

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

May 11, 2023
6:00 PM
CASA Italiana
Burien, WA



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Message from the President

Buona Festa Della Mamma a tutte le mamme, nonne e zie!!

I am so happy Spring is finally here. The flowers are blooming, the sky is a beautiful shade of blue rather than grey and the sun has been out. Everyone is so cheerful!

We had a good meeting in April, and I am looking forward to another one on Thursday May 11. A lot of discussion surrounding meeting days and times (see additional article) as well as our participation at Festa Italiana hosting the Sausage Booth. If you have opinions on either or both as well as the option of having a Christmas celebration/party, please reach out to me with your comments/concerns/opinions. This is YOUR club and we as a board want to do what is favored by the majority. A lot of decisions have to be made this month so the more input we have the better.

My email is amanzanares@live.com and phone # 206-779-7325.

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Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

Good news! As of April 25th, the Italian Club of Seattle now has a roster of 152 members of which 138 have paid their dues for 2023. Because of the fiasco at the Postal Service where many of you had your dues returned - some several times - a few envelopes are still trickling in. In fact, if you did mail your dues and have not received a signed membership card by now, you can safely assume we never received it. Please send it again. In fact, just this morning, I received a check from Gemma & Jerome Thielges dated March 16, 2023. When I looked at the envelope, it was postmarked "ATLANTA!" Apparently, it has been crisscrossing the country for the last six weeks.

Finally, one of the leading items on the agenda for the April meeting was a discussion on how we should schedule meetings going forward. The success of the Sunday meetings in the darkest months of the calendar had led us to consider several possibilities, including

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Festa Italiana Luncheon

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Mariner Baseball Night....Martin Nigrelle

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(President's Message continued)

Don't forget to get your tickets to Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners on June 27. See Marty's column for more information.

A big thank you to Linda Desimone for bringing cookies to the meetings each month. They are always so tasty I look forward to them each time.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Enjoy the warmer days!

Con amore ed affetto,

Audrey

(Secretary's Message continued)

not having a meeting in December, and adding one in August. Elsewhere in this issue, there is a calendar of the dates and times we came up with at the meeting. Please read it and VOTE on whether you approve or not. A simple email to President Audrey will suffice although if you vote "NO," please tell us why.

Tanti Auguri di una buona e felice Festa della Madre



T-Mobile Park, Be There!

by Martin Nigrelle

Tuesday June 27th 2023. Where will you be?

Hopefully sitting amongst friends, family & other members of the local Italian & Italian-American Community inside T-Mobile Park for the annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night.

The event attendees will be receiving a customized apron as the give-away item. The apron includes two front pockets and adjustable neck strap, one size fits all. (see picture)

The Mariners will host the Washington Nationals. Come on out to the ball park, enjoy a discounted ticket price, sitting with your friends, and the free apron.

To ensure you are included in the special offer, tickets can be purchased online at: <http://mariners.com/italian>

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Brian Di Julio has requested prayers for an upcoming surgery called DBS (Deep Brain Stimulation). He & wife **Barbara** will be driving to Utah for the surgery in hopes that it might relieve some of the symptoms of his Parkinson's disease.

Linda Pagni Desimone wrote: "My younger sister, Mary, and I just returned from Sacramento where we visited with three relatives unknown to us before, that we had on my Dad's side of the family! It was so wonderful hearing family stories we had not heard before, getting to know them, and finding out we had so much in common. We are going to make this reunion with them an annual event. Thank you Ancestry. Com for finding them!"

Dale Bonn and **Joel Patience** went skiing at Timberline in Mount Hood. It was their first skiing trip in five years. It snowed one inch every hour for the five days prior to their arrival. Most of the runs have Italian names. Dale & Joel also attended the Nordic Film Festival over the weekend of 4/20/23 shown in Ballard. Also worthy of note, during the month of April, Cascadia Art Museum (190 Sunset Ave. in Edmonds, open Wed. - Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) featured watercolor artist Joel Patience. His watercolor prints and greeting cards are still available in the Museum gift shop.

