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CASA Italiana
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Message from the President

Happy September Tutti!!

This is my favorite time of year in our Italian Community!!! We are all so happy to be back meeting again after our summer break and we have so many events to anticipate!! I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday Sept. 14, 6:00 at Casa for our General meeting. Dinner will be served and then the meeting will begin at approximately 6:45ish. Dennis will send out the Zoom link a few days before. Starting this month, Zoom & in person attendees will be entered in attendance raffle for a Starbucks Gift Card. (this idea is still very fluid, so any suggestions are welcome).

First of all I would like to congratulate Ava Grossi on receiving the Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship this year. Ava is the daughter of Tom & Nancy Grossi, the granddaughter of our beloved Nick & Ginny Grossi and the niece of Dennis Caldirola & Andrea Petrone.

Ava will be attending Washington State University this fall. We are so excited for her to start this next chapter!

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Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

As of September 1st, the Italian Club of Seattle now has a roster of 142 members in good standing, and I would like to encourage each and every one of you to attend the first meeting of the fall/winter seasons on September 14th at the CASA headquarters. The days are getting shorter but it will still be broad daylight at 8 PM when we adjourn. Come enjoy a good meal and a glass of wine with friends you haven't seen in all summer, and to make plans for our participation in the Italian Festival later this month. We will also be voting on the new membership of Paula Perkins, a physician's assistant at the Swedish Cancer Institute.

If you missed the last meeting, you might not know that we had to vote on the "official" name for our organization because the name we've used for years now (The Italian Club of Seattle) did not match the name we had registered with the Secretary of State back in 1920 (The Italian Club, inc.). We are now "The Italian Club of Seattle" forever, everywhere.

Finally, and I'm sure President Audrey
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Health & Welfare.....Gemma Thielges

Festa Italiana Luncheon

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Parliamentarian.....TBD

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(President's Message continued)

Please read Dennis's articles on all of the events happening for Festa Italiana this year including the Festa Luncheon and Festa Mass. This year we are lucky enough to have THREE managers for the Italian Club Sausage Booth. Tom Grossi, Joe Picciano, & Anna Popovich took on the helm of reshaping the responsibilities of running the booth at Festa this year. Please consider signing up for a shift even if it's just for an hour or so. It's a really fun time working together and promoting our club and our community to the general public.

Unfortunatly, as you may have heard, our beloved Linda Desimone suffered a stroke on June 10. She is unable to serve on the Board at this time so we are looking for someone to step into her place. In addition, we are still looking for a Sergeant of Arms, Parliamentarian (Someone that runs the nominating and voting of officers) a member of the Bylaws committee, and an editor of Il Ficcanso. Please consider volunteering your time and gifts. Touch base with me if you might be interested or have questions about wanting to be involved.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all this month at San Gennaro, Festa Italiana and our meeting.

I'm always open and available for questions, comments, concerns and suggestions. Reach out to me at 206-779-7325 or amanzanares@live.com

Con Amore ed Affetto,

Audrey

(Secretary's Report continued)

Finally, and I'm sure President Audrey will remind you as well: in November, we return to meeting on Sundays at 2 PM and continue this way until March to avoid having to drive after dark. Also, there will not be a General Meeting in December.

Ci vediamo alla Festa Italiana!

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges & assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Heard from **Lola (Fontana) Merlino** that her parents, **Lou and Antoinette Fontana**, celebrated their 70th wedding Anniversary on August 15th with their family. They "feel blessed to be able to share this milestone, and are also excited to announce that they will be welcoming their 3rd great-granddaughter (**Nick & Lola Fontana Merlino**'s first grandchild) in mid September."

Congrats to all - Happy 70th Anniversary and prayers for an easy, safe delivery & healthy new baby.

Audrey Manzanares sent some comments/news: "Summer went by too fast!! I attended two weddings of the daughters of two good friends. I spent time in Chelan and on Hood Canal. Marissa moved into her own apartment so I've been moving furniture around and redecorating. Stella Velvet (my 1 year old dog) and I did a 6-week training class and we both graduated. I'm looking forward to getting back on a schedule!"

