

**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
March 10th, 2016**

**6:30 pm
St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**

il Ficcanaso



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Chagrined to report that at the February General Meeting, only 33 people showed up. That's the least I've seen in more than forty years of membership so let's hope that with the days getting longer and flu season abating, we can really get some good turnouts again.

On February 16th, past-due notices were sent to those members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Since that time, a few members have responded, leaving us with 162 paid out of 212. This leaves us with fifty who are still in arrears.

If you plan to attend the March meeting, you can save yourself 49¢ and the Club 98¢ by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Final deadline is April 15, 2016 and again, as a reminder, this is a Roster Year.

Happy St. David's Day (Welsh), St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. (St. Joseph is the patron saint of Sicily and many parts of Italy. In Italy, Father's Day is celebrated on St. Joseph's Day). Mangiamo zep-pole!

Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!

As the club president, I want to thank the board for their work on the budget. I know first-hand that they put great effort and thought into the various line items in the budget. It is a difficult job but every year they put forth their best effort and due diligence.

I was unable to attend the last meeting, but I want to commend Anna Popovich and her wonderful crew for yet another great Crab Feed. All those volunteers who worked on any number of tasks – setting up tables and chairs, greeting guests, selling raffle tickets, waiting tables, tending bar, clean-up, and cooking – must know that the success of this event is totally due to their unselfish efforts. Every year the Crab Feed gets better and better!

My thanks to all of you who either volunteered, donated to the raffle, and/or attended the event, it was a success again!

If any member has ideas or concerns on the best ways the club can give back to, or get more involved in, the local Italian-American community, please let me know.

On a personal note I would like to thank all those members who sent me cards and prayer for a speedy recovery. The prayers and cards help and are greatly appreciated.

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.

Ciao!

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

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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 Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Sylvester.

The Birthday Winner for February: Joe Jacobin.

Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Marty Nigrelle, Dot Whitney, Paul Pioli, Deanna Dent (3X), Linda Jacobin, Michael Troianni, Ron Roletto, Angela Wright, Dale Bonn (3X), Margaret Ward, "Marvelous" Marvin Hanson, and Bill Piccena.

Progressive Prize: Of \$75 would have been won by Dolores DeVitis had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$100.

Crab Feed

By Anna Popovich, Chairman

Thank you to all our members and friends who attended the crab feed. As always it was a great success "and the best crab feed ever." I hear this every year.

Thank you Marty Nigrelle for driving down to Tokeland to get the crab. Ron Roletto and Michael Toriani for helping to set up the tables. A big thank you to Monte Marchetti, the chef in charge, with his help the crew of Dick & Dot Whitney, Al Carlsen, Rich Hall, Glen Suggs, Greg Pirolo, Bill Taylor and Molly Jensen. Thank You to all the waiters who did a terrific job, Angela Wright, Dan & Andrea Pacetti, Carol Bishop and Evelyn Campo. Also, the two tending the bar Bill Wright and Bill Piccena.

The raffle was outstanding this year. Thank you all for being so generous. A huge thank you to Audrey who did all the decorations and took charge of the raffle. A thank you to Tom Grossi and all his friends who took down the tables and chairs.

This was our 10th year and what I enjoy the most is seeing people so happy and visiting with one another. Thank you again and hope to see you next year.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Velva Saltarelli was pleased to share that she now has a great, great, great niece born on 2/2/16 - the daughter of her great, great nephew & godson to Orle. The baby's name is Sophie Simpson and she hadn't been expected to arrive until March but came early by C-section. We pray that Mom, Dad & baby Sophie are all doing well.

Diana Kaczor had surgery on February 8th (cancerous kidney removed). In fact, she went home the very next day! She has been recuperating with the help of her son, Jason, & daughter Nicole & even grandson Oliver has helped out.

Linda Madrid is also recovering at home after her shoulder surgery which was on January 8th after her fall in Palm Springs late December. Her first official outing was on February 13th to the crab feed. After her next visit to the doctor, she'll find out how soon she might be starting physical therapy. She still has a long recovery ahead of her. Both she & Diana have appreciated the kindnesses of everyone and certainly the prayers.

Ken & Jane Di Julio Hall spent the month of February enjoying the sun in Palm Desert. They had some fun visits with other relatives, some live there, others were also getting away from our cooler, damp weather here.

Longtime Italian Club member **Paul Merlino** passed away at the age of 74. Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis thirty years ago, Paul showed tremendous character and courage living with the effects of the disease. Together with his father Gene Merlino, President of the Italian Club in 1975-1976, Paul raised thousands of dollars for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation with a series of annual fundraisers. He is survived by his wife Cheryl.

Mary Beth Di Julio needs prayers. She is back home after a recent hospitalization but is on hospice with multiple physical challenges.

Joan Razore, who will turn 100 in April, paid a visit to her 104 year old friend **Estelle Di Julio**. They had a great time remembering old times and just catching up. Two very remarkable centenarians!

