

**NEXT GENERAL
MEETING:**

**April 13, 2023
6:00 PM
CASA Italiana
Burien, WA**

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Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!!

Spring is officially here! I'm so happy to be able to go outside without a coat! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. We are going back to our regular weekday and time, the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendars for this month, Thursday April 13. I've really enjoyed seeing everyone attend the meetings at Casa, and it's been a delight to watch the building come to life.

This month we will be discussing our meeting days & times for the coming year, our participation at Festa hosting the Sausage Booth, and other upcoming events.

Speaking of events... Another BIG HUGE THANK YOU to Anna Popovich and Monte Marchetti for their many years of service taking on the Annual Crab Dinner. Both have given tirelessly to the club and especially this event. Anna and Monte have given me their notice of retirement after this year, and I am very appreciative of all the time and energy committed to the Crab Dinner. THANK YOU!!

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Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

With the passing of our beloved longtime member Remo Borracchini, the Italian Club of Seattle now has a roster of 152 members of which 130 have paid their dues for 2023. If you plan to attend the April meeting in person, please note that meetings now move back to 6 PM on the 2nd Thursday which this month is April 13th, so you can save yourself and the Club 63¢ each by paying your dues in person. According to the Bylaws, all dues must be paid by April 15th every year.

Speaking of meeting dates, one of the leading items on the agenda for the April meeting is a discussion and vote on how we should schedule meetings going forward. The success of the Sunday meetings in the darkest months of the calendar has led us to consider several possibilities, including not having a meeting in December and adding one in August. Please come join the discussion and voice your opinion. You might win \$100 and it will still be light enough to drive home at 8 PM.

Buona Pasqua!

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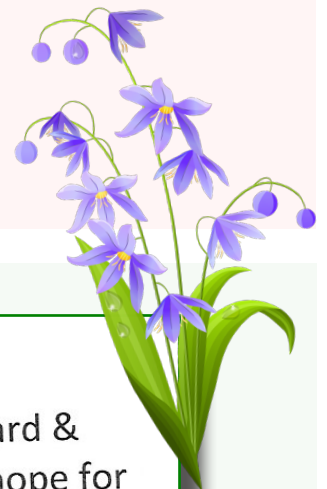
Another Thank You to Jason Kaczor for donating the TV for the raffle at this years Crab Dinner. We appreciate you and your generous heart.

Baseball Season has begun (GO MARINERS!). Please read Martin's article regarding our Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners game in June.

Buona Pasqua to you and your families. I am very thankful for all of you.

Con Amore ed Affetto.

Audrey



Italian Club of Seattle,
Thank you for the lovely card &
the prayers for healing & hope for
Jerome & I. He is actually back in
the hospital as of this afternoon
(3/10) so the prayers are a great
comfort to us. We know he is in
God's hands & expect that he'll
be back home feeling brighter &
stronger. Love, Gemma & Jerome

Casa Italiana – Your Italian Cultural Center

By Martin Nigrelle

We hope to see you all at the Casa on Saturday April 8th, 2023, for the Easter Bake sale. Because how can you have a Buon Pasqua without Italian baked goods? There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny & food specials @ the Caffè.

Besides the annual bake sale, the Casa is undergoing some changes. The Casa Caffè hours are being temporarily trimmed to accommodate the demolition going on in various parts of the building in preparation for the remodel/update of the great room upstairs. We have secured a private loan & are working with our General Contractor to set up the work schedule. Onward & upward!!



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Dennis, Joe and Anna enjoy Mariners' Italian Heritage Night 2019

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The Aprons are coming, The Aprons are coming!

by Martin Nigrelle

You have the hat, you have the t-shirt, you have the scarf, by golly you even have the flag, but can you consider your collection complete without the apron? This year we are breaking away from the tradition of hat, shirt, scarf & will be receiving a customized apron as the give-away item for those who attend the annual Mariners' Italian Heritage Night.

The apron is customized for the event, includes two front pockets and adjustable neck strap, one size fits all.

Tuesday night, June 27th, the mariners will host the Washington Nationals. Come on out, enjoy a discounted ticket price, sitting with your friends, and the free apron. What more could one ask for?

Tickets can be purchased online at: <http://mariners.com/italian>



Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

This came in from **Rita Cella-Trousdale**, "I have just recovered from a bout of COVID-19, my first one. I pass this on because I want other members to know that the drug Paxlovid, really helped. The drug is highly recommended for those of us who are over 65. Now anxious to get back to my regular schedule."

We appreciate it that Rita shared this valuable information. We hope she will be fully recovered soon.

Taken from Seattle Times: "**Remo Borracchini**, who died March 16 at age 92, started working at what would later become Borracchini's Bakery when he was 8 and grew to love its role as a Rainier Valley community hub. [His biggest legacy isn't the cake](#) that generations of Seattleites enjoyed, his daughter says: It's as a generous businessman who really was enmeshed in the community."

