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VIRUS CONCERNS,
THERE ARE
NO GENERAL
MEETINGS UNTIL
2021**

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Happy Columbus Day!

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Festa Italiana Report

By Dennis Caldirola

The Virtual Italian Festival 2020 was a mammoth undertaking starting with videotaping all of the musical artists of a traditional Festa during the last week of July and the first two weeks of August. Almost everyone participated from Fortissimo! starring Gino Luchetti, Chai Ahrenius, and "Ballard Opera Man" Stephen Wall, accompanied by La Mezzanotte Trio. Danny Quintero, Rob Porcaro, Mary Marchese and Tony La Stella backed up by Tony's group, "The Goombas." The Primo Basso Band, The Rigatones, Julie Cascioppo, Mbrascatu, and special archived footage of The Tarantellas with Bonnie Birch. The Seattle Mandolin Orchestra were there as well, impossible as it seems, playing and recording together from their homes! We videotaped on two cameras which means that when we were finished, there was eight hours of footage to be edited down to two hours, a task that took almost all of September. To see this historical project, you simply need to point your browser to <https://festaseattle.com> and click on either Part One or Part Two – we cut it in half for your convenience – and it will pop up on your TV, computer or cellphone. You can also send it to your family and friends worldwide.

This year, we also inaugurated "Bingo Italiano" to be played Live (in real time) on Zoom. Over 50 people and their families participated with much enthusiasm, safely from their homes, in such diverse places as Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Arizona and Florida. Lenny Luzzi, Tony La Stella and Bonnie Birch entertained between games and \$500 worth of prizes were given away! It was so much fun, Bingo Italiano may well become a tradition for years to come.

Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

All of a sudden I look out my window and Fall is here. It's hard to believe that seven months has gone by without any interaction with our members. I talked on the phone with people and they seem to be in good spirits.

I asked for a Sergeant at Arms for our club and Cathy Lembo called me and said she would love to have that position. Thank you, Cathy. You are the first woman to have that position.

I know we keep repeating ourselves but there will be no meetings until 2021.

Take care everyone, feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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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

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 184 members. Since, for the time being, we are unable to meet publicly, we have decided not to issue a Membership Roster until next spring and, consequently, we have frozen the membership list as well. Inclusion in the next roster will be contingent upon paying your dues for 2021 and, as usual, the statements will be mailed in early December. Please accept my best wishes that, in the meantime, everyone stays healthy and happy.

Unto Us a Son is Given by Donna Leon

A book review by Joel Patience

Donna Leon is an American writer living in Venice. Over the years she has developed a murder mystery series around a fictitious police detective – Commissario Guido Brunetti. The Commissario wife's name is Paola and they have two children. Paola is the daughter of Venetian aristocrats. His father-in-law, Count Falier, has his hands in virtually every aspect of Venetian business and society and calls on Guido to investigate one of his best friends, Gonzalo Rodriguez de Tejada.

The friend is someone they and the community have known and respected for most of their lives. This person is considered to be influential and well to do. As they have no children, and likely due to loneliness and lost love, they pursue the unique idea of adopting a son.

This plan is well known in Italy from as far back as Roman culture. In 44 BC Octavius was away in Albania to finish his military and academic training. While there, he learned that Caesar had been assassinated. He also learned that in Caesar's will he had been made Caesar's adopted son and heir to his personal fortune as well as aristocratic influence.

It would all seem Gonzalo's personal decision. And yet, it would appear that from every corner of his life friends and business acquaintances are determined that he not carry through. In a twist of fate, he drops dead in broad daylight for no apparent reason. The only person that could help shed light on his history (*"Unto Us a Son..."*) continues on page 4)

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Deanna Dent became a Nonna at 6:19 a.m. on 9/3/20 to Stella Marie Dent, 6lbs 11oz and 19 inches long! They will be going to meet her for the first time before the end of the month for about a week.

Deanna Dent also shared that this year she was elected to be president of her local South King County chapter of the Washington State Music Teachers Association. Congrats to Deanna. And thank you for sharing your good news. We enjoy hearing about the everyday activities & accomplishments (big or small) of our members. We always appreciate hearing from Fr. Paul. He shared: "I'm sorry we missed the Mass in Italian this year, but next year! I'm happy Festa Italiana took place again this year, at least virtually. Let's pray next year is a better year!" **Fr. Paul Magnano.** It really is nice to hear from our members, especially when we have not been able to see each other in so many months.

Phyllis Centioli Biesold sent word that they just heard that, "Nick Rosella passed away while asleep during the night of September 22, 2020. He had moved to Las Vegas about ten years ago... He grew up on Beacon Hill with his father, mother and two brothers. He graduated from Cleveland High School in 1956. He was the nephew of Mike Rosella who owned Rosellas Fruit & Produce. Nick was special and truly a man that you were happy to know. May he Rest in Peace."

