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Last issue for the season – *il* Ficcanaso resumes in September

Going, Going, Going,,,,,

Want to play Bocce in Safeco Field? Want to cheer on the Mariners with a bunch of your friends in the Italian community? Yes to either or both of these questions? Then this is the event for you. The Mariners' 8th annual Italian Heritage Night is at 7:10pm, Saturday the 28th of June, 2014 in Safeco Field. The Mariners will be hosting the Cleveland Indians. Birra Peroni and the Mariners are hosting a bocce tournament as an added part of the festivities this year. The tournament will take place before the game. For those interested in Bocce in Safeco, there is no extra cost, but a ticket to the event is required. Please let Marty Nigrelle know via e-mail: Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com regarding your interest in playing Bocce. If bocce does not interest you, this is still a great opportunity to watch the game for a great price and get a free custom t-shirt.

Tickets for those who want to sit with the Italian Club (Field Level only) will be available for purchase at the June general meeting. Or they can be purchased via the dedicated web site: http://mariners.com/italian.

Ticket Pricing (includes a free tshirt) for this year's event is:

\$16.00 for View Level (Upper Level) or \$30.00 for Field Level.

Message from the President Salve Tutti!

Here comes the summer and a host of activities for the greater Italian community. It almost seems ironic that we do not have club meetings during this time, almost, but not really. The summer months in Seattle



are some of the best times to spend with family & friends enjoying the incredible environment that surrounds us. I hope everyone takes an opportunity to enjoy the next few months in and out of our community. Please see the list of summer activities inside this edition of the newsletter or in the calendar in the back of the newsletter.

Thanks go out to Robert Sylvester who has agreed to work with Tom Grossi as co-chair of the Festa Sausage Booth. Anyone interested in helping out at the booth should contact Tom or Robert. Along with the Crab Feed, this is one of the primary fund raising activities of the club, it is important we have the right people and the right number of people to help make the booth a success. Please consider volunteering at the booth, there are multiple jobs & time slots available, whether it be cooking or cashiering or in between, we could use your help.

The club still needs someone to chair the Italian Club of Seattle booth at Festa. The chairperson will be responsible for organizing volunteers to staff the booth & work with me to ensure the booth has the right items to share with the public in promotion of the club. This booth will be indoors & out of the weather. The people who staff this booth will be promoting the club to any interested patrons. Activities include handing out printed club information and/ or applications, collecting applications, and sharing the general good will of the club. Please contact me if you are interested in chairing or volun-(Continued on page 2) teering at the booth.

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President (continued)

Our caterer, Douglas Chiechi, chef/owner of Link Above the Rest, will be preparing a more traditional dinner for us at the June meeting. The logistics to grill hot dogs & hamburgers proved to be unreasonable.

I hope to see you at some of the activities in the next few months. Have an awesome summer! Best wishes to all of the Fathers out there, Festa del Papa!! Ciao,

Martín

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: <u>martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com</u>.

Presentations at General Meetings

At the May meeting we were graced with the opportunity to hear Nancy Grossi sing for us while accompanied on the piano by Kim Borom. For those of you who missed it, the performance was beautiful. We also heard from the people responsible for the new Italian language lending library. More information about the Library is included in the newletter.

The club owes thanks to Nancy & her accompanist for sharing their talents with us. Thanks also go out to Joel Patience & Franco Tessorieri who helped to organize each of the presentations at the May meeting.

If you know someone or a group that has an aspect of Italian culture to share, and can keep their presentation to 15 minutes (or less), please contact me, or anyone on the board to discuss scheduling a presentation at a General Meeting. Some General meetings may already be booked or have competing activities. The request should be made at least one month in advance of the intended meeting.

2014 Summer Events for the Greater Seattle Italian American Community

June 28th - Mariners Italian Heritage Night – Safeco Field August 3rd - Italian Day at the Races – Emerald Downs August 10th – Sounders Italian Night – Century Link Field August 17th – Italian Community Picnic – Royal Arch Park September 5th-7th – San Gennaro Festival – Georgetown September 27th & 28th – Festa Italiana – Seattle Center

Health & Welfare

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

It was good to see Remo Borracchini at our May meeting. Hopefully he's feeling as good as he looked. Also thankful that Joanne Lazzaretti was able to be at the meeting in spite of having spent the night in the hospital just two nights before. Fortunately the symptoms she experienced were apparently not as serious as they might have been.

