

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

January 14, 2024
2:00 PM
CASA Italiana
Burien, WA

il Ficcanaso

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Message from the President

Buon Anno Nuovo, Amici!!

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season with friends and family. I'm looking forward to 2024. It's going to be a good year!

Our first 2 meetings will be held Sunday, January 14th and Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 at Casa Italiana. Pizza from Vince's will be on the menu.

This month, the Board will be working on the budget and the Bylaws committee also will be meeting. We will be taking nominations for Board positions and will announce the slate of officers at the January meeting. If you have a desire to serve on the board, or bylaw committee or steering committee please reach out to me.

Our Annual Crab Dinner will be held on Saturday February 24. The cost will be \$60/pp. Please contact me if you would like to attend as a diner, or be a volunteer the night of. It's going to be a fun night!

It is with a very heavy heart that I share with you that our friend Joe Salle, son of Lucy Salle, passed away on Christmas Eve. Though Joe wasn't a member of the Italian Club, he was a cherished friend to many of

us. He was instrumental in founding the San Gennaro Festival with Jerry Mascio and Tony Chiodo and spent a lot of time at Casa imparting his wisdom and kindness on all those that crossed his path. Please hold his family in your prayers. He will be deeply missed.

As always, I am here to listen to your questions/comments/concerns/positive feedback and/or ideas. You can reach me at (206) 779-7325 or email me at amanzanares@live.com. I am so grateful for our community; thanks to all of you for being a part of it.

Con amore ed affetto,

Audrey

Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

Happy New Year, everyone! Once again, notices for the 2023 membership dues were not mailed until the last week of December to avoid intermingling with Christmas mail. Notices were not sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2023, or to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership.

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Crab Dinner.....Audrey Manzanares

Day at the RacesJoe Galluccio

Festa Sausage BoothTom Grossi/Joe
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Health & Welfare.....Gemma Thielges

Festa Italiana Luncheon

.....Audrey Manzanares

Mariner Baseball Night....Martin Nigrelle

New Membership Dennis Caldirola

Parliamentarian.....TBD

ScholarshipDiana Kaczor/

Martin Nigrelle/Audrey Manzanares

(Secretary's Report continued)

Those 9 members have received their membership cards already, and another 35 have already paid their dues.

Currently, our records show that we have 140 members in good standing. This is down one member since the December report for an unusual and sad reason: it was only called to my attention this week that member Bruce Biesold passed away one year ago on January 12, 2023. Bruce, who joined the Italian Club in 1974, was married to Phyllis Centioli Biesold, sister of members Gerard Centioli and Dorene Centioli McTigue. In 1976, Bruce purchased Merlino Foods from member Attilio Merlino and, with the help of Phyllis and his sons Jeff and Todd, grew it into the giant food importing company it is today.

Another loss in our membership to report: Ernie "EJ" Ferullo of Mercer Island, died this past October at age 90. EJ joined the Club in 1976 and was an owner of Fiorito Bros. Construction for many years. Then, in partnership with his cousin John Merlino, he started NW Construction Co., which is now owned and operated by his sons Gregg and Brett.

If you plan to attend the January meeting in person, please note that it will be at 2 PM SUNDAY, January 14th and that you can save yourself and the Club 66¢ each by paying your dues in person.

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di un Anno Nuovo, felice e prospero!



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\$60
PER PERSON

CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 6:00PM

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!

Audrey Manzanares - **206-779-7325**

**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 : \$60 per person or \$600 per table of 10

Mail to: Audrey Manzanares - 2001 NW 65th St #422 Seattle, WA 98117

Casa Italiana Update (both Casas)

By Martin Nigrelle

Some of you may not know we really have two Casa Italianas.

1. Casa Italiana – Italian Community Hall
2. Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center

The Italian Community Hall is the organization established to manage the funds resulting from the sale of the property known by the same name, with the task of finding a suitable new location. The membership is based on a board of directors & a board of governors. The board of Directors is made up of delegates from member clubs.

The Italian Cultural Center is the 501c3 organization formed to manage the establishment of the new location dedicated to the celebration & promotion of the Italian & Italian-American aspects in modern day society.

The Community Hall (aka: “Old Casa”), has recently resolved to make a second donation to the Cultural Center (aka: “New Casa”). This will bring the sum of the donation from Old Casa to New Casa up to \$300,000.00. \$275,000 was donated in 2020 in support of the purchase of the property the New Casa is situated on. The recent donation was for \$25,000.

The Old Casa will be maintaining funds in its care to ensure continued offering of the Casa scholarship. The Casa scholarship is a single payment of \$1000.00 to the school of the award recipient, one recipient per year. Full details should be shared by each member club.

The New Casa is of course more than grateful for the donation from the Old Casa. For those of you who may not have been by the property in Burien recently, there are some noteworthy changes in play.

