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

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



**HAPPY
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DAY**



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HELP WANTED: Health & Welfare Author

by Joe Jacobin, Editor

As we know, Gemma Di Julio Thielges is "retiring" from writing the Health & Welfare column for the *il Ficcanaso*. First, I'd like to thank her for her tireless efforts to update us with those who have been ill, passed away or allowed us to share in our members' more happier times, such as marriages, vacations, additions to their families and other news that makes us all fans of this column.

But replacing her is going to be a challenge. Gemma is willing to continue until June when we go on summer break. Gemma will help the next person "learn the ropes," and, likewise, I am certainly willing to help.

Please don't be afraid of writing like Hemingway, Steinbeck or even a newspaper columnist. Most of what is received and used in the column is sent via e-mail and then "cut & pasted" into a single Word file each month. If you know how to make a post on Facebook or write and send an e-mail, then you are already well-qualified for the job. The primary criteria is someone who likes to talk and listen to our members.

If you are a fan of the Health & Welfare column and want to see it continue, please let Gemma or me know. Thank you!

Message from the President

Ciao, Amici della Famiglia,

Spring is almost here, and although it is still cold out, I can see flowers popping up in my garden!!

What a great success and fun night our Annual Crab Feed was this year!! MANY MANY thanks to Anna Popovich for chairing this event and to Monte Marchetti for heading up the kitchen. As usual, the food was DELICIOUS and the crab was OUTSTANDING! We couldn't have done it without the many hands that volunteered to set up, pick up the crab, wait tables and the bar and then clean up afterwards! Much appreciation also goes out to the generous donors to our raffle. My heart is full of gratitude!!

Mark your calendars for the Annual San Gennaro Feast on May 6th. That is another fun-filled night of music, raffles and so much food it boggles my mind.

I am quite appreciative of all of you! Happy Spring!

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 ed affetto,

Audrey Manzanares

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

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

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Anna Popovich**

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As per the bylaws, on February 15th, past-due notices were sent to those members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Since that time, several members have responded, leaving us with 157 paid members out of 204. This leaves with 47 who are still in arrears. If you plan to attend the March meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Final deadline is April 15, 2017.

Happy St. David's Day (March 1, Welsh), St. Patrick's Day (March 17, Irish) and St. Joseph's Day (March 19). St. Joseph is the patron saint of Sicily and in many parts of Italy. In fact, in Italy, Father's Day is celebrated on St. Joseph's Day. Depending on where you are from, we make zeppole, fritelli, sfinge, Bignè, etc.

Crab Feed

By Anna Popovich, Chairman

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this crab feed a success. Thank you Marty Nigrelle for the trip to Tokeland to pick up the crab. BIG THANK YOU to Monte Marchetti and his kitchen crew: Dick & Dorothy Whitney, Greg Pesce, Greg Pirolo, Bob Honk, Rich Hall and Molly Jensen. The waiters did an outstanding job! Thank you Angela Wright, Tom Milios, Joe Galluccio, Joe Jacobin, Mike Popovich and Zoe Popovich. Bill Wright and Bill Pecchina took over the bar. Thank you great job. The raffle was outstanding this year. The people were very generous. Thank You to all of you who donated.

The ladies did a great job selling tickets: Diane Kaczor, Dorothy Whitney, Audrey Manzanares, and Deanna Dent. BIG THANK YOU for setting up the tables: Michael Troiani and Michael Popovich. Also, thank you Ron Roletto buying the supplies. A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who helped take down the tables and chairs.

I asked and you came through. As you can see it takes a lot of people to make it a success. As Fr. Magnano said "It was another smashing success celebrating Italians with good food and drink." See you next year.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Karen Gazarek Bianchi just bought a new boat. Her comment was, “now I need to learn how to operate it. And I will!” Have to admire Karen’s spunky spirit.

