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**General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
November 14th, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

**St. Patrick's  
Parish Hall**



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## Italian Club Elections

**By Dorothy I. Miori Whitney**

The Nominating Committee met the last week in September, 2019. The committee included Dorothy I. Miori Whitney, Chairwoman; Anna Popovich, President; and Brian DiJulio, Past President.

At this time the committee would like to place in nomination the following for the 2020 officers.

**PRESIDENT: ANNA POPOVICH**

**VICE PRESIDENT: AMADEO ROSSI**

**SECRETARY: DENNIS CALDIROLA**

**TREASURER: JOSEPH GALLUCCIO**

**EX-OFFICIO: AUDREY  
MANZANARES**

**TRUSTEES:** Returning for their second year of service are:

**BARBARA GALLUCCIO**

**MARTIN NIGRELLE**

**FRANCIS ROSSI**

All positions are open except for the returning Trustees for their second year.

## Message from the President

Hello everyone.

It was a busy October with all the functions being well attended. Thank you to all who took charge and made your event successful.

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Rainier Golf and Country Club, along with Westside Italian Civic Club. The date is December 1st and the cost is \$55.00. I will be taking reservations at our next meeting, November 14th, or you can contact me. Donations are always accepted. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The children's Christmas party that is held jointly with Seattle Fedele Sons of Italy will be held at St. John's in Seattle on North 80th Street on December 14th. As usual, volunteer help is always welcomed. We have to get a count of how many will be attending so let me know as soon as possible.

The Past Presidents and board members annual dinner will be held at Mamma Melina's on December 3rd at 6:30. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

Nominations for board members for the coming year will be conducted by Dorothy Whitney at our November meeting. Please consider running.

In closing, I would like to say to all veterans, "Thank You for your service." God Bless and Take Care!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

**Anna Popovich**

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### Committee Chairs

Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

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 Manzanares**

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

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

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

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

Scholarship ..... **Diana Kaczor**

## Secretary's Report

*By Dennis Caldirola*

November 1, 2019 – The 32nd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center was again a big success this year. Festa Italiana would like to thank all of the volunteers for their many hours of hard work, especially the members of the Italian Club of Seattle and their friends and family members who labored in the Italian Sausage Booth, the Italian Club Booth and the Festa Information Booth. *Grazie tanto, tutti quanti!*



## WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Scott Fitzpatrick and Marty Nigrelle.

The Birthday Winner for October: No one born in October was present.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by: Dennis Caldirola, Monte Marchetti, Jerome Thielges (2x), Terry Sacco (3x), Anna Popovich, Dick Whitney, Bruno Peranzi (3x), Whitney Wheeler, Linda Madrid (2x), Marty Nigrelle (2x), Sally Leittem-Pierotti, and Audrey Manzanares.

Progressive Prize of \$25 was won by Bill Picchena who was present, so the jackpot remains at \$25.

## Famous Italians Born in November

Lou Ferrigno (9th)	John Basilone (9th)
Ellen Pompeo (10th)	Randy Savage (15th)
Mantovani (15th)	Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio (17th)
Brenda Vaccaro (18th)	Joel McHale (20th)
Emilio Pucci (20th)	Franco Nero (23rd)
Lucky Luciano (24th)	G. Gordon Liddy (30th)

## Health & Welfare

*by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright*

**Linda Madrid** LOVES Christmas and shared that she decorates their home with six Christmas trees. She has one that's about two feet high decorated with high heeled shoes in memory of her Mom who sold shoes at Chandler's and later at Nordstrom. Her Mom lived with them the last six years of her life. Then there's her Italian tree, all dedicated to Italy, i.e., Italian flag, various Italian ornaments. She has one tree dedicated to husband **Don Gulden** with Husky decor since he's a U of W grad, and also with squirrels since he likes to feed the squirrels. She puts up a ten-foot tree in their bedroom where they have 15-foot ceilings. That tree is white with all red decorations. They also have a three-foot high red nutcracker in there. She considers the eight-foot tree in their living room as their "main" tree. It's aqua and bronze with blond ornaments and topped with pheasant feathers. They have a garland and a wreath to match. As you come in the front door there's a six-foot tall white flocked tree, no ornaments on it, but about 1,000 white lights. There is also a three-foot high nutcracker next to that tree. She also has nativity sets and other Christmas decorations throughout the house. Linda admits that preparing for Christmas at their home takes time, but she starts early, has someone that comes in and works with her, and she thoroughly enjoys it. The Christmas season is very festive at their home. Buon Natale!

**Audrey Manzanares** shared that her "sweet little friend, Rafael" died on Sunday, October 6th. He had developed pneumonia and was in a nursing home when he passed. He had attended Christ Our Hope Church in Seattle. Our prayers for Raphael are that our loving God has welcomed him with open arms into the Eternal Peace of Heaven. We send our sympathies to Audrey who will greatly miss her dear friend. Audrey also reported that her daughter Marissa graduated in June from The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. Congrats to Marissa! And praise to Audrey for two successful home sales closings in September. Good work!

**Ron Roletto** was not at our October meeting. He had reported that he was in Winnemucca, Nevada. Just the name makes it sound like a place we ought to visit!

Member **Jane Di Julio Hall** has been broken-hearted since the death of her only sister Kathy Di Julio after a struggle with an auto immune disease. Kathy died on October 7th and was 71 yrs. old. She was the daughter of Ben Di Julio and a first cousin to Angela and me. Our sympathies to Jane. It's always painful to lose someone close to us.

We heard from **Angelo & Mary Merlino** who said, "We had a wonderful cruise to Australia last February and visited all the sites. Now we return to Honolulu for the winter." So nice to hear about their routine – sounds like they really enjoy life.

