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# il Ficcanaso

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## Italian Club Scholarship

MARTY NIGRELLE



Are you the child of a member of the Italian Club? Will you be attending high school in the 2012-2013 school year? If you can answer yes to both of these questions you should consider applying for the Italian Club Scholarship.

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding up to three individual \$500.00 scholarships. The scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year will be awarded to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below). As in years' past; the better the GPA, the better chance of scholarship award.

### The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

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 2012-2013 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,

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

It's been raining so much lately that I have started to wear an overcoat over my overcoat. You would think us Northwest lifers would get used to all the rain and for the most part I think we do. I realized on the last couple of sunny days we had that it was not the rain but the lack of blue sky and sunlight was what I was craving. Over the weekend we had such vibrant light that my eyes were overwhelmed with joy. I felt like the flowers and the trees were bursting with energy trying to cope with my old friend, sunlight! This year's rain is starting to wear on me, soaked right to the bone. When I looked at the crocus and daffodils bent over from the weight of the water I thought they must have felt that it was some kind of cruel joke to have been awaked and called to duty with no place to hide. Oh well the first signs of spring are

emerging much to my delight taking hold over the grayness of winter and soon the memory of the monsoon season will be only a memory.



MONTE MARCHETTI

The Italian Club of Seattle is doing well and like the flowers of spring we are welcoming many new members. We had six new members voted in during the March meeting, Welcome! This is good news for all members as we have an opportunity to meet and make new friends that could be life changing. I have sponsored many new members and I look at it as a great way to create a real live social network supported by a venue of cultural events to enjoy and share. Please help welcome our

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### GENERAL MEETING & DINNER



Thursday, April 12th

Mount Virgin Church Hall

Dinner (\$10) @ 6:30PM

Progressive prize \$25

### MARINERS ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT

Thursday,  
June 14th  
Safeco Field



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

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new members with a greeting extending a hand and sharing a story or conversation or helping them get acquainted by introducing them around. You may not remember but at one time we were all new members being introduced for the first time. It can be frightening for those of us who are reserved. We are getting our spring and summer schedule started and you can already hear the crack of the bat and the promise of outdoor activities coming our way. But wait we have a controversy brewing. Our Mariners night is scheduled for the same night as our general meeting. What will we do? Bunt, Pinch Hit, Strike Out? Please share your ideas at the next meeting and we will collectively figure out a way to pull it all together. Easter is coming and being celebrated around the world. In Italy this event is celebrated with as much reverence and prayers. With all that sacrifice and reflection everyone is anxiously waiting for an expansive Easter Feast. In Florence, the "Scoppio Del Carro" (explosion of the cart) still happens on Easter Sunday. After the mass, a rocket resembling a dove is hurled at the cart by the Archbishop, starting the fireworks hidden under the decorations. The big one is of course the one celebrated by the Pope in Rome. Tens of thousands of people congregate in Saint Peter's Square every year. Even in Italy eggs play a major role in the Easter celebration as they represent new life, renewal and fertility. It is also a time for Panettone filled with a variety of dried candied fruits and variation from region to region. Lamb is also served being the symbol of birth and the shepherd tied deeply to Christian traditions. Easter Monday, or "Pasquetta" (Little Easter), is also a favorite. It is a quieter day spent with family and friends too, usually eating leftovers in a relaxed atmosphere, in the form of a picnic weather permitting! Whatever you choose to do be at peace and I hope to see you real soon.

Monte Marchetti montemarchetti@gmail.com

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 16th is the deadline! No, we're not talking about taxes; we're talking about the deadline to pay your Italian Club dues for 2012. As per the bylaws, at that point, anyone still in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list (this could be your last IL Ficcanaso!) and perhaps more importantly, dropped from the new roster which we will begin compiling on April 17th.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 254 members. Thankfully as of March 22nd, 219 have paid their dues leaving 35 members owing. 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 45¢ and the Club \$1.35 by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. This will be your last chance! **Dennis Caldirola Secretary**

## il Ficcanaso

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Day at the Casino ..... **Michael Lazzaretti**

## Italian Club Scholarship (CONT.)

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- community service, etc.
- Each applicant must write a letter telling about themselves and activities in which he/she is participating.
  - The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 1st 2012 and no later than May 1st 2012.
  - Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

### Next steps in the scholarship process:

- March 2012** – Application form published in il Ficcanaso
- April 2012** – Applications submitted & Application form published in il Ficcanaso
- May 2012** – Applications reviewed & verified
- June 2012** – Award Recipients announced in il Ficcanaso
- September 2012** – Award Recipients presented @ General Meeting
- October 2012** – Scholarship payments made to the schools on behalf of the recipients

