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SEPTEMBER
ZOOM MEETING!**



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

I am happy to announce the application for membership of **Michael J. Ferreri** of the City of Snoqualmie, and say that we will be voting on his application at the September General Meeting. Michael and his wife **Wendy** have two children and he works at Windermere Real Estate / Wedgewood, thereby joining a growing list of Windermere agents that already belong to the Club! With his acceptance, the Italian Club will have a total of 159 members in good standing.

I certainly hope to see all of you at the Italian Festival at Seattle Center, Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26, 2021.

Message from the President

Hello to all of you. It will be so nice to see everyone again. What a beautiful summer we're having. I hope all is well.

We will not have an in-person Italian Club meeting on September 9th. Instead, it will be on Zoom. I know we are anxiously waiting to meet, but from the responses I've gotten from you, it's better to wait. A link will be sent for all to participate. Be sure to RSVP to enter for the \$25 drawing. If you did not receive Audrey's e-mail, please contact her at amanzanares@live.com.

Festa Italiana is back LIVE on September 25th & 26th. As you know we have the Sausage Booth. We have the chairman and co-chair now we need helpers. Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

Take Care and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

S.P.Q.R. Senatus Populus Que Romanus

A History of Ancient Rome – 575 pages – Author, Mary Beard

A Review by Joel Patience

This is not your typical history book. Nor is it a short read. Mary Beard has carefully researched and presented the evolution of Rome into the Roman Empire. She starts with the natural story of the founders of Rome then, stitches the strides that Rome made, one Republic or emperor at a time. And to make a point of how much drama, gossip, and innuendo followed...very few emperors died of natural causes.

Rome was a dingy little village that simply got into an argument with its neighbors; the folks from Veii, 400 years before Jesus. Veii lost the battles, and all of its resources including - humans, animals, vegetables, and minerals...were taken to make Rome a better place. Veii was destroyed physically and consumed by Rome. Think annexation on a violent scale. The Romans learned from this event until they controlled territory from North Africa to modern Turkey and Syria, to the modern Brit- (**"S.P.Q.R." continues on page 5**)

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

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

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

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Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

As reported by Dennis on 7/15 - It is with sadness that we announce the passing on July 1st of the last living Full Life Member, & 1958-59 Past President, **Louis (Luigi) Borda**. Lou joined the Italian Club in 1949 & would have been 100 years old this coming Christmas Day. He was married to his wife Madeline, a member of the Women's Auxiliary, for 67 years until her passing in 2011. Their six children were raised in Mt. Virgin Parish before the family moved to Mercer Island & enrolled in St. Monica's Parish. Lou served in the Coast Guard during WWII, & later, worked at SeaFirst Bank for 26 years. The funeral Mass was held Monday, July 19 at 11 AM at St. Monica's on Mercer Island.



Caroline Petre (birth name Cologera Margaret Tornambe) passed away on July 25th at the age of 88. She was recently diagnosed with very advanced & aggressive cancer. She chose to forego treatment & went into hospice care. Her last request was to live her final days & pass at home, which she was able to do. She fought a hard battle against cancer but thankfully passed peacefully.



Joe & Linda L. (left) Jacobin took their first cruise to Alaska the last week of August. They were accompanied by Ron Roletto and Ron's first-cousin Tony Roletto, and two ladies Ron and Tony knew from previous cruises, along with another couple. Stops included Juneau, Skagway, Glacier National Park, and Ketchikan.

Gino Marchese fell on June 9th. He had just come home from playing golf (a pretty active, healthy guy) & tripped on the one-step coming into their home. Joanne was not home but fortunately, a worker at a neighbor's home saw it happen & called 911 because Gino could not even get up. He was at Harborview for 5 weeks, the first 2 weeks in ICU. They did spinal surgery & he went to rehab. I just got an update from Joanne saying that "It's been 2-1/2 + months & Gino is still in rehab. The rehab therapy is quite strenuous. He is making good progress, but certainly has a ways to go. He definitely is a fighter, very determined, & taking one day at a time. Thank you to all for the prayers, cards, & well wishes. We appreciate the prayers for continued improvement and strength." We can certainly continue to keep Gino & Joanne & family in our prayers.

Jerome & I (Gemma) had a couple of short trips to Chelan - one with Angela & Bill Wright to attend our great niece's wedding celebration at a

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lovely winery over there. Ashley Thompson (granddaughter of our brother Jim & niece of our nephew Brian Di Julio) was a beautiful bride & it was a wonderful gathering. We also spent 5 days in Chelan with our grandchildren & their families which we've tried to do each summer. And we were more recently near Stanley, Idaho with Jerome's 8 siblings & their spouses for a fun reunion. We enjoyed the get-aways but always good to be back home! The photo at



right is of the 9 siblings & 8 of their spouses. Jerome & I are on the right end of the photo. He was the oldest of 10 children, and they grew up in North Dakota.



