

General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
January 10th, 2014
6:30pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall

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**Felice Anno
Nuovo**

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Children's Christmas Party Chairman Nicole Nyblod & Diana Kaczor

The Children's Christmas Party was a great success. We had 48 attendees and a good time was had by everyone.

Santa Claus came in all his splendor and as usual presented all the children with great gifts. The atmosphere at Northcut Landing was very festive, which only added to the great breakfast was catered by Celebrations Catering. Thanks again to Jerry Lewis and Kirsten Sanchez for all their help.

Message from the President

Felice Anno Nuovo a Tutti!!

May 2014 be a year full of joy & prosperity for each of you & your families.

It occurs to me a few folks had questions at the general meeting in December. In the last few years the December dinner has been covered by the Club. In 2013 it was not. As 2013 did not present the Club with the same finances as were budgeted, I chose to spend less on the Club in December and chose a gesture that benefits a broader cross-section of our membership: the printing of the monthly newsletter in color. I hope this clears up any questions about our December finances.

As we begin to look over the budget for 2014, the New Year brings us the opportunity review and renew those things that are important to the Club. This will be represented in the budget to be ratified for the year. I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to make their voice heard when the budget review period is open this month. Your input will help guide the Club.

This year we will be looking at funding the scholarship from our own funds (unless we receive any earmarked donations, as in the past. Thanks, Art!) and we will be looking at the various events that are sponsored by the Club. There are a number of special events that our members and their family are not charged for. If these events are part of what makes the Club important to you, please let us know. With different levels of attendance, some events may not be our best effort for the Club. That said, we are fortunate to have had the Club's assets do well in the funds that Barbara Galuccio has recommended and we can continue to ensure the Club will be here for our future generations.

It is with our future generations in mind that I feel like the Club has an opportunity to create a legacy for itself by choosing a way or ways to become more involved in – to help out, or give back to – the Seattle Italian-American community. I intend bring more speakers to our general meetings so we can be better in touch

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Health.....**Gemma Thielges**

Luncheons**Audrey Manzanares**

Mariner Baseball Night.....**Martin Nigrelle**

Miss Italian Club.....**Audrey Manzanares**

New Membership.....**Diana Kaczor**

Parliamentarian.....**Lou Cella**

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Diana Kaczor**

Sounders Soccer Night.....**Martin Nigrelle**

Our Sargent-at-Arms in Transition

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. Robert Sylvester has agreed to take on the role. I have had a chance on a couple of meetings to perform some part of the tasks bestowed on the Sargent-at-Arms – it is no small affair. Thankfully Ron has confirmed he will be around as a reference for any advice and tips. Robert will not be required to wear flashy footwear! That task Ron has agreed to keep. I'm not sure many of us could have taken that task on in a manner anywhere near to the way Ron has. Ron, not only will your efforts be remembered, so too will your shoes!

Some of you may not know it was Robert who has brought his portable stereo & CD so that we could have Italian Music to listen to during the first part of our general meetings.

My thanks and the thanks of the Club as a whole go out to both men at this time. To Ron for more than 20 years of faithful service. And to Robert for agreeing to take on the role going forward. Please welcome Ron as a regular member of the Club beginning in February 2014 and remember to share an encouraging word with Robert as he becomes our new Sargent-at-Arms in February 2014.

Ron & Robert, I wish you each buona fortuna in your new roles in the Club this year. Thanks!!!

President (continued)

with the community and, in so doing, be a more significant part of the community. If you are part of an Italian-American group or entity that has little to no representation in our Club, let me know if you would like to make a presentation to the Club.

Thanks for your continued support and again best wishes for an incredible 2014.

Ciao a tutti,

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.

Health & Welfare

*by Gemma Di Julio Thielges,
Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright*



Joanne Lazzaretti is back in rehab. This time she's at the Caroline Kline Galland Home at 7500 Seward Park Ave. S. in Seattle. The phone number there is 206-725-8800. She developed an infection, was in the hospital for 3 days & now is in the care facility. We'll pray that she can be back home well before Christmas.

Rosa Facciuto, Velva Saltarelli and two others from their "girls club" attended a fund raiser for the St. Francis Hospital auxiliary in Federal Way. Rosa said "it was such fun bidding on all the various types & sizes of women's purses. Joanne McDaniels had decorated our tea table and entered the competition for best decorated table but she didn't win even though her table was lovely. After the tea, we girls supported the affair by each of us coming home with a lovely purse." These women know how to keep happy & healthy by participating in so many fun & worthwhile activities.

Anna Tucci sent in some happy news – "Tucci-Ringstad family welcomed Rachael Mari on December 1, 2013. She now too shares a birthday with both grandpas...Alfonso Tucci and Kolbjorn Ringstad!"

This bit of news came in from Martin Nigrelle – "After several months of demolition, infrastructure update, and remodel, Martin Nigrelle & his wife Kacy Cole finished the first phase of their basement upgrade: an apartment for Kacy's mom. Yes, Marty has a true mother-in-law living in his MiL. Marty & Kacy welcome Jane Cole back to Seattle. Jane moved in, in mid-December. Now as to when they can finish the rest of the basement, including Den/Man Cave with a wet bar, the jury is still out..."

Joe & Barbara Galluccio spent a wonderful weekend in San Diego, last month, in balmy 70 degree weather visiting with Joe's Naval Academy buddies & their wives. They caught up on old times. Best of all, Navy beat Army and is headed to a Bowl game! They hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and sent wishes for a Happy New Year to everybody!

