

**NEXT GENERAL
MEETING:**

**February 5, 2023
2:00 PM
CASA Italiana
Burien, WA**



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Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

As of January 25th the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 153 members in good standing of which 80 have paid their dues for 2023. If you plan to attend the February meeting in person, please note that it will be at 2 PM SUNDAY, February 5th, and that you can save yourself and the Club 63¢ each by paying your dues in person. Then on February 15th, "Past Due" notices will be mailed out to those still in arrears.

It was wonderful to see Frank Tolomei and his wife Attilia at the January meeting. Frank joined the Club in June of 1985 when he was working for Gai's Bakery but hasn't been able to attend for several years because the meetings have always been at night. Perhaps some other longtime members will show up at the Sunday meeting this month.

We have received an application from Raymond Niolu, a retiree from the University of Washington who is seeking to become a member. We will vote on him in February as well as for Dominique Pellegrini, for whom we should have voted in January.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Message from the President

Ciao Tutti.

It was so fun to see so many members join us at the January meeting. Longtime members I had never met, and new members as well!

We will be meeting again 2:00 Sunday February 5th at Casa Italiana. I hope to see more of you then especially if Thursday evenings are difficult to attend. Nominations were held at the January meeting, and we will be voting on our 2023 board of officers as well as the 2023 budget.

Anna Popovich has scored again (YAYYYYYY!!!!) and has reserved St. Alphonsus on Saturday February 25th for our Annual Crab Feed. Monte Marchetti will be cooking, and Marty Nigrelle will be picking up the crab. Please RSVP to Anna if you can attend. Tables sell out fast. I'm sure she would be appreciative of volunteers to help set up, clean up and serve that evening as well. We will also be accepting donations of raffle prizes. Deadline for reservations is Friday February 17.

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Crab Dinner.....Anna Popovich

Day at the RacesJoe Galluccio

Festa Sausage BoothTom Grossi

Health & Welfare.....Gemma Thielges

Festa Italiana Luncheon

.....Audrey Manzanares

Mariner Baseball Night....Martin Nigrelle

New Membership Dennis Caldirola

Parliamentarian.....Dorothy Whitney

ScholarshipDiana Kaczor

(Message from the President continued)

Please mark your calendars for June 27 for Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners Game. Mariners are hosting the Washington Nationals. The giveaway will be an apron with the tricolore and Mariners logo.

If we sell 500 tickets in advance, we get first pitch!!! Lets do it!

Looking forward to seeing you all in person on February 5th!!

Con Amore ed affetto.

Audrey

Casa Italiana Italian Cultural Center

by Martin Nigrelle

At Casa we are currently focused on two major projects:

1. Financing & 2. Build Out.

We are working to secure the financing required to build out the meeting space upstairs @ Casa. The revenue generated from regular rental of the upstairs meeting space will be a key factor in sustaining Casa. An essential part of the process is hiring the general contractor, without a GC in place, we do not have the final approval from the city to move forward with all of our permitted work. We have chosen a candidate, and are currently working through the details of the business agreement. With a GC in place & the city approval to move forward with the permitted work, we are able to demonstrate to the bank we have our project properly permitted, budgeted, & can provide specifics related to the funds required.

We are also pursuing a bank loan that will support the restructure of the debt incurred in the purchase of the property. Once secured, this new loan will ease the regular monthly financial burden, in doing so it will help ensure the longevity of Casa as a fixture in our community.

On a lighter note: We are scheduling multiple events for this year, please check our calendar & facebook site to keep up with the events booked at Casa.

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>

<https://www.facebook.com/casaitalianacc>

Budget for the Italian Club of Seattle 2023

	2022	Actual	2023
Income			
Advertising / Newsletter	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Advertising / Roster	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Casa Subsidy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centennial Dinner	\$15,000.00	\$8,700.00	\$0.00
Crab Feed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dinner Meetings	\$1,500.00	\$1,264.00	\$2,000.00
Festa Italiana Sausage Booth	\$3,000.00	\$4,224.00	\$3,000.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$4,000.00
Mutual Funds	\$19,000.00	\$2,916.00	\$0.00
Member Dues	\$6,300.00	\$6,450.00	\$6,100.00
New Members	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
	\$45,600.00	\$24,879.00	\$18,700.00

