General Meeting & Dinner Thursday, April 14, 6:30PM Mount Virgin Church Hall

> **April Luncheon** Wednesday, April 20 Courtyard at Marriott

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Monte Marchetti

I hope everyone had as much fun at the Crab Feed as I did. It was a fine event where volunteers and party goers united for a great celebration.

I was impressed by the noise, laughter and even screaming as people let loose enjoying each other and the event. Fueled by plenty of food and drink the night evolved into a great party filled with smiles, laughter and a few flying dinner rolls. It made me wonder if we should consider a Toga Party. With all that's going on in the world today it is essential that we take time to celebrate with each other and the success of the event for me was the exuberant celebrating I witnessed throughout the dining room.

I would like to thank the other Italian Clubs around the Greater

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General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, April 14 Mount Virgin Church Hall Dinner at 6:30PM Progressive price ... \$50

Crab Feed is Huge

Success *By Anna Popovich, Chairman* We just finished our fifth annual crab fest. I want to thank all of you for making it a hugh success.

Thank you **Martin Nigrelle** and **Michael Lazzaretti** for driving down to Tokeland to pick up th crab. **Ron Roletto** for shopping for the supplies and helping set up the tables, along with **Michael Troiani** and **Mike Popovich**.

A huge Thank you to the kitchen crew lead by our Chef Monte Marchetti, Dick and Dot Whitney, Paul Case, Al Carlson, Jeff Izzo, Rich Hall and Steve Scillo.

If I heard it once, I heard it a dozen times, "the pasta's outstanding" ... thanks again Chef Monte. The wine set up lead by **Bob Popovich, Bill Wright and Lou Fontana.** Thank you to all our waiters, **Debbie Quien, Joe Sargent, Caroline Jackson, Inez Fourno, Michael Lazzaretti, Philip Lafornara, Michael Troiani, Evelyn Campo, Leonard Smith, Angela Wright** and **Scott Merrell.**

Thank you to all the people who worked on the raffle. Joanne Marchese, Barbara Peretti, Audrey Manzanares, Lisa Desimone, Diane Warezak, Diane Kaczor, Nicole Nyblod, Antoinette Fontana, Joe and Barbara Galluccio.

Thank you for all the raffle items brought by Dorothy Whitney, Marty Nigrelle, Bob Popovich, Ron Roletto, Bill & Angela Wright, Gino & Joanne Marchese, Joe Sargent, Lou Fontana, Joanne Lazzaretti, Barbara Peretti, Audrey Manzanares, Velva Saltarelli, Nick Grossi, Lisa Borracchini, and Ray Petre.

Thank you **Tom Grossi** and all his friends for taking down and the tables and chairs. Thank you **Paul Pioli** for use of your equipment As you can see the number of people it took to make this an outstanding event. Every year I'm amazed at the reponse our club member give. Looking forward to our next function.

Day at the Casino May 10 ... See Page 2

Quarterly Luncheon is Scheduled for Wednesday April 20

By Carolyn Jackson, Chairman Hope you can attend, we have to have at least 20. It will be at the same place, the Downtown Marriott, parking free, no steps, elevator. Price \$23.00, and we have a choice of Salmon or Chicken. They both are delicious. Door prizes would be appreciated.

I'll have the sign up sheet with me at our meeting on the 14th So, please bring your check books so you are able to pay. Checks made out to "The Italian Club" ... I take cash too.

A Reservation made is a Reservation paid. Information regarding a speaker will be given at our meeting on the 14th. April 26th will be our 91st birthday. Please try and attend.

We only gather four times a year for lunch so give it a try. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 17, 2011.

April Luncheon Wednesday, April 20

11:30AM Courtyard at the Marriott 925 Westlake Ave. N. Carolyn Jackson, Chair

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seattle area for supporting the event with family and friends. I plan to mention this to the ICS Board that we should consider stronger reciprocal support for the other clubs events with our own tables. After working these events you get a real appreciation of the efforts involved in setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Buying a ticket and sitting there and watching others do all the work can be very relaxing.

I am really feeling good about the ICS website response time and flawless functioning. As President I was surprised how the content of the website brings people to me and our organization from all over the world seeking connection with the club and opportunities to expand our influence through the arts, culture, music and fellowship. We live in a much smaller world now and we have unlimited abilities to connect, learn and interact almost

Day At the Casino

By Michael Lazzaretti, Chairman

The Italian Club has announced that a Day at the Casino will be repeated this year. Due to positive responses from last year's trip, many of you indicate that you would like to have another day of fun.

