

General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
February 11th, 2016  
6:30 pm  
St. Patrick's  
Parish Hall

# il Ficcanaso



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*Buon San Valentino*

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## Secretary's Report

*By Dennis Caldirola*

As of January 26th, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 214 members of which 136 have paid their dues for 2016. This is about where we were last year except for the fact that we had 139 members at that time. All in all, collection is on track. Remember you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ apiece by attending the March general meeting and paying your dues in person. We will even issue your membership card on the spot!

On February 15th, "past due" notices will be mailed out to those still in arrears. In the meantime, have a wonderful Valentine's Day and Presidents Day weekend.

## Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!

2016 is already underway with a bang. It is time to review and re-enforce those things that are important to the club. Take the time to review the numbers in the proposed budget published in this edition of the club newsletter. I encourage everyone with questions or concerns to make their voice heard when the budget review period is open this month. Your input will help guide the club. The club belongs to the membership, the board serves at your behest, make your opinions known so we can ensure the budget reflects the membership as is best possible, knowing we cannot please everyone.

I want to thank Joe and Barbara Galluccio who put forth a great effort in producing the budget and monitoring the club's monetary funds. THANK YOU!

It is important to note that an event can occur without a budget, it may require the participants pay a fee to support the specific event, like some of the larger events, Mariners Italian Heritage Night, Day at the Races, Crab Feed, Sounder's night, etc. It is possible for an event to be sponsored and require the participants pay to attend, as happens with the Adult Christmas Party. Please remember, the success of these various events depends on membership support through attendance.

The change in funding of the social events is based in part on the historical volume of attendees and the actual attendance of the members who do attend the various events. If the members of the club feel the monies for the social events should be distributed differently, then this difference should be proposed at the general meeting.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any concerns or comments by phone: (206) 232-7880 or e-mail: [Dianakaczor@hotmail.com](mailto:Dianakaczor@hotmail.com). Ciao!

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

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### 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

Sargent-at-Arms Robert Sylvester conducted the Birthday Drawing. January Birthday: Delores Del Vitis

Martin Nigrelle conducted the Raffle: Max Leone (x2), Marty Nigrelle (x2), Deloris Del Vitis, Dan Pacetti, Tom Grossi, Nick Grossi, Jerome Theilges, Paul Pioli, Bill Pichena, Bill Wright

Revolving Prize: Mimi Burwell, not present. Jackpot goes up to \$75



## Save the Date!

*by Martin Nigrelle*

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night is scheduled for Thursday night June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Mariners will be hosting the Baltimore Orioles. Tickets are discount priced at: \$29 for field level & \$18 for Upper level.

Event details are still being determined, things look good for the return of Peroni beer!

## Congratulazioni!

Congratulations to Martin Patricelli for being presented with the City of Renton's 2015 Outstanding Citizen Award. Martin volunteers tirelessly with many helpers and corporate sponsors to make sure the children of Renton have food and school supplies, amongst many other good works.



## Health & Welfare

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

Our sincere condolences to the **Petre family** on the recent death of Ray. We had been praying for them since he fell in Issaquah when he and Caroline had gone out for dinner on January 20th. He had brain damage and they did surgery on 1/24 to try to save his life, but he died the next evening (Monday, January 25th).

Our club president and vice president are needing our prayers. **Linda Madrid** fell last month while in Palm Springs and shattered her left shoulder/arm. She had a total shoulder replacement. She's facing a very extensive recovery (4 or 5 months). She welcomes visitors. Give her a call at her home number. I'm sure phone calls and cards would also be appreciated along with the prayers. **Diana Kaczor** was scheduled for surgery on February 8th to have a kidney removed because of a cancerous tumor. Let's pray that the surgery is a success and her recovery will be speedy and complete.

For those who may not have heard, **Angie Molinaro** passed away on January 4th at the age of 101. She was a Life Member of the Italian Club and longtime Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Carmen Murray** turned 100 in January. She is still at the Magnolia Adult Family Home. Apparently as talkative and aware of what's going on as ever, even though she is pretty much bed-ridden. We send Happy Birthday Greetings to you, Carmen, and wish you continued blessings in the year ahead.

It was good to see **Nick Grossi** and also **Robert Sylvester** at our January meeting after both had been in the hospital. We are so thankful that our prayers were answered and both seem to be recovering nicely.

