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

**Remember our Veterans
on Memorial Day!**



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MAY MEETING CANCELLED

by Dennis Caldirola

I regret to announce that once again in the interest of public safety, the President and Board of Trustees of the Italian Club of Seattle have voted to cancel the General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14th at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

Due to conflicts with other Italian-American clubs and associations, this General Meeting will not be re-scheduled, so God willing we will see you Thursday, June 11th. The Attendance Jackpot (Door Prize) will now go up to \$200. Woohoo!

As I announced last month, I personally will not be in the Italian Club office until further notice, so all Italian Club and Festa Italiana business will be conducted by telephone or online. My cell number is (206) 631-1950 or you may still leave a voice mail at (206) 282-0627 and I will return your call.

If you are one of the 18 members who have not yet paid your dues for 2020 and you were planning to bring them to the meeting, please remit them instead to P.O. Box 9549, Seattle, WA 98109. In theory, the deadline has passed but your il Ficcanaso for May could be your last.

Thank you, Happy Mother's Day, and please pray for the families of those who have succumbed to this virus.



Message from the President

Hello Everyone. I hope my greetings find you healthy, well, and in good spirits. Here at the Italian Club we like to think of ourselves as one big family.

Be sure to check the Scholarship application and let Amadeo know before the window closes on May 31st. I hope all of you receive the e-mails that Dennis sends out regarding our monthly meetings. As you know there will be no May meeting. We will keep you up to date on any changes that are made.

In closing, as my brother Mike would always say, "Be Careful."

Take care everyone and God Bless. Happy Mother's Day!

God Bless all the medical professionals and caregivers as well.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Bylaws..... **TBD**

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

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

Day at the Races**Joe Galluccio**

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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**

Scholarship**Amadeo Rossi**

Secretary's Report

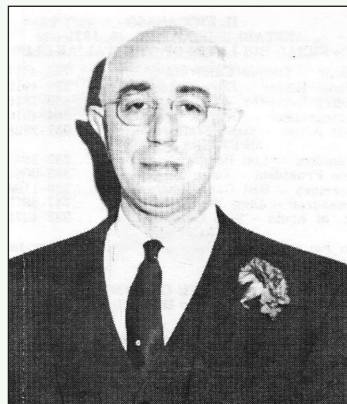
By Dennis Caldirola

Traditionally, as we approach May 1st, as per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears for their annual dues is dropped from the roster. Since the COVID-19 crisis created the anomaly of many missed meetings this year, the Board has decided to extend the payment of dues by one month to May 15, 2020.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 183 members. As of April 22nd, 165 have paid their dues leaving 18 who have not yet responded. If you are one of those 19, your il Ficcanaso this month has a special warning attached that your membership is in jeopardy.

At the same time, let me announce that as per President Anna's directive, the publication of the 2020 Centennial Members Roster has been put on hold until October.

Albert Vena, ICoS 7th President



1973 Interview by Dennis Caldirola

Our seventh president, Albert Vena, set himself apart from the other early leaders of the Italian Club by serving three terms of office separated by as much as seven years. President in 1929, 1930 and 1937, Al further distinguished himself by being in office when the Casa Italiana was first purchased, and by devoting himself for so many years to the publication of this

very newspaper.

Albert, the son of Nicola Vena, was born in Seattle on December 28, 1898, and first resided at 1325 6th Avenue where the Washington Athletic Club now stands. His family then moved to 11th and Denny Way from which Al subsequently attended Broadway High School. In 1914, while still in school, Al started working nights at the Art Printing Company which his brother Mike had founded February 22nd of that year. The print shop was located at 412 4th Avenue, and upon graduation from school, Al entered there fulltime as a partner with Mike and their other brother George. This **7th President continues on page 4**

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

I have to admire how well people seem to be handling the isolation and challenges of all the restrictions placed on us these past weeks. **Anna Popovich** tells me that when she gets tired of being in-doors she just gets in the car and drives around. She's been exploring Seattle where she's lived all her life and has been finding some interesting places. She ended up in Ballard one day and ran into the North Beach area near Golden Gardens. I wondered if she ever gets lost or if she has a GPS in her car or on her phone to guide her. I love her attitude. She said "I just follow the sound on one side and the lake on the other and head south, eventually I get to downtown Seattle and can easily find my way home from there." She's a brave adventurer! **Angela & Bill Wright, Mimi & Gary Schultz, Carmen & Jim Sepic**, like many others I've talked to, head out for a walk each day.

Linda Madrid is anxious for the social ban to be lifted so that she can get over and squeeze the cute little guy (at right). She wrote: "This is my sweet grandson Bodie Frederick Dugger. He just turned five months on the fifth (of March). He's my only grandchild, and the apple of my eye. We've been Face timing. Thank God for modern technology. Can't wait to get my hands on him. It's a wonder I can do what I do. I was rear ended at the end of January and I've been laid up with head issues since February. It could have been worse. Walking with a walker, my balance is way off. Can't go anywhere anyhow. Other than that we're doing well. Hope all is well with you. All the best. Linda Madrid." We are so sorry about the accident and pray that Linda will heal soon and also that she can cuddle with this darling little Bodie.



