

**General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,**

**May 9th, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

**St. Patrick's  
Parish Hall**

**il Ficcanaso**

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**Italian Heritage Night**



**Thursday, June 20th  
7:10 p.m.**

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**Discount tickets, Free  
Hats, Good Friends!!**

**By Martin Nigrelle**

How could one go wrong with that winning combo? Come out to T-Mobile park for the 13th annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night, at 7:10pm, Thursday, June 20th, 2019. The Mariners will be hosting the Baltimore Orioles.

We will have a member of our community throw out the first group pitch.

The giveaway item this year is a blue baseball cap. The new cap is customized on the front above the bill. Featuring "Mariners" in white letters & below, a bar in the il tricolore color scheme. The cap should be a great match to go with either of the recent blue or white t-shirts from past Italian Heritage Nights.

Main Level seats are \$38, View Level seats are \$23. The Italian Club will be buying Main Level seats.

For tickets to sit with the Italian Club friends & family, contact Martin Nigrelle. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the May & June meetings.

Tickets may also be purchased through the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>.

**Message from the President**

Once again, we had a successful Crab Feed. Thanks to all of you who attended. We had 155 people in attendance – a nice number considering the date change.

Thank You: to Marty Nigrelle for driving to Tokeland for the crab; to Monte Marchetti and all his kitchen crew for the wonderful meal; to All the waiters – you do a fantastic job handling all those people; to Bill and Nick for handling the bar. The raffle was outstanding as usual. Thank you to all who helped, and also the people that brought raffle prizes. The set up and take down – couldn't do it without the help from all of you. Thank you, David Madrid – great job!

I mentioned to Diana Warczak, President of West Side Italian Civic Club, that I would say something about the event they're having. The Italian Idol Dinner Show is on June 21st at 6:00pm at Mt. Virgin Hall. The cost is \$20.00. A cast full of talent. Members entertain as they impersonate and lip-sync to the great singers of our time. I saw this show years ago and I know you will be well entertained. I will be selling tickets at our meeting, or you can contact me for tickets.

The two up and coming events for our club is the Mariners Game on June 20th, and day at The Races on July 21st.

The June *il Ficcanaso* will have all the information for our 100th year celebration. The date and location will be decided on at that time. In September the decision will be made on the cost, menu, and entertainment. We are looking forward to a great turnout for this event. I hope to see you there.

Take care everyone – I'll see you at the meetings.

Sincerely,

**Anna Popovich**

## il Ficcanaso

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Day at the Races ..... **Joe Galluccio**

Festa Sausage Booth ..... **Tom Grossi**

Golf Tournament ..... **Brian DiJulio**

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

Luncheons ..... **Audrey Manzanares**

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

New Membership..... **Dennis Caldirola**

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

Picnic ..... **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship ..... **Diana Kaczor**

## Secretary's Report

*By Dennis Caldirola*

Traditionally, as we approach May 1st, as per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears for their annual dues is dropped from the roster. Since the weather in February created the anomaly of a missed meeting this year, the Board has decided to extend the payment of dues by one month to May 15, 2019.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 196 members. As of April 25th, 184 have paid their dues leaving 12 who have not yet responded. If you are one of those 12, your Ficcanaso this month has a special warning attached that your membership is in jeopardy.

If you plan to attend the May meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 55¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued on the spot. This really will be your last chance.

## Membership

*By Dennis Caldirola*

Dennis made a motion that since the applications of Paul Massaro and Lee Seeger have been printed in the *il Ficcanaso*, we can put their membership to a voice vote; seconded by Frances Rossi. Motion carried. Both were voted into the Club unanimously.



## WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Ron Roletto, retired Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Birthday Winner for April was Tom Grossi.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by Linda L. Jacobin (2x), Frances Rossi (2x), Matthew FitzGerald (2x), Terrie Sacco, Diane Gray, Cathy Lembo (2x), Mona Nelson, Bill Wright, Martin Nigrelle, Patrick FitzGerald, Anna Popovich, Linda Madrid and Monte Marchetti.

The Progressive Prize of \$75 would have been won by Daniel Merlino who was not present, so the Jackpot goes up to \$100.

## Health & Welfare

*by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright*

Joe Faccone passed away on 3/31/19. His funeral was held April 13th at Mt. Virgin. Joe was a long-time, active member of Mt. Virgin and the Italian Community and also a long-time coach at Kennedy High. Our sympathies to Joe's family and our prayers that he may rest in peace with the Lord and all those who have gone before him.

