General Meeting, Dinner - Thursday, June 13th, 2013 6:30pm Mount Virgin Church Hall

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Italian Heritage **Night 2013** By Martin Nigrelle -Event chairperson

So far the Mariners (20 & 27) are in third place in the American League West, the New York Yankees (28 & 18) are first in the American League East. In mid-May the Ms won two of three games in New York. One of them with the score of 12 to 2! I'm guessing the Yankees will be looking for more than a little payback when they are hosted by the Mariners in early June. It should make for a great game.

The Italian club has one seat available out of the original 60 we purchased, contact Martin Nigrelle if you want to sit with the club. The giveaway item is a white baseball cap customized for the event. Our man Alex Liddi remains listed as a member of the 40 man roster. I've said it before, it would be great to see the only Italian born player in the MLB today make it to the Active roster in time for the game, cross your fingers.

Tickets will continue to be available on a first come

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Benvenuto! Bring on the summer!! This year the month of June includes the Mariners' Italian Heritage night & the last general meeting before our two month summer break. During the break we'll have a number of opportunities to get united with the rest of the greater Seattle Italian community including the Day at the Races & the Community Picnic. I hope to see some of you at these events (it will be my first time to attend each, but I'll be there). Whether you'll be enjoying the warmer weather here or taking a vacation with the family. I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy summer. Who knows, maybe we will not have to wait until July 5th for the rain to

Felice Giorno del Padre

Great news for the club:

stop!?!?

- The Children's Christmas party has a chairperson, thanks to Diana & Mike Kaczor's daughter Nichole Nyblod for stepping up. Tom Grossi is looking into the availability of the same space used the last several years, keep your fingers crossed.
- Seattle Sister City: Perugia. Mike James will be joining us at the September general meeting to tell us the latest news of the Italian sibling to our fair city

New chances to get involved with the club:

- Do you know a young lady interested in representing the Italian Community? We need a new candidate.
- Scholarship Fundraising. We are just about out of the original ten thousand dollars donated by Art Oberto, there is no time like the present to start working on rebuilding the scholarship fund, do you have any ideas, or an event or function the club can use to raise funds? Please share!!
- Community involvement. Do you know of a segment of the Italian community that could use our help? Let's explore how the club can become more involved in giving back to a region & people we are so lucky to be a part of.
- At the May general meeting, the first opportunity to sign up for the Festa Sausage booth was presented (Thanks Anna). Don't worry there is still time to sign up to join in the fun and camaraderie that comes with staffing a booth at the largest cultural event at the Seattle Center.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Feel free to contact me directly by phone: (206) 310-7689 or e-mail: martin.nigrelle@hotmail. com.

Martin Nigrelle, President Italian Club of Seattle



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Italian Heritage Night - 2013 (continued)

first served basis through the Mariners. Ticket prices are \$43 for field level (\$17 discount) & \$20 (\$13 discount) for seats in the upper deck. To purchase tickets directly from the Mariners, please visit the web site dedicated to the event: http://Mariners.com/italian.

Italian Heritage Night is 7:10pm, Friday June 7th, 2013. Come on out to the ballpark for a great night out with fellow Italian-American friends & family.

Sounders FC Italian Night

By Martin Nigrelle - President

There were about twenty five of us scattered around Century Link field, Saturday May 18th. While it did not work out for us all to sit together for the Sounders first Italian Night, we were treated to an exciting game wherein the Sounders beat the top ranked FC Dallas 4 to 2. Five of us were treated to a guided tour by Chris Carra of the Sounders. He showed us the club & suite seating areas, the lounges that are dedicated to serving the customers in those seats, along with a few areas we may be able to use for future events (based on sales of course).

Chris is already looking into ways the Sounders can help ensure we have a dedicated seating area next year. As the popularity of soccer in general and the Sounders continue to grow, they are likely to open more seating & become more creative with their promotions, which bodes well for us. GOALLLLLL!!!

2013 Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf Benefit Set for September 26th

Please join us for this great Golf Tournament benefitting the Seattle University Men's Baseball program, at Echo Falls Golf Course, Thursday, Sept 26th.