Maybe next month we'll have more good news to report - like some of our members enjoying time in the sun during the upcoming months. Would love to hear about the fun things you're doing. Take care and God bless each of us and our families. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

## Italian Murder Mystery Series

*A book review by Joel Patience*

For those of you that love a good murder mystery with an Italian flare, I have found a series by author Ruth Downie that may just satisfy your appetites. While many of us know of the movies and books that put an evil spin on being an immigrant, the Gaius Ruso Mysteries paint a classic picture of Italian immigration most folks tend to ignore. The main character - Gaius Ruso - is a doctor and medical investigator who himself is caught up in the problems of solving intricate murders. This includes himself being accused and threatened as a target of the efforts of the murderers to hide their crimes.

Readers may find it interesting that he lives in the time of Emperor Hadrian. The Italians of the day - Romans - have immigrated to the Island and taken over as much of Britannia as they possibly can. The Romans' life styles, low social opinion of their neighbors and the very economic reasons for being there - clash with the locals in the worst ways.

The year is A.D. 122. Emperor Hadrian is having a wall built clear across the island to protect the neighborhood they have conquered; separating them from the "barbarians." Remember: anyone can be a Roman citizen - like it or not. Just take away electricity and everything associated with it - computers, telephones, cameras, etc. and the setting still is ripe - for intrigue, mystery and the worst of human emotions being expressed via murder on other humans.

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## Budget for The Seattle Italian Club Seattle 2016

| Income                             | 2015                | Actual              | 2016                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Advertising / Newsletter           | \$ 275.00           | \$ 850.00           | \$ 300.00           |
| Advertising / Roster               | \$ -                |                     | \$ 900.00           |
| Casa Subsidy                       | \$ 2,700.00         | \$ 2,700.00         | \$ 1,350.00         |
| Crab Feed                          | \$ 2,800.00         | \$ 2,757.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |
| Donations                          |                     | \$ -                | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Dinner Meetings (New listed item)  | \$ 4,950.00         | \$ 5,110.00         | \$ 4,750.00         |
| Festa Italiana                     | \$ 2,800.00         | \$ 2,455.00         | \$ 2,400.00         |
| Interest                           | \$ 800.00           | \$ 675.00           | \$ 800.00           |
| Vanguard Mutual Funds              | \$ 15,000.00        | \$ 2,354.00         | \$ 2,500.00         |
| Member Dues                        | \$ 9,500.00         | \$ 9,350.00         | \$ 9,200.00         |
| New Members                        | \$ 500.00           | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           |
|                                    | <b>\$ 39,325.00</b> | <b>\$ 26,551.00</b> | <b>\$ 27,000.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Accountant                         | \$ 475.00           | \$ 475.00           | \$ 475.00           |
| Administration                     | \$ 7,200.00         | \$ 5,400.00         | \$ 4,800.00         |
| Board Meetings                     | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,172.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |
| Domain Registration                |                     | \$ 56.00            |                     |
| Family Halloween Party             | \$ 350.00           | \$ -                | \$ 350.00           |
| Dinner Meetings                    | \$ 9,000.00         | \$ 11,075.00        | \$ 11,000.00        |
| Festa Italiana                     | \$ 3,500.00         | \$ 3,500.00         | \$ 3,500.00         |
| Italian American Heritage Alliance | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,600.00         |                     |
| Insurance                          | \$ 810.00           | \$ 810.00           | \$ 420.00           |
| Legal Fees                         | \$ 10.00            | \$ 10.00            | \$ 10.00            |
| Newsletters                        | \$ 5,000.00         | \$ 4,949.00         | \$ 5,000.00         |
| Office                             | \$ 150.00           | \$ 150.00           | \$ 150.00           |
| Past Presidential Lunch            | \$ 600.00           | \$ 637.00           | \$ 700.00           |
| Picnic                             | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           | \$ 300.00           |
| Printing                           |                     |                     | \$ 350.00           |
| Postage                            | \$ 300.00           | \$ 632.00           | \$ 500.00           |
| Pres. Discretionary Fund           | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           |
| Progressive Draw                   | \$ 250.00           | \$ 250.00           | \$ 250.00           |
| Past President's Gift              | \$ 250.00           | \$ 250.00           |                     |
| Rent - Meetings                    | \$ 3,250.00         | \$ 2,725.00         | \$ 2,750.00         |
| Rent - Ballard Office              | \$ 880.00           | \$ 880.00           | \$ 880.00           |
| Rent - Storage                     | \$ 600.00           | \$ 600.00           | \$ 600.00           |
| Roster                             | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 1,500.00         |
| San Gennaro                        | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           | \$ 300.00           |
| Scholarship                        | \$ 1,500.00         | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,500.00         |
| Seafair Miss Italian Club Seattle  | \$ 500.00           | \$ 109.00           | \$ 500.00           |
| Christmas Party - Adult            | \$ 500.00           | \$ 1,802.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |
| Christmas Party - Family           | \$ 500.00           | \$ 273.00           | \$ 500.00           |
| Website Development                | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ -                | \$ -                |
|                                    | <b>\$ 39,725.00</b> | <b>\$ 39,455.00</b> | <b>\$ 38,635.00</b> |

