diana LaFornaro and past president **Anna Popovich**.

We will now open nominations from the floor at the November meeting.

Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

New applications for membership to the Italian Club were received from:

Rodney Edward Warczak

1054 S. 124th St.
Seattle, WA 98168

Born in Orleans, France and works in Data Center Support at Savvis Communications His wife is Diana and daughter is Dominica, 23. His grandfather is from Sicily.

Angela Powell

She resides in West Seattle and is the daughter of Monte Marchetti and is married to Michael. They have a one year old son named Keaton. She works at I T Professional in Bellevue.

The following applicants were accepted into the Italian Club at the October meeting:

Matthew Philip Fitzgerald

Michael Fitzgerald

Anthony Lalli

Audrey Manzanares

Welcome to the Italian Club!

Time sure flies when you're having fun. I must have had a lot of fun, here it is already November and I'm wondering where did October go.

We had a great beginning of our scheduled activities with the Children's Halloween Party, a big thank you to our co-chairpersons, **Andrea Petrone** and **Dennis Caldirola** and their committee, **Ramona Durham**, Andrea's mother, **Ron Roletto**, **Scott Merrell**, **Michael Troiani** and **Carolyn**.

The little ones were precious in their costumes, enjoying the games and the goodies. They all were playing the part of their costume. The adults, the parents, grandparents and our members also were in full swing of the occasion, you should have seen some of their costumes. All and all we had a great time visiting, playing games, eating and watching the youngsters and the oldsters.

A little late, but still a sincere great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to two of our members who were surprised and honored by their families with a 90th birthday party were **Julie Norris** and **Mary Hoffa**. Julie and Mary, God bless you both, continued love and good health surrounded by family and friends.

Our member, **Linda Lee Madrid** has undergone a medical procedure there was a hole (yes I said hole) in the heart. The heart was inflated and then repaired. God bless modern technology. If that wasn't enough for Linda another problem developed prior to the surgery. Vertigo, what else? Take it slow and easy and keep that great smile on your face Linda. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayers and sympathy to **Diana and Rod Warczak** on the sudden passing of their 28 year old niece, Diana, God bless her, may her soul rest in peace.

Our condolences to the Mastro

family on the passing of their sister, **Cecilia Campbell**. May she rest in peace.

Dominic Peretti, son of Rico and Dawn Peretti and grandson of Barbara Peretti had shoulder surgery. He had a torn labrum. Two holes were drilled in the bone to reattach the tear. He will be on D L (that's the disable list, well, I didn't know) and will have to take it easy for nine months. There goes the football, baseball and wrestling seasons. Take it easy Dominic.

Our caterer, **Joe Salle**, burned his leg and it got infected, and he spent time in the hospital ... I hear he is home now. You're in our prayers Joe. Take it easy. Listen to your Doctor.

I'll be going to San Francisco for a little R & R, then attend a meeting in Pleasanton. Hope the weather cooperates.

Heard **Brian DiJulio** and family did a little vacationing. He keeps busy with his group, good going, Brian.

We missed **Joe and Barbara Galluccio** at our last meeting, hope they came back winners.

AND WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN OR WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?

We would love to hear and share your news. We welcome any interesting news about you or your family that you would like to see in print.

How about a little humor? "Why did the lobster get a divorce? Because it discovered it was married to a crab!" Just for that, one more: "What kind of dots can dance? POLKA DOTS.

Going through the roster some of our home bound members names just jumped out. Maybe a call, a card or just maybe a visit would be appreciated: **Lena Boitano**, **Mari Betz**, **Lou and Madeleine**

Borda, Vito Chiechi, Gene and Inky Merlino, Angie Molinaro, Carmen and Margaret Murray, Carl Romei and Gov. Al Rosellini, We do miss you and you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

A Happy Birthday to all our November celebrants ... wishing you all a great year full of love and family.

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is only three weeks away. Happy Thanksgiving

There's a few activities to put on your to do list, so just a reminder:

Thursday, November 11 is our regular general dinner meeting.

