

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

April 10, 2025
6:00 PM
CASA Italiana
Burien, WA



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Message from the President

Happy Spring and Buona Pasqua Tutti!

I had a fabulous vacanza in Bali. If you haven't been and can handle the 17-hour flight, I would totally recommend going. Its very tranquil and restorative.

We had a great March meeting and even had some new guests join us for dinner!

Some noteworthy items you will want to know about... Lucy Salle will be honored with the Gil Centioli Memorial Award and Steve Fontana as the recipient of the Festa Volunteer of the Year Award at this year's Festa Italiana Luncheon to be held on Friday September 5 at the Seattle Yacht Club. I am anticipating reservations to fill up quickly so please get yours in now if you are thinking about attending. Contact me for more information.

June 30 is Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners. I will be taking ticket reservations for this event as well. The sooner we call in our ticket order, the better our seats will be. When you let me know how many tickets you want, it will also be helpful to know what size T-shirt you will want as well. Please see Marty's article for prices and more information.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday April 10. Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00. Just a reminder, going forward, we will not be offering a Zoom option.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, especially with the longer days that are now upon us.

Wishing you a blessed Pasqua.

Con Amore ed Affetto,

Audrey

Secretary's Report



As of March 25th, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 124 members in good standing of which 98 have paid their dues for 2025. If you plan to attend the April meeting in person, please note that it will be at 6 PM THURSDAY, April 10th, and that you can save yourself and the Club 73¢ each by paying your dues in person. "Past Due" notices have been mailed out to those who

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Mariner Baseball Night....Martin Nigrelle

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ScholarshipDiana Kaczor/

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(Secretary's Report continued)

are still in arrears. As per the Bylaws, they have until April 15th to stay in the Italian Club.

This count is up by one from last month because the members at the last meeting voted to accept Samuel Giaconi into the organization. Sam works at King County Metro and lives in Shoreline.

At the last Board Meeting, the officers and trustees voted to extend Honorary Life Membership to our former Financial Chair Barbara Galluccio. Congratulations, Barb! You can read her letter of acceptance in this issue of il Ficcanaso.

Word from Idaho has it that twice-Past President Brian DiJulio has re-formed his popular local band "The Love Jacks" and is performing live again, most recently on March 22nd at the Liberty Theater in Hailey, Idaho. We can't wait to see him back in the Seattle area soon.

Finally, it is official, the Zoom option to attend the meetings just wasn't drawing enough viewers to justify all the hassle to transmit adequately. Which means, among other good reasons, that the only way you can win the Attendance Prize is by actually attending a meeting. Need I remind you that the amount is now up to \$250? That and good food, free wine and great camaraderie are some pretty good reasons to show up!

Kudos to member and professional watercolorist Joel Patience for a flattering article in the Beacon Magazine (Edmonds and Mukilteo) entitled "Well-travelled Artist." It even mentions his line of beach towels.

Auguri di una buona e santa Pasqua,

Dennis

Free Mariners Tickets!!

By Martin Nigrelle

April Fools!

But the ticket price does include an awesome custom Baseball Jersey!!! Along with donations to Casa & Festa.

The Mariners will be dominating the Kansas City Royals at the annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night.

6:40pm, Monday June 30th, 2025, A great way to start the holiday week, take the family to the game hang out with your Italian community friends & then head out for your Fourth of July holiday....

Tickets at 100 level: \$47 Ticket at the 300 level: \$34

If we sell enough tickets, we get to have a member of the community throw out the Group First Pitch, and that is no prank.



2025-2026 Scholarship – Application Form

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding one, One-Thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarship. The scholarship for the 2025-2026 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, 2025 – Application Submittal Window Opens
- May 31, 2025 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2025 – Award Recipient determined by the scholarship committee
- September 2025 – Recipient published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2025 – 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 2025-2026 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 1st 2025 and no later than May 31st 2025.
8. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2025/2026 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 2025/2026 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 (2025-2026 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

Casa Update: April 2025

By Martin Nigrelle

The StairLift has been installed, inspected, and permitted. With that out of the way, Casa now has full capacity use of the building as far as the Burien, Fire District, & King County officials are concerned.

Casa has hosted a few smaller events upstairs and we just had our first Private event upstairs in the Desimone Hall. We are looking forward to the formal dedication ceremony of the room upstairs, we hope to have the Italian Consul from San Francisco preside over the event. More to come as things develop & are locked in. If you are interested in booking any of the space at Casa for your own private event, please contact Rocco DeSimone at: rocco@casaitalianacc.org.

Casa is continuing to host language classes, Scopa classes, the Italian Stories series, and produce events like the Easter Bake Sale, Italy Soccer Watch Party, Vespa Festa, and Ferragosto.

We need your support to continue to engage, educate, & inspire our community with all things awesome about the Italian Culture. Please come out to our events, volunteer, or donate.



Letter to the Board

From Barbara Galluccio

Dear Friends,

I greatly appreciate the wonderful honor you have bestowed upon me. It has touched my heart.

