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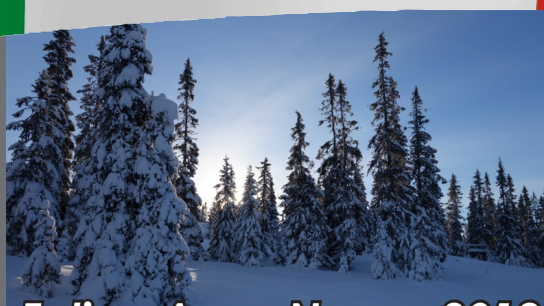
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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
January 11th, 2017**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



Felice Anno Nuovo 2018

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A Typical Day in Italy

by Amadeo Rossi

This past summer my wife and I spent a wonderful week in Montalcino at a great Bed and Breakfast. We had great food, visited many artisan shops, and had some fantastic wine. Following Montalcino, we were going to return our rental car in Firenze and go to Paris to spend sometime in the Latin Quarter. My wife does all the detailed planning for our vacations to Europe including hotels, restaurants, airplanes, and most importantly rental cars. The maps indicated that it is only a short drive from Montalcino to Firenze so we had no worries and were going to leave with plenty of time to spare.

A few days prior to leaving the Bed and Breakfast for our drive to Firenze, we coordinated with the owner on the best time to leave and the route to take since there is a multitude of options. The main objective was not to go through Firenze on the way to the airport. We had the route picked and were leaving five hours prior to our air-

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Message from the President

Ciao Amici di Famiglia!

Felice Anno Nuovo, Welcome to 2018!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays!! Marissa came home to celebrate with me and we spent four days straight with friends and family. My heart was full.

The Children's Christmas party with Sons of Italy was a huge success! Thank you to Marty and Dennis for getting there early to set up and help cook. I also want to thank all those volunteers from the Sons of Italy, especially Santa and La Befana, who made the party so much FUN!!

The combined efforts from both clubs resulted in happiness for all the children (and adults!) who attended the event.

I want to thank Doug Chiechi and his family for all their hard work in providing the club with delicious food each and every meeting. Your hard work does not go unappreciated.

Thank you for the privilege of being your club President this past year. It has been an honor, and one I have thoroughly enjoyed. Please remember to attend the January general meeting when all the new officers and board members will be sworn into office.

Wishing you all a healthy, happy and prosperous 2018.

Con amore ed affetto,

Audrey Manzanares

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Bylaws..... **TBD**

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

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

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

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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**

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of Christmas Day, 2017, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 207 members in good standing of which 79 have paid their dues for 2018. 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. If you think you qualify, please call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the January meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Please remember that members with a birthday in January receive a free dinner that night as well!

Vi inviamo i nostri auguri di un anno novo, felice e prospero.



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani.

The Birthday Winner, out of five birthday celebrants, was Frank Tolomei.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Meals were won by Judy Seth (2x), Bill Wright, Nick Grossi, Matthew Fitzgerald (3x), Ron Roletto, Ronnie Beyersdorf, Joe Galluccio, Anna Popovich (2x), Franco Tesorieri, Frances Rossi, Deanna Dent, Angela Wright, Audrey Manzanares, Velva Satarelli, Chip DiJulio and Monte Marchetti.

The Progressive Prize of \$175 was won by President-Elect Anna Popovich who was most definitely present. Jackpot now goes back to \$25.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

We hope everyone enjoyed a Wonderful White Christmas. Apparently, our last White Christmas here in Seattle was in 2008.

Our sympathies to the relatives of **Mary Croce**, her nieces **Cathy Volpone**, **Holly Cochran**, and nephew **Michael Croce**. Mary was their Aunt, the sister of their dad, John Croce.

Chip Di Julio and wife **Sigi** are going to Portugal via Germany in March. They stop in Frankfurt anyway so will spend a week there with her family and friends. Then they fly to Lisbon and Madeira (island) before spending a week on a cruise on the Douro River. They are traveling with Vantage Travel. Sunday, December 24th they had their annual family Christmas party at Tutta Bella at Crossroads. Six of seven siblings and families attended. One brother was absent; he lives in California and recently had knee surgery. Bon Voyage to Chip & Sigi.

We can offer some prayers for **Linda Jacobin** who will be undergoing hip replacement surgery on February 19th. Hope it all goes smoothly with a quick and easy recovery.

We can also add **Robert Rupp** & **Linda Madrid** to our prayer list as they have had some extra health issues.

John Brondello shared the following: "We had both our college kids home for the white Christmas so all six of us were together. Family time is great. Spent 2 days in Leavenworth in a cabin with a Sleigh Ride. Merry Christmas to everyone!" Sounds like a special Christmas for the Brondellos.

Blessings in the New Year to each of our members and their families. We wish you all good health and good times with family & friends in the year 2018.



