

General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
January 14th, 2016  
6:30 pm  
St. Patrick's  
Parish Hall

# il Ficcanaso



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**Buon Anno!**

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## Election of New Officers for 2016

*By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney, Chairwoman*

Installation of our new officers will take place at our regular meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2016. Below please find the slate of new officers for the year of 2016:

**PRESIDENT: DIANA KACZOR**

**VICE PRESIDENT: LINDA MADRID**

**SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA**

**TREASURER: JOSEPH GALLUCCIO**

**TRUSTEES: TOM GROSSI and DAN PACETTI**

Trustees (Returning for their second year): **BARBARA GALLUCCIO, AUDREY MANZANARES and RON ROLETTO**

**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.

## Message from the President

Felice Anno Nuovo, Welcome to 2016!

I want to thank Audrey, Dennis, Andrea and Marty for all their help in making the Children's Christmas Party a success. I want to also thank all those volunteers from the Sons of Italy who also made the party a great success. The combined efforts from both clubs resulted in happiness for all the children who attended the event.

The Adult Christmas Party was a smashing success with wonderful ambiance, great music and delicious food. Thanks to Linda Madrid, Audrey Manzanares, Dot Whitney and Anna Popovich for all their help. The reason we have great functions for the club is due to those who volunteer their time and efforts toward making these events take place.

Let's look forward to a healthy and successful 2016.

I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Sharon & Paul Pioli's  
50th anniversary  
at St. Alphonsus,  
December 6, 2015



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**Dennis Caldirola** (206) 282-0627

Treasurer:  
Joe Galluccio (206) 275-4688

Ex Officio:  
**Martin Nigrelle** (206) 310-7689

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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

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

The Birthday Winner for December was Anna Popovich.

Spirits, Beer and Coffee Cards: were won by Dale Bonn (3x), Deanna Dent (3x), Marie Dahlgren (3x), Judy Seth (2x), Marven Hansen, Monte Marchetti, Paul Pioli, Michael Troiani (2x), Katherine Langenegger and Martin Nigrelle.

Progressive Prize of \$25 would have been won by Angela Sgarlata had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$50.

## Secretary's Report

*By Dennis Caldirola*

As of December 24, 2015, the Italian Club of Seattle has a roster of 215 members in good standing of which 100 have paid their dues for 2016. Now that the price of gas keeps going down, 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 to you. New rosters will be printed in the spring.

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

## Italian Club of Seattle Christmas Party



(Additional pictures on page 5)

## Health & Welfare

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

**Joanne Spino Marchese** had surgery last month but good to hear she was home and recovering nicely.

**Robert Sylvester** was back in the hospital. He had been very ill last month but apparently got worse and ended up hospitalized again. We really need to keep him in our prayers.

**Diana Kaczor** was not at our December meeting as she ended up in the hospital. I spoke with Mike on 12/14 and she was home and doing pretty well.

**Barbara Galluccio** has been in the RCIA program at Christ Our Hope Church in Seattle taking classes from Fr. Magnano to become a Catholic. After 41 years of marriage she has decided she wants to be baptized, confirmed, and receive first Eucharist which will all happen on Easter Sunday. God Bless!

**Ron Roletto** and **Michael Troiani** were recently in West Wendover, Nevada. No big winnings reported but apparently had a good trip/good time in the area there.

**Holly Cochran** reported that her 9 year old nephew, Danny Volpone (son of **Cathy & Kenny Volpone**) won first place in the VFW essay contest. He wrote about his grandfather's experiences in World War II. He received \$50.00 and was a guest at the West Seattle's VFW Holiday Luncheon. The essay is included below. Everyone in the family is very proud of Danny who is a 4th grader at Our Lady of Guadalupe school. Holly also commented that they all had a "wonderful time at the Italian Club Christmas Party" on Dec. 5th!!

