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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
December 12th, 2019**

**6:30 pm
St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Italian Club Elections

By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney

The nominating committee chaired by Dorothy I. Whitney, presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting. There were nominations from the floor. Nominations for all offices except for the three returning Trustees will be open again at the December meeting on December 12, 2019. Members will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting. Installations of Officers will take place at the January 9th meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: ANNA POPOVICH
VICE PRESIDENT: AMADEO ROSSI
SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA
TREASURER: JOSEPH GALLUCCIO
TRUSTEES RETURNING FOR THEIR SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE:

BARBARA GALLUCCIO
FRANCES ROSSI
MARTIN NIGRELLE

There are two candidates running for the two open positions as trustee

TOM GROSSI
JOE PICCIANO

EX- OFFICIO: AUDREY MANZANARES

Message from the President

Hello to everyone.

We had great participation in all the events this year. That's what it takes to make these events successful. The crab feed will soon be upon us, any help will be appreciated. The reservation form will be included in the *il Ficcanaso* every month until the event (see page 3).

Members still have the opportunity to serve on the board. Nominations will be taken at our next meeting.

We're working on the 100th year celebration at the Washington Athletic Club on April 25th, 2020. We want all our members to spread the word for this great event.

To all the members and their family's, I wish you good health for the coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Buon Natale!

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Sergeant at Arms: **Micheal Troiani**

Committee Chairs

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**

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Buone feste, tutti.

As usual, notices for 2020 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2019, nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those 17 members will receive their free membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member and Past President, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949 and will be 98 this coming Christmas Day!

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25 per year. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for at least 35 years. Our records show that out of 215 members, 16 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

In honor of the fact that this is the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Italian Club, a special edition of the Membership Directory will be published in April. If you don't pay your dues by then, you will not be included. If you plan to attend the December meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 52¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di Buon Natale.

Famous Italians Born in December

Gianni Versace (Dec 2nd)	Marisa Tomei (Dec 4th)
Sonia Gandhi (Dec 9th)	Connie Francis (Dec 12th)
Nero (Dec 15th)	Alyssa Milano (Dec 19th)
Giacomo Puccini (Dec 22nd)	Carla Bruni (Dec 23rd)

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Tickets : \$50 per person or \$500 per table

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Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

This news came in from **Monte Marchetti**: Italian Club Crab Feed Cook Gregory Pesce was hit by a car while jogging on Beacon Hill & survived with a broken leg, cracked ribs and lots of bruising. His right eye was also swollen shut but now he is left with a black eye. Greg does not remember a thing but woke up in Harborview trauma center in a lot of pain. Greg is home now and healing and plans to be back for the Crab Feed February 29th, 2020. Glad Greg is healing well and great news that he plans to be able to cook for the Crab Feed!

Monte's grandson Keaton Powell was chosen for the leading role in the play Shrek Jr. put on by Alki Grade School the first part of January. Monte says, "He is in the 5th grade now & is super excited with this new opportunity." Good luck to an actor in the making. I'm sure grandpa and many of Keaton's relatives will be there to encourage his acting endeavors. Good luck to him.

I heard from **Chip Di Julio** who said, "9 of us are going to N. Puerto Vallarta Sat-Sat next week. 1st time in 40 years I'm gone Thanksgiving week, one of the busiest weeks of the year in the Christmas business. Cities trying to get their decorations and lights up, etc. Getting a knee replacement scheduled today. Trying to go to the Dec. meeting w/Franco. 35 people for my 75th on Dec. 6 (Feast of St Nicholas - and I'm in the Christmas business!!!). Guy Di Julio family Christmas is Dec 22. Back Dec. 2nd. Gonzaga off to another great basketball season....#8 in the country." That's a lot of news packed into a few sentences. Lots going on, especially for a guy who is in the Christmas business. We wish you well and hope you enjoy all the activities and the Christmas season.

