General Meeting, Dinner - Thursday, November 13th, 2014 6:30 pm Mount Virgin Church Hall

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Columbus Day – Italian Heritage Day, Indigenous Peoples Day?

Many of you expressed concern that the Mayor & City Council chose to move forward with the creation of a holiday celebrating Indigenous Peoples on the same day as the day known nationally as a federal holiday: Columbus Day. Your concerns have not gone unheard.

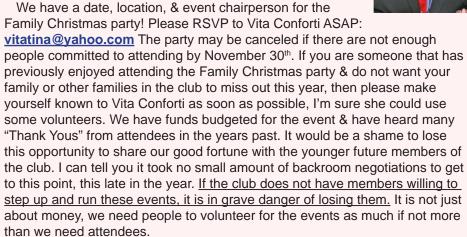
In early September multiple people from various parts of the Greater Seattle Italian-American community began their own efforts to express our dismay & disappointment with the process the members of City Hall took to create the holiday & their failure to include the local Italian-American community in the process. As it has happened before in our community, the communication of the various efforts was limited and as fractured as our community. This lead to some emotional expressions & ultimately a rude awakening: as a culture we are two things: fractured, and assimilated into the American mainstream. The members of City Hall did not think twice we were a community that may take offense to their actions, let alone have strong passions about Columbus Day. As the city moved forward with their resolution a number of people began to act together to bring unity, coherence, & clarity the voice of our community.

Those people have formed a group named: Italian American Heritage (Continued on page 5)

Message from the President

The club is in need of two things in short order!

- 1. Families & volunteers to attend the Italian Club of Seattle Family Christmas Party (December 14^{th,} 2014)
- 2. A new place to hold the General Meetings beginning in January 2015.



The chairperson of this event will have their task list reduced thanks to the efforts of multiple members already:

- Dom Driano has made multiple efforts to find several locations that we could use this year.
- Dennis Caldirola has been tirelessly putting the word out to the families to find a new event chair, location, etc.
- Andrea Petrone has offered to help by shopping for & wrapping the gifts for the children.
- Franco Tesorieri who along with his wife, are providing the space for free!
- · Vita Conforti who has graciously stepped up to chair the event.

Thanks go out to each of them for their commitment to help make the event happen this year.

We need a new place for the club to conduct our General Meetings. As noted previously the situation at Mt Virgin will be far less than optimal beginning in January. Increased limitations on the access to the hall coupled with an increase in the rental fee, make it impossible to continue to meet at Mt Virgin. As such the hunt is on for a new location we can call home. More news will be forthcoming in the December newsletter. Thanks to all of you who have submitted ideas & contact information for possible locations. New ideas are still welcome. (Continued on page 2)



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President (continued)

The need to move reminds me of how incredible it would be if there were a building dedicated to the Italian Community. I for one, am a great supporter of the idea that the Greater-Seattle Italian-American population should have a building of its own to serve as the community center for multiple Italian clubs, groups, & private functions. We used to have such a facility, but now we have multiple clubs meeting in various locations paying monies to other entities that do not necessarily have any interest in the Italian-American Community. How great would it be to have a meeting hall to call our own?!?!? Let me know if you share this interest.

Happy Thanksgiving to all the members & their families!!

Martin Nigrelle

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

Family Christmas Party Has a New Home

With barely any time left on the clock, the pieces of the puzzle have come together. There will be a Family Christmas Party this year.

The Preliminary Details at "press time" are:

Date: Sunday December 14th

Location: The Country Village Courtyard Hall

720 238th St. SE Bothell, WA 98021

Contact/Chairperson:

Vita Conforti

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Sausage Demonstration

Douglas Chiechi (below, top picture in white), our chef and his assistants, conducting a sausage making demonstration before the October general meeting. The sausages were served later at dinner. A large audience witnessed the demonstration.







Letter to the Editor

Andrea, congratulations on the successful party for our kids. It was so beautifully done...the food, the games, the organization, the camaraderie. It just couldn't have been nicer. You are a wonderful hostess!

