

LA RUSTICA BRINGS NORTHERN ITALY TO THE NORTHWEST

Hidden away in the residential area of Beach Drive in West Seattle lies family owned and operated Italian restaurant, *La Rustica*. Having been around for more than 10 years, *La Rustica* serves the cuisine of Northern Italy in a cozy setting reminiscent of the smaller cafès in Italy.

While they do not take reservations for parties under six, they make the wait not only worth it, but also part of the experience. The cave-like waiting area in the back has a separate bar for you to order delicious cocktails and wine as you wait to be seated.

Once inside, you are served freshly baked focaccia while you make your menu selection. It is almost impossible not to fill up before you are served your generous sized meal. Their fresh mouthwatering menu includes dishes like sausage saffron risotto,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year!

I am hoping you had a great holiday season filled with fun and family. We are turning the page on 2011 with 2012 coming on with a roar. I would like to take a moment to reflect on 2011 and the events shaping the Italian Club of Seattle. The 2011 Crab Feed was a success with the watchful management of **Anna Popovich** and countless volunteers making our crab feed the classic in town. **Marty Nigrelle** did his usual great job with the Italian Community Heritage Night with the Seattle Mariners. Every member can be proud of our continued financial and volunteering efforts to Festa Italiana keeping the Northwest's largest cultural festival alive. We can also feel good about the scholarships and community sup-

port we give to the Northwest Kidney fund. I was impressed with the quality of events that the club sponsored from the Children's Halloween party (thanks **Andrea Patrone**), the Children's Christmas Party (excellent **Tom and Nancy Grossi**) and the Adult's Christmas Party (very well done **Joanne Spino Marchese**.)

We also had a nice Italian Club Officers Dinner at Buca Di Beppo's. As I looked around the room I realized how lucky I was to have all this talent and experience to help contribute and deliver

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MONTE MARCHETTI

GENERAL MEETING & DINNER



Thursday,
January 12th,

Mount Virgin Church Hall

Dinner (\$10) @ 6:30PM

Progressive prize ... \$75

ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEED

Saturday, February
18th—6:30pm



TRUSTEE
MEETING
Thursday,
January 5th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

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Adult Christmas Party **Joanne Marchese**

Children's Christmas Party **Tom & Nancy Grossi**

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Golf Tournament..... **Brian DiJulio**

Crab Dinner **Anna Popovich**

Day at the Casino **Michael Lazzaretti**

experiences to every one of you. Special thanks go out to **Nick and Ginny Grossi** for helping me re-invent the IL Ficcanaso, my daughter, **Angela Powell** for her artistic touch re-designing the newsletter and **Diana and Phil Lafornera** for hosting our web site and editing both the newsletter and the web site. Our financial picture looks good thanks to **Joe and Barb Galluccio's** sound financial strategy and support adding value while containing expenses.

In 2012, I would like to continue the same journey delivering value and peak experiences for our members enjoyment. The meetings seem to get more fun every month. The food is really good and we can expect the great quality to continue. Membership is growing with many new younger members full of ideas and seeking ways to volunteer and help. That is good news to me as one of my big hopes is that we can complete our email lists for all members and deliver the newsletter electronically to everyone in living color. I would like to have everyone forward the newsletter to at least five friends and share the news and events the club is offering. This will help us build our network of people who want to join in the fun and come celebrate with us. I have several more people who are ready to join and all it takes is an invitation. Looking forward I expect to have lots of fun and memories with all of you,

I want to thank everyone for helping and making this club a warm social experience. If you want to get more out of the club in 2012 all you have to do is come join us, I promise you the more you put in the more you will get out. God Bless You All in 2012.

--Monte Marchetti

LA RUSTICA (cont.)

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homemade gnocchi, fresh sauces and pasta, and the cioppino allo zafferano, which is wonderful dipped in their focaccia bread. Did I mention the focaccia bread?

All in all, a must try for Italian Enthusiasts in the Seattle Area.

Quick tip however, *get there early!*



2012 MEMBERSHIP DENNIS CALDIROLA

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a current roster of 253 members. This includes 111 members who have paid their dues for 2012 (thank you!) and three new applicants to be voted on at the next meeting. It also includes a member whose dues statements and newsletters have come back "forwarding address unknown" and for whom we have no current phone number or email address. At last report, this member was in Canada but we will continue to attempt to contact him until April 15, 2012.



