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**DUE TO CORONA
VIRUS CONCERNS,
THERE IS NO
GENERAL OR
BOARD MEETING
IN APRIL.**

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Buona Pasqua

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Ambrose Chiappa, ICoS 3rd President

1972 Interview by Dennis Caldirola



Ambrose Chiappa was the third president of the Italian Club, in 1922. He was one of the small group of businessmen and professional men who had become leaders of the Italian community. This small group of men formed the early Italian Commercial Club as an instrument through which they could demonstrate to Americans the beauty of Italian culture, of which we are all so proud.

Ambrose Chiappa (1884 - 1951) was born in Cunio. He immigrated to the United States in 1909. Settling first in San Francisco, he quickly found employment with the Petri Cigar Company as a traveling salesman. He traveled far and wide throughout the west. In his travels he visited Butte, Montana, where he first met his future bride, native-born Anna Bozzetta, who survives her husband and is still living in Seattle.

In 1913 Ambrose married the lovely Anna and they came to Seattle. His first business venture was a cigar store but he soon formed a travel agency which he headed until his retirement in 1948. He and his wife then visited their beloved Italy several times.

Ambrose is survived by his wife Anna, son Gino, daughters Vera and Leona, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Chiappa typifies those men who, in adopting a new country, raised their children to be the finest of American citizens and yet passed on to them a cultural heritage they will never forget.

Message from the President

Hello everyone. I hope you all are in the best of health and I encourage everyone to stay in their homes. I know we miss seeing everyone, but we'll get through this.

We had another successful Crab Feed. Thanks to all of you for the outstanding work to make this event the best ever. I hear these comments every year.

Monte Marchetti and his kitchen crew are to be thanked for the delicious meal they served. Others for whom we are grateful include Marty Nigrelle, who drives to Tokeland for the delicious crab; all the waiters, and did we have plenty, who did a fantastic job; to Bill Wright for handling the bar; to all the people who helped set up and take down; and the people who worked on the raffle. We couldn't do it without the help from all of you. Thank you for all the wonderful raffle prizes. Last but not least, David Madrid. Thank you – great job!

We will always keep you informed on what is happening in our club. If you have any questions, feel free to call me – I'll be home just like you.

Take care everyone.

God Bless all the members of our medical profession and first responders.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Mariner Baseball Night.....**Martin Nigrelle**

New Membership **Dennis Caldirola**

Parliamentarian.....**Dorothy Whitney**

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Amadeo Rossi**

Louis Buty, ICoS 4th President



1972 Interview by Dennis Caldirola

Louis Buty, fourth president of the Italian Club, was a relatively young man when he was elected to the office vacated after the second term of Ambrose Chiappa (1923) and Nicola Paoletta (1924). Despite his youth at the time, Louis had already established himself as a rising young attorney and a leading figure in Seattle's burgeoning Italian community.

Born August 18, 1900, Louis was the eldest son of Frank Buty Sr., an enterprising financier who, after immigrating from his native Calabria as Francesco Buttera, came to Seattle at the turn of the

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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST IL FICCANASO! Your Italian Club dues for this year are due by April 15, 2020. At that point, as per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list and the email database.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 184 members and as of March 23rd, only 163 have paid their dues leaving 21 who have not yet responded. If you have friends or family members you think are delinquent, now would be the time to call them and encourage them to stay in our great organization. Thank you for your attention to this.

Casa Italiana 2020-2021 Scholarship

Casa Italiana, also known as CASA, will award one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying student toward an undergraduate degree. Full details including eligibility, the award, application process, and the Scholarship Application are available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/skjb8qu>.

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

If you would like to receive the *il Ficcanaso* via e-mail rather than have it mailed to you, let us know. Send an e-mail to Dennis Caldirola (Dennis@FestaSeattle.com).

The current newsletter, in color, is posted at: <http://italianclubof-seattle.org/newsletter.html>. Save a tree & some postage – Go Digital!