Carole Bishop

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Health & Welfare

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

Judy & Nils Seth spent 3 weeks in October at their condo in Maui along with their daughter & 2 grandchildren. About 7 or 8 years ago there was an earthquake while they were over there, 2 years ago they happened to be there for a tsunami & now during this recent trip there was a hurricane scare which ended up veering to the south of most of the island chain so they were left unscathed. I think someone above is watching over them.

This came in from Tony La Stella in early Oct. - "Michele Carlton-La Stella, my better half, is recovering from serious surgery she had two weeks ago. Unfortunately this caused her to miss Festa Italiana for the first time in 15 years; where we normally run the Grape Stomp together. We were planning a trip to Italy in early October but it will take her another 4-6 weeks to recover, so we have postponed it for the time being. I am hosting Italian Night at the Rainier Club on November 21st where I am Music Director. The event will feature an upscale Italian concert with several artists. Also Italian Art, wines and travel presentations. The event is open to Rainier Club members and their guests, so if anyone is interested in attending please contact me directly. My Best, Tony."

Leona DeRocco Fallon informed me that John Croce is living in the Adult Family Home where her Dad Ed De Rocco has been living. They have had visits from many members of the Italian Club & Sons of Italy & they really appreciate that. Leona said if anyone wants to visit the address is 5608 S.W. Hanford St. in West Seattle. The phone number is 206-932-2788 & you are welcome to visit any time as long as you do not have a cold. Ed is 86 1/2 & has bladder cancer but Leona says he seems to be doing fairly well in spite of the disease. He still has a good appetite, enjoys a good glass of wine (or two+) on a regular basis. Nearly every Wednesday they use the Access bus to bring him to his son John's home in Seward Park so that they can all have dinner together. He seems to remember old friends & neighbors but his short term memory is not so good. Earlier in Oct. Holly & Cathy Croce arranged for both John & Ed to be transported to the Sons of Italy Annual Wine Tasting event where they honored Ed who had been the inaugural winner in 1970. That seemed to really please him.

Audrey Manzanares reports that her daughter Marissa is in L.A. attending the Fashion Institute there. Audrey was going to be attending the Reno Festa, then visiting friends in Singapore for two weeks, & spending Thanksgiving in L.A. She can travel with ease knowing that her dog, who she affectionately refers to as Stinky Lola will be well cared for by her house/pet sitter.

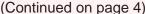
We offered prayers at the Oct. meeting for Velva Salterelli who was having hip surgery on Oct. 10th & for Jim Di Julio who had more cancer surgery on his face & head on Oct. 9th & for all those who are in need of prayers because of health issues or any other concerns.

Anthone (Tony) Mola passed away at age 90. He had been a member of the Club for 42 years. Our sympathies to his family.

When I checked with Sunrise (where Velva Saltarelli resides) on Oct. 13th, they told me Velva's surgery went well & that she is recovering nicely. She will probably spend a little time in a rehab facility before returning to her apartment at Sunrise. I got the same great report from Velva's niece Audrey Manzanares on Oct. 14th. She confirmed that Velva is doing very well. Good to hear!

I got a message on my phone with "Gemma, Gemma it's Bill Picchena"! He & daughter Jacque, son-in-law Bill, & granddaughter Jillian are off to Miami to board a Disney Cruise ship heading to the Bahamas & the Virgin Islands. They were leaving on Sat. 10/25 & returning the first part of Nov. Bon Voyage!

The Galluccios reported that they "went on a cruise to Spain & Portugal aboard the Marina in September with Barbara's cousin and husband. The weather was beautiful, the history and ports were wonderful. We were lucky enough to see both the room in the incredible Alhambra palace (top right) where Columbus met Queen Isabella to arrange the trip to the New World, and Seville where he reported back to her in the palace and where he is buried in the cathedral. (DNA from bone fragments that Spain says are from the explorer — and are buried in a cathedral in Seville, — with DNA extracted from remains known to be from Columbus' brother Diego, who is also buried in the southern Spanish city (lower right). Additional highlights included Gibraltar, Tangiers, (which was delightful!) and four days in Portugal which we enjoyed even more than Spain."



