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**HAPPY NEW
YEAR 2022**

*Luglio
Agosto
Settembre
Ottobre
Novembre
Dicembre*

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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Happy New Year, everyone!

Because of the shortened season between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, I held up mailing the notices for 2022 membership dues until after the Big Day to avoid it getting lost among the Christmas cards. Snow notwithstanding, you should have received them by New Year's Eve although I'm happy to report that beloved longtime member Louie DeLaurenti has already paid his dues all the way from Arizona without being asked!

The next meeting of the Italian Club Officers and Trustees will be on Zoom at 6 PM, Thursday, January 6th. The primary topic of the meeting will be restarting the General Meetings LIVE, IN PERSON in February at the "new" Casa Italiana.

Vi porgo i nostri auguri di un Buon Anno Nuovo, sano e tranquillo, in 2022.

Italian Cultural Center Update

Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center turned one year old in late September of 2021. In the time since we have taken possession of the property at 13028 First Avenue South in Burien, we have:

- Established the office for use by the local Italian Honorary Consul
- Established the BIS library, one of the largest independent Italian libraries in the USA

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Message from the President

As I write my last letter article as President of the Italian Club, I wish to thank all of you who have supported me in the last four years. A special thank you to all the Board members – we have accomplished much which made it fun and challenging.

As far as the upcoming events for the club, the Crab Feed is on hold until all the restrictions are lifted. We will have a discussion on this and other events for the coming year.

Our next Board meeting will be on January 6th, and the regular meeting will be on January 13th, both on Zoom. A link will be sent to all members. Be sure to RSVP to be entered in the \$25.00 drawing.

Dorothy Whitney will conduct the installation of officers at our meeting.

We pray that the Italian Club will continue to be blessed and have a healthy and Happy New Year.

Anna Popovich

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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**

Mariners' Italian Heritage Night Returns to June in 2022

By **Martin Nigrelle**

COVID-related issues prevented the Mariners' Italian Heritage night in 2020. COVID-related issues were also the cause of the delayed date for the event in 2021.

Current conditions are such that we have been able to get the date secured early. Mark your calendars, the 2022 Mariner's Italian Heritage night will be 7:05 pm, Thursday, June 16th.

T-Mobile Park will be the location, as the Mariners host the Los Angeles Angels.

The give-away item this year will be a scarf, colors based on the il Tricolore, and a design different from the previous scarves. The scarf design will be shared soon.

Health & Welfare

By **Gemma Di Julio Thielges** and Assistant **Angela Di Julio Wright**

We heard from **Diana Kaczor** on December 2nd who wrote, "It is with sadness that I tell you that **Mike** passed away on November 28th as the result of a stroke." His funeral was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Magnolia on December 10th at 11:00. Our sympathies to Diana & all their family.

Also, we were so sad to hear of **Gino Marchese's** death on December 2nd. We will keep him, **Joanne** & all Gino's family in our prayers. He had such a long recovery after his fall and it appeared he had made it over the biggest hurdle and then ended up losing the battle here, but hopefully is now enjoying his big reward.

What a great write-up on the front page of The Seattle Times on December 5th about Big John's PFI store. Such a great tribute to him and the **John Croce** family who have worked so hard over the past 50 years and made such a success of their business through many hurdles.

Chip Di Julio reported: "Sigi & I are going to Tucson, AZ in early January for a week to see Sigi's German girl friend & her husband. In March we fly to Manaus (Brazil) and take a new riverboat down
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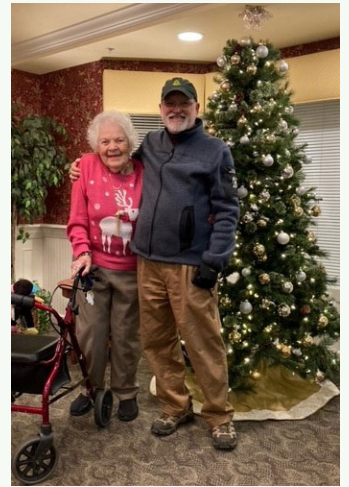
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the Amazon River for a few weeks then fly back from Lima, Peru. Our 2nd trip to the Amazon. Sigi will be 80 three days before we leave so this is a Christmas/Birthday present. The Guy DiJulio (Magnificent Seven) are all sponsoring bricks for the new Casa including one for Guy & Norma (Chip's parents)." Sounds like a great trip. And Happy 80th Birthday to Sigi!

Joel Patience & Dale Bonn visited **Velva Saltarelli** (right). They enjoyed Dale's homemade goodies, a glass of Prosecco, and a nice visit. What a treat for all three of them!

