

**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
February 13th, 2020**

**6:30 pm
St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



Buon San Valentino!

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*You're Invited
To*

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

April 25, 2020

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than March 17, 2020

Contact

Audrey Manzanares

206-779-7325

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

Message from the President

Our January meeting had the installation of officers for the coming year. I would like to thank Diana Kaczor for serving on the board, and we welcome Joe Picciano and all the board members who will be staying on.

Our next event is the CRAB FEED held on February 29th at St. Al's in Ballard. You will find the reservation enclosed, and the closing date will be February 24th. As usual we will be accepting donations for the raffle. Any questions please call me.

The next big event for the Italian Club is the 100 Year Celebration. Our beautiful invitation is on the left. It should be self-explanatory but one thing I have to add, the reservations will be limited to 180. Audrey Manzanares will be taking reservations as noted in the invite. Call me if you have any questions or contact any board member. Our goal is to have as many people attend who belong to the club, especially Past Presidents.

Thank you, Doug Chiechi and his crew, for keeping us happy with his delicious meals every month. I hope to see you at the meetings. Take care everyone.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Committee Chairs

Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

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**

Budget for The Seattle Italian Club 2020

Income	2019	Actual	2020
Advertising / Newsletter	\$600.00	\$825.00	\$875.00
Advertising / Roster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
Casa Subsidy	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,800.00
Crab Feed	\$3,400.00	\$2,726.00	\$3,100.00
Donations	\$500.00	\$42.00	\$200.00
Dinner Meetings	\$4,250.00	\$3,570.00	\$4,000.00
Festa Italiana	\$3,200.00	\$2,180.00	\$3,200.00
Anniversary Party			\$18,000.00
Interest	\$1,200.00	\$2,212.00	\$1,800.00
Vanguard Mutual Funds	\$12,200.00	\$24,434.00	\$22,000.00
Member Dues	\$8,000.00	\$7,810.00	\$7,500.00
New Members	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	\$35,800.00	\$46,249.00	\$64,200.00
Expenses			
Accounting	\$575.00	\$595.00	\$800.00
Administration	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Board Meetings	\$500.00	\$395.00	\$500.00
Charitable Donations TBA @ president's discretion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Club Marketing (new item)	\$200.00	\$56.00	\$100.00
Dinner Meetings	\$10,000.00	\$8,942.00	\$10,000.00
Festa Italiana	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Insurance	\$408.00	\$408.00	\$408.00
Legal Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Anniversary Party			\$30,000.00
Newsletters	\$5,000.00	\$5,182.00	\$5,200.00
Office, Postage, Printing	\$800.00	\$793.00	\$800.00
Past Presidents & Dec board meeting dinner	\$1,500.00	\$1,234.00	\$1,500.00
Picnic	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$300.00	\$205.00	\$300.00
Progressive Draw	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$325.00
Past President's Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Rent - Meetings	\$2,750.00	\$3,050.00	\$3,500.00
Rent - Ballard Office	\$880.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,080.00
Rent - Storage	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Roster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Christmas Party - Adult	\$1,800.00	\$1,268.00	\$1,500.00
Website Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$35,373.00	\$33,743.00	\$70,173.00

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of January 21st, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 184 members in good standing of which 131 have paid their dues for 2020. This is a little behind where we were last year, but so far we have had no one resign either. Remember, you can always save yourself and the Club 55¢ by attending the February general meeting and paying your dues in person. We will issue your membership card immediately.

On February 15th, "past due" notices will be mailed out to those still in arrears. Please bear in mind, dues not paid by April 1st means you will not be the listed in the Centennial Celebration Roster. In the meantime, have a wonderful Valentine's Day and a fruitful Presidents Day weekend, preferably cherries.

"Ammazza la vecchia... col Flit!"