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Health & Welfare (continued)

Linda Madrid & husband Don Gulden have been busy. Linda's daughter was married in September. They had a big, Italian wedding (her daughter married an Italian). Danny Quintero entertained & is also scheduled to provide the music/entertainment at the Italian Club Christmas gala. Linda & Don took a trip to Spain & Portugal. Sounds like they saw many of the sights that the Galluccio's saw. They flew into Madrid & joined a tour group from there on to Fatima, Lisbon, Seville, Grenada etc. etc. They were very impressed with the Montserrat, just outside of Barcelona. They enjoyed great food & drink & great weather. They also noted that there were many celebrations in honor of Columbus that were held all over Spain & Portugal. Linda will be heading to California to see a niece who is a high school senior, involved in many special activities there. But she will return home on the 10th in time to attend our Nov. meeting.

After celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary this month at the LaStrada El Dorado Casino in Reno, Mary & Angelo Merlino will spend the winter at their condo in Honolulu. President Nigrelle & his wife Kacy spent a long weekend at the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara in celebration of her birthday.

Thank you all for your contributions to this column. It's really the members' column. I think it's especially nice to hear about our members who are not able to attend the meetings & nice for them to hear about everyone else since they can't be in touch as much.

Happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for.

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee Met that last of September, 2014 the committee included Dorothy I. Miori Whitney Chairwoman, Anna Popovich Past President and Brian DiJulio Past President. At this time the committee would like to place in Nomination the following.

Nomination for 2015 Officers President: Diana Kaczor Vice President: Linda Madrid Secretary: Dennis Caldirola Treasurer: Joseph Galluccio

Trustees: Tom Grossi, Michael Lazzaretti, Barbara

Galluccio, Vince Ferrese, Joel Patience

Past President: Martin Nigrelle

Nominations from the floor will be open at the November Meeting.

Further Festa Thanks

My apologies for omissions in the last newsletter. The Club had a number of other members who Chaired or Co-Chaired other activities at Festa 2014.

For quite a number of years club members Ray & Caroline Petre have been the Chairpersons in charge of the Historical Photo Display at Festa. For those of you who have not seen the photo display, it really is quite something. It's not uncommon to see someone brought to tears by the display, or to find a photo of someone from their family that they were not aware of. The display renews the sense of involvement & commitment local Italian-Americans had previously & have now for Seattle.

Andrea Petrone has taken on the nearly thankless task of running the Festa Info booth for better than five years now. The Info booth serves not only as the hub for patrons to get information about the event, but as the default location for new volunteers to report to, and the majority of raffle tickets are sold at the Info Booth. It's no small task to run an Info booth with volunteers some of whom have never been to our event before, but Andrea makes it work every year.

For two years now Joel Patience & Dale Bonn have managed to pull off a great art show at Festa. The Art show at Festa has gone so well they have received requests to produce similar shows at other events. The art show is a great way for Festa to increase our cultural footprint and as it happens a possible source of income when the art on display is sold.

Vita Conforti was responsible for the Festa Mass in Italian, one of the first events of Festa each year. Truly one part of Festa that demonstrates our ties to Italy & the "mother tongue".

Our Ex Officio Monte Marchetti was another member representing the Italian Club of Seattle at our booth inside the Fisher Pavillion.

The new sign in our booth was donated by club member Andrew Comer, & his company Commercial Displayers. The sign (a nearly three hundred dollar value) will be around years to come to be used at Festa & other events.

And for the record; Martin Nigrelle (me) was in charge of the Festa Mass reception, along with the running the Festa Chef's Stage.

A Big Thanks goes out to these and all of the club members who make the time & effort to ensure Festa Italiana in Seattle is and continues to be a great event!

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Columbus Day (continued)

Alliance. The IAHA is formed of various business, legal, & civic leaders in the greater Seattle area who are uniting to address the issues City Hall has created in their resolution. We have local & regional representation from the Order of the Sons of Italy (OSIA), Italian Chamber of Commerce for the Pacific North West (ICCPNW), National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), Italian Club of Seattle (ICoS), the Italian Community Hall (CASA), the Dante Alighieri Society (Dante), West Side Italian Civic Club (WSICC), & concerned individuals. The group is still growing and taking steps to guarantee the various parts of our community are represented, or at the very least are given a chance to participate, no Italian-Americans left behind so to speak. One of the keystones of this group is to ensure that we are sending a unified message to the public, the press, & the politicians in matters regarding the community, its relations with City Hall, & the celebration of our heritage. The IAHA is dedicated to inclusion & communication in our community.

