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Italian Club Scholarship

MARTY NIGRELLE

2012-13 Scholarship Winners Awarded

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chairperson) At the September general meeting we will be presenting award certificates to the recipients of the 2012-13 Italian Club Scholarship. The recipients are invited to attend our September general meeting to read their applications to the members & receive their award certificate. The cost of dinner for each recipient & one parent will be paid for by the club for this meeting. If the recipients are not able to attend, their award certificate will be mailed to their home address. The relevant schools will each be sent a payment of \$500.00 in the student's name in October of 2012 .

The recipients of the 2012-13 Scholarships are: (Cont. Page 3)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Everyone,

I hope this message finds you all well, covered in sunscreen and still enjoying a vacation or memories of great times with family and friends. I was glad to see so many Italians at Emerald Downs for the first Italian Day. Joe Galluccio did a great job once again and the Italian Club had a full house for our first class event in the turf club. Great food was served and the pageantry of the sport of kings was abundant for all who attended this colorful event. I was contacted by Joe LaDuca of Emerald Downs and we coordinated the event to coincide with our clubs event and it turned out great. Several venues were available from free tickets to the grandstands, music, dancers and a tented area serving Italian food. We had over eight hundred Italians and friends show up and celebrate our heritage and the beautiful day. In the planning process I met so many Italians that aren't involved in our yearly activities that it made me aware of the potential for bringing many new friends into our community. So many Italians played a big part in owning, training and working in the horse racing industry and it was detailed in the program for all to behold. We have lots to be thankful for and many events to look coming our way. (Cont. Pg. 2)

GENERAL MEETING

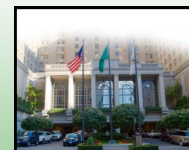
Thursday, Sept. 13th

Mount Virgin Church Hall
Dinner (\$10) @ 6:30PM

Progressive prize \$100

FESTA LUNCHEON

Fairmont Hotel
11AM to 1PM



Tuesday Sept.25th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

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Most Seattleites realize summer really starts in July and goes strong through September so hang in there and let the good times roll. I wish you all a Happy Labor Day, get some rest because the action is on its way.

How about talking about something fun? It's good to be back and I look forward to seeing everyone at Festa Italiana. This is a great opportunity to get together for fun times to enjoy ourselves and have share some food, entertainment, music and celebrate our culture. This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary and with you being there it will be special. Time to harvest your gardens and squeeze the grapes for fall is at hand. I have several oversized zucchinis the size of a small log and more growing by the day. With the horrors of the heat of the Midwest wrought with drought and melting street lamps I am sure glad to be planted here in the good old Puget Sound. Many of you gardeners who have extra fruits and vegetables feel free to bring them into the September meeting and share with those who will savor your bounty. Come early and share your summer stories at the meeting September 13th.

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Adult Christmas Party Dec 9th

Our annual Christmas holiday dinner social event will be held Sunday, December 9, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila. Save the date and put it on your Calendar. Joanne Marchese is the chairman.



Details to follow in the October Il Ficcanaso

Italian Club Scholarship (page 1)

- **James Ferrese, James is the son of members Vincent & Amber Ferrese, he will be attending Seattle Prep in the 2012-13 school year.**
- **Logan Fiones, Logan is the son of member Jon Fiones, he will be attending O'Dea in the 2012-13 school year.**
- **Dominic Peretti, Dominic is the son of member Dawn Peretti, he will be attending Kennedy in the 2012-13 school year.**

Italian Club Day at the Races - Joe Galluccio

The Italian Day at the Races was held at Emerald Downs on Sunday, July 22nd. The following Italian Club members attended: Monte Marchetti, Joe & Barbara Galluccio, Ron Alia, Bill Picchena, Ray & Caroline Petre, Carole Bishop, Velva Saltarelli, Ann & Bob Popovich, Leonard Smith & Evelyn Campo, Maria Bellavia, Barbara Peretti, Diana Warczak, Katharine Langenegger, Ron Beyersdorf and Mike Troiani.

