



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Monte Marchetti

Greetings Everyone,

We are heading into the last quarter of 2011 and I am thinking where did this year go? Weird weather and roller coaster news made it a year to remember and to forget. I love the fall season even though it marks the end of summer. I was driving down the street the other day and saw a couple of boys heading to Pee Wee football practice and with all their gear and determination. It brought a smile to my face and coupled with the turning leaves and seeding gardens it time for change. I missed everyone at Festa Italiana and hope you had a great time once again. Fall brings special inspiration for me with all the things to get done while preparing for Old Man Winter. I must admit

I love football and for me it is another great way to transition from summer to a season with more weather challenges. I was invited to the Kennedy High Catholic football practice by fellow member Phil Segadelli, who set up a meeting with the coaches and team to celebrate our forty year anniversary of our final season at Kennedy. Where the heck has the time gone and the players are huge compared to our little 1972 team. It was good to see old friends that were forged long ago playing our hearts out with enthusiastic youthful spirit.

I would like to thank the Phil and Diana Lafornera for all the help and support they have given the club getting our web site hosted and the IL Ficcanaso publishing in our own hands. This is huge for the club and the generosity and talent that put this together will benefit the club for years to come. To understand the contribution Diana recreated the IL Ficcanaso with Microsoft Publisher so the club could expand our capability. Her

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"SPOOKTACULAR" HALLOWEEN PARTY SET FOR MT. VIRGIN SCHOOL HALL

Event Chair Andrea Petrone has announced that a location has been chosen and that the Italian Club's Annual Halloween Party will again be at Mt. Virgin School Hall.

The popular event will be held at 11 AM, Saturday October 29, 2011 so start preparing now for a hauntingly good time!

There will be a light lunch and beverages for all the ghosts, goblins, witches and pirates, and as always, the party will feature great games such as "Pass the Pumpkin" and "The Spider Crawl."

Each game will have a winner who goes home with an appropriately spooky prize and of course, a Grand Prize will be given to the winner of the Best Costume Contest.

Price of admission is free and once again, this event will be open

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General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, October 13
Mount Virgin Church Hall
Dinner (\$10) at 6:30PM
Progressive prize ... \$100



Fall & Winter Events

Oct. 29 Halloween Party
Nov. 16..... Past Presidents' Luncheon
Dec. 3..... IC Children's Xmas Party
Dec. 11 IC Adult Xmas Party



Kids Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29, 2011
11:00 AM
Mt. Virgin School Hall

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painstaking effort came across beautifully and will allow multiple contributors to help with the publishing task in the future. Phil came to the rescue when our server went down right after I took office. This wiped us off the face of the virtual world and with Phil's help we were back up and running. Phil routinely refreshes the Italian Club of Seattle web site to keep us current and looking good. Finally Phil donated some server space that allow us to network from multiple location and share common files to produce and newspaper that will make us proud. On behalf of the Italian Club of Seattle; Phil and Diana Laforvara thanks a million.

I had another surprising event at the end of summer. I received and email from Frank Ferrante who was being award the Italian Heritage Award after the show at Teatro Zin Zanni "Hail Caesar" Frank was the star of the vaudeville act and does a tremendous job with live comedy. After the show I presented Frank with his award during a cake and champagne ceremony. Frank thanked the Italian Club of Seattle for taking time to honor him for his lifetime devotion to live theatre and being part of the awards celebration.

Don't forget the membership Festa Special. Bring in your friends and neighbors now to celebrate and embrace the Italian Culture. The board approved a flat fifty dollar sign up that is good all the way through 2012. Times are tough and we are making it real easy to join and hope you will spread the word and bring in your friends. I have already signed a few new members up; please consider bringing in your relatives, children and friends who may like to share in the fun and social experience.

Monte Marchetti

President Italian Club of Seattle



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to the grandchildren of members even though the parents do not belong to the Italian Club. Andrea urges grandparents to take advantage of this opportunity in 2011 since it may be rescinded next year. (As the popularity of the event grows, so do the costs associated with it). In the meantime, however, scrawl a bloody "X" on your calendars and save the date!

Festa Italiana's 24th Season a Resounding Success



Festa Italiana just concluded it's 24th season. Another festival ending on an upbeat note. This has become the largest ethnic festival at the Seattle Center. The Italian Community is very proud of what it has accomplished in 24 years. The Canadians who participate in the entertain-

ment come down in large numbers to attend. They love our Festa.

