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**DUE TO ONGOING
VIRUS CONCERNS, WE
ARE UNABLE TO HAVE
PHYSICAL MEETINGS.
STAY TUNED FOR AN
UPCOMING ZOOM
MEETING**



Buon San Valentino

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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of January 23rd, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 180 members in good standing of which 119 have paid their dues for 2021. This is a little behind where we were last year but so far, we have had only one resignation, Tony Petrarca who has moved out of the area.

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 listed in the semi-annual Roster. In the meantime, have a wonderful Valentine's Day and a fruitful Presidents Day weekend, preferably cherries.

"Ammazza la vecchia... col Flit!"

Message from the President

Can you believe it's been one year since our meetings? I've been on Zoom meetings and I have to say how nice it was to see all the familiar faces.

Speaking of Zoom meetings, we will have our first meeting on February 11th. Dennis will be sending out the information with a link for you to participate. We hope to get a good response.

You will notice Joe Galluccio submitted the budget for the coming year (page 2), which was approved by the board. If you have any questions please bring them up at our meeting or contact me by phone or e-mail.

Another change has been made The Centennial Celebration will be held on October 16, 2021, at the Washington Athletic Club. Everything else on the reservation will be the same. We hope for a grand turnout.

We're looking forward to the coming year. Take care everyone, be careful and safe. God Bless.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

God Bless.

Sincerely,

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**

Budget for The Seattle Italian Club 2021

Income	2020	Actual	2021
Advertising / Newsletter	\$875.00	\$825.00	\$825.00
Advertising / Roster	475.00	0.00	0.00
Casa Subsidy	2,800.00	700.00	0.00
Centennial Dinner	18,000.00	3,400.00	11,600.00
Crab Feed	3,100.00	5,113.00	0.00
Donations	200.00	0.00	100.00
Dinner Meetings	4,000.00	770.00	1,500.00
Festa Italiana	3,200.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	1,800.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Mutual Funds	22,000.00	16,780.00	12,000.00
Prepaid Rent (Casa Italiana, Other Asset)		25,000.00	
Member Dues	7,500.00	7,275.00	6,800.00
New Members	250.00	100.00	250.00
	\$64,200.00	\$61,163.00	\$34,075.00

Expenses

Accounting	\$800.00	\$859.00	\$650.00
Administration	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Centennial Dinner (one time expense)	30,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Board Meetings	500.00	220.00	250.00
Charitable Donations TBA @ President's discretion	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Club Marketing	100.00	125.00	0.00
Donation Casa Italiana (one time expense)	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
Dinner Meetings	10,000.00	916.00	2,000.00
Festa Italiana (to be determined later in year)	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Insurance	408.00	408.00	408.00
Legal Fees	10.00	10.00	10.00
Newsletters	5,200.00	5,108.00	5,150.00
Office, Postage, Printing	800.00	750.00	350.00
Past Presidents & Dec board meeting dinner	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Picnic	500.00	0.00	500.00
Prepaid Rent (Casa Italiana, one time expense)	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
Pres. Discretionary Fund	300.00	0.00	150.00
Progressive Draw	325.00	0.00	500.00
Past President's Gift	250.00	250.00	0.00
Rent - Meetings	3,500.00	700.00	-1,400.00
Rent - Ballard Office	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Rent - Storage	600.00	600.00	600.00
Roster	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Christmas Party - Adult	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Website expenses	0.00	288.00	0.00
	\$70,173.00	\$70,614.00	\$36,048.00

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

It is with great sadness that I need to report that **Todd Elliott** passed away on December 31, 2020. He had battled cancer, with periods of remission, since 2012. He and Brenda had been long-time, active members of the Italian Club. He joined the club in the spring of 2005 and served on the Board of Trustees from 2006 until 2008. Comments that came in from others were very appropriate. From **Joe & Barbara Galluccio**, "He was such a fine gentleman; from **Brian Di Julio**, "they are the nicest people." Todd & Brenda knew each other since high school – they were good friends and pretty much grew up together. Our prayers go out to Brenda during these difficult days. We pray for comfort and strength for her and eternal peace for Todd.

We have received very sad news this afternoon (Tuesday 1/26) from **Frances Rossi** regarding **Deanna Dent** who suffered a stroke on Christmas Day and is still in the ICU at Harborview Hospital. Francis heard from a friend of Deanna's son, **Benjamin**, who has been dealing with the results of a snowboarding accident suffered on January 3rd. He said his Mom, Deanna, is not doing well. She has been responsive to family members on Zoom calls but otherwise not responding. Her prognosis is not good. Please join in prayer for Deanna's healing and for strength for her family during this very difficult time. Their daughter Clarisse has asked that we refrain from calls/contact. They are feeling very fragile, as we can imagine.