Please get your foursome together and send in your signup sheet as soon as possible, as this great event has been gaining popularity and particpants every year! Your 125 dollar entry fee gets you a delicious Isernio Sausage for lunch, hot off the grill...plus your round of Golf, a cart, tee prizes, a full Italian Dinner and a memorable day with fellow club members and fans of the Seattle U Baseball team. We would love a corporate hole sponsor for all 18 holes so please consider signing up for a mere additional \$200 dollars for your very own hole signage with company logo and or message for all participants to see! This is tax deductible as well as all proceeds will go directly to Seattle University's Athletic dept. in the name of the Baseball Program...sign up today and hit em straight!!

Send RSVP's to:

Italian Club Golf Tourney 10500 NE 8th Street Suite 725

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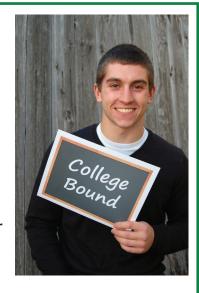
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May 8, 2013

The Italian Club of Seattle, Inc. PO Box 9549 Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Italian Club and Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you and your members for your ongoing support in selecting me as a



recipient of your scholarship for the past 4 years. I used the award at Kennedy Catholic High School where I will graduate this June in the top 10 students of the graduating class of 2013. My curriculum included 15 credits from the University of Washington, 15 credits from Seattle University, and 10 credits in Advanced Placement (AP).

From multiple college choices, I have decided to continue my education at the University of Washington where I have been accepted into their engineering department. My plans are to pursue dual degrees in Bioresource Science Engineering and Chemical Engineering.

I would especially like to thank Art Oberto for funding this scholarship to give myself and others the opportunity to further our educational goals.

Sincerely,

Dominic Perelli

Editor's Note: Dominic Peretti was just recognized by the Seattle Times 2013 spring sports all-area team in baseball. He was the Seamount League MVP.

Le Arte della Festa Italiana Seattle Art Show of Works About Italy Call for artists Coming soon to the FESTA web site.

The FESTA Board is pleased to announce the addition of a juried art show at the event this year. It will be in conjunction with the historical photos and Italian wine tasting events.

Soon, there will be information that can be printed or forwarded from the FESTA web site on how to enter. We ask that you share it with everyone you know throughout the region as this a great way to both promote and preserve Italian culture. So, if you know someone that can help get the word out, or they enjoy art about Italy, please make sure they know about this event.

There will be an entry fee of \$15 for each piece that is a contribution to Festa with a limit of two pieces per artist. All work must be for sale and a 15% commission will be on all sales.

Artists that are accepted will have their work exposed to over 30,000 people in the shadow of one of the most recognizable landmarks on the planet, and it's not leaning.

Thanks for your help in getting the word out. Potential sponsors are asked to contact Joel.

Joel Patience, Board of Directors
FESTA Italiana Seattle

Italian Community Picnic Sunday, August 18, 2013 Royal Arch Park 20825 Maple Valley Road SE (8 miles East on Maple Valley Highway 169)

Festivities start at 10 am

12:00pm - 2:00pm: Free hotdogs, free popcorn, free soda pop/water, free Italian sodas and free cotton candy!

12:00pm - 3:00pm: Kids games, face painting, clowns. Moonwalk, Volleyball, Souvenir Sales, Raffle Sales

1:00pm - 2:00pm: BINGO

1:00pm - 6:00pm: Karaoke by Julio

2:30pm: Dinner (free)

Final Raffle and door prize drawings

Admission: \$5.00 per adult

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Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges, Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

We got wonderful news about Todd & Brenda Elliott - they wrote "Todd had a CT scan at the conclusion of his lung cancer surgery and chemotherapy treatments, and his Oncologist said there is no evidence of recurrent disease. Praise God! With all our hearts, we thank you, The Seattle Italian Club members, for your thoughts and prayers over the past eight months." I think it is so nice for us to hear that our prayers have been heard & answered so positively.

Jane Di Julio Hall had a successful hip replacement surgery early in May. She is recovering nicely.

Estelle Di Julio fell just before Mothers' Day & suffered a serious break so she is facing quite a recovery. I'm sure she would appreciate any cards offering words of encouragement and/or prayers.