Diana Sciola Warczak sent an update on the efforts being made toward keeping Mt. Virgin open. Our prayers are needed. "The Stakeholders team at Our Lady of Mount Virgin that has been working with the Archdiocese on the proposed merging and closing of our beloved church has been requesting a meeting with the Archbishop. We didn't feel we were making progress with the Strategic team and needed to meet directly with the Archbishop. We just found out and are grateful that the Archbishop has agreed to meet. We have a meeting scheduled at 5:00 on January 31st. Each team member will be given 5 minutes to speak. Please keep the Archbishop and everyone that will be meeting together in your prayers." We need to be praying especially hard on 1/31/22 at 5 p.m.

We wish everyone many blessings in the New Year. We pray for good health and a happy 2022!



CASA (continued)

- Hosted a Food Drive
- Opened the Casa Caffè
- Received IRS confirmation of our 501c3 Charitable organization status
- Addressed deferred maintenance issues in the rental residence
- Moved in a new tenant to the residence
- Addressed multiple landscaping issues, including trimming back lots of overgrowth
- Created the dedicated website
- Addressed multiple deferred maintenance issues in the main building
- Executed a large amount of demolition to remove the unnecessary structure in the commercial building
- Painted the building

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- Completed the relevant permit applications which include work with engineers & architects
- Inaugurated the building with representatives from the Italian Consulate in San Francisco
- Established Casa as a viable 501c3 for employee matching funds from large companies like Boeing and Microsoft
- Opened the “little Market @ Casa”
- Installed the new fence on the street side of the property
- Initiated an Italian language lessons program
- Installed the indoor hardware for the fire suppression system
- Launched the commemorative brick donation campaign

Along with hosting several events and producing a number of other activities, we have also raised close to one million dollars! It must be noted, all during the time of COVID. We have been very fortunate in that the majority of the work performed has been done by volunteers.

The amount of money saved based on the effort and commitment of volunteers has been incredible and a paramount factor in the amount of progress made in bringing the Cultural Center to life.

To all those who have helped Casa either by donation or volunteering, we are very thankful for all of the contributions that have been instrumental in getting us this far!

As we transition into 2022, we are proud to announce we currently have an anonymous matching donor program in place. One of our benefactors has challenged the community to raise One Hundred Thousand dollars, they have committed to matching that 1:1!

Those of you interested in the commemorative brick campaign to pave the upcoming Piazza del Popolo with custom etched bricks, please know the monies raised for each brick are considered a donation and are therefore tax-deductible. These funds are also eligible for the matching funds' program.

Please look for upcoming events in our community at large and specifically at Casa via our online calendar at: <https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>

[More information on donating: https://www.casaitalianacc.org/donate/](https://www.casaitalianacc.org/donate/)

Grazie Mille a tutti,

Martin Nigrelle
President, Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center

December 14, 2021

Dennis Caldirola
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Dear Dennis,

We are writing to thank The Italian Club of Seattle for your generous gift of 1,000.00. Your support has helped us adapt to serving our clients during this unprecedented time. Here are just a few ways your gift has made a difference:

Your support helps us provide basic necessities such as clothing, hygiene kits, care packages, grocery cards and transportation vouchers to those who are struggling.

Your support helped us launch a new website which is an essential way we can connect with our clients, partner organizations, volunteers, and the greater Seattle community.

Your support helped us transition to our temporary operating spaces during the pandemic so we can continue serving our clients while our permanent home is under construction.

Your support helped us plan a sustainable future for St. Francis House by creating a three-year strategic plan that will guide our work.

It is an exciting time in the life of St. Francis House. We are very excited about moving into our new home in June of 2022 where we can sustainably serve our clients well into the future! Thank you for your continued commitment to help serve the most vulnerable people in our community.

Sincerely,


Laura Young
Executive Director

*Thank you and
blessings to Anna
Popovich!*

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Hat, Mask, and "Martin the Martian" Sock provided by Joel Patience! (Happy Holidays!)



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To

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

April 23, 2022

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than April 8, 2022

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

ICoS Calendar

January 2022

- 6th Trustee's Meeting
- 13th ICoS General Meeting via Zoom
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting at Casa Italiana (Burien) **Pending**
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

March 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

April 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 23rd Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2022

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2022

- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 16th Italian Heritage night, M's versus LA Angels

July 2022

- 4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2022

- TBD Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2022

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 4th Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs.
- 8th ICoS General Meeting
- TBD Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf Tourney, Echo Falls
- 24th & 25th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
- 26th Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

October 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

December 2023

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th 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 and postage – Go Digital!

(Pending) "LIVE"

General Meeting

Thursday,

February 13th, 2022

6:30 pm

Casa Italiana

Casa Italian Center

13028 First Ave. S.

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View the All-Community Calendar at:

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



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