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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
February 9th, 2017**

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

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
CRAB FEED
Saturday, February 18, 2017
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Health & Welfare Columnist Retires

I would like to let our members all know that I am intending to "retire" from writing the Health & Welfare Column for our monthly newsletter. It has been a privilege and a joy to do this but I really feel it needs a change. It is a fun task and has allowed me to become better acquainted with many more of our wonderful club members. But I think it's time to allow someone else that opportunity. I am happy to turn the task over whenever a new volunteer comes forth. If necessary, I will continue until the June 2017 newsletter is completed. The first column I wrote was for the June 2012 issue so I would like my last one to be prior to the 5 year mark. I think the column can benefit from a fresh, new perspective every few years. Thanks so much for everyone's support these past years. I am happy to assist whoever takes over in whatever way needed.

**Sincerely,
Gemma Di Julio Thielges**

Message from the President

Ciao Amici di Famiglia,

This is my first letter to all of you. And I need to tell you in advance that I will write it the way I would talk it. (Not something my English teacher appreciated...)

Thank you for your vote of confidence in me and the rest of the board you voted in last month. I am very excited to serve as your La Presidentessa!! I think we can all work together to make our club a welcoming and vital part of the community.

We worked very hard on the budget this year and I hope you will take the time to go over the numbers (page 5). Our club belongs to the membership; the board is at your service. Please make your opinions known so we can ensure the budget reflects the membership as best as possible, knowing we cannot please everyone. If you have any questions or concerns about the budget, please bring them up at the general meeting or feel free to call or email me.

Our Annual Crab Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th, at St. Alphonsus. Anna Popovich is graciously chairing the event again this year. I know for sure we are looking for donations of raffle prizes and as always can use help setting up, serving and clean up. Please contact Anna or myself if you are available and willing to help. Tables sell out quickly so be sure to contact Anna if you want to attend.

Valentine's Day is my favorite day of the year and this is the month of love, so I will leave you with a favorite quote of mine from Mother Theresa: "Spread LOVE everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any general concerns or comments by phone: (206) 779-7325 or e-mail: amanzanares@live.com

**Con amore e affetto,
Audrey Manzanares**

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

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

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

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Golf Tournament **Brian DiJulio**

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

Health & Welfare..... **Gemma Thielges**

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

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

New Membership..... **Audrey Manzanares**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Linda Madrid**

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of January 23rd, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 208 members in good standing of which 142 have paid their dues for 2017. This is ahead of where we were last year by four members but at the same time, we have had a number of members resign which will become significant when we purge them from the roster on April 15, 2017. Remember you can always save yourself and the Club 49¢ apiece by attending the March general meeting and paying your dues in person. We will issue your membership card immediately.

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.

Italian Club Trustee Change

By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney, Chairwoman

Due to an employment opportunity in Eugene, Oregon, Dan Pacetti has had to withdraw as a Trustee. The club is very sorry to see him leave. Dan was instrumental in club activities.

Our new Trustee will be Amadeo Rossi who has been with the club since 2015 and is originally from Pastena, Italy.



2017 Officers of The Italian Club of Seattle: (Front) Micheal Troiani, Ron Roletto, Barbara Galluccio, Dorothy Whitney, Audrey Manzanares, Diana Kaczor, Anna Popovich, Joel Patience (standing in for Dennis Caldirola); (Back) Amadeo Rossi, Tom Grossi, Martin Nigrelle, Joe Galluccio

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Jim Di Julio passed away on January 7th which has left a deep heartache for Brian & Jim's seven other children & also us, his four sisters. But he certainly had a great send-off with over 400 attending his Mass & reception at St. Monica's.

Brian & Barb Di Julio, after saying goodbye to his Dad, have recently welcomed their third granddaughter, Quinn Frances Woodward, on Nov. 25th. Their parents are **Kelly Di Julio Woodward & Brian T. Woodward**. Also, Barb & Brian's son, **Brad & wife Katie**, have announced that they are expecting their first child in August which they were able to share with Brian's Dad, Jim, before he died. Still hard for them/all of us to accept the reality of his death.