DENNIS CALDIROLA

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. For example, member **Bruce Biesold** recently discovered that he has been eligible to be a Life Member for over a year now, so 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.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012

DOROTHY WHITNEY CHAIRWOMAN

Initiation of our new officers will take place at our regular meeting on the 12th of January 2012.

Below please find the slate of new officers for the year of 2012:

President— **Monte Marchetti**
Vice President— **Marty Nigrelle**
Secretary— **Dennis Caldirola**
Treasurer— **Joe Galluccio**
Trustees— **Audrey Manzanares**
Rod Warczak
Tom Grossi

Trustees returning for their second year are:
Ron Alia
Barbara Peretti

Past President— **Anna Popovich**, Ex-officio

Congratulations to all the above.

A special thank you **Michael Kaczor** and **Brian DiJulio** for serving on the nominating committee.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTY NIGRELLE



The Italian Club received the following applications for membership and they will be presented to the members at the January meeting.

Mary Kaye LaRussa

1 West Highland Dr. #10
Seattle, WA 98119

She was born in Seattle and is a retired nurse. Her husband is Robert Houk and they have two children, Nathaniel and Anna. Her paternal parents are from Sicily and her maternal grandmother is from Callabria.

Sponsors are **Monte Marchetti** and **Phil Segadelli**.

Robert Houk

1 West Highland Dr. #10
Seattle, WA 98119

He is a Physician Assistant as a PAC at Group Health Hospital in Bellevue. His wife is Mary Kaye LaRussa and they have two children.

He is sponsored by **Monte Marchetti** and **Phil Segadelli**.

Angelina G. Dahlgren

6206 - 121st St. East
Puyallup. WA 98373

Born in San Jose, CA. She is a Real Estate broker for Coldwell Banker. Her children are Matt 3, Mackenzie 6, Anastasia 12 and Hannah 15.

Sponsors are **Marie Dahlgren** and **Ron Alia**.

Matthew Dahlgren

6206 - 121st St. East
Puyallup, WA 98373

He is a self-employed printer. His wife is Angelina and they have four children.

Sponsors are **Marie Dahlgren** and **Ron Alia**.

The following applications for membership were accepted by the members of the Italian Club at the December meeting---**Deana Schular**, **Elizabeth Ann Muniz** and **Donna Marie Ingram**.

WELCOME TO THE ITALIAN CLUB!

ANNUAL ADULT HOLIDAZE PARTY JOANNE SPINO MARCHESE

Once again, our Christmas party held at the Embassy Suites was a very enjoyable event. The room was decorated in a festive Christmas fashion.

A social/cocktail hour started off the evening – as well as being entertained with music by one of our members **Tony LaStella**.

A complete dinner followed with choices of prime rib, salmon or chicken and a delicious dessert. Our president, **Monte Marchetti**, added extra flavor to our dinner fare by having complimentary wine tickets passed out to each guest.

There were loud bells ringing in the distance – and then a most welcome visit from Santa (Jolly St. Nick). Many of us sat on his lap with our wish lists – and had pictures taken. Santa said he was going to be very busy this Christmas season, but would do his best for us – as he drove out of sight with his sleigh and reindeer!

Everyone received a ticket for our drawing – for which we had many many wonderful items. Thank you to **Ray** and **Caroline Petre** and **Jerry** and **Judy Lewis** for your donation to the drawing.

A huge thank you to **Nick Grossi** for the Christmas flyer in “il Ficcanaso”, to **Ray** and **Caroline Petre** and **Diana Kaczor** for helping to set-up; to **Dorothy Whitney** and **Barbara Peretti** for checking everyone in; to **Monte Marchetti** and **Carolyn Jackson** for offering grace before our meal; to **Tony LaStella** for providing entertainment; to Santa/**Jim Decaro** (my nephew-in-law); and to **Gianna Marchese** (my granddaughter) and **Audrey Manzanares**, Santa’s elves. And, thank you to all who attended and made this such an enjoyable event.

Happy New Year wishes with a wealth of happiness, good health, peace and blessings to all in 2012.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Italian Christmas Party for the children this year was full of frivolity and mirth! Hosted by **Tom** and **Nancy Grossi** in the same great location went on without a hitch. There were 20 children and 45 adults in attendance.

The food catered by Judy Lewis and her catering company “Celebrations Catering, was delicious as always with the event opening up with yummy cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice for the children.

The Puppet show, provided by the **Zinzanni Brothers**, was fun and hilarious. With a rousing chorus of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”, Santa entered with jingle bells and gifts in hand!

