

General Dinner Meeting
Thursday - December 10
Mount Virgin Church Hall
No December
Luncheon

Merry Christmas - Buon Natale

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President Corner

Great Participation



By Anna Popovich

As the year draws to a close, we wonder where the time has gone.

In reflecting on all the activities of the year we had great participation at all our events. I hope for the coming year we will do the same. The next two events will be the Children's Christmas Party Dec. 12th and the Adult's Christmas Party Dec. 19th. We hope to see you there.

A special prayer for all our members who have been sick this past year. We wish you good health in the coming year.

God bless all the service men serving our country this holiday season.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Buon Natale*

General Dinner & Meeting

Election of 2010 officers

THURSDAY, December 10

Mount Virgin Church Hall

2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

**Dinner at 6.00PM ...
Followed by the general meeting.
Progressive prize ... \$50**

Past Presidents Honored at Luncheon

By Nick Grossi

A beautiful tribute was given to all past presidents of the Club on November 18 at the Marriott Courtyard on Lake Union.

This annual affair gives the club the opportunity to thank all the past presidents.

The men honorees present were **Lou Borda, Dominic Driano, Lou Cella, Orly Saltarelli, Nick Grossi, Joe Marra, Franco Tesorieri, Mike Kaczor, and Brian DiJulio.**

Presidents of the Women's Auxilliary present were **Marylou Leone, Mary Hoffa, Carmen Murray, Velva Saltarelli, Linda Desimone, Barbara Perretti, Joanne Marchese and Anna Popovich.**

Chairman of the event was **Carolyn Jackson** who became ill the day before and had to go to the hospital. She had everything so well organized, everything went off without a hitch. She is home now and is improving everyday.

A special thanks to **Mike and Diana Kaczor, Anna Popovich, Ron Roletto, Ray Skibo and Nick Grossi** who pitched in to make things go smoothly.

Thanks also to **Brian DiJulio** who did a great job as Master of Ceremony.

The food and service was great and so were those who attended. Thanks to all. *See photos on page 5.*

Christmas in Italy Today

During Christmastime, one readily observable difference between Italy and the United States, for instance, is the lack of crass commercialism that threatens to swallow up and completely secularize the holiday.

For instance, instead of writing letters to Santa Claus asking for presents (or, in the digital age, e-mailing Santa Claus), Italian children write letters to tell

their parents how much they love them. The letter is normally placed under their father's plate and read after Christmas Eve dinner has been finished.

Italians have also adopted some of the northern European traditions as well. Nowadays, especially in northern Italy, a fair number of families decorate an evergreen tree in their home.

FINAL NOTICE ... SIGN UP NOW!



Children's Santa Breakfast

**Children's Santa Breakfast on
Saturday Morning
December 12, 2008**

See flyer on page 6

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**Italian Club Membership
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application form please contact:*

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Finance: **Tino Lazzaretti**
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Day at the Races: **Joe Galluccio**
Mariner Baseball Night: **Marty Nigrelle**
Picnic: **Ron Roletto**
Halloween Party: **Tom and Nancy Grossi**
Adult Christmas Party: **Diana Kaczor**
Children's Christmas Party: **Molly Grossi**
Bylaws: **Barbara Peretti**
Luncheons: **Carolyn Jackson**
Scholarship: **Marty Nigrelle**
Miss Italian Community: **Fran Albanese**

Facilities: **TBD**

Health: **Carolyn Jackson**

Parliamentarian: **Lou Cella**

Golf Tournament: **Brian DiJulio**

Crab Dinner: **Anna Popovich**

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News About Members

Anna Popovich has announced the date for our Crab Fest will be on Saturday, March 20th at 6:00 P.M. It will be at the same place ... St. Alphonsus Church Hall.

Our president has asked for someone to organize 2 or 3 teams to play in the DeLaurenti Bocce Tournament at Festa Italiana next year. Our club has never had a team in this tournament.

Brian DiJulio reported that the golf tournament was very successful. Twenty six golfers participated. There

were many great prizes and a lot of good food. Kathleen Berman, Brian's sister-in-law shot a hole-in-one.

Michael Lazzaretti is working on a plan for a day at the Snoqualmie Casino.

Franco Tesorieri, Honorary Consul of Italy, has announced that retired Italians, who are on a pension from Italy, need to register with his office. Please pass the word to anyone who needs to know.

Winners

The birthday winner for the November general meeting was **Max Leone**. Other winners of spirits, coffee cards and dinners were **Ann Beard, Marty Nigrelle, Holly Cochran, Gemma Thielges, Anna Popovich, Dianna Lafornero, Barbara Peretti, Mike Kaczor, Antonette Rupp, Brent Forsell, Dennid Caldirola, Fran Albanese, Helen Carrosino, Joe Galluccio, Inez Fourn, Bill Picchena, Mike Croce and Kristy Thorn**.

The turkey raffle winners were **Franco Tesorieri, Angela Wright, Orly Sartarelli, Danielle Moran, Jane Hall, Mike Carrosino, Joann Marchese, Anna Popovich, Bill Picchena and Nick Grossi**.

