

General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
January 8th, 2015
6:30 pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall

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Italian American Heritage Alliance

The IAHA met in mid-December. In that meeting we further reviewed the survey results, and agreed upon the next actions to be undertaken.

Given the limited recognition of the Italian American community in the greater Seattle area, the IAHA is exploring options that we can take in the legal arena. We will be engaging with the legal councils from NIAF & OSIA to understand their viewpoints and collect any advice they have based on their national experience and review of our local situation.

Further next steps also include renaming the Facebook page, working to establish a PAC and related financial tools (bank account etc.). Fundraising will be no small part of these efforts. Fundraising will include donations and events dedicated to the IAHA.

As noted at the December General meeting to date the Italian Club has not made a financial contribution to the IAHA. I have contributed personally as a founding member.

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Message from the President

Felice Anno Nuovo, Welcome to 2015!!

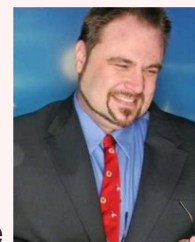
It has been a great ride these last two years. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President in that time. Thanks very much for the opportunity! There are too many people who have helped me along the way for me to try thank them all individually. If it were not for the support of the club I could not have gotten through my term. I'm looking forward to continued involvement in the club and assuming my future duties in the CASA board of Trustees and the IAHA executive committee.

I want to send a shout of thanks to Linda Madrid and her crew of volunteers and to Vita Conforte and her crew of volunteers. Both were responsible for producing great Christmas parties in December.

Robert Sylvester and I met with Fr. Hung and discussed the situation with the church and the continued use of the meeting hall. The current rental fee of \$325 per General meeting is in place for the calendar year. Fr. Hung did indicate they will likely need to raise the rate for the 2016 year. Robert and I took a tour of the meeting hall and made a list of issues that are impacting the use and quality of the space. Robert (a licensed contractor by trade) will be submitting the list to Fr. Hung. Hopefully we will be able to coordinate across the church and various groups that use the facility to engage in an ongoing effort to improve the space.

Items of note: Both the church and meeting hall are scheduled to have the roofs replaced this year, no small cost to be sure. The costs to run the meeting hall have more than doubled from last year. By and large the increased costs are a function of the expanded use of the hall. The Italian Club uses the hall about 12 times a year if one

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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 TBD

Day at the Races**Joe Galluccio**

Festa Sausage Booth**Tom Grossi & Robert Sylvester**

Golf Tournament**Brian DiJulio**

Halloween Party.....**Andrea Petrone**

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

Luncheons**Audrey Manzanares**

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

Miss Italian Club.....**Rod Warczak**

New Membership**Diana Kaczor**

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

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Diana Kaczor**

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

President (continued)

takes into account the General meetings and extracurricular events (Halloween party, etc.), this is essentially the same number of uses as we have had from the time we began meeting at Mt. Virgin. By comparison the AA group uses the hall about 104 times a year (two nights a week), and the Nativity School uses the hall about 260 times a year (five days a week). The Nativity School is also using the kitchen to feed the students both breakfast and lunch.

While there no question of the Italian legacy that was fundamental to the establishment of the church and meeting hall, it has become readily apparent that we are not the majority user of the space, as such our level of commitment to renew/improve the space may not be the biggest in the efforts beginning soon and going on as we continue through the year.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve the club!! Look for a message from Diana Kaczor here next month.

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 e-mail: martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com.

Election of New Officers For 2015

By: Dorothy I. Miori Whitney, Chairwoman

Installations of our new officers will take place at our regular meeting on the 8th of January 2015.

Below please find the slate of new officers for the year of 2015:

President:

Diana Kacor

Vice President:

Linda Madrid

Secretary:

Dennis Caldirola

Treasurer:

Joseph Galluccio

Trustees:

**Barbara Galluccio
Audrey**

Manzanares

Ron Roletto

Trustees Returning For Their Second Year:

Tom Grossi

Michael Lazzaretti

Past President:

Martin Nigrelle, Ex-Officio

Congratulations To All The Above. A special Thank You to Anna Popovich and Brian DiJulio for serving on the Nominating Committee.