Spoke with **Linda Pagni Desimone & husband Richard** after learning that Linda suffered a stroke on June 10th. They were enroute to Paris for a two-week vacation with 10 other family members. Richard alerted the stewardess that Linda had passed out & they needed help. They were about 200 miles from Iceland where they made an emergency landing. Linda was in a coma for two weeks but with enough improvement, they were able to fly back to Seattle in July. They are happy to be home but Linda is continuing therapy and still has quite a way to go to make a full recovery.

Let's keep them in our prayers.

John Brondello shared: "Had an amazing trip to Rome with my son, Anthony, in June celebrating his graduation. Got to practice my Italian and enjoy the many sights and food. Can't wait to get back there soon."

Sounds like a great trip! Congrats to Anthony on his graduation and good luck during his college years.

Great share from: **Cristina Zappoli Ryser**, "My son Vincent, husband Curt and 93 year-old mom Sylvia Croce Zappoli went to visit family in Catania Sicilia the First time in 5 years. Fabulous trip. Sylvia's nephews, Danny Volpone and Mike Croce came to visit for a week."

(Health & Welfare continued)



Frank Tolomei reported that his brother Dom Mario died in Italy in July after a 2-month battle with bone cancer. He had been a priest for 57 years - 52 of those years in one parish where he was loved by all. Frank visited his brother many times over the years and reports that he suffered great pain but Frank is comforted to know that Dom is now with the Lord and certainly at peace.

Joel Patience and Wife Dale Bonn shared that Members of Cub Alpino Italiano-PNW hosted a dozen members of CAI-Padova, Italy for over two weeks of day hiking in Washington State. It not only was good exercise but an excellent way to exchange tips on language, culture and food... such as the 59er Diner, Rainier Metal Sculpture Park, & the LaMay Car Museum. Dale and Joel hosted one of the couples and made sure they were on site and on time - at least most of the time!



Mass in Italian

Festa Italiana is happy to announce the return of the Traditional Mass in the Italian language, Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 5 PM.

Traditional Catholic Mass at Seattle's original Italian Mission church, plus procession of children. Celebrant will be The Very Reverend Paul Magnano. Reception in the school hall following. Everyone is welcome!

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church
2800 S. Massachusetts St.
Seattle, WA 98144

Festa Italiana Luncheon



The Annual Festa Luncheon sponsored by the **Italian Club of Seattle** will be held this year at the prestigious **Seattle Yacht Club** overlooking Portage Bay. The date is **Friday, September 15th, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**. The Seattle Yacht Club offers us a beautiful dining room, great food and free parking, all for the reasonable price of \$60 per person. Tickets are on sale now.

Gary Galeotti

Awards

Festa Italiana is happy to announce that this year's Gill Centioli Award winner is the dedicated and tireless Festa volunteer Gary Galeotti. Just announced, the 2023 recipient of the Patricia DeLaurenti Volunteer of the Year Award has been awarded to Italian Club President Audrey Manzanares.

Keynote Speaker

This year's Keynote Speaker will be Ralph Bufano who led The Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA from 1991 to 2005. During his tenure he developed a new \$140 million master plan and increased the museum's collection by 70%. Mr. Bufano started Bufano Management Company with his wife who has been actively involved in non-profits for over 35 years to do management consulting for Museums and other Not-for-Profit organizations.

Tickets including lunch are \$60.00 per person. For more details and to make reservations, call (206) 779-7325, send a check for \$60 per person to:

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NEW AT FESTA THIS YEAR



Seattle Opera

In a Festa “first,” this year, Festa is partnering with Seattle Opera to provide free guided tours of McCaw Hall from 1 to 4 PM on Saturday, September 23rd following a recital on the Festa Main Stage featuring Seattle Opera Resident Artists Camille Ortiz and Michael J. Hawk. The concert starts at 12 noon, admission is free but seating may be limited, so come early!

