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\$25.00**



"St. Patrick's Day

in the Morning."

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## Mariners' Italian Heritage Night 2022

**By Martin Nigrelle**

The website is online and tickets are available! <https://mariners.com/italian> is our web site to purchase tickets for the discounted price, to ensure seating with our fellow Italian community members, and to get the custom give-away item.

The give-away item is a scarf (pictured) designed and manufactured just for those who buy their tickets via the web link or by specific contact with the designated groups' sales representative.

Ticket prices are \$34 each for the Main (field) level and \$22 each for the View level.

Mark your calendars! The Mariners host the Los Angeles Angels, for Mariner's Italian Heritage Night 2022, at 7:05 pm Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> inside T-Mobile Park.

## Message from the President

*Ciao Amici!*

Happy March!

We made it through February with no snow!! Yay! And now we can focus on SPRING.

We will continue to meet on zoom this month and next. The Board is discussing holding an outdoor meeting in June at Casa Italiana. I'll keep you posted.

Our 100 Year Celebration has been postponed until October. I am currently taking ticket reservations, and since there will be a limited number —of people that can attend, it would be advantageous to purchase your tickets soon.

Something else to look forward to will be Italian Heritage night at the Mariners on June 16!!!

I hope you'll attend the General Meetings on Zoom until we can meet again in person. I miss seeing all of your faces!!

*Con amore e affetto,*

**Audrey Manzanares**

## Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center

"Italian Cultural Center," "The Casa" as some are calling it, others just say "Casa." No matter how you say it, those of us working to transform the property in Burien into a place our community can use in the promotion and celebration of all forms of Italian Culture, want the community to know how thankful we are for the donations of money, time, and in-kind goods. This is a labor of love and those donations are vital to the progress of Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center. Please keep them coming – the journey continues. Grazie a tutti voi!

In the News: Change, Caffè, and Calendar.

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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 Manzanaras**

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

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

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

Picnic .....**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship .....**Amadeo Rossi**

### ("Casa Italiana" continued)

In mid-March, the change of use permit, to transform Casa's commercial building and property from retail use to that of public assembly, will be reviewed in a hearing held by the City of Burien. Keep your fingers crossed. The change is a serious milestone for Casa. When the permit is awarded and any attached conditions met, the Casa building will no longer be limited to a maximum of 50 people in the building and will open up the opportunity for club meetings and community events indoors. Once we have this status, our occupancy will be determined by the formula in place with the Fire Department. To qualify for this change we have engaged two different contractors to install the fire suppression system. One contractor has been busy installing the sprinkler system inside the building, and soon the second contractor will begin the work to bring a dedicated water line from the city main to feed just the sprinkler system.

The Casa Caffè has set new hours and has established an Aperitivo offering. Stop on by for a coffee and stick around for Happy Hour Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.

#### Casa Caffè Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am – 2pm

Please visit the Casa website. We are maintaining a calendar online for all to see. The calendar is dedicated to events throughout our community, not just activities at Casa. So whether you are looking for the next event, or have one to share, please check out the calendar online at:

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>

Don't see your event on the calendar yet? Please email: [info@CasaitalianaCC.org](mailto:info@CasaitalianaCC.org).

We look forward to seeing all of you at Casa!

**Sincerely,**  
**Martin Nigrelle**  
**President, Board of Directors**  
**Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center**

## Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

As of February 23rd, the Italian Club of Seattle had a roster of 167 members in good standing of which 113 have paid their dues for 2022. This is still a little behind where we were last year but on March 1st "past due" notices will be mailed out to those still in arrears. Please bear this in mind. If dues are not paid by April 15<sup>th</sup> you will not be listed in the new Roster which we haven't printed for several years.

In the meantime, don't forget to have a Caesar salad on March 15th (the Ides of March) and to celebrate St. Joseph's Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> by eating zeppole, scaringe, frittelle, or whatever you call them – as long as they are covered in powdered sugar!

## Health & Welfare

By Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

**Martin Nigrelle** notified me that **Maria Bellavia**, one of our former members, passed away recently. She joined the club in May of 2011 but stopped attending our meetings when we started meeting at St. Patrick's. She lived in Issaquah with family members. Our sympathies to her loved ones and may she rest in Peace.

We heard from **Chip Di Julio** who said, "I called Vantage Travel (4 trips previously) to check on a few details for our Amazon River trip March 13<sup>th</sup> (3 days after **Sigi's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday). JUST HOURS BEFORE MY CALL, I was told that Brazil closed their borders (to all flights/tourists). The trip isn't considered cancelled, but 'postponed' to the following year!?! Oh well, now more time for mowing, pruning, gardening, vacation house, etc." Chip plans on attending the Mariners' Italian Night. And since he'll be home maybe he'll get to watch 'March Madness' with Gonzaga (who is again #1) playing too. Sounds like Chip will adapt and keep himself busy in spite of the change in plans. Happy 80th to Sigi!

**Brian Di Julio** was happy to share that he had a successful surgery on the 8th of February when they removed a huge polyp from his sinus cavity that had been making it difficult for him to breathe. It was a two-hour surgery and they feel very thankful for the outcome. We can offer some prayers of thanks for Brian who is definitely feeling very fortunate.

