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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
December 13th, 2018**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Italian Club Elections

By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney

Set for December 13, 2018, the nominating committee, chaired by Dorothy I. Whitney, presented the slate of returning officers to the Membership at the November meeting.

There were nominations from the floor for the three open Trustees. Nominations will be open again at the December meeting.

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THEIR SECOND YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT: ANNA POPOVICH
VICE PRESIDENT: DIANA KACZOR
SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA
TREASURER: JOE GALLUCCIO
EX-OFFICIO: AUDREY MANZANARES
TRUSTEES: RETURNING FOR THEIR SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE ARE:
TOM GROSSI
AMADEO ROSSI

There were four nominated from the floor at the November meeting. They were as follows:

BARBARA GALLUCCIO
MARTIN NIGRELLE
FRANCES ROSSI
DEANNA DENT

Message from the President

As the year draws to a close, we wonder where the time has gone.

We had great participation at all our events this year. We also hope to see more people at our meetings in the coming year.

Two Christmas parties will be held in the next two weeks. The Adult Party will be held on December 2nd at the Rainier Golf and Country Club and the Children's Party will be on December 8th at St. George's Parish Hall. Thank You to all the volunteers who put in their time to make these events successful.

We wish good health to all our members in the coming year.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Buon Natale!

Anna Popovich

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Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

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**

Famous Italians Born in December

Gianni Versace (2nd)

Matteo Ferrari (5th)

Connie Francis (12th)

Nero (15th)

Marisa Tomei (4th)

Carlo Ponti (11th)

Alyssa Milano (19th)

Giacomo Puccini (22nd)

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

We currently have 189 members in good standing.

In December, we will be voting on a new member, Dianne DiGiovanni Gray, a retired teacher from Seattle. Her grandfather was from Italy and her mother was born in Marigliano, near Naples.



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani, Sergeant-at Arms.

The Birthday Winner for November was Terry Sacco.

Turkeys were won by: Scott Fitzpatrick, Monte Marchetti, Dennis Caldirola, Judy Seth, Barbara Galluccio, Matthew FitzGerald, Mike Troiani, Diana DiGiovanni Gray, and Mona Nelson.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by: Matthew FitzGerald (2x), Dick Whitney, Tom Grossi, Anna Popovich, Paul Pioli (4x), Linda "Scooter" Madrid, Joe Picciano (2x), Judy Seth, Joe Jacobin, Barbara Galluccio, and Martin Nigrelle.

Progressive Prize of \$50 was won by member Deanna Dent so the jackpot now goes back to \$25.

New Membership

By Dennis Caldirola

Members are reminded that if they invite a guest who is a potential member to a meeting, you look like a great host and your guest dines for free!

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be upon us. It always seems to be a busy season but I'm hoping we can pace ourselves and just enjoy the weeks ahead as we prepare for a few gatherings with family & friends.

Angela Di Julio Wright turned 80 on December 7th. She's enjoyed several celebrations and, fortunately, she is in good health. Angela has been able to stay active and be involved with family, Church and Community activities. She is a good example of the saying "80" is the new 60."

Carmen Razore Sepic & husband Jim Sepic are welcoming the arrival of their 7th grandchild, probably by the time you read this!

Matteo (Matthew) FitzGerald wrote: "My dad (Patrick FitzGerald, also a member) is bringing my twin brother and I to dinner at Lola's, and a movie at Cinerama for Thanksgiving. We turn 29 this year!" Sounds like a special way to celebrate Thanksgiving and a birthday.

Deanna Dent reported: "We are excited because we are having ALL 5 of our children (and daughter-in-law) home for Christmas! It hasn't happened for 5 years!" We all know what a blessing it is to have family around.

