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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 even more missed meetings this year, the Board has decided to extend the payment of dues by one more month to May 15, 2021.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 179 members. As of April 22nd, 153 have paid their dues leaving 26 who have not yet responded. If you are one of those 26, your *il Ficcanaso* this month has a special warning attached that your membership is in jeopardy.

Although there is light at the end of the tunnel, these are still difficult times for organizations. Please help us out and stay in the Club.

I must also announce that, as per President Anna's directive, the publication of the 2020 Centennial Members Roster, already a year late, has now been put on hold until May of 2022.

In the meantime, Happy Mother's Day to All.

Message from the President

Hello Everyone.

What a beautiful Spring we're having. I've planted my pots early and it's so nice to look outside my porch and see them blooming. The trees are beautiful and it makes you feel so good just seeing the beauty around us.

Our next Zoom meeting will be on May 13th at 6:00 PM. Our big winner at the April meeting was Steve Throckmorton. A link will be sent to you by email so you can participate in the meeting.

We will have to wait and see what's going to take place in the coming months with any restrictions that may apply to our monthly meetings. I know everyone is anxious to get together and I'm sure the majority of our members have been vaccinated. We will keep all members updated on any changes.

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

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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Bylaws..... **TBD**

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**

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & Angela Di Julio Wright

Phyllis (Centioli) & Bruce Biesold celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 29th. They were married at Mt. Virgin Church with Father Geis. Happy Anniversary and many blessings to them and their family in the years ahead.

Brenda Elliott is asking for prayers for the repose of the soul of her sister, Donna Marie. She passed away on April 15, 2021; only 57 years old. She was a sweet and loving soul and will be missed immensely. Brenda says thank you to all the Seattle Italian Club members. We are so sorry for her most recent loss, especially after Todd's death in December.

Chip Di Julio shared that he went turkey hunting with his daughter's family recently. His son-in-law got a 'tom' while at Blue Lake (over the 25th) the opener of trout season. Says Chip: "four nice fish (caught) by my guest." Sounds like Chip keeps himself busy with some fun and healthy activities.

John Brondello reported: "Our son, Johnny Brondello, graduates from Montana State University this coming weekend (May 1st). He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has a job lined up in the Seattle area (in his field!!)." Congrats!!! How great to be able to find what you want and in the area where you want to be. Good luck in the years ahead.

I think we all appreciate hearing from and about our members and we're happy to add you to our prayer intentions if you request them. Thanks to all of you who are so good about contributing your news.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day (thank God for those who have given themselves for our country). Stay well.

Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center Update:

**By Martin Nigrelle, President
Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center**

Hello from the Casa!

Just a quick note to share the continued progress being made onsite.

Since the first annual Food drive:

The construction company has moved out of the space just south of the Casa. We have conditioned the same area as additional parking.

We have opened the Casa Caffè. The grand opening was well attended with a line out the door full of intent to get coffee & pastries. Stop on by it's open Tuesday through Sunday. There is "socially distanced" seating in & outside of the building.

Easily seen & now easily accessed:

New signage has been installed in the big street facing sign, goodbye "London House," Hello Casa Italiana! Thanks to Mike Albanese who donated time & materials to install the new lower sign! Thanks also go out to Maureen Hoffman who has been extremely helpful in creating the Casa logo & generating print/camera ready graphics required. To top it off, she worked with the sign company to facilitate the signage that has gone up in & outside of Casa.

We have removed/reconfigured the chain link fence to allow for easier access, more parking, & and a much more inviting look to the property.

Building exterior & outdoor lighting in general have been added or fixed. In conjunction with the moving of the fences, new light fixtures have been installed & set up to light up the property @ night. Fingers crossed, so far no issues have occurred on the property since the fences have been moved.

Old overgrown plants have been either trimmed back or outright removed. New plants & trees have been planted & privacy scrim hung on the fence line shared with our neighbors to the east.

The main building has been treated for re-painting & we are in the process of applying the initial coat of primer to the building, weather permitting, we hope to have the new paint in place by the end of May.

Good news in tax time:

For those of you who donated after *("Casa Italiana..." continues on page 4)*

("*Casa Italiana*" continued)

September 29th, 2020, the Casa has received confirmation from the IRS of approval of the 501c3 charitable organization status. Donations made any time after the incorporation of the new Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center are tax deductible!

We look forward to the end of the pandemic when we all can begin to engage socially in the real world face-to-face, and the full potential of the Casa can be utilized.

Stay tuned for more news...



It's official! Festa Italiana has been approved to host a "Live" Italian Festival at Seattle Center this year on Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26, 2021. The exciting part is that this will be the first ethnic and cultural festival to be held at Seattle Center in nearly two years. In other words, this event should be huge! Details are still being finalized but in all probability, most of the event will be outdoors with an emphasis on Cooking Demos, Food Booths, the All-Italian Dog Show and an expanded Classic Italian Vehicles Exhibit. Naturally, all of our favorite singers and musical groups will be on hand to entertain you as well. More information coming in the June issue of il Ficcanaso so, watch this space!

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2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- June 1, 2021 – Application submission window opens.
- June 30, 2021 – Application submission window closes, application verification.
- July 2021 – Award Recipient determined, all applicants notified of their status.
- September 2021 – Award Recipient published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented at the General Meeting.
- October 2021 – 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.

2021/2022 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

(Completed Applications must be postmarked no earlier than May 1, 2020 and no later than June 30, 2021.)

Applicant's name: _____

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

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2021/2022 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 (2010-2021 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
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5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

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Contact

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

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ICoS Calendar

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
- 18th Festa Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church (**Tentative**)
- 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
- 12th Annual Christmas party combined with WSICC at Rainier Golf & Country Club (**Tentative**)
- 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*

March 2022

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

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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Juneau Street, Seattle, WA
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