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Italian Club Elections

By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney

The nominating committee, chaired by Dorothy I. Whitney, will present the slate of Officers at the December Zoom Meeting on December 9, 2021.

We will open nominations again on December 9th to fill our Vice President and Treasurer positions. The Installation of Officers will take place during our January 13th Meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: AUDREY MANZANARES

VICE PRESIDENT: (POSITION OPEN)

SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA

TREASURER: JOSEPH GALLUCCIO

**FINANCIAL MANAGER: BARBARA
GALLUCCIO**

**TRUSTEES FOR THE YEARS 2022 AND
2023 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

MARTIN NIGRELLE

DIANA KACZOR

TOM GROSSI

JOE PICCIANO

LINDA MADRID

EX-OFFICIO: ANNA POPOVICH

Message from the President

Hello everyone.

As you read Dorothy Whitney's column regarding 2022 officers, you see we are in dire need of a Vice President. Any former trustee is eligible for the position.

There are two upcoming events for our club. Our first is our Christmas party with Westside Italian Civic Club at Glen Acres Golf & Country Club on Sunday December 5th. Doors open at 5:30.

The second event is the Past President's and Board members dinner which will be held at Mamma Melina's on Tuesday December 7th at 6:30. There's still time to let me know if you will be attending the dinner at Mamma Melina's.

Our next club meeting will be on December 9th on Zoom. A link will be sent to all the members. Be sure to RSVP in order to be entered into the \$25.00 drawing. I hope to see all of your happy faces.

God bless all the service men and women serving our country this holiday season.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Buon Natale!

Anna Popovich

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Committee Chairs

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**Amadeo Rossi**

Health & Welfare

By Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

I heard this great news from **Monti Marchetti**. He said that he & **Margaret** “are proud to announce our new granddaughter, **Maecy Ann Marchetti Wood** (right). She is four months old and a real special baby. We are babysitting her two days a week and loving her company.” Congratulations to parents & grandparents. Maecy is precious!



I am sad to report the passing of member **Jim Sepic**, husband of **Carmen Razore Sepic**, who passed away on November 6th. Jim would have turned 80 on December 8th. Our sympathies go out to his wife, their three children, seven grandchildren and extended family members.



Phyllis Centioli shared this photo (left) of her brother and ICoS member **Gerard Centioli** in Chicago for the Baptism of his fourth grandson, **Alexander Centioli**, son of Lauren & Rebecca Centioli, and brother of Theodore & Joseph, great grandchildren of Gill & Alma Centioli – precious memories.” Congratulations to all! Gerard is certainly a proud looking grandpa and Alexander is a darling little guy!

I heard from **Ronnie Beyersdorf** who reports that “Member **Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf** had major intestinal surgery on Saturday, November 6, 2021. She is now home and well on her way to recovery, while not doing any heavy lifting for six weeks. Rosetta thanks all her friends who sent well wishes during her recovery.” We will keep Rosetta in our prayers.

We appreciate hearing from our members who are willing to share their news with us. We do pray for those of you who have suffered losses or have been through especially challenging times. And it's always fun to hear your happy news.

We wish you all a most Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Venetian Masks

By Joel Patience

The designs of Venetian masks as we know them today comes from the 17th century when physicians adopted the mask as part of sanitary precautions while treating plague. The practice of wearing masks goes back much further and given the central position of Venice, Italy in shipping routes, several cultures impacted mask design and stories.

The original masks were constructed of leather with an oversized nose, into which “plague physicians” believed in stuffing rags soaked in all kinds of linaments and herbals that would hopefully protect themselves.

In addition to the masks, these plague doctors wore clothing intended, but not really effective, in driving off airborne diseases during plague and pandemic outbreaks. Most citizens seeing them in a neighborhood, saw them as a symbol of death and a good reason to distance themselves. And for good reason; in reality, these were not at all full doctors of medicine but were often individuals of little means or of lower-class hired by local governments to go into an area to count bodies.

As an epidemic would subside, the masks became associated with the celebration of the living for having survived. They were part of characters in plays or public displays that, because of a fairly common design among the characters, were identified by the public. The doctor is the most common. The doctor’s character ranges from a bulbous nose to a few versions of an elongated beak. All intended to allow space for smelly packing.

In the photo at right, my friend, Mr. Ugg, is wearing a leather mask from the doctor. You can see the belt strap and eyebrows made of horsehair. The horsehair eyebrows were to keep flies away from the eyes of the wearer.

Masks were a way for all people to intermingle without being identified. This started off with small celebrations, eventually parties, and evolved into city-wide events.

Large groups of living people in good moods are, after all, good for the local economy.

It is likely part of having one’s identity protected that the celebrations eventually became public spectacles. At one point, women were required to wear masks in public, the gratuitous hobby of masked persons throwing eggshells filled with perfume took hold but was eventually banned, as was the gaming of masked parties for profiteering and other activity on the fringe of polite society.



Siamo qui!

Today millions of people show up to celebrate what was at its beginnings...the end of pandemics.

If you go to Venice, purchase a mask as a reminder. Take care to only purchase locally made masks which will, in turn, support local businesses and artists. Their craft was officially recognized in 1436. Due to economic decline and the takeover by Austria, masks were officially banned.

However, since the 1970s, Carnevale has seen a resurgence, and years later as many as three million attend the event.

With the impact on our societies due to covid ... “wear your mask” means wearing part of history.

Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist. He travels with his wife to places in Italy and beyond for inspiration. (JoelPatience-watercolors.com)

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Buone feste, tutti. As usual, notices for 2022 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since June 1, 2021, nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those 14 members will receive their free membership cards shortly. Sadly, our last living Full Life Member and Past President, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949, passed away a few months ago. He would have been 100 years old this Christmas Day!

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25 per year. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for at least 35 years. Our records show that out of 177 members, 18 still have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club cellphone at (206) 631-1950 and have that information verified.

Once again, we are hoping to publish a special edition of the Membership Directory sometime next year. Obviously, if you haven't paid your dues by then, you will not be included. Since we are still unable to meet in person, please send your dues checks in the special envelope provided – and say a prayer that we can get together soon!

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di Buon Natale.

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1920-2020

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To

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Centennial Celebration*

April 23, 2022

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

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Reservations no later than April 8, 2022

Contact

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

ICoS Calendar

December 2021

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 5th Annual Christmas party combined with WSICC at Glen Acres Golf & Country Club
- 7th Past Presidents & Board Members Dinner, Mamma Melina's, 6:30 PM, RSVP to Anna Popovich
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 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*

March 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

April 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 23rd Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2022

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

June 2022

- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 16th Italian Heritage night, M's versus LA Angels

July 2022

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

August 2022

- TBD 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
- TBD Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf Tourney, Echo Falls
- 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
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

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).

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