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Children's Christmas Party

Laughter, excitement and much anticipation is felt when the children hear the jingle bells ringing and know Santa is about to come into the room and wish them a Merry Christmas and give them a present for being good boys and girls. Saturday, December 1, 2012 the Children's Christmas party is going to be held at Northcut Landing (same place as last year, across from U-Village) located at 5001 25th Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98105 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am on the second floor of the east building (plenty of free parking in the garage). This Christmas Party is for children between the ages of 1-12.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Thanksgiving ,

It's that magical time of year and I hope this newsletter finds you in good health, ready to embrace the holidays. I am happy to report that the Italian Club of Seattle is welcoming many new members and doing well. I extend a warm personal welcome to you and would like to encourage you to get involved with club activity and volunteer. We just completed a major improvement by cleaning up our storage locker and moving to a new location. We organized the clubs belonging and records dating back to 1920. Looking at that ledger labeled with the words Italian Club 1920 gave me a special moment to reflect and ponder the historical significance of this club. It was at the end of the roaring twenties that it all came crashing down and it was hard times for many until after WWII and the great expansion of the 1960's. Many in the community are struggling through the "Great Recession" coping with hard times trying making ends meet. In this season of giving thanks we don't have to look far to find examples of people who are less fortunate.

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Italian Club of Seattle Officer Candidates for 2013

The nominating committee met in October: Members of the Nominating Committee are the following: Dorothy I. Whitney, Anna Popovich, Brian DiJulio

At this time they place in nomination the following names for the 2013 officers:

President: Martin Nigrelle

Vice President: Diana Kaczor

Secretary: Dennis Caldirola

Treasurer: Joseph Galluccio

Trustees: Linda Lee Madrid and Leonard Smith

Three returning trustees for their second year are: Tom Grossi; Audrey Manzanares; Rod Warczak. The Committee will take nominations from the floor at the November meeting. Nomination must be in writing if the nominee is not present at the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

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Committee Chairs

Membership**Martin Nigrelle**

Day at the Races**Joe Galluccio**

Mariner Baseball Night**Martin Nigrelle**

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Halloween Party**Andrea Petrone**

Adult Christmas Party**Joanne Marchese**

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

Bylaws**Barbara Peretti**

Luncheons**Audrey Manzanares**

Scholarship**Martin Nigrelle**

Miss Italian Club **Audrey Manzanares**

Health**Gemma Thielges**

Parliamentarian**Lou Cella**

Golf Tournament**Brian DiJulio**

Crab Dinner**Anna Popovich**

Day at the Casino**Michael Lazzaretti**

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My thoughts turn to Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa who chronicled the changes in Sicilian socio-economic landscape during the Risorgimento period in Italy. The quote that ignites my thoughts is from the book *Il Gattopardo*, (The Leopard) **"If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change"** The novel is the story of Don Fabrizio Corbera, Prince of Salina, a 19th century Sicilian nobleman caught in the midst of democracy, war, and revolution. As a result, the Prince's position in the island's class system is eroded by a growing middle class. The Prince is forced to choose between compromising his loyalty to tradition and accepting the decline of his family's influence and the sinister nature of greed. Regardless of the outcome of election people and societies will change and personally we can resist or focus on what we can do to secure our future and adapt our lifestyles. One thing is certain in that we as individuals can change and adapt much faster than governments to position ourselves in these turbulent times. As the wave of new immigrants come to the United States looking for opportunities I am reminded of the struggles of my ancestors and how grateful they were just to have a chance to gain a foothold in America. So as the pilgrims with challenges remind us we would be wise to bow our heads and just be thankful for who we are and what we have right now. I hope to see many of you at the Children's Christmas Party at the Northcut Landing on December 1st. I send my best and wish everyone has a great holiday season and take time to attend the Italian Club of Seattle Christmas Party, Sunday December 9th at the Embassy Suites, in Tukwila. A fun filled event with great music, food and entertainment. All My Very Best !

Monte Marchetti

President Italian Club of Seattle

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Scholarship Winner James Ferrese and Father Vince enjoying the moment. During the October Dinner meeting.