Carole Bishop's 65+ USTA (tennis) team has made it to Sectionals at Sun River in late June/early July. She said "at our ages, if we don't all get heat stroke, it should be a blast!" Good luck to Carole & her team. Our September newsletter should have a report on how they did.

Ron Roletto went on a 7 day Alaska cruise with 6 cousins in early May. The weather was beautiful most of the time. They got to see the glaciers & mountains & several whales.

Angela & Bill Wright will be attending their granddaughter Rachel's graduation from Gonzaga Prep in Spokane.

Chip Di Julio had a bit of "bad news-good news" to share. On 5/8 they were driving to their vacation home on Blue Lake & the engine of their vehicle blew up 15 miles west of Ellensburg. They were towed to town, rented a van & got to the Lake at 11 p.m. The good news - they were able to get to Pullman to attend their grandson's graduation, they caught 12 trout from their dock at Blue Lake, & the engine was covered by extra purchase extended warranty!

We also had another "bad news-good news" report, this one from Bill Picchena. He has been ill with pneumonia, to E.R., terrible cough etc. He & his daughter Jacque, son-in-law Bill & grandson Roy were in Phoenix earlier in the month to do a final check of the house they're having built (which includes a room for Bill P.) He felt much better while they were in AZ but the symptoms returned once they got back here. However, he is now on the mend & plans to be at the June meeting. The home that Jacque & her husband are building should be completed in two weeks & will provide them a warm weather residence where they can escape during our rainy, cool winters.

Two other pneumonia victims - our son, Paul & my Aunt Estelle - thankfully all are back on the road to good health.

At age 95, Rosa Facciuto has recently added a water exercise routine at the local swimming pool, goes about 4 times a week, in addition to doing her yard work & staying involved with people. Our sympathies to her on the death of her 96 y.o. cousin.

John Brondello (right) wrote that he took his daughter, Maria, to "the homeland up in Cuneo, Italy for her graduation present." She is a Holy Names Academy grad. They got to visit the town of Brondello which was a real treat for them. They spent the week there & also visited Turino, Firenze, & Roma.

Domanique Peretti, former Miss Italian, the daughter of Dino and Sharon Peretti and granddaughter of Barbara Peretti completed her masters program in Athletic training from California Baptist University. Her proud parents were able to attend her Masters Hooding ceremony on April 29th and the formal graduation on May 3, 2014. Domanique was accepted for an intern position at University of California Berkeley in their Athletic Program and will start on July 1, 2014.



Happy Birthday to Angie Molinaro who will turn 100 on June 18th.

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Health & Welfare (continued)

It was reported at our May meeting that Art Oberto was in care at Kline Galland. Per Lucy Salle, he was not in care. He is still residing at Skyline & doing fine. However, I did call & confirm that John Croce is at Kline Galland. We can include him in our prayers.

Velva Saltarelli & her "girls' club" group had lunch at Arnie's in Edmonds, then did some bargain-hunting at The Goodwill store. Velva & niece Mo went for an overnight get-away, had fun at the Suquamish Casino, stayed at the Clearwater Hotel where they sat out in their swim suits with a nice view of the water in 80 degree weather. Also toured the area, over the Hood Canal Bridge, to Poulsbo, Port Gamble. Plenty to see & do right here in our beautiful state of Wa. Velva pointed out that Mt. Virgin will have a new pastor, Fr. Hung Nguyen, as of July 1st.

Anna Popovich reports that Bob was in the hospital in April & from there went to the Queen Anne Healthcare on Dexter. He was very weak but they are thankful that he is regaining his strength & has such a positive attitude - he's ready to come home! When I spoke with Anna on 5/20 she said it might be another week or so & then they hope to get him back home. They appreciate everyone's prayers & ask that they continue.