Sympathy and prayers for **John Brondello's** family and his wife **Lisa Gockel Brondello's** seven siblings and their families, on the death of his beloved mother-in-law, Marilyn Gockel. Her "Celebration of Life" was at Holy Family Church, Kirkland, on November 22nd.

Judy Lewis had back surgery approximately six weeks ago and she is recovering nicely. Thankfully, symptoms that Judy was experiencing prior to the surgery have been relieved! We pray you continue to experience a positive recovery, Judy.

Angela & Bill Wright enjoyed a relaxing, sunny week at a time-share in Solana Beach, California, November 8th to the 15th. Happily, they did not witness any signs of the recent California fires.

Received from **Deanna Dent**: "I don't have any exciting news at all this month! However, I would like to say that I am thankful for being a member of The Seattle Italian Club and for all the friendships! We will be able to have all our 5 children (and a daughter in law) here for Christmas which is exciting for us!" I think being thankful is very healthy and being with family is usually something for which to be very thankful. Enjoy the holidays and time with your family.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas.



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani.

The Birthday Winner for November was Paul Pioli.

Turkeys: Linda Madrid, Paul Pioli, Linda L. Jacobin, Sharon Pioli, Mike Carrosino, Jerome Thielges, Marven Hansen, Kimberly Carrosino, Ron Roletto and Dick Whitney.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners: Delores, DeVitis (2x), Dennis Caldirola, Matthew FitzGerald, Martin Nigrelle, Paul Pioli (who was having a good night), Al Carlson, Cathy Lembo, Ron Roletto, Sally Pierotti, Mona Nelson and Mike Carrosino.

Progressive Prize of \$25 would have been won by Rosetta Beyersdorf had she been present. The jackpot now goes up to \$50.

100th Anniversary! Save the Date!

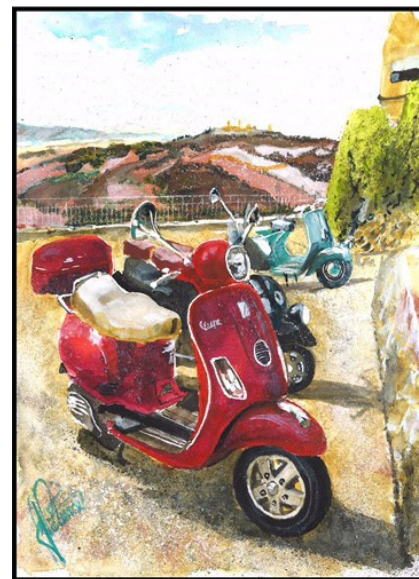
Saturday, April 25th, 2020 is the celebration of the Italian Club of Seattle's 100th Year which will be at the Washington Athletic Club

More information coming soon in your *il Ficcanaso!*

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Italy in January – The Best Things to See and Do (Part 1)

by Rem Malloy (<https://italy4real.com/italy-in-january/>)

January is one of the most interesting times to visit Italy. The weather is cold, the tourists are few, and there is still a lot of holiday cheer. Italy during the winter may not be how you picture this country. However, from top to bottom, Italy has natural scenery, cultural displays, and plenty to do. If you prefer cheaper prices, fewer tourists, and some holiday spirit, here's what you should see and do in Italy during January.

BORMIO HOT SPRINGS – Cold weather isn't always a favorite, but it happens to be perfect for hot springs. Italy is dotted with these warm, natural spas, and January is a great time to visit them. Bormio is located right on the Swiss border, and is home to Bagni di Bormio, a spa amongst the Alps. It's situated in the mountains and has water temperatures around 37 to 43 °C all year. It's considered a wellness retreat, especially because the water is filled with natural minerals. Enjoy the natural pools and the actual spa which has saunas carved from natural stone.

