

General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
December 12th, 2013
6:30pm
Mount Virgin
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Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!!

As I write this message we are just beginning the Christmas Holiday season. Thanks in advance go out to those who have taken on the task of organizing both the Adult & Children's Christmas parties.

Audrey Manzanares and Linda Madrid have put in plenty of time bringing together the Adult Christmas party. Thanks also go out to Michael & Kimberly Carrosino for sponsoring the Club to have the event at the Seattle Yacht Club.

Thanks also to Nichole Nyblod for organizing the upcoming Children's party and thanks to Tom Grossi for ensuring the space is once again available.

I'm confident the events will produce very satisfied attendees.

As the New Year looms ever closer I'm interested to hear feedback from the membership as to any new directions the club could take in the next 12 months. We will have the same social opportunities, via the 10 general meetings, and social events (Crab Feed, Mariners game, Community Picnic, seasonal events, etc.). Are there other activities you want the club to engage in? Are there actions the club is missing out on? Are there opportunities the club needs to be making or taking to better increase the value of the club to its members? If you have an answer other than "No", please share your thoughts with myself or a member of the board. This club belongs to the membership, let's take steps to ensure the membership is getting full value from the club. We still have not been able to address any specific community giving opportunity for the club, your suggestions are more than welcome.

Additionally as the New Year comes we are a month closer to the retirement of our current Sargent-at-arms. Please see the article on page 2 for more details.

Please accept my best wishes that each of you will be able to make some time in your schedules to enjoy time with your family & friends. Despite all the focus on shopping and gift giving, it is spending time with those that mean the most to us that is one of the most important joys of the holiday. May 2014 be a year full of joy & prosperity for each of you & your families. Buon Natale & Felice Anno Nuovo.

Martin

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.



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Adult's Christmas Party.....Linda Madrid &
Audrey Manzanares

Bylaws.....Barbara Peretti

Casino.....Michael Lazzaretti

Crab Dinner.....Anna Popovich

Children's Christmas Party Nichole Nyblod

Day at the RacesJoe Galluccio

Festa Sausage Booth Tom Grossi &
Joe Galluccio

Golf TournamentBrian DiJulio

Halloween Party.....Andrea Petrone

Health.....Gemma Thielges

LuncheonsAudrey Manzanares

Mariner Baseball Night.....Martin Nigrelle

Miss Italian Club.....Audrey Manzanares

New MembershipDiana Kaczor

Parliamentarian.....Lou Cella

PicnicRon Roletto

ScholarshipDiana Kaczor

Sounders Soccer Night.....Martin Nigrelle

Election of New Officers Set for December Meeting

By: Dorothy I. Miori Whitney

The nominating committee chaired by Dorothy I Miori Whitney presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Members will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting. They are as follows:

President: *Marty Nigrelle*

Vice President: *Diana Kaczor*

Secretary: *Dennis Caldirola*

Treasurer: *Joseph Galluccio*

Trustees: *Audrey Manzanares*

Tom Grossi

Michael Lazzaretti

Trustees (returning for their second year):

Barbara Galluccio

Linda Madrid

Past President: *Monte Marchetti, ex-officio*

New Sargent-at-Arms Needed

By Club President Martin Nigrelle

Ron Roletto's last meeting as Sargent-at-Arms will be the January 2014 meeting. Ron has taken the role very seriously and done a great job for the last 20 years. He has confirmed he will be around as a reference for any advice & tips. The club needs someone ready to step up and take Ron's place. The duties include but are not limited to:

- Delivering the beverages, ice & cups to each general meeting.
- Ensuring the flags and microphone are set up at each general meeting.
- Procuring/Storing:
 - Beverages,
 - Raffle prizes
 - Banquet permit for each general meeting.
- Running the raffle for each general meeting.

These tasks mean that the Sargent-at-Arms is often one of the first people to arrive at the meeting and one of the last to leave. It is not a small commitment to take on. It may be a job for two people to divide and conquer.

Please contact me directly if you have interest in being the club's new Sargent-at-Arms. Thanks!

Martin

Health & Welfare - October 2013

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges,
Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright



Lena Boitano, popular long-term member of the Italian Club and President of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1994 and 1995, passed away on October 28, 2013. She was 89 years old. May she rest in peace.

Joanne Lazzaretti reported that she was thankful that her son Michael was not injured when he rescued a woman friend who was being assaulted in the restroom at Harborview Hospital. They had visited Michael's girlfriend who had surgery there & then stopped to use the restrooms before leaving. Michael heard screams for help & went into the women's restroom to find his friend being choked in one of the stalls. He had to struggle to get the man's hands from around the woman's neck & pull him out of there. Michael was applauded by staff & others after the police arrived. His heroism was greatly appreciated. They later learned that the man was a level 3 sex offender & had priors of armed robbery, rape and failure to register as a sex offender.

Estelle Di Julio turned 102 in Nov. & Mary Beth Di Julio turned 92.

Joanne Lazzaretti is back at home after her fall & extended stay at Aegis in Bellevue.