Once again, **Michael Lazzaretti** will be the chairman for the trip to Snoqualmie Casino on May 10, 2011.

There will be a bus service leaving from Mt. Virgin parking lot at 10AM and leaves the casino at 3:30PM. The bus ride is free. There is bus maximum of 25 people so reservations are required. Great buffet is available... the cost is \$9.95 per person (senior rate).

If you have your registration play card from last year, please bring it. Make reservations with **Michael Lazzaretti** at 206-323-9441.

Club Membership

By Martin Nigrelle (Membership co-chair) There are currently no new applications for consideration.

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instantly. Please frequent the ICS website and share with friends.

I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner at last month general meeting. Our caterer is preparing a special chicken dinner for the April meeting. I have also had members recommend additional food vendors for consideration. I have contacted them and am open to other offerings that continually improve the food experience for the monthly meetings.

I want to thank everyone for getting their annual dues paid and for the few remaining we please consider mailing your dues pronto. Through your support The Italian Club of Seattle is a conduit for keeping our culture alive through sponsorship of Festa Italiana, The Italian Community Picnic, The IL Ficcanaso newsletter, ICS Website and regular meetings all that contribute to moving the Italian Community presence into the future. *God Bless You All*

SECRETARY'S REPORT By Dennis Caldirola THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF iL FICCANASO!

Yes, if you are one of the seventeen members who have not paid your dues for 2011, we are talking to you. As per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears on April 15th will be dropped from the mailing list and all the benefits of belonging to the Italian Club of Seattle will have ended. Furthermore, you will break the continuity of your membership and would have to start completely over to reach Life Member status someday.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 251 members but only 234 have paid their dues. If you have friends or family members you think are delinquent, now would be the time to call them and encourage them to stay in our great organization.

If you plan to attend the April meeting, you can save yourself 44¢ and the Club \$1.32 by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. This is be your last chance!

Health and Welfare ... April 2011 by Carolyn Jackson

Happy April, didn't that last month go fast? The weather always kept us guessing. Rain, wind, snow, cold, sunshine? What will it be like today? As I am writing this, can you believe the sun is out, a little breezy, but no rain or snow.

What have all of you been up to? We know the Crab Feast was a huge success.

We thank **Anna Popovich** and her great committee for all their work. The food was delicious. The presentation of the pasta was a sight to behold. Thank you to the kitchen crew for your creativity. The raffle, I didn't win, but we did have a lot of happy winners.

Thank you to all that donated prizes, the workers, and the winners.

I'm happy to report that **Lou Cella** is progressing nicely, keep it up Lou, we miss you.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Trond and Anna Tucci Ringstad** on the birth of their sweet little baby girl.

To all our April BUNNIES, happy birthday, a special happy "50th" to **Michael Carrosino**.

Joanne Lazzaretti had her second cataract removed. She said it is progressing a little slower than her first one, but happy it's over. You're looking great Joanne, keep it up. *Thank you, Michael for your loving care.*

Sorry to hear that Dolores Patricelli Ashbaugh is still having health problems. You're in our prayers and thoughts Dolores.

Our condolences and prayers to **Lou Borda** and family on the passing of his dear wife of 60 plus years, Madeleine. Lou served as President of the Italian Club in 1956, 1957 & 1974. *May she rest in peace.*

Our sympathy and prayers to **Gene Casal and Orlie Saltarelli**'s families on the passing of their cousin, **Henry Casal**. *I went to school with Henry*. May he rest in peace.

"When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you."

An invitation has been extended by the "West Side Italian Civic Club" to attend a Buffet Dinner and Movie, on Saturday, May 7, price \$15.00 to be collected at the door. The event will be at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin's Hall, 28th and So. Massachusetts St. Time: 6:30 to 11:30 P.M. Dinner at 7 P.M. More information may be obtained from **Sophia Morella**, (206)870-7739 or our own **Audrey Manzanares'**s cell, (206) 779-7325. Sounds like fun. See you there?

Speaking of fun, two of our members I'm sure had fun and enjoyable trips. **Kristi Branze Thorn** and husband Gary have been basking in the sun in Hawaii. Then **Holly Croce Cochran**, met up with her daughter who had been traveling Italy, visiting relatives and of course, sight-seeing, in Rome and did more traveling, visiting relatives and sightseeing. *Sounds like fun, want to hear all about it ladies.*

Art and Dorothy Oberto have been enjoying the sun in Mexico

News has been a little scarce this time, I would like to again request, if you have an item you would like to share please give me a call. We are always happy to hear what is happening to you and yours. I want to take this opportunity to thank **Rosa Facciuto, Velva Saltarelli** and **Dennis Caldirola** for their calls regarding news about our members that I might not have heard. It helps.