Health & Welfare

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

Jane Di Julio Hall & husband Ken were on Maui from 12/14 until after Christmas along with close friends. Jerome & I just happened to be on Maui around the same time so the two cousins & spouses ended up having some fun in the sun together.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Bob Popovich's death on December 17th. Dennis sent an email letting us know about Bob's passing. He died peacefully in his sleep surrounded by his family. Per Dennis, Bob joined the Italian Club on February 16, 2000 and his wife Anna was President in 2009 and 2010, the first woman to hold that office in the Club's 89-year history. Anna is pleased that Bob was able to attend the December meeting and greet a number of members and old friends. Anna also wanted to pass on their appreciation for everyone's prayers during Bob's illness. His funeral was held at St. Louise Church in Bellevue on Friday Jan. 2nd. May Bob rest in Peace and may his family be given the strength they need during this time.

Chip Di Julio reported that he & his two sons, Lloyd & Nick, with son-in-law Bob Farris had a good waterfowl hunt after Thanksgiving on the Columbia River by Brewster. They harvested nine geese and 14 ducks with a guide and two dogs. Chip & his brother Bob's family spent Thanksgiving on the Methow River at Chip's daughter Simone's new vacation house. The Guy Di Julio family Christmas party was Sat, 12/20 at #1 sibling Margaret Di Julio Ward's club house (6001 condos). Six of seven brothers and a sister attended. The oldest son, Guy Thomas, lives in Palo Alto and usually visits in August for fishing on Camano Island with Mike, Bob, & Steve who have two houses on Tyee Beach. Chip & Sigi went to their vacation home at Blue Lake (Grant County) for their traditional week after Christmas and New Year's.

Linda Madrid & husband Don will be spending New Years in Palm Desert, going to have five days with Don's college buddies & their wives.

The Segadellis are headed to Surprise, Arizona just after Christmas looking for that elusive sunshine.

Jim (Jamie) Lanza recently passed away. His funeral was held on Monday December 29th at 11 a.m. at St. Louise Parish in Bellevue. His parents, Joe & Gloria Lanza, were members of the Italian Club. Joe was president in 1955. Jim was a 1962 Seattle Prep grad & both he & his dad were attorneys.

Brenda Elliott said that Todd's PET scan showed a slight growth on the shadowing of one rib. They are requesting prayers from us.

God does listen to our prayers, especially when we join together at one time and "storm heaven" with our requests. Let's continue to do this for our members who are in need of our support.

We hope you enjoyed a most Wonderful and Blessed Christmas. We pray that we will all enjoy good health, good times with family & friends and continued blessings in 2015.



CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 6:30PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

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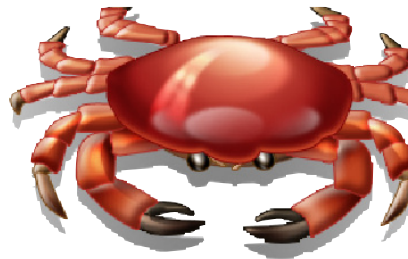
Spaghetti Aglio, Olio e Pepperoncino
drawn butter, rolls and ice cream

Beer, Wine, Soda

Buy Your Tickets Today!

Anna Popovich – [206-453-4002](tel:2064534002)

St. Alphonsus Church Hall
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CRAB FEED REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Send me _____ tickets or reserve _____ tables for my family

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

IAHA (continued)

monies raised thus far have been funneled through the club, the club has not made a direct contribution of money to the IAHA. Given the costs anticipated in both legal and PAC related efforts, I am advocating that the Italian Club consider contributing \$1000.00 to the IAHA. This amount is in line with the contribution of myself and each of the founding members as well as the Seattle-Fedele lodge of the Sons of Italy. What will the monies be used for, you may rightfully ask? The money will be used in both legal fees, and related costs to establish the PAC. The PAC will be charged with raising the awareness of City Hall as to the Italian-American presence in Greater Seattle and advocating for people and actions that will be a benefit to our community. The contribution is an item the board can include in the 2015 budget to be voted on by the membership. To lend context: \$1000.00 is less than half of one percent of the club's current financial holdings.