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Cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice will greet everyone as they check-in and get their name tags. Beautiful Christmas music will be played live in the background at the grand piano by Kim Borom, breakfast will be served, a special Christmas Magic show will be performed and our favorite guest Santa Claus will be coming and checking in on the children to make sure they have been good!

For this event we must receive your registration form by mail, email or phone by Monday, November 26, 2012. Santa needs to have a list of the children and their ages who are attending so his elves can make sure every child goes home with a present! Santa also needs a list of the parents who will attend to make sure there is enough coffee and food for all! To make sure we are thinking of the less fortunate we ask you to bring an unwrapped, new toy so we can donate it to Toys for Tots.

REGISTRATION FORM

Names of children, their ages and boy or girl who are attending

Name of adults attending:

Mail to (or email or call): Nancy Grossi

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTY NIGRELLE



At the November general meeting, the club will be voting on no new applicants.

There were two new member applications voted on at the October general meeting. Please join in welcoming: Marlene McIntosh and Patricia Boyd 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

Thanks,

Martin Nigrelle

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CRAB FEED FEBRUARY 16, 2013

It is a little earlier this year, so the Crab Dinner will be held again at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. Dinner will be all inclusive with Crab coming special courier fresh from the ocean the day of the event

Mark your 2013 calendar for February 16th.

Details to follow in the next issue of the il Ficcanaso.

Anna Popovich
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HEALTH & WELFARE NOVEMBER 2012 by Gemma Di Julio Thielges/ assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

What a beautiful Fall we've had. But it feels like Winter is approaching. Thankfully the Seattle Solidarity group has finally given up on harassing **Remo Borracchini's** bakery. Remo, as he had promised, donated the money to charity that his former employee had been demanding. **Michael & Kimberly Carrosino** are enjoying vacation time in Hawaii. **Michael Lazzaretti** was the lucky winner of the Festa grand prize - a 7 day cruise for two! We'll be waiting to hear when & where he decides to set sail. **Joan Razore** continues to be very active even as she approaches age 97. She has apparently become quite the bocce player at her seniors' residence, Al Joya, on Mercer Island. **Marie Dahlgren's** granddaughter, Carissa, is in a graduate program at the U. of W. working toward a Paralegal degree. The Di Julio sisters **Gemma & Angela** along w/ spouses **Jerome Thielges & Bill Wright** & 3rd sibling, **Sister Mary Lou Di Julio** all had a great time on their 19 day vacation - 3 nights in Quebec City, a 10 day Holland America cruise through Canada & the New England area, 3 nights in N.Y. & 2 nights in Boston. Their brother **Jim & wife Joan** were back visiting daughter Darcy so all met in N.Y. & then again when the traveling group stopped at Darcy's in Connecticut on their drive from N.Y. to Boston. A great trip! **Bill Picchena** enjoyed his weekend dash to see a play in N.Y. last month. **Todd & Brenda Elliott** would appreciate our prayers. On 10/13 Todd wrote: "I have been diagnosed with an adenocarcinoma in my right lung. If I HAD to have cancer, it is one of the better versions." Todd had surgery on Oct. 15th. He is recovering from that but may be facing further treatments. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for the Elliot's. Our sympathies go out to **Nick Grossi** & his family over the death of his younger sister Rose McLean who passed away very unexpectedly on Oct. 22nd. Please know that we will be praying for your family,

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Letter to the Editor

Hi Nick,

It was great seeing you and your wife at the annual Italian Festival yesterday. I always enjoy visiting with you at this event every year. Our family had such a great time. We started with food of course; sausage and pepper sandwiches, pasta, pizza, meatballs, and ended with gelato, biscotti, and lattes.

We had fun watching the pizza toss with the children. The leaders did a fabulous job organizing this event. The puppet show was also very entertaining. We never get tired of those shows; we're still kids at heart. The grape stomp was entertaining with all those purple feet.

Also enjoyed watching some good shots in the always entertaining bocce tournament. We thoroughly enjoyed Fortissimo at 5 PM; great songs and great singers.

This has to be one of the best Italian Festivals in the country. I've seen a few and Seattle's has one of the best of all the festivals I've seen throughout the years. Whoever organizes these festivals do a remarkable job. It is much appreciated by all of us that attend.

The weather was perfect. We even enjoyed the Italian cars and the Italian dogs.

