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MEETING:**

December 8, 2022

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Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a roster of 150 members in good standing. At the last General Meeting, we had four new members make application to the Club and they will be voted on at the December General Meeting that will be held both online and "in-person" at the Casa Italiana in Burien. They are:

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Remember Dues statements are going out in early December. Please watch for them in the mail.

Tanti auguri di una felice festa di Natale!

**Message from the
President**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FRIENDS
AND FAMILY!**

What a great Fall we have had! I'm very thankful the Seattle grey hasn't begun yet. I've decided I don't mind the cold as long as the sun is shining! So many things to tell you about!

1. The Centennial Celebration was a grand success! The WAC was a beautiful venue, the staff was so helpful, the food was tasty, and the icing on the cake was Danny Quintero with his 17-piece band. If you ever have the chance to hear Danny and the Big Band play together, you won't regret it. Danny really shines and we were so lucky to have them at our 100-year celebration. I'm very thankful to have been a part of the execution of this beautiful night.

2. Because it gets so dark early (and sometimes stormy),

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Bylaws..... TBD

Crab Dinner.....Anna Popovich

Day at the RacesJoe Galluccio

Family Christmas Party.... TBD

Festa Sausage BoothTom Grossi

Golf TournamentBrian DiJulio

Health & Welfare.....Gemma Thielges

Festa Italiana Luncheon

.....Audrey Manzanares

Mariner Baseball Night....Martin Nigrelle

New Membership Dennis Caldirola

Parliamentarian.....Dorothy Whitney

PicnicRon Roletto

ScholarshipDiana Kaczor

(Message from the President continued)

we are going to try meeting on Sundays in January and February. We took a poll at the November meeting and the votes trended towards trying it on Sundays for the next 2 months.

- The dates will be January 8 and February 5 at 2:00pm. Dennis will be sending out invitations and asking for a head count, so I know how many to plan for when ordering dinner. (Which, By the way I must give a shout out to Angelo's in Burien. They have been hitting a home run with our dinners. Super Scrumptious.)
3. December Meeting 12/8/2022:
- a. DINNER WILL BE FREEEEEE!!!! Please RSVP to Dennis when he sends the email out so we can make sure we have enough food. If you will be attending and have any interest in bringing cookies for dessert, please let me know that as well.
 - b. Nominations for open board positions will be accepted, please contact Dot Whitney with names, suggestions, or interest. Voting on the positions will be conducted at the December meeting.
 - c. We will be doing a Toys for Tots Drive in conjunction with the company that provides our insurance. Please bring new and unwrapped toys to the December meeting and I will make sure they get where they need to go.
 - d. Dennis will be handing out membership renewals
4. CRAB FEED
- Anna and Monte are working diligently on this annual event. Please keep your ears open for the February date and the confirmed location. I am very thankful to Anna for taking this event on again this year (and for talking Monte into cooking!!)
5. President's Discretionary Donations 2022: I would like to donate to the following charities:
- a. \$500 Sacred Heart Shelter
 - b. \$500 St. Francis House
 - c. \$500 Ballard Food Bank

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(Message from President continued)

d.\$500 West Seattle Food Bank

As always, I am here to listen to your questions/ comments/concerns/positive feedback. You can reach me at 206-779-7325/amanzanares@live.com. Wishing you all blessed & joyful holiday celebrations with your families. I am so thankful for our community. Thank you for being a part of it.

Con Amore ed affetto,
Audrey



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 and Zoom meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations for all offices except for the Vice President and the one Trustee position are filled. The two open positions will be opened again at the December 8, 2022 meetings by Zoom, and in person at the Casa Italiana. Members will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting. Installation of Officers will take place at the January 8, 2023 meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	AUDREY MANZANARES
VICE PRESIDENT:	(POSITION OPEN)
SECRETARY:	DENNIS CALDIROLA
TREASURER:	JOE PICCIANO
FINANCIAL MANAGER:	BABARA GALLUCCIO

TRUSTEES: RETURNING FOR THEIR SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE

MARTIN NIGRELLE

DIANA KACZOR

TOM GROSSI

LINDA MADRID

(POSITION OPEN)

EX-OFFICIO: ANNA POPOVICH

How My Dog Ended Up Playing A Sheep

by Dennis Caldirola



Two Decembers ago, in the middle of the pandemic, the celebration of Christmas had pretty much been diminished to being on a screen. We in the Italian Community had already seen our beloved Festa Italiana reduced to a “virtual festival,” a series of musical numbers performed by our local Italian and Italian-American singers and musicians on YouTube. Nevertheless, the directors of Seattle Center who had hired all the technicians and videographers to tape the “virtual Festa” were pretty impressed with our production and came to me with the offer to tape a pageant of “An Italian Christmas.”

As I assembled the talent, I began to write a script, and chose to base it on Tomie dePaola’s “The Legend of La Befana,” a Christmas fable from medieval Italy predating probably even Santa Claus. I decided to incorporate a beautiful “presepio” (manger scene) loaned to us by the Dante Alighieri Society and include Italy’s most famous – and practically only – Christmas carol “Tu Scendi dalle Stelle.” The result was a 14 minute video that Seattle Center, for two years now, has shown all December on the big screen in the Armory as part of their Winterfest celebration, a great honor. To view the video yourselves, and especially to share it with your grandchildren, simply go to YouTube and type in “La Befana Festa Seattle”, type in bit.ly/3EVF08r or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera.