Monte Marchetti retired on December 31st, after 33 years at Boeing. He & wife **Margaret** went on a 10 day cruise to the Mexican Riviera. They came back just in time for him to cook for the Crab feed. He says he's loving the extra sleep and socializing. We wish Monte & Margaret many, many years of good health & good times with family & friends.

Audrey Manzanares enjoyed a visit from her daughter Marissa who spent Valentine's weekend with her. Marissa also started her job (on 2/19) at the L.A. Nordstrom. Good luck with that.

Angelo Merlino wrote to say that he & wife Mary just returned from a week on the Island of Kauai. They had some great times there with friends. Always nice to hear about the fun our



Joan Razore and Estelle Di Julio

Health & Welfare

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members are having.

Dorothy Miori Whitney's sister Dolores had to be hospitalized for an infection that effected a knee replacement she had back in 2012. That total knee had to be removed and will be out for two to three months until they can clear her body of the infection. Then they will have to do another total knee replacement and she will have to go through another recovery from that surgery. She is in a wheelchair and pretty reliant on family (including Dorothy) while she goes through the next several months. Please keep them all in your prayers: Dolores, Dorothy & all her family.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to those of you who are Irish & also to all of us Italians who also enjoy celebrating this special feast day.

10th Annual Mariners' Italian Heritage Night

By Martin Nigrelle

7:10pm Thursday June 30th, 2016 the Mariners will be hosting the Baltimore Orioles.

Tickets will be available at the March General meeting, \$29.00 per seat, payable to the Italian Club.

The giveaway item this year will be a great looking t-shirt.

More details to follow. Visit the web site for seating in the 300 level: <http://www.mariners.com/italian>.

Obituary: Ray Petre

Raymond B. Petre passed away January 25, 2016. His death was the result of complications from a fall.

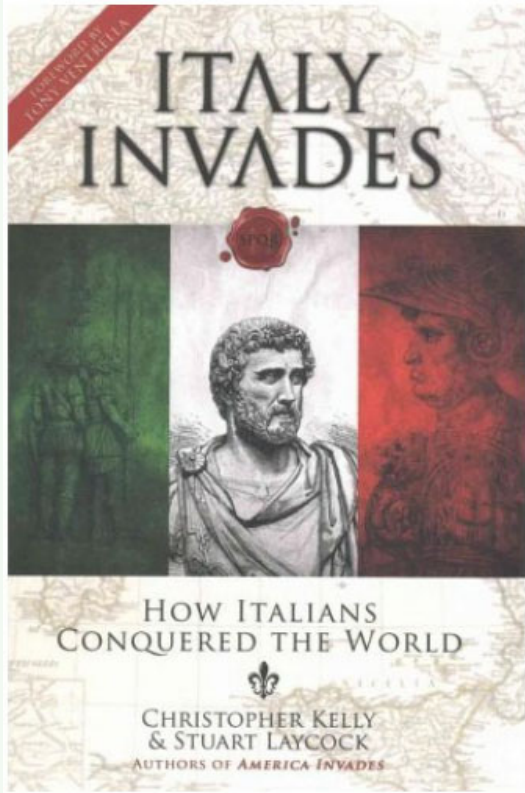
The youngest of five sons, Ray was born to Italian immigrants in depression area Joliet Illinois. During his youth he worked in the ice house business and at construction jobs in a renowned tough area. Ray considered dropping out of school but his involvement in the High School football team led him to strive to better himself resulting in him becoming a better student as well as athlete. Born in 1928, he was too young for WWII, but joined the Army in 1949, and was sent to Ft Belvoir to study Geodetic Surveying. Early Army service included tours in the Pacific Ocean Area, Guam, and the Philippines Islands.

He married his lovely young wife Caroline in 1953 and they traveled together to duty stations in San Francisco and Death Valley, CA, then to Panama, and Texas. In 1958 Ray left the Army and enlisted in the Air Force, continuing his work and studies in Geodetic Surveying, and serving in Alaska and Montana before retiring in 1969.

Ray and Caroline raised five children, Teresa, Vince, Dave, Doug, and Nancy. They settled in Issaquah, Washington after military service.

Ray worked as a surveyor for King County and obtained his license as a Professional Land Surveyor. After eight years with King County, Ray pursued his dream to practice land surveying on his own. He surveyed extensively in south King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties for nearly 25 years before gradually winding the business down and settling into retired life.

He was a member and officer of the Land Surveyors Association of Washington, and he taught many courses on Geodetics and Star and Sun shot calculations to young surveyors in training. His work in the field of Surveying remains a monument to good practice and moral judgment.



Italy Invades

A book review by Joel Patience

When you think of your family and how it connects to Italy, just how far back do you consider your Italian roots? Is it a neighborhood in New York, San Francisco or New Orleans? But wait - what about Romania, Egypt or even England? The book *Italy Invades* gives readers a unique look at the breath of Italian/Roman influence over the ages. It presents a chance to look into the rear view mirror and see with a fair amount of clarity, just how much Italy has influenced the world during recorded history.