Ginny Grossi is also back home after falling, going through surgery for a broken hip & a stay at Pacific Regents in Bellevue. I want to mention that I saw Nick Grossi using a cane one Sunday at church. He said his kids had made him promise to use it, they don't want him falling too. When I saw him at the Past Presidents' lunch at Il Fornaio I asked him "where's your cane?". He said he told his son & daughter-in-law that he didn't bring his cane because he wanted to avoid having people coming up & asking him why he was using a cane. And then I had to go up & ask him why he wasn't using his cane!

Mary Hoffa is at Merrill Gardens in Renton, doing quite well after her fall on Oct. 19th in front of Mt. Virgin Church. The stitches from the cut on her head were removed on Nov. 19th. She is planning to go home after the holidays.

Lou Cozzetti passed away on Nov. 4th. He was 74, had been a member of the Club in years past but more recently lived in AZ.

I received a call from Helen Carrosino after the Nov. meeting & she said she'd noticed that Robert Ruppin had left the meeting early, apparently wasn't feeling well. She wondered if he was o.k. I talked with Antonette Ruppin who said that Robert did

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Breaking News!

The Italian Club annual Christmas Party was a huge success! A capacity crowd filled the dining room at the Seattle Yacht Club on December 1st. A wonderful dinner was presented with singing entertainment and live music. The Yacht Club was beautifully decorated for Christmas which created great ambience. A big thank you to the co-chair's of this event, Audrey Manzanares and Linda Madrid, for all their efforts and a job done so well. Photos on page 6.



CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 6:30PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Ocean Fresh Dungeness Crab!

Spaghetti Aglio, Olio e Pepperoncino
drawn butter, rolls and ice cream

Beer, Wine, Soda

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Tickets : \$40/per person or \$400/per table



Past President's Luncheon November 13, 2013 at Il Fornaio Restaurant

Health & Welfare (continued)

leave the meeting early, he just started feeling a bit ill but soon after they left, he seemed much better & has been fine ever since. They appreciated that Mike Kaczor got him a chair, Mike Lazzaretti helped him to the car & Pat Collucio drove them home. They also appreciated our concern. Nice to know that our members care about & watch out for each other.

Rosa Facciuto (right) recently attended the celebration & installation of the new Rainier beer "R" sign which was attached to the top of the former Rainier Brewery. This new "R" is lit on both sides now. Rosa said it was a thrill when at the end of the countdown the "R" lit up in the dark. She had "some" beer while awaiting the big event. Here's a photo of her that evening wearing one of the props they had available - a big sombrero & a serape (shawl or wrap):



Our sympathies to member Angie Molinaro (age 99) whose brother Martin Vezzetti passed away recently at the age of 102. Sympathies also to their younger sister Sally Morgan (age 93).

Have a Very Blessed Christmas & we hope & pray that in 2014 we will all enjoy good health & many happy times with family & friends. Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

ITALIAN CLUB'S 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SEATTLE YACHT CLUB



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

December 2013



	No Trustee meeting this month
1st	Italian Club Christmas Gala Seattle Yacht Club
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Children's Christmas Party Northcut Landing
17th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

January 2014



1st	New Year's Day
2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
22nd	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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February 2014



	No Trustee meeting this month
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Crab Dinner St. Alphonsus
19th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

March 2014

6th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
21st	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

April 2013



	No Trustee meeting this month
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

Other Dates of Note:

August 17, 2014 NW Italian Community Picnic

August 21-23, 2014 Festa Italiana Portland

September 6 & 7, San Gennaro Festival, Seattle*

September 13 Festa Italiana Mass in Italian

September 18 Italian Club Golf Tourney*

September 23 Festa Italiana Luncheon

September 26 Festa Italiana "Taste of Italy"

September 27 & 28 Italian Festival, Seattle Center

October 11 & 12 Great Italian Festival, Reno

October 19 Seattle Fidele Homemade Wine Fest*

*dates subject to change

Dennis Caldirola

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WINNERS

The drawings were conducted by Ron Roletto and the winners were as follows:

The birthday winner for November was Joanne Marchese.

Turkey's were won by Joel Paitence, Maria Bellavia, Carole Bishop, Bill Ward, Joanne Marchese, Linda Madrid, Ron Warezak, Anna Popovich, Audrey Manzanares, Dennis Caldirola, Robert Sylvester, Paul Pioli.

Sprits and coffee cards were won by Monte Marchetti, Katheryn Langenecker, Dick Whitney, Mike Kaczor, Dale Bonn, Delores DeVitis, Dawn Peretti, Carole Bishop, Linda Madrid, Mike Bailey, Lucy Salle, Mike Troiani, Linda Jacobin, Maria Bellavia, Bil Picchena, Dot Whitney, Diana Warezak, Joanne Lazzaretti, Monte Marchetti, Ron Roletto.

The Progressive Prize of \$100 was won by Inez Belotti who was present to claim the prize! The jackpot now goes back to \$25.00



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