Expenses

Accounting	\$675.00	\$655.00	\$675.00
Administration	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Centennial Dinner	\$23,000.00	\$20,900.00	\$0.00
Board Meetings	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Charitable Donations TBA @ president's discretion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Club Marketing	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dinner Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$2,619.00	\$5,000.00
Festa Italiana	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$408.00	\$408.00	\$408.00
Legal Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Newsletters	\$5,100.00	\$3,559.00	\$5,000.00
Office, Postage, Printing	\$500.00	\$757.00	\$750.00
Past Presidents & Dec board meeting dinner	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Progressive Draw	\$250.00	\$325.00	\$275.00
Past President's Gift	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Raffle holidays	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$150.00
Rent - Ballard Office	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00
Rent - Storage	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Roster	\$900.00	\$1,369.00	\$0.00
Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Christmas Party - Adult	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Website Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	\$45,693.00	\$42,072.00	\$25,198.00

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 January 8th 2023 in person & Zoom meeting.

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations for all offices except Vice President are filled. The one open position will be opened again at the February 5th 2023 in person meeting at the Casa Italiana and by Zoom. All officers will be installed at the February meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: AUDREY MANZANARES

VICE PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA

TREASURER: JOSEPH PICCIANO

TRUSTEES: RETURNING FOR THEIR SECOND/MULTIPLE YEAR OF SERVICE ARE:

DIANNA KACZOR, TOM GROSSI, LINDA MADRID, MARTIN NIGRELLE.

LINDA DESIMONE WILL BE SERVING HER FIRST YEAR AS A TRUSTEE

EX-OFFICIO: ANNA POPOVICH

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and that you're all off to a great New Year. I had intended that the first two news items to have been in the December issue but since they did not get in, I hope you'll read them in this issue:

Richard & Linda (Pagni) Desimone "spent 3 weeks touring the 2400 mile long country of Argentina. It was the beginning of summer there, so Buenos Aires was 81-84 degrees, and Patagonia on the southern tip was 30 degrees! The highlights for us were the wonderful meal and company of our other traveling friends family for dinner at their home, the Iguazu Falls, which are one of the 7 natural wonders of the world (they make Niagara Falls look like a creek), and the penguins that were less than 2 feet away from us! We had private tour guides, our own van drivers, and the husband of the other couple we toured with spoke perfect Spanish! It was a lifetime experience." *It all sounds wonderful, Linda. So glad you had such a great time and that you returned home safely.*

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“Health & Welfare” continued

Chip Di Julio shared: “Sigi and I just spent a week in Cabo San Lucas on the Pacific side. Her German friend and husband invited us to their timeshare condo. We walked to town for breakfast, got shuttle vans for dinners, etc. I swam in 4 pools and 2 hot tubs. Sigi got wet once, our hosts, never. Fishing on my birthday morning (Dec. 6, Feast of St. Nicholas...and me in the Christmas business...irony??) and I reeled in 3 Dorado (Mahi Mahi). Had them processed and ate one at our hotel restaurant that night, freezing the resto to bring home. Two holiday gatherings, Saturday, December 17th, and then the Knights of Columbus “Breakfast with Santa” Sunday morning (St. Pius X, Mountlake Terrace). Family here for Christmas Eve, son’s house for Christmas dinner, then my siblings (Margaret, Bob, Mike, Steve, Marc) @ Steve’s next week.” *Wow, sounds like a great trip and a very fun-filled, busy Christmas. Glad you enjoyed it.*

Dennis Caldirola sent this to me on New Year’s Eve: “A tree fell on our house in the storm of December 9th and I am lucky to be alive, missed me by six feet. We are missing 1/3 of a roof and my family is extremely traumatized. Christmas night, the tarps failed and the upper floor was flooded again (we had *just come in from dinner at the Grossi’s*) so it hasn’t really been a very happy holiday.” *Such a terrible experience for him and his family. I’m sure our continued prayers would be appreciated.*

John Brondello reported great news: “Thrilled to announce that we are now grandparents!!! Little Monica Joy was born on New Year’s Eve!! 2023 will be an amazing year for sure.” Being a grandparent is such a great blessing. *We hope it will be a “joy” for the Brondellos to spend time with little Monica Joy.*



Happy Valentine’s Day, hope everyone is showered with love, and can show some special attention to those you love.

