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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
March 8th, 2018**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As per the bylaws, on February 15th, past-due notices were sent those members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Since that time, a couple members have responded, so we have 154 paid out of 205, leaving 51 still in arrears. This is as opposed to 47 last year.

If you plan to attend the March meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 50¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Final deadline is April 15, 2018.

Happy St. David's Day (March 1, Welsh), St. Patrick's Day (March 17, Irish) and St. Joseph's Day. (March 19, Italian). In fact, St. Joseph is the patron saint of Sicily and in many parts of Italy Father's Day is celebrated on St. Joseph's Day. Depending on where you are from, we celebrate with fried pastries called *zeppole*, *fritelli*, *sfinge*, *bignè*, etc.

Buone Feste!

New Membership

By Dennis Caldirola

There is one new application: Theresa Sacco. Theresa is Anna Popovich's sister-in-law and mother of John Sacco, Jr. She will be voted on at the March meeting.

Message from the President

The Crab Feed was a huge success. We had 156 people attend – a nice number for the size of the hall. They all seemed to have a good time. I have to call out Lucy Salle. She sold 24 tickets and doesn't belong to the Italian Club. Thank You, Lucy.

Let's start out with all the Thank You's. Marty Nigrelle for picking up the crab in Tokeland, Monte Marchetti and all his kitchen crew for the wonderful meal. The waiters for doing an outstanding job. Bill Wright for handling the bar. All the ladies who sold raffle tickets. Thank You to all the people who brought raffle prizes – they were outstanding as usual. Thank you to all the people who set up and took down all the tables and chairs. And thank you, David Madrid who was our MC.

It took many people to put this on and that's what makes it a success. I hope to see you next year when we celebrate with food and drink.

Can you believe Easter is just around the corner? I'm sure everyone has something special that they make during this season.

Always check the calendar for the upcoming events and hope to see you at the meetings. Take care everyone and HAPPY EASTER!

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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

New Membership..... **Dennis Caldirola**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Diana Kaczor**



Joey Beyersdorf, Art Oberto, Cade Gillenwater. Joey is the grandson of ICoS members Ronnie & Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf. Cade is his friend. Art is giving them instructions on their work at the crab dinner.



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani.

The Birthday Winner for February was Joe Jacobin.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Meals were won by Kathy Langenegger, Bill Picchena, Earl Frank (3x), Paul Pioli, Tom Grossi, Linda Madrid, Dick Whitney, Audrey Manzanares, Frances Rossi, Dot Whitney, Deanna Dent, Marven Hansen, Anna Popovich, Judy Seth and Matthew FitzGerald.

Progressive Prize of \$50 would have been won by Steve "Schmeve" Fontana had he been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$75.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Here's hoping everyone had a special Valentine's Day – with spouses, kids, friends – no matter who your loved ones are, it's a special time to spend with our special someones.

Angela Wright wrote: "A big 'Thank You' to the many friends & family members who have supported me with their love & their prayers in the past few weeks. God has again blessed me with another 'jump start' for my heart. Tuesday, February 6th, my interventional cardiologist, skillfully placed two stents into my coronary arteries! My heart is overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father & to all of you." Angela did well for the past 26 years with the 4 bi-passes she had at that time. Hopefully, this might keep her going comfortably for at least another 20 years.

Linda Jacobin had a hip replacement surgery on February 12th and they had her starting rehab the next day. Praying for a complete and successful recovery.

We were thankful to see **Joel Patience & Dale Bonn** at our February meeting after they experienced a very serious car accident. They shared one piece of advice: if you are ever in a car accident and your air bags inflate, cover your ears tightly as they make a very loud noise to the point that Dale was suffering from hearing loss. A few days later she reported that her hearing was improved after being on medications for a few days. They did a hearing test which revealed a mild hearing loss in some frequencies. She wondered what the results would have been before the meds. She is following up with a hearing specialist for another opinion. Joel said he was happy to be able to "hear the Olympics in a more normal range." They think quick intervention is the key here.

It was also nice to see **Rosa Facciuto** at our February meeting. She drove herself, even though it was a dark & rainy night and she is nearing her 100th birthday. Our seniors' table is full of great examples of how to live as we age with long-time senior members like **Nick & Ginny Grossi, Velva Saltarelli, & Rosa**.

Tony La Stella shared the following. "My friends, it is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of **Lavanda Turner**, a founding member of TONY LA STELLA & THE GOOMBAS, who performed with us for 17 years at Festa Italiana as our bass player and female lead singer. She was also one of the original "Goombettes" at many of our Sinatra shows throughout the region. Lavanda lost her fight with cancer on January 30th and we will miss her dearly and miss the music she brought to all of us in the Seattle Italian Community. Her spirit will continue to inspire our future performances.



Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, Happy First Day of Spring on March 20th, and a Blessed Holy Week leading up to Easter.

12 Years in The Making...

By Martin Nigrelle

The 12th annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night is Tuesday June 12th, 2018. At 7:10pm the Mariners will be hosting the Los Angeles Angels.

The giveaway item this year will be a blue t-shirt. The new t-shirt will be printed on both front & back. "Mariners" in the il tricolore color scheme on the front & "ITALIA" on the back.

We are still in talks with the Mariners regarding Bocce in the outfield, the return of Peroni beer, first pitch, and the National anthem.