John Brondello reported that he took his family on a Panama Canal cruise. Said it was "wonderful to have everyone 'stuck together' on the ship & not able to get away." Sounds to me like it would be a fun place to be stuck together!

Former member **Anthony Lalli** had a stroke and is now blind. He also closed his business. We are sorry for this and ask that our members keep him in our prayer intentions.

The **Frances & Amadeo Rossi** family including, all three boys & two wives, spent Christmas & New Years in Rome. They write: "What a great time seeing our Italian friends & family! We would like to share two experiences that others may want to entertain when they go to Rome. The first is the Scavi Tour at Saint Peter's Basilica. The ninety minute guided tour was extremely interesting & informative. It starts about 60 feet below the Basilica at the original ground level which included pagan cemeteries where there were above ground family burial chambers. From this level there are four altars to Saint Peter that were built over the top of each other over the centuries to the present level of the Basilica. You can see all four of these including the location where Saint Peter was buried. Following the tour you exit into the Basilica so you don't need to wait in the long lines outside. The tour is limited & you need to sign up well in advance. The website is scavi@fsp.va, additional information can be found at thecatholictraveler.com/vatican-scavi-tour/. We also had our marriage vows renewed for our 35th anniversary at Pope Pius VI Chapel at the Vatican, the ceremony included a full mass. Again, this needs to be scheduled at least 6 months in advance of your trip. You can contact Doria Lobato of the Seattle Archdiocese for details. She can be reached at 206-274-3112. A picture after our ceremony at the Chapel is attached (right). If anyone has any questions, feel free to let us know."



Judy Seth fell on Jan. 14th as she was coming up her front steps. She tripped at the top, fell, and rolled down the cement steps. She was taken to Swedish Hospital on Broadway where she had stitches on the bridge of her nose and back of her head. She has multiple scrapes and bruises. She also broke two bones in her foot. In spite of how awful this all sounds, she claims she is doing quite well and even the

Health & Welfare *(continued)*

doctor told her she was fortunate that her injuries were not much worse! She was transferred to Mt. St. Vincent's in West Seattle on Jan. 18th and she'll be recovering there for about a week. We'll be praying that Judy will heal quickly and completely.

Linda Jacobin's sister, Vicki Jordan, had a small stroke while driving but was near an urgent care center at the time. She was hospitalized for a short time and is recovering. She apparently remembered the warning signs and when she discovered she was slurring her words, she knew what was happening. A good lesson for all of us. Let's keep Vicki in our prayers.

Joel Patience sent this in - printed just as he wrote it: "I am pleased to announce that PFI (Pacific Food Importers) now carries watercolor giclees of my Italian paintings! The quality of the watercolor paper is selected so that under glass they are almost impossible to tell from the originals. All the works at PFI are framed. In addition, PFI has a selection of greeting cards that I produce from my paintings and are branded for PFI. I cannot think of more appropriate setting for them than the original Italian grocery in Seattle. PFI is located at 1001- 6th Avenue South, Seattle and has allowed me to enhance their entry in the brownstone they have occupied for years. Please take time to stop for a visit and view. Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions." I had not heard the term "giclees." I looked it up and will let you do the same - a new word to add to our vocabulary!

This came in from **Dennis Caldirola**: At a gala dinner on January 15th at Seattle Center, Italian Club members Kimberly Carrosino, Joanne Spino Marchese, Marty Nigrelle and Andrea Petrone were honored by the Festàl organization for their dedication and hard work, volunteering for Festa Italiana. Michele Guerrini from the Bellevue Lodge of the Sons of Italy was honored as well.

Happy Valentine's Day.

What's In A Name (if you're Italian)

By Marven Hansen

Back in the early 60's my wife Pina (Giuseppa) and I were invited to an Italian Fundraising Dinner in Columbia City. Funds were needed to support development of dialysis machines for patients with kidney failure. Name cards were placed which seated us across from a man named Jovanovici. He spoke with Pina and soon asked where she was from in Italy. This really got them started and she soon asked him about his name with a letter "J", which is not found in the Italian alphabet. He said the name was spelled, originally with "lo," which was very troublesome in this country.

More recently an acquaintance named Iadanza said he was surviving a similar problem, but his cousin back East who was in the TV show "Taxi," had changed his name to Tony Danza.