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 was won by **Dawn Marie Peretti** who was not present.

The jackpot for December will be \$50.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ... December, 2009 *By Dennis Caldirola*

As usual, notices for 2010 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2009 nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those nineteen members will receive their 2010 membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949.

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25. To qualify, you must be over

70 years of age and have been a member for 35 years. Our records show that out of 257 members, 46 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the December meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 44¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Tanti auguri per un Buon Natale ed un felice e prospero Anno Nuovo!

Election of New Officers Set for December Meeting

The nominating committee headed by **Dorothy Whitney** presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting.

There were no nominations from the floor so the slate stands as is.

We will vote at the December meeting to elect the following:

President ... **Anna Popovich**

Vice President ... **Monte Marchetti**

Secretary ... **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer ... **Joe Galluccio**

Trustees ... **Diane Kaczor, Tom Grossi, Michael Lazzaretti, Dianna Lafornero and Martin Nigrelle**

Past President ... **Brian DiJulio**

Dear Members ... a very happy, blessed, healthy, full of family and love Christmas to you and yours.

Have you started your shopping, your baking, your getting in touch with family and friends?

It's been a real interesting November. Hope your Thanksgiving was great and the turkey leftovers are finally gone.

I would like to thank **Brian DiJulio** and **Mike and Diana Kaczor** for their help with the Past Presidents' lunch. Also, thank your Nick, Roy and Ronnie for their help with the door prizes.

I am sorry I was unable to attend, but God had other plans for me as I went to the hospital on that Monday evening not in very good shape.

Spent eight days there and received six units of blood. Getting better, but it's a slow process. I thank all of you that came to see me and have

called and sent cards. Just keep me in your prayers,

Back to the lunch ... I heard it was one of the best ever. I kept in touch with Zara, and told her the food better be good, hot, bread on the table coffee and etc. They are wonderful to work with. (Got a nice card in the hospital from them)

I understand some of the people that made reservations were unable to attend, so we'll be in touch. (Mike and Diane, I need the list of attendees please)

Heard **Carmen Murray** and **Lou and Madeleine Borda** attended. Thanks for making the special effort to attend.

To all of the past presidents and their spouses that were able to attend ... God bless you thank you for your years of continued service. Big thanks to the loyal committee chairpersons too.

Our prayers and sympathy to past

president **Carl Romei** on the passing of his dear wife **Reita**. May she rest in peace.

Wish I have some good news to pass on, but haven't heard of any, OH YES, one item. **Ron Alia** spent some R & R time in Palm Springs. Do you have a good tan Ron?

Well my dear friends, thank you for your concern and wish this was a better column, I know that you understand.

I once read, "You can be positive or negative, hopeful or cynical: joyful or miserable" ... take your pick. well, I picked, I am positive, hopeful and joyful" ... you do the same.

A very merry, blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of the holiday events.

The sweet little holy old sick informer.

Carolyn

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus *By Tina Conforti, il Ficcanaso field reporter*

The holiday may be stressful for some families because of the poor economy and the high cost of living.

But let's stop and realize that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. Let's take a moment to take in our surroundings and share with those less fortunate. I remember a simpler Christmas time while growing up in Italy.

Christmas, or "Natale," was celebrated with family. We prepared and shared special food. We attended midnight mass. In Italy, preparations for Christmas begin on December 8th which is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Starting on this date and through Christmas, the music of the zampognari, or "bagpipers," would fill the cities.

The zampognari would come to our home and play fes-

sive music. The children would then follow then from home to home as they played.

Hearing the music and following the zampognari filled us with the Christmas spirit which prepared us for the Christmas nativity and sharing family, good food, a glass of wine, and homemade goodies together on Christmas.

We didn't buy gifts for each other. The children waited for the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th and the arrival of the Befana, the "strega", who would bring them mandarin oranges and toys if they had been good - or coal, if they had been bad.

Why do we confuse ourselves and the children about the reason for the holiday?

I wish all of you a peaceful holidays.



HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday December 19, 2009

Evergreen Room, Red Lion Hotel

1211 Main Street

Bellevue, WA 98004

No Host Cocktail Social Hour 5:30 PM with gaming

DINNER 7:00 PM

Dance to the Fantastic Music of
The Emerald Bards Band



MENU

Starter

Classic Caesar Salad

Entree

Rosemary and Cracked Pepper Roasted Prime Rib
Served with AuJus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce
Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Deep dish apple pie
Freshly Brewed Coffee Regular and Decaf
with
Assorted Herbal teas

\$55.00 per person

All Reservations with Check must be in no later than Tuesday December 15, 2009.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____

Send To

Mike and Diana Kaczor

2616 West Lynn St.

Seattle, Wa 98199

Phone 206-232-7880

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Past Presidents at November Luncheon



The Holiday Season in Italy

Holiday Season: On the Italian holiday calendar December 25 isn't the only special day. Throughout December and January there are a number of religious holidays to mark the season.