I even had a chance to say hello to Remo B. and told him he made the best biscotti. I am very proud of my Italian Heritage.

Hope you and your family are doing well.

Ciao,

Vic Palazzo

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Dennis Caldirola

I'm happy to report that, at present, the Italian Club of Seattle has 251 members in good standing. This is the largest the Club has been in many years and it's apparent that we are thriving. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that all of the Club's various belongings have been moved to a large, clean, secure storage space out in Burien. Special thanks to the moving crew of President Monte, Ron Roletto, Michael Troiani and myself. 700 pounds of refuse was

The following is a updated list of Italian Club property:

- 1) One hand-painted chart of Past Presidents - ICS Office
- 2) One hammered brass plate - Italian Club Office
- 3) One 15" Bronze Football Trophy - Italian Club Office
- 4) One 3" tin statue of Romulus & Remulus - Italian Club Office
- 5) Eight Awards and Plaques - Italian Club Office
- 6) Old Ficcanaso issues, ledgers & photos - Italian Club Office
- 7) One office chair - Italian Club Office
- 8) Assorted Italian Club paperwork & records - Burien Storage
- 9) One file of Reincorporation papers - Burien Storage
- 10) One four-drawer metal file cabinet - Burien Storage
- 11) Two propane burners and two propane tanks - Burien
- 12) 81 Bean Bowls, 98 Serving Platters, 130 forks & 144 spoons -Burien Storage
- 13) Stainless Steel Cookware: two 24 qt. round pots with lids, one 16" colander, one 20" Fry Pan, three 14 qt. roasting pans (12"X18"X4"), 1 lid, two roasting pans with handles (24"X18"X8"), 5 pcs. kitchen tools incl. ladles -Burien Storage
- 14) One suitcase with old club name badges - Burien Storage
- 15) One American Flag with stand - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 16) One Italian Flag - Italian Club Office
- 17) One Italian Flag and one American Flag w/poles - Ron Roletto
- 18) One old & one new 8 ft. banner - SC Storage
- 19) One antique Roulette Wheel - Burien Storage
- 20) One antique leather & wood chair - Burien Storage
- 21) Various pieces of artwork donated by the Paoletta Family - Burien Storage

HAPPY HOLIDAZE DINNER

Embassy Suites

15920 West Valley Highway

Tukwila, WA 98188

Sunday December 9, 2012

Time: 4 :00 pm to 8:00 pm

NO HOST BAR - HORS d'OEUVRES

Table for 8 \$360.00



Dinner Choices Baked Chicken _____ Baked Salmon _____ Prime Rib of Beef _____

All entries include salad, rice pilaf, roasted vegetables, rolls , butter, coffee, tea, or iced tea, and dessert.

Price: \$45.00 per person if paid by November 30, 2012. After November 30, price is \$50.00 per person.

Please mail reservations with checks payable to Italian Club of Seattle No later than December 3, 2012 to: Joanne Spino Marchese 1937 31st Avenue West Seattle, WA 98199 Phone : 206-284-6938

NEWS FLASH DIRECT FROM ITALY

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Chip Di Julio's wife Sigrid left Oct. 25th for her homeland, Germany. She has an aunt celebrating a 90th birthday. Chip already took the family to Mexico earlier this year, and, since he's a distributor in the holiday & banner business, he's just started his busiest months of the year (but he wanted to go!!). They also attended their first grandson's marriage Sept 16th (Evan Farris & Lindsay Sample). **Franco Tesorieri** was sworn in as Honorary Consul of Italy in a brief ceremony at the Consulate in Bothell. It used to be a Vice Consulate and now Washington has a Consulate. The address is Hon. Consulate of Italy, 23718 Bothell-Everett Hwy, Suite H, Bothell, WA 98021. Condolences to the family of **Mary Betz** who passed away on Oct. 18th. She & husband Don had been long-time members of the Italian Club & very well-known in the community. You most likely have seen in the news that one of our past presidents of the Italian Club, **Michael Mastro**, was located in France & taken into custody after 16 months "on the lam". **Angelo & Mary Merlino** celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary Oct. 12th at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Michigan. While there, they enjoyed a visit to the Ford F-150 truck assembly plant. Always fun to hear what our members are up to - continue to send or call with your news. Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you'll be able to enjoy time with family & friends.

