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**NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING:  
MAY 12TH, 2022**

**6:30 PM  
CASA Italiana  
Burien, WA**



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## Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST *IL FICCANASO*! As of April 25th, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 168 members of which only 144 have paid their dues for 2022. This is a total of 24 members who are in jeopardy of being dropped from the rolls and who will not be listed in the new semi-annual Roster coming out in June.

In the meantime, we have had two new members make applications to the Club and they will be voted on at the May General Meeting that will be held "in-person" at the Casa Italiana in Burien. They are:

### Dino Medica

2461 - 55th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116

Cell: (206) 388-6173

Email: [dmedica@metropolitan-market.com](mailto:dmedica@metropolitan-market.com)

Dino is the Produce Coordinator at the Metropolitan Market in Bellevue and is sponsored by President Audrey.

### Kirk Medica

2461 - 55th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116

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Email: [kirk.medica@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.medica@gmail.com)

Kirk is a Recruiter for Adecco in Jacksonville, FL. He is sponsored by Dennis Caldirola.

We will also be voting on the membership of **Marrissa Manzanares** and **Daniel Pisciotta** who were inadvertently overlooked at the last meeting.

*Tanti auguri di una felice Giorno delle Madri.*

## Message from the President

Ciao Tutti,

Buona Festa Della Mamma to all our Mama's, Nonna's, Aunties & Special Women in our lives.

As you read this I am on the last few days of my grand adventure in London and Paris. I will be home just in time for our meeting on Thursday, May 12th, at 6:00 pm at Casa Italiana in Burien. It will be our first "live" meeting and I am so excited to see you all in person and give you great big hugs. If you can't attend in person, we will have a Zoom link for you to attend virtually.

Don't forget to let Martin Nigrelle know if you would like to attend the Italian Heritage Mariners night on Thursday, June 16th. Tickets are \$34 and the deadline is June 1st to let Martin know if you want to attend and sit together.

Please be sure to check the calendar at [www.casaitalianacc.org](http://www.casaitalianacc.org). It has all the upcoming events and meetings scheduled within our community.

I look forward to seeing you!!

*Con amore e effetto.*

Warmly,

**Audrey Manzanares**

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**Linda Madrid** (206) 286-8131

**Joe Picciano** (206) 713-9346

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### Committee Chairs

Adult's Christmas Party.....**Anna Popovich**

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**

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**

## Health & Welfare

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

**Tom Grossi** notified us on 3/30 that **Ralph DiCecco** passed away the week before at his home. He died peacefully in his sleep. He was 97. The funeral was held on 3/30. **Dennis Caldirola** added that Ralph was born on April 18, 1924, and joined the Italian Club in 1972. His wife Emily joined in 1980. Our sympathies to his family.

“Margo (Daughter of **Holly and Bill Cochran**) and Justin Flonos (Grandson of **Anntoinette and Lou Fontana**) are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Zora Katherine was born on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Both families are over the moon!” Congratulations to Mom & Dad and grandparents and thanks to Holly for sharing such happy news.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick, brother of **Brenda Elliott** who recently passed away. We will remember him, Brenda, and their family in our prayers.

**Joel Patience** shared this brief synopsis of a movie he and **Dale** saw: “Dale and I went to the Italian movie at SIFF (Seattle International Film Festival).” The movie Lonely Voices is in Italian with English subtitles. An Italian father has to relocate to Poland to stay employed. He and his wife stay in touch through a cell phone conversation every evening. Her insistence that he listen to her instructions on how to cook good food becomes public. They start a journey together on the Internet and learn about making money and sponsors and their relationship in so-called modern times. Three bags of popcorn. You have got to see it,” says Joel Patience.

**Diana Sciola Warczak** sent the following summary regarding Our Lady of Mt. Virgin:

Five important things have happened regarding Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

1. Thank you! Our community meeting saw well over 200 Italians that came in support of the church.
2. Thank you! Our numbers are going up in attendance and registered parishioners are increasing.
3. Thank you! The designated 2nd Sunday with reading in Italian for April saw 100 people at the 10:30 Mass.

That's the Mass in *(“Health & Welfare” continues on page 3)*

## **“Health & Welfare” continued**

English and before we started going to Sunday Mass there were around 40 in attendance.

