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**DUE TO COVID-19
VIRUS CONCERNS,
THERE IS NO
GENERAL OR
BOARD MEETING
IN JUNE.**



Felice Giorno del Padre

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James Scavotto, ICoS 6th President (1929)

1973 Interview by Dennis Caldirola



James Scavotto won his first election as the sixth President of the Italian Club in 1929, and turned the rest of his life to successfully campaigning for public office. There is little wonder that a reporter for the Seattle P.I. once compared his biography to that of a character created by Horatio Alger. Born in 1891 in St. Louis, Missouri, Scavotto's father died when he was only seven and he spent the next four years in an orphanage. His formal education ceased with his graduation from the eighth grade and he began earning his living by selling papers. In 1908 while on a trip to Los Angeles, he stopped in Seattle to visit a brother-in-law and somehow never managed to leave. Since he was only seventeen he went to work in what was then the new Pike Place Market and after a year and a half there, he got a job with John B. Agen, a wholesale dairy products dealer, and stayed with him until 1914 when he opened a store of his own in the South End. He retained ownership of this business the rest of his life.

Meanwhile, at the age of eighteen, he had married his wife Rose and in the ensuing years was to have two sons – William James, born 1912, and Donald Victor, born 1917. It was William, in fact, who dropped out of the University of Washington to manage the

(James Scavotto continues on page 4)

Message from the President

Hello Everyone. I hope everyone continues to be in good health.

This is a difficult time to be in, and we miss seeing everyone because being together is what brings happiness and joy. We realize more than ever how important our community is when we can't actually be together.

As stated by the e-mail that was sent earlier, there will be no June meeting. We will keep you updated on when we will resume our meetings.

What happens in July? The Emerald Downs Race event. Joe Galluccio has been doing this event for years, but this year it is cancelled. Win some - lose some, but do we have fun. We're looking forward to next year.

Take care everyone and God Bless. Happy Father's Day.

God Bless all of our medical professionals, first responders and care givers.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Crab Dinner.....**Anna Popovich**

Family Christmas Party..... **TBD**

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Mariner Baseball Night.....**Martin Nigrelle**

New Membership **Dennis Caldirola**

Parliamentarian.....**Dorothy Whitney**

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Amadeo Rossi**

Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As part of our series on Past Presidents of the Italian Club, and in celebration of our 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Italian Club, I'd like to challenge our members to identify the gentlemen in this photo below. It might be an Installation of Officers at an ordinary January meeting, but the fact that they are all in suits – not uncommon in those days – but also wearing boutonnières, indicates that this was a more formal occasion. My guess is that this is a Past Presidents Luncheon and perhaps even in the year 1970 which would have been the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our organization. Does anyone recognize a dad, an uncle or a grandfather? If so, please drop me a line at Dennis@FestaSeattle.com so I can list all the names possible in the Historical Photo Exhibit at Festa Italiana.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 184 members. As of May 22nd, 168 have paid their dues leaving 16 still in arrears.



NOTE: Regarding the Past Presidents series by Dennis Caldirola, James Scavotto, ICoS 6th President, was inadvertently skipped in the May *il Ficcanaso* when we ran ICoS 7th President Al Vena.

Joe Jacobin, Editor

Health & Welfare

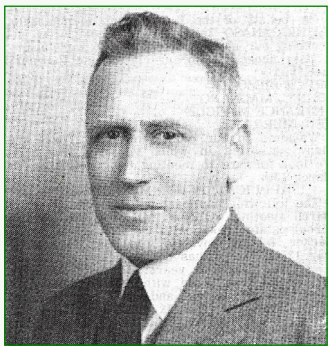
by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Unfortunately, I did not hear from many of our quarantined members after my plea for news for this month's column. I hope all are doing well and I wish all the Dad's a very Happy Fathers' Day. And a special "Thank You" to all our own wonderful Dads who have already passed away. We thank God for blessing us with them and we pray they are all enjoying eternity in Heaven. Have a great summer. I hope to see you all in September or sooner at one of our events if they don't get cancelled.

This news came in from **Audrey Manzanares**: "Daughter Marissa was staying with me for six weeks until she moved into Maureen's for the long term. Since then, I have completed a course thru John Hopkins University to be a contact tracer and my mom and I have walked twice for 10 miles. Once from my house, around Lake Union and back home. And the other time from my house to Matthews Beach. The Real Estate Market is still in the sellers' favor with multiple offers and plenty of buyers!" Thank you to Audrey for sharing her interesting news. Nice to hear what others are doing.

Andy DiGleria, ICoS 8th President (1931)

1973 Interview by Dennis Caldirola



Andy DiGleria, the eighth president of the Italian Commercial Club, was born December 23, 1883, in the town of Paularo, province of Udine, Italy. At the age of nineteen he immigrated to New York and after working in grinding and cutlery for several years on the East Coast, he decided to take a look at the Pacific Northwest.

