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ARE UNABLE TO HAVE
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STAY TUNED FOR THE
MARCH ZOOM
MEETING!**

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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of February 22nd, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 180 members in good standing of which 133 have paid their dues for 2021. This is still a little behind where we were last year but on February 15th, "past due" notices were mailed out to those still in arrears. Please bear in mind, if dues are not paid by April 1st you will not be listed in the semi-annual Roster.

In the meantime, on March 19th, St. Joseph's Day, and Father's Day in Italy, Festa will be hosting another night of "Bingo Italiano" with great prizes to be won. Stay tuned for more details.

At our last Zoom meeting, President Anna read the list of Italian Club members who passed away this past year, and followed it with a Moment of Silence in their memory. Sadly, there are ten of them and their names are: **Fran Albanese, Marilyn Batali, Ines Bellotti, Todd Elliott, Michael Ferri, Mary Hoffa, JoAnne Lazzaretti, Carmen Murray, and Antonette & Robert Rupin.** Rest in Peace, dear friends.

Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone continues to be in the best of health. I've heard from some of our members that have received their vaccinations. Great, we're on the road to recovery. By the end of this summer, things should be back to normal.

The February Zoom meeting went very well. The March Zoom meeting will be held on March 11th at 6:00 pm. Dennis will send a link by e-mail for you to participate. Also, we are asking members to RSVP by email so we can enter them into the drawing for \$25. You must be present to win.

We'll see in the coming months when we can resume the activities for our club. Until then take care be careful and safe. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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

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Health & Welfare.....**Gemma Thielges**

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

New Membership **Dennis Caldirola**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

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Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center Food Drive Recap: Good Times while Doing a Good Thing

By Martin Nigrelle

A huge thanks go out to the community! On the weekend of February 20th & 21st, Casa sponsored their first-ever food drive in support of three local food banks. \$65.00 in cash and over four pallets of food were collected! The conservative estimate is the food donated was worth around \$1,200.00.



L-R: Joe Megale, Gennaro Mascio, and Casa Italiana President Martin Nigrelle

The whole event could not have happened without the participation of the volunteers. Without their time and effort, this event would not have happened.

The days were also filled with some of the donors taking tours of the facility, masks on, and socially distanced of course.

For those working the event, it sometimes felt like “old home week” getting a chance to see and converse with friends and community members we have not seen for weeks or months because of COVID.

Please check out the Casa web site and Facebook page for photos from the event and updates on Casa activities:

<https://casaitalianacc.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/casaitalianacc>

Next up for the Cultural Center: Casa Caffe will be opening on Saturday, March 13th, 2021. More info to come on the art of a good crema in the cup and serving a socially distanced latte or macchiato.



Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

“We can thank God that **Barbara Galluccio** is back home and doing well after a bit of a scare. Joe took her to Swedish Hospital on Sunday, February 22nd, for stroke-like symptoms. She felt very blessed to find that it was Bell’s Palsy, not a stroke, and she was able to return home on Monday evening. Continuing prayers for her and also prayers of thanks that she seems to be doing okay.”

Mary & Angelo Merlino reported, “We are still in Reno. Now waiting for the 2nd shot of the Moderna Vaccine. For the first time in 19 years we’re on the mainland for the winter. It’s very difficult getting back to Honolulu now. We are OK.” We hope they are enjoying some warmer weather in Reno than what we’ve had here with our snow and the cold and rain recently. Things have been different this year for many of us.

The last I heard about **Deanna Dent** was that she is still in ICU at Harborview after being admitted there on Christmas Day because of suffering from a stroke. We hope that all our members will continue their prayers for her and her family. We know “all things are possible with God” so we pray for complete healing for Deanna and for all our members who are suffering from major health issues.

Brian Di Julio sent news that: “My back surgery is on for March 17th. The spinal fusion of the L5 and S1 vertebrae. Please pray that it goes smoothly!” He, too, is asking for our prayers. We are fortunate to have such a big God who can keep up with all these requests! Brian had been scheduled a couple of months ago but it was canceled because the hospitals were crowded with Covid patients.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all – Irish, Italian, or whoever. We can all celebrate by wearing “the green” and enjoying a corned beef & cabbage dinner. We also wish you a fruitful Lent and a Happy Easter.

Thou Shalt Not Kill – Non Uccidere

A TV series review by Joel Patience

If you have read every book in the house and watched every crime fighter TV show, do not be concerned with having to search further. Detective Valeria Ferro (Iron) played by Miriam Leone is just what the doctor ordered – for a year of winter blues.

Detective Ferro has an unusual skill for catching criminals and it is based on her ability to manage her eclectic police team to get results.

Like many other famous TV detectives, Valeria appears to pay little attention to fashion. She wears and sometimes sleeps in the same jeans and appears to wear very little make-

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up. Think what every intelligent, national beauty queen looks like on their days off... and you have days on for Detective Valeria Ferro. A crime-fighting superhero that by day appears to be an ordinary Clark Kent person.

However, it is her cloak, her shield, as the time not spent on such fashion trends gives her extra time in the day to corral the most greedy, self-indulgent, decedent, jealous, will kill-to-get-ahead criminals. They often are just well-meaning neighbor folks. They ignore her until she puts the cuffs on them.

