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June 14th, 2018**

**6:30 pm**

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Happy Fathers Day ● Sunday, June 17th



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## Health & Welfare

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



**Nick & Ginny Grossi**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our long-time, dear member **Nick Grossi**. He was a past president of the Club and of the Festa Italiana. Our sincere sympathies to **Ginny** & their family. Nick had just turned 93 on May 3rd and died on May 6th. He will really be missed; he seldom missed a meeting or a funeral and he would have been well-pleased with the wonderful send-off his family gave him at Sacred Heart in Bellevue on May 14th.

Is anyone in touch with **Mary Hoffa**? I mailed a note to her a few weeks ago to an  
*(Health & Welfare continues on pages 3 & 4)*

## Message from the President

We just said farewell to a great friend, Nick Grossi. Nick joined the Italian Club of Seattle in 1983 and remained an active member for 35 years. He served as President in 1988 & 1999 and was Editor of the Italian Club newsletter, the *il Ficcanaso*, for 30 years. Nick will always be remembered for his enthusiasm and being a warm and friendly friend.

The first event coming up is Italian Night at the Mariners on June 12th. Thank you, Martin Nigrelle, for taking charge of this sold out event. Audrey Manzanares will be selling tickets for Italian Night at the Seattle Storm to be held in July. The Luncheon at the Races at Emerald Downs will be on July 22nd. Contact Joe Galluccio for tickets. Everyone who goes seems to have a great time. The All Italian Picnic will be held at Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley on August 19th.

Another event for this summer is the Baseball Golf Tourney at Echo Falls with Brian DiJulio in charge. This fund raiser helps Seattle University baseball. I went last year and was casually talking to this man, not knowing I'm talking to Johnny O'Brian. The O'Brian twins – that's my generation.

Have a great summer – everyone take care.

Sincerely,

**Anna Popovich**

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Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

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 ..... **Diana Kaczor**

## Secretary's Report

*By Dennis Caldirola*

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 190 members as of May 1, 2018. Besides dropping ten members from the roster for non-payment of dues, we also lost one of our Past Presidents, Nick Grossi, at the age of 93. We currently have no applications for membership pending at this time.

On another note, the 2018 Directory and Roster is coming out in June, hopefully in time to be distributed at the June meeting. Those families not in attendance will be mailed their copy shortly thereafter.

## 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](mailto:Dennis@FestaSeattle.com)).

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



## WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani.

The Birthday Winner for April was won by Trudi Picciano.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by Linda Madrid (4x), Patrick FitzGerald (3x), Rosetta Beyersdorf, Dick Whitney, Jerome Thielges, Anna Popovich (2x), Bill Wright, Frances Rossi (2x), Dennis Caldirola, Angela Wright, Monte Marchetti, Dale Bonn, Joe Picciano (2x), Matthew FitzGerald and Terry Sacco.

Progressive Prize of \$100 would have been won by Dino Rossi, had he been present. Jackpot now goes up to 150 Smackers.

## Health & Welfare (continued)

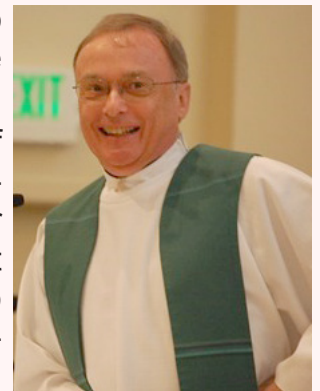
address that we thought was most current. It did not come back but I did not get a response from her or anyone else. I had said, in the note, that we wanted to check in with her to see how she's doing and I included my phone number.



**Barb & Brian Di Julio** were thrilled to watch all four of their granddaughters get Baptized together (at left) on May 5th at Our Lady of the Lake! Reese, Delaney & Quinn Woodward, 6,4, & 2, & Daisy Di Julio, 9 months, shown here with Mom Kelly, Dad Brian Woodward & Mom Katie & Dad Brad Di Julio along with great grandparents John & Fran Bradley! What a Day!!