Early on, in a more loosely organized fashion, before the 2014 Columbus Day holiday, members of the group were responsible for multiple communications with the Mayor & City Council of Seattle, including separate in office meetings with Councilman Licata & the Mayor, public testimony at council meetings, creating a Facebook page, reaching out to national representatives, fundraising, a press conference, & a full page ad in the Seattle times.

The group's next steps include a survey of voters registered in the City of Seattle, fundraising, & investigation into the alternatives before us in the public & political arenas.

As the group continues to move forward, we will make sure to communicate with & include the community at large in our efforts & strategies, while continuing to seek input from the community in terms of what are our priorities & where our opportunities lie.

The way the City of Seattle treated (or did not treat at all) the Italian-Americans in Seattle during this process should serve as a slap in our collective faces all across our fragmented community. If we want to be recognized, we need to unite & speak as one. The IAHA is dedicated to make that happen.

If you want the City of Seattle to begin to formerly celebrate the Italian-American culture that helped make Seattle what it is today and / or you have an interest in being a part of the IAHA or in contributing money, or simply knowing more, please feel free to reach out to Martin Nigrelle (Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com), President of the Italian Club of Seattle, for more information & opportunities in the group.



LET'S GO TO SORRENTO!

Italian Club of Seattle Annual Christmas Gala

Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 pm Sorrento Hotel Seattle

\$60 Buffet Dinner and Dancing

Music by Danny Quintero

Special Valet Parking and Room Rates available for attendees

Exciting Raffle Prizes!

RSVP: Linda Madrid madridscooter46@gmail.com 206-286-8131

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2014 Gil Centioli Memorial Award Winner Joe Fugere – Founder, Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria

Joe Fugere is the founder of Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria, the Pacific Northwest's first certified, authentic Neapolitan pizzeria. Joe was raised in Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood completely immersed in the local Italian community. After a career at Starbucks, he followed his roots "home" to Naples where he was inspired to bring the artistry of woodfired pizza back to Seattle. In 2004, Joe opened his first restaurant in Columbia City and currently has five neighborhood locations in the greater Seattle area that have all received certification by the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana (VPN).

2014 Gil Centioli Memorial Award Winner Joe Fugere Joe Fugere and Gerard Centioli

Tutta Bella strives not only to be the most respected Neapolitan pizzeria in the world, but also a meaningful busi-

ness that nourishes lives. Tutta Bella's neighborhood restaurants actively get involved and give back to their local communities. With Joe's direction, Tutta Bella regularly leads socially-responsible, small business initiatives in environments ranging from the White House to local neighborhood councils.

- Joe attended the signing of the 2010 Small Business Lending Act at the White House where President Obama recognized Tutta Bella for its contribution to economic recovery. Two years later, upon a presidential request, Tutta Bella made a special delivery to Air Force One.
- In 2010, Tutta Bella beat out 33,000 of its peers nationally by being named "Independent Pizzeria of the Year" and received "Business of the Year" recognition by the Greater Seattle Business Association and "Operator of the Year" from the Washington Restaurant Association.
- The Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) and Harvard Business School included Tutta Bella in their annual Fortune Magazine listing in 2011 as one of America's 100 fastest growing "Inner City" businesses.
- Tutta Bella received the "Human Rights Business Award" in 2013 from the Seattle Human Rights Commission.
- Joe has been named to several city, regional and state government advisory teams such as Seattle Mayor Murray's Income Inequality Advisory Committee and Seattle's Paid Sick Days Advisory Committee.

By nurturing a meaningful business that also reaps economic and social benefits, Joe hopes to encourage other local businesses to make investments in their workforce and community. To learn more about Joe and how Tutta Bella has been nourishing lives since 2004, please visit a Tutta Bella restaurant or www.tuttabella.com.