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**\$50.00
PER PERSON**

CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 6:30PM

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Beer, Wine, Soda

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Anna Popovich – [206-453-4002](tel:2064534002)

St. Alphonsus Church Hall
5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle (Ballard)



CRAB FEED REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Send me _____ ticket(s) or reserve _____ table(s) for my family.

Tickets : \$50 per person or \$500 per table

Mail to: Anna Popovich - 2901 NE Blakeley St. Apt 509, Seattle, WA 98105-3163

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Hoping everyone survived the colder temperatures and the snow and ice over the past month. We are pretty lucky when you read about the mid-west and east coast states. Happy to be where we are.

Audrey Manzanares has been looking forward to spending four days over Valentine's Day weekend with daughter Marissa in L.A. Nice to spend time with ones we love on the holiday that focuses on love.

Angela Di Julio Wright attends to sending sympathy notes to the families of club members who have passed away or who have been seriously ill. So many of our members have gotten to the age/stage in life where they can no longer come to the monthly meetings. We miss them and would love to hear how they are doing and be able to send them a note. We want to ask all of you to help us locate those we have not been able to find. Angela attempted to send a card to **Ray Skibo's** widow, **Betty**, but it was returned. We miss **Mike Kaiser** but are happy to hear from his wife **Diana** that he's doing pretty well and he enjoys being with his family, especially the growing grandchildren. **Remo Borracchini, Lou Borda, Max Leone**, and many others are missed at the meetings but we do hope they are all doing well.

Carmen Murray, Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary Club, 1981-1982, passed away on January 12, 2020 at the age of 104. She and her daughter Margaret were long-time members and faithful attendees to our monthly meetings. Carmen was the Aunt of member **Ellen Petre** who is the wife of member **David Petre**. David's Mom, **Caroline Petre**, is also a member. Our sympathies to all of them and to any other of Carmen's relatives. David did update us on his Mom Caroline as she has not been able to attend our meetings for some time. She lives in Sammamish which is quite a trek in traffic and distance to St. Patrick's but she still enjoys coming to Festa and hopefully will again attend the Italian community summer picnic.

We extend our sympathies to **Antoinette Rupp** on the recent death of her husband **Robert** who passed away Nov. 28th at age 93. The obituary was in the *Seattle Times* on Jan. 19, 2020. They were long time Italian Club members and Antoinette continues to reside at SkyLine across from the Cathedral. According to Dennis's records, "Robert joined the Club in 1997 when he still had the florist shop on 3rd Avenue. His wife Antonette and his daughter Roberta joined the Club in 2005 and are still members. Robert was a jovial soul who, along with Antonette, participated in all of our social events for many years."

Fr. Paul Magnano was recognized with an award for his many years of support for Catholic Schools' education at a gathering in the Archdiocese on Jan. 23rd. We want to send our congratulations and appreciation to Fr. Paul for all that he does. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

Happy Valentine's Day to all and enjoy the day off on Presidents' Day – prayers for our President and all leaders of our country, past and current.

(A brief reminder: unless I hear news/updates from you about what you're doing/what you are up to, I can't include it in the Health and Welfare column. Our members seem to really enjoy hearing about each other.)

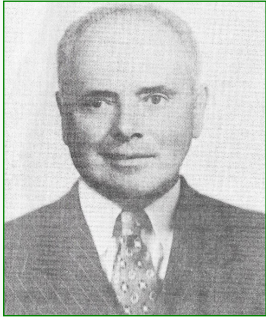
WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani, Sergeant-at Arms.

The Birthday Winner for January was Cathy Lembo.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by: Diana Kaczor, Frances Rossi, Martin Nigrelle (2x), Gerome Thielges, Dianna Dent, Earl Frank, Barbara Galluccio, William Wright (2x), Linda Juliano, and Trudi Picciano.

The Progressive Prize of \$75 would have been won by member Marven Hansen had he been present as he generally is, so the jackpot goes up to 100 smackers!