Dale & Joel Patience motored to Mt. Hood for 3 days of snow skiing. The winds were over 60 mph - lifts were closed for 2 days. They used the time to play cards & practice their Italian.

When we see Mark Alia at the Sept. meeting he will be a married man - the wedding will be on June 29th. Congratulations & Best Wishes to Mark & his bride.

It was good to see Bob & Antoinette Ruppin at our May 9th meeting. They had been in Palm Desert for 6 weeks where the weather was hot & they experienced a horrendous sand storm, the worst in 20 years. The sand had to literally be shoveled!

Ron Roletto returned from a 2 week trip visiting family & friends in Vegas. Since he drove down & back, he was also able to do some visiting en route. He says he's the one who brought us the nice weather we enjoyed the first couple of weeks of May!

Nick Grossi (Continued on page 5)

Festa Luncheon 2013

The Annual Italian Club Festa Luncheon will be held at a new venue this year, the prestigious Seattle Yacht Club, Tuesday September 24th, from 11am to 1pm.

The Yacht Club offers a beautiful ballroom, great food, and free close parking all for a great price, allowing us to LOWER our price for the first time in 20 years! Normally 55 dollars a person, we now are charging just 50 dollars a head for this great event. This new pricing and the addition of free parking will make this a fast sellout for sure, so please get your rsvp's in early to save your spot for this great event. The Festa Board will soon be announcing this year's Gil Centioli Award winner as well as the Volunteer of the Year.

Send your RSVP's with a check made out to Italian Club of Seattle to the following address:

Festa Luncheon 2013
Brian DiJulio, Chairman
10500 NE 8th street Suite 725
Bellevue WA 98004
or email bdijulio@gmail.com

Day at the Races at Emerald Downs Racetrack

Joe Galluccio, Chairman

The annual 'Day at the Races' will take place on Sunday, August 4th at Emerald Downs. The \$50.00 cost per



person includes admission, official program, official tip sheet, reserved seating in the Shinpoch Room located in the clubhouse area on the 5th floor, and a delicious buffet meal of sliced marinated flank steak with carmelized onion jus, grilled chicken with General Tso glaze and pineapple ginger salsa, steamed Basmati rice, vegetable platter, Emerald green salad with choice of dressings, fresh fruit bowl, assorted rolls & butter, and assorted dessert bars and cookies.

If you have never experienced being at 'Day at the Races,' you should truly give yourself a treat and join us this year. We had several first time attendees last year and they all enjoyed it so much that they are returning again this year.

Please make your checks payable to *The Seattle Italian Club* and give to Joe Galluccio at the June dinner meeting. You can also mail your check to Joe at his address: 7018 82nd Ave.SE, Mercer Island 98040.The final count has to be in to Emerald Downs by Sunday July 28th.

They are off and running at Emerald Downs!!!!! Please join in the fun!!!!!

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reported that two of their grand children (the children of their son Tom & wife Nancy) made their First Communion at St. Joseph Church in Issaquah & then had a very nice reception after at the Sammamish Golf Club. Their whole family, which includes a total of 7 grandchildren, attended the Mass & celebration.

Prayers & positive thoughts would be appreciated for Nils Seth (husband of Judy Collins Seth) who will be undergoing some serious surgery later in June. Hopefully it will be a great success & give him total relief from the pain of trigeminal neuralgia (also known by the French term Tic douloureux).

Bill Picchena turned 80 on Mothers' Day so his 3 daughters Jill, Jacque, & Jodi, their spouses & the 5 grandchildren took him to Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas where they had a great time losing money, seeing the shows, & enjoying the 80 degree weather over the weekend. Happy Birthday Bill!

Rosa Facciuto gave me the scoop on a recent outing that she & Mo Watson & Velva Saltarelli & Mary Hoffa had. They went down to the Big Wheel & rode the ferris wheel & enjoyed the beautiful view, a real thrill over the water. Then they went next door for lunch on the Pier at the Fisherman's restaurant. They even got a free bucket of clams! Sounds like a fun day.