a BS in Biology and a Minor in Spanish. She will be working as a Medical Scribe and applying to Medical School this summer. She is the granddaughter of **Bill & Angela Wright** and granddaughter of **Quinto & Dolores De Vitis**. Julia De Vitis graduated from Gonzaga University with a BA Degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Italian Studies. She studied one semester in Florence Italy, and while in Italy she visited her nonno's family and traveled through Europe. She will return to Seattle this summer to begin work with Carney Bradley Spellman; **John Brodello** wrote: Our daughter, Maria Brondello, graduated from Oklahoma State University last weekend with a degree in Animal Science with a focus in Ranch Management. She also has a minor in Soil Science and Rangeland Ecology and Management. She will be working at a Feedlot over the Summer and hopes to secure a job on Whidbey Island on a ranch running a cow/calf operation. **Dominick Driano** shared: I am proud to advise that my granddaughter, Isabella Kelly, has graduated from Claremont McKenna college with honors in literature." **Judy & Jerry Lewis** reported: "We have four grandchildren graduating this year: Alexis Netterstrom, Cal Poly, degree in vitaculture, Taylor Benson from Gonzaga U., degree in Art & Marketing, Jonathan Netterstrom from H.S. in San Luis Obispo & Julianna from North Kitsap & heading to Arizona State as a pre med student. Taylor landed a job in Spokane with an up & coming artist, Ben Joyce. We flew down to Cal for the Cal-Poly grad, then to Spokane over Mother's Day weekend for the G.U. grad, next week to San Luis Obispo for Jon's graduation & the following week to Julianna's in Poulsbo. They are wearing us out!

**Rev. Paul A. Magnano** (at right) has been appointed Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Parish in Mount Vernon, St. Charles Parish in Burlington, St. Catherine Mission in Concrete, Sacred Heart Parish in La Conner and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Sedro-Woolley. The parishioners at Christ Our Hope are going to miss Fr. Paul but he'll surely be a blessing to those in his newly assigned area. Also, Fr. Paul just celebrated the 50 anniversary of his ordination making him a Jubilarian. Congratulations!



Our sympathies to the family of **Joan Razore** on the recent death of her niece, Stephanie Rand of San Francisco, and a cousin of **Carmen Sepic & Mimi Schultz**.



**Sister Mary Di Julio**, at age 85, seems to be keeping busy and thriving over in Spokane. The top photo of her modeling an outfit from Chico's for the Fashion Show held at Brookdale Retirement Residence where she lives in Spokane. The bottom photo shows her at the finish line of the Bloomsday Race on May 6th. This was her 10th time to walk/run in the annual Spokane race. She finished in just under three hours!

**Dennis Caldirola's** daughter Giada Caldirola's Lagotto puppy "Bosco" has recently graduated from Puppy Socialization Class with honors! We give praise for all the hard work & determination of these dedicated students in successfully completing their graduation requirements & we wish them well and ask God's blessings on their future endeavors (you, too, Bosco!).

**Audrey Manzanares** wrote: "For my 50th birthday, Trent took me on a surprise trip to Vegas to see Elton John in concert!! Then we came home & a week later flew down to LA to move Marissa into a new apartment for her last year of school. I signed up to do the Fred Hutch Obliteride 5K walk in August. It will be my first 5k walk on purpose. I'm going to be dog sitting Marissa's dog Luna in June while she goes to Canada with her Granny... & every weekend I am doing Open Houses, meeting new clients & enjoying real estate!"

Thank you to all who contributed to the Health & Welfare column throughout the year. It's always interesting to hear about our members. But we can only report from those of you who report to us. So, save up your news to send to me in September for our Fall issue.

Happy Father's Day & a special thank you to all our Dad's. Have a safe, fun summer!



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## Ricette per nostri Aranciacello e Limoncello. Prodotti della Rossi Familia

This is our family's recipe for both orancecello and lemoncello. We produce 12-ounce bottles of each with our own labels. We use 750 ml of 151 proof Everclear and 750 ml of 100 proof vodka. We have tried two 750 ml bottles of Everclear, but it tends to have too high of an alcohol content. Our recipe still keeps the alcohol percent above about 30% so it will not freeze solid in the freezer. The recipe follows.

### Ingredients:

- 15 thick skinned lemons or 12 thick skinned oranges
- 1-750 ml bottle of 100 proof vodka
- 1-750 ml bottle of 151 proof Everclear
- 4 cups water
- 5 cups sugar
- 1-2 open top gallon jar (like a glass pickle jar, one can buy them at a wine supply store)
- 8-10, 12-ounce glass bottles with caps (or any bottle shape you like)

### Step No. 1

- Wash lemons or oranges in hot water with scrub brush. Pat dry. Peel with vegetable peeler. Peel carefully to avoid the white layer under the skin
- Fill the jar with one 750 ml bottle of 151 Everclear and the lemon or orange peel
- Cover and place in dark location at room temperature for 40 days

### Step No. 2

After 40 days:

- Combine sugar and water in saucepan, bring to a boil, cook until thickened, about 5 minutes
- Cool
- Add the solution to the jar along with the 750-ml bottle of 100 proof vodka
- Cover and return to dark location at room temperature for another 40 days

### Step No. 3

- Strain into another jar removing the lemon peel
- Then filter through cheese cloth
- Place in bottles (we use 12-ounce bottles) and caps
- Store in cupboard or freezer, we always have some in the freezer ready to go

Next, we are going to try pink grapefruit cello.

