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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
December 8th, 2016**

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



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Buone feste, tutti.

As usual, notices for 2017 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, 2016, nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those 15 members (we lost two this year) will receive their free membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member and Past President, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949 and will be 95 this coming Christmas Day!

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25 per year. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for at least 35 years. Our records show that out of 215 members, 22 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.

Message from the President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now we look forward to all the Christmas festivities which are coming up faster and faster every year.

The Children's Christmas Party is well under way and I am sure will be a great success. Please remember that additional help is always needed and if you are interested in helping in any way, please call Andrea or Audrey to volunteer.

The Adult Christmas Party is also coming together and looks to be a lot of fun. There will be great music and great food! What more could you ask for in a party.

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***

Adult Christmas Party

The Adult Christmas Party will be Sunday December 18th, 6:00 PM at the Mercer Island Community Center. Tickets are \$50. Doug Chiechi will be catering and Danny Quintero and his band will be playing.

For reservations/tickets, contact Audrey Manzanaras (206-779-7325 or amanzanaras@live.com).

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

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

Family Christmas Party..... **TBD**

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

Festa Sausage Booth **Tom Grossi**

Golf Tournament **Brian DiJulio**

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

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

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

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

New Membership **Audrey Manzanares**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Linda Madrid**

Children's Christmas Party!

By Audrey Manzanares

The Children's Christmas party will be at St. John's Parish Hall on the morning of December 10. Contact Andrea Petrone (425-774-6976 or ciaoitalia817@gmail.com). Andrea will buy and wrap the presents after getting the pertinent info. Parents must RSVP by 6 PM, Thursday, December 2nd and if they belong to both the Italian Club and Sons of Italy, please register with only ONE club.

Election of New Officers for 2017

By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney, Chairwoman

Installation of our new officers will take place at our meeting on the 12th of January, 2017.

Below please find the slate of new officers for the year of 2017.

PRESIDENT: AUDREY MANZANARES

VICE PRESIDENT: ANNA POPOVICH

SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA

TREASURER: JOSEPH GALLUCCIO

**TRUSTEES: BARBARA GALLUCCIO
RON ROLETTO
MARTIN NIGRELLE**

**TRUSTEES: Returning for their second year
TOM GROSSI
DAN PACETTI**

PAST PRESIDENT: DIANA KACZOR, 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

(Dennis Caldirola sent this notice in an email on November 7th.) Following the loss in September of beloved Honorary Life Member **Fr. Carmine Sacco**, according to the *Seattle Times* yesterday, we have lost another in **Fr. Gary Morelli** who died on October 28th at age 75. Fr. Gary was the pastor at St. Francis Assisi Parish in Oak Harbor, St. Edward Parish, St. John Bosco Parish in Lakewood, and most recently, at Holy Family Parish in Kirkland. Fr. Gary also shared a historical link to the Italian Club of Seattle when the organization was at its zenith. His father was member Ermon "Ernie" Morelli who contracted kidney disease in the 1960's and was one of the first people in the world to undergo modern dialysis - which was invented in Seattle. To pay for his very expensive treatment, the Italian Club started an annual series of fundraising banquets to benefit the NW Kidney Foundation. These banquets came to be known as the Ernie Morelli Dinners and over the years raised tens of thousands of dollars for kidney research. As a young priest, Fr. Gary always attended and gave the invocation, and over the years, he never forgot the Italian Club and what we did in his father's memory. His funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 AM, Wed, Nov 9th at Holy Family Catholic Church in Kirkland.

Linda Madrid & husband **Don Gulden** will be heading to Cancun, Mexico on November 26th for 8 days of relaxation. Then she may be facing another foot surgery on the same foot that was done most recently (her left foot). She's still recovering from that surgery and from her shoulder surgery. Hopefully the Cancun vacation will give her the strength to face whatever is coming next. We can also keep her in our prayers - that should help get her through.

Nick & Ginni Grossi attended the Halloween party at their senior residence and Ginny got a prize for her costume as a Sophisticated Lady. But Nick took first prize for his clown outfit. He was a Seafair Clown for 17 years so he had the costume and the experience.

Frances & Amadeo Rossi are completing a course at Bellevue College titled "Rome the Eternal City" which encompasses the rise (750 BC) and fall of the Roman Empire (5th Century). They are also completing a DVD course (24 lecture series) by the University of Toronto



Monte and Margaret in Arizona with Marshall Lucky. Prescott Az

titled "Italy: Conflict & Competition in the Mediterranean" which provides the history of the Italian peninsula from the fall of the Roman Empire to the unification of Italy in the 19th century. These are great courses which provide an excellent overview of the history of the Italian peninsula. The DVD course can be obtained from The Teaching Company - Great Courses. If you have any questions on these courses please contact Frances & Amadeo.