4. Thank you to Mike James, a retired King 5 newscaster which many of us remember, who, along with his Italian wife, attended that Mass. Mr. James grew up in Mount Baker and was very familiar with the church and people. He still does some writing and did a great article for Casa Italiana. He did talk to us asking about the church. He also took some notes and might do an article for us as well.
5. Thank you to Linda Anderson! A phone call to the National Lodge of the Sons of Italy resulted in a letter from Linda Anderson, the Grand Lodge President, who wrote and sent it to Archbishop Etienne. We are so grateful to Linda for doing that for us.

Thank you to all who continue to come and support the efforts to keep our church open. This sends the Archdiocese a strong message and we know they have been watching all of this very closely. Keep praying.

We received this fun piece that may make us all a little envious: “It is hard to believe I am writing this note from the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. My partner June and I are on our way to Europe via cruise ship. We will visit Spain, of course, Italy, France, then make our way to the city of Prague, and then Budapest. In Budapest, we will board a Viking ship, travel the River to Amsterdam, spend a few days there, fly to Iceland, and then to Seattle returning in the middle of June. Regards. **Louie DeLaurenti.**”

**Happy Mother’s Day on May 8th & Happy Memorial Day on May 30th!**

*The Italian Club, Inc.*



April 19, 2022

Lou & Antoinette Fontana  
6027 - 113th Pl. SE  
Bellevue, WA 98006

Dear Lou and Tata,

In recognition of your many years as members of the Italian Club of Seattle, it gives me great pleasure to announce that in a recent poll of the Officers and Trustees, you were unanimously voted to be given HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP with all its rights and privileges and, of course, no membership dues for life.

Congratulations!



Dennis Caldirola,

Secretary

Cc: President Audrey Manzanares

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## **Italian Community Hall – 2022 Scholarship**

Are you a member in “good standing” of the Italian Club of Seattle? If so, and you are: currently a student, parent, or grandparent of an eligible student, you are encouraged to apply for the scholarship to be awarded by the Casa Italiana – Italian Community Hall (the “old Casa”).

The scholarship details & application have been posted on the new Casa web site:

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/casa-scholarship-form/>

The scholarship is for \$1000.00 dollars & is to be awarded for the current school year. Applications are due no later May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## To the point...Your shoes are not the best weapons.

By Joel Patience

There are words and concepts from history that eventually get alternate uses. One such is the stiletto.

Certainly, the term now conjures up high fashion shoe heels (Alta moda). In researching this story I found Crocks with stiletto heels and if you have great balance, 7-inch high heel stiletto ballet ankle boots. Let's not forget pointy folding pocket knives.

The Italian word "stiletto" comes from the Latin word stylus, the thin pointed Roman writing instrument used to engrave wax or clay tablets in ancient times

But in the Middle Ages, as in all times, the world of war evolves. It is similar to rock, scissors, and paper. Except in war, what kills you only makes your opponent tougher.

Armor was the solution to everything. Lined with chain mail, it was tough and even stylishly intimidating. Armor protected the wearer from sticks and stones and certainly from other items used to "level the playing field" of battle.

But armor has to let in air and move via joints. And so, the idea of using a long pointed blade was born. Thrust through openings in armor and through eye slits in helmets, and more specifically through chain mail, the stiletto was the simple solution to armor technology.

The stiletto seen in this story is Venetian in design. Take note of the stylized design elements. It is about 15 inches (35.5 centimeters) in total length.

When metal is formed to be so thin, however it becomes brittle. So metalsmiths made the base of the blade triangular for strength. There was a lot of experimenting with blade lengths. Some were made very short so users, in particular women, could hide the stiletto – about the size of a modern seam ripper or writing pen – easily for self-protection.

The modern up-and-coming person of say 1490 would not be caught dead without their stiletto. This was frustrating to civil authorities trying to improve their respective images of public safety. But trying to control personal protections is similar to "stop signs being considered just a suggestion." Citizens see it as their personal responsibility to interpret this regulation.

Longer versions of the stiletto were created for different applications. One became the epee dueling weapon used for training and competition, paired (not parried) alongside foils or sabers.

But the most used versions were as an offensive weapon and even more so, a concealed weapon by assassins.

Stilettoes are for thrusting with a needle-sharp point, often made with no sharp cutting edges. A strike can be made quickly and deeply, producing little blood then quickly concealed; not so messy as other forms of murder.

*Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist. Together with his wife, they go to Italy and places beyond for inspiration.*



## 2022-2023 Scholarship – Application Form

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding one, One-Thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarship. The scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year will be awarded to the student who is 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 01, 2022 – Application Submittal Window Opens
- May 31, 2022 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2022 – Award Recipient determined in the June board meeting
- September 2022 – Recipient published in the *il Ficcanso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2022 – Scholarship payment made to the school on behalf of the recipient

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

1. A parent or grandparent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club of Seattle for at least three years.
2. The applicant (student) is enrolled in high school grade 12, or subsequent year at a state accredited, Trade School, College, and/or University, for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (with official transcript).
4. Each applicant must write a letter talking about themselves and extra-curricular activities in which he/she is participating.
5. The scholarship is applicable to state accredited Trade School, College, and/or University.
6. The student must be enrolled in and in pursuit of a certificate, license, and/or degree.
7. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 and no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.
8. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

### 2022/2023 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application form

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

Applicant's Parent(s) and/or Grandparent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Trade School, College, or four-year University Applicant will be attending in the 2022/2023 School year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the High School the applicant is currently attending (2021-2022 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 Scholarship Chair  
P.O. Box 9549  
Seattle, WA 98109-0549



*100 Years*

*1920-2020*

*You're Invited*

*To*

*The Italian Club of Seattle  
Centennial Celebration*

*Saturday, October 15, 2022*

*5:30pm*

*Washington Athletic Club*

*Dinner and Dancing with  
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

*\$100 per person*

*Reservations no later than September 24, 2022*

*Contact*

*Audrey Manzanares*

*206-779-7325*

*amanzanares@live.com*

*Cocktail Attire*

*No Host Bar*

*Limited free parking available*

## ICoS Calendar

### May 2022

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 8th Mother's Day
- 12th ICoS General Meeting (**Casa Italiana in Burien**)
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

### June 2022

- 9th ICoS General Meeting (**Casa Italiana in Burien**)
- 16th Italian Heritage night, M's versus LA Angels
- 19th Father's Day
- 25th Vespa Festa at Casa Italiana

### July 2022

- 4th Independence Day  
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

### August 2022

- 21st Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley  
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

### September 2022

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 4th Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs
- 8th ICoS General Meeting
- 9-11 San Gennaro Festival, Georgetown
- 16th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club
- 17th Traditional Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church
- 24th & 25th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
- 26th Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

### October 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting

### October 2022 (Cont'd)

- 15th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

### November 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

### December 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

### January 2023

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

### February 2023

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

### March 2023

- 9th Trustee's Meeting
- 16th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

### April 2023

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*



## One Size Fits ALL!

By Martin Nigrelle

Sometimes, the give-away item does not fit, and then what good is it? Fear not, this year the item is a custom scarf, no worries on fit.

For those of you interested in sitting amongst your fellow Italian Club Members please send notice to Martin Nigrelle before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. We will make a single purchase to ensure we all get to sit together. The price will be the same no matter how you choose to purchase. Either confirm with Martin at a General meeting or email him: [martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com).

Ticket prices are: \$34 each for the Main (field) level, & \$22 each for the View level. The club will be buying seats on the main level (\$34).

The Mariners host the Los Angeles Angels, for Mariner's Italian Heritage 2022, at 7:05 pm Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> inside T-Mobile Park.

Use the custom web site to buy your own tickets (if you choose not to sit with the club):

<https://mariners.com/italian>.

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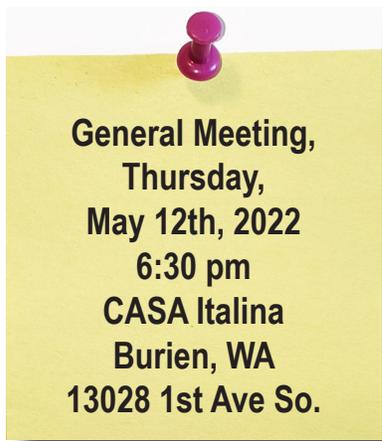
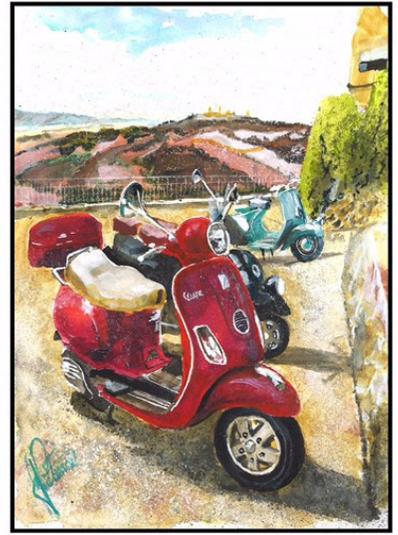


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