

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**April 11, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**  
**CASA Italiana**  
**Burien, WA**



April 2024



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## Message from the President

Ciao Amici!

*Buona Pasqua e Benvenuta alla Primavera!* Congratulations! We made it through the dark days of winter and Easter came early this year. I love taking Stella Velvet for a walk and seeing the hyacinths, daffodils, and now, tulips popping up.

Speaking of Tulips, Jason Kaczor is coordinating a caravan trip to the Tulip Festival in April. Please make sure to read the ad and let him know if you would be interested in joining. If transportation is a challenge for you, let either of us know and we'll figure out how to get you to Skagit Valley "to tiptoe thru the tulips."

High priority on the list of things to discuss and vote on is our participation in manning the Sausage Booth at Festa Italiana. Our faithful chairperson Tom Grossi has retired after many MANY years of managing the booth. We have had a low volunteer turnout for the past few years and don't have anyone to replace Tom so we need to determine if this is something that we, as a Club, want to continue. The booth takes a minimum of 6 people to work a whole day,

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## Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

Last chance to pay your dues before we go to press on the 2024 Roster & Bylaws booklet! In fact, according to the bylaws, the cutoff date to pay them is Monday, April 15th. At present we are back up to 140 members in good standing, of which 119 have paid their dues. The remaining 21 members will get one more "past due" notice mailed on April 1st, and if you plan to attend the General Meeting in person, please note that it will be at 6 PM Thursday, April 11th and you can save yourself and the Club 68¢ each by paying your dues in person.

College Students Alert! A full-page application for the 2024 Italian Club Scholarship is being run in this issue of il Ficcanaso. The amount is \$1,000 and it is open to children and grandchildren of members.

The "Viva Italia!" Film Festival sponsored by Festa Italiana continues to run at the SIFF Uptown Theater through the month of April. You can view the remaining schedule at [www.FestaSeattle.com](http://www.FestaSeattle.com).

Ci Vediamo Presto.

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Day at the Races .....Joe Galluccio

Festa Sausage Booth .....Tom Grossi/Joe  
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Health & Welfare.....Gemma Thielges

Festa Italiana Luncheon

.....Audrey Manzanares

Mariner Baseball Night...Martin Nigrelle

New Membership ..... Dennis Caldirola

Parliamentarian.....TBD

Scholarship .....Diana Kaczor/

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### *(President's Message continued)*

more if you split the shifts. We need a chairperson to organize, set up the booth, and work with the Festa production team. There are other opportunities to have a presence at Festa that wouldn't be as labor intensive. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this more in depth but we will need to take a vote at the April meeting in order to give the proper heads-up to Festa one way or the other.

Please see Marty's article about this year's Italian Night at the Mariners. You can either buy tickets yourself and sit in the general "Italian section," or, if you'd like to sit together as a Club, I will purchase the tickets for you and coordinate the seating. Please contact me for more information. We will need to make ticket reservations and collect payments by the meeting May 9th.

Going to see the film "Cabrini" is on my list of things to do next month. Let me know if you'd like to go to a matinee with me. Linda Madrid said it is a must see!!

Joe Picciano, Scott Fitzgerald and I will be going over the by-laws before they are printed in the updated Roster. If you have any input, please let me know.

And don't forget that I am taking contributions to the Health & Welfare column. Let me know what is happening in your world so I can share in the next newsletter.

See you at the April meeting at 6 PM Thursday, April 11 at Casa Italiana.

Con Amore e Affetto  
Audrey



## Spring is coming!

### Join the Italian Club field trip to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

**Where:** 15867 Beaver Marsh Rd, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**When:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 10 am, Subject to change based on weather and blooming cycle

**Cost:** Online tickets \$15 (\$15.59 with taxes/fees) In Person \$17, **tickets are not refundable once purchased**, RSVP to Jason at [jasonkaczor@aol.com](mailto:jasonkaczor@aol.com) or for more info. Ticket purchasing at [tulips.com](http://tulips.com)

RoozenGaarde is a world renown spring destination and the biggest of the tulip gardens in Skagit Valley. The fields are planted with tens of millions of bulbs creating endless rows of incredible color while the garden is annually redesigned, and lovingly hand planted with over one million bulbs – creating spectacular scenes of floral color and creativity!

**\*Parking is FREE**, feel free to arrange carpools or can all meet and caravan there together. Option to meet after at a local restaurant for lunch, everyone on own ticket as lunch will not be provided.

## Basketball team from Mt. Virgin School, school year 1922-23. Look at all the familiar names!



Back Row, left to right: Louie Colacarro, Coach Frank Nunzio, George Milori, Lenard Patricelli, Pat Facone. Front Row: Pre Vacca, Jim DiJulio, Joe Colasurdo, Guy DiJulio.



Crabfest attendee Nicole Swedberg picked up a few tee shirts - including one for her dad!

## The Skin Within

by Martin Nigrelle

Big steps are underway at the Casa! We have received the building inspector's approval to insulate & sheet rock. Insulation was installed in the upper meeting hall. Beginning Monday 3-4-24 the sheet rock is being hung & the new windows will be installed.

It means we are down to one more inspection before the space can be considered open for regular use. As great as that sounds, we still have a lot of work to do; paint, floors, fixtures & trim, not to mention the equipment required.

We encourage you to stop by & take a tour of the space in the coming weeks, with the sheet rock in place (the skin on the skeleton), it will be very easy to see how the space will be used.