Bill and Angela Wright enjoyed a week's stay at Pend Oreille Shores Resort in Hope, Idaho, followed by a few days in Spokane. They were able to spend time with some of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and they were able to visit **Sister Mary Lou Di Julio** as well.

Happy Mothers' Day to Moms, Grandmoms, Stepmoms, etc. Maybe we'll have some sunshine on May 14th to help honor our mothers, both living & deceased.



Make a donation to Festa Italiana and/or The Casa on GiveBig Day coming up.

[GiveBig to Festa Italiana - the Italian Festival - Click Here.](#)

[Casa Italiana - Italian Cultural Center | Washington Gives \(wagives.org\)](#)

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN May 15, 2023

Please send entries to:

**Casa Italiana Scholarship Committee
C/O The Italian Cultural Center
PO Box 48232
Burien, WA 98148**

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Sponsoring Member: _____ Sponsoring Club(s): _____

Attachments:

Two Letters of Recommendations

Three short essays (see required topics)

Attachment or Separate Submission to the address above:

Most Recent Transcript

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to pursue a degree in higher education or a vocational certificate. I understand that if selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my enrollment in an accredited institution and that funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

After the success of welcoming so many attendees to the Sunday meetings last winter, it was discussed among the board to change our meeting dates to the following to accommodate more members. All of the proposed dates would be hybrid – in person at Casa Italiana and virtually on Zoom

Things to note: July and December would be off months – no meetings. We did take into account Football Season and the Superbowl.

Please email or call Audrey with your vote. amanzanares@live.com or (206) 779-7325.

Thursday April 13, 2023, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm

Thursday May 11, 2023, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm

Thursday June 8, 2023, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm

Thursday August 10, 2023, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm

Thursday September 14, 2023, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm

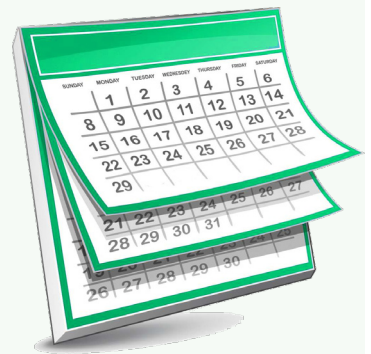
Thursday October 12, 2023, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm

Sunday November 12, 2023, dinner at 3:00, meeting at 3:30 pm

Sunday January 14, 2024, dinner at 3:00, meeting at 3:30 pm

Sunday February 4, 2024, dinner at 3:00, meeting at 3:30 pm

Thursday March 10, 2024 dinner at 6:00 meeting at 6:30 pm



FEDERICO P.



Federico is a 17-year-old boy from Italy.

Federico enjoys football, going to the gym, motocross, biking, and skiing. At home he belongs to a football club and he would like to try many different American sports during his exchange including, hockey and basketball. Federico is also interested in mechanics, and in his spare time he enjoys photography and cooking. Federico hopes to improve his English, experience new places and culture. He is excited to make new friends and develop a close relationship with his host family.



www.edutrav.org

This organization will have a booth at Festa this year.

Please note that by "football," they mean "soccer."

Casa Italiana – Italian Cultural Center – May Update

by Martin Nigrelle

We recently hosted our 3rd annual Food drive, this year in partnership with the West Seattle Food Bank. The West Seattle Food Bank turned out to be a great partner, in that they were able to bring their vehicle to our site for collection day.

The Fire Suppression system is all connected! This milestone represents about \$250,000 & the work of engineers, architects, multiple contractors & the Casa facility team. This achievement is a keystone to our opportunity to host larger indoor events with the blessings of the Fire District & thereby our insurance company. Onward & Upward.

Speaking of Upward, Great News! Casa has secured a private loan that ensures we can begin to move forward with the work to make the upstairs a viable part of the Casa. The loan in place, means our General Contractor can begin the process in earnest to address the planning & strategic requirements of the construction, for the space upstairs.

To be clear, we can still use the charity & generosity of the community, the requirements to build out the space, install an elevator, & a commercial grade kitchen are not cheap & cutting corners is not an option when the safety of our patrons & community are at stake. We are indeed thankful for all that we have received!