**Angela Wright** had carpal tunnel surgery on April 9th and they also removed a tumor (benign) from her arm. The recovery will slow her down for several weeks. Fortunately, she helped at the crab feed prior to going in for the surgery.

I spoke with **Velva Salterelli** recently and found her to be as spunky as ever. She keeps busy with various activities, enjoys playing poker, Mexican Train (a game with Dominoes) and is taking Canasta lessons. Her positive, upbeat attitude is refreshing! She commented that she read that you live five years longer when you're in a residence with other people rather than living alone.

**Dorothy Whitney** fell on April 9th when she tripped as she was about to leave the beauty shop. When we heard about it at the April meeting, they were not sure that she would need surgery on her arm. I spoke to her on April 23rd and she sounded like her upbeat self but it's been a pretty challenging two weeks for them. In that short time, they've put her arm in four different casts (hard, soft, split, soft) in order to try and allow the swelling to go down. It's her right arm (she's right-handed). They are still hoping to avoid surgery so let's keep praying that the bones heal successfully with what they're doing so far. They will still probably have to re-cast her arm again and she also has to heal from the two black eyes she has but we hope to see her at the May meeting, possibly wearing sun glasses, rain or shine. She has her sense of humor which I think helps with healing, along with the doctors and the prayers.

**Joe & Barbara Galluccio** took a wonderful 'Best of Italy' luxury coach tour of Italy in March. Barbara reported, "It included Rome, Florence, Venice, Assisi, Sorrento and Pompei. We took Joe's sister Kathy, who had never been to Europe before, and her husband Ken. They were great travel companions. At every stop, it was incredible to see the joy in her eyes of the beauty of Italy that she had heard about her entire life! We were also fortunate to have lovely weather throughout the trip, a great bit of luck for March. Af-



ter the tour, we met our oldest son Andrew and his wife Jenny to continue our roots tour of Joe's mother's family in the Basilicata region, a small town called Ruvo del Monte. It is east of Sorrento, north of Potenza. We were lucky enough to meet someone with his mother's maiden name Grieco, right in the piazza in the small town! We also accidentally found a plaque commemorating one of his mother's cousin's, Joseph Suozzi. We often see his nephew, Tom Suozzi, a Democratic US Congressman from NY, on television doing commentary on US politics. After **(Health & Welfare continues on page 4)**

## Health & Welfare (continued)



that we continued south to Polistena, Calabria, where Joe's father Angelo was born. We were told there are still many Galluccios who may be distant cousins living in the town. We saw the church where his grandparents married. Afterwards we continued by ferry to Sicily. We visited Taormina, a town whose beauty absolutely amazed us, and then continued to Catania. We flew to Milano from Catania to join the cousins that we know and love from previous visits to Italy. Mimmo & Grazia arranged wonderful tours and delicious family banquets with the extended family, an incredible finale to a magical trip!"

**Sigi & Chip Di Julio** returned from two weeks in Egypt on April 9th. "No snakes or crocodiles!? Learned a lot about the country and Muslim/Islam religion (which is VERY PARALLEL to Christianity!! Jesus, Mary, angels, etc. But then, like Mormons, they claim the angel Michael appeared to Mohamed, several times, and off they go with Islam). Three days each on Lake Nasser and Nile River. Egypt had done \$14 million in tourism 8 years ago. Our guide had less than 10 trips in 7 years. Last year tourism rebounded to \$7 million. Don't know if the tourist camels are happy about that but the tour guides, hotels, etc. are relieved."

**Bruce Biesold** & son Todd & grandson Colby are on Colby's last high school Spring Vacation. The three of them have had four very special trips together. They landed in Budapest on Easter Saturday, took a train to Vienna Monday, April 22nd, and were going to attend an opera Tuesday, April 23rd. Then on their way to Salzburg and end up in Munich. So nice that these three generations have made all of these special memories. Bruce was able to meet up with an 85 year old cousin that he didn't even know he had. That was the 2017 trip. Colby will graduate from Seattle Prep next month. May will be very busy with granddaughter Giulia graduating from WSU, granddaughter Nicole (twin daughters of son Jeff and daughter-in-law Sonja) from U of Arizona, and granddaughter Erinn from Wake Forest University, daughter of Ronna and Peter Schmidt. We are so blessed."

**Gemma & Jerome Thielges** spent a few days after Easter (and after Jerome's busy tax season) in Vancouver, B.C. visiting our oldest daughter & her family. Always a nice time, fun to see them, and a pretty easy drive up and back.

