

**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
December 10th, 2015
6:30 pm
St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**

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***Buon Natale e
Felice Anno Nuovo***



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Message from the President

Merry Christmas Everyone!

The Children's Christmas Party is proceeding under the tutelage of Audrey and Andrea and I am sure will be a huge success. The Adult Christmas Party will also be a success with beautiful decorations, great food and wonderful music. Thanks again, Linda for all your hard work.

Anna Popovich has decided to monitor the condition of crab in the next couple of months and depending on her information she will decide if we have a crab feed or something else for dinner.

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees, I wish everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

***Diana (Faccione) Kaczor
President Italian Club of Seattle***

Election of New Officers

Set for December Meeting – December 10, 2015

by Dorothy I. Miori Whitney

The nominating committee, chaired by Dorothy I. Whitney, presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting. There were nominations from the floor. Nominations will be open at the December Meeting and members will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting.

They are as follows:

President: Diana Kaczor
Vice President: Linda Madrid
Secretary: Dennis Caldirola
Treasurer: Joseph Galluccio
Ex-Officio: Marty Nigrelle

Trustees: Returning for their second Year:

Barbara Galluccio
Audrey Manzanares
Ron Roletto

There are two candidates running for two open positions as Trustee:

Tom Grossi
Dan Pacetti

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Michael Lazzaretti (206) 280-6691

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Barbara Galluccio (206) 275-4688

Ron Roletto (206) 722-2712

Sergeant at Arms:

Robert Sylvester

Committee Chairs

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

Bylaws.....**Barbara Peretti**

Casino.....**Michael Lazzaretti**

Crab Dinner.....**Anna Popovich**

Family 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**Linda Madrid**

Parliamentarian.....**Dorothy Whitney**

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Linda Madrid**

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



WINNERS

Thanksgiving Turkeys: were won by Velva Saltarelli, Bill Picchena, Dennis Caldirola, Anna Popovich, Rosa Facciuto, Sharon Pioli, Brian DiJulio, Joe Jacobin, Mike Kaczor and Carole Bishop.

Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Mike Kaczor, Diana Kaczor, Linda Jacobin (3x), Bill Picchena (4x), Deana Dent, Max Leone, Margaret Ward, Ron Roletto, Brian DiJulio, Dennis Caldirola, Marvin Hanson, Gemma Thielges, Joe Galluccio, Anna Popovich, Linda Madrid and Monte Marchetti.

Progressive Prize: Of \$50 was won by Margaret DiJulio Ward who was present. Jackpot now goes back to \$25.

Children's Christmas Party

by Audrey Manzanares

This year our Children's Christmas Party will be held along with Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390 on Saturday morning at 9AM, December 12 at St. Johns Parish in Egan Hall located at 120 N. 79th Street, Seattle.

Breakfast will be served. We will have Crafts, La Bafana will arrive and then Santa will visit with the children and pass out gifts.

Please e-mail Andrea Petrone (CiaolItalia817@gmail.com) to RSVP your child's name, age and gender as well as a few gift ideas to help with the shopping.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Audrey Manzanares (206-779-7325 or amanzanares@live.com)

Health & Welfare

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

Joan Razole's 10th great grandchild was born on November 3rd in Denver, CO. Vincent Malcolm weighed it at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and is the son of Joan's grandson, Scott Sepic & his wife Page.

Dominic Driano was recently honored by Eastside Catholic High School as one of its founders at its recent 35th Touchstone Leadership Awards Dinner.

Mike and Linda (Garbini) Manning have been vacationing at their winter home in Phoenix, AZ for the last two months and will return to Seattle in mid-November. The weather has been glorious including one day at 107 degrees! Fortunately, the temp has now dropped to a normal 80 degrees. Fun and sun – as advertised. Hopefully we'll see them at the December meeting.

Phyllis Centioli Biesold reported that she & Bruce, along with their daughter Ronna, just returned from a fun trip visiting their three grandchildren attending school in the east. Landed in D.C. Had dinner at Phyllis's brother Gerard's new restaurant "Tadich Grill" which is four blocks from the White House! It was amazing! ...then on to Virginia to visit grandson Casey and his campus at UVA... Then on to see granddaughter Erinn at Wake Forest ... Then to visit grandson Gill at Clemson! Last stop was in Atlanta to see Casey and the UVA Mock Trial compete and finished winners! It was such a memorable trip...they feel very blessed...

Martin Nigrelle was not at our November meeting as he & his wife were celebrating their wedding anniversary. Congratulations and we hope they enjoyed a memorable outing – a dinner at Canlis!

Robert Sylvester also missed our November meeting. He was in the hospital for two weeks and has been very ill. Let's keep him in our prayers and ask for a complete and speedy recovery from what sounds like a very serious illness.

Angelo & Mary Merlino are back in Honolulu for the next several months. They'll were to have Thanksgiving dinner with their Japanese dentist and his family. The dentist's father was in the internment camp during WW2. I imagine they have some interesting (maybe not so pleasant) stories to share. Being in Honolulu right now sounds pretty good after all the wind & rain we've been experiencing here.

We wish all of our members & their families A Merry & Blessed Christmas and we pray for good health, safety, & happiness for all of us in the coming year - 2016! *Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!!!*

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Seasons Greetings, everyone.

As usual, notices for 2016 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2015 nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those 17 members (we added five this year) will receive their 2015 membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member Luigi Borda who joined the Club in 1949 and will be 94 this coming 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 215 members, 24 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 December meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di Buon Natale.