The following came from **Tony LaStella**. He said it is something they started doing for the community last March 2020 when Covid hit and everything went into lockdown. "ITALIAN FOOD DELIVERED WITH A SONG. The La Stella Foundation partnered with Montalcino's Italian Restaurant in Issaquah and we began delivering food to people throughout the eastside community. Each order of gourmet Italian Food was delivered with a song sung by yours truly. The performance was all socially distanced (usually done outside on their front porch) to keep everyone safe. Songs included opera, Italian favorites, and Sinatra or Dean Martin tunes. The response has been unbelievable and today we have done over 500 deliveries bringing food and joy to households in our area. All proceeds made on the music side of this project have gone to the La Stella Foundation to enable us to continue our charitable work in the community. This program of ITALIAN FOOD DELIVERED WITH A SONG has enabled us to bring joy and hope to many people who are staying at home without much outside contact and no live entertainment. We feel fortunate to be able to do this public service and are continuing it until things get back to normal." Tony said if anyone wants



to order Italian Food Delivered with a Song, all they need to do is call the restaurant at 425-270-3677. If they get the voice mail at the restaurant they can leave a message and someone will call them back, usually the same day. Their typical delivery is within about a 10-15 mile range of the restaurant. However, that is not etched in stone and he has done deliveries for friends and good customers as far away as Kirkland and Shoreline. ALSO, for Valentine's weekend, since many people are unable to get out, Tony is doing a Special Delivery program called "That's Amore," where he will bring them Italian food and a Red Rose delivered with a song for each order. Sounds like a great way to celebrate a special Valentine's during a not-so-special "Covid" year!



Chip Di Julio shared some of his news. He and wife Sigi were scheduled for their Covid shots on Sunday, January 24th. They spent time after Christmas at their Blue Lake House in Eastern Washington. New Year's Eve was enjoyed at a neighbor's outdoors around a fire pit in the snow with food, drink, and some fireworks (by Chip). Five of the seven Guy Di Julio siblings have contributed to the Italian Cultural Center. Chip also added that Gonzaga U "ZAGS" are #1 in the country for college basketball (for the entire season so far).

John Brondello shared the following. "Our oldest daughter, Maria Brondello, got married on January 9th!!! It was a beautiful wedding and reception in Mustang, Oklahoma. We're so happy to have a new son-in-law!!" Thanks for sharing your great news. Best Wishes and our prayers for a lifetime of many blessings to the newlyweds!

Happy Valentine's Day to all our members, may we each hear from our special loved ones over the 14th.

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Announcing the 1st Annual Casa Italiana Food Drive!

By Martin Nigrelle

As we continue through the times of the COVID-19 pandemic there are those among us who need help more than ever. Please join us, in this our first effort, to give back to the community that has helped many of us so much. This will be the inaugural instance of an annual tradition.

We are inviting all of the Italian-American community members in the Pacific Northwest to participate in a “no contact” food drive from 9 am to 3 pm on both, Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st, at 13028 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98168.

Volunteers will be staffing the parking area of the new Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center to unload donations of non-perishable foods.

The donations will be split between three food banks in the area:

- Highline Area Food Bank, <https://highlineareafoodbank.org/>
- White Center Food Bank, <https://www.whitecenterfoodbank.org/>
- Tukwila Pantry – Emergency Food Bank, <https://tukwilapantry.org/>

Volunteers will be observing social distancing protocol, including wearing masks and gloves, to unload any food donations. Simply pull up, “pop the trunk” as they say, and we will unload the donated items.

For those who are interested in seeing the progress made to transform the building from its former state to its newly updated condition (a work still in progress), you will be able to drive around the building to see the changes made to the building exterior & grounds. While the pandemic will limit us holding any sort of “open house”, we may be able to offer small groups of people socially distanced tours of the interior on an “as available” basis.

Some suggested items to donate (that have not been opened or expired):

- Canned food such as tomatoes, sauce, meat, tuna, soup, fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly
- Meal in a can- chili, stew, ravioli
- Meal in a box - burger/tuna helper, macaroni and cheese
- Packaged-pasta, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, rice, beans
- Hygiene – shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine products, deodorant, sanitizer and masks
- Baby-diapers (medium and large), diaper wipes, formula, baby food

Please stop by “the Casa” and help us help those in need as we continue to take steps to establish the new Italian Cultural Center.

**Sincerely,
Martin Nigrelle
President, Board of Directors,
Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center**



*100 Years
1920-2020*

*You're Invited
To
The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

**Please Note
New Date:**

October 16, 2021

5:30pm

*Washington Athletic Club
Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than October 4, 2021

Contact

Audrey Manzanares

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

ICoS Calendar

February 2021

No Trustee meeting this month

11th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**

14th Valentine's Day

25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

Crab Dinner **CANCELLED**

March 2021

4th Trustee's Meeting

11th ICoS General Meeting

19th St. Joseph's Day, "Bingo Italiano"
VIA ZOOM!

25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

April 2021

No Trustee meeting this month

8th ICoS General Meeting

25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2021

6th Trustee's Meeting

13th ICoS General Meeting

25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2021

10th Trustee's Meeting

June 25, 26, & 27 Portland Festa
Italiana 2021 at Oaks Park

July 2021

4th Independence Day

No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2021

TBD Italian Community Picnic, Royal
Arch Park, Maple Valley

No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2021

2nd Trustee's Meeting

9th ICoS General Meeting

25th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

October 2021

No Trustee Meeting this month

14th ICoS General Meeting

16th Italian Club Centennial
Celebration, Washington Athletic
Club

25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2021

4th Trustee's Meeting

TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day
Parade

11th ICoS General Meeting
CASA meeting

25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

26th Thanksgiving

December 2021

No Trustee Meeting this month

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*

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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an Upcoming
Zoom Meeting in
February!

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