1. The fence is almost completed.
2. The Cypress trees are soon to be planted along the fence line

3. Most of the demo work required has been completed
4. The 2nd Story Fire exit has been moved from the west wall to the south wall
5. A new fire exit stairway has been erected
6. Large amounts of framing have been created or updated to support the new use & requirements of the building being used as a meeting hall, including 3 bathrooms & a wet bar on the second floor
7. Plumbing & Wiring contractors are installing the infrastructure required to support the 2nd floor.

We are booking inspections to support the closing up of the flooring on the second floor based on the completing of the plumbing & electrical work.

Once the floor can be covered up we can turn focus to installing sheetrock, painting & finish work.

If you have any questions about either Casa, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Italian Club Health & Welfare Jan. 2024 by Gemma DiJulio Thielges & assistant Angela DiJulio Wright

Diana Kaczor spent five days in the hospital with pneumonia in early December. Fortunately, since then, she has been home recovering so that she could fully enjoy being with her family over Christmas.

This was the only news I received for this month. Hopefully "No news is good news." We hope and pray that 2024 will be filled with good health and happy times for all of us.

Congratulations to the Washington Huskies going to the National Championship Game

When:
Monday, Jan. 8, 4:30 p.m. PT

Where:
NRG Stadium, Houston

How to watch:
ESPN and ESPN App

Viva Italia! The Passion of Italian Cinema



See life as a human comedy, embrace beauty, feel deeply, pursue the sweet life with Italian gusto! Festa Italiana and Greg Olson Productions present a series of nine films that illuminate the golden age of 1960s-1970s Italian cinema, when traditional ways of thinking and behaving were challenged by liberated artistic, philosophical, political, social, and sexual ideas and norms.

DIVORCE ITALIAN STYLE, THE ORGANIZER, LA NOTTE (we begin with a three- film tribute to supreme Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni), ROCCO AND HIS BROTHERS, IL SORPASSO (THE EASY LIFE), MAMMAROMA, THE CONFORMIST, INVESTIGATION OF A CITIZEN ABOVE SUSPICION, LA GRANDE BELLEZZA (THE GREAT BEAUTY, a stunning Oscar-winning reflection and progression of the 60s-70s spirit). Rare 35mm prints; 4K digital restorations by Martin Scorsese and Gucci, Cinecitta, Cineteca di Bologna, Fondazione Bernardo Bertolucci, Cineteca Nazionale, and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Films in Italian with English subtitles.

Showing Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm, February 28-April 24 at the SIFF Cinema Uptown Theater in the heart of the lower Queen Anne restaurant district. Uptown concessions include ice cream, flavored popcorn, wine, beer, coffees and teas.

Series tickets for nine films: \$80 for members of the Italian Club (Festa Italiana), SIFF, SAM, UW Italian Studies and Cinema Studies, Scarecrow Video and KING FM. Series tickets \$90 for the general public. Single admissions \$15 at the door if seating is available.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW at www.StrangerTickets.com

ICoS Calendar

January 2024

4th Trustee's Meeting
14th ICoS General Meeting
15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
25th Input Deadline for February
il Ficcanso

February 2024

4th ICoS General Meeting
11th Superbowl
14th Valentine's Day
24th Crab Feed
29th Input Deadline for March
il Ficcanso

March 2024

7th Trustee's Meeting
14th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for April
il Ficcanso

April 2024

11th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanso*

May 2024

2nd Trustee's Meeting
9th ICoS General Meeting
12th Mother's Day
26th Input Deadline for June
il Ficcanso June 2023
27th Memorial Day

June 2024

13th ICoS General Meeting
16th Father's Day
TBD Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners

July 2024

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanso* this month

August 2024

8th ICoS General Meeting
18th Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
No *il Ficcanso* this month

September 2024

1st Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs. First race 2 PM.
2nd Labor Day
5th Trustee's Meeting
12th ICoS General Meeting
20th Festa Luncheon, SYC
TBA Festa Mass in Italian 5 PM
28th & 29th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
Oct. 2 Input Deadline for October
il Ficcanso

October 2024

10th ICoS General Meeting
29th Input Deadline for November
il Ficcanso

November 2024

7th Trustee's Meeting
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
14th ICoS General Meeting
28th Thanksgiving
27th Input Deadline for December
il Ficcanso

December 2024

No ICoS General Meeting
10th Past Presidents Dinner
TBA Special Mass at Our lady of Mt. Virgin
25th Christmas Day
26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

January General Meeting will be held at 2 pm, Sunday, Jan. 14, 2023

Dinner starts on the hour, with the meeting to start 30-45 minutes after, along with prize drawings at

Casa Italiana, 13028 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98168

Trustee Meetings:

Next Trustee Meeting, Thursday, March 7th at 6 PM

View the All-Community Calendar at:

www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/



**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day January 15th**



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