### The Application form must be accompanied by:

- Official Transcript, from the Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending (2011-2012 school year).
- Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTY NIGRELLE



### Membership

By Martin Nigrelle – Membership Chairperson

At the March general meeting the club will be voting on several new applicants:

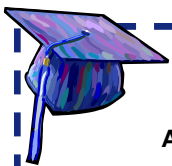
Paul Case – Paul lives in the SeaTac area & works as an Engineer at Boeing. Paul has two children, Jaime & Tristan. Application is sponsored by Monte Marchetti & Margaret Marchetti.

Michael & Linda Manning – Michael & Linda live in the Federal Way area. Michael is retired as a Labor Relations Director from the Washington State Ferries & Linda has retired from her own licensing business. They have three children Erin, Ryan & Kasey. Linda has Italian roots that hail from the region around Venice. Applications are sponsored by Michael Kaczor & Diana Kaczor.

There were six new member applications voted on for the March General meeting. All six applicants were voted into the Club. Please join in welcoming:

William Spaletta, Dominic Riccetti, Joel Patience, Donald Gulden, Joseph & Linda Jacobin

**If you have friends or family interested in joining our club, please have them use the Application button found on the club's web site: <http://www.italianclubofseattle.org>**



## 2012/2013 ITALIAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S PARENT(S):  
(Italian Club Member(s) in good standing) \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL:  
(Applicant will be attending during the  
2011/2012 School Year) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



Applications are to be sent to:

Italian Club of Seattle -  
Scholarship  
c/o Martin Nigrelle  
1600 28th Ave W  
Seattle, WA 98199

## HEALTH AND WELFARE - APRIL

BY CAROLYN JACKSON



.HEALTH AND WELFARE COLUMN,  
APRIL 2012

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!! APRIL SHOW-  
ERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!!!

HAPPY EASTER.

Are you ready for all the April activities?  
Many are on the calendar. Easter, Family  
gatherings, Easter egg hunt., Income Tax  
time, Property Taxes, gardening, weddings,  
dinners and Meetings. Get ready, get set  
LET'S GO.

March like every other month had happy and sad news.  
Well, let's start this months column with news from GUESS  
WHO??? Yes, you're right,

Bill Picchena. Bill called and left a message, his Grand  
daughter, Juliann, turned "the big 21" and good grandpa Bill  
hosted a trip to Las Vegas for the Birthday Girl and her Mother  
and Aunt.

Barbara Peretti has had one heck of a time. Her back sur-  
gery was scheduled for March 21st. It had to be postponed. As  
if she hasn't had enough pain, on Saturday March 17th (yep, St.  
Patrick's day) she had to be taken to Emergency, A KIDNEY  
STONE. A stent was inserted It was removed. The Doctors  
then decided to perform her back surgery on Wednesday  
March 28th.(today) Her family called and said the Doctors in-  
formed them that the surgery was a success and Barbara was  
in the recovery room and would soon be in her own room. Bar-  
bara is in Valley General Hospital. God bless you Barbara  
you're in our thoughts and prayers. Get better real fast.

Our own Karate Kid, Gianna Marchese, Grand daughter of  
Gino & Joanne Marchese was in a Karate tournament this last  
week and her large toe got badly broken. They performed sur-  
gery and she will be incapacitated for at least 5 weeks. . Heard  
she still came in 5th.Good Girl. (for your eyes only Gianna) Not  
to be outdone, our Ron Roletto took a bad spill and broke his  
leg. Much of his Spring schedule has been put on the "side"  
burner and his Doctor's advice.. Ron, you are in are prayers.  
Hope you'll heal fast and you'll be able to do all the fun things  
you have planned.

This last month we loss two our Past Presidents. May they  
rest in peace. God Bless them

Our sympathy and prayers are with Rosa Facciuto and family  
on the passing our her dear Husband, Tony. Tony served two  
different terms. First one in 1973 and the second time in 1993.

Another great loss to the Italian Club was the passing of Past  
President of the Ladies' Auxiliary

Mary Lou Leone. Mary Lou served in 1968 and 1969. Tony  
and Mary Lou were always ready and willing to serve with a  
smile and a kind word.