**Deanna Dent** reported that her daughter (member) **Clarisse Dent** has been promoted to Sales at the Renton Dunn Lumber. If anyone goes there, she is now inside and not in the lumber yard. Deanna also reports that, "I am very busy with my 25 piano students. I had two lovely trips to California to see cousins on my Italian side and had a great time." Congrats to Clarisse on her promotion. A lesson to other young people that if you work hard and stay with a job, you just might earn a promotion.

*(Health & Welfare continues on page 4)*

## **Health & Welfare (continued)**

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I hope you enjoy some time with family. And think about coming to the meeting on November 14th. Doug mentioned he might be serving a turkey dinner that evening! And I would imagine there will be a turkey drawing too.

## **Your Ad or Business Card**

**Here!**

**See Joe or Barbara**

**Galluccio**

## **Crab Feed — Save the Date!**

Saturday, February 29th, 2020 is the Italian Club of Seattle's annual Crab Feed at St. Alphonsus.

More information in the December issue of your *il Ficcanaso*!

## **100th Anniversary — Save the Date!**

Saturday, April 25th, 2020 is the celebration of the Italian Club of Seattle's 100th Year which will be at the Washington Athletic Club

More information coming soon in your *il Ficcanaso*!

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## Governor Albert Dean Rosellini

Albert Dean Rosellini (January 21, 1910 – October 10, 2011) was an American politician, the 15th governor of the state of Washington for two terms, from 1957 to 1965, and was the first Italian American and Roman Catholic governor elected west of the Mississippi River.

During a political career that spanned 40 years, Rosellini was an activist leader who worked to reform the state's prisons and mental health facilities, expand the state highway system, create the University of Washington's medical and dental schools, and build the second floating bridge across Lake Washington.

Rosellini is the longest-lived U.S. state governor ever, having reached the age of 101 years, 262 days.

Born in Tacoma, Washington, Rosellini was the only son of Italian immigrants, Annunziata (Pagni) and Giovanni Rosellini, a saloon operator. He worked his way through college and law school at the University of Washington, graduating in 1933 with his classmate Hugh J. Rosellini (no relation), a childhood friend and later state Supreme Court justice.

At the age of 29, Rosellini was elected to the state senate as its youngest member, representing the 33rd district in south Seattle, the home of many Italian immigrants. A New Deal Democrat, Rosellini served from 1939 to 1957, and rose to the rank of majority leader. He was elected governor in 1956.

As governor, Rosellini coupled personal charm with decades of political know-how, developing a reputation for decisiveness and ability to move ahead on long-stalled projects. Don Hannula, longtime political columnist for *The Seattle Times*, wrote in 1996, "He was not a man of empty rhetoric. He got things done. His legacy is everywhere." In his 1997 biography, *Rosellini, Immigrant's Son and Progressive Governor*, author Payton Smith wrote: "He was attracted to issues where progress could be made and measured . . . Budget reform, economic development, transportation, higher education and institutions were the core matters to which he devoted his talent and governmental know-how."

He shepherded construction of the former longest floating bridge in the world, the original Evergreen Point Floating Bridge, which opened in 1963 and carried State Route 520 over Lake Washington from Seattle to Medina. After 53 years of service, it was replaced by a new floating bridge at the same site in 2016. The original bridge was later named after him, and its replacement also bears his name. In addition, he was a tireless supporter of higher education, strengthening the state university system and developing a system of junior colleges. During his time in office, Rosellini also reformed the state budget process and balanced the budget.

Until his death, Rosellini attended fundraisers for candidates and helped raise money for charities, particularly the Washington State Olympics Committee, which he chaired for many years.

Danny Westneat, columnist for *The Seattle Times*, wrote in 2005, "His record makes most governors after him look like slackers."

Rosellini celebrated his 100th birthday in January 2010, becoming one of the few U.S. state governors ever to reach the age of 100.

(Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

## 2019 Northwest Italian Festivals



*(Clockwise from top left) Tony Danza and a few friends (L-R: Kristi Branze Thorn, Cathy Croce Volpone, Pilar Ysursa Steele, Tony Danza, Holly Croce Cochran, Diana Sciola Warczak and Ken Volpone) at Columbus Festival weekend in*



*Reno, Nevada; Joanne Spino Marchese and Linda Madrid at Seattle's Festa Italiana; Danny Quintero and Joel Patience at Seattle's Festa Italiana; Ines Angiono and Joel & Dale Patience at Seattle's Festa Italiana; Cristina Zappoli Ryser, Mark Gerling and Ken Volpone Celebrating Festa Mass at*



*Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church; Unidentified Paisano and Diana Sciola Warczak at Seattle's San Gennaro Festival*





## ICoS Calendar

### November 2019

- 12th Trustee Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 18th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*
- 28th Thanksgiving

### December 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 1st Adult Christmas Party, Rainier Golf & Country Club in conjunction with the Westside Italian Civic Club
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

### January 2020

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

### February 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*
- 29th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus

### March 2020

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 7th Seattle Sons of Italy Annual Banquet, Kennedy High School
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for April *il Ficcanaso*

### April 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 5th Seattle Sons of Italy Homemade Wine Festival, Our Lady of Mt. Virgin
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

### May 2020

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

### June 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM

### July 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- No General Meeting this month
- 4th Independence Day
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

### August 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- No General Meeting this month
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

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**Thursday,**  
**November 14th, 2019**  
**6:30 pm**  
**St. Patrick's Parish Hall**

## ITALIAN CLUB MEETING CADENCE

### General Meetings:

- Drinks & Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the SECOND Thursday of the month, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

### Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month

**Please send Calendar Additions or Updates by the 25th of each month to Joe Jacobin (joejacobin@gmail.com or 4822 S. Juneau Street, Seattle, WA 98118-2848). Thank you.**



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