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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of March 25th, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 180 members in good standing of which 148 have paid their dues for 2021. Please bear in mind, dues not paid by April 15th means you will not be listed in the semi-annual Roster and you will be dropped from the mailing list.

In the meantime, the Board is earnestly looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to become chair of the Italian Sausage Booth when Festa comes back "live" next September. The pay is low and the hours are long (for a quick weekend) but you will be covered in glory – and grease – and former chair Tom Grossi promises you great training. This might be an undertaking an entire family could share together.

Message from the President

HAPPY SPRINGTIME EVERYONE!

In talking with members they seem to be in good spirits and can't wait to participate in our functions for the coming months.

Since Seattle's Festa Italiana will be held in September we will be in charge of the sausage booth. Anyone who would like to take charge of this undertaking please let us know. Tom Grossi is more than happy to help with any questions you might have.

Our March Zoom meeting went very well. We had a nice number of members attending with Trudi Picciano winning the \$25 door prize. The next meeting will be held on April 8th at 6:00 PM. A link will be sent to you by e-mail for you to participate.

May you have a blessed Easter Sunday will all your family and friends.

Take care everyone – be careful and safe.

God Bless!

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Amadeo Rossi**

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Here's hoping everyone enjoyed a Happy Easter, maybe with Church attendance, family gatherings, and perhaps even an Easter egg hunt. Now we can look toward Spring flowers and sunnier weather.

We still have those who are dealing with health issues and could use our continued prayers. We heard last month that **Deanna Dent** was transferred from Harborview where she had been since her stroke on Christmas Day, to a nursing care center on Queen Ann Hill. We hoped this meant she was getting better but we just heard from **Frances Rossi** that Deanna is back in ICU with both pneumonia and another infection. We're so sorry to hear this news. Prayers for her and her family.

Danny Quintero (not a member but a frequent event performer for the club) was hospitalized for Covid but we were also informed by **Frances Rossi** that Danny is now home recovering with his family, which is wonderful news.

Brian Di Julio had his back surgery on March 17th and reports: "I came home to my number one nurse Barb on 3/20 and fighting a good fight against the pain of a foot-long incision at the base of my spine which feels a little bit better with each passing, painful day. So I appreciate the love and prayers sent my way! PLEASE DON'T stop as I am a long way from healed and praying for God to send me patience and strength to get me through the next couple of painful months. The surgery was extremely successful and will pay off big dividends just in time for the Casa grand opening!!" We never run out of prayer intentions!

We recently learned that **Madeline Guzzo** passed away on February 28th at age 100. Her husband Lou died in June of 2013. They were long-time active club members.

Michelle Di Julio passed away on February 25th very suddenly of a brain aneurysm at age 50. She was a much-loved relative of many Italian Club members. She was a granddaughter of **George & Mary Beth Di Julio**.

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message from **Frances Rossi** on the morning of Wednesday, March 24th. They “Need prayers for my brother, Paul. He was airlifted last night to the UW hospital. He had immediate surgery as soon as he arrived. The doctors repaired an aorta valve. We’ve heard nothing more this morning. They gave him a 40% chance last night. All prayers will be appreciated.”

We learned that **Doris Pellegrini** (right) passed away on March 19th at the age of 94. She was a resident at Aegis in Bellevue. Doris was raised in Tacoma with her twin sister, Dorothy, and her brother, Ernie. She was married for 54 years to Paul, a long-time active member of the club who died in 2003.

Thank you to all of you who offer your prayers and to those who contribute to this column. If I did not hear from you, there would be pretty much nothing for me to report.

Maybe some of you will let us know what you did to celebrate Easter so we can share that in next month’s column. Or we would enjoy hearing about plans for travel that you might be making, now that regulations are loosening up some. We’re looking forward to in-person meetings coming up soon. Stay well and be happy. Spring is here, always a season of new hope. He has risen!



Thomas Jefferson’s Italian Connection

By Gordon Kendal, Summarized from The Roanoke Times

The study of how forged friendships have influenced the course of history can be fascinating. Consider the 40-year friendship of founding father Thomas Jefferson and Philip Mazzei.