I heard from **Linda Pagni Desimone** who shared: "My Dad's youngest sister died on September 7th, from dementia and diverticulitis. She was 91 years old. Also, Mike Eronemo, Nick & Lena Eronemo's son, died at age 77. We do not have any other details about his death, but he worked for Boeing for over 30 years, and was predeceased by the love of his life, Diane Schwendaman, his Mom, Dad, and brother Ralph. They were long time Italian community members of Mount Virgin Church." We had heard that Mike had died August 7th after dealing with lung cancer for six months.

Gemma & Jerome Thielges are celebrating 50 years of marriage this month. We were married in Mt. Virgin Church with Fr. Evoy officiating. We're very grateful for all the blessings (even the challenges) we've been granted.

Monday afternoon (9/28) **Dennis Caldirola** emailed: "I've just been informed that **Ines Bellotti**, who had been a member of the Italian Club and a devoted attendee of the monthly meetings for ten years or more, passed away a few days ago. She had also been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary back when she was married to **Ernie Fournio**, himself a longtime member of the Italian Club. Funeral services were to be held at on Thursday, October 1st, at Holy Rosary Church in Edmonds. May she rest in peace."

Happy Columbus Day, Happy Halloween & good health to all, stay safe.



*Nonna Deanna Dent's
Granddaughter, Stella Marie Dent*

Italian picnic salad

By Joel Patience

This is one of the easiest salads to make and certainly to enjoy.

Cut the top off a seedless watermelon. Hollow it out including the cap into a bowl the size of the melon.

Cut up into small bite sizes; cantaloupe, pineapple, grapes and don't forget the Italian plums if you have some. Mix it with the melon that you took out of the watermelon.

Put as much of the fruit mix as you can back into the melon carcass without smashing the pieces. Cover it with the cap you cut off.

Add one to one and a half cups of limoncello and, if you like, a cup of clear vodka.

Put it into the refrigerator overnight. Share with friends or just tell them you are stuck at home eating fruit salad.



"Unto Us a Son..." continued)

and reasons for this effort shows up in Venice and is promptly murdered in their hotel room.

This leads the Commissario to investigate. If you, the reader, or a close friend were in this situation and would make this type of decision, what lengths would people go to, to prevent you from carrying out the plan? Who is to lose and gain is a list that just gets longer.

If you know Venice from your travels or want to go there, then the Brunetti series is a way to become familiar with the city and its twisting of getting around.

Donna Leon has worked hard at developing these and other characters over the series. They are integrated into most of the now 28 book series to a degree that the reader is one of the family.

Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist traveling for inspiration with his wife Dale Bonn to Italy and beyond.

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Joel Patience

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Seattle web site.

David
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A call for artists

The call for artists includes
photos of two and three di-
mensional art. No videos or
music entries.



Cara Kennedy

All art is required to be for
sale with a portion of each
sale going to
benefit the non
profit Festa
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Le Arti is a promotion of
Italian culture through art and
contemporary artists. It
invokes the excitement of
travel to Italy and interest in
Italian arts and heritage.

Information about the
entire event
can be found at:
[http://
www.festaseattle.com/
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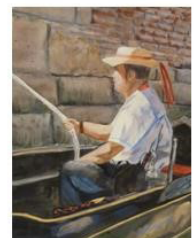
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Ci Vediamo!

Joel Patience, Event Curator
Festa Board Trustee

Eileen
Thompson



Festa Italiana le Arti

By Joel Patience

Our gracious thank you to the tens of thousands of guests each year that have made Festa Italiana a success over the decades! This year is our thirty second year and an interesting one it has been for everyone. For le Arti – a show of works of art about Italy – it means trying to give artists a great opportunity to show their work and for patrons and those passionate about Italy, a chance to meet the artists.

Since we cannot mingle or have a formal in person show, the le Arti project will be going on-line on our Festa Italiana web site. It will give artists vastly more exposure as it will be presented for a year. We are also considering it to be uploaded to “You Tube.” There is no charge for this presentation of your work(s), however, if you sell a piece of art as a result of participation in this event, we would ask that you please donate 10% of the sale to Festa Italiana. If you would like to be a sponsor of le Arti, please contact us.

Please keep in mind that le Arti is a promotion of Italian culture through art and contemporary artists. It invokes the excitement of travel to Italy and interest in Italian arts and heritage. You do not need to be from Italy or even Italian to be a creator of art about Italy.

More information and the le Arti application may be found at the following link:

<https://festaseattle.com/exhibits/art-and-photography/>.



You're Invited

To

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

April 24, 2021

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

ICoS Calendar

October 2020

No Trustee Meeting this month
25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2020

7th Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade (No organized marchers)
12th Trustee's Meeting **VIA ZOOM!**
16th CASA meeting **VIRTUAL ON-LINE MEETING**
25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*
26th Thanksgiving

December 2020

No Trustee Meeting this month
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
14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2021

No Trustee meeting this month
11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
15th Valentine's Day
25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*
TBD Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus

March 2021

4th Trustee's Meeting
11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

April 2021

No Trustee meeting this month
8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
24th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2021

6th Trustee's Meeting
13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2021

No Trustee Meeting this month
10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
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/Dinner
25th Input Deadline for September *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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See Joe
or Barbara
Galluccio

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