General Dinner Meeting

Thursday - September 9 6pm Mount Virgin Church Hall

Festa Luncheon

Tuesday, September 21

Welcome to the new season ... 1st meeting is September 9

il Ficcanaso



Official Bulletin of the Italian Club ... Established April 26, 1920

President Corner By Anna Popovich

In Their Own Words



Below is the third in our series allowing those active members of our club, who have been with us 35 years or longer, to tell their stories in a new col-

umn called In Their Own Words.

In Their Own Words

50 Years

By Carolyn Zechel Jackson

When Anna asked if I would write some WORDS for this special column I said sure, why not? Now I'm having a few second thoughts.

WORDS: I looked in the dictionary to see what Webster had to say about the word, words, and found, "the smallest meaningful unit of a language, a brief remark (when have I ever been brief?), a message."

Following **Nick Grossi** and **Tino Lazzeretti** is a very hard act to follow. *Here goes:*

I really didn't have a big desire to join the Italian Club, I had a sweet Scotch Irish husband that wanted to be a member, because his buddies, Charles Carroll and Denny Vena, just to name a few belonged .Those were the years when a non Italian male was not able to join unless their Italian wife joined the Ladies Auxiliary. So in 1960, that's 50 years ago, I was initiated as a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary Italian Club. Josephine DiMartino was President, and sorry to say I do not remember where we were meeting.

I was truly impressed with all the wonderful projects and programs being accomplished by our presidents. The purpose of the organization was always first and foremost in their thoughts and hearts.

I urge all our members to review Article 2, PURPOSES of our Bylaws (page 26). It gives you a warm feeling to know that we are accomplishing what our founders in 1920 hoped we could and would do, "To promote, develop and further establish among the people of the United States respect for Italians and those of Italian derivation and an

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Italian American Sports Hall Of Fame Founder Is Festa Luncheon Speaker

In 1977, George Randazzo founded the Italian American Boxing Hall of Fame as a way to raise money for a struggling local Catholic youth program. Randazzo collected boxing photos and memorabilia, a hobby that inspired him to organize a fundraising dinner that brought together a list of boxing greats and celebrities. The dinner honored twenty-three former Italian American boxing world champions, including Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Sammy Angott, Willie Pep, and posthumously Rocky Marciano, Primo Carnera and Tony Canzoneri.

The results were so overwhelming that a friend and local businessman, Don Ponte, encouraged Randazzo to start a Hall of Fame to honor all Italian American athletes. One year later, the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame was founded as a non-profit, educational institution.

The first induction ceremony and banquet was a star-studded event, as the Hall of Fame honored Lou Ambers, Eddie Arcaro, Charlie Trippi, Gino Marchetti, Dom DiMaggio and "The Yankee Clipper," Joe DiMaggio. Mrs. Vince Lombardi also accepted the posthumous induction of her late husband, Coach Vince Lombardi.

General Dinner & Meeting <u>THURSDAY</u>, Sept. 9

Mount Virgin Church Hall 2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

> Dinner at 6.00PM ... Followed by the general meeting.

Golf Tourney

Date: Thursday, September 16th

Where:

The Golf Club at Echo Falls, (Monroe)

When:

Tee times begin at 12 o'clock. *Details on page 8.*

September Festa Italiana Luncheon TUESDAY, Sept. 21

Garden Court at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel Seattle, Washington

•11:30AM: No-Host Cocktails • 12:15PM; Luncheon Begins (See flier on page 6)

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Carolyn Jackson

appreciation for Italian arts, culture and science."

We were founded on April 26, 1920, yes, this is our 90th year. How many organizations and people have been reached in those 90 years and received assistance from the Italian Club to lighten their endeavors to better the World. I feel so humble AND proud to be a part of this wonderful giving organization.

Our ladies were organized in 1926 ... the year I was born. We disbanded during the war years 1941-48 and reorganized in 1948 with Nellie Ive as the president.

I served as president in 1974, 75 and 76. Yes three years. I thank all the members that put up with me those three years. It was an education and fun. I thank the male presidents that served at the same time, (1974, Lou Borda and Gene Merlino in 1975 & 1976), for

their cooperation and support. I also had the pleasure to serve as secretary and treasurer.

I worked in a laboratory for 42 years. My Jack passed away in 1986. We have a son and a Daughter, two grandchildren and three sweet wonderful great grand children. AMEN.

It's a joy to see the many new members that are joining. Get involved. Your willingness and enthusiasm is needed. Attend meetings; say yes when asked to serve on a committee. Truly it is an education and FUN.