Brenda Elliott wrote saying that "Todd had a followup CT scan from his previous lung cancer treatment and his doctor saw a lymph node in the lung area that is swollen. We need to wait another two months for another CT scan to see if there are any changes. Please place Todd on your prayer list." Hopefully we will be able to include good news from them in our Sept. column.

Some belated greetings - Happy Anniversary to Jim & Joan Di Julio who celebrated 59 years of marriage on May 14th. Happy Anniversary to Dick & Dorothy Whitney who celebrated their 58th anniversary on May 26th.

I would like to thank all of you who sent in your news. We enjoy hearing about our members & the contributions were interesting & appreciated. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads. Wishing everyone a safe 4th of July & a wonderful summer.

Festa, San Gennaro, Festa, San Gennaro,,,, Why Not Both?

Some people may be debating about whether they can contribute to either of the two festivals in our community. One activity allows a person to do both, and it should prove to be fun, in and of itself. Come sit with your fellow members of the Italian community and watch the Sounders take on the Huston Dynamo. Word on the street is that it should be a good match.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets to the Sounders' second Italian event (via the supplied web site, details are below) will benefit both Festa Italiana & the San Gennaro festival.

When: 7:30pm, Sunday, August 10th, 2014 Where: Century Link Field Cost: \$24.00 (Savings of \$6.00) How to Purchase: Please visit the web site: <u>https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.</u> <u>html?l=EN&t=seattlemIs&o=269&g=675</u> – Special Promotion Code: italian

Fado Pub Wants Your Attenzione

The good folks at Fado Pub are making special preparations for the World Cup Soccer games in June & July. Voted as Seattle's #1 Soccer bar in both GQ & US Soccer, Fado will be serving special menu items & drinks for each of the matches. They are also offering semi-private viewing areas for group reservations. Patrons can join in the Heineken \$1 million bracket for free.

The Italian matches are scheduled for: Saturday, June 14th @ 3pm vs. England Friday, June 20th @ 9am vs. Costa Rica Tuesday, June 24th @ 9am vs. Uruguay Fado is located at 801 1st Avenue in downtown Seattle, phone: 206-264-2700.

Secretary's Report Dennis Caldirola

Well, the annual ritual of browbeating, cajoling and pleading with the members to pay their dues is finally over. After the dust had settled, we lost seventeen members which has become the norm over the past few years. The good news is that the Club somehow feels reinvigorated with so many members showing up for the meetings and activities because they really want to be there, and it seems that they're determined to have a good time.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 215 members, all of whom will be dutifully listed in the new Membership Roster which goes to press June 2nd. In this day of electronic databases and "Members Only" sections of organization websites, this could be the last time we actually print out all the names and addresses and bind them in a book. The ads that Nick Grossi works so hard to sell to our Roster sponsors might end up being utilized for the next ten years! Kudos to Nick for all his efforts on this.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone. Hope to see you at many of the various community events over the next three months!

Italian Club Day at the Races

Joe Galluccio, Chair

Day at the Races will be held at Emerald Downs Racetrack in Auburn, WA on Sunday August 3rd, Italian Heritage Day.

Join your Seattle Italian Club friends in the Shinpoch Room on the 5th Floor of the clubhouse for a fun filled day. The \$50 ticket includes admission to the track, reserved seat, a delicious buffet, and your tip sheet and program.

The menu includes tri tip steak with horseradish cream, grilled chicken with roasted garlic au jus, red potatoes with parley and garlic butter, seasonal vegetables, Emerald green salad with choice of dressings, assorted rolls & butter, fresh fruit medley, dessert bars & cookies, and a beverage station with coffee, tea and water.

Last year's record attendance included forty people. Mark your calendars for Sunday August 3rd, room opens at 1PM, races begin at 2PM. Be a winner, be part of the fun at Emerald Downs!