The Nationals are Coming, the Nationals are Coming!!

by Martin Nigrelle

The Mariners are hosting the Washington Nationals on Tuesday June 27th, 2023. First pitch is at 6:40 PM.

6/27/23 is Mariners’ Italian Heritage Night at T-Mobile Field, a tradition going back well over a decade. The ticket price will be discounted, seating consolidated (we sit with our friends & family), and the give-away item will be a two-pocket apron. The apron fabric is to be the Azzurro blue made famous as the national color of Italy’s sports teams, and will feature the word ITALIA across the front with the Mariners compass rose icon above it and an underline made up of the tricolore below. A graphic of the apron will be forthcoming. We continue to work with the Mariners to establish other activities to enhance the event, the more of us, the better it gets, so bring your friends for a great night.

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\$50.00
PER PERSON

CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 6:30PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Ocean Fresh Dungeness Crab!

Spaghetti Aglio, Olio e Pepperoncino

Drawn Butter, Rolls and Ice Cream

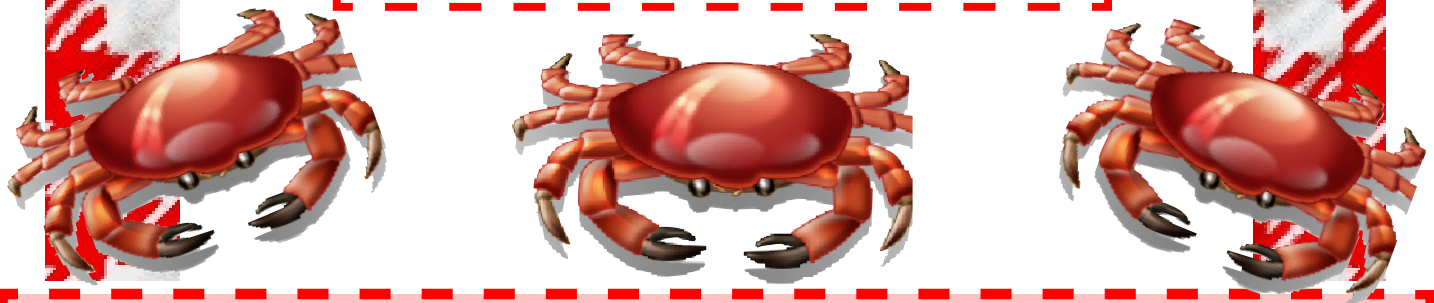
Beer, Wine, Soda

Buy Your Tickets Today!

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

St. Alphonsus Church Hall

5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle (Ballard)



CRAB FEED REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Send me _____ tickets or reserve _____ tables 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

ICoS Calendar

February 2023

5th ICoS General Meeting
13th Superbowl
14th Valentine's Day
25th Crab Feed
25th Input Deadline for March
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March 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
9th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for March
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April 2023

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
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

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

**February General Meeting
will be held at 2pm,
Sunday, February 5th,
2023** followed by meeting &
prize drawings at
**Casa Italiana, 13028 1st
Ave S, Burien, WA 98168**

Trustee Meetings:

First Thursday of odd
numbered months, except
July

**View the All-Community
Calendar at:**

[www.casaitalianacc.org/
calendar/public/](http://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/)



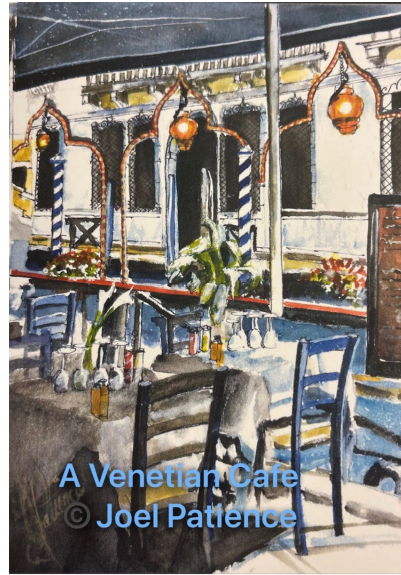
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PRESIDENTS DAY Valentine's Day

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