As always, we could not make this happen without the generosity of donors & volunteers. If you are interested in donating time or money please visit the Casa web site: <https://www.casaitalianacc.org/>

## 2024-2025 Scholarship -Application Form

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding one, One-Thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarship. The scholarship for the 2024-2025 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:**

- May 31, 2024 - Application Submittal Window Opens
- July 31, 2024 - Application submission window closes, application verification
- August 2024 - Award Recipient determined by board.
- September 2024 - Recipient published in the *il Ficcanso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2024 - 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 2023-2024 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 **describing** themselves and **their** extra-curricular activities.
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 June 30, 2024 and no later than July 31, 2024
8. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

### 2024/2025 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 2024/2025 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 {2023-2024 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

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## VIVA ITALIA! The Passion of Italian Cinema

Classic Italian film festival; a feast of cinematic splendor

***SIFF Cinema Uptown Theater, in Seattle's lower Queen Anne neighborhood, February 28th through April 24th 2024***

Festa Italiana and Greg Olson Productions present a series of nine films that illuminate the golden age of 1960s-1970s Italian cinema, when traditional ways of thinking and behaving were challenged by liberated artistic, philosophical, political, social, and sexual ideas and norms.

Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm, February 28 – April 24 at the SIFF Cinema Uptown Theater in the heart of the lower Queen Anne restaurant district. Uptown concessions include wine, beer, coffees and teas.

Tickets sold online (ticket fees apply). Tickets also available at the door \$15.

<https://thestranger.boldtypetickets.com/events/146592950/viva-italia-the-passion-of-italian-cinema?ref=ebtn>.

**April 3:** Mamma Roma

**April 10:** The Conformist

**April 17:** Investigation of a Citizen Above Suspicion

**April 24:** La Grande Bellezza (The Great Beauty)



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## ICoS Calendar

### April 2024

11th ICoS General Meeting  
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanso*

### May 2024

2nd Trustee's Meeting  
9th ICoS General Meeting  
12th Mother's Day  
26th Input Deadline for June  
*il Ficcanso June 2023*  
27th Memorial Day

### June 2024

13th ICoS General Meeting  
16th Father's Day  
11th Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners

### July 2024

4th Independence Day  
No *il Ficcanso* this month

### August 2024

8th ICoS General Meeting  
18th Italian Community Picnic  
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley  
No *il Ficcanso* this month

### September 2024

1st Italian Day at the Races, Emerald  
Downs. First race 2 PM.  
2nd Labor Day  
5th Trustee's Meeting  
12th ICoS General Meeting  
20th Festa Luncheon, SYC  
14th Festa Mass in Italian 5 PM  
28th & 29th Festa Italiana Italian  
Festival, Seattle Center  
Oct. 2 Input Deadline for *Oct il Ficcanso*

### October 2024

10th ICoS General Meeting  
29th Input Deadline for Nov. *il Ficcanso*

### November 2024

7th Trustee's Meeting  
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day  
Parade  
14th ICoS General Meeting  
28th Thanksgiving  
27th Input Deadline for December  
*il Ficcanso*

### December 2024

No ICoS General Meeting  
TBD Past Presidents Dinner  
TBA Special Mass at Our lady of Mt. Virgin  
25th Christmas Day  
26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

### January 2025

9th 6:00 Board Meeting  
12th 2:00 ICoS General Meeting  
29th Input Deadline for February  
*il Ficcanso*

### February 2025

2nd 2:00 ICoS General Meeting  
9th Superbowl  
14th Valentine's Day  
22nd Crab Feed  
29th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanso*

### March 2025

TBA Seattle Fedele Lodge John Croce  
Homemade Wine Festival.  
13th ICoS General Meeting  
25th Input Deadline for April  
*il Ficcanso*

## ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

**April General Meeting will  
be held at 6 pm, Thursday,  
April 11, 2024**

Dinner starts on the hour,  
with the meeting to start 30-  
45 minutes after, along with  
prize drawings at

**Casa Italiana, 13028 1st  
Ave S, Burien, WA 98168**

### Trustee Meetings:

Next Trustee Meeting,  
Thursday, May 2nd at 6 PM

**View the  
All-Community  
Calendar at:**

[www.casaitalianacc.org/  
calendar/public/](http://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/)



**Mariners Italian  
Heritage Night 2024  
By Martin Nigrelle**

Who: Baseball fans in the Seattle Italian community

When: Tuesday evening, June 11th

Where: T-Mobile Park

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

How Much: Field level : \$27, View level: \$17

ICoS Members, please contact club President Audrey to  
confirm options for sitting together



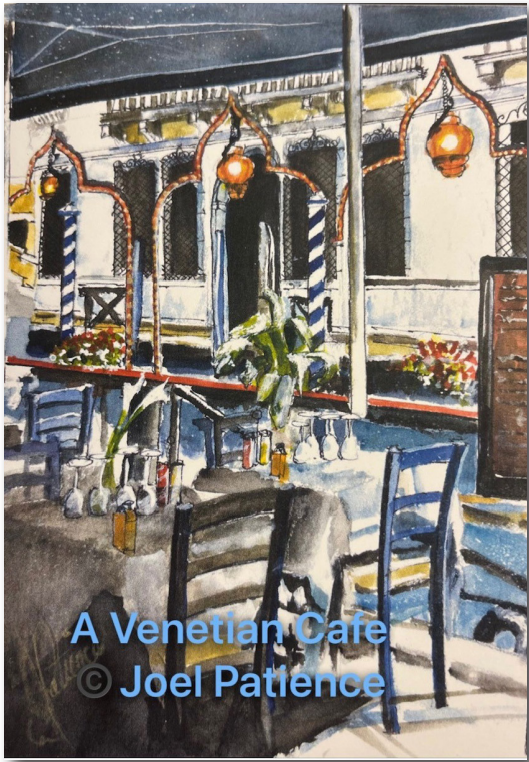
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