Orlie Saltarelli will celebrate his 88th birthday on May 30th with a small family gathering at Sunrise in Edmonds where he & Velva reside. Happy Birthday to Orlie. Velva also told me about some of the fun & healthy activities she participates in. She had been in the Floral Club of Seattle for 45 years & was recently invited to join the one in Edmonds. She also appreciates that her friend Mo Watson picks her up twice a week & they spend an hour in the pool at the Y. They head to the waterfront in Edmonds after their water exercise where they eat their sandwiches & enjoy the view, some conversation & relaxation. (side note - Mo was a Saltarelli, then married a Manzanares & now goes by her mother's maiden name of Watson which she finds a lot easier than having to spell her previous last names!)

Personally, I find it inspiring to hear of all the things our senior members do that keep them so vital - physically & mentally. Age is only a number.

We wish everyone a wonderful Summer, a Happy 4th of July, & safe travels. We pray that we will all feel refreshed & be in good health when we return in September.



Gemma & Angela (the sisters)

CWU's Paramedicine Program Launches Paramedic's Career in the Other Washington

"We are beginning to re- think, from the ground up, how emergency medical services [EMS] operate and are ultimately reimbursed for their services. This project alone has the potential to transform EMS as we know it,"



said Dana Pirolo, a recent graduate of Central Washington University's bachelor of science in paramedicine degree program. "To be a part of something so groundbreaking is the career experience of a lifetime."

Last fall, Pirolo was selected competitively to intern with the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) in Washington, DC. He worked closely with Gregg Margolis, director of ASPR's Division of Health Systems and Health Care Policy. Pirolo credits landing the prestigious internship directly to his enrollment in the CWU paramedicine program and to director Keith Monosky's prodigious reputation in the field.

A graduate of Governor John R. Rogers High School in Puyallup, Pirolo started in EMS initially as a volunteer firefighter. He then went on to Bates Technical College to pursue an associate's degree in fire science while working for Riverside Fire and Rescue in Puyallup.

"I worked as an EMT [emergency medical technician], running 911 calls—I loved doing that kind of work, particularly in being able to participate in hands-on medical interventions," he said. "But I knew I needed more education. I looked around and CWU was one of only a few in the nation that offered a bachelor's degree in paramedicine."

Pirolo's enthusiasm for the paramedicine program and his intense intellectual drive gained the attention of Margolis, who was presenting an online guest lecture during a web conference.

"I was really impressed by Dana's interest and insight during my online lecture and encouraged him to consider applying for an internship," Margolis said. "During the selection process, it was clear that he had a strong academic foundation and keen analytical mind. We are really glad that Dana joined our team and he really provided an important field perspective during

our policy work."

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Dana Pirolo (continued)

"I would like to thank Professor Monosky for his assistance in making the internship possible," Pirolo added. "I can say without any question that I would not be where I am or have made the progress I have without his guidance, and for that I am truly grateful.

"Throughout my time at ASPR, I was tasked with several assignments that my education at Central directly prepared me for. Every aspect of material that I studied during the course of my major prepared me for the high-caliber projects that I was fortunate to be a part of."

Pirolo was included in projects related to the meningitis outbreak and the Hurricane Sandy response. Pirolo discovered that he could not have picked a better time to be a part of the ASPR team in Washington, DC.

"In a disaster, the community responds with the systems and the resources that are in place at the time, so those systems and resources have to be prepared on a day-to-day basis to handle all kinds of disasters. The question is how to ensure that those systems and resources are ready," Pirolo explained. "The real-time experience of being part of discussions and the generation of solutions to major problems as they presented has been phenomenal.

"I could not have asked for a better opportunity to learn. Not only have I been contributing to many great projects but I have also had the opportunity to meet many extraordinary people along the way, including HHS [Health and Human Services] and ASPR leaders."

Pirolo will continue his studies in a master's degree program at The George Washington University in Washington, DC, as well as instructing EMTs as an adjunct faculty member there. He also seeks to finish the aviation studies program he started at CWU; one of his long-term goals is to serve as a flight paramedic and provide medical air transport. Pirolo continues to work with ASPR supporting the development of policies on the broader integration and promotion of EMS in the healthcare system, and exploring options for funding those services.

