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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of March 25th, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 167 members in good standing of which 136 have paid their dues for 2022. This is still a little behind where we were last year but please bear in mind, dues not paid by April 15th means you will not be listed in the new semi-annual Roster coming out in June. In the meantime, we have had two new members make application to the Club and they will be voted on at the April General Meeting.

They are: **Manzanares, Marissa**

2001 NW 65th St. #422
Seattle, WA 98117-5753

Cell: (206) 930-1563

Email: marissa.manzanares@gmail.com

Marissa is currently employed at the Lodge Sports Grille and has been sponsored by President Audrey.

And: **Pisciotta, Daniel R. (Vivian Diaz)**

5520 SW Lander Place
Seattle, WA 98116

Cell: (206) 390-2523

Email: danp@gotmojo.com

Daniel is in IT Sales at Mojo Systems and lives in West Seattle with his wife and two children. He is sponsored by Dennis Caldirola.

Tanti auguri di una felice e santa Pasqua.

Message from the President

"Buona Pasqua!"

We will be meeting on Zoom again this month and then in May we plan to meet in person at the Casa Italiana. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone in person and hugging you as well!!!

I am off to London for two weeks on the 25th to visit friends. My plan is to see a castle, a clock, a bridge, and do lots of walking and exploring. Anna will be in charge during my absence. I will be back for our meeting in May with lots of pictures!

If you have an opportunity to attend Mass at Mt. Virgin on the second Sunday of each month, I can tell you it is a delightful experience being together. Mass is held at 10:30am and there are snacks afterwards!

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for our 100 Year Celebration being held October 15th at the Washington Athletic Club. Tickets are \$100 per person and it will be a grand time for sure.

Enjoy your families at this special time. I appreciate all of you.

Con amore e affetto,

Audrey Manzanares

Approved Final Budget 2022

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Adult's Christmas Party.....**Anna Popovich**

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**

Income	2021	Actual	2022
Advertising / Newsletter	\$825.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Advertising / Roster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Casa Subsidy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centennial Dinner	\$11,600.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Crab Feed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dinner Meetings	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Festa Italiana Sausage Booth	\$0.00	\$2,040.00	\$3,000.00
Interest	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mutual Funds	\$12,000.00	\$35,447.00	\$19,000.00
Prepaid Rent (Other Asset) \$25,000		\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Dues	\$6,800.00	\$6,865.00	\$6,300.00
New Members	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
	\$34,075.00	\$45,052.00	\$45,600.00

Expenses

Accounting	\$650.00	\$674.00	\$675.00
Administration	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Centennial Dinner	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,000.00
Board Meetings	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Charitable Donations TBA @ president's discretion	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Club Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dinner Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Festa Italiana (*under certain conditions)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00*
Insurance	\$408.00	\$408.00	\$408.00
Legal Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Newsletters	\$5,150.00	\$5,047.00	\$5,100.00
Office, Postage, Printing	\$350.00	\$454.00	\$500.00
Past Presidents & Dec board meeting dinner	\$0.00	\$943.00	\$1,000.00
Picnic	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Prepaid Rent for Meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Progressive Draw	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
Past President's Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Raffle holidays	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Rent - Ballard Office	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00
Rent - Storage	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Roster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Christmas Party - Adult	\$0.00	\$996.00	\$1,000.00
Website Development	\$0.00	\$56.00	\$0.00
	\$40,948.00	\$21,418.00	\$46,693.00

A Foodie Story

Remember that bottle of balsamic vinegar you received as a gift? There are a lot of uses for it and some are so very simple. Here is my recipe for a hot sandwich with balsamic as a dip.

Take two slices of honey wheat or light rye bread. Add a couple of thin slices of smoked ham or your favorite Italian dry salami along with two slices of fresh mozzarella. Some of the mozzarella loafs now come pre-sliced. Add some fresh spinach.

Place a quarter cup of balsamic vinegar in a small dipping saucer or bowl. Place one slice of the bread in a frying pan on which you have drizzled olive oil or butter and set the heat to medium-low.

On the bread put the mozzarella, salami and spinach. Add the second sheet of bread. Grill slowly so as not to burn the bread but long enough to melt the mozzarella.

When you are satisfied with the grilling on both sides, cut the sandwich into four triangles. Triangles are easier to hold and dip in the balsamic. I happened to get one that is cherry flavored as a gift.

Enjoy it while the sandwich is still hot, with a couple of fresh strawberries that you also dip in the balsamic. Include the daily funnies for entertainment.

Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist. Joel travels with his wife for inspiration to Italy and places beyond.



Health & Welfare

*By Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant
Angela Di Julio Wright*

Diana Sciola Warczak sent a reminder: “to please attend Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Mt Virgin Church. Elisabetta, the honorary Italian consulate is available and she will do the second reading in Italian on 4/10. We’re hoping we will have a strong turnout at the 10:30 mass that Sunday.” We appreciate the reminder. Remember to try and put it on your calendars for the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Audrey Manzanares gave us this update: “Marissa and I moved into a new apartment close to Piccolinos Restaurant at the beginning of February. We (including my cat and her dog) are all very happy to be living together again. We have fabulous sunsets and my plants are thriving!!! She is bartending at the new Denny Lodge Restaurant in South Lake Union and I am busy working with first-time homebuyers navigating the Seattle Real Estate Market.” Sounds very cozy for all of you to be residing together again. We are wishing you well in your new home.

