

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

January 8, 2023
2:00 PM
CASA Italiana
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HAPPY New
YEAR



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Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

Happy New Year, everyone! For a change, notices for the 2023 membership dues were not mailed until the last week of December this year to avoid intermingling with Christmas mail. Notices were not sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2022, nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those members should have received their free membership cards already.

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25 per year. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for at least 35 years. Our records show that out of 152 members in good standing, 15 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

We are happy to announce the application to the Club by Dominique Pellegri, resident of Queen Anne Hill and employed by Blue Nile. We will vote on her application at the January Meeting.

If you plan to attend the January meeting in person, please note that it will be at 2 PM SUNDAY, January 8th and that you can save yourself and the Club 60¢ each by paying your dues in person.

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di un Buon Anno Nuovo!

Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!

I hope you all had a blessed holiday with family and friends. I'm looking forward to a great year in 2023!

As I write this, I am looking out the window at the snowfall. It's beautiful but I don't want to drive in it. My sweet puppy StellaVelvet sure likes walking in it though!

Important dates to note:

January 8, 2023 2:00p

February 5, 2023 2:00p

We're going to try meeting on Sundays in January and February. It gets dark earlier during the winter months and hopefully this will allow members who don't like to drive in the dark of night, a chance to attend the meetings. We will still meet at Casa Italiana. Dennis will send out the RSVP so we can get a

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(Message from the President continued)

head count for an early dinner. Anyone that would like to bring cookies/dessert, please let me know. We will also offer the meeting remotely via Zoom as well.

More Big News:

Save the date of Saturday February 25th for our Annual Crab Feed. Anna will have more info at our meeting and will be taking reservations as well as looking for volunteers to help serve. I'm super excited to be all together at this event again after a 2 year hiatus and I'm very thankful that Anna and Monte are willing to coordinate and cook!

We will be voting on a slate of officers for 2023 at the January meeting. Nominations for board positions are still open, if you have a desire to serve on our board, please contact Dorothy Whitney. We meet each odd numbered month on the 1st Thursday (except July).

As always, I am here to listen to your questions/comments/concerns/positive feedback. You can reach me at 206-779-7325/amanzanares@live.com I am so thankful for our community. Thank you for being a part of it.

Con Amore ed affetto,
Audrey



Italian Heritage Night 2023

Save the Date: This year the annual Seattle Mariners Italian Heritage Night will be on Tuesday night, June 27th, 2023.

The Mariners will be hosting the Washington Nationals.

We are working with the Mariners Group Sales & Marketing teams to confirm the give-away item & discounted ticket price, along with any other activity we can add to make the game a bigger event for our community. More details to come.

There was some effort to make the give-away item be an apron which would be a first, however that option is no longer available. Apparently logistics for customized aprons require more lead time, maybe next year.



Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center

Casa turned 2 years old in October of 2022. There has been a large amount of work done that is less visible to most people. In the last two+ years Casa has been undergoing a transformation from a retail establishment with an occupancy limit of 50 people (including staff) to a place of assembly where we will be able to host groups up to approximately 200, depending on the room & configuration. Such work has included work with engineers, architects, along with planners & inspectors from city, county, & fire district all having their say. We have just one step left to complete the new fire suppression system.

All of our necessary permits have been ok'd by the appropriate authority. This means that the clock is ticking, we have two years to finish the work to convert the Casa into the meeting place it can be, or we have to resubmit the plans including new application fees...

We are working with a general contractor to best organize the projects we have on hand. We intend to finish the upstairs great room first (plumbing, electrical, sheetrock, painting, & flooring), then install an elevator (foundation, shaft, cab), and finally but by no means least, the build out of a commercial grade kitchen (Hood/ventilation, plumbing, electrical, flooring & equipment). In an ideal world we will have these projects finished inside of 2023.

Casa is a dream coming to reality. We can't bring it to life without your help, if you are interested in being part of the process please check out our web site (below) for volunteer & donation opportunities.

<https://casaitalianancc.org>

From Joel Patience

Dale and Joel went to Zoo Lanterns at Woodland Park Zoo.
It is a must see event for everyone in the family.



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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

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Joel Patience and **Dale Bonn** got take-out at Bucatini in Edmonds and took it for a Christmas visit with **Velva Saltarelli**. Velva had expressed some disappointment in the lasagna that was served where she lives. We thought we'd bring some delicious Italian food. We had a wonderful visit.

Congratulations to **Owen Kruse**, winner of the 2022 Italian Club Scholarship. Owen is a grandchild of members **Gemma & Gerome Thielges**.



Joe and **Trudi Picciano** traveled to Puglia in August 2022 to attend the wedding of their former Italian exchange student. Lole spent a year with us back in 2008 and we have stayed in close touch with her and her family ever since. The wedding was beautiful and it was an honor to be part of the celebration!

Other great news is that our son, Beno, proposed to his girlfriend Natalie in early November! We were able to be there for the engagement in the Bay area along with Natalie's parents and Beno's brother Paul!

ICoS Calendar

January 2023

5th Trustee's Meeting
8th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for February
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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*

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

**January General Meeting
will be held at 2pm,
Sunday, January 8th,
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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 = a.k.a. Mickey Mouse



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