Andy arrived in Seattle in 1908 and proceeded to put his talents to work so well, that by 1918 he was operating his own growing business. Seattle Exclusive Cutlery was the name of the concern, and although Andy moved the operation to 1402 4th Avenue in 1923, the growth of the next twelve years necessitated one more relocation. In 1935 Seattle Exclusive Cutlery moved to 411 Pike Street where it became a Seattle fixture for the next quarter of a century.

Although Andy was not a charter member of the Italian Commercial Club, he joined at such an early point in the club's history that, as popular recollection has it, he was the first member to ever pay his dues. Interestingly enough, his wife Agatha whom he married November 12, 1922, was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary, even though her maiden name was Neumann and they originally met at a German dance!

1931 was a hectic year for the Club, for they and the other Italian organizations were just getting settled in their new home, the Casa Italiana. Nonetheless, Andy piloted his administration smoothly and remained an active member until his death May 18, 1957. Agatha still participates in the Auxiliary as much as possible, and their son William, born in 1932, has been a member of the Italian Club for many years. William currently resides on Vashon Island with his wife and four children.

James Scavotto (continued)

family business when his father decided to run for City Council in 1929.

As successful as he was in the dairy business, it was to politics that James Scavotto devoted his life. Although this was an era of corruption on a nation-wide scale, Scavotto never reflected anything but honor upon himself and the Italian community that fostered him. In fact, the first time his name was mentioned in the local paper it was under the headline, "President of Italian Commercial Club Files for City Council."

Upon his election in March of 1930, Scavotto came out four-square in favor of Reform and benefits for the working man. Among his proposed ordinances were reestablishment of street car lines, mandatory meat inspection, an end to secret Council meetings, and a \$3.00 minimum wage. His first term enthusiasm was so great in fact, that he once engaged in a fistic encounter in the corridors of City Hall (and blackened his opponent's eye) and in February of 1934, an unknown youth fired eight pistol shots at Scavotto's car.

Though defeated for office in 1933, Scavotto was reelected in 1934 and was no sooner back in office when he attacked the many "disgraceful" beer parlours, inefficient railways and the size of the city budget. As a result of this activity he was named president of the City Council in 1936, a position he held for some 14 years, and in spite of his defeat for Mayor in 1944, his success as Acting Mayor made him a leading consideration in every mayoral race from 1936 on.

It was a consideration never to become a reality however, for on February 24, 1950, after recovering from a week's illness, James Scavotto died from a heart attack at the age of 59. He was survived by his wife Rose, his two sons, and his grandchildren. In the Council where he had spent so many years, a formal resolution was unanimously accepted to declare his passing "a loss to the entire city."

"He was a tower of strength," the resolution read. "No one was better informed on city business nor more faithful in the discharge of his duties. His dignity, loyalty to his family and friends, and his great love for children were an inspiration to all who knew him. It was always his desire to serve the people, especially those who could not speak for themselves.

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Pope Francis ”

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Casa Italiana 2020-2021 Scholarship

Casa Italiana, also known as CASA, will award one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying student toward an undergraduate degree. **The application deadline has been extended to August 1, 2020.** Full details including eligibility, the award, application process, and the Scholarship Application are available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/skjb8qu>.

For il Ficcanaso Advertising, see Joe or Barbara Galluccio

“Crapolla”

by Joel Patience

“Yes, Virginia. It is a word!”

It is also a place!

Abbazia di Crapolla (the Abbey of Crapolla) fondata nell 1100 vicino a Naples, dai monaci cistercensi. (Founded in 1100 near Naples, by the Cistercensi monks.)

Joel Patience has joined the Board of CAI-PNW (Club Alpino Italiano) as the Board Member At Large to Organizations. CAI is perhaps the oldest hiking and mountaineering club, founded in Turin, IT in 1863, now with over 300,000 members. CAI-PNW.org and CAI.IT.





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October 24, 2020

5:30pm

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ICoS Calendar

June 2020

- No Trustee or General Meeting this month
- 18th Italian Night at the Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals
- 26-28 ~~Portland's Festa Italiana, Oaks Amusement Park~~ **CANCELLED**

July 2020

- No Trustee or General Meeting this month
- 4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanaso* this month
- 19th ~~Italian Club Day at the Races Luncheon at Emerald Downs~~ **CANCELLED**

August 2020

- No Trustee or General Meeting this month
- 10th CASA meeting
- 16th ~~Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley~~ **CANCELLED**
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2020

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 6th Italian Day at the Races, 1pm-6pm, Auburn Emerald Downs Racetrack. Contact Italian Radio Show for FREE Tickets!
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 11-13 ~~San Gennaro Festival,~~ **CANCELLED**
- 18th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club
- 19th Mass in Italian, 6:30pm, Mt. Virgin Church
- 25th ~~Taste of Italy, Seattle Center, 7-10pm,~~ **CANCELLED**
- 26 & 27 Festa Italiana, Seattle Center
- 25th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

October 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 12th Columbus Day Dinner
- 24th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2020

- TBD 56th Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 5th Trustee Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 16th CASA meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*
- 26th Thanksgiving

December 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 13th Adult Christmas Party, Rainier Golf & Country Club in conjunction with the Westside Italian Civic Club
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

January 2021

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2021

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th CASA meeting
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*
- TBD Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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