We heard from **Chip Di Julio** who sent this update: “We’d be arriving home now from the Amazon River trip BUT it was “postponed” until next March. Of course, we’re disappointed, so we were going to go to Florida to see friends for the first time at their waterfront mansion. They erred on their schedule, and our reschedule would put our arrival back home too close to Easter which we’re hosting again for our family. WOW, two trips canceled in one month! We got our Casa bricks ordered and now will book Mariner tickets for Italian Heritage Night.” We’re sure you’re disappointed but glad you’re prioritizing family and making sure to be here for the Easter get-together.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center Update

Food Drive Recap: The second Annual Casa Food Drive was an even bigger success than the year prior. Thanks to all who donated. More food donations were collected this year. Part of our success was related to a win-win between two charities. The week of the food drive we were approached by the Seattle Indian Center that suffered a fire on their property and was not able to use the building, which included a food bank. Several faithful volunteers took the truck over and collected as much food as time would allow. While there was more food in the building there were time constraints based on the fire damage. We were able to connect with a different charity that made arrangements to collect the remaining food. We were all glad to help keep the food from going to waste and to help out our local community at the same time.

We had a positive experience at our hearing with the Burien City Planner, our Change of Use request received preliminary approval! Still more processes and red tape to deal with, but this was a major step forward. We are focusing on the physical requirements to support larger group events.

Who knew Panettone made awesome French toast?!?! The “Panettone Is FOR Breakfast” event went really well with plenty of fresh-made panettone french toast, sausage, and fruit for all who attended. Huge thanks to all who helped make it happen! The all-volunteer effort resulted in many folks starting their day happy and contented having had their breakfast at Casa.

Recently the Trentino Club celebrated its Centennial anniversary at the Casa. Buon Compleanno, Trentino Club!

Please visit the Casa website. We are maintaining a calendar online for all to see. The calendar is dedicated to events throughout our community, not just activities at Casa. Whether you are looking for the next event, or have one to share, please check out the calendar online at:

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>.

Don't see your event on the calendar yet? Please email: info@CasaitalianaCC.org.

The Casa Caffè has established new hours and has established an Aperitivo offering. Stop by for a coffee and stick around for Happy Hour, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.

Casa Caffè Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am – 2pm

We look forward to seeing all of you at Casa!

Sincerely,

Martin Nigrelle

President, Board of Directors

Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center

Italian Community Hall – 2022 Scholarship

Members of The Italian Club of Seattle who are currently students themselves, or are parents, or grandparents of an eligible student, are encouraged to apply for the scholarship set to be awarded by the Casa Italiana – Italian Community Hall (the “old Casa”).

The scholarship is for \$1,000.00 and is to be awarded for the current school year. Applications are due no later than May 15th, 2022.

The scholarship details and the application have been posted on the new Casa website:

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/casa-scholarship-form/>.

Anyone interested in the full details and the application who has trouble accessing the website should send an email to: martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com. Please put CASA SCHOLARSHIP (all caps to make it stand out) in the subject line.

2022-2023 Scholarship – Application Form

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding one, One-Thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarship. The scholarship for the 2022-2023 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, 2022 – Application Submittal Window Opens
- May 31, 2022 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2022 – Award Recipient determined in the June board meeting
- September 2022 – Recipient published in the *il Ficcanso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2022 – 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 2021-2022 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 15th 2022 and no later than May 31st 2022.
8. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2022/2023 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 2022/2023 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 (2021-2022 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 98109-0549



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*The Italian Club of Seattle
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Saturday, October 15, 2022

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than September 24, 2022

Contact

Audrey Manzanares

206-779-7325

amanzanares@live.com

Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

**Please Note
New Date:**

ICoS Calendar

April 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting (via Zoom)
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2022

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting (Casa Italiana in Burien)
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2022

- 9th ICoS General Meeting (Casa Italiana in Burien)
- 16th Italian Heritage night, M's versus LA Angels
- 25th Vespa Festa at Casa Italiana

July 2022

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

August 2022

- 21st Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2022

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 4th Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs
- 8th ICoS General Meeting
- 9-11 San Gennaro Festival, Georgetown
- 16th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club
- 17th Traditional Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church
- 24th & 25th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
- 26th Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

October 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 15th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

December 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

January 2023

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2023

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

March 2023

- 9th Trustee's Meeting
- 16th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*



Sit with your fellow Italian Club Members!

The Mariners host the Los Angeles Angels, for Mariner's Italian Heritage 2022, at 7:05 pm on Thursday, June 16th inside T-Mobile Park.

For those of you interested in sitting amongst your fellow Italian Club members, please send notice to Martin Nigrelle before June 1st, 2022. We will make a single purchase to ensure we all get to sit together. The price will be the same no matter how you choose to purchase. Either confirm with Martin at a General meeting or email him at martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com.

Ticket prices are \$34 each for the Main (field) level and \$22 each for the View level. The Club will be buying seats on the main level.

The giveaway item this year is a scarf (pictured) designed and manufactured custom to this event. The design is said to be stitched into the scarf (not printed). This will be the third scarf and it is styled quite differently from the first two.

Use the custom website to buy your own tickets (if you choose not to sit with the Club):

<https://mariners.com/italian>.

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 Saturday, April 23rd - 11 am to 2 pm
 Lake Forest Park Civic Club
 17301 Beach Dr NE, Lake Forest Park 98155
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