"We need to work to better integrate EMS as a healthcare service into the broader healthcare system," said Pirolo. "Similar to other clinical providers, EMS also needs to evolve to ensure it is delivering quality, efficient, and cost-effective care to all those it serves daily."

Throughout all of this, Pirolo continues his "boots-on-the-ground," hands-on work with patients by serving as a paramedic in Washington. DC.

"It's one thing I won't give up," he said. "It's part of who I am." For more information about CWU's Paramedicine program, visit www.cwu.edu/health-science/paramedicine.

To learn more about ASPR and its work in emergency care, visit www.phe.gov.

Full restoration for Columbus statue after years of vandalism By Brandi Kruse, Reporter for KIRO Radio

A statue of Christopher Columbus that sat on Seattle's waterfront for decades has a new home: a city-owned warehouse on West Marginal Way.

The 1,200-pound bronze figure was brought to the building to be restored after years of vandalism at the hands of protesters who believe the explorer is a symbol of "colonialism, imperialism and genocide."

Tiffany Hedrick, a conservation technician for the city of Seattle, has worked diligently to remove "unidentifiable paint, which was similar in consistency to road paint" that covered the majority of his body. She has now begun a repatination process to give the statue back some of the color it lost.

"After severe vandalism, we had to sandblast the entire surface," Hedrick said. "You can see that he's been brought down to the basic state of the metal."

The statue was donated to the city's art collection by the Italian Club of Seattle in 1978, and since that time has sat on Seattle's Waterfront Park between piers 57 and 59.

Hedrick said the statue could not be restored on location because of environmental concerns.

Calandra Childers, a spokesperson for the Office of Arts & Culture, said the city attempted to protect the statue from vandalism in 2009 by placing a crate around it on Columbus Day of that year.

"We put a big box around him, essentially, on the pier and had signage saying he's being crated just for Columbus Day and that was to protect him from that paint," Childers said. "And that worked for a couple of years and then unfortunately some people broke into the crate in 2011 and he had paint poured on him again."

The city decided to remove the statue prior to Columbus Day 2012 to avoid further damage.

"I understand that it happens across the country, that there's a number of Christopher Columbus statues that have been hit and our goal here is really just to keep him safe," Childers said.

According to Childers, a full restoration of the piece will cost the city around \$1,000 plus labor.

Once the statue is removed from the warehouse, it will be placed at a temporary location until planned construction on the waterfront is complete. Childers said the city will work with the community where it is placed to prevent damage in the future.

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ITALIAN CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meetings:

 Drinks & Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the SECOND Thursday of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall

Trustee Meetings:

First Thursday of every other month

June 2013		
7th	Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night (NY Yankees)	
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	

July 2013		
4th	Independence Day	
	No <i>il Ficcanaso</i> in July or August	

August 2013		
4th	Italian Heritage Day Emerald Downs	
6th	Festa Volunteer Meeting, Mt. Virgin Church, 7PM	
18th	All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley	
22-24	Festa Italiana, Portland, OR	



October 2013

10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
12-13	Festa Italiana, Reno, NV

November 2013



12th	Festa Volunteer Dinner
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM



New Membership By Diana Kaczor, Chairman

Please welcome our two new members Cathymarie Baroletti and Margaret Ward (Di Julio). We look forward to seeing them at future meetings.

Do you have friends or family interested in joining our club? The club continues to offer a great deal for those interested in joining: The \$75.00 initiation fee is waived for new applicants. New applicants can join for \$50.00 instead of \$125.00, well under 50% of the normal cost to join the club. Please have them use the Application button found on the club's web site: http://www.italianclubof-seattle.org.

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WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Ron Roletto. The Birthday Winner for May was Katherine "Kathy" (Scaringi) Langenegger.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners: Paul Pioli (2x), Marie Dahlgren, Martin Nigrelle (3x), Michael Troiani, Dick Whitney, Judy Seth Collins,

Delores DeVitis - all of whom won last month - and Maria Bellavita, Barb Galluccio and Max Leone.

Progressive Prize: Of \$75 was won by Michael Troiani. Jackpot now goes back to \$25.









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