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Health & Welfare (continued)

Dale Bonn & husband Joel Pa-tience are taking Intermediate Italian Conversation at UW this quarter. They read current articles from Italian newspapers, learn vocabulary from the articles, and discuss in class. They had their first midterm exam in more than 30 years last week. They both got "Bravo" from the instructor. They are taking the class through the Access Program. The program opens regular college courses to Washington residents age 60 & over for a very nominal fee. They even have Husky ID cards. They concluded with "it's a lot of fun but we have spent quite a bit of time doing homework." Good way to keep their brains active!

Joe & Barbara Galluccio are very happy to announce the marriage of their son Andrew to lovely Miss Jennifer Sopher on September 18, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. They are also glad to announce the engagement of their son Richard to a wonderful lady, Miss Holly Lauer. She will bring them two lovely grandchildren, Breckin & Ella. That wedding is scheduled for April, 2017. Barbara & Joe are grateful for all the blessings they received this year! In addition they attended a niece's wedding in New York, will also travel to both Pensacola and Boca Raton for the marriages of two nephews in 2017. The Galluccio clan is growing by leaps & bounds!



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Anna Popovich.

The Birthday Winner for October was Ginny Grossi.

Thanksgiving Turkeys were won by Bill Picchena, Cathy Langenegger, Angela Write, Seth Nils, Velva Saltarelli, Judy Seth, Dot Whitney, Frances Rossi, Ginny Grossi and Max Leone.

Spirits and Coffee Cards were won by Frances Rossi (2x), Paul Pioli (2x), Dan Pacetti, Colleen Flower, Tom Grossi (2x), Scott Fitzgerald, Dick Whitney, Deanna Dent, Marie Dahlgren, Sr. Mary Lou DiJulio, Linda Madrid and Dale Bonn.

Progressive Prize of \$25 would have been won by Karen Bianchi had she been in attendance. Jackpot now goes up to \$50.



*President's Luncheon
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at il Fornaio*

Poli opposti (*Opposites Attract*)

A film review by Joel Patience

It has been a long time since I recommended a film. We see some films as part of our Tuesday date nights but we are selective; eliminating previews with lots of violence, those that show off limitless volume of their speakers and reviews with ties to production companies. Compliments go to SIFF and its trust in Claudio Mazzola - who focuses on selecting current Italian films and for taking time to find this film that entertains us with a bit of what one might call "civilized passion". November 7 we thoroughly enjoyed the SIFF (Seattle International Film Festival) Italian release of Poli opposti (*Opposites Attract*). It was the first film by Director Max Croci who was also in attendance to answer questions for the audience. Mr. Croci, together with a group of talented writers and actors has produced a film that one should feel comfortable to take their sweet heart and family to. One might call the film Poli opposti = *delizioso* – a dessert for the heart.

Poli opposti is built on fragments of historical film smiles proven to charm audiences that find the difficulty in forming of love relations alluring. That would be most of us. A divorce attorney Claudia (Sarah Felberbaum) lives for the chance to extract a pound or more of flesh from the spouses of her mostly female clients. Sefephano (Luca Argentero) is a couples therapist that does his best to bring couples back together. They have offices just across the corridor but, are philosophically and emotionally on other planets. They share some of the same friends at arms length and try not to admit they secretly admired one another in childhood. Their relationship develops drama from the complexity of modern living - while being attracted by some of the most personal and touching emotions humans can ever wish to express to another. The body language of audience members conveyed outright encouragement for the film's couple trying to fall in love; only to have their efforts interrupted by the other factors in their lives; temptation, hesitation, suspicion of their own hearts and the influence of others.

This movie is in Italian with English subtitles and available currently in dvd for Italian machines. It will also be available via some other technology for you to enjoy. The chance to purchase a dozen copies as that perfect holiday gifts is delayed but, only until it becomes available for U.S. dvd players. Let's keep this between us so as to not spoil the surprise for my friends and family. I would encourage readers to see this film as it will add a sense of romance to your lives and encourage your travels – at least across the corridor if not to Italy.

Joel Patience is a watercolor artist and independent writer. His inspirations come from travels with his wife Dale to Italy and beyond.

Thank You Message

Andrea (Petrone),

Please accept my apologies for my tardiness in congratulating you on an outstanding Halloween party. The decorations and atmosphere were a credit to your creative talents.

Many thanks and deep appreciation for all of your efforts.

Dominick V. Driano

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Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 6:30PM

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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 509, Seattle, WA 98105-3163

December 2015



	No Trustee meeting this month
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
10th	Family Christmas Party
18th	Adult Christmas Party Mercer Island Comm. Center
24th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

January 2016



1st	New Year's Day
5th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

February 2016



	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Crab Dinner - St. Alphonsus
14th	Valentine's Day
25th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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March 2017

2nd	Trustee Meeting
16th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

April 2017



	No Trustee meeting this month
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

May 2017



4th	Trustee Meeting
TBD	San Gennaro Feast
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for June <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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

June 2016



	No Trustee meeting this month
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
30th	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

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 (denniscaldirola1@gmail.com).





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