Positive thinking is good for your health. A couple tips. Laugh often, a good, long loud belly laugh (I have the belly for that). Be grateful for all the good and beautiful things in your life.

Stay connected with others through

shared activities and social gatherings. Enjoy the simple things, and surround yourself with what you love.

Reminders to Mark on your Calendar

April 20: Quarterly Lunch

April 24: Easter Sunday, (Boil & Color Your Eggs) Happy Easter

May 7: West Side's Dinner & Movie.

May 10: Day At The Casino

June 15: Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night

July 16: Emerald Down's Horse Racing.

August 14: 100th Anniversary, Our Lady Of Mt Virgin Parish

August 21: Italian Community Picnic

September 10: Italian Festa Mass @ Mt. Virgin Church.

I'm tired already, Well, I think the well has run dry. You're right, "THANK GOD"

To our Home bound/shut-ins, you are in our prayers and thoughts. *God bless you.*

To all our members a very special holy and happy Easter. See you at the meetings.

Let us keep our service women and men as well as the Japan earthquake /tsunami Victims in our thoughts and prayers.

Alleluia Christ is Risen.

The Italian Club informer,

Carolyn, Aka Sister



Italian Club Scholarships ... Send in your Application Now!

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

There are up to three scholarships available to be awarded for the 2011-2012 School year. The value of each scholarship is \$500.00 paid to the school directly in the name of the recipient. The application form is included.

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 a Catholic high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2011-2012 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-curricula activities, community service, etc.

5. Each applicant must write & submit a letter describing themselves and activities in which they are partic-

ipating. (focus on community & charitable involvement is recommended)

6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 1st 2011 and no later than May 1st 2011.

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

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 2011 Applications submitted
- May 2011 Applications reviewed & verified
- June 2011 Recipients announced in *il Ficcanaso*
- September 2011 Certificates presented to Recipients at the General Meeting

2011/2012 Italian Club Scholarship Application form:

Applicant's name: ____

Applicant's parent(s) (Italian Club Members)_____

High School applicant will be attending in the 2011/2012 school year:

Applicant's mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail:



The Application form is to be accompanied by:

- 1. Official Transcript, from the current (2010-2011) school year, Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending.
- 2. Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service.

Applications are to be sent to: Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship c/o Martin Nigrelle 14539 Evanston Avenue North Shoreline, WA 98133 National Pastime & International Heritage By Martin Nigrelle, Chairman



For the 5th year in a row the Mariners & Verizon are sponsoring Italian Heritage Night @ Safeco Field.

7:10pm, Wednesday June 15th 2011 the Mariners will be hosting the Los Angeles Angels.

Price: \$27.00 for field Level & \$13.00 for upper level, this is the same price as last year. The Mariners have graciously agreed to donate \$2.00 per ticket sold for the event to Festa Italiana. As a part of the event Verizon has sponsored a giveaway item: an Italian themed baseball cap. For those who have attended the

last few years this should be an excellent addition to your Mariners Italian themed clothes!

The tickets will be available on a first come – first serve basis, both through the club (group tickets) & through the Mariners (group sales). More details on ticket availability as soon as they are available. We expect to have tickets for the April General meeting.



The Search for Miss Italian Club is On! By Barri Grossi, Chairman

We are starting our search for this year's Miss Italian Club to represent The Italian Club of Seattle in the Miss SEAFAIR competition. The Miss SEAFAIR competition is much more than a stereotypical beauty pageant. Referred to as a scholarship program, the foundation of the competition is the blend of volunteeer work, academic achievement and creative talent that each woman displays during the month of preparation for her moment in the SEAFAIR spotlight.

For more details and the official application, please visit http://www.seafair.com/foundation/subcontent.aspx?SecID=938.

If you are a woman, 18 years or older, enrolled in a college, university, or vocational program and are interested in the being the next Miss Italian Club of Seattle, complete the application and mail to **Barri Grossi** at barriw@gmail.com no later than May 16, 2011.

Day at the Races Set for July 16 By Joe Galluccio, Chairman

The annual Seattle Italian Club day at the races is going to be held on Saturday July 16th at 2PM at Emerald Downs in Auburn. Bring some guests, and join your friends from the club for a fun filled afternoon of horse racing. Your \$48.00 ticket includes admission to the track, a tip sheet, a reserved seat in the Shinpoch room, which is located on the fourth floor in the clubhouse area overlooking the finish line, and a delicious buffet lunch. This year the menu for the buffet is sliced marinated flank steak with caramelized onion jus, grilled chicken with Asian glaze, herb roasted potatoes, vegetable platter, ceasar salad, fresh fruit bowl, assorted rolls and butter, coffee & tea service, and assorted cake tray.