The horse races were exciting, especially for Velva Saltarelli who bet \$2.00 on a long shot horse that paid \$50.00 for the win! Carole Bishop also played an exacta betting \$2.00 and correctly picking the first and second place horses in a race that paid her \$77.00! A delicious buffet lunch was served to us in a private room overlooking the racetrack. Monte Marchetti, and Joe & Barbara Galluccio went down to the winners circle for the 5th race for a picture with the winning horse & jockey. Next year should be the best turnout ever.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTY NIGRELLE



At the September general meeting, the club will be voting on two new applicants:

Randy J. Ailment – Randy Lives in the Renton area & is a partner at the law firm of Williams Kastner. Randy & his spouse Elaine have three children. Randy's paternal grandparents moved to Renton from the northwest area of Italy. Randy's application is sponsored by Gerard Centioli & Brian DiJulio.

Mark Firmani – Mark and his spouse Joy live in the Seattle area. Mark is the President/Owner of the Public Relations firm Firmani & Associates. Mark's Grandfather was from the Pretare' area of Italy.

There were three new member applications voted on at the June general meeting. Please join in welcoming: Brad J. DiJulio, Kelly A. DiJulio-Woodward, & Brian Woodward to the club!

Do 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>

As noted at the last few general meetings, the \$75.00 initiation fee is currently waved for new applicants, this means new applicants can join for \$50.00

Mariners Italian Heritage Night 2012

By Martin Nigrelle – Event chairperson



The roof was open, the weather balmy, & for the first time ever Italian beer (Peroni) was served on tap at Safeco Field. Almost 430 people, 55 of which were associated with the Italian Club, attended the event. The Mariners produced a special T-shirt for the event that featured the name & jersey number of Alex Liddi. Alex is the first Italian born player in the MLB since 1962. While the M's were not able to put one in the win column, a good time was had by many. The Mariners have already reached out to discuss next year's event.

HEALTH & WELFARE - SEPTEMBER 2012

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & Angela Di Julio Wright

Hopefully you all had a wonderful summer & enjoyed good times with family & friends.

I'm happy to report that **Jim, George & Estelle Di Julio** are now each doing much better after having been in & out of the hospital over the past few months. The annual **Di Julio family** picnic was held on 7/29 with about 150 relatives in attendance at **Brian Di Julio's** home. **Brian Di Julio** & a cousin, Chris (George's son) sponsored a hydroplane in this year's Seafair boat races - unfortunately The Miss Di Julio did not get into the final heat. Carissa Dahlgren, granddaughter of **Marie Dahlgren**, graduated from Seattle Pacific U. in June. Another of Marie's granddaughters & daughter of **Angelina & Matt Dahlgren**, Anastacia Goveia, graduated from high school in June. **Angelina** received a sterling award for high sales for last year, she was one of only 3 agents (out of 40) from the Coldwell Banker Bain Puyallup office to receive this award. On 6/29 **Carole Bishop** reported - "I just got back from USTA (tennis) Sectional Finals at Sunriver, Oregon. My team came in second, despite the cold, rainy, windy, spotty sunshine for our matches." Congrats to Carole & her team!

What a great way to have fun & stay active. **Fr. Paul Magnano** has been appointed Priest Moderator of Immaculate Conception & St. Therese Parishes while continuing as Pastor of Christ our Hope Parish. Sounds like a lot of extra responsibilities, he might appreciate some extra prayers from our members. **Velva & Orli Saltarelli** had a great time at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on 7/29. **Rosa Facciuto** attended & said it was so special to see the two of them dancing together. **Doug Chiechi** prepared a wonderful Italian meal for their more than 100 guests. Lucky Day at the Races for **Velva Saltarelli** and **Carol Bishop**. They both went home with some winnings! **Sister Mary Di Julio** spent a week in Albany, N.Y. for the 73rd annual conference of Kateri Tekawitha who will be canonized in Rome in Oct. as the first Native American Saint. **Angie Molinaro** has moved to Renton & her new address is in our most recent Club directory. **Rosa Facciuto's** daughter recently fell & broke her elbow but is doing pretty well. **Gary & Kristi (Braze) Thorn** spent 7 days in Scottsdale, AZ & 19 days touring Barcelona, Spain & on

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Italian Club Festa Downtown Luncheon

Tuesday Sept 25th 11am to 1pm

Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Garden Room

"Free" Cocktail Hour Sponsored by The NW Italian Chamber of Commerce \$55 per person, Lunch Menu: mixed green salad/huckleberry vinaigrette/candied walnuts gemelli pasta with diced garlic grilled chicken in creamy vodka tomato sauce, w/ Parmigiano Reggiano and for dessert a seasonal berry Crème Brule

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Brian @ 425-646-6630



FESTA Mass in Italian Sept. 15th

5:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church
2800 S. Massachusetts St. in Seattle, 98144
Free Reception to follow.