Main Level seats are \$35, View Level seats are \$26. The Italian Club will be buying Main Level seats.

For tickets to sit with the Italian Club friends & family, see Martin Nigrelle at the April General meeting.

Tickets may also be purchased through the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>.



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

Joel Patience
Watercolors.com

When in Rome

By Marv Hansen

This story is about my Italian daughter, Gioia. She worked at Boeing. Between 2005 and 2010, while working on the Wedgetail communications project, Gioia made 14 trips to Rome to accompany four engineers who periodically reviewed the work of an Italian subcontractor. Gioia's work had to do with scheduling, budget, and risk management. She also reported what Italians had said to each other.

After one of her returns I suggested she stay at an Italian-style hotel rather than the American versions: the Excelsior Hotel on Via Veneto. That's what she did.

The man at the desk, who must have been the manager, saw that she was a Boeing employee and told her he knew what Boeing reimbursement was (around \$3). With more interest, though, he asked her Italian name. This led to Gioia's explaining that she was born in Naples. Later, she said she often heard her parents talking about their honeymoon stay at the Excelsior. Their room was unbelievably large with deep carpets, fantastic furniture, and pictures worthy of an art museum.

After a brief pause the manager sheepishly asked, "Do you happen to know what they paid for their room?" When Gioia said, "9,000 Lire" (about \$14), he broke out in laughter. When he finally stopped he said, "Signora, there is no way I could put you in a room anything less than what your parents had."

Four days later Gioia paid her bill for four nights at the Boeing rate. At the bottom of the bill she saw that the normal price of her room for four days was \$5,600. This must have been the rate to be paid by the King and Queen of Jordan who were staying a few floors above Gioia but in the same wing.

Amadeo was right: "It's great to be Italian!"

(An afterthought: I hope they don't ask customers: "Do you want a room with a king or a queen?")

Amaretto

by Scott Fitzpatrick

Amaretto is a sweet, almond-flavored, Italian liqueur made from a base of apricot pits and/or almonds. It can be served straight, used in cocktails, coffee or cooking.

Amaretto is a diminutive of the Italian word amaro, meaning "bitter," the flavor of the mandorla amara almond. The bitterness tends to be mild, and sweeteners and sweet almonds enhance the flavor. Do not confuse amaretto with amaro, a different family of Italian liqueurs having a bitter flavor derived from herbs.

Amaretto has a variety of culinary uses. It is frequently added to desserts, including ice cream, enhances the flavor of pancakes, cookies, cakes and complements chocolate. Savory recipes usually focus on meats, as well as almandine sauce for fish and vegetables.

There is more legend than fact surrounding the Saronno origins of Amaretto. Although the facts are questionable, these tales hold a sentimental place in Lombard culture.

In 1525, a church commissioned artist Bernardino Luini, a Leonardo da Vinci pupil, to paint the sanctuary frescoes. As the church was dedicated to the Virgin, he needed to depict the Madonna, and needed a model. He found a young widow, who became (in most versions) his lover. Out of gratitude and affection, she wished to give him a gift. Being poor, she simply steeped apricot kernels in brandy and presented the liqueur to Luini.

Popular drinks using Amaretto:

Amaretto Pina Colada - Amaretto, light rum, coconut milk, and pineapple juice.

Amaretto Sour - Amaretto, lemon juice, simple sugar, dash of bitters.

Bocce Ball - Amaretto, orange juice and vodka.

French Connection - Amaretto liqueur and Cognac.

Cherry Bomb Martini - Amaretto, Bicerin Chocolate Liqueur and Vodka.

Godfather - Amaretto liqueur and scotch.

2018-19 Scholarship Application

By Diana Kaczor, Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding up to three individual \$500.00 scholarships. The scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year will be awarded to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below). As in years' past; the better the GPA, the better chance of a scholarship award.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 2018 – Application submission window opens
- May 2018 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2018 – Award Recipients determined, all applicants notified of their status
- September 2018 – Award Recipients published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2018 – Scholarship payments made to the schools on behalf of the recipients

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. A parent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club for at least three years. (Grandparents are not included).
2. The parent(s) of the applicant must attend at least three club meetings during the year.
3. The applicant (student) is or will be enrolled in high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2018-2019 school year, in the greater Seattle area.
4. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (with official transcript) and take part in extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.
5. Each applicant must write a letter telling about themselves and activities in which he/she is participating.
6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 15th, 2018 and no later than May 10th, 2018.
7. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2018/2019 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's Parent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing): _____

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2018/2019 School year: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending (2017-2018 school year).
2. Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service

Applications are to be sent to: Italian Club of Seattle - Scholarship
c/o Diana Kaczor
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

ICoS Calendar

March 2018

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 17th Seattle SOI Annual Banquet,
Kennedy High School, Burien
- 24th Auburn Bocce Club, WA State
Tournament, Les Gove, Park Gym
Auburn, WA
- 25th Input Deadline for April
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April 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for May
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May 2018

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for June
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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
- 22nd Day at the Races
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
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September 2018

- 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
- 25th Input Deadline for October
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- 28th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center
- 29-30 Seattle Italian Festival; Sausage
Booth

October 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 6-7 Italian Festival, Reno, NV
- TBD 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

General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday,

March 8th, 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

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

Thank you.

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