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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
May 11th, 2017**

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

**Remember our Veterans
on Memorial Day!**



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 187 members.

As of April 17, 2017, the following have been dropped from the roster for non-payment of dues: Mike Albanese, Emil Drovetto, Sherry Haba, Mary Micone Hereford, Meridith Siviglia Isaacson, Mary Catherine Logsdon, Linda and Michael Manning, Nicole Nyblod, Dan Paccetti (moved to Oregon), David Pellegrini, Gene Rosso, and Greg Rowe. We currently have two applications for membership pending that will give us a new total of 189.

On another note, the last Board Meeting of the Winter/Spring season will be held Thursday, May 4th. If you have any questions for the Board, or items of interest to present to the members before the summer break, now would be the time to reach out to anyone on the board.

Message from the President

Ciao, Amici della Famiglia,

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers and Aunties and Grandmas!! Thank you for all you do and for the example you set for all of us!! You are cherished.

We will meet just one more time in June until our summer break. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet to the Mariner's game on June 21, be sure to do so soon!! It's going to be such a fun night!!! It's a great opportunity for spending time with family and friends outdoors and hopefully under the sun!

Tom Grossi is graciously heading up the Festa Sausage Booth and is still in need of volunteers. I know it's three months away, but it's always a good idea to get it on the calendar! We need volunteers to help with cooking, taking care of the till, ensuring the soda is iced down and shutting down the booth for the night. Festa will be assuming the responsibility of load-in and load-out of the booth and equipment. Aside from the Crab Feed, this is one of the primary fund raising activities of the club. Please remember to let Tom know if you can help at this booth. Volunteering for the Festa activities makes your festa attendance all the more meaningful.

Also, please check the calendar for fun Italian Events happening this summer including the big All Community Picnic in August!

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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Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

Bylaws..... **TBD**

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

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

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

New Membership..... **Anna Popovich**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Anna Popovich**



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Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

I spoke with **Ron Alia**'s daughter mid-April and learned that he has been pretty sick. His son and daughter went down to Arizona early in April and flew back with him to Seattle. He has been in a skilled nursing facility near Greenlake. He is to begin chemo treatments toward the end of April. Prayers would be greatly appreciated and Ron would probably enjoy getting cards which can be mailed to his son Mark's address which is in the Italian Club roster. No visitors for now. You'll need to check with his family before considering a visit.

Always nice to hear from **Angelo & Mary Merlino** who wrote "not much news other than we are returning to Reno soon, after a long stretch in Honolulu."

Audrey Manzanares went to LA to see her daughter the beginning of April and will be going to Cancun to celebrate her birthday. She has been working a lot – the real estate market is keeping her busy – so she's been looking forward to her vacation!

Angela & Bill Wright have three grandchildren graduating from high school this year so that means trips to Spokane and to Scottsdale.

It's not easy to keep up with **Ron Roletto** but you can check Facebook if you want to try. He seems to have lots of energy as he is so often on the go.

Dale Bonn & Joel Patience had a ski trip to Mt. Bachelor. The photo



(left) is of them and Dale's Italian brother-in-law is taking the picture.

No one has come forward to volunteer to take over as the Health and Welfare columnist, at least not yet. So I (**Gemma**, with some support from **Angela**) am expecting to continue until someone else offers, at least as long as I am able. (Thank you, Gemma! Joe Jacobin and the Board.)

Wishing you all a Happy Mothers' Day, blessings on and gratitude toward all our Moms, living and dead. Happy Memorial Day with much gratitude toward all those who have served and so many who have given their lives for us/our country/our freedom.

New Membership

By Martin Nigrelle, on behalf of Anna Popovich, New Membership Chair

Two new applicants will be voted on at the May General Meeting.

Matthew Fitzgerald is a returning member who lives in Mukilteo, WA.

Patrick Fitzgerald, is a retired father of two from Orange County CA, who resides in the Seattle area. Applicant Matthew is his son.

Happy
Mother's Day

Pax Romana, Yale University Press

A book review by Joel Patience

Almost anyone could be a Roman – like it or not.

The idea that Pax Romana – peace among Romans – even existed was a play on words. The Roman Empire that is the basis for many of our societies and governments today – was held together by fear and force and layers to protect its interests. Certainly, we are aware in business of strategic alliances – two or more parties have what the other needs. But in the case of the Romans what they had taken or acquired - including slaves – became the basis of the economy. What others needed was only for Rome to control. The Empire expanded to reach from modern day Scotland to the Persian Gulf as far as Syria.

In Pax Romana we see an excellent presentation about the day to day business affairs of living in the Roman Empire. Not a page goes by where the reader might realize they could be taking in accounts of today's news and business events. Even in modern times, it is more profitable to be at war than at peace. One could claim great wealth to have expanded the Empire. The price was 5000 souls dead, or alive as slaves; an audited amount for Rome to reward the good deed of expansion. During Julius Caesar's rule one million people met their death and another million are said to have been enslaved.