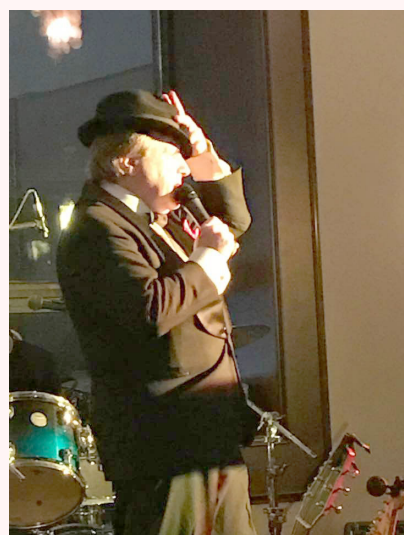
Martin Nigrelle said he changed jobs in January. After 20-plus years at Microsoft in various roles & positions, he is now employed at Providence Health & Services as the Manager of a 50+ member team in Identity & Access Management - Operations. We wish Martin much success with this new company.

Linda Madrid said “it was wonderful to see everybody” at the crab feed but she is still bound to a wheelchair until mid-March when she’ll find out whether or not she can do minimal weight bearing, with her boot on, after having had her most recent foot surgery which ended up being more complex than they originally expected.

Joel Patience & wife Dale Bonn (picture at right) reached Lone Star Geyser at the middle of a five mile snowshoe hike in Yellowstone.

Longtime club member **Francis Tief** passed away last June. He was a Brigadier General & earned many awards including the Silver Star during his 30 year career with the Marine Corps. We appreciate his service and send our condolences to his family.

Joan Di Julio was hospitalized on February 5th for a week. That wasn’t even a month after her husband Jim passed away on January 7th. She is not doing well. Please keep her & their family in your prayers.



Tony La Stella reported that the La Stella Foundation produced a TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA (left) as a Special Valentine’s Dinner Dance in Aberdeen on February 11th as a fundraiser for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The event took place at Cortese’s Italian Ristorante. The performance was donated by Tony La Stella. David Madrid donated his time to be emcee of the evening (right picture: David Madrid with Dan Malvini, the owner of Cortese’s and the host).



Judy Collins Seth reported that her foot surgery went well. They put five pins in her foot in order for it to heal properly. She hopes it will be much better within the next month. For now,

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Health & Welfare (continued)

she has been in a lot of pain, mostly when she walks. She said, "this is one of those times when I'm sorry I don't drink." The drinking might temporarily ease the pain but could cause bigger problems if she ended up getting tipsy and taking another fall. Probably just as well that she stays sober! We hope to see you at the March meeting, Judy.

Our sympathies to **Father Paul Magnano** & the family on the recent death of his brother-in-law, Glen Smith, who was married to Father's sister Mary Magnano Smith. Father celebrated a Funeral Mass for him here in Seattle at Christ our Hope and there was also a funeral Mass for him in California where their children live. Mary resides part time in California and part time in this area.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to the Italians as well as the Irish and a meaningful Lent to all.



WINNERS

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

Birthday Winners: As the only February "Birthday Boy" in attendance, Joe Jacobin scooped ten bucks.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners: were won by: Dale Bonn, Riccardo Pierotti (2x), Audrey Manzanaras, Tom Grossi, Bill Wright, Monte Marchetti (2x) Dennis Caldirola (2x), Frances Rossi and Colleen Flowers.

Progressive Prize: Of \$100 would have been won by Leo Costello had he been in attendance. Jackpot now goes up to \$125.

New Date, New Opponent, New Opportunities!

By Martin Nigrelle

The 11th annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night is now scheduled for Wednesday June 21st, 2017.

The new date ensures we (as a group/community) can do some things that were not available to us on the previously announced date. Stay tuned to find out about activities we will be adding this year.

At 7:10pm the Mariners will be taking on the Detroit Tigers. Be sure to arrive early to see Bocce played in the outfield. Enjoy watching Rick Rizzs & Brad Adam on the big screen take on the winners of the bocce tourney.