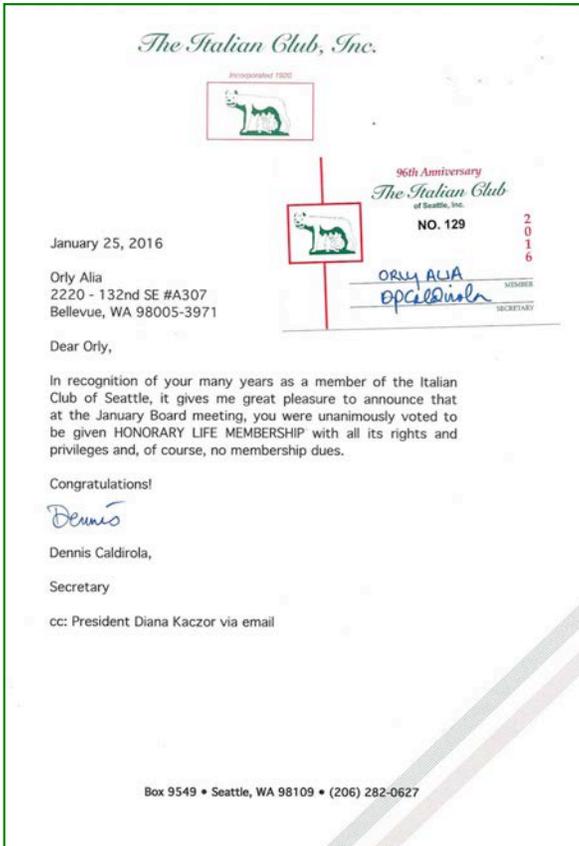
## Book Review (cont'd)

Nothing has changed, just the time line.

Our good Doctor Ruso has, as many immigrants do, integrated with the locals. He loves his wife – a fiery inquisitive local named Tilla who speaks the barbarian language known as British, as well as Latin. This makes her a go between with the background politics including the murder investigations. Yes, the Britts were themselves once just a colony. And just as with many other Italians that emigrate – it is a struggle to maintain traditions while at the same time – it is likely that he will ever want to return to his home country to live.

The series comes in printed books as well as audio and e-print. If you ever wondered why history seems to repeat itself, you will find some of the answers in reading these stories.

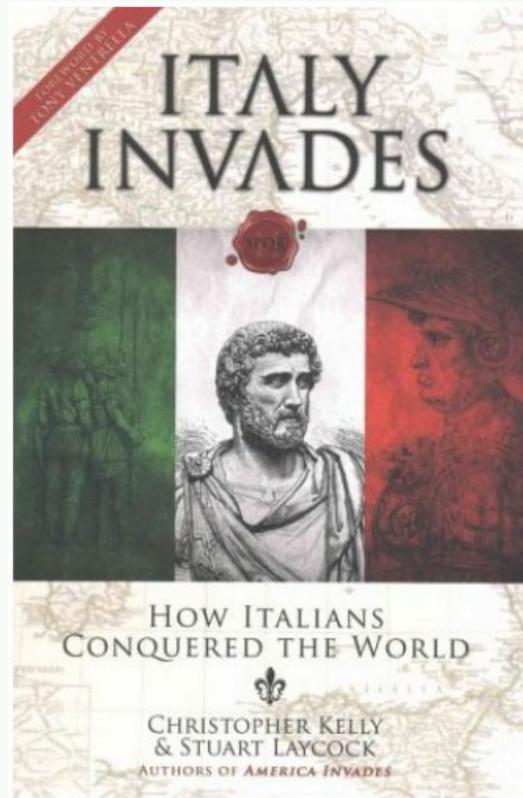
*Bio: Joel Patience is a local watercolor artist and writer, traveling to Italy for inspiration about all things Italian. He is a Board member of the FESTA Italiana Seattle, and with his wife Dale are members of the Italian Club of Seattle, Club Alpino Italiano and the Seattle-Perugia Sister City Association.*