4th President (continued)

century and established Frank Buty & Company, a private bank at Fifth Avenue and Jackson Street where even today the Buty Building still stands. Realizing that Louis was a gifted young student, Frank saw to the fact that he had the finest education: high school at Seattle College (NoW Seattle Preparatory), St. Martin's Academy in Olympia, and college at Santa Clara where he majored in Law. Graduating with his Law degree at the early age of twenty-two, Louis returned to Seattle where he entered private practice. By the early 1930's he had become partners with Mr. Alfani and it was during that time that he held the position of Italian Consul for the Northwest region. In 1935 Louis moved to San Francisco and became increasingly involved in the shipping and crating business, a venture that was to prove highly lucrative as the nation began gearing itself towards the rising threat of war. The war proved costly for the Buty's as well, for their son Louis Jr. fell with the Marines at Iwo Jima, and finally, in 1945, Louis himself passed away.

Today Louis Buty is fondly remembered by his son Francis who is still in the shipping business in San Francisco, his daughter, Virginia, now living in San Jose, California, and his step-mother, Mrs. Frank Buty, Sr., and her descendants, currently living in Seattle.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

I was informed by Joe Jacobin (who received word from Dennis Caldirola) that **Michael Ferri**, who joined the Club in 1988, passed away December 3, 2019 at the age of 71. Our sympathies to his wife Elaine & their family.

These are definitely challenging times with the virus that has resulted in schools closed, restaurants and other business shut down, store shelves emptied, Churches closed up and here we are getting close to Holy Week and Easter. We've never seen anything like it.

I called **Velva Saltarelli** one day to check in and see how she was coping with all that's happening. She called me back later and left a message that she was doing just fine. She always has such a positive outlook and such a cheerful manner. She said they were probably going into lock-down soon but she had plenty to keep her busy in her apartment so she wasn't worried about it or anything else. Hearing Velva's voice is always uplifting to me. She said she has a deck outside her room so is able to sit out there and enjoy the sun and the fresh air. I enjoy talking to Velva – she boosts me up! Thank you, Velva.

Fr. Paul Magnano wrote: "Most of the parishes have at least Sunday Masses on-line. If one goes to Facebook and type in Archbishop Paul Etienne, you'll find his daily Masses on-line. For those of you who might want to keep up with us in the Skagit parishes, again go to Facebook and type in Skagit Valley Catholic Parishes, and you'll find the pastor, assistant, and me co-celebrating two Masses each weekend (one in English and the other in Spanish) in different parishes."

I heard from **Todd & Brenda Elliott** who said they are doing well but had been looking forward to seeing many of our members at the 100 year anniversary in April. But since it had to be delayed, they are still hoping to see many of you, but in October instead of April.

Audrey Manzanares reported that (daughter) "Marissa is on her way home. She will be staying with me for 2 weeks and then living with Granny Mo (Aunt Velva's niece) until she gets her own place. I am so excited to have her back in Seattle, and close to me I can't even see straight!!" Audrey, I can only imagine how exciting this is for you. So happy for both of you.

Happy Easter to all even though most of us will be sad to miss attending Mass on Easter Sunday.



You're Invited

To

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

Please Note New Date:

October 24, 2020

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than October 4, 2020

Contact

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

2020-2021 Scholarship Application

By Amadeo Rossi, Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding a single \$1,000.00 dollar scholarship. The scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year will be awarded to the student who is selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship qualifications (noted below). As in years past; the better the GPA, the better chance of a scholarship award.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 1, 2020 – Application submission window opens.
- May 31, 2020 – Application submission window closes, application verification.
- June 2020 – Award Recipient determined, all applicants notified of their status.
- September 2020 – Award Recipient published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting.
- October 2020 – Scholarship payment made to the school on behalf of the recipient.

The qualifications the recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. Parents must be in good standing for three years.
2. G.P.A must be 3.0 or above.
3. Scholarship is paid specifically for tuition, directly to a state accredited High School the recipient attends.
4. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00.
5. The scholarship is applied only for the regular school years 9-12.

2020/2021 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

(Completed Applications must be postmarked no earlier than April 1, 2020 and no later than May 31, 2020.)