Mazzei was born in the Italian region of Tuscany (home of Chianti) in 1730. After school, he practiced medicine in Turkey before moving to London in 1755 to become a wine merchant. He was introduced to Benjamin Franklin and Virginia businessman and politician Thomas Adams who suggested he travel to Virginia and try his hand at winemaking and olive oil production. In 1773, Mazzei assembled a group of Italians and set sail for Virginia, intending to set up an experimental farm in Augusta County. In Charlottesville, he met Jefferson who persuaded him to locate his farm there, sweetening the deal by giving him 193 acres for agricultural planting. By 1778, Mazzei had bought 700 more acres and named his farm *Colle*, the Italian word for “hill.”

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Mazzei and Jefferson became fast friends, and Mazzei enthusiastically joined the Revolutionary War effort. He became a secret agent and was sent abroad to gather military information for the Colonists. Mazzei is also credited with assisting Jefferson in composing the Declaration of Independence.

In his book “A Nation of Immigrants,” John F. Kennedy wrote: “The great doctrine ‘All men are created equal’ and incorporated into the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson, was paraphrased from the writing of Philip Mazzei, an Italian-born patriot, and pamphleteer. ... This phrase appears in Italian in Mazzei’s own hand, written in Italian, several years prior to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1785 Mazzei traveled throughout Europe, promoting the idea of American democracy. He wrote a book, published in Paris in 1788, recounting the history of the Revolutionary War. The book gained a reputation for being a factual account and an antidote to British propaganda. Mazzei died in Pisa in 1816, but his family returned to the United States.

Mazzei believed that Virginia was ideally suited to grape and wine production, but his vineyard never came to fruition. A severe frost in the spring of 1774 damaged the vineyard, and it was ultimately trampled by horses belonging to British troops.

Today the Mazzei family and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation maintain a close relationship. On July 3, 2019, they introduced a new wine in a reception held at the foundation’s education center at Montalto, overlooking Monticello. “Philip” is a Tuscan cabernet sauvignon produced by the Mazzei family. Two of Philip Mazzei’s descendants, Filippo and Francesco, were on hand along with Italian ambassador Claudio Bisogniero. After being introduced by Thomas Jefferson Foundation President and CEO Leslie Greene Bowman, the Mazzeis provided a history lesson and described the wine.

The label features a portrait of Mazzei from a painting on display at the Louvre. The wine was described by Filippo as, “complex, vain, spicy and exotic, as was Philip.”

In addition, the Mazzei archive, containing almost 2,500 of Mazzei’s writings, has been donated to the Jefferson library. A portion of the proceeds of the wine will go to the Jefferson Foundation as well.

A mountaintop vineyard has been planted adjacent to Montalto and will serve as a hands-on classroom for Piedmont Virginia Community College students studying viticulture and enology. The vineyard is being managed by Gabriele Rausse, Monticello’s director of gardens and grounds. Rausse is generally regarded as the father of modern Virginia wine, arriving in 1976 to establish Barboursville Vineyards. During the reception, Rausse and the Mazzeis planted three vines brought over from the famed Fonterutoli and Belguardo estates in Tuscany.

2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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:

- May 1, 2021 – Application submission window opens.
- June 30, 2021 – Application submission window closes, application verification.
- July 2021 – Award Recipient determined, all applicants notified of their status.
- September 2021 – Award Recipient published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting.
- October 2021 – 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.

2021/2022 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

(Completed Applications must be postmarked no earlier than May 1, 2020 and no later than June 30, 2021.)

Applicant's name: _____

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

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2021/2022 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 (2010-2021 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
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ICoS Calendar

April 2021

No Trustee meeting this month
8th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2021

6th Trustee's Meeting
13th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2021

No Trustee meeting this month
10th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
June 25, 26, & 27 Portland Festa Italiana 2021 at Oaks Park

July 2021

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2021

TBD Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2021

2nd Trustee's Meeting
9th ICoS General Meeting
18th Festa Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church (**Tentative**)
25th & 26th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
27th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

October 2021

No Trustee Meeting this month
14th ICoS General Meeting
16th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2021

4th Trustee's Meeting
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
11th ICoS General Meeting
CASA meeting
25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*
26th Thanksgiving

December 2021

No Trustee Meeting this month
9th ICoS General Meeting
12th Annual Christmas party combined with WSICC at Rainier Golf & Country Club (**Tentative**)
25th Christmas Day
27th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

January 2022

6th Trustee's Meeting
13th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2022

No Trustee meeting this month
10th ICoS General Meeting
14th Valentine's Day
25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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