The Cast of La Befana:

La Befana.....Nancy Grossi
Accompanist.....Dominique Martin
Angelic Choir #1.....Julian Betz
Angelic Choir #2.....Addison DerGarabedian
Angelic Choir #3.....Ava Grossi
Angelic Choir #4.....Makenna Sinclair
Dennis Caldirola.....Narrator
Accordionist.....Bonnie Birch
Gaspar.....Gino Lucchetti
Melchior.....Stephen Wall
Balthazar.....Chai Ahranius
Shepherd Girl.....Giada Caldirola
Natale the Lamb.....Bosco, Lagotto Romagnolo
La Mezzanotte Trio....."Tu Scendi" Theme
Costumes.....Kyra Stewart, A Masquerade Costume
Directed by Dennis Caldirola

La Befana

An infographic with a winter theme. On the left, there's a circular graphic with the Italian flag colors (green, white, red) and a silver cap. Below it, the text 'Italy' is written in a red script font, followed by 'LA BEFANA' in a bold green sans-serif font. To the right, a cartoon illustration of La Befana is shown: an elderly woman with white hair, wearing a purple hooded cloak over a green top and an orange skirt, holding a broom and a basket of gifts. The background is light blue with white snowflakes and green pine trees. At the bottom left, there's a small snowman icon and the text '© Stay Sourced'.

WHO?
A kindly old witch who brings gifts and sweets to good bambini.

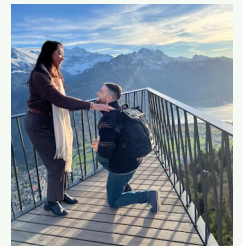
DID YOU KNOW?
La Befana sheltered the three wise men during their travels, but declined to visit the baby Jesus as she was too busy with her housework. Filled with regret, she now travels round the world looking for baby Jesus.

Health & Welfare

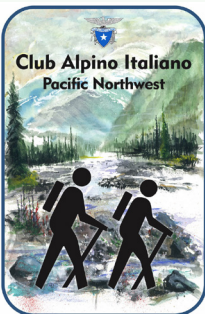
by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Frances and Amadeo Rossi sent their news: "Frances and Amadeo have had a busy summer, recently returning from a three week trip to Ireland including the entire island including Northern Ireland. They had great weather for that time of the year and enjoyed the lovely people and beautiful scenery. The island is real lush with over 8 million sheep, about one sheep per person. Also, their son Matthew and his wife Kirsten are expecting their second boy, so Frances and Amadeo will be grandparents again.

The baby is due 03 March 2023. Their youngest son Brian and his Fiancé Chanel traveled to Munich and Harder Kulm the top of Interlaken, Switzerland where he proposed to her amongst the mountain tops. They are making plans to have a wedding in Italy. Ciao. New babies & weddings are very exciting events! Enjoy it all.



We have seen **Bill Picchena** a couple of times at his new residence at The Gardens at Town Square in Bellevue. He seems to have settled in there quite nicely.



Joel Patience sent this interesting info: Club Alpino Italiano (CAI-PNW) ... Has adopted for its new logo, a design by Joel Patience. The logo is based on a painting by Joel, "White River to Rainier" with a graphic overlay of two hikers and text. CAI-PNW is the only CAI affiliate outside of Italy and is a subsection of CAI-Pisa. Club Alpino Italiano was established in 1863 in Turin, Italy. Today, it has 507 sections with around 320,000 members. CAI and CAI-PNW is an organization dedicated to promoting the knowledge, study, protection and enjoyment of the mountains, the natural environment and cultures, especially of the Pacific Northwest and Italy. Joel Patience is a CAI-PNW Board Member At Large CAI-PNW.org JoelPatience-watercolors.com.

Exciting news from **John Brondello**: "The Brondello family is thrilled to announce that we are expecting our first grandchild on December 25th! We will be traveling down (to Oklahoma) for the birth, hoping the baby cooperates with the due date." We can all be praying for a healthy baby & easy delivery & safe travels for John & family.

Being from North Dakota, my husband **Jerome Thielges** loves the snow. So he's been praying that we get some soon. I've been praying that the snow stays up in the mountains!

Wishing everyone a Beautiful Christmas, a real celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We wish everyone a Wonderful 2023 - good health & good times with family and friends.

ICoS Calendar

December 2022

No Trustee Meeting this month
8th ICoS General Meeting
10th Casa Italiana Christmas Bake Sale
25th Christmas Day
26th Input Deadline for January
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January 2023

5th Trustee's Meeting
8th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for February
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February 2023

No Trustee meeting this month
5th ICoS General Meeting
14th Valentine's Day
25th Input Deadline for March
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TBD Crab Feed

March 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
9th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for March
il Ficcanso

April 2023

No Trustee meeting this month
13th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for May
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May 2023

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

8th ICoS General Meeting
18th Father's Day
TBD Italian Heritage Night at the M's

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.
7th Trustee's Meeting
14th ICoS General Meeting
TBD Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf
Tourney
TBD Festa Mass in Italian
TBD Festa Luncheon, SYC
23rd & 24th Festa Italiana Italian
Festival, Seattle Center
25th Input Deadline for September
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October 2023

No Trustee Meeting this month
12th ICoS General Meeting
27th Input Deadline for November
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November 2023

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

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

December General Meeting will be Free to Members
followed by meeting & prize drawings,
6:00 pm on
THURSDAY, DEC 8, 2023
Casa Italiana, 13028 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98168

Trustee Meetings:
First Thursday of every other month

View the All-Community Calendar at:

www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/



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The 1937 Fiat Topolino
 = a.k.a. Mickey Mouse



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