Judy Lewis had been sick with stomach issues for at least a month. When she finally saw a doctor she learned that she tested positive for the COVID-19. **Jerry** is still recovering from back surgery and it wasn't so long ago that Judy was dealing with leg and back problems. So I think they could use our prayers for greatly improved health.

Karen Gazarek Bianchi reported: "I am still out at my place on the Canal & am doing fine. I am doing FaceTime with family & taking piano lessons via Zoom & paying bills online with a device that lets me feed off my smartphone hot spot. Not too bad for a mid-century radio theater gal!"

Chip Di Julio shared: "I had my knee replacement cancelled March 24th so waiting for a new date. Bad time of year due to 3 houses, 2 acres here to mow, veg garden, flower beds, still working, etc. If I could make it, I'd postpone to Feb. Went to son Nick's for his Swedish wife Annica's 50th (back lawn & distancing) & oldest son Loyd w/wife Jenny. Past weekend went to our Blue Lake (Grant County) house for 2 nights, mowing lawn, etc. Then drove to daughter Simone's estate on the Methow River for one night. Then drove back Hiway 2 for a different return. Leavenworth was DEAD except for the Safeway store! We had a 10 yard dump truck drop both compost & mulch. Sigi shoveled most of it into our flower beds. Took weeks but it's all gone! Nice that

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Health & Welfare (continued)

she's retired now (78!). Planting vegetables now along with more flowers. #2 sibling (oldest of 6 boys), below only sister Margaret (IC member) has asked to use our "estate" for their 50th anniversary in early August. So we have even more reasons than normal to fix up our Brier grounds. P.S. no animals now for the first time in 45 years! Parakeet finally dropped." Sounds like Sigi is in great shape and Chip is not doing too bad for someone who needs a new knee. Hope you can hold off until February.

Tina Conforti sent information regarding an urgent need in Milan, Italy as a result of the COVID-19 virus. The Capuchin Brothers are seeking donations to help the widows & children. To donate directly to the monks who are working with the impoverished families just go to: <https://www.missioni.org/progetti/salute-e-nutrizione/emergenza-camerun/>.

Happy Mother's Day. Maybe by May 10th they will have lifted the stay at home order, allowed restaurants to open and Moms will be treated to a meal out to celebrate – that is, if you can get a reservation at any of the newly re-opened restaurants.

7th President (continued)

fraternal enterprise was to remain Albert's career for the remainder of his life, in total, some fifty-six years.

In 1923 Al met Katherine Varalli whom he married on March 6, 1926, and in 1930, when Al was President, "Katie" entered the Ladies Auxiliary where she has been active ever since. In fact, it was she who one night suggested that Al name the Italian Club bulletin "*il Ficcanaso*," or "a nosy person," and that is the name it has retained to this day.

Albert continued to publish *il Ficcanaso* until his death on February 5, 1969. His industry, his dedication to his family, as well as five continuous decades of contribution to his community should stand as mementos of a life certainly deserving of emulation.

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. Full details including eligibility, the award, application process, and the Scholarship Application are available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/skjb8qu>.

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2020-2021 Scholarship Application

By Amadeo Rossi, Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding a single \$1,000.00 dollar scholarship. The scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year will be awarded to the student who is selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship qualifications (noted below). As in years past; the better the GPA, the better chance of a scholarship award.

Steps in the scholarship process:

- April 1, 2020 – Application submission window opens.
- May 31, 2020 – Application submission window closes, application verification.
- June 2020 – Award Recipient determined, all applicants notified of their status.
- September 2020 – Award Recipient published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting.
- October 2020 – Scholarship payment made to the school on behalf of the recipient.

The qualifications the recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. Parents must be in good standing for three years.
2. G.P.A must be 3.0 or above.
3. Scholarship is paid specifically for tuition, directly to a state accredited High School the recipient attends.
4. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00.
5. The scholarship is applied only for the regular school years 9-12.

2020/2021 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

(Completed Applications must be postmarked no earlier than April 1, 2020 and no later than May 31, 2020.)

Applicant's name: _____

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

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2020/2021 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 (2019-2020 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 Amadeo Rossi
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

ICoS Calendar

May 2020

- No Trustee or General meeting this month
25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
6th ~~WSICC Dinner Show,~~
POSTPONED
11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
18th Italian Night at the Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals
26-28 Portland's Festa Italiana, Oaks Amusement Park

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

August 2020

- No Trustee or General Meeting this month
10th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
16th Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
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

September (Cont'd)

- 25th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center, 7-10pm
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, Angelo's in Burien
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
9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM
25th Input Deadline for February *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).

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