Just how profitable was it was to be at war than at peace and to what length was worth the risk of fraud? A company supplying shipping services to the Empire filed a claim that it had lost two of a number of ships laden in route that were carrying cargo insured by the Empire. This being a time of peace, there was time for an investigation, which turned up that the two claimed lost cargo vessels were nothing more than garbage barges.

If you served in the army for 25 years you were rewarded quite often with a plot of land to use or rent out and to own along with slaves if you were in successful campaigns. Persons living in the provinces however, were subject to arbitrary abuse of power or use where it suited the magistrate and as long as the Empire got a portion. A group of Jewish folks decided to construct a new place of worship allowed by what we know as zoning laws. The neighboring property owners did not like this idea and filed for construction of mixed use. Their intent was made clear with gratuities to the magistrate that they wanted to make passage to the synagogue uncomfortable. This meant constructing tanneries, metal smelters, butchers, etc. Discovering this rouse, the Jewish folks also went to the magistrate with gratuities to influence decisions to their favor. The magistrate pocketed the money from both parties and with the end of his one year assignment being near the end, left for another part of the empire promptly on schedule. Neither party wanted to complain as it would meant admitting bribery of a public official.

Rome had its ways of making examples of not living up to expectations. Tacfarinas, a member of a wealthy construction family of North Africa joined the Roman army. Likely that he was not rewarded for his service as he felt appropriate, he left on his own to create a small pirate force that looted and pillaged Roman enclaves in his own homeland. The Romans engaged a dead or alive search. His reputation created such fear to encounter him, that a cohort of Romans (usually 480 men, ten cohorts is a legion) on his attack broke formation, and ran. The penalty by Rome was a lottery. The cohort was required to beat 10% of their own to death. The remaining had their food rations reduced and changed to barley – the food of farm animals.

Rome had its ways of dealing with parties that crossed them in business with the results being disastrous when the Empire got in the last word. Although the (*Pax Romana continues on page 5*)

Pax Romana (continued)

Romans were beaten in many battles, they learned to adapt to a target and return again and again to reach victory. Such is the case of the emperor Trajan and the Dacians. They were a regional trading partner about 500 miles NE of Rome in the area of modern day Hungary. The Dacians were attacking Roman enclaves along their common border the Danube River. Trajan made one military push to bring them into compliance. The day he crossed the Rhine returning to Rome there was word of their renewed attack on Roman interests. Trajan returned two years later in 105 A.D. and slaughtered or enslaved the entire society estimated at 1.2 million people. 500,000 were turned into slaves with 10,000 taken back to Rome as gladiators for a 123 day festival. The story still exists 1900 years later as Trajan's column in Rome – as carved relief 126' tall, propaganda to save wall space.

The Roman Empire was about exploiting resources and money which required layers and layers of government. When there was no more to take and no more to give, the fabric of the Empire fell apart.

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

Show Your Italian Pride

By Martin Nigrelle

Join us and wave a flag demonstrating your pride in Italian culture and heritage. The 11th Annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night is at 7:10pm, on Wednesday June 21st, 2017. The Mariners will be hosting the Detroit Tigers.



The giveaway item this year will be a 2-foot by 3-foot flag featuring the Mariners name in the colors of *il Tricolore* (image left). Imagine the big screen filled with a shot of 500-1000 of us all

waving flags in support of Italian Culture & Heritage!!

Come to Safeco Field early to see Bocce played in the sod farm just outside the left outfield wall, near the area the Mariners call "the Pen" in the Northeast corner of the ball park. Rick Rizzs, the Mariners primary radio voice, and Brad Adam, from Root Sports, will take on the winners of the bocce tourney. We hope to win back the bragging rights from Rick & Brad this year. For tickets to sit with the Italian Club friends & family, see Martin Nigrelle at the General meetings. Tickets may also be purchased through the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>.

WINNERS

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

Birthday Winner for the month of April was William Wright.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners: were won by: Chip DiJulio (5x), Francis Rossi, Paul Pioli, Anna Popovich, Diana Kaczor, Cathy Langenegger, Patrick Fitzgerald, Ron Roletto, Jerome Thielges, Marven Hansen, Marty Nigrelle, Joe Picciano and Dick Whitney.

Progressive Prize of \$25 would have been won by Remo Galvagno had he been in attendance. Jackpot now goes up to \$50.

2017-18 Scholarship – Application Form is Available

By Martin Nigrelle 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:

- May 2017 – Application submission window closes May 10th, application verification begins
- 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 late, 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 Packets are to be sent to: **Italian Club of Seattle - Scholarship**
c/o Anna Popovich
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

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>

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.

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>

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>

October 2017



	No Trustee meeting this month
7 & 8	Italian Festival, Reno, NV
10th	Columbus Day Dinner
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBA	Seattle Fedele "John Croce" Homemade Wine Festival
25th	Input Deadline for November <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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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

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