We heard from Linda Madrid & Don Gulden - she said they "are on a two-week cruise through the Greek islands & Malta. It's been quite warm here. A lot of history & blue skies. As we sailed from Rhodes we could see Turkey. We're sailing to Crete, & back to Malta, our last stop.

Amongst all the history, Greece is the number three olive producer in the world with Italy (of course) & Spain. We'll be home for a couple of weeks & then off to Hawaii! When we come home we'll have a new grandson! We wish Linda & Don enjoyable & safe travels and pray for the arrival of a healthy new grandson.

Angela and Bill Wright enjoyed eleven days on the Oregon Coast (Neskowin) with 3 of their 4 children, and their families, in July.

Happy Labor Day. We wish all our grandchildren and great-grandchildren a successful upcoming school year.

ITALIAN DAY

SEPTEMBER 5
EMERALD DOWNS

FIRST RACE 2PM

Prize Drawings • Live Italian Music

Music By **Tony La Stella**
 & The Goombas

The ABC Italian Radio Show Band
 KMET 1490 AM Palm Springs & KKNW 1150 AM Seattle

PRIZE DRAWINGS

Pizza Eating Contest Sponsored by Sorelli Pizza
 Italian Beer & Wine
 Italian Dancers

David Madrid, Emcece

Marzia Caputo
 4:15 AM

The Italian Radio Show on ABC
 KMET 1490 AM Palm Springs &
 KKNW 1150 AM Seattle

Dear Diana (Warczak) and Italian Catholics:

Our Parish Annual Patroness celebration this year is going to be on Sunday, September 5th at 10 am. I would like to invite you as our new Missionaries in the Archdiocese to concelebrate this annual Feast. It begins with the outdoor reciting of the Rosary in five languages at the Courtyard of OLMV before making the procession into the Church for the Sunday Mass celebration.

Since its founding day of 1911, our Patroness Blessed Mary has interceded for her immigrant children from God's four corners of the world beginning with the Italians, then nowadays the Laotians, Chinese, Vietnamese, and many other Catholics. Your presence in this Catholic community will make this very special occasion complete.

If you have any questions about your coming, please let me know. In the meantime, our Parish community will hold a special vigil from the Assumption of the Blessed Mary to Heaven to the Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

May God continue to bless you with health and peace.

Fr. Hung

MEDIA ADVISORY: THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL

What: Festa Italiana presents The 34th Annual Italian Festival

Where: The Armory and Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center

When: Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26, 2021

Times: 10 AM - 9 PM Saturday • 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday

Everyone is invited - Admission is free!

AFTER A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER in most of our lifetimes, large public events are coming back to be enjoyed again, although we at Festa Italiana have mixed emotions: we grieve for the families and friends who have lost loved ones, both here and in Italy, and we commiserate with our supporters and sponsors, many in the food and beverage business, who have lost so much financially during the last two years. Nevertheless, we are excited to be gathering again, enjoying the music, the art, the food and the wine that are so much a part of Italian culture. We plan to celebrate “The Joys of All Things Italian!” in-person at the 34th Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center on Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26, 2021.

With an average attendance of 20,000 until last year, the Italian Festival has always been the largest Italian-American event in the Northwest and one of the largest cultural festivals in the state. Please join us as we salute the spirit of our immigrant forebears. Here are the highlights:

“Great Italian Chefs” Cooking Stage: Learn culinary secrets from the masters at these popular cooking demos outdoors in the piazza, starring local chefs from Seattle’s best Italian restaurants.

Music: From tarantellas to opera, from traditional to Dino & Frank, we present Italian music all day, both days, on the Moretti Mainstage in the Fisher Pavilion. Also, enjoy strolling musicians in the big outdoor Wine & Beer Garden.

Festa Grape Stomp: Jump in with both feet and make wine as they used to in the Old Country. Put together a three-person team and compete for great prizes with a free T-shirt given to each competitor. Just don’t sit in the front row!

Festa Bocce Tournament: Moving back to the main floor of the Armory, this Italian version of lawn bowling is one of our most popular events. Featuring a Masters division for professionals and a Recreational division for occasional players, it’s fascinating to watch.

Tino’s Cortile: Featuring as many of our traditional children’s activities as permitted plus the “All Breeds” Italian Dog Show. And it’s all free.

Exhibits: An Italian Car Show, “34 Years of Festa Posters” Art Show, and the Historical Photo Exhibit about Seattle’s earliest Italians plus booths of Italian organizations, arts and crafts, imported housewares, and lots of merch & souvenirs.

Food & Wine: Pizza, Pasta, Italian Sausage, Salami, Meatballs, Focaccia, Gelato, Birra, Vino, Prosecco, Limoncello, Cannoli, Espresso, Italian Sodas, and three Wine & Beer Gardens!

