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



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Happy New Year, everyone!

As usual, notices for 2021 membership dues were mailed out the first week of December. Since that time, a total of 60 members have paid their dues, although there is a certain "lag time" between when you mail your dues to the PO Box and when the postal service forwards them to my home, so I expect the numbers to climb in the near future.

The next meeting of the Italian Club Officers and Trustees is set for 6 PM, Thursday, January 7th. The primary topic of the meeting will be restarting the General Meetings in February - on Zoom, of course.

Vi invio i nostri auguri di un Buon Anno Nuovo, sano e tranquillo.

Message from the President

Happy New Year Everyone!

Can you believe that ten months have passed, no meetings, and not seeing anyone? I have to say in talking on the phone to people they seem to be in good spirits.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the voting towards the donation to the Casa Italiana Culture Center. Thank you, Dennis Caldirola, for putting this together. The main purpose was to get the information to all of our members and to get a response.

Joe Galluccio has sent a check to the New Casa for \$50,000 – \$25,000 is for a donation and \$25,000 towards future rental for general meetings. If you have any questions, Martin Nigrelle would be more than willing to assist you.

You probably noticed no reservation form is included for our annual Crab Feed. We're sorry to say but it's been canceled for 2021. Let's all look forward to next year!

Looking out my window, what a beautiful day. We have so much to be thankful for. Pray for good health for the coming year. Take care everyone.

God Bless.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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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**

The Italian Club, Inc.



December 28, 2020

Remo Borracchini
C/O SKYLINE ASST. LIVING
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Dear Remo,

In recognition of your many years as a member of the Italian Club of Seattle, it gives me great pleasure to announce that in a recent poll of the Officers and Trustees, you were unanimously voted to be given HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP with all its rights and privileges and, of course, no membership dues for life.

Congratulations!

Dennis Caldirola,

Secretary

Cc: President Anna Popovich

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From Dennis Caldirola: I think it would be interesting to the members to see what a life membership letter looks like (and also because it will help take up space). Besides, everyone loves Remo.

November 24, 2020



YOUR GIFT RECEIPT

Attn: Anna Popovich
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PO Box 9549
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Dear Anna,

Thank you for your generous gift to Seattle University. Your gift will support an education rooted in excellence, values and a sense of purpose. Seattle University graduates are known for making a meaningful and measurable difference in the region and the world. As a donor, you can be assured that your investment will support the formation of our students. We are honored by your commitment to Seattle University. Together we are forming leaders for a just and humane world.

Thank you,

Michael Podlin
Vice President for University Advancement

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Reference ID:	C0393557	Tax Deductible Amount:	\$1,125.00

DONATION DETAILS

Men's Baseball - Program Support	\$1,125.00
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Notes:

Seattle University is a qualified 501(c)3 organization (tax ID 91-0565006). No goods or services were received by the donor in exchange for this gift. For questions about this receipt, please contact the Gift Processing Manager at (206) 220-8466. Please retain this tax-deductible receipt for your records.

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Special thanks to Past President Brian DiJulio for doing this for the Club and Seattle University Baseball every year.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's continue to pray for our world to get healthier - physically and emotionally.

Dennis Caldirola heard from **Cathy Logsdon** who messaged him on December 17th morning that her aunt **Mary Hoffa** was moved into hospice care the day before. We heard later that Mary passed away on Christmas Day. Our sympathies to their family. May she rest in peace.

Father Paul Magnano reports that the Skagit Valley Team celebrated 20 Christmas Masses, all full at 25% capacity. More than 30,000 Masses have been celebrated across the Archdiocese since March, and there have been no known outbreaks of the virus. Thanks be to God! Father also enjoyed the story of La Befana, which he shared with Christ Our Hope parishioners in downtown Seattle and in the five Skagit Valley parishes. Finally, the entire Magnano family gathers on St. Stephen Day, December 26, for dinner, but this year it could only be done on Zoom. A Happy New Year to all! Thank you to Fr. Paul for sharing all of this. I want to add to what Fr. Paul has said about feeling safe going to Church. I have attended Masses in several area parishes and have felt very safe in each one. They take every precaution to be sure that we are seated six feet apart, everyone wears a mask, surfaces are kept sanitized, and we're not allowed to cluster and visit. I've not heard of anyone getting the virus from being at Church. I, too, watched the story of La Befana which I thought was very nicely enacted.