Through 15 years or so, I have watched your incredible energy, enthusiasm and loyalty to continuing the storied history of the club. If I were able to keep the financial cash flow moving to help accomplish these goals, in the past and future, then I am really glad to have done it.

Last year, I was really excited to learn through 23 & Me that I had ancestors in Sardinia in the 1600s. And so, it all comes together.

Amicizia

Barbara

Health & Welfare

Joel & Dale enjoyed their trip to the Eastern Caribbean.



ICoS Calendar

April 2025

10th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2025

1st Trustee's Meeting
8th ICoS General Meeting
11th Mother's Day
26th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2025

12th ICoS General Meeting
15th Father's Day
30th Mariner Italian Heritage Night

July 2025

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2025

14th ICoS General Meeting
17th Italian Community Picnic
30th Italian Day at Emerald Downs
No *il Ficcanaso* this month
25th Deadline for Sept. *il Ficcanaso*

September 2025

1st Labor Day
4th Trustee's Meeting
5th Festa Luncheon
11th ICoS General Meeting
13th Festa Mass in Italian
27th & 28th Festa Italiana Italian
30th Deadline for Oct. *il Ficcanaso*

October 2025

9th ICoS General Meeting
13th Columbus Day National Holiday
TBD Casa Italiana Heritage Dinner
29th Input Deadline for Nov. *il Ficcanaso*

November 2025

6th 6:00 Trustee's Meeting Zoom
9th 2:00 ICoS General Meeting
11th Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
27th Thanksgiving

December 2025

No ICoS General Meeting
TBD Past Presidents Dinner
TBD Special Mass at Our lady of Mt. Virgin
25th Christmas Day

January 2026

8th Board Meeting
11th 2:00 ICoS General Meeting
TBA Fundraiser hosted by Seattle Fedele Lodge
28th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2026

8th Superbowl
14th Valentine's Day
15th ICoS General Meeting
21st Crab Feed
8th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

March 2026

13th ICoS General Meeting
22nd Fedele Homemade Wine Festival
23rd Deadline for April *il Ficcanaso*

ITALIAN CLUB

MEETINGS

April General Meeting will be held at 6 pm, Thursday, April 10, 2025

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 1, 2025 at 6 PM

View the All-Community Calendar at:

casaitalianacc.org/calendar

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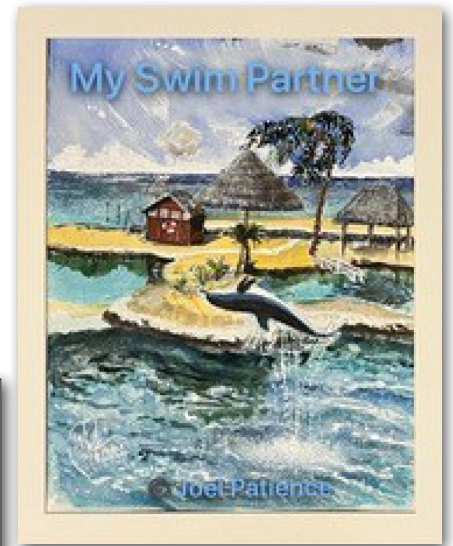
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On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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Send an e-mail to Dennis Caldirola (Dennis@FestaSeattle.com).

The current newsletter, in color, is posted at: italianclubofseattle.org/newsletter.html.

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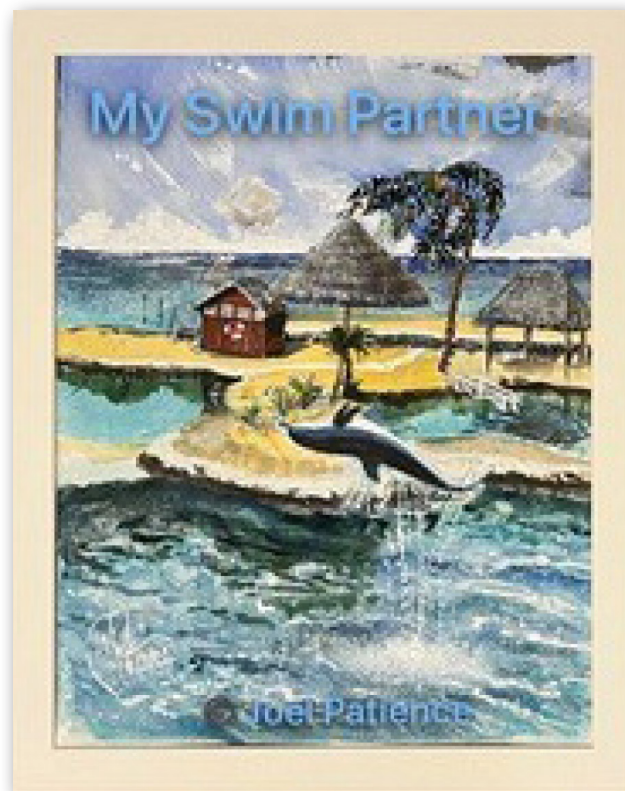
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