I was reading the Catholic Northwest Progress and recog-

nized a FACE, not on the front page, but on page 3. It was  
none other then our own Honorary Life Member, Father Paul  
Magnano

.Father is Pastor of Christ Our Hope Church which was dedi-  
cated August 28th 2010 in downtown Seattle . .Father will be  
presented, for his Parish, "The Best Rehabilitation award as part  
of Historic Seattle's 4th annual Preservation Awards.". This will  
take place May 15th at Good Shepherd Center, in Wallingford.  
District.

A Happy and Healthy Birthday to our April Bunnies. Just  
remember, Wrinkles don't hurt"

.Did you know that men can read smaller print than women  
can, but women can hear better.

I hear BELLS: Some good news announced at our last meet-  
ing was the engagement on Valentine's day of Mark Alia and  
Alissa Connor. Congratulations much love and happiness.

Those bells are still ringing. On April 14th the Wedding bells  
will be pealing for Don Gulden (our new member) and our lovely  
Linda Madrid. God bless you both, love and happiness.

To date I only have 7 reservations for our April 18th Lunch-  
eon. I know much is going on this Month, so with the O.K. of our  
President, I am cancelling our April Luncheon.

Our next one is scheduled for June 20th. ARE YOU GOING  
TO ATTEND?, SHOULD I GET A SPEAKER? We need more  
that 20 attendees. Do you want to continue the lunches, We  
use to have them Monthly, now we have them Quarterly. Mem-  
bers, it's up to Us.

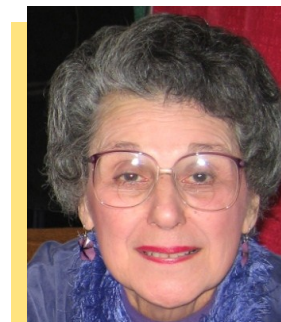
A REMINDER: SAVE THE DATE, THE FESTA MASS. Sat-  
urday, Sept. 15th. 5 P.M. Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church, Re-  
ception to follow.

I would like to end with this "Morning Motivation" (If you  
have the room) When I woke up this morning lying in bed, I was  
asking myself, what are some of the secrets of success in life? I  
found the answer right there in my very room, The fan said; Be  
cool. The roof said; Aim high. The window said; See the  
world. The clock said; Every minute is precious. The mirror  
said; Reflect before you act. The calendar said; Be updated.  
The door said: Push hard for your goals. And not to forget  
The carpet said Kneel down and pray."

Let's remember our sick, homeless and our troops. God  
bless them all. I didn't think I had  
much news, but again, I was wrong  
It's great to share.

May you all have a blessed and  
Happy Easter!

The Gabby Informer.





## *The Search for Miss Italian Club is On!*

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 volunteer work, academic achievement and creative talent that each woman displays during the month of preparation for her moment in the SEAFAIR spotlight.

Last year the Italian Club Queen won a thousand dollar scholarship and of course we would like to repeat that success again. For more details and the official application, please check out: <http://www.seafair.com/AnEvent.aspx?ID=10&SecID=894> 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: **Audrey Manzanares** at [amanzanares@live.com](mailto:amanzanares@live.com) no later than May 16, 2012.



Easter was a big celebration in our large family. As you can probably remember, back in the 40's, Saturday was a big day of preparing for Easter brunch. Much baking, cooking, dyeing eggs, decorating the house and setting a beautiful dining room table with the best dinner ware all in readiness for the resurrection of our Savior Jesus. Saturday evening was a hustle and bustle for the seven of us children to take our turn in the bathtub. Wow, do you remember shoveling the coal in the furnace to heat the water. My dad loved to see the baking done and he always cracked the nuts so as to get my mom rolling. Easter was exciting for we all got new clothes, shoes and of course hats for the girls. We all attended St Joseph's Catholic Church in Yakima. After mass Mom and Dad rushed to get a wonderful array of food on the table. We were always blessed with many relatives to make for a truly wonderful Easter with a large Easter egg hunt resulting in us finding a new bunny for all the Matteo children.

Here is a recipe from our Italian-American family.

**Happy Easter!**  
**Judy Lewis**



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**General Meeting,**

**Dinner Thursday  
April 12th  
6:30pm**

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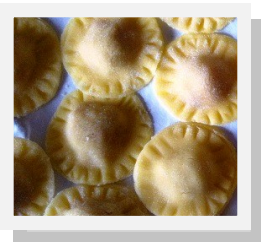
## Traditional Calabrian Pasta for Easter

### Cappelli dei preti (Priest Caps)

For the Pasta

2 cups all purpose flour  
(plus more as needed)

4 large eggs



Pour the flour onto a work surface or into a mixing bowl. Shape into a mound. Make a well in the center of the mound and break the eggs into the center of the well, add a tsp. of salt then whisk the eggs with a fork and start incorporating. Continue and blend the mixture until the dough is ready to knead. Flour your hands and knead the dough until soft and pliable. Dough is ready if you can put a clean finger into the dough without it sticking to your finger.