## Italy Invades!

**By Martin Nigrelle**

At the January general meeting we were treated to a presentation from Christopher Kelly. Chris is the son-in-law of longstanding member and former club president Dominic Driano, and the author of a new book focusing on the conquests of the Roman and Italian empires throughout history.



The presentation included a slide show and overview of some of the facts and correlations that are detailed in the book. Example: How many people know that both Napoleon and Saint Patrick were of Italian heritage?

Chris took questions after the presentation, sold copies of his book, and gave away some t-shirts & hats. As a gesture of thanks, Chris donated \$100.00 to the club.

Joel Patience has committed to sharing a review of the book soon.

Chris has traveled back to his part-time home in London, England but his book is still available for purchase. More details can be found at the web site dedicated to the book: <http://italyinvades.com/> or by searching on the book title using the Amazon web site.

Thanks Chris! We all really enjoyed the presentation & hope book sales go well!

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

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| <b>February 2016</b>  |   |
|--|---|
|  | No Trustee meeting this month                   |
| 11th   | IC General Meeting/<br>Dinner 6:30PM            |
| 13th   | Crab Dinner - St. Alphonsus                     |
| 14th   | Valentine's Day                                 |
| 25th   | Input Deadline for March<br><i>il Ficcanaso</i> |
|  |   |

| <b>March 2016</b> |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 3rd               | Trustee Meeting                                 |
| 10th              | IC General Meeting/<br>Dinner 6:30PM            |
| 25th              | Input Deadline for April<br><i>il Ficcanaso</i> |

| <b>April 2016</b>  |   |
|---|---|
|   | No Trustee meeting this month                 |
| 14th  | IC General Meeting/<br>Dinner 6:30PM          |
| 25th  | Input Deadline for May<br><i>il Ficcanaso</i> |

| <b>May 2016</b>  |  |
|---|--|
| 5th   | Trustee Meeting                                |
| 7th   | San Gennaro Feast                              |
| 12th  | IC General Meeting/<br>Dinner 6:30PM           |
| 25th  | Input Deadline for June<br><i>il Ficcanaso</i> |

| <b>June 2016</b>  |  |
|--|--|
|  | No Trustee meeting this month                                    |
| 9th  | IC General Meeting/<br>Dinner 6:30PM                             |
| 30th   | Italian Heritage Night Seattle<br>Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles |
|  | No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> .<br>No inputs.                      |

| <b>July 2016</b>  |   |
|--|---|
|  | No Trustee meeting this month                 |
| 4th  | Independence Day                              |
| TBD  | Italian Night Seattle Sounders<br>vs. TBD     |
|  | No August <i>il Ficcanaso</i> .<br>No inputs. |

| <b>August 2016</b>  |   |
|--|---|
| 21st   | All Italian Community Picnic<br>Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley |
| 25th   | Input Deadline for September<br><i>il Ficcanaso</i>           |
| 25-27  | Festa Italiana, Portland, OR                                  |
| TBD  | Italian Day at Emerald Downs                                  |

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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, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

**Trustee Meetings:**

- First Thursday of every other month

**On-Line *il Ficcanaso***  
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## Do the Mussolini: Il Duce's son was a damn good jazz pianist!

**By Joel Patience**

There seems to be some debate about Italians and whether or not jazz exists as part of the Italian culture. Someone sent me a story about the son of Mussolini. Turns out he was a well known jazz pianist. If anyone knows how to get a cd copy of his work it would be greatly appreciated.





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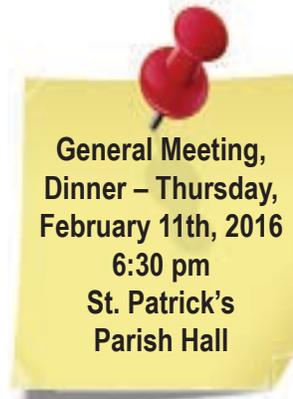
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