DECEMBER 6: La Festa di San Nicola - The festival in honor of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of shepherds, is celebrated in towns such as Pollutri with the lighting of fires under enormous cauldrons, in which fave (broad beans) are cooked, then eaten ceremoniously.

DECEMBER 8: L'Immacolata Concezione - celebration of the Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 13: La Festa di Santa Lucia - St. Lucy's Day

DECEMBER 24: La Vigilia di Natale - Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 25: Natale - Christmas

DECEMBER 26: La Festa di Santo Stefano - St. Stephen's Day marks the announcement of the birth of Jesus and the arrival of the Three Wise Men

DECEMBER 31: La Festa di San Silvestro - New Year's Eve

JANUARY 1: Il Capodanno - New Year's Day

JANUARY 6: La Festa dell'Epifania - The Epiphany

Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

Two new applications for membership to the Italian Club were received from:

Moreni, Daniele (Sue)

3925 Woodlawn Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98103

Pricing analyst for Totem Ocean Trailer Express

Moreni, Sue (Daniele)

3925 Woodlawn Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98103

Homemaker

Michael Croce

22234 - 129th Pl. SE
Kent, WA 98031

Michael was born in Seattle and is in the Food Distribution for Pacific Food Importers. He is married to Christine and has three children, Melissa, John and Ryan. His grandfather and grandmother are from Aqua Viva Picena. His sponsors are **Holly Cochran** and **Mike Carrosino**.

Kristi Ann (Braze) Thorn

20226 - 140th Pl. SE
Kent, WA 98042

Kristi was born in Seattle and is married to Gary Thorn. Her grandparents are from Morrone del Sannio. Her sponsors are **Holly Cochran** and **Mike Carrosino**.

The members of the Italian Club approved the membership of **Linda Lee Madrid** and **Amber Healani Ferrese**.

Welcome to The Italian Club!

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Italian Proverbs

"Si sincero - e vai con Dio."

"Be sincere - and go with God."

"Chi mangia solo crepa solo."

"He who eats alone dies alone."

"Chi parla in faccia non è traditore."

"He who speaks to your face is not a traitor."

"Tutte le strade portano a Roma."

"All roads lead to Rome."



Children's Santa Breakfast

TO DATE THE RESPONSE IS LOW ... PLEASE CALL IN NOW!

Santa Christmas Breakfast . . . **December 12, 2008**

For reservations, please call **Molly Grossi** at 425-557-2847 or send by email to: mtgrossi@aol.com

Greeters will be ready to receive all guests at 8:30 A.M. with freshly baked cinnamon rolls right out of the oven, juice for children and freshly brewed coffee for the adults. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 A.M. prepared by the Lewis family.

After breakfast, the children will gather to sing and listen to stories while we wait for Santa to arrive. The atmosphere will be very festive with **Nick Grossi** playing Christmas songs on the accordion.

Each family will be asked to bring a gift for a child, baby or teenager, unwrapped, to be donated to the Forgotten Children's Fund. All gifts must be new.

Thanks, and we hope to see you there! The breakfast will again be held at:

North Shore Senior Center, 10201 East Riverside Dr. - Bothell, WA. - 206.487.2441

Children of members only must be of age 1 to 10 and one parent must be a member of the Italian Club. Grandparents are welcome . . . Please remember this event is for members only. **Bring a gift for a child, baby, or teenager, unwrapped.**

Member name: _____

Phone number: _____

Child's name _____ age _____ boy or girl _____

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$5.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6 pm.









Meetings on **SECOND Thursday** of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall

Luncheons: 11:30 PM at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) are held quarterly

Social Hour 11:30, Luncheon 12 Noon

Finance and Bylaw Meetings: 7 PM at IC office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month

| DECEMBER 2009 | JANUARY 2010 | FEBRUARY 2010 |
|--|--|--|
| <p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p>12: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: Molly Grossi</p> <p>19: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: Diana Kaczor Red Lion, Bellevue</p>  | <p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p>  | <p>4: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p>  |
| MARCH 2010 | APRIL 2010 | MAY 2010 |
| <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>TBA: Crab Fest</p>  | <p>1: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>8: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner</p> <p>21: IC Luncheon</p>  | <p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>No IC Luncheon in May</p>  |
| JUNE 2010 | JULY 2010 | AUGUST 2010 |
| <p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>17: IC Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> <p>TBA: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Chair - Marty Nigrelle</p> | <p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p>  | <p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> <p>15: Ferragosto, various locations</p> <p>15: Italian Community Picnic</p> <p>27-29: Festa Italiana - Portland</p> |
| SEPTEMBER 2010 | OCTOBER 2010 | NOVEMBER 2010 |
| <p>2: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>TBA: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>21: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>24: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>25-26: 23rd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p> | <p>14: IC General Meeting Dinner 6pm</p> <p>TBA: Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tourney, Redmond Ridge Trilogy Golf Course</p> <p>TBA: Halloween Party for kids Mt. Virgin Parish</p> | <p>7: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>14: IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p>TBA: Past Presidents Luncheon</p>  |



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