Doctor Henry Q. Cervi

1972 Interview by Dennis Caldirola

It is with a certain sense of pride that this month the *il Ficcanaso* reviews the career of Doctor Henry Q. Cervi, the last living charter member of the Italian Club. Today, at 86 years of age, Dr. Cervi retains a distinguished yet somewhat dapper perspective of life in general that marks him as a true gentleman of the world.

Dr. Cervi was born in Bologna on September 20, 1886. At the age of seventeen the responsibility of him supporting his family took him to Rimini where he spent his first days as a dishwasher in a restaurant. Ambition took him onward however, and within a year he had entered the career of hotel management, a career which took him all over Europe and culminated in 1909 when Canadian Pacific hired him to open the Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia. Dr. Cervi's goals were not yet fully realized for he continued to further his education in his spare time until 1919 when he received his Doctor's degree in Osteopathy from the University of Chicago and he moved to Seattle to open his practice. The post-war years were lean ones however, and after a brief time he found himself back in the world of organization and finance, first employed by Frank Buty and Company and then, in 1923, as an associate of the Italian Exchange and Steamship Company.

In the early part of 1919 a group of Italian business and professional men who used to meet regularly at Paolella's Drugstore at 600 Jackson St., decided to organize formally and found a club designated to developing a higher esteem of Italians and disseminating a greater knowledge of Italian art and culture throughout the Northwest. Among these initial participants were Nick Paolella, Dottori Cervi, Dedonato and Ghiglione, Captain Ferro and Signori Alfani, Borracchini, Magnano and Rosaia. After the initial preparations had been made, a meeting was held at the old Seattle Gas Building on 4th Avenue and Pike Street and the proposition was accepted, by those attending, that a charter be drawn up, a permanent meeting place be secured and a solicitation for members begun. At long last all affairs were in order and on the night of April 20, 1920 the charter was signed and the Italian Commercial Club was officially born.

The organization struggled along for the first few years, short of finances and meeting only on a semi-permanent basis at Belloni's Restaurant in the Stewart Hotel, 521 Madison Street. Finally it was decided to issue \$7,500 in bonds to be bought by the members and with the capital raised by this venture the club purchased the old Jacob Furth mansion on the northeast corner of Ninth Avenue and Terrace Street. It is interesting to note that at the time approximately one-third of the membership was one of non-Italian descent and included such dignitaries as the Mayor of Seattle, the Chief of Police, many judges, justices and councilmen. Among these was the late Judge George Downworth, an avid admirer of Italian culture and Roman jurisprudence, who not only transacted without charge all of the legal affairs of the purchase of the new headquarters, but himself bought \$500 worth of bonds and then later donated them back to the club.

After assuming possession of the property, the members began reconstructing the interior of the home, donating all of their services and working late into the night. The walls were decorated with murals of Italian scenery done by the talented artists Victor Masenga and James Rigo. There was a meeting hall for about 200 people, an enormous kitchen with a banquet service for 150, and living quarters for the caretakers. Thus it was that the Italian community had a beautiful location at which to meet and it was there that they entertained such visiting dignitaries as General Nobile, the first man to fly over the North Pole, the squadron of Air Force officers who flew from Rome to the Chicago Exposition, the tenor Caruso, the basso Pinza, Guglielmo Marconi, and Signore Melba and Tettrazzini.

All good things must draw to a close, however. So it was when in 1928 the area of Ninth Avenue and Terrace Street was selected as the site for the new King County Hospital. The Italian Commercial Club's beautiful headquarters were sold to the County for \$14,000, a profit of 100 percent over the original investment, and the organization started searching for a new place at which to meet. By 1930 they purchased an old Bell Telephone building on 17th Avenue near Union Street. This was refurbished and renamed the Casa Italiana and stood for

Doctor Henry Cervi (continued)

several decades as the central meeting place not only for a myriad of organizations, including the Atlantic Street Athletic Club, the Italian Independent Society, and the Sons of Italy, but also for any and all social events within the Italian community as well. Not long thereafter the Italian Commercial Club amalgamated with the Atlantic Street Athletic Club and the Italian Athletic Club and the name was shortened to just the Italian Club as it is still called today. And with that transition, the first epoch in our Club's history had come to an end.