<u>Please make checks payable to the *Italian Club of Seattle*, with numbers of tickets requested. Either bring them to the treasurer at the June meeting, or mail them directly to Joe Galluccio at 7018 82nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040-5333.</u>

Seattle's Newest Library

Biblioteca Italiana Seattle (BIS) is now open every Sunday between 2 and 4 pm in a space kindly made available by the D'Ambrosio Gelato shop on Capitol Hill. BIS is a non-profit organization of volunteers that supports a library of books in Italian and of Italian authors translated in English.

They already have about 300 books! You can view the current list of books by clicking on the following Shelfari link <u>http://www.shelfari.com/o1514773841/shelf</u>

Library books can be borrowed in person. One of our volunteers will be there to assist you. Registration and library use are completely free of charge.

They are hoping to increase the number of books in Italian and by Italian authors available at the library. To do so they need your help and donations of new and used books are highly appreciated. Feel free to contact us for more information and we will be happy to help you.

<u>bibliotecaitalianaseattle@gmail.com</u> check out our facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/bibliotecaitalianaseattle</u>

Italian Club of Seattle Golf Tournament

Benefitting Seattle U Baseball | MC'd by SU Sports Legend Johnny O'Brien!

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Date: Thursday, September 18th **Where:** Echo Falls Golf Course (Snohomish) **When:** 1pm, Shotgun Start (All start same time at different holes)

Sign Up Today!

\$125 per person includes:

Golf Cart, Greens Fees, Box Lunch, Italian Dinner, Tee Prizes!

Send in your RSVP Today, Make Check Payable to: Seattle University Athletic Dept. - Mail Reservation to: Brian DiJulio, 11166 Champagne Pt. Road, Kirkland, Washington 98034 (425)646-6630 or after 6pm at (425)820-4424

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| | No Trustee meeting this month |
| 12th | IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM |
| 28th | Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night (NY Yankees) |
| | No July <i>il Ficcanaso.</i> No inputs. |
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| July 2014 | | |
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| | No Trustee meeting this month | |
| 4th | Independence Day | |
| | No August <i>il Ficcanaso.</i> No inputs. | |
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August 20143rdItalian Day at Emerald Downs6thFesta Volunteer Meeting,
Mt. Virgin Church, 7PM17thAll Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley21-23Festa Italiana, Portland, OR25thInput Deadline for September
il Ficcanaso

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

| September 2014 festa | | |
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| 4th | Trustee Meeting | |
| 11th | IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM | |
| 13th | Festa Italiana Mass in Italian | |
| 18th | Italian Club Golf Tourney | |
| 23rd | Festa Italiana Luncheon | |
| 27th | Festa Italiana "Taste of Italy" | |
| 27-28 | Festa Italiana Seattle Center | |
| 30th | Input Deadline for October il Ficcanaso | |

October 2014

| | No Trustee meeting this month |
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| 9th | IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM |
| 11 & 12 | Italian Festival, Reno, NV |
| 19th | Seattle Fedele Homemade Wine Fest |
| 28th | Input Deadline for November il Ficcanaso |
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New Membership By Diana Kaczor, New Membership Chair

il Ficcanaso

Lucy Salle is applying for membership in The Seattle Italian Club. She is being sponsored by Robert and Antoinette Ruppin.

At the May general meeting the club voted in new member James Jacobin.

Please introduce yourself to James at our next event, welcome James!

Scholarships

by Diana Kaczor, Scholarship Chair

I have received three applications for scholarships from the following students: Danielle Peretti, Julia Panelli, and James Ferrese. All three have received scholarships from last year. (The submission period has closed.)

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).





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WINNERS

The drawing for the Raffle was conducted by our Sargent of Arms, Robert Sylvester.

The birthday winner for May was Bill Picchena.

Spirits and coffee cards were won by: Angela Wright, Vita Conforte, Martin Nigrelle, Lucy Salle, Linda Manning, Bill Picchena, JoAnne Lazzaretti, Ray Petre, Michael Troiani, Diana Kaczor, Mike Albanese, Barbara Galluccio, Judy Seth and Cathy Langenegger.

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 was won by Judy Lewis but she was not at the meeting. Therefore, the prize will jump to \$50.00 in June.







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