Casa Italiana – Italian Community Hall News

The Casa Board of Directors has met for the final time in 2015. Casa had a productive and calm year in 2015. This year Casa's actions and accomplishments included:

- Election & installation of new officers to the Board of Directors
- Management of nearly three hundred thousand dollars in investments.
- Dispersed nearly fourteen thousand dollars to member organizations.
- Made significant donations to Festa Italiana, San Gennaro Festival, & the All Community picnic.

As we move into 2016 we are intent on traditional & new activities:

- Submitting the proposed 2016 budget after the first meeting of 2016.
- Establishing a Casa sponsored scholarship.
- Investigating the interest, options, & opportunities regarding a physical meeting location.
- Refreshing the Board of Directors membership to ensure community representation.
- Creating a panel from both the Board of Governors & Board of Directors to update the by-laws.
- Continue the existing support for the organizations & events in the community.

Casa Italiana is focused on maintaining & supporting the local Italian-American community. If anyone would like more information or to get involved, please reach out any of the members on either the Board of Directors or the Board of Governors.

*Martin Nigrelle
President,*

Casa Italiana – Italian Community Hall

Minutes - General Meeting, November 12, 2015

Meeting held at the St. Patrick's School Hall.

President Kaczor called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. There were 44 members and three guests in attendance. All officers and Board members were present except Martin Nigrelle and Michael Lazzaretti.

Rosa Facciuto moved that we waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting; seconded by Linda Jacobin. Motion carried. The correspondence was read.

Caterer Doug Chiechi read a letter from his family informing us that his late father Vito had left a \$500 donation to the Italian Club in his will. The Secretary was directed to write a letter of thanks back to the family.

Secretary's Report: We currently have 215 members in good standing.

Membership: Chair Linda Madrid reported no new applicants to be voted on.

Health & Welfare: Nothing new to report except that Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Sylvester is very sick with water in the lungs and a blood clot in his leg.

Treasurer's Report: Joe gave a detailed report. Total: \$260,000 in the Vanguard Funds and \$3,000 in checking.

Festa Sausage Booth: Sales total was \$7,838 with a profit of \$4,909 that was split with Festa so the Italian Club earned \$2,455. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work!

Family Halloween Party: has been postponed until next year.

Adults Christmas Party: Linda Madrid that the event is Sunday, December 6th at the Women's University Club with live music by Danny Q. and a raffle. Price is \$65 per person and includes 2 bottles of wine per table, choice of prime rib or salmon, salad and dessert. Would-be attendees had better hurry since the event is almost sold out.

Children's Christmas Party: Audrey announced that this year our Children's Christmas Party will be held in conjunction with OSIA Seattle Fedele Lodge on Saturday, 9AM, December 12th at St. John's Egan Hall in Seattle. Breakfast will be served and there will be crafts, then La Bafana will arrive and Santa will pass out gifts. All grandchildren of members welcome if the grandparents attend.

Crab Feed: Anna announced that the date is Saturday, February 13th, 2016 but at present, we have to monitor reports about the commercial fishery with regard to toxins ("Red Tide"). Serving clams or mussels was also discussed.

Nominations of Officers: Dorothy "Dot" Whitney submitted a slate of Officers and Board Members for the upcoming elections: President, Diana Kaczor; VP, Linda Madrid; Secretary, Dennis Caldirona; Treasurer, Joe Galluccio. Trustees: Barb Galluccio, Ron Roletto and Audrey will be returning along with ex officio Martin Nigrelle. As is tradition, Dot called three times for nominations from the floor for each position and Tom Grossi, and Dan Pacetti were both nominated for Trustee from the floor.

Website: Martin Nigrelle has announced that he himself will take over the website after he finishes taking the necessary classes.

New Business: Guest Bruno Peranzi announced that a promoter in Vancouver BC is trying to bring

Minutes (continued)

singer Eros Ramazzotti to the Pacific NW but needs anyone interested in attending to "like" his FB page to build support.

Drawings: were conducted by Board Member and former Sergeant-at-Arms Ron Roletto.

The Birthday Winner: for November was Max Leone.

Thanksgiving Turkeys: were won by Velva Saltarelli, Bill Picchena, Dennis Caldirola, Anna Popovich, Rosa Facciuto, Sharon Pioli, Brian DiJulio, Joe Jacobin, Mike Kaczor and Carole Bishop.

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Progressive Prize: Of \$50 was won by Margaret DiJulio Ward who was present. Jackpot now goes back to \$25.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Madrid; seconded by Barb Galluccio. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Caldirola,
Recording Secretary



Italian Independent Society Baseball Team

We received the picture above from Angelo Merlino along with the following caption:

"Here are a couple of pictures I found of my Father, Ubaldo, (right in center with suit) from the Italian Independent Society baseball team. [I] don't know when [it was] taken. I believe you still have a picture gallery."

The pictures (both identical) were passed around at the November Italian Club meeting and a few people were identified but most were not. If anyone can identify these individuals, please pass the information to Dennis Caldirola. We'll probably see the picture at a future heritage event and it would be nice to be able to list the names of everyone.

December 2015

	No Trustee meeting this month
6th	Adult Christmas Party
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Family Christmas Party
24th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

January 2016

1st	New Year's Day
7th	Trustee Meeting
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

February 2016

	No Trustee meeting this month
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
13th	Crab Dinner - St. Alphonsus
14th	Valentine's Day
25th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

March 2016

3rd	Trustee Meeting
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

April 2016

	No Trustee meeting this month
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

May 2016

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

June 2016

	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners vs. TBD
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

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, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month

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