Carmen Murray

by Dave Petre (son of Ray & Caroline Petre)

Carmen (Carmela) Murray, passed away on January 12, 2020 at the age of 104. She was the first born of five children: Carmella, Concetta (Ellen's mother), Mary Anna, Danny, and Franchesca Greco. Their parents, Francesco & Franchesca, were immigrants from Sicily and settled in Omaha, Nebraska. Francesco was a carpenter for the Union Pacific Railroad and ran a separate business as a cobbler during the Great Depression. Carmen met Neil Murray, a Seattle native, during World War II. They married, and after the war settled in Seattle with their young daughter, Margaret. Concetta and her husband followed Carmen to Seattle. Housing was limited after the war, but the sisters were able to purchase a small apartment building near Roosevelt High School, living in a couple of the units, and earning a small amount of rent from the other units in the building. Later, they sold the building and were able to purchase homes in North Seattle and raise their children. Carmen was very active in the community, and was a volunteer for Senator Scoop Jackson's senate and presidential campaigns. Carmen and her neighbors organized an effort to challenge Washington State during construction of North Seattle Community College when her and her neighbor's homes were condemned for construction of the new campus. They retained a prominent local real estate attorney named John Erlichman (a later Nixon aide involved in the Watergate affair), to challenge the State on just compensation, and their efforts later contributed to federal legislation to ensure rights to citizens subjected to eminent domain proceedings. After her husband retired, Carmen became active in the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees, serving in various capacities, including State president. She enjoyed frequent travel to vacation spots and to attend membership conventions of organizations she belonged to. Neil & Carmen also joined the Italian Club, where Neil served as Sergeant of Arms for many years, and Carmen served in various capacities, including President of the Lady's Auxiliary. Carmen was proud of her Italian heritage. She loved the dinner dances, holiday parties, picnics, and other activities of the Italian Club, and enjoyed close friendships with many members of the Club. Her husband passed in 1992, and her daughter passed in 2014. Though the oldest, she outlived all of her siblings, and passed away peacefully on January 12, 2020, eight days after her 104th birthday.

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ICoS Calendar

February 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 1st SOI Crab Dinner, Holy Family, Auburn
- 8th Il Punto Carnevale 2020, Mercer Island Congregational Church
- 10th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*
- 29th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus

March 2020

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 7th Seattle Sons of Italy Annual Banquet, Kennedy High School
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*
- 28th Bellevue SOI Wine Tasting, Unity of Bellevue Church

April 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 5th Seattle Sons of Italy Homemade Wine Festival, Mt. Virgin
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 18th SOI Grand Council meeting, Pasco, WA
- 25th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2020

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 23rd Auburn SOI Wine Tasting
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 6th WSICC Dinner Show, St. Bernadette's in Burien
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 18th Italian Night at the Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals

July 2020

- No Trustee or General Meeting this month
- 4th Independence Day
- 19th Italian Club Day at the Races Luncheon at Emerald Downs
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2020

- No Trustee or General Meeting this month
- 11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 16th Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2020

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 6th Italian Day at the Races, 1-6pm - Auburn Emerald Downs Racetrack. Contact Italian Radio Show for FREE Tickets!
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 11 - 13 San Gennaro Festival, South Angelo Street, Seattle, WA
- 12th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin
- 18th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club
- 19th Festa Mass
- 25th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center, 7-10pm
- 26 & 27 Festa Italiana, Seattle Center
- 25th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

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General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday,

February 13th, 2020

6:30 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

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General Meetings:

- Drinks & Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the SECOND Thursday of the month, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month (date change for January)



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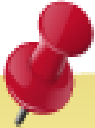
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