Polpette di Melanzane by Judy Lewis

Here it is the end of summer and many of you who have gardens are harvesting wonderful tomatoes, beans, eggplants and such. If not, you certainly are getting to some of the open markets throughout the area for an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit. My recipe for this month is from Calabria. Polpette di Melanzane, meatless crispy eggplant meatballs.

Serve as a antipasti.

1 large eggplant kosher salt to taste

1 cup fresh breadcrumbs or more if needed

1/ cup freshly grated pecorino cheese

2 tbsp. minced flat leaf parsley

1 garlic clove chopped

freshly ground black pepper

1 large egg, lightly beaten

1/3 cup fine dry breadcrumbs extra virgin olive oil for frying

Cut the eggplant into 1 1/2-inch cubes. bring 2 quarts of water to a boil with 1 tbsp. of salt. Add eggplant, boil about 10 minutes. the cubes will want to float and you will need to push them down into the water repeatedly. Drain in colander and let cool, then press with wooden spoon to remove excess water. the eggplant should be as dry as possible. Very finely chop by hand. In a bowl combine the eggplant, fresh breadcrumbs, cheese, parsley and garlic. blend gently with a fork, season to taste with salt and pepper.. Mix the egg in thoroughly. In a small skillet lightly coated with olive oil, fry one meatball and taste for seasoning. Working with a little mixture at a time roll into small balls, about 1 inch, set them on a tray. add more fresh breadcrumbs to the mixture if they are to moist. In a small bowl add the dried breadcrumbs, dip the balls to coat evenly, set aside and pour olive oil into a 10 inch skillet to the depth of a 1/2 inch. Heat to medium, don't skimp on the oil or they won't fry properly, and when the oil begins to shimmer, test one ball and the oil should sizzle. Place half of the balls in the pan in a single layer until deeply browned all over. Be gentle and remove with slotted spoon onto paper towels. I've always thought of myself as Italian but in reading the history of the Calabria area, I've begun to wonder. Calabria passed from the Greeks to the Romans then to the Byzantines, Lombard's, Normans. The French and Spanish then divided Italy between them. With Spain getting Calabria. Spain ruled for 200 years then Bourbon Kings ruled until 1860.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Ciao Judy Lewis



The Golf Tourney/ Benefiting Seattle U Baseball Program

Sept 26th, 2012, 1pm shotgun start at Echo Falls Golf Course

By Brain DiJulio Event Chair

\$125 per person and Includes lunch (Isernio Sausages) Dinner is a four course Italian buffet with Two kinds Pasta, Chicken, Caesar Salad and various breads and sides...

Golf Cart/Greens Fees and lots of other goodies! Famous Raffle afterwards and a few select Auction Items too...Dinner only for \$25 ...all to Benefit the fast rising Seattle U Baseball Program, hole sponsorship's start at 100, 250 for closets to hole and longest drive hole...