*Danny's essay - "My favorite thing about my country is that we all can serve in the war and can help other countries. My grandpa served in World War II. He was drafted into the army and went to basic training in Illinois. They tested his brain and he was so smart that they sent him to college for two years. Then World War II happened and he went to Germany. He helped to free the prisoners and the Italians taught him how to Cook. When he came home he built his life around food, family, fun and music until he died this year at 91 1/2. I really loved my grandfather. I will miss him too. He was a really good man and his name was **John Croce**. He had an hour and a half funeral. He was also a really good winemaker. He made zinfandel and all other wine. He will still be in our hearts forever and ever. And I will really, really miss him for a long time. He will still be my favorite person in my heart along with God and Jesus too. And I bet God will take really good care of him in heaven for me and my family! I am proud that my grandfather served our country."*

**Bill & Margaret Di Julio Ward** and her brother **Chip &** wife **Sigrid Di Julio** gathered with their siblings (Margaret & Chip have five more siblings) for their annual Christmas party. Oldest sibling and the only sister, Margaret usually hosts at their condo clubhouse but they were gathering at Tutta Bella this year. About 50 family members attended. Chip & Sigrid have a trip planned for Ecuador (Amazon) and the Galapagos Islands. Will travel with Road Scholar for the first time, an education tour company.

**Joan Razole** danced at her twin daughters' 70th birthday part in December. Joan will be 100 in April!

**Marty Nigrelle** & his wife **Kacy** spent Thanksgiving in Vail, Colorado visiting with her brother's family. They will be in San Antonio for the Christmas holiday visiting Kacy's father's side of the family. Wishing them and all our members safe and fun travels.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of us. May God continue to bless us and our families. Felice Anno Nuovo!

## Seattle Italian Groups Combine for the Kids

*by Martin Nigrelle*

For December of 2015 the Seattle Fidele lodge of the Sons of Italy and the Italian Club of Seattle came together to produce the Children's Christmas party. There were about 30 children at the party along with parents or grandparents of the children.

The event featured arts & crafts for the kids, a full breakfast, story time with La Bafana, and of course a visit from Santa Claus who had gifts wrapped for each of the children. The kids all seemed to have a great time and it was really heartwarming to see the kids spellbound by both La Bafana & Santa. Breakfast consisted of Baked French toast, eggs, sausage, toast, juice, cocoa, & coffee. Thanks go to St. John's for use of the hall and the multitude of volunteers who made it happen. Volunteers covered duties including shopping for the presents, food purchase, cooking, set up, take down, and clean up.

Next year it would great if the Italian Club were to provide more volunteers to help share the burden between the two organizations. Buon Natale & Grazie Mille to both groups for producing a great event for the children & families in our community!



The **NW Italian Radio Show & La Stella Foundation** sponsored in a HUGE Holiday fundraiser to help Homeless Veterans. Due to the generous donations of our friends and fans (many from the Italian Community), we were able to provide 80 Homeless Veterans with Christmas Dinner this year. In addition, La Stella Foundation received a Semi-Truck full of winter clothing donated by the community which was distributed to Homeless Veterans during this Holiday Season. We want to say **THANK YOU** to all who donated.



*Table Tag from the Holiday Homeless Veterans Dinner*

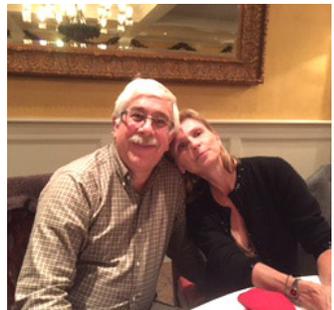
The **NW Italian Radio Show** has expanded their broadcasting range and can now be heard in BOTH Seattle/Bellevue (KKNW 1150AM) AND Tacoma (KLAY 1180AM). Broadcasts during December 2015 were dedicated to "Sinatra's 100th Birthday." A BIG **THANK YOU** to our listeners & sponsors.



*Christmas Broadcast inside the studio for the NW Italian Radio Show.*

**Tony La Stella**

## Italian Club of Seattle Christmas Party



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**\$50.00  
PER PERSON**

## CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 6:30PM

## ALL YOU CAN EAT!

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Spaghetti Aglio, Olio e Pepperoncino  
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Beer, Wine, Soda

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

St. Alphonsus Church Hall  
5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle (Ballard)



## CRAB FEED REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets or reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tables for my family

Tickets : \$50/per person or \$500/per table

Mail to: Anna Popovich - 2901 NE Blakeley St. Apt 505, Seattle, WA 98105-3163

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**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>

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**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

**ICoS Christmas Party**





**Audrey Manzanares**  
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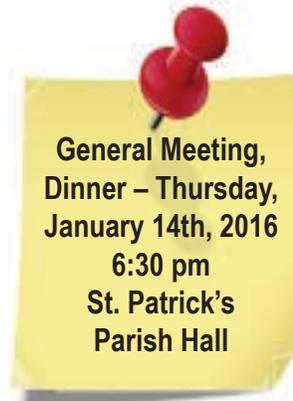
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