All those volunteers who worked so hard will be rewarded with a dinner on November 8th at 6:30 P.M at Mt. Virgin Church Hall. Work on Festa is a year long process with planning, organizing and many committee meetings.

The Festival honored two people at the Festa luncheon at the Olympic Fairmont Hotel.

The recipient for The Volunteer of the Year went to Ron Roletto. The Gil Centioli Memorial Award was presented to Joan Razole for Success, Achievement and Continual Support of the Italian Community.

The speaker at the luncheon was Kevin Calabro. Chairman of the luncheon was Brian DiJulio.

So, as the Festa ends, we will be looking forward to another annual festival next season. — *Nick Grossi, Editor*



HAPPY HOLIDAZE DINNER 2011

Embassy Suites, Tukwila
Sunday, December 11, 2011

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Social: 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Dinner:

Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____

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

NO HOST BAR

\$50.00 PER PERSON



Reservations with check

(payable to Italian Club of Seattle)

Must be made by Monday, December 5th, 2011

Name _____

Phone _____ Amount _____

Send To: Joanne Spino Marchese

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206-284-6938

In Their Own Words by Angela Wright

To describe and share in my own words what I've experienced and what I feel about being born into an Italian-American family here in Seattle and being a member of the Italian Club of Seattle: I feel blessed, privileged and grateful! Many times I've had friends and heard others express a desire to be Italian "in my next life I'm coming back as an Italian"! The very fiber of who I am is so intertwined with the influences of being part of the Italian Community and a member of Our Lady of Mt Virgin Church and the school. Lots of memories, but for me the Bambino Procession is vivid. Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, the choir singing "Venite Adoriamo" and how special we felt to be "an angel" We were dressed in full length netted pastel colored dresses and had appropriately placed wings and tinsel head pieces. A mystical and emotional moment for the congregation; with tears in their eyes, they watched us, five and six year old "angels" coming down the aisle and the choir sang that beautiful traditional Italian Christmas song. It was a song my mother loved. In adulthood, I understand the feelings and the tears.

Italian Club Children's Christmas Parties were anticipated and we looked forward to receiving an age appropriate wrapped gift from Santa. The tradition goes on today for members' children. Loving, generous members did the work to make this possible then and now. When we got old enough we were "Santa's Helpers". We received a "helpers" gift as a thank you. For many years, the Casa Italiana was the setting.

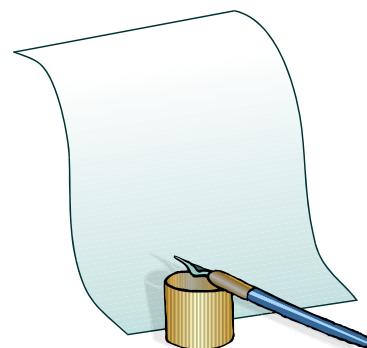
My parents enjoyed and participated in most of the Italian Club activities; the picnics, the adult Christmas Parties and the meetings. My father was well into his adult years when he was still enjoying the "after meeting" snack: a crusty French bread roll filled with sliced Italian meats and cheeses. If he didn't quite

finish the sandwich, he'd bring it home and we'd get a bite. Being Italian will always have a lot to do with enjoying food and maybe that can be part of the motivation to get people to join the Italian Club.

My husband isn't Italian but he was welcomed into the Italian /Mt. Virgin community through his sister in-law, several years before we were introduced. He too enjoys the people, the food and the wine. An invitation from Frank Orrico, later on George Polet, asking him to volunteer and help with the Italian Dinners taught him some "tricks of the trade". In retirement he has taken over making the "sauce" and he grows good garlic. The most valued blessing of his coming into this circle of Italians; he was baptized and welcomed into the Faith at Mt. Virgin and we've enjoyed 49 years of marriage and all that has been since, because of God's Love and His Providence.

Italian-Americans and all members of the Italian Club of Seattle, enjoy today many opportunities and accomplishments because of the efforts and example of those who came before us. For many of us, Mt Virgin is where our roots started. The Italian Club is a means of participation; a way to express all that we are and to contribute and celebrate our ancestry together. We can foster a pride in our Italian ancestry as Columbus Day approaches and the 24th annual "Festa Italiana" (a celebration of all things Italian) takes place. Indeed, we are blessed, privileged and grateful!