The pari-mutual betting windows are only a few steps from your reserved seat and it is really easy to make your wager on your favorite horse. The view from the room is beautiful and the entire afternoon is very enjoyable. If you have never been to "A day At the races" give yourself, and anybody else you feel would enjoy it, a memorable day at Emerald Downs. Reserve your seat now by contacting **Joe Galluccio** at 206-275-4688

Italian Recipes from our Members Bagna Cauda Recipe Handed Down to Carole Bishop

Before I got married I called my nonna, Palmira Mangini, to see if she would show me how to make her incredible recipes: gravy for pasta and fried/baked chicken. You guessed it. No measurements, so I was watching her and taking notes as she tried to show me how to cook. I think it would be a disservice to her, if I tried to share those.

So, the next best cook in my life was my mother, Rose DeMatis. The following is a recipe for Bagna Cauda.

I had to interpret some of her handwritten notes, but I think it's worth it. My parents would have family and friends over for a rare, but much-anticipated Bagna Cauda party.

Some people use Bagna Cauda as an

hors d'ouvres before the main meal. In our family it was the main meal on these occasions.

Here goes:

•1# butter

•1/2 cup olive oil

•8-12 cloves garlic - mince

•3-4 tins of flat anchovy fillets - drain well and mince. (Do not use the oil.)

Place butter, oil, and garlic in a pot to cook until the garlic dissolves and it's mushy and brownish in color. Do not let the butter or oil get too hot, or the garlic will burn. (You cannot overcook it, but you can over-burn it.)

Add anchovies and stir until they dis-

solve. Place in a chafing dish, electric fry pan, or large dish on a hot plate and keep at proper temperature for dipping.

Using fondue forks or skewers, dip the following for a taste treat: just about any vegetable, such as celery, Savoy cabbage, green pepper, mushrooms, cauliflower, green beans, cherry tomatoes, zucchini, etc.; sirloin tip beef or any steak cut in cubes; French rolls or any small roll cut in half to hold under the meat and vegetables to catch the oil, or to dip the bread alone.

Fish (shrimp, scallops, oysters, etc) can be used, but use a separate server so as not to mix the fish taste with the meat and vegetables.

Hope this works for you. Carole

OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

Easter in Italy

While you probably won't see the Easter bunny if you're in Italy for Easter, you will find some interesting Italian Easter celebrations. Like all holidays in Italy, Easter, Pasqua in Italian, has its share of rituals and traditions. The Monday following Easter, la Pasquetta is also a holiday throughout Italy. While the days before Easter in Italy include solemn processions and masses, Easter is a joyous celebration.

Good Friday and Easter Week Processions

Solemn religious processions are held in many towns on the Friday or Saturday before Easter and sometimes on Easter Sunday. Many churches have special statues of the Virgin and Jesus that play a big part in the processions. The statues may be paraded through the city or displayed in the main square. Parade participants are often dressed in traditional ancient costumes. Olive branches Some towns, such as Montefalco and Gualdo Tadino in Umbria, hold live scenarios during the night of Good Friday or plays enacting the stations of the cross. Priests often visit shops and homes to bless them on the Saturday before Easter.

Pictures of Sicilian Holy Week Processions - Europe Travel has photos of a Giovedi Santo (Thursday) procession and a Venerdi Santo, Good Friday, procession in southern Sicily.

Rome and St. Peter's - While Easter mass will be held in every church in Italy, the biggest and most popular mass is held by the Pope at St. Peter's Basilica. On Good Friday, the Pope celebrates the Via Crucis in Rome near the Colosseum. A huge cross with burning torches lights the sky as the stations of the cross are described in several languages. At the end, the Pope gives a blessing.

Florence - Scoppio

Easter is celebrated with the Scoppio

del Carro, explosion

of the cart. A huge,

decorated wagon

is dragged through

Florence by white

oxen until it reaches

del CarroIn Florence,



are often used instead of or along with palm fronds in the processions and to decorate churches.

Enna, in Sicily, has a large procession on Good Friday, with more than 2,000 friars dressed in ancient costumes walking through the streets of the city. Trapani, also in Sicily, is a good place to see processions, held several days during Holy Week. Their Good Friday procession is 24 hours long.