Wednesday, November 17 is our luncheon when we will be honoring our past presidents and committee chairpersons.

Saturday December 4 is our Children's Santa party.

Thursday, December 9 is our regular general dinner meeting.

Sunday, December 12 is the Christmas Holiday Party.

Saturday, December 25 is the birthday of Christ. Merry Christmas to all.

Well, that's another Month that just flew by.

A very Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Take care, stay happy and healthy. See you soon.

The little Italian Informer Carolyn Aka "Sister"

Carolyn



Italian Proverbs

"When the game is over, the king and the pawn go into the same box."

"He who knows little quickly tells it."

"Of what does not concern you say nothing good or bad."

"He that seeks to have many friends never has any."

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS DINNER



Embassy Suites, Tukwila
Sunday December 12, 2010

Time: 4 to 8PM Social: 4 to 5PM

Dinner: Prime Rib _____ Baked Chicken _____ Baked Salmon _____

Served with Rice and Hot Vegetable, Salad, Desert, Coffee, Tea

NO-HOST BAR

Entertainment by: "Danny Q - Presents a Taste of Vegas"

\$50.00 per person.

Reservations with checks (payable to Italian Club of Seattle)
must be made by Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____

Send To : **Joanne Spino Marchese**
1937 31st Avenue West - Seattle, WA 98199 = Phone: 206-284-6938

Halloween Party Has Record Turnout



Saturday, October 30th was indeed frightening: the rain came down in sheets and the parking lot of Mt. Virgin School Hall was awash in puddles. Inside the building, however, the spirit was very different; warmth and merriment abounded albeit with spooky flavor as 18 youngsters, all elaborately costumed, celebrated Halloween with games, food and laughter.

The annual Italian Club Halloween Party was a resounding success this year with a record turnout. In addition to the children, there were 38 adults in attendance due to the fact that most kids were accompanied not only by their parents but grandparents as well.

Chair **Andrea Petrone** assisted by **Carolyn Jackson** and **Ron Roletto**, led the children in Toss the Spider, Toss the Pumpkin, Spider Crawl (a spoon race with spider-veined hard-boiled eggs), Pass the

Pumpkin (hot potato), a Halloween arts & crafts project and a Best Costume Contest.

The games were followed by a tasty buffet of croissant "Sand Witches," "Brains" (macaroni salad), Orange Jell-O with gummy worms, Haunted Chips, Pumpkin Cupcakes and Devil's Brew in special cups.

Among the families represented, many multi-generational, were **Bishop, Caldirola, DiJulio, Grossi, Jackson, Marchetti, Peretti, Popovich, Saltarelli, Volpone (Croce), and Warczak**. Congratulations and thanks to Andrea for producing such a great event, and she in turn would like to thank **Ramona Durham, Ron Roletto, Scott Merrell** and **Michael Troiani** for helping set up, and **Carolyn Jackson** and her grandson Anthony for helping clean up. Date next year is Saturday, October 29th.



FINAL NOTICE

Northcut Landing is New Location!

Santa Christmas Breakfast Set for December 4

For reservations, please call **Nancy** or **Tom Grossi** at 425-557- 0071 or send by email to: nancylgrossi@ hotmail .com

Greeters will be ready to receive all guests at 8:30 A.M. with juice for children and freshly brewed coffee for the adults. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 A.M.

After breakfast, the children will gather to watch a special holiday puppet show performed by Giraffe and Staff. Shortly after pictures have been taken with the children's favorite puppet character we will wait for Santa to arrive to give gifts to all the children. The atmosphere will be very festive with **Nick Grossi** playing Christmas songs on the accordion.

This year we will be adding a few new twists to this party which will include more music and events for everyone!

The breakfast will be held at a new location this year at Northcut Landing which is across the street



to the west from U-Village.

Northcut Landing - "The Landing" - 5001 - 25th Ave NE on the 2nd floor of the east building. Follow the signs to the parking garage, park on the P1 level of the garage and take the East Building elevator to the 2nd



floor.