I send out an email each month before I am due to submit the Health & Welfare column to our editor, Joe Jacobin. In that email I ask all of you to send contributions for this column. If you do not receive an email from me by at least the 20th of the month, that probably means I do not have an email address for you. So please send me your email (to gdijulio@comcast.net) so that I can add you to my list or, another option is to give me a call at 425-747-0655 so I can include your news when you have something to share in the column or if you merely wish to request prayers. I know that our members enjoy keeping up with what's going on with each other. A great way for that to happen is to keep me informed. Thank you!

Have a Blessed Christmas & a Wonderful 2019!

Italian Festival Art Competition 2018

by Matthew FitzGerald

The inaugural Festa Italiana Art Competition, held in 2018, was an abundant success. There were competitors in each category. The workshop portion was a hit, and many visitors sat down and drew or painted (or both!). We received pieces made beforehand, but most entries were created during the Festa.

We had many awards! There were three ribbons available for each of the four categories: Youth, Teen, Young Adult and Adult; and three entrants also walked away with the Best Overall Medals.

Coming in first overall and first in the Young Adult division was a piece entitled "Devotion," which incorporates the National Flower of Italy, the Lily, on an Italian flag background. This entrant sat down, sketched and then painted this piece during the Festival. Second overall, and first in the Adult category, was "The Dude of Urbino," a sculpture in bronze. Third overall, and second in the Adult category, was a photograph of the Colosseum, mixed with watercolors.



Thank you to everyone who participated including participants associated with the Sons of Italy, Dante Alighieri Society, and more).



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Italian Christmas tradition of “La Befana”

The legend of Babbo Natale (Santa Claus) has existed in Italy mostly since the days of World War II. However, there is even a more ancient (and popular) Italian Christmas tradition that has its origins traced back to the 13th century: the legend of “La Befana.”

Deriving from the word Epiphany (Greek term meaning “manifestation” or “appearing”), the legend of “La Befana” is that of an old witch lady with a big red nose and slight hunch, dressed in a jacket of colorful patches. She is often pictured with a broom.

Legend has it that on the 12th night of Christmas (January 5th) the 3 Wise Men, on their search for the baby Jesus, asked “La Befana” to join them in their quest. She initially declined, stating she had too much housework to do. She later changed her mind and went looking for the 3 Wise Men and the baby Jesus, but was unable to find them.

Therefore, every year, on the night of January 5th, “La Befana” will travel on her magic broom, to every house in Italy in search of the baby Jesus bringing gifts. Climbing down the chimneys, she brings candy (“caramelle”) or fruit to the children that were good and black coal (“carbone”), onions or garlic to the children that were naughty. The children will leave out their stockings, and even their shoes, hoping to awake on the morning of January 6th to some “caramelle.” Similar to the Santa Claus tradition, many of the children will write notes to “La Befana” and even leave out food and wine for her (sausages and broccoli in some parts of Italy).

It is a tradition that is still strong in Italy with many stores selling stockings, mostly red, but sometimes even sand-colored, for the children to leave out for “La Befana.” It is a fairy-tale story of the good witch/bad witch, depending on how you behaved during the past year. After her arrival, there are many parties and Italians will celebrate going from house to house celebrating the bonds of family and friends.

Here is an Italian nursery rhyme that the children will sing for “La Befana”:

*La Befana vien di notte
con le scarpe tutte rotte
col cappello alla romana
viva viva la Befana!*

Rough Translation:

*The Befana comes at night
wearing old broken shoes
dressed in Roman (hat) style
long live la Befana!*

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ICoS Calendar

December 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 2nd Adult Christmas Party, Rainier Golf & Country Club
- 5th Past Presidents Luncheon & Board Appreciation dinner, Mamma Melina's
- 8th Children's Christmas Party combined with Seattle Fedele SOI, St. George Parish Hall
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*
- 31st New Year's Party, Pellegrino's Restaurant, Olympia

January 2019

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 16th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

March 2019

- 2nd Seattle Fedele SOI Annual Banquet Kennedy High School
- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for April *il Ficcanaso*

April 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*
- 27th WSICC Annual Banquet, TBD

May 2019

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 13th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 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

July 2019

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

August 2019

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

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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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