**Godete!**



*Dale & Joel Patience  
(above) at Ballard's Nordic  
Museum opening day  
celebration.*



## Indulgences

*A historical note by Joel Patience*

The construction projects and crusades of the Popes brought about not only great buildings and architecture, but it also was the cause for great debt. These projects were considered contrary to legitimate matters of taking care of the impoverished, leper colonies and education of the populous.

Long before this period indulgences were created that promised the holder to pass to heaven or mitigate their time in purgatory (bus stop after death). They were usually reserved for someone that had made benevolent acts on behalf of the church.

In order to keep their projects going however, indulgences were redefined to be sold. Essentially, one could pay for their forgiveness of sins with the exception of mortal sins; as they could also be prosecuted right here on earth during the lifetime of the perpetrator.

As a result the coffers of the church swelled and the projects and acquisitions blossomed. While these practices were in their own right an economic force they were also a great concern. Early in the 1500s a group of economists of the day listed the three greatest causes of inflation at that time. The first being the Pope and his indulgences, second being the minting of debased money and third as cheating by merchants.

Some clergy noticed that indulgences were so successful for the Pope that they considered it their right, as his representatives on earth, to sell them as well. They went so far as to claim falsely in writing that they were authorized by the Pope to make these transactions. A good thing became even more wide spread when indulgences, what were essentially warranties for everlasting life, encompassed larger and larger periods of time to attract the gullible. Many started including lists of sins that the buyer was protected from committing in the transaction during their lifetime. Forgeries of indulgences existed that assured the bearer in excess of 20,000 years of happiness. Later versions doubled that.

So successful were these indulgences focused on specific projects that they acquired nicknames. The so-called "butter tower" of Rouen is rumored to have gotten its name because the sale of indulgences forgave the users of butter during Lent.

While I was unable to find specific modern books on the subject of indulgences, I found many references about historical figures that either called into question, or engaged these financial practices. Many of the clergy that had joined religious groups to lead a simple reverent life protested the practice. Thanks to search engines such as Wikipedia and Google to bring this story together for you.

*Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist drawing inspirations from travels with his wife Dale Bonn.*

## ICoS Calendar

### June 2018

No Trustee Meeting this month  
12th Italian Heritage Night, Seattle  
Mariners vs. LA Angels  
14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM

### July 2018

No Trustee Meeting this month  
4th Independence Day  
8th Italian Night at Seattle Storm  
22nd ICoS Luncheon at Emerald Downs  
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

### August 2018

No Trustee Meeting this month  
19th All Italian Community Picnic  
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley  
No *il Ficcanaso* this month  
22nd Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf  
Tourney, Echo Falls  
23-25 Portland Festa Italiana  
20th Input Deadline for September  
*il Ficcanaso*

### September 2018

2nd Italian Day at Emerald Downs  
6th Trustee's Meeting  
7-9 Seattle San Gennaro Festival  
13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
15th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church  
21st Festa Italiana Luncheon  
Seattle Yacht Club  
25th Input Deadline for October  
*il Ficcanaso*  
28th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center  
29-30 31st Annual Italian Festival,  
Seattle Center; Sausage Booth

### October 2018

No Trustee meeting this month  
6-7 Italian Festival, Reno, NV  
8th Columbus Day Dinner  
11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
25th Input Deadline for October  
*il Ficcanaso*  
TBD Seattle Fedele "John Croce"  
Homemade Wine Festival

### November 2018

1st Trustee Meeting  
8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
12th Festa Italiana Volunteers  
Appreciation Dinner  
22nd Thanksgiving  
26th Input Deadline for December  
*il Ficcanaso*

### December 2018

No Trustee meeting this month  
TBD Past Presidents Luncheon &  
Board Appreciation dinner  
13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
TBD Children's Christmas Party  
combined with Seattle Fedele SOI  
at St. John's Parish Hall  
25th Christmas Day  
26th Input Deadline for January  
*il Ficcanaso*

### January 2018

3rd Trustee's Meeting  
10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
25th Input Deadline for February  
*il Ficcanaso*

## General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday,  
June 14th, 2018

6:30 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

## ITALIAN CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### General Meetings:

- Drinks & Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the SECOND Thursday of the month, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

### Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month

**For *il Ficcanaso*  
Advertising,  
see Joe or Barbara  
Galluccio**

Please send ICoS Calendar additions or updates by the 25th of each month to Joe Jacobin (joejacobin@gmail.com or to 4822 S. Juneau Street, Seattle, WA 98118-2848). Thank you.



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