Casa Italiana is once again a member of the Washington Gives/Give Big Campaign, the more we can raise through this charitable effort, the greater the chance we can get extra funds from the Give Big organization.

[Casa Italiana - Italian Cultural Center | Washington Gives \(wagives.org\)](http://www.wagives.org)



Italy's Ensemble Sangineto trio skillfully blends ancient harmonies with modern rhythms, the traditional and the contemporary. The band members' solo experiences create fresh arrangements of traditional Irish, Scottish, Breton & Italian tunes. Their original pieces display influences from genres ranging from classical to folk, Gregorian chant to musical, pop to Celtic music. The magical tones of the harp, bowed psaltery, and guitar intermingle with vocal harmonies and blend to create an experience uplifting and enchanting. The ensemble is in concert at Phinney Hall, Saturday May 20th, 7:30pm; tickets, info at <https://www.seafolklore.org/events/ensemble-sangineto-live-at-the-phinney-center>.

ICoS Calendar

May 2023

4th Trustee's Meeting
11th ICoS General Meeting
14th Mother's Day
26th Input Deadline for June
il Ficcanso June 2023
29th Memorial Day

June 2023

8th ICoS General Meeting
18th Father's Day
27th Italian Heritage Night at the
Mariners

July 2023

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanso* this month

August 2023

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

September 2023

3rd Italian Day at the Races,
Emerald Downs. First race 2 PM.
4th Labor Day
7th Trustee's Meeting
14th ICoS General Meeting
TBD Festa Mass in Italian
TBD Festa Luncheon, SYC
23rd & 24th Festa Italiana Italian
Festival, Seattle Center 25th
Input Deadline for September
il Ficcanso

October 2023

12th ICoS General Meeting
27th Input Deadline for November
il Ficcanso

November 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day
Parade
9th ICoS General Meeting
23rd Thanksgiving
27th Input Deadline for December
il Ficcanso

December 2023

TBD ICoS General Meeting
TBD Casa Italiana Christmas Bake
25th Christmas Day Sale
26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

January 2024

5th Trustee's Meeting
TBD ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for February
il Ficcanso

February 2024

4th ICoS General Meeting
11th Superbowl
14th Valentine's Day
23rd Input Deadline for March
il Ficcanso
24th Crab Feed

March 2024

7th Trustee's Meeting
10th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for April
il Ficcanso

April 2024

11th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanso*

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

May General Meeting
will be held at 6 pm,
Thursday, May 11, 2023
followed by meeting & prize
drawings at
Casa Italiana, 13028 1st
Ave S, Burien, WA 98168

Trustee Meetings:

First Thursday of odd
numbered months, except
July

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

[www.casaitalianacc.org/
calendar/public/](http://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/)



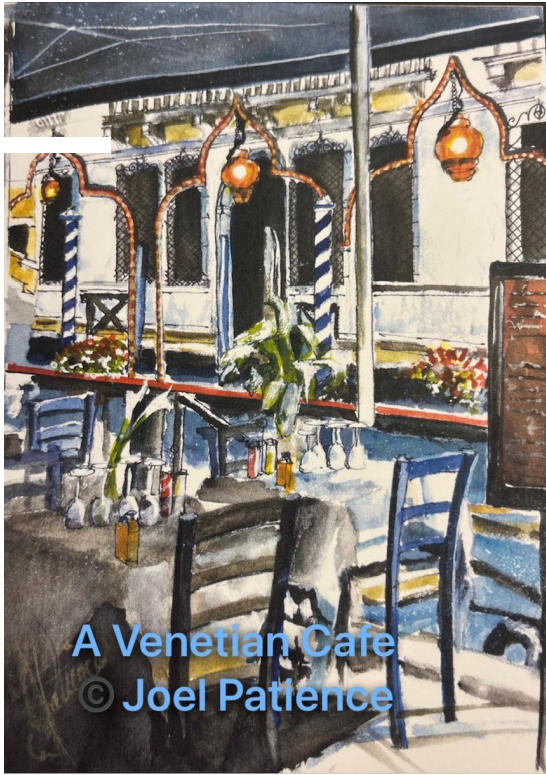
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