I think we will all miss Remo, his generosity, and his 100-year old business on Rainier Ave. Our condolences to his family.

From **Linda Madrid**, "Here's what's happening with Don and me: We're going on a Viking Mediterranean cruise the first two weeks of April. Our ports are: Venice, Croatia, Corfu, Greece, Naples, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Monte Carlo, Marseille, France, and Barcelona, Spain. In mid-May, we're traveling to Texas to attend my nephew's graduation from Texas Christian and celebrate Don's 86th birthday. We'll be home until September, then off to Hawaii."

We will pray for safe travels. Sounds like a great agenda!

Louie DeLaurenti shared that "Last year at this time, I wrote from the middle of the Atlantic Ocean on my way to Italy. This year I am writing from middle of the Pacific Ocean, returning from a 35-day cruise to Hawaii and then to Tahiti. We've had great weather and calm seas and couldn't ask for anything more. Sorry to see it all end in a couple of days."

So glad you're able to enjoy so many wonderful travels.

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(Health & Welfare continued)

Dorene Centioli McTigue shared news about her brother **Gerard Centioli** “who recently welcomed his 6th grandson. His name is Charlie Marjanovic. He joins his big brother Maximus, mamma Cicilia, and father Nemanja.”

Great news. Six grandsons, that’s terrific!

Jerome & I (Gemma) Thielges are staying close to home recovering from our recent hospitalizations - Jerome had COVID, pneumonia, and was suffering renal failure, and I suffered a heart attack but fortunately they were able to put in a stent to open a 95%-blocked artery. We are happy to still have each other and are grateful for so many prayers offered for us.

Dominic and Aurora Driano’s granddaughter **Jane Driano**, and **Bill and Angela Wright’s** granddaughter **Rachel Wright**, will both be graduating from Creighton Medical School in May. Jane “matched” to do a pediatric residency in Cincinnati, and Rachel “matched” to do a surgical residency in Houston.

*Congratulations on their accomplishments! God Bless them as they begin their residency programs. And **Happy Easter** to everyone. Hopefully we’ll soon be enjoying some warmer spring weather.*



ICoS Calendar

April 2023

13th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanso*

May 2023

4th Trustee's Meeting
11th ICoS General Meeting
14th Mother's Day
26th Input Deadline for June
il Ficcanso June 2023
29th Memorial Day

June 2023

8th ICoS General Meeting
18th Father's Day
27th Italian Heritage Night at the
Mariners

July 2023

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanso* this month

August 2023

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

September 2023

3rd Italian Day at the Races,
Emerald Downs. First race 2 PM.
4th Labor Day
7th Trustee's Meeting
14th ICoS General Meeting
TBD Festa Mass in Italian
TBD Festa Luncheon, SYC
23rd & 24th Festa Italiana Italian
Festival, Seattle Center 25th
Input Deadline for September
il Ficcanso

October 2023

12th ICoS General Meeting
27th Input Deadline for November
il Ficcanso

November 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day
Parade
9th ICoS General Meeting
23rd Thanksgiving
27th Input Deadline for December
il Ficcanso

December 2023

TBD ICoS General Meeting
TBD Casa Italiana Christmas Bake
25th Christmas Day Sale
26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

January 2024

5th Trustee's Meeting
TBD ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for February
il Ficcanso

February 2024

4th ICoS General Meeting
11th Superbowl
14th Valentine's Day
23rd Input Deadline for March
il Ficcanso
24th Crab Feed

March 2024

7th Trustee's Meeting
10th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for April
il Ficcanso

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

**April General Meeting
will be held at 6 pm,
Thursday, April 13, 2023**
followed by meeting & prize
drawings at
**Casa Italiana, 13028 1st
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Trustee Meetings:
First Thursday of odd
numbered months, except
July

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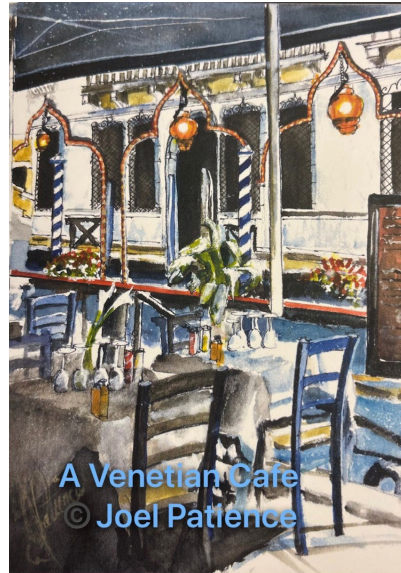


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