Everyone departed the event with happy children clutching their gifts and wishing each other a Merry Christmas. Don’t miss out on this party next year it was a world of fun!



HEALTH AND WELFARE JANUARY 2012



A HAPPY, BLESSED AND HEALTHY 2012 TO YOU AND YOURS.

2011 is now history. What a year. We all have some special events that we have shared and some we are holding close to our hearts. This is one of my favorite time of the year, especially when the weather cooperates. During the season of giving, we take the time and opportunity to say "thank you" in some way to our Family, Friends and Neighbors. So dear Italian Club members, I'm thanking you for sharing your Happy and Sad news with us this past year.

There's good news and bad news. The bad news is we don't have much Health and Welfare info to pass on this month. But that's good, Thank God, it indicates we're all enjoying the Season, good health and planning a great and happy 2012.

To update you on a bit of news of some of our members we heard **Art Oberto** had triple bypass surgery and spent some time in the Hospital. He is now at home recuperating and improving under the watchful eyes of his wife, **Dorothy** and his Doctor. You are in our prayers Art. (You too Dorothy)

Our newly elected Trustee, **Rod Warczak** spent some time in ER Thanksgiving day with kidney stones.

Barbara Peretti has been sticking close

to home; her back has been giving her a bad time and causing other problems. She's been to the Doctor, and will be having tests to determine the cause and treatment. She was able to spend Christmas and New Years with her sons and family. You're in our prayers Barbara.

Mary Hoffa traveled to Portland and spent the Christmas Holidays with her Son and family.

Aloha to **Linda Madrid**. Lucky Linda will be traveling with friends to Hawaii for a little R & R. We want to see your tan Linda!

Orlie & Velva Saltarelli will be moving the first part of Jan to the assisted living Apt. "Sunrise" it's located in Edmonds. But look out, Velva and Orlie received a "Touch IPod" with a speaker, Velva said her 14 year old Great Nephew will give them some lessons. Good going Orlie & Velva.

John Croce of Pacific Food Importer had his annual appreciation Party on the 7th of Jan. The party was held at the store. John is a generous and giving man. We thank you John and Family for your hospitality and all the goodies we enjoyed that day.

Speaking of food, thank you to **Doug** and **Vito Chiechi** and **Ron Spino** for the great Christmas dinner prior to our December meeting.

A big thank you to the Italian Club for our gift of the Dinner. A big thank you to the Children's Christmas party Co Chair-persons, **Tom & Nancy Grossi** and Adult Christmas

Holiday Party Chairperson, **Joanne Spino Marchese** Both events were well attended. Happy Children, Parents and Grand Parents at their party leaving with great gifts and full tummies. The door Prizes at the Holiday Party were outstanding, as was the food. Again, **Joanne, Nancy** and **Tom** thank you for the great job.

Are you ready??? CRAB DINNER. I hear it's already a sell out, the date, Feb. 18th. It's the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. Great way to begin Lent. We thank **Anna Popovich** and her Committee for again accepting this fun/fund raising Committee.

A reminder, The Governor Rosellini Scholarship dinner will be on March 3rd at Kennedy Catholic High school. Donation \$50.00.

"Wrinkles don't hurt" "Laughing is good exercise, it's like jogging on the inside".

One more, "Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy." AMEN

Well, it's time to say "that's all folks" Went longer than I expected.

Let's remember our Shut in members and our Armed Forces in our Prayers. To all our Members our wish for 2012 for you and your family is a BLESSED, PEACEFUL, JOYFUL, HAPPY AND HEALTHY Year.

Until next time,

The little Holy Italian,

Carolyn Jackson, Aka Sister..

LOUIE CELLA IN MY OWN WORDS

I was born in Genoa, Italy in 1925 to my wonderful parents Valeria and Virginio.

In 1927 we came directly to Seattle. I attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Queen Anne High School and then drafted into the Infantry in World War II where I served in both Germany and Japan. I married Dee in 1948 and had two children Valerie and Linda.

I joined the Italian Club and became President in 1981 and 1982. Over the years the Italian Club has played an important part in my life. I met great friends many of which I miss such as **Julius Rosso**, **Tino**

Lizzeretti and **Paul Pellegrini**. These men were very active in the Club and left a great heritage.

One of the many interesting activities we took part in was Festa Italiana. I served as head of the Wine Garden for fifteen years and it was my favorite. We all worked hard preparing for the Festa and enjoyed every minute. I am proud to see how successful it has become and what a great job Dennis and his associates have done.