The Sisters



Hi, This is William Lecci from Italy, the country of artists and natural beauties, a country of scandals and cheaters, a country of passionate love and harsh hatred, a country of contradictions but also of consistency, a place so many would like to leave but a place nobody will forget, and the place everybody is very fond of. Each of us should engage to improve it and give the right image of a wonderful country that, unfortunately, some unscrupulous people have ruined. Now, I don't want to bore you showing only the negative side of the country of our ancestors, so I'll deal with other subjects that might seem lighter, but are part of our culture as well. What about a delicious recipe of Apulian cuisine? Now, here it is....**MACARONI WITH ASPARAGUS**

- 350 gr. Macaroni
- 2 table spoons of olive oil
- half an onion
- 200 gr. of Asparagus
- 200 gr. of little tomatoes
- a pinch of white salt.
- a pinch of black pepper or chilli (if you like).



In a wide frying pan, brown the sliced onion in the oil, add in the asparagus previously cut into little pieces and fry lightly. Pour half a glass of white wine in and let it evaporate. Add in the little tomatoes cut into pieces, some basil and a pinch of white salt and few black pepper or chilli. Go on cooking on a low flame for ten minutes. Fill in a pot with two litres of water and bring to the boil. Add in half a handful of coarse salt and at this point start cooking the macaroni. Let them cook for about 6/8 minutes. Take note that they must be strained al dente (firm). Then put the macaroni into the pan, add in some grated cheese, and mix and ...enjoy your meal!

Now, since I live in Foggia, a city not far from San Giovanni Rotondo where Padre Pio is buried, please let me quote one of his aphorisms, if you like:

Charity is the queen of Virtues. As pearls are kept together by thread, in the same way Virtues are kept together by Charity.

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Nov 2012



1st	Trustee Meeting
7th	Past President's Luncheon
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

DEC 2012



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

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

Jan 2013



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

Feb 2013



7th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	
16th	Crab Feed

March 2013



1st	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

April 2013

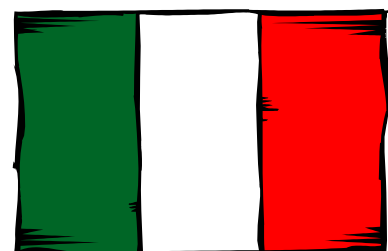


8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

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And as the pearls fall when the thread snaps, in the same way Virtues disperse if Charity lacks. I hope you won't be annoyed with me. An affectionate hug from Italy, William Lecci

William Lecci was born in Foggia August 1956. After high school he studied foreign languages (English and French) at Bari University. After taking the degree he passed a state competitive examination to become teacher of English. He has taught in high state schools since 1987. William married Alessandra in 1989 who is a doctor in a private hospital in Foggia. William and Alessandra have five children, a girl and four boys: Valentina, Andrea, Roberto, Stefano, Simone Pio. William's hobbies are reading, doing some exercise, writing and...looking after his children.





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WINNERS

The Winners
The drawings for prizes were conducted by Ron (Pumpkin Earrings) Roletto at the October meeting. The birthday winner was Ron Roletto. Sprints, coffee cards and packaged dinners were won by: Lou Fontana, Dale Bonn, Martin Negrelle (twice), Joanne Spino Marchese, Velva Salterelli (3 times), Sister Mary Lou, Joe Galluccio, Donna Russo, Kathy Scaringi, Diana Warczak (twice), Walt Blush, Audrey Manzaneres, Rod Warczak (twice), James Jacobin, Nick Grossi, Tom Grossi, Ron Alia, Paul Pioli (twice), JoAnne Lazzaretti and Mike Kaczor. The name drawn for the Progressive Prize of \$125.00 was Jim Fiones, but because he was not present, the prize will go to \$150.00 in November.



Nancy Grossi

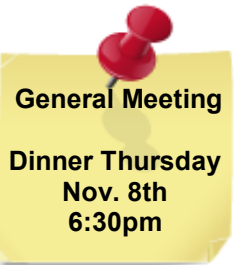
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General Meeting
Dinner Thursday
Nov. 8th
6:30pm

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