Although there are many enclaves of Italians that emigrated across the globe over time, *Italy Invades* lists all the countries in order and starts each with how the emigration of the Romans – the Italians of their day – used information about the planet they knew. It then adds the influence of recent Italian influences to these societies through travel, business, war and love. Though some great research, authors Christopher Kelly and Stuart Laycock then add in modern events to make a layer cake of history.

Anyone can be a Roman Citizen – like it or not. The culture lived and expanded solely to acquire goods and services for those citizens; some of them humans. This book is a guide to the expansion in ways we do not usually think about. It sheds light on how through Italian influences; modern governments create and collect taxes, courts administer law and punishments, political powers overtake one another and yes, how politicians grant favors. It will have the reader imagining - where did their own family really come from? For those of you that cringe at the idea of long range modern travel, this book will have you wondering what tourist class was like in Roman times.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. Laycock have created a delightful way for folks to view Italian culture and its contrasting geopolitical impacts over the entire planet. They also make the unmistakable point that while Italians have been on the move as long as anyone remembers, many never or just returned shortly to Italy but kept up traditions that influenced others. As a result, countless people representing and proud of Italy were never born or raised in Italy; their families were part of the great migrations to create opportunity.

One good ancient example is the Emperor Constantine. This was the first Christian ruler of the Roman Empire. He was crowned not in Rome but, in what is now the city of York, England in 306 A.D and born in what is modern Serbia. His mother - known to many as Saint Helena – was from a Roman area that is now part of Turkey. Yet, a modern example is Benito Mussolini. He declared war on the U.S. - a country that many Italians had thought of as a friend and place of great sanctuary for their families. Despite the outcome for Benito, his son Romano became a renowned jazz pianist.

Bio: Joel Patience is a 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.

The Italy I Remember

By Marven Hansen

In the mid 60's I drove my family from London to Italy so my wife, Pina, could be with her parents during the Christmas holidays. Their apartment was in Vomero, the bedroom district high above Naples. Pina's father rode back and forth to work on the famous funicolare. Some minor repair work was necessary in the kitchen so I drove up to a hardware store in Vomero's business section. With Christmas shopping at its peak I could only double park. Shortly after leaving the car a Carabinieri came up to tell Pina the car had to be moved. Pina explained that her husband had only this one chance to buy gifts for little Gioia and Paolo who were sitting in the back seat. The Carabinieri warned her again and walked away. Soon afterwards a city policeman came up and started writing a ticket but was interrupted by the Carabinieri who came back to say that this was his business and he would take care of it.

I soon came back to the car and we drove away. At the next corner Pina did some waving and smiling at the Carabinieri standing there. Then she told me the whole story which was so typical of Italy.

(This story will be a little shorter.)

During the 70's we lived in a small coastal town between Marina Di Pisa and Livorno. One afternoon Pina drove a few blocks to her favorite store and parked along the curb just outside. When she returned a town policeman was writing a ticket and explained that an unoccupied car could be left for only 5 minutes and she had been gone for half an hour. Pina said the car was not unoccupied because Ginger, our Cocker Spaniel, was sleeping on the front seat. The officer said he hadn't seen Ginger, tore up the ticket, and wished Pina a pleasant afternoon as he walked away.



Club Alpino Italiano

While most folks appreciate Italy for its historic and developed urban settings, it has long been known for its mountain, rural and nature hiking. One of the oldest hiking clubs on the planet is the Club Alpino Italiano or CAI. Founded in 1863 in Turin, we have over 300,000 members.

CAI-PNW has the local CAI group that is based right here in the Seattle area as a subsection of CAI Pisa. We invite everyone that enjoys the out of doors to consider joining us as a member or guest on one of our outings. You will need to contact CAI-PNW prior to an event to sign and return our release. Members have a one time per year release with membership.


There is something for just about everyone. During the tough weather months we tend to stay in the more urban natural areas and as the weather improves we head for the mountains, lakes and beaches. Once a year we try to have a walk-a-bout trip where Italians from CAI meet us at sometimes spectacular settings. This year was Machu Picchu, Peru!

We often have native Italian speakers at events and encourage anyone with an interest in to read the attached event list, share it with your community and read our most current newsletter at www.CAI-PNW.com. There's an application there as well!

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

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

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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>

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


**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

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

September 2016 	
1st	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
9-11	San Gennaro Festival Georgetown
10th	Annual Mass in Italian and Children’s Procession at Mt. Virgin Church, 6:30PM
TBD	Italian Club Golf Tourney
TBD	Festa Italian Luncheon Sorrento Hotel
24 & 25	29th Annual Italian Festival Seattle Center
28th	Input Deadline for October <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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

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