Presentations at General Meetings

At the October General meeting we heard from Branden Hawkins from SiFF about some of the great films that will be part of SiFF's Italian film festival this year. See related article in this edition of the newsletter.

In November a representative from Booking.com will tell us about their expanding efforts in the greater Seattle area including their quest to hire locals who can speak Italian.

In December the meeting will include a brief presentation from representatives producing the Pompeii Exhibit coming to the Pacific Science Center in early 2015.

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.

Heroes & Heroines in Abundance for the Family Halloween Party

Once again club members & their families were afforded a great time at the Club's annual Family Halloween Party. There were some new attendees this year. It was nice to see the number of kids on the rise. Huge thanks go out to Andrea Petrone for the decorations & party planning. Along with her team of volunteers, Andrea managed to provide the kids with crafts, games, goodie bags, and

some scary yet sensible snacks. Thanks for a great party Andrea, Dennis,



Mike, & Ron!

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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

November 2014		
6th	Trustee Meeting	
12th	Past President's Luncheon Il Fornaio Restaurant	
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
27th	Thanksgiving	
18th	Input Deadline for December il Ficcanaso	

December 2014		
	No Trustee meeting this month	
7th	Adult Christmas Party Sorrento Hotel	
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
TBD	Family Christmas Party	
17th	Input Deadline for January il Ficcanaso	
25th	Christmas Day	

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6:30 pm Mount Virgin Church Hall

1st New Year's Day 2nd Trustee Meeting IC General Meeting/

2nd	Trustee Meeting	
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
22nd	Input Deadline for February il Ficcanaso	

Pebruary 2015 No Trustee meeting this month 14th Valentine's Day 19th IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM TBD Crab Dinner St. Alphonsus TBD Input Deadline for March il Ficcanaso

March 2015		
6th	Trustee Meeting	
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
25th	Input Deadline for April il Ficcanaso	

New Membership

We have four new candidates to vote on at the November meeting.

Kellie A Talbot. Kellie lives in Seattle with her husband John. Kellie's grandmother, Adelia Tocco was from Abruzzo. Kellie is sponsored by Linda Madrid & Martin Nigrelle.

Diana Dent & her daughter Clarisse Dent, both of whom were our guests at the October General meeting. Diana has family that hails from Italy & is looking forward to her kids getting to experience more of their Italian roots.

Melissa Gaeto. Melissa lives in Seattle & is a buyer for Sur La Table. Melissa is sponsored by Dennis Caldirola & Martin Nigrelle.

SIFF Brings Italy to Seattle at a Bargain Price

At the October general meeting, SIFF Community Relations Officer Branden Hawkins spoke to the club about the Italian films that are coming to Seattle in November. The films are a part of the Italian Film Festival SIFF is producing: Cinema Italian Style 2014. They will be showcasing both old new examples of the Italian Cinema. The festival will run from the 13th through the 20th of November.

SIFF has extended a discount to the members of the local Italian-American Community. \$3.00 dollars off any ticket to the films for those purchasing online. Promo/ Discount code: **CIS2014**

More information can be found at the web site: http://www.siff.net/cinema/cinema-italian-style-2014







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WINNERS

Drawings: were conducted by Robert Sylvester.

The Birthday Winner for October was Sharon Pioli.

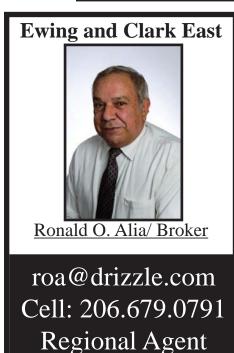
Wine, Beer, Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Michael Lazzaretti (2x), Franco Tesorieri, Antonette Ruppin, Carole Bishop, Louis Carrosino, Lucy Salle, Max Leone, Rod Warczak, Nick Grossi, Clarise Dent, Ron Alia, Catherine Langenegger, Tom Grossi, Anna Popovich (2x), Angela Wright, Robt. Sylvester, Paul Pioli (3X), Martin Nigrelle.

Progressive Prize: Of \$25 would have been won by John Norris had he been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$50 in November.









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