What's believed to be the oldest Good Friday procession in Italy is in Chieti in the Abruzzo region (see Abruzzo Region Map). The procession with Selecchi's Miserere played by 100 violins is very moving. Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence's historic center. Following mass, the Archbishop sends a dove-shaped rocket into the cart, igniting the fireworks held in the cart. This spectacular display is followed by a parade in medieval costumes.

La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza - Abruzzo RegionSulmona, in the Abruzzo region, celebrates Easter Sunday with La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza. On Easter Sunday people dress in green and white, colors of peace, hope, and resurrection, and gather in the main piazza. The woman playing the Virgen Mary is dressed in black. As she moves to the fountain, doves are released and the woman is suddenly dressed in green. Music and feasting



follow.

Holy Week on the island of SardiniaThe island of Sardinia is a part of Italy steeped in tradition and a good place to experience festivals and holidays. Because of its long association with Spain, some Easter traditions are strongly linked to the Spanish Semanta Santa. Here's an inside look at Sardinian Holy Week rituals.

Easter food - Since Easter is the end of the Lent season, food plays a big part in the celebrations. Traditional Easter foods include lamb or goat, artichokes, and special Easter breads that vary from region to region. Pannetone and Colomba (dove shaped) breads are often given as gifts as are hollow chocolate eggs that usually come with a surprise inside.

Easter Monday - La PasquettaOn Easter Monday, some cities hold dances, free concerts, or unusual games often involving eggs. In the Umbrian hill town of Panicale, cheese is the star. Ruzzolone is played by rolling huge wheels of cheese, weighing about 4 kilos, around the village walls. The object is to get your cheese around the course using the fewest number of strokes. Following the cheese contest, there is a band in the piazza and of course, wine. Read more about the town of Panicale. Easter Monday is a time to gather with friends and have fun.

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$5.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6:30PM Meeting on SECOND Thursday of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall Luncheons: 11:30PM at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) are held quarterly Social Hour 11:30AM, Luncheon 12 Noon

Finance and Bylaw Meetings: 7PM at IC Office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month, unless otherwise noted

APRIL 2011	MAY 2011	JUNE 2011
 14: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM 20: IC Luncheon Courtyard at Marriott, Carolyn Jackson, Chair 	 10: IC Day at the Casino Michael Lazzaretti, Chair 12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM 	 2: Trustees Meeting 9: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM 15: Seattle Mariners Baseball, Italian Heritage Night, Martin Nigrelle, Chair 22: IC Luncheon Courtyard at Marriott, Carolyn Jackson, Chair
JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011	SEPTEMBER 2011
Summer Break No Meetings No <i>il Ficcanaso</i> 16: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Joe Galluccio, Chair	Summer Break No Meetings No <i>il Ficcanaso</i> 21: Italian Community Picnic 25-27: Festa Italiana - Portland	 1: Trustees Meeting 8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM 9: IC Golf Tourney. Echo Falls Brian DiJulio, Chair 10: Festa Italiana Mass Carolyn Jackson, Chair 20: Festa Downtown Luncheon 23: Festa "Taste of Italy" 24-25: Italian Festival at Seattle Center
OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011	DECEMBER 2011
 8-9: Great Italian Festival Reno, Nevada 13: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM 29: Halloween Party Andrea Petrone, Chair 	 3: Trustees Meeting 10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM Nominations will be taken from floor for 2012 officers 16: Past Presidents Luncheon Carolyn Jackson, Chair 	 3: IC Children's Christmas Party Tom & Nancy Grossi, Chairs 8: IC General Meeting/Dinner Elec- tion of Officers, 6:30PM 11: IC Christmas Party, 4-8PM Embassy Suite, Tukwila Joanne Marchase, Chair
JANUARY 2012	FEBRUARY 2012	MARCH 2012
12: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers, 6:30PM	2: Trustees Meeting9: IC General Meeting/Dinner6:30PM	8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM TBA: Crab Feed - Anna Popovich, Chair



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Winners at the March Meeting ... Jackpot Grows to \$50

The birthday winner for March was Nicole Nyblod. Spirits ad coffee cards were won by Joe Sargent, Michael Lazzaretti, Jerome Thielges, Mary Hoffa, Judy Seth, Martin Negrelle, Anthony Lalli, Tom Grossi, Bob Popovich, Leonard Smith, Ron Alia, Carolyn Jackson, Diane Kaczor and Kimberly Carrosino.

The name drawn for the Progressive Prize of \$25.00 was **Christine Zappoli Ryser** but she was not present. The jackpot now goes to \$50.00 at the April meeting.