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's Parent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing): _____

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2020/2021 School year: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending (2019-2020 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 Amadeo Rossi
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

Victor Masenga, ICoS 5th President



1972 Interview by Dennis Caldirola

Victor Masenga, fifth president of the Italian Club and one of its founding fathers, served in the club's seventh term of office in 1926.

Born June 26, 1890 in Turin, Italy, Victor was interested in painting and persuaded his family to permit him to study at the Turin Art Academy where he won honors upon graduation.

In 1914 Victor planned a year's visit to the United States intending to return to Italy. After arriving, he decided to settle and establish a business in Seattle. In September of 1916 he married Catherine Traverso and shortly thereafter their family included a son and a daughter. During this period he became increasingly active in club affairs and at the same time he established the Commercial Sign Shop, an enterprise devoted to commercial art and the artistic interior decorating of private homes and business buildings. Some of his more known accounts were Fey's Renton Theater, the "Pig and Whistle" Restaurant, and surprisingly enough, the painting of the original Indian totem pole in Pioneer Square.

Victor also worked many evenings decorating the walls of the Italian Commercial Club's new building at Ninth Avenue and Terrace Street. As a token of appreciation for his efforts, the club awarded him a plaque of Honorable Mention in 1924. Another charter member, Mike Vena, did most of the carpentry remodeling of the building. In 1925 the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary was founded in the Masenga home.

Just prior to this, in 1924, Victor become concerned with his failing health and made a final visit to his parents in Italy. In the month of December, 1926, he died in Seattle at the early age of thirty-six. His widow, Catherine, raised the two children and remained active in the Italian Club until her death in 1963. His son, Colonel Robert Mesenga (Retired USA), his wife and their four children reside in Los Angeles where he is Senior Computer Scientist with the Computer Science Corporation. The daughter, Mrs. Leone, lives on Mercer Island with her husband and daughter, Catherine. In accord with the family tradition of active participation in the Italian Club, Mrs. Leone served as president of the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary in 1968 and 1969.

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ICoS Calendar

April 2020

No Trustee or General meeting this month

25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2020

7th Trustee's Meeting

11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien

14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner

25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2020

No Trustee Meeting this month

6th WSICC Dinner Show, St. Bernadette's in Burien

11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner

18th Italian Night at the Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals

26-28 Portland's Festa Italiana, Oaks Amusement Park

July 2020

No Trustee or General Meeting this month

4th Independence Day

No *il Ficcanaso* this month

19th Italian Club Day at the Races Luncheon at Emerald Downs

August 2020

No Trustee or General Meeting this month

10th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien

16th Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley

No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2020

3rd Trustee's Meeting

6th Italian Day at the Races, 1pm-6pm, Auburn Emerald Downs Racetrack. Contact Italian Radio Show for FREE Tickets!

10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner

11 - 13 San Gennaro Festival, South Angelo Street, Seattle, WA

September (Cont'd)

18th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club

19th Mass in Italian, 6:30pm, Mt. Virgin Church

25th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center, 7-10pm

26 & 27 Festa Italiana, Seattle Center

25th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

October 2020

No Trustee meeting this month

8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner

12th Columbus Day Dinner

24th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club

25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2020

TBD 56th Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade

5th Trustee Meeting

12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM

16th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien

25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

26th Thanksgiving

December 2019

No Trustee meeting this month

10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM

13th Adult Christmas Party, Rainier Golf & Country Club in conjunction with the Westside Italian Civic Club

25th Christmas Day

26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

January 2021

7th Trustee's Meeting

9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM

25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

APRIL MEETING CANCELLED

In light of the many warnings and closures in the interest of public safety, the President and Board of Trustees of the Italian Club of Seattle have voted to cancel the General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2020 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

Due to conflicts with other Italian-American clubs and associations, this General Meeting will probably not be rescheduled so, God willing, we will see you Thursday, May 14th. The Attendance Jackpot (Door Prize) will now go up to \$175.

If you are one of the 21 members who have not yet paid your dues for 2020 and you were planning to bring them to the meeting, please remit them instead to P.O. Box 9549, Seattle, WA 98109. Deadline is April 15th.

Thank you and please pray for the families of those who have succumbed to this virus worldwide, especially here and in Italy.

Dennis Caldirola



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