Since no one else shared their Christmas experience, I will tell you that **Jerome & I (Gemma)** had a very nice Christmas. We went to the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve (our parish, Sacred Heart Bellevue offered four Masses, two on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas morning). Then we picked up take-out from P.F. Chang's in Bellevue but they would not take our order until 45 minutes before we wanted it. So we called them at 4:45 when Mass let out and they thought it might be a one hour wait. We had a 2-hour wait so hopefully, we will remember that holiday meals are best prepared at home, restaurants are too busy. Christmas Day **Angela & Bill Wright** joined us at our home for dinner and the next day, December 26th, our daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons came over from Vashon to have an early dinner with us. A fun thing that they gave us was a "Desktop Bocce Ball" set. It's very cute and we hope to play it soon. I have never played Bocce Ball but certainly remember my Dad and Uncles playing it. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas whether alone or with others.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO SHOWER US WITH HIS MANY BLESSINGS.

Results of the “New” Casa Italiana Vote

Here are the results of the recent vote by the members of the Italian Club of Seattle concerning a \$50,000 donation to the “New” Casa Italiana. As of 12 Noon, Monday, December 14th, the four-day window of voting by email and telephone closed and the results declared official: The “ayes” prevailed by a vote of 46 to 6, so the Motion was carried.

For the record, we currently have 182 members in good standing. The December issue of il Ficcanaso which detailed the Motion and the voting process was mailed to 177 members and emailed to 142 members. Furthermore, an additional explanatory email was also sent to 141 members (one bounced back).

The Motion as it was voted on:

An amendment to the budget for 2020 to make a payment to the new 501(c)3 Casa Italiana Italian Cultural Center in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). The payment is to be allocated in two parts: twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars as a donation to the new Cultural Center, and twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) as rent paid-in-advance for use of the Cultural Center as a meeting place for the Club. The Board of Directors had approved this expense subject to a vote by the General Membership. For reference, The Italian Club’s investment fund currently stands at approximately two hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000.00).

President Anna and the Board of Officers & Trustees would like to thank all who voted on this historic question.

Dennis Caldirola, Secretary

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Thank You!

By Martin Nigrelle

Cheers & Best wishes for a better 2021!

As we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and Social Distancing the idea of a Cultural Center may seem out of place. I would argue that in our case it is the silver lining to the cloud we have all been dealing with for the better part of 2020.

The new Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center effort has been steadily moving forward since the sale was recorded in October. If anything, the impact of COVID helped us secure the property for a price below market value.

The ability to continue forward momentum is related in no small part to the monies contributed by the Italian Club of Seattle as per the online vote conducted in December. Thank you very much for the generous contribution!!!

The Honorary Consul has already begun to use the space for their official meetings (first use Friday, December 4th, 2020). When COVID lets up we are intent on having an espresso stand up and running, the infrastructure and machinery are already in place and ready to go. The il Punto lending library has moved into the facility and is in the process of getting their collection organized post-move.

Multiple people have been donating their time and elbow grease to address some differed maintenance and general space clean up, the kind of things one might expect to do when buying a property from a long term owner.

For those who are interested in a tour of the space (masks required) please reach out to me at (206) 310-7689 or via email. We are more than happy to arrange tours of the space for small groups.

Thanks again for the contribution, it is much appreciated!

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*

April 24, 2021

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than April 4, 2021

Contact

Audrey Manzanares

206-779-7325

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

ICoS Calendar

January 2021

- 7th Trustee's Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2021

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*
- Grab 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
- 24th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 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

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting

June 2021 (Cont'd)

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
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2021

- 4th Trustee's Meeting
- 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*

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).

The current newsletter, in color, is posted at: <http://italianclubofseattle.org/newsletter.html>. Save a tree & some postage – Go Digital!

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See Joe
or Barbara
Galluccio**

**Please send Calendar
Additions or Updates by
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Juneau Street, Seattle, WA
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Stay Tuned for
an Upcoming
Zoom Meeting in
February!

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