GROTTA DELLE NINFE HOT SPRINGS - If you want a more kitschy hot springs experience, visit Grotta delle Ninfe in Cerchiara. You'll need to enter a cave to spend time soaking in the 30°C water. The entry fee is cheap, and you'll probably be surrounded by in-the-know locals who are trying to benefit from the healing properties. The sulfur-carbon in the water is said to cure skin diseases and rheumatoid arthritis, so it's worth a shot if you're suffering!

CASCADE DEL MULINO – For an off-the-beaten-path experience, visit the hot springs at Cascade del Mulino. They are located in the Maremma hills, and are visited mostly by locals. Waterfalls carved out the rock that forms the natural pools, and the water within them stays at about 37.5°C all year. As you soak in the tiered baths, you'll realize how quiet it is, because hardly any tourists ever go.

AEOLIAN ARCHIPELAGO, SICILY – If you're visiting Sicily, make your way to Thermae of Vulcano, located on the Aeolian archipelago. These baths are well-known for their soothing mud, which you'll see everyone covered in. This natural spa is known for its volcanic views of beaches, the sea, and volcanic rock. It's an extra special place for hot springs as you're actually bathing in a volcanic crater.

SKIING IN TURIN – Did you know that Italy is actually a skiing destination? The northern city of Turin is considered the gateway to the Alps, and is a popular spot to hit the slopes. Winter sports lovers usually use this city as a homebase before taking to the mountains. It's scenic, has a well-known foodie scene, and is perfectly located near the best mountains.

SKIING AT CERVINIA – If you'd rather stay on an actual ski resort, Cervinia is a great choice. It's well-known and loved by intermediate skiers, but has runs for all levels. It's not a luxury resort, but it does offer some of the best skiing in the Alps. You'll find 4,000 mountain peaks in the area, and Cervinia will offer beautiful views of them all.

MARCHÉ VERT NÖEL, AOSTA MARKET – This may be a Christmas market, but it sticks around until the 6th of January. You'll find it in the stunning alpine town of Aosta, which is also home to a beautiful Roman theater. During the market, the entire town is decorated for the holidays, and wooden stalls line the streets. There are handmade crafts, live music, entertainment, and historical presentations. You'll find craftsmen hard at work on their inventory, and locals who've been attending the market for years. Grab a mulled wine and wander the cobblestone alleyways when you need a break from shopping.

TRENTO, TRENTO ALTO ADIGE – Found in Trento, this famous Christmas market is open until the 6th of January. It's one of the biggest too, requiring two separate places to host it, Piazza Fiera Square and Piazza Cesare Battisti Square. During the market, the streets are lined with wooden huts decorated in Christmas lights. Vendors sell local products, seasonal snacks, and homemade crafts. It's one of the top places to shop for Christmas gifts. And, it happens to function with an environmentally-friendly mission, so it's the most sustainable too.

ICoS Calendar

December 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 1st Adult Christmas Party, Rainier Golf & Country Club in conjunction with the Westside Italian Civic Club
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January
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January 2020

- 7th Trustee's Meeting (Date Change)
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February
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February 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 1st SOI Crab Dinner, Holy Family, Auburn
- 10th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March
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- 29th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus

March 2020

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 7th Seattle Sons of Italy Annual Banquet, Kennedy High School
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for April
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April 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 5th Seattle Sons of Italy Homemade Wine Festival, Our Lady of Mt. Virgin
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for May
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May 2020

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for June
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June 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 6th WSICC Dinner Show, St. Bernadette's in Burien
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 18th Italian Night at the Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals

July 2020

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

August 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- No General Meeting this month
- 16th Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

General Meeting & Dinner
Thursday,
December 12th, 2019
6:30 pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

ITALIAN CLUB MEETING CADENCE

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 (date change for January)

Please send Calendar Additions or Updates by the 25th of each month to Joe Jacobin (joejacobin@gmail.com or 4822 S. Juneau Street, Seattle, WA 98118-2848). Thank you.



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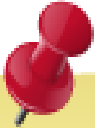
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