Angela Wright



Welcome to the October 2011 news column. September sure was busy and full of fun activities.

I saw many of our Italian Club members and families participating and involved in the many different functions. Good for us. Some working, some visiting and some just enjoying the time with friends and the event, and there were many of them to enjoy

NOW the news! Thank you all that share your comings and goings.

Again, I would like to mention, "If you have some news you would like to share, please give me a call or Email the info. . Our members are interested and love hearing all the good that is happening in your lives and families as well, as thinking and prayers, for you and family, when needed.

We heard from Ed DeRocco's son, John, re his move to a Group home in West Seattle. His new address is 5608-S W. Hanford St., the phone # (206) 935-6447 he sends his best and would really appreciate visitors. (Nice to call first) The owners are Melita & Pat.

Then I received a call from Nick informing me that he had seen in the paper that Ed's son, Anthony, was named Chief Executive of K2 sports. Congratulations. You are in our thoughts and prayers Ed.

More CONGRATULATIONS: To Barbara Peretti .Barbara was escorted down to the football field during half time, and presented with a "Lancer for Life" scarf. Thus honoring her for her loyalty (since 1973) to Kennedy High School .for her constant support to all the School's sports, the activities and fund raisers of the school. The team won in her Honor. Keep it up Barbara.

Speaking of the Peretti's those of us that were able to attend the Festa Mass were pleased to see the Photo display at Festa at the Center this week. Dawn Peretti did a great job , memorialize the 2011

Festa Mass and participants. Dawn's son, Dominic, was the Altar server and also is one of the recipients of our Scholarship. Thanks Dawn. (You too Dominic)

Ray and Caroline Petri , chairperson of the Festa Photo Booth do a great job with their presentation of all the photos. Thank you Ray and Caroline.

Holly Croce Cochran, Cathy Croce and Danny Volpone and Kristi Branze Thorn attend the Croation Festival in San Francisco, but were back in Seattle to attend the Italian Festival on Sunday.

Happy "30th., Wedding Anniversary to Angelo and Mary Merlino, Oct. 12th.. They will be sailing and celebrating on the Cruise ship "Equinox" some of the cities on their port of calls on their Eastern Med. Cruise. will be Rome, Naples, Capri as well as other Cities in the Countries they will be visiting Congratulations and many more years of love and happiness. Bless you.

To Nick and Ginny Grossi, congratulations and many many more years of wedded bliss.

Nick and Ginny just celebrated their "50th" Wedding anniversary. Their Sons and Families hosted a very special Anniversary gathering. The sparkle and love is still in their eyes and hearts. God bless you both and many more years of love and happiness.

Our prayers and sympathy to Rod Warczak and family on the loss of Rod's Father, Robert. May he rest in peace.

Mary Betz spent some time in the hospital, came home and then took a spill and broke her arm. Take Care Mary you are in our prayers.

Our President, Monte, was unable to attend Festa due to a business trip to the East Coast.

The Italian Club was well represented with volunteers working at Festa Italiana at the Center. Thank you all.

Hope you enjoyed your R & R. Mi-

chael Lazzaretti. Sounds like you covered a lot of territory. Welcome home.

Our member, Julie Norris was the lucky winner of a 32 in Television at the Fr. Evoy Kennedy High School Scholarship dinner. To all our under the weather members, we miss you, you are in our Prayers and thoughts.

Happy Birthday to our October Birthday celebrants. A young active Lady will be celebrating her

"100th" Birthday. Estelle DiJulio. She's planning on attending our October meeting. Let us all celebrate this special year with Estelle. God Bless you Estelle.

The October birthday stone is the OPAL and your flower is the Marigold

Our next Italian Club luncheon will be on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16, .2011

We will be honoring our Past Presidents and Committee Chairpersons. Same place, same time.

Fr. Magnano will be our guests. It's already down on his calendar. Thank you Father, for the words of spiritual wisdom you shared at the Festa Mass and the Reception that followed.

Well, it's about that time. So, here are my words of wisdom

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and leave the rest to God."