More details about the facility are at: www.northcutlanding.com

We must have an RSVP by all attending to include the name of your child, age and boy/girl information by Friday, November 26th.

Thanks, and we hope to see you there!

Member name: _____

Phone number: _____

Child's name _____ age _____ boy or girl _____

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$5.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6:30PM.

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

NOVEMBER 2010	DECEMBER 2010	JANUARY 2011
<p>11: IC General Meeting - 6:30PM Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p>17: Past Presidents Luncheon, Chairman, Carolyn Jackson</p> 	<p>9: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6:30PM</p> <p>4: IC Christmas Children's Party 9:00AM, Tom & Nancy Grossi</p> <p>12: IC Christmas Party, Sunday at Embassy Suites, Tukwila Chairman Joanne Marchese</p> 	<p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6:30PM.</p> 
FEBRUARY 2011	MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011
<p>3: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM.</p> 	<p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM.</p> <p>TBA: Crab Feed</p> 	<p>7: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>14: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner, 6:30PM.</p> 
MAY 2011	JUNE 2011	JULY 2011
<p>12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM</p> 	<p>2: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6:30PM</p> <p>16: IC Luncheon, Carolyn Jackson, Chairman, Courtyard at Marriott</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>TBA: Seattle Mariners Italian Heritage Night, Chairman Marty Nigrelle</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> 
AUGUST 2011	SEPTEMBER 2011	OCTOBER 2011
<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> <p>TBA: Ferragosto, various locations</p> <p>21: Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park</p> <p>25-27: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>	<p>1: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>8: IC General Meeting, 6:30PM</p> <p>10: Festa Italiana Mass Carolyn Jackson, Chairman</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tourney</p> <p>20: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>23: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>24-25: Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>8-9: Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV</p> <p>13: IC General Meeting Dinner 6:30PM</p> <p>TBA: Halloween Party for kids</p> 



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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



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Christmas News

Children's Santa Breakfast

The Children's Santa Breakfast will be held on December 4 at a new location this year ... North Cut Landing ... 5001 25th Avenue NE, Seattle (across the street from University Village). Santa will be there! See information on page 6.

Christmas Social

Our annual Christmas holiday dinner social event will be held Sunday, **December 12, from 4PM to 8PM** at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila. Save the date and put it on your calendar. **Joanne Marchese** is the chairman. See page 4.

Need a Ride?

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



Festa Italiana Volunteers Appreciation Dinner By Dennis Calderola

The Festa Italiana Volunteers Appreciation Dinner will take place at 6:30 PM, Monday, November 15, 2010 at Mt. Virgin School Hall.

The menu will feature pork in a white wine sauce, pasta, vegetables, salad and desert. We will also give a recap of this year's events and present an award to the "New Volunteer of the Year." Admission is FREE as a gesture of thanks to all of you who worked so hard.

Address is:

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin School Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts St.
Seattle, WA 98144

You must RSVP so we can prepare for everyone. The best way to do this is to contact the chair or director of your activity and have you put them on their list. If you don't know who your department head is, you can contact me at **206-282-0627** or Dennis@FestaSeattle.com. Chairs, you need to do likewise and list the names you would like to include.

Winners by Nick Grossi

The birthday winner for September was **Sharon Pioli**. Spirits and coffee cards were won by 97 year old **Estelle DiJulio**, **Scott Merrell**, **Angela Wright**, **Anna Popovich**, **Max Leone**, **Matthew Fitzgerald**, **Bill Pecchena**, **Jane Hall**, **Franco Tesorieri**, **Marie Dahlgren**, **Roy scibo**, **Velva Salterelli**, **Delores DeVitis**, **Dick Whitney** and **Paul Pioli**.

Progressive Prize

Someone stole our box with the names of the members, so there was no drawing for \$25.00. At the November meeting the prize will be \$50.00. There will also be drawing for many turkeys.

Visit our website at:

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