Valeria is someone you would, as we might say, write home to mom about. Of course, one would leave out the parts about Valeria's mom just getting out of prison for killing her dad seventeen years ago. Or, that her current boss was the prosecutor. Life in Turin, Italy is apparently very exciting; a big city where there is always something going on. We plan to visit someday.

We purchased the DVD set of the first two seasons and they come with only momentary interruptions.

The characters and stories are believable and well-constructed. It is easy to try to anticipate the outcomes; though you will not likely be right and look forward to the next episode. The shows, produced by RAI Fiction, are in Italian and have English subtitles.

Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist, traveling to Italy with his wife Dale Bonn for inspiration.

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Hi Italian Club of Seattle,

On behalf of Casa Italiana - Italian Cultural Center, we would like to thank you for your generous donation to our cause. We appreciate your early support of our mission, and look forward to many years of enjoyment in the new Casa Italiana!

Below is a summary of your donations for the entire year. (Please contact us immediately if there are any discrepancies.)

Date	Amount	Type	Pledge Balance
12/24/2020	\$25,000.00	Donation	

Because we are a registered 501(c)(3) organization, your donation is completely tax-deductible. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction.

2020 has been an amazing year for us, and we are looking forward to all that 2021 will bring with the continued development of the new Casa Italiana and our planned programming! We will keep everyone up-to-date on planned events, including the possible grand opening event this Spring. Please follow our Facebook and Instagram for the most current information, and be sure to join our e-newsletter mailing list on our website, casaitalianacc.org.

Grazie,

Martin Nigrelle
President

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Risotto Veloce (Fast Risotto)

By Joel Patience

If you miss the warm rich taste of risotto and are stuck at home, I would like to present Risotto Veloce. You can make it in the privacy of your own kitchen, on the back yard BBQ, picnic pit or campground.

Ingredients:

Arborio rice. Read the directions since you will need about four cups of cooked rice when done.

A selection of mushrooms such as oyster mushrooms about one to one and a half cups.

One clove or one teaspoon of crushed garlic.

One 18 ounce can of Progresso creamy mushroom soup.

Butter, margarine or olive oil.

Directions:

Add the rice to boiling water. Cook it until just sticky at a low simmer. Drain any remaining water and allow the rice to cook. Place it in the refrigerator if you are anxious to get cooking or want to make the risotto the next day.

Slice or chop the mushrooms into pieces about the size of a cashew.

Place them into a flat pan on your stovetop with a little butter, margarine, or olive oil. Add the crushed garlic. Sear the mushrooms.

In teaspoon size clumps, add the rice a spoonful at a time distributing it all around the pan.

Turn down the heat to a low simmer and add the can of mushroom soup. Stir the contents very slowly just enough to blend the ingredients.

Serving:

If you like, just before serving, add little bits of precooked ham or cooked speck. If you add it earlier in the process, the salt leaches out and will overwhelm the subtle flavors of the risotto.

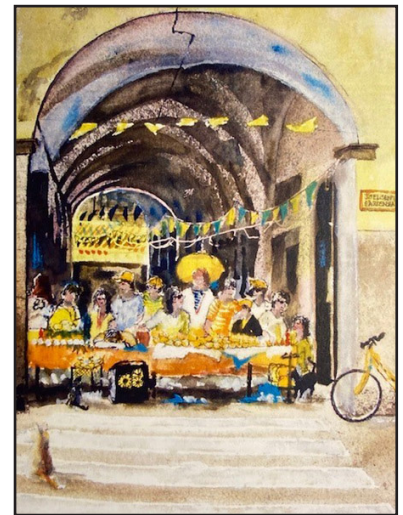
Serve in a soup bowl. Garnish with any favorite Italian cheese.

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To

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

October 16, 2021

5:30pm

*Washington Athletic Club
Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than October 4, 2021

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FESTA ITALIANA PRESENTS



BINGO ITALIANO

Zoom in March 19, 2021 7-9PM

**Festa Italiana Presents:
"Bingo Italiano" St.
Joseph's Day on Zoom**

Calling all "Friends of Festa" to join together for a night of Bingo featuring great prizes and featuring some of our favorite Italian entertainers such as Lenny Luzzi and Tony La Stella. There will be four rounds of Bingo plus a drawing for a Door Prize.

Date And Time: Friday, March 19, 2021

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Cost: \$20 for two Bingo cards (plus a \$2 service fee).

For more information and to buy tickets, please visit www.FestaSeattle.com.

ICoS Calendar

February 2021

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

March 2021

- 4th Trustee's Meeting
- 11th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- 19th St. Joseph's Day, "Bingo Italiano" **VIA ZOOM!**
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

April 2021

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 8th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2021

- 6th Trustee's Meeting
- 13th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2021

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
- June 25, 26, & 27 Portland Festa Italiana 2021 at Oaks Park

July 2021

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

August 2021

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

September 2021

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th & 26th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
- 27th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

October 2021

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 16th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2021

- 4th Trustee's Meeting
- TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 11th ICoS General Meeting
- CASA meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*
- 26th Thanksgiving

December 2021

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Christmas Day
- 27th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

January 2022

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

February 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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in March!

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