Remember, all news is welcomed. Stay active, happy and healthy. See you around. AMEN

Your Informer,
Carolyn E. Jackson,
Aka: Sister Mary Holy Water



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Membership Chairman Marty Nigrelle

Four applications for membership has been received:

Katherine (Scaringi) Langenegger

3415 West Dravus St.

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She is a book keeper/accountant at Windemere Property Management. She has been a resident of Seattle for 67 years. Her spouse is deceased but she has two grown sons, Erik and Brian. Her father is Emidio Scaringi who was born in Muro Lucano, Italy

Elizabeth Barbuto

433 Belmont Ave E #403

Seattle, WA 98102

She is a Relationship Associate with Wells Fargo Bank.

Her father was born in Calabria, Mother is Italian too.

Toni Napoli Roy

1518-46th Ave. SW

Seattle, WA 98116

She is president of Toni Napoli Counseling Service.

She is a licensed Counselor of Mental Health.

Her husband is Charles Roy and they have two children, Jody and Brady. Grandparents are from Francesco Napoli, Calabria.

Angela Marie Sgarlata

16210 SE Eastgate Way Apt. M303

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Andrea Driano was accepted into the Italian Club at the September meeting.

Welcome to the Italian Club, Andrea!

Children's Santa Christmas Breakfast Set for December 3rd

For reservations, please call Nancy or Tom Grossi at 425-557-0071 or send an e-mail to nancygrossi@hotmail.com, or turn in form below to Tom Grossi at a General Meeting

Greeters will be ready to receive all guests at 8:30 A.M. with juice for the children and freshly brewed coffee for the adults. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 A.M. After breakfast the children will gather for special entertainment and pictures may be taken at this time while waiting for Santa to arrive. The atmosphere will be very festive with Nick playing Christmas songs on the accordion.

The breakfast will be held at Northcut Landing which is across the street to the west of University Village. Northcut Landing (The Landing) is at 5001-25th Ave NE. Go to the second floor of the east building. Follow the signs to the parking garage. Park on the P1 level and take the east building elevator to the 2nd floor.

We must have an RSVP from all who plan to attend, with the name of your child (children), age and boy/girl information by Friday, November 18th.



Children's Santa Christmas Breakfast Registration

Member Name _____

Phone Number _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Boy _____ Girl _____

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$10.00 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

OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011	DECEMBER 2011
<p>8-9: Great Italian Festival Reno, Nevada 13: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM 29: Halloween Party Andrea Petrone, Chair</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>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</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>3: IC Children's Christmas Party Tom & Nancy Grossi, Chairs 8: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers, 6:30PM 11: IC Christmas Party, 4-8PM Embassy Suites, Tukwila Joanne Marchese, Chair</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
JANUARY 2012	FEBRUARY 2012	MARCH 2011
<p>12: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers, 6:30PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>2: Trustees Meeting 18: Crab Feed 9: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Our annual Christmas holiday dinner social will be held Sunday, December 11 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila.

Put it on your calendar and save the date. Joanne Marchese is the chairman.

See the article in this issue.



CHILDREN'S SANTA BREAKFAST

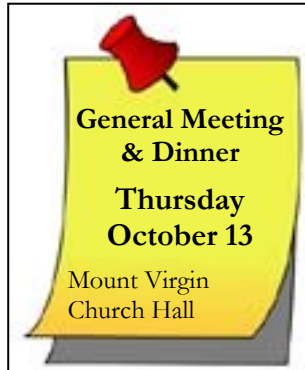
The Children's Santa Breakfast will be held on December 3rd. Santa will be there!

For more information and sign up, read the article in this issue. Heading this event are Tom and Nancy Grossi.



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AUG & SEPT WINNERS

The birthday winner for August was Diana Warczak, and the September winner was Joanne Marchese.

Spirits, coffee cards and boxed dinners were won by:
 Joan DiJulio Hall, Jerry Lewis, Joanne Marchese, Tom Grossi, Dot Whitney, Ginny Grossi, Ron Alia, Roy Skibo, Diane Kaczor, Lou Fontana, Michael Troiani, Rosa Facciuto, Mike Kaczor, Edith Carlson, Martin Nigrelle, Gemma Thielges, Leonard Smith, Delores DeVitis, Mike Carrosino and Barbara Galluccio

The Progressive Prize of \$75.00 was won by Inky Merlino, but she was not present so the October prize will be \$100.