Accordion Frenzy

Also new this year, 3-Time World Champion Accordionist Cory Pesaturo will be rockin’ the Beer & Wine Garden each day at 4 PM. Holder of the record in the Guinness World Book of Records for the longest time performing on the accordion – 38 hours! And don’t miss him in the Festa ALL-STAR Dance & Show, Saturday night at 7 PM.



Enter to win a stay for two in TUSCANY for a week plus a Winery Tour & a Free Rental Car

Wait, There’s More!

Special Added Attraction: the first Festa Seattle appearance of hometown expat favorites, **The Space Noodles**, playing pop and rock from Italy in the 1990’s to the present day, Saturday 4 PM only.



ICoS Calendar

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
15th Festa Luncheon, SYC
16th Festa Mass in Italian 5 PM
23rd & 24th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
25th Input Deadline for October
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12th ICoS General Meeting
27th Input Deadline for November
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November 2023

2nd Trustee's Meeting
TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
12th ICoS General Meeting
23rd Thanksgiving
27th Input Deadline for December
il Ficcanso

December 2023

No ICoS General Meeting
25th Christmas Day
26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

January 2024

4th Trustee's Meeting
14th 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
TBD Crab Feed

March 2024

7th Trustee's Meeting
14th ICoS General Meeting
25th Input Deadline for April
il Ficcanso

April 2024

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

May 2024

2nd Trustee's Meeting
9th ICoS General Meeting
12th Mother's Day
26th Input Deadline for June
il Ficcanso June 2023
29th Memorial Day

June 2023

13th ICoS General Meeting
16th Father's Day
TBD Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners

July 2023

4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanso* this month

August 2023

8th ICoS General Meeting
TBD Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
No *il Ficcanso* this month

ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

September General Meeting will be held at 6 pm, Thursday, September 14, 2023

October General Meeting will be held at 6 pm, Thursday, October 12, 2023

Dinner starts at on the hour, with the meeting to start 30-45 minutes after, along with prize drawings at
Casa Italiana, 13028 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98168

Trustee Meetings:

Next Trustee Meeting, Thursday, September 7th at 6 PM

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

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





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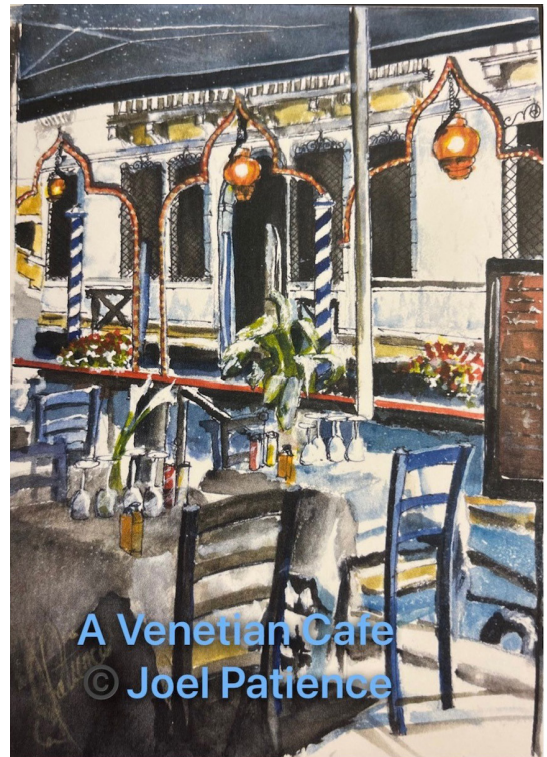


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A Venetian Cafe
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Bonus Feature:

GIANT ITALIAN DOG MEETUP!



Bosco the Lagotto, Romeo the Italian Greyhound and a little Cirneco dell'Etna friend of theirs are excited that it's that time of year again for all breeds of Italian dogs to come to the Italian Dog Show at the 36th Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center. This year the Italian Dog Show will be one day only, Sunday, September 24th from 10 AM until 3 PM with free parking for all dog handlers! This is a "Meet the Breed" gathering, so the dogs on display are trained (and expecting) to be petted and fawned over. Bring the grandkids!

For more info, please visit: <https://festaseattle.com/exhibits/dogshow>