**Amadeo & Francis Rossi** shared: "We are very excited to announce the birth of our beautiful new grandson Theodore Gray Rossi to Matthew & Kirsten Rossi in West Seattle. He was born on 04 April 2019 at 9:43 p.m. at Swedish. At birth he was 9.04 lbs and 20.5 inches long. He is three days old in the picture (right). Theo and his family are doing great." Congratulations to parents & grandparents. Always a blessing when they arrive safely, glad all are doing well.



Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms – a day to honor and be thankful for those who are still with us and to remember with gratitude the ones who are now with the Lord.

Le Arti della Festa Italiana



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David Varnau



Our guests come to take in all things Italian. They want to know:

- How can Italian art and culture enrich their lives?
- What can Italian businesses offer them as consumers?
- What is the best way to travel to Italy?
- Where one should visit, stay and see when in Italy?

The annual reception "The Taste of Italy" is Saturday evening. It includes a wine tasting along with music and food with le Arti dell Festa Italiana and its art as the center piece.

The call for artists includes two and three dimensional



Mimi Boothby

All art is required to be for sale with a portion of each sale going to benefit the non profit Festa Italiana Seattle.

Le Arti is a promotion of Italian culture through art and contemporary artists. It invokes the excitement of travel to Italy and interest in Italian arts and heritage.

Information about the event and application to submit art entries can be found at:

<http://www.festaseattle.com/art-photography.htm>



Ian Caruana

Parties interested in sponsorship can contact:

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Festa Italiana Seattle  
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You can also visit our web site for more information about sponsorship in Festa Italiana Seattle, review our other great events, enter your art in juried art show and get tickets for the taste of Italy.

[www.FestaSeattle.com](http://www.FestaSeattle.com)

Ci Vediamo!



Eileen Thompson

### Famous Italians Born in May

Donatella Versace (2nd)  
Rudolph Valentino (6th)  
Florence Nightingale (12th)  
Adam Carolla (27th)

Niccolò Machiavelli (3rd)  
Roberto Rossellini (8th)  
Frank Capra (18th)  
Don Ameche (31st)

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## 2019-2020 Scholarship Application

*By Diana Kaczor, Scholarship Chair*

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding a single \$1,000.00 dollar scholarship. The scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year will be awarded to the student who is selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship qualifications (noted below). As in years past; the better the GPA, the better chance of a scholarship award.

### Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 1, 2019 – Application submission window opens.
- May 31, 2019 – Application submission window closes, application verification.
- June 2019 – Award Recipient determined, all applicants notified of their status.
- September 2019 – Award Recipient published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting.
- October 2019 – Scholarship payment made to the school on behalf of the recipient.

### The qualifications the recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. Parents must be in good standing for three years.
2. G.P.A must be 3.0 or above.
3. Scholarship is paid specifically for tuition, directly to a state accredited High School the recipient attends.
4. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00.
5. The scholarship is applied only for the regular school years 9-12.

### **2019/2020 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form**

**(Completed Applications must be postmarked no earlier than April 1, 2019 and no later than May 31, 2019.)**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2019/2020 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 (2018-2019 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 Diana Kaczor  
P.O. Box 9549  
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

## ICoS Calendar

### May 2019

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 13th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 16-18 Sons of Italy Convention,  
Lynnwood, WA
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

### June 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 20th Italian Heritage Night, Seattle  
Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles
- 21st WSICC "Italian Idol Dinner Show"  
Mt. Virgin School Hall

### July 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 4th Independence Day  
No *il Ficcanaso* this month
- 21st Italian Club Day at the Races  
Luncheon at Emerald Downs

### August 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 18th All Italian Community Picnic Royal  
Arch Park, Maple Valley
- 20th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

### September 2019

- 1st Italian Day at the Races at  
Emerald Downs
- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 6-8 San Gennaro Festival, South  
Angelo Street, Seattle, WA

### September (Cont'd)

- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 14th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin
- 20th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht  
Club
- 27th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center
- 28-29 Festa Italiana, Seattle Center
- TBD Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

### October 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

### November 2019

- 7th Trustee Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 18th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*
- 28th Thanksgiving

### December 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January  
*il Ficcanaso*

### January 2020

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

**General Meeting & Dinner**  
**Thursday,**  
**May 9th, 2019**  
**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 each month to Joe Jacobin (joejacobin@gmail.com or to 4822 S. Juneau Street, Seattle, WA 98118-2848). Thank you.**



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