Pina first confronted her problem in clinics and department stores where she had to spell her name out loud. Even then she often saw it misspelled "Gui" (Goey).

Daughter Gioia still lives with the problem. For many years, while Pina was in school, she read exciting stories about the famous Sicilian bandit, Giuliano. When Mario Puzo published his book, "The Sicilian" in 1984, she hurried to buy a copy. She just couldn't believe it when she read the bandit's name as "Guiliano," not just once, but hundreds of times.



Fr Paul Magnano, Sister Mary Louise Di Julio and Angela Wright at the January meeting.

2017 Budget for The Italian Club of Seattle

Income	2016	Actual	2017
Advertising / Newsletter	\$300.00	\$345.00	\$300.00
Advertising / Roster	\$900.00	\$455.00	\$0.00
Casa Subsidy	\$1,350.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Crab Feed	\$3,000.00	\$2,486.00	\$2,400.00
Donations	\$1,500.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,250.00
Dinner Meetings	\$4,750.00	\$3,515.00	\$3,500.00
Festa Italiana	\$2,400.00	\$2,376.00	\$2,750.00
Interest	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Vanguard Mutual Funds	\$2,500.00	\$15,495.00	\$10,000.00
Member Dues	\$9,200.00	\$8,200.00	\$8,000.00
New Members	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$400.00
	\$27,000.00	\$37,547.00	\$31,600.00
Expenses			
Accounting	\$475.00	\$707.00	\$500.00
Administration	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Board Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$1,096.00	\$500.00
Club Marketing (new item)			\$300.00
Family Halloween Party	\$350.00	\$488.00	\$0.00
Dinner Meetings	\$11,000.00	\$10,212.00	\$10,000.00
Festa Italiana	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Insurance	\$420.00	\$491.00	\$429.00
Legal Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$100.00
Newsletters	\$5,000.00	\$4,879.00	\$5,000.00
Office	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Past Presidents & Dec board meeting dinner	\$700.00	\$582.00	\$1,200.00
Picnic	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Printing	\$350.00	\$642.00	\$400.00
Postage	\$500.00	\$209.00	\$125.00
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$300.00	\$155.00	\$300.00
Progressive Draw	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
Past President's Gift		\$0.00	\$250.00
Rent - Meetings	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Rent - Ballard Office	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$880.00
Rent - Storage	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Roster	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
San Gennaro	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Scholarship	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Seafair Miss Italian Club Seattle	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Christmas Party - Adult	\$1,000.00	\$1,087.00	\$1,100.00
Christmas Party - Family	\$500.00	\$499.00	\$325.00
Website Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	Pending
	\$38,835.00	\$36,437.00	\$36,259.00



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by by Michael Troiani, Sergeant-at-Arms.

No one present had a birthday in January.

Raffle Prizes were won by: Marvin Hansen, Dale Bonn *2, Diana Kaczor *2, Joe Jacobin, Bill Wright, Deana Dent *3, Tom Grossi, Anna Rossi, Dick Whitney, Anna Popovitch, Monte Marchetti, & Francis Rossi.

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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

February 2017

	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Valentine's Day
18th	Crab Dinner - St. Alphonsus
25th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

March 2017

2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	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
6th	San Gennaro Feast
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for June <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

General Meeting, Dinner – Thursday, February 12th, 2017 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Parish Hall

June 2017

	No Trustee meeting this month
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
21st	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners vs. Philadelphia Phillies
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

July 2017

	No Trustee meeting this month
4th	Independence Day
	No August <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

August 2017

20th	All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
24th	ICoS Golf Tournament Echo Falls
24-26	Festa Italiana, Portland, OR
25th	Input Deadline for September <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

September 2017

7th	Trustee Meeting
TBD	Italian Day at the Races Emerald Downs
8-10	San Gennaro Festival Georgetown
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
15th	Festa Italia Luncheon Seattle Yacht Club
16th	Festa Mass Mt. Virgin Church, 6:30PM
22nd	Taste of Italy, Seattle Center
23 & 24	Festa Italiana, Seattle Center
28th	Input Deadline for October <i>il Ficcanaso</i>





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