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, Sept. 25, 2021

11 AM – La Mezzanotte Trio
12 Noon – Seattle Mandolin Orchestra
1 PM – Fortissimo! w/ the Bonnie Birch Band
2 PM – Ballard Sedentary Sousa Band
3 PM – Primo Basso Band
4 PM – The Porcaro Group
5 PM – Mary Marchese & the Rave Band
6 PM – Mbrascatu
7 PM – Italian “All Stars” Dance & Show w/ Tony LaStella

SUNDAY, Sept. 26, 2021

11 AM – Seattle Mandolin Orchestra
12 Noon – Julie Cascioppo
1 PM – La Mezzanotte Trio
2 PM – The Rob Porcaro Group
3 PM – Primo Basso Band
4 PM – Danny Quintero
5 PM – Fortissimo! w/ the Bonnie Birch Band



Tree House

We have recently returned from Iceland and are currently living in the trees. The Out 'n' About Tree Houses are near Cave Junction, OR. Ours has a claw footed tub and is lowest to the ground for me.

Joel Patience



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ish Isles.
Even parts of Egypt.

One of the more interesting aspects of this book is how the personal side of the characters is brought to light; much of the rumor is eliminated and even compared to modern-day money, family structure, religion, and, of course, politics. One example was on how to keep people far from Rome to be familiar with the emperor, with every emperor minting money with their image on it. Imagine if every president, every four years, reminted all coinage so as not to forget the face of the president.

Families, in some ways, were quite different than now. People were married when they claimed to be or divorced. The father of a bride was responsible for the dowry. However, if there was a divorce, the dowry had to be paid back. In the case of the famous Cicero (orator and attorney), he had three wives, the last at 60 to someone about 15. His daughter also had divorced and he had an enormous debt to pay back. The dowry was controlled by the woman. A woman had the right to buy and sell property, including human slaves. A comparison among many the author makes is that until 1870, English women did not have the same level of rights as a women of ancient Rome. Women were honored by headstones depending on the wealth of a family. Thousands of

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Italian Language Classes » Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

Description: This course is the continuation of the B1 level and will continue to provide a functional review of the grammar. The course will help students to understand articles from newspapers and the web, song lyrics, literary excerpts, videos, film excerpts, and commercials and develop writing, speaking and listening comprehension skills.

Normally, Dante holds classes at Seattle University, but will hold them via Zoom for Fall 2021.

www.danteseattle.org

<https://danteseattle.org/italian-language-program/italian-language-classes/>



*100 Years
1920-2020*

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To

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

April 23, 2022

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
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\$100 per person

Reservations no later than April 8, 2022

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Limited free parking available

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these stones and their stories still exist across the Roman world of that time.

Giving birth was one of the most dangerous events of both a woman's life and the baby's. The stresses on a family against the likelihood of death were enormous and all too common. Babies were often discarded if they had defects. So, if someone wanted a child, perhaps they needed to have a successor as the head of the house or future slaves, arrangements were made to rescue a newborn while the head of the household was away; sometimes for years.

While Rome was always tolerant of the religions it absorbed over time, it simply did not know what to think about the Christians. The religion was opposite everything Rome knew since it promoted virtues and poverty which they were not familiar with and only one god. Wealth drove Romans. Wealth drove their military and political campaigns, wealth drove the world.

At some point, the rulers of Rome decided that there were physical limits to what they could manage and protect, compared to how much could be acquired or taxed. Up-risings like Boudicca were a clear example when some Romans were trying to calm a group of Britons. Their queen was the leader following the death of her husband. He had a deal with the Romans that after he passed away, half of the region he ruled went to the Romans, half to his daughters. The Romans backed out following his death and tried to take it all by force. They raped the ruling daughters and whipped the queen. Her army immediately destroyed three Roman-founded towns and inhabitants. A Roman force destroyed or enslaved anyone responsible. It is one story in perhaps thousands.

I recommend this book for anyone trying to understand the difference between Romans, Italians, and their place in the history of the Italian community.

ICoS Calendar

September 2021

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 5th Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs. First race 2 PM. (<https://emerald downs.com/event/italian-day-2021-09-05/>)
- 9th ICoS General Meeting **Via Zoom**
- 9th Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf Tourney, Echo Falls (**contact Brian DiJulio 425/766-1425 or bdijulio@gmail.com**)
- 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
- 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 Glen Acres Golf & Country Club
- 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*

April 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 23rd Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2022

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2022

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting

July 2022

- 4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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or Barbara
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la Passeggiata
Joel Patience
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48.8 degrees Celsius

The Italian island of Sicily may have set a modern record for the hottest day ever recorded in Europe, with a monitoring station near the ancient city of Syracuse in the southeast recording a scorching 48.8 degrees Celsius, or 119.84 degrees Fahrenheit on August 11, 2021.

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