Overall, I am proud to be a member of the Italian Club and will always support it as much as possible.



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CRAB FEED

\$35.00
PER PERSON

Saturday, February 18 - 6:30 pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Delicious Dungeness Crab!

Spaghetti Aglio, Olio e Pepperoncino

Salad , Rolls, Beer, Wine, Pop,

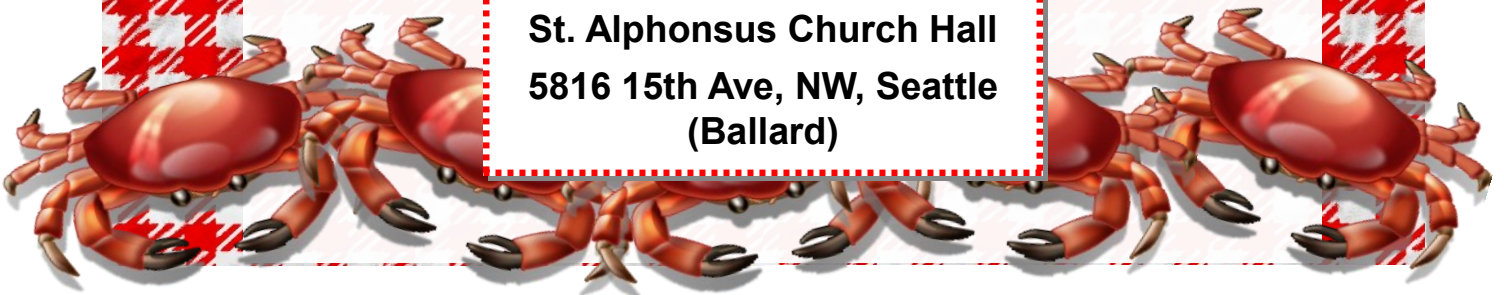
Ice Cream, Drawn Butter

Huge Raffle!

Buy your Tickets Today!

Anna Popovich - 206-453-4002

St. Alphonsus Church Hall
5816 15th Ave, NW, Seattle
(Ballard)



CRAB FEED - REGISTRATION



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

JANUARY 2012



12th IC General Meeting/
Dinner
Installation of Officers, 6:30PM

FEBRUARY 2012



9th IC General Meeting/
Dinner, 6:30PM

18th CRAB FEED!

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

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month, unless otherwise noted

MARCH 2012



3rd Governor Rosellini
Scholarship Dinner
Kennedy Catholic
High School

8th IC General Meeting/
Dinner, 6:30PM

APRIL 2012



12th IC General Meeting/
Dinner, 6:30PM

18th IC Luncheon Court-
yard at Marriott

MAY 2012



10th IC General Meeting/
Dinner, 6:30PM

JUNE 2012



7th Trustees Meeting

14th IC General Meeting/
Dinner 6:30PM

TBD Seattle Mariners
Baseball,
Italian Heritage Night

TBD IC Luncheon at
Courtyard Marriott

NOTICE:

ICS BYLAWS Change Section 2 Paragraph B Vote Jan. 12, 2012

The method of voting shall be left to the discretion of the president. A majority affirmative vote is required to approve the candidate for membership.



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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

**General Meeting,
 Dinner / Installation of
 Officers**

**Thursday
 January 12th
 6:30pm**

Mount Virgin
 Church Hall

2 **FESTA ITALIANA**
FOR
1 **MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL**

\$50 Dollar Special
 Bring a friend for a free dinner
 At our regular dinner meeting

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**BIRTHDAY WINNER
 FOR
 NOVEMBER:** 

Marie Dahlgren

Spirits and coffee cards were won by:
 Mark Alia, Joanne Marchese, Marty Negrelle, Marie Dahlgren, Holly Croce, Katherine Scaringi Langennegger, Rod Warczak, Barbara Peretti, Ron Alia, Mary Hoffa, Carole Bishop, Dick Whitney, Jane J. D, Hall, Roy Scibo, Lou Carrosino, Mike Kaczor, Lou Cella, Dot Whitney, Judy Lewis, Barbara Galluccio, Evelyn Campo, Brian DiJulio, Monte Marchetti and Deloris DeVitis.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to **Jim DiJulio** who was 82 that day. The Progressive prize would have been \$50.00 but because we did not have the basket with all the names, we could not draw a name. The prize will be \$75.00 in January.