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(Cont. Page 4) through Southern France, finishing up in Paris. They said it was "fantastic"! Next they were headed to Maui, Hawaii for 10 days. **Holly Croce Cochran** & her husband **Bill Cochran** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary - congratulations! **Ed De Rocco** and all 4 of his children, their spouses & 8 out of 9 of his grandchildren PLUS his second cousin (also named Eduardo Di Rocco – they just didn't change the i to e) his wife and their 2 kids from Argentina spent a week together in Hawaii in June. It was a fabulous reunion and Ed really enjoyed being surrounded by his family. While his mobility is limited, they still got him playing bocce from his walker! Also enjoyed lots of great food, wine and conversation. He misses attending Italian Club meetings, but it is really difficult to get him there now that he is living in an Adult Family Home in West Seattle. He **loves** visitors & can be visited any-time. His new address is c/o Pat and Militas Sylvester: 5608 SW Hanford St. Seattle 98116. (206) 932-2788. **Judy Collins Seth** is again organizing her Franklin H.S. class of 1962 reunion which she has done every 5 years since then. This will be their 50th so if you know of anyone from that class, let them know to contact Judy. Seen in the Puget Sound Business Journal - **Todd Elliott** is now a Sales Director at Comcast. He and his darling wife, **Brenda**, are doing well and look forward to attending General Meetings in the coming fall, we sure miss them. Mt. Virgin class of 1958 organized to meet each year in September, ever since we reconnected at our 50th reunion in 2008. **Marie Dahlgren, Judy Collins Seth, Ron Alia, Karen Gazarek Bianchi & I** are all graduates of that class. **Bob & Anna Popovich's** family headed to Helena, Montana with all the grandkids the end of August for a big family reunion. I spoke briefly with **Barbara Peretti** who said she's doing physical therapy on her own, at home, to strengthen her legs. I kind of bugged a lot of you for some news to put in this column this month. I would like to rely on our members to contact me with anything that you might like to share & I'll put it in the October Ficcanaso. I'll be counting on hearing from many of you each month. It's fun to hear about each other's activities. Email me at gdijulio@comcast.net or call me at 425-747-0655. *Thanks.*



The Sisters

Festa / Italian Club Sausage Booth

This year is Festa's 25th anniversary, which should only prove to make it a more noteworthy event. The grills have already been dropped off for servicing, the steam table is next. With an improved business flow and properly working equipment, the sausage booth should be the best ever.

We can still use more volunteers. They do not have to be members of the club, please feel free to extend the invite/opportunity to your friends & family. If you have chosen to volunteer but have not signed up yet, please let someone on the Italian Club board know you would like to work the event this year. If you have already signed up to work, someone will be contacting you a little closer to the event to confirm your availability to help.



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 1st at
9:00am Northcut Landing U District.
If you have any questions, please
contact Tom or Nancy Grossi 425-
557-0071.



Sept 2012



13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
15th	Festa Mass Mt. Virgin
25th	Festa Luncheon
26th	Golf Tourney
28-30th	25th Festa Italiana

Oct 2012



6th	Great Italian Festival Reno, NV
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM Nomi- nation of Officers 2013
27th	Children's Halloween Party

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

Nov 2012



1st	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Past President's Lunch- eon

Dec 2012



1st	Children's Christmas Party
9th	Adult Christmas Party Embassy Suites Tukwila
13th	Italian Club General Meeting Elect Officers


Jan 2013



3rd	Trustee's Meeting
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM Installa- tion of 2013 Officers

Feb 2013



7th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	

"SPOOKTACULAR"



HALLOWEEN PARTY AGAIN SET FOR
MT. VIRGIN SCHOOLHALL

Event Chair Andrea Petrone has announced that the Italian Club's Annual Halloween Party will again be at Mt. Virgin School Hall at 11 AM, Saturday October 27, 2012, 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 the presentation of the (Not) Really, Really Scary Halloween Show starring Clay Martin's Puppets!

As always, a prize will be given to the winner of the Best Costume Contest. The price of admission is free and this will be the last time that the event will be open to the grandchildren of members even though the parents do not belong to the Italian Club. In the meantime, however, scrawl a bloody "X" on your calendars and save the date! To RSVP, please call Andrea at (425) 774-6976 or email>Andrea@FestaSeattle.com>





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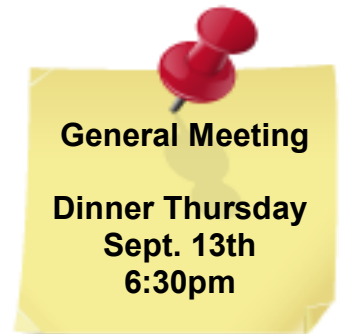
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Birthday Winner: Franco Tesorieri
Spirits, coffee cards, and dinners were won by : Paul Pioli, Judy Seth, Anna Popovich. D. Brennerman, Vince Ferrese, Kelly Woodward, Tony Petrarca, Marty Negrelle, Evelyn Tronca, Dick and Dot Whitney. The name drawn for the Progressive Prize of \$75.00 was Anthony Rosso, not present . The jack pot will be \$100.00 at the September meeting.



Sept. Jackpot \$100.00



General Meeting
Dinner Thursday
Sept. 13th
6:30pm

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