Chip Di Julio reports that they took a trip to South America earlier in 2013 and have a 3 week trip to South Africa and a one week trip to Germany (where his wife is from) planned for February. We wish them safe travels.

Are you interested in having dinner with the Jesuits in Rome, Italy in May 2014? Contact Brian Di Julio if you'd like more information. They apparently have about 14 people who are already planning on taking the trip.

Hope we're all off to a good New Year & that we'll be able to live up to those resolutions we might have made. Let's pray for good health for all of us.

\$40.00
PER PERSON

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As usual, notices for 2014 membership dues were mailed out the first week of December. However, notices were not sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1st nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. All of those members have already been sent their 2014 membership cards. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949 and just turned 94 on Christmas Day.

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for 35 years. Our records show that out of 229 members, 33 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the January meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 46¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. On January 26th, postal rates will be going up to 49¢ so for the Club, this is no small saving.

Vi inviamo i nostri più sentiti auguri di un prospero anno novo.

Dennis Caldirola

Italian New Year Traditions

From: www.123newyear.com/newyear-traditions/italian.html

The Romans prepare for the New Year celebrations with great excitement and joy. The New Year is known as 'January Kalends'. The preparations start with decoration of houses and work places. Lights are adorned and greenery is given much preference during the New Year Italian decorations.

The Italian people wear new clothes and exchange gifts on these days. The gifts play very vital role in bringing fortune to homes. People are extra careful in choosing the right presents for their loved ones. The Italian New Year gift items that are considered very lucky sweets, honey jar, Gold, silver, money, coins and lamps. Every gift denotes something very special features and this is the reason that Italian people love spreading their happiness by sharing these gifts.

Honey signifies sweetness and peace; gold and other precious metals are to bring prosperity and lamps are to illuminate the year with light.

Another funny tradition in Italy on New Year is to wear red inner wears. It is auspicious to welcome the new beginning by ringing in 'La Fiesta di San Silvestro' which means - New Year's Eve in Italy.

Cotechino con Lenticchie is a traditional Italian pork sausage and lentil dish for the new year. This traditional dish combines two of Italy's culinary symbols of good luck – the lentil and the pig. This dish originated in Modena and has become a celebratory dish for the new year throughout Italy.



The recipe for Cotechino con Lenticchie can be found on the Internet at: www.huffingtonpost.com/franco-lania/cotechino-con-lenticche-t_b_4503204.html.

Italian Wedding Soup

Ingredients

For the meatballs:

- 3/4 pound ground chicken
- 1/2 pound chicken sausage, casings removed
- 2/3 cup fresh white bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic (2 cloves)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus extra for serving
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 extra-large egg, lightly beaten
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the soup:

- 2 tablespoons good olive oil
- 1 cup minced yellow onion
- 1 cup diced carrots (3 carrots), cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 3/4 cup diced celery (2 stalks), cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 10 cups homemade chicken stock
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup small pasta such as tubetini or stars
- 1/4 cup minced fresh dill
- 12 ounces baby spinach, washed and trimmed

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

For the meatballs, place the ground chicken, sausage, bread crumbs, garlic, parsley, Pecorino, Parmesan, milk, egg, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a bowl and combine gently with a fork. With a teaspoon, drop 1 to 1 1/4-inch meatballs onto a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. (You should have about 40 meatballs. They don't have to be perfectly round.) Bake for 30 minutes, until cooked through and lightly browned. Set aside.

In the meantime, for the soup, heat the olive oil over medium-low heat in a large heavy-bottomed soup pot. Add the onion, carrots, and celery and saute until softened, 5 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the chicken stock and wine and bring to a boil. Add the pasta to the simmering broth and cook for 6 to 8 minutes, until the pasta is tender. Add the fresh dill and then the meatballs to the soup and simmer for 1 minute. Taste for salt and pepper. Stir in the fresh spinach and cook for 1 minute, until the spinach is just wilted. Ladle into soup bowls and sprinkle each serving with extra grated Parmesan.



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

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March 2014	
6th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
21st	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

New Membership

*By Diana Kaczor ,
Chairman*

We have received two new membership applications. The club will be voting on the two applicants listed below in the January meeting.

The first is from Rosetta (Stella) Beyersdorf. Rosetta was born in Calabria, Italy. She is a retired Gourmet Cook. Rosetta's husband is Ronnie Beyersdorf.

The second application is from Tiffany McVeety. Tiffany's maiden name is Ossanna. Her family hails from Comune de Ossana, in Northern Italy. Tiffany is the founder & CEO of Girandola, a local company focused on creating tools for entrepreneurs. Tiffany is sponsored by Martin Nigrelle & Diana Kaczor.

We look forward to seeing Rosetta & Tiffany at a general meeting soon.

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

If you would like to receive the *il Ficcanaso* via e-mail rather than have it mailed to you, let us know. Send an e-mail to Dennis Caldirola (denniscaldirola1@gmail.com).

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>

April 2014	
	No Trustee meeting this month
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
20th	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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>

May 2014	
1st	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
22nd	Input Deadline for June <i>il Ficcanaso</i>





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WINNERS

The drawings were conducted by Robert "Bob" Sylvester.


The birthday winner for December was Anna Popovich.

Spirits and coffee cards were won by Monte Marchetti, Kathryn Scaringi Langenecker (2), Dick Whitney (3), Margaret Ward, Mike Albanese, Paul Pioli (2), Robert Sylvester, JoAnne Spino Marchese (2), Anna Popovich (2), Barb Galluccio, Nick Grossi and Linda Jacobin.

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 would have been won by Barb Peretti had she been present. The Jackpot now goes up to \$50.00.




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