The giveaway item this year will be a flag. Just imagine the big screen filled with a shot of 500-1,000 of us all waving flags in support of Italian Heritage!!

The Mariners already have the web site up: <http://mariners.com/italian>.



The Waters of Eternal Youth

A book review by Joel Patience

For those of you that enjoy mystery stories you will find another great dark alley to explore in the Commissario Guido Brunetti Mysteries. An American writer Donna Leon lives in Venice, Italy and this is her 25th book in the series.

While the character she creates is fictional, Commissario Brunetti solves every nature of crime and corruption in Venice. The places he visits during these investigations are real and we have enjoyed using the stories to explore the city – far from the few blocks where tourists dwell. Just as one might see in the daily news, Brunetti and his family have to deal with issues of living in a big old city. Venice is a city that is too expensive for many of the locals to live anymore and the matter of illegal immigrants from the remains of eastern block and north Africa counties touch nearly everyone. This migration is as old as the Roman empire itself; although Venice is the only major city in Italy that was not founded by the Romans.

Brunetti is a seasoned cop; he is married and has two children. These and other relationships have formed eloquently over the development of the series. By some stroke of fate to this gritty cop, Brunetti's wife Paola who is a teacher is also the daughter of one of the oldest and most influential families in Venice. As a police detective raised in poverty, he had been uncomfortable with the relationship with his in-laws and has even had to investigate some of their equally wealthy friends over the years. However, that relationship has evolved so he knows when to access them during investigations and now they approach him when trouble arises to protect themselves and their friends. This access is unique to solving many of his crimes.

In this case Brunetti is presented with a mystery that comes from these relationships. A friend of his in-laws has a young relative that had an attempt on their life – fifteen years ago. The event was an attempt to murder her by drowning, left the young woman with no memories and unable to retain most of what she learns even as an adult. Social influence and serious money prevail as Brunetti's power seeking corrupt boss allows the case to be reopened. Brunetti has to reconstruct events from this childlike adult and uncover the motives for the attack.

As part of his arsenal of investigating tools is Signorina Elettra. As a modern, educated and assertive person, her character is his exact opposite but they complement each other in their quest to solve crime. Brunetti is uncomfortable with technology such as computers and smart phones. As part of the team in the police station Elettra is able to access information in moments that may not even be available to the average human. Descriptions of Elettra by the author will have one imagining a woman with personal style out of place in a police station but perfectly comfortable in her own skin.

Joel Patience is a watercolor artist and independent writer. He travels with his wife Dale to Italy and beyond for inspiration.

2017-18 Scholarship – Application Form is Available

By Martin Nigelle on behalf of Anna Popovich, Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding up to three individual \$500.00 scholarships. The scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year will be awarded to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below). As in years' past; the better the GPA, the better chance of scholarship award.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 2017 – Application submission window opens
- May 2017 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2017 – Award Recipients determined, all applicants notified of their status
- September 2017 – Award Recipients published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2017 – Scholarship payments made to the schools on behalf of the recipients

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. A parent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club for at least three years. (Grandparents are not included).
2. The parent(s) of the applicant must attend at least three club meetings during the year.
3. The applicant (student) is or will be enrolled in high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2017-2018 school year, in the greater Seattle area.
4. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (with official transcript) and take part in extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.
5. Each applicant must write a letter telling about themselves and activities in which he/she is participating.
6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 15th 2017 and no later than May 10th 2017.
7. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2017/2018 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's Parent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing): _____

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2017/2018 School year: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending (2016-2017 school year).
2. Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service

Applications are to be sent to: Italian Club of Seattle - Scholarship
c/o Anna Popovich
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Seattle, WA 98109-0549

March 2017

2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

July 2017



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

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April 2017



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

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

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>

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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June 2017



	No Trustee meeting this month
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
9-10	"Italy on the Beach," Quinault Beach Casino, Ocean Shores
21st	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners vs. Detroit Tigers
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

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