Joel Patience challenges anyone to present a tackier Christmas gift!"

Typical Day (continued)

plane flight. I had a feeling that this extra time would be required based on how difficult it was to return a rental car to Firenze a few years earlier - but that is another story. We had a great dinner the night before and breakfast in the morning prior to leaving. We said ciao to all our new friends and said we would be back. Indications were we were good to go. After an hour or so, we were well on our way to the airport.

Then brake lights and more brake lights, which slowed us to about 10 km per hour. Unknown to us, and based on the traffic unknown to a lot of other people, the road crews had closed the freeway southbound for the entire day. This is like closing I-5 southbound for an entire day and not letting anybody know. The Italians, some of them were driving off the freeway using the on-ramps, which was exciting to watch. We stayed the course and in about two hours, we were at the "traffic circle from hell." This was the traffic circle, that people who thought they were going southbound, were using to get to the back roads. We got lucky and were able to shoot across four lanes to get to the road we needed. Then we were at the airport; well almost! Now the issue was lack of signs letting you know where the airport was and, most importantly, where the rental car return was. After 30 minutes of circling the airport and cutting in and out of traffic with a multitude of people honking at us, we finally saw a small white sign mounted close to the ground that said "Rental Car Return." We cut across a couple lanes and headed that way. No huge green signs that say RENTAL CAR RETURN like in the USA. Our GPS was tapped out and useless.

We then arrived to, no kidding, a very large grass field which housed all the rental car companies in tents. It took us 15 minutes and my wife's Italian to locate the rental car company. We pulled in and the person gave us grief on how we parked the car. I was tired and did not care. Typical in Italy, we returned the car and no receipt was provided. We asked where to catch the bus and he pointed across the field to an actual building that buses stopped in front of to pick us up and head to the airport. We walked over to the building and got in line. Next thing we knew the representative from rental car company was running over to see my wife. He asked her, "Is your husband's name really Amadeo Rossi and is he Italian?": She said yes. After that, he apologized for his behavior and we became friends. I am sure if we had time, he would have taken us home to meet his family for lunch. We finally made it to the airport in time to catch our plane to Paris. When we returned home and finally received our invoice, he had knocked off a couple hundred dollars. Isn't it great to be Italian?





Holiday Fundraising Drive to Benefit Homeless Veterans

Tony La Stella, International Concert & Recording Artist

The La Stella Foundation & West Coast Italian Radio Network, producer of the NW Italian Radio Show, is pleased to report great success with our Holiday Fundraising Drive to benefit Homeless Veterans. Thanks to the generous support of our listeners and donors, we participated in the “Feast of Valor,” which provided Christmas Dinner to over 100 homeless veterans, and “Blankets of Hope,” which collected a semi-truck of winter clothes for homeless veterans. We were also able to adopt a homeless veteran’s family with five children through “Serenity’s Angels” for which we purchased Christmas Gifts and Christmas Eve Dinner. We want to thank all of the individuals and businesses in our community which participated with us in making donations of cash and clothing.

Buon Natale e Buon Anno!

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Game Discovery

PRENDI E PORTA A CASA! (“Take and Bring Home!”) is a fast game in which players give each other politically correct insults. Every player has a deck of insults and special cards to give away their insult faster and make other players’ decks grow. The first player to end his deck wins. (Ask Joel Patience for more information since he owns the game.)



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ICoS Calendar

January 2018

- 4th Trustee's Meeting
11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
25th Input Deadline for February
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February 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
14th Valentine's Day
17th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus
25th Input Deadline for March
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March 2018

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
17th Seattle SOI Annual Banquet,
Kennedy High School, Burien
24th Auburn Bocce Club, WA State
Tournament, Les Gove, Park Gym
Auburn, WA
25th Input Deadline for April
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April 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
25th Input Deadline for May
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May 2018

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
25th Input Deadline for June
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June 2018

- No Trustee Meeting this month
14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

July 2018

- No Trustee Meeting this month
4th Independence Day
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August 2018

- No Trustee Meeting this month
TBD All Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
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23-25 Portland Festa Italiana
20th Input Deadline for September
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September 2018

- 6th Trustee's Meeting
9-10 Seattle San Gennaro Festival
13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
15th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church
29-30 Seattle Italian Festival
TBD Input Deadline for October
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October 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
6-6 Italian Festival, Reno, NV
TBD Columbus Day Dinner
11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
20th Input Deadline for October
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TBD Seattle Fedele "John Croce"
Homemade Wine Festival

General Meeting & Dinner
Thursday,
January 11th, 2017
6:30 pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

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

**Please send ICoS
Calendar additions or
updates by the 25th of the
prior month of publication
to Joe Jacobin
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Thank you.**



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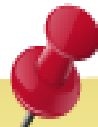
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