Roll the dough out to form as thin a sheet as possible, cut into small squares. Fold the squares in half to form a triangle. Then fold the top point of the triangle in half and press down to seal the bottom half so they will stay together when cooked and create the look of a biretta worn by priests. Use your favorite sauce. We do a traditional meat sauce.

## Italian Easter Bread by Judy Lewis

This was traditionally at our Easter Brunch after Mass

3 cups of all purpose flour, 2 eggs,

1/4 cup sugar, 1 Tablespoon of dry yeast

1 teaspoon of salt, 2/3 cup warm milk

2 tablespoons butter softened

1/4 cup chopped blanched almonds

1/2 teaspoon anise oil

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## Host an Italian student

### Your child is invited to Italy.

Join the Ergon cross cultural exchange program today!

As a family you will have the enriching and fun experience of hosting a 16-17-year-old Italian student for a semester or year. The Italian family will in turn invite your child during summer vacations. We sponsor the flight.

Ergon is an Italian-based organization and partner with North West Student Exchange. We specialize in rigorous selection criteria ensuring that students are responsible, motivated and proficient in English, and carefully match students with host families. They are fully insured and come with pocket money for all expenses, including recreation activities and vacations.

Several of our Italian students are attending Roosevelt, Garfield, Mercer Island and Nathan Hale high schools with positive experiences for students. Contact Gunnell Tanimoto at [italexchange@gmail.com](mailto:italexchange@gmail.com)



## Mariners Italian Heritage Night 2012

June 14th

### Tickets are Available!

By Martin Nigrelle – Event chairperson

Tickets for the 2012 Mariners Italian Heritage Night will be available @ the April General Meeting or via the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>

The Mariners have adopted a new pricing system this year, which has impacted the price of Italian Heritage Night. The prices this year are: \$14 View Reserved (normally \$15) \$30 Field Level (normally \$35). The Italian Club is acquiring a total of 57 tickets this year, they will all be the Field Level seats @ \$30.00 More details are coming, such as possible events & give away items to coincide with Italian Heritage Night 2012. This year the Mariners will be hosting the San Diego Padres on Thursday June 14th, 7:10pm. Tickets will be handled on a first come first serve basis.



**PLAY BALL !**



## MARCH 2012



1st IC Board Meeting

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

## APRIL 2012



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

18th IC Luncheon Court-  
yard at Marriott

## 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

### Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month, unless otherwise noted

## MAY 2012



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

## JUNE 2012



7th Trustees Meeting

14th IC General Meeting/  
Dinner 6:30PM

14th Seattle Mariners  
Baseball,  
Italian Heritage Night

20th IC Luncheon at  
Courtyard Marriott

TBD Italian Club Day at the  
Races

Cont. Page 6 Easter Bread (Judy Lewis)

Combine 1 cup flour, yeast and salt. Add butter melted in warm milk. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed. Add two eggs and a half cup of flour and beat 2 minutes on high. Add nuts and anise oil. Mix well. Stir in remaining flour to form a soft dough. Use your own judgment for you may not need the full amount of four. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic 6-8 minutes. Place into a greased bowl and turn the dough over and around to grease all sides. Cover and let rest for about 1 hour. Dye the remaining eggs, uncooked then slightly rub them with oil. Punch dough down. Divide in half. roll each piece into a 24" rope.

Loosely twist ropes together and connect them into a circle on a greased baking sheet. Tuck eggs into the openings. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 - 45 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Remove from pan: cool on wire rack.

## JULY 2012



Summer Break

No Meeting

No il Ficcanaso

## AUGUST 2012



Summer Break

No Meeting

No il Ficcanaso

19th Italian Community

23-25th Festa Italian—  
Portland



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**BIRTHDAY WINNER**

**FOR MARCH:**



**Kimberly Carrosino.**

Spirits, coffee cards and dinners were won by: Leonard Smith, Tom Grossi, Bobbie Chipman, Barbara Peretti, Delores DiVitis, Katherine Scaringi Longenegger, Deb Sargent. Linda Jacobin, Linda Madrid, Louis Carrosino, Kimberly Carrosino, Monte Marchetti, Dick Whitney, and Roy Skibo.

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 was won by Vince Ferrese.

The jackpot stays at \$25.00 for the April meeting.

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