If we as proud Italian-Americans want to be recognized as a community, as a culture, to honor the actions of those before us, and preserve our local heritage for our youth, we need to unite and speak with one voice. 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 or you have any interest in knowing more about the IAHA or in how you can participate, please feel free to reach out to Martin Nigrelle, Ex Officio of the Italian Club of Seattle. Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com

La befana

In Italia il 6 di Gennaio, si festeggia il Giorno dell'Epifania. La befana e' una tradizione festa per i bambini. Il termine Epifania deriva dal Greco e' una manifestazione della divinita' e' l'adorazione dei Re Magi.

La Befana diventa una Benifica vecchina Che, a cavallo di una scopa, porta doni ai bambini, la leggenda spiega la nascita di questa figura. Quando i Re Magi partirono per portare doni a Gesu' Bambino, solo una vecchia si rifiuto' di seguirli, poi pentita di non averli seguito, cerco' di raggiungerli, non ci riusci'

Da allora, Nella notte tra il 5 e il 6 gennaio, volando su una scopa con un Sacco sulle spalle passa per le case a portare ai bambini i doni Che non riuscì a portare a Gesu' Bambino.

(per voi bambini)

La Befana vien di notte
Con le scarpe tutte rotte
Il vestito alla romana
Viva viva la Befana
Viene viene la Befana
Vien dai monti a notte fonda

Come e' stanca, la circonda
Neve, gelo e tramontana
Viene viene la Befana

Presentations at General Meetings

At the December General Meeting two members of the Pacific Science Center delivered a presentation regarding the POMPEII Exhibit coming to the Pacific Science Center in early 2015. Brochures will be available at the January General meeting. Group rates are available. Who is interested in attending the exhibition as a group from the club?

For information about the exhibit online, please visit: <http://www.pacificscience-center.org/Exhibits/pompeii>

The representative from Booking.com who was slated for the November meeting is hoping to present to the club in January or February. They will tell us about their expanding efforts in the greater Seattle area including their quest to hire locals who can speak Italian.

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 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 Adult Christmas Party – Seattle Sorrento Hotel



Secretary's Report *Dennis Caldirola*

The Italian Club of Seattle currently has a roster of 222 members in good standing of which 83 have paid their dues for 2015. Now that the price of postage keeps going up, you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ apiece by attending the January general meeting and paying your dues in person. We will even issue your membership card on the spot! For those of you who have joined in the past year and never received a copy of the Membership Roster, I will have a supply of them for you at the meeting or you can leave a voice mail at the office (206) 282-0627 and I will gladly mail one out to you.

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

ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRUSTEES MEETING FOR JANUARY HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 5th. No Trustees meeting in February.


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

January 2015 	
1st	New Year's Day
5th	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
22nd	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

February 2015 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Valentine's Day
14th	Crab Dinner St. Alphonsus
20th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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March 2015	
5th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

April 2015 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

May 2014	
1st	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Input Deadline for June <i>il Ficcanaso</i>


New Membership

At the January General Meeting we will be voting on new applicant Dan Pacetti. Dan was a guest at our December meeting. He recently moved here for work, from Madison Wisconsin. Dan was active in the local Italian club there.

At the December General Meeting we voted in new member Christian LaLario. Please make sure to introduce yourself & welcome our new members.

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 (dennis-caldirola1@gmail.com).

June 2014 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.





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WINNERS

Drawings: were conducted by Robert Sylvester.
 The Birthday Winner for December was Angela Wright.
 Wine, Beer, Spirits, Coffee Cards and a basket from Diana Dent were won by:
 were won by Margaret Ward, Barb Peretti, Mike Troiani (3x), Mike Kaczor (2x), Martin Nigrelle, Linda Madrid, Mary Hoffa, Antoinette Fontana, Bill Picchena, Mike Albanese, Dale Bonn, Robert Sylvester, and Judith Seth.
 Progressive Prize of \$75 would have been won by Mary Catherine Logsdon had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$100 in January.

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