**Sister Mary Di Julio** (right), at age 89, keeps herself pretty busy. Recently she came away with a mix of bronze, silver, and gold medals from the "mock" Olympics that were held at the senior residence where she lives in Spokane.

I would love to include news from more of our members but I can only share what you share with me. I appreciate that some of my family members send me their news but I am pretty sure there are more of you with activities you could share and reasons to request our prayers. It's fun to hear about what others are doing.

Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.





## Labor of Love Food.

By Joel Patience

Let's say you want to take it up a notch for Saint Valentine's Day or your Anniversary. Here is an easy recipe for such events. I call it "how-to impress your sweetheart" or, in the event they dare complain, "the other person at the table really is the real weenie!"



Get portabella mushrooms, as big as you can spread your hand. Use one or one-and-a-half per person.

Remove the stem and use a melon-baller to remove the contents forming a mushroom bowl. Place these mushroom carvings in a glass bowl, with a little less than equal parts

of chopped green pepper and chopped prawn (no shells).

Add some favorite mild-tasting cheese or, if someone is dairy sensitive, plant-based lightly smoked Gouda. This will be your binder for all the goodies.

Add some crushed garlic. Stir and lightly stuff each mushroom. Place in a Pyrex dish that can be covered or tented with foil.

Before covering, pour a little melted butter in each and a little water or dry white wine in the dish.

Bake at 300° F degrees for about forty minutes.

Serve with dry white wine or Prosecco.



## Italian Community Hall – 2022 Scholarship

By Martin Nigrelle

Members of The Italian Club of Seattle who are currently students themselves, parents, or grandparents of an eligible student, are encouraged to apply for the scholarship set to be awarded by the Casa Italiana – Italian Community Hall (the "old Casa").

The scholarship is for \$1,000 dollars and is to be awarded for the current school year. Applications are due no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The scholarship form and related documentation are too large for the club newsletter. The scholarship details will be posted on the new Casa website ASAP. Until then, anyone interested in the full details and the application should send an email to: [martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com). Please put CASA SCHOLARSHIP (all caps to make it stand out) in the subject line.

## 2022-2023 Scholarship – Application Form

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding one, One-Thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) scholarship. The scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year will be awarded to the student who is selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below). As in years' past, the better the GPA, the better chance of scholarship award.

### Next steps in the scholarship process:

- April 01, 2022 – Application Submittal Window Opens
- May 31, 2022 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2022 – Award Recipient determined in the June board meeting
- September 2022 – Recipient published in the *il Ficcanso* and presented at the General Meeting
- October 2022 – Scholarship payment made to the school on behalf of the recipient

### The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. A parent or grandparent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club of Seattle for at least three years.
2. The applicant (student) is enrolled in high school grade 12, or subsequent year at a state accredited, Trade School, College, and/or University, for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (with official transcript).
4. Each applicant must write a letter talking about themselves and extra-curricular activities in which he/she is participating.
5. The scholarship is applicable to state accredited Trade School, College, and/or University.
6. The student must be enrolled in and in pursuit of a certificate, license, and/or degree.
7. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 and no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.
8. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

### 2022/2023 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application form

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Parent(s) and/or Grandparent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Trade School, College, or four-year University Applicant will be attending in the 2022/2023 School year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the High School the applicant is currently attending (2021-2022 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 Scholarship Chair  
P.O. Box 9549  
Seattle, WA 98109-0549



*100 Years*

*1920-2020*

*You're Invited*

*To*

*The Italian Club of Seattle  
Centennial Celebration*

*Saturday, October 15, 2022*

*5:30pm*

*Washington Athletic Club*

*Dinner and Dancing with  
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

*\$100 per person*

*Reservations no later than September 24, 2022*

*Contact*

*Audrey Manzanares*

*206-779-7325*

*amanzanares@live.com*

*Cocktail Attire*

*No Host Bar*

*Limited free parking available*

**Please Note  
New Date:**

## ICoS Calendar

### March 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting (via Zoom)
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

### April 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

### May 2022

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

### June 2022

- 9th ICoS General Meeting (at Burien CASA - Tentative)
- 16th Italian Heritage night, M's versus LA Angels

### July 2022

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

### August 2022

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

### September 2022

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 4th Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs.
- 8th ICoS General Meeting
- 16th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club
- 17th Traditional Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church

### Sept. 2022 (Cont'd.)

- 24th & 25th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
- 26th Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

### October 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 15th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

### November 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

### December 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

### January 2023

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

### February 2023

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

## 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 color, is posted at: <http://italianclubofseattle.org/newsletter.html>. Save a tree and postage – Go Digital!

## In-Person Meetings and Crab Feed

In-person meetings and the annual Crab Feed are still off the table at the present time.

While tentative at this time, we have asked the "new" Casa in Burien to hold the date of June 9th for us.

**The February Zoom Attendance Door Prize of \$25 was won by Joe Picciano. Congratulations!**

**View the All-Community Calendar at:**

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>



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