I know I haven't been brief, but I hope I had a message and my WORDS meaningful.

I am proud to be a member of the Italian Club of Seattle and I thank each of you for your sincere friendship and accepting me these 50 years with Protection and Love.

Winners by Nick Grossi

We have a winner! At the June meeting the name of **Ginny Grossi** was drawn for the Progressive Prize.

She was present and received \$150.00. Congratulations, Ginny. The September prize will be \$25.00. Two birthday prizes were drawn for June (**Marty Negrelle**) and July (**Dorothy Whitney**).

The winners for the June raffle were: Nick Grossi, Diana Sciola, Fran Albanese, Gemma DiJulio, Kimberly Carrosino, Barbara Peretti, Helen Carrosino, Jane DiJulio, Mike Carrosino, Dick Whitney, Monte Marchetti, Angela Wright, Ed DeRocco and Mike Lazzaretti. Monte Marchetti also won a free entry to the gof tounament.

Sausage Booth Help!

Anna Popovich has announced that there are still openings in her schedule for workers in the sausage booth for Festa.

She would like to fill these before Festa begins. Please call her and sign up as soon as you can for either Saturday or Sunday or both. Her phone number is **206-453-4002**.

Opening in Italian Immersion Program By Gail Longo

I have three spaces available in Cinquegranelli Montessori for children 2.5 to 5 years of age. Our program is not an Italian immersion program,but we do support the language and culture of Italy, and encourage the children to speak with other children in Italian.I am always looking for families interested in continuing the language with children.

We will have 10 children with two teachers who are Montessori trained. Nature, art and drama are a part of the learning experience. We will teach math, geography, etc. The program is scheduled from 9 to 1 pm 4 days a week, Tuesday through Friday. We are located in a house on Sunset Hill. Our parent-night open house will be 6:30 until 8:00 pm.on September 7, 2010. I can be reached at 206-789-2942.

Health and Welfare ... September 2010 By Carolyn Jackson

July and August are now history. Hope it was full of fun, family and great memories.

Now let's get in the swing of September. It's going to be a busy one, mark your calendars and make an effort to attend as many of the events as possible.

It seems just like yesterday I was sitting here and wondering what news I had to pass on to you.

Well, here I am again, sitting in the same chair and wondering the same thing, "What has happened that we can share with our members?" If you share, we share.

In our June column we mentioned the coming events. Our Meeting, the June lunch, with our guest speaker, Mr. Dominic J Pulera, author of *Green, White and Red, the Italian Success Story*. Mr. Pulera presentation was enjoyed by all that attended.

Italian Club Day at the Races was a fun day. Our handicappers (is that what they're called) were generous with their expertise. Although my bill fold was a little lighter when I left the track, but had a good time.

Then, take me out to the ball game. We Italians and friends did ourselves proud at the Italian night at the Safeco Field. The Mariners didn't win, but we were all winners just being with our friends and cheering.

The all Italian Picnic was held on the 15th of August. There was a record crowd and record heat. About 750 adults and 97 children attended. A big thank you to **Dale Pallela** and his terrific committee for their loyalty and work that make this annual picnic such a success.

Many of our Members traveled south for the Portland Festa Italiana celebration the end of August.

I want to thank **Bill Picchena** for keeping us posted of his goings and comings. In June, Bill and his daughters and grandchildren were on a Disney cruise, traveling the north Europe countries. Then Bill and his daughter and grandchildren traveled to Boston for the 4th of July holiday. What a wonderful 4th of July celebration they attended. They enjoyed the fireworks, with the music being orchestrated by the Boston Philharmonic. My goodness, here it's almost

the end of August and I haven't heard what or where Bill landed. Good going Bill. Many more happy trips.

Did YOU do or go somewhere special you would like to share with us?

We wish a happy birthday to our members that celebrated their birthdays in July, August and September. May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more and may nothing but happiness come through your door.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Martin Nigrelle and Kacy Cole** on their recent engagement.

I didn't have Kacy's name before, so now it's official ... date is pending for the big day, lots of love and much happiness Kacy and Marty.

Our heartfelt condolences, sympathy and prayers to the **Lazzeretti** family, on the passing of our very dear friend, Tino. He was a treasure loved and respected by all. In the June Issue of il Ficcanaso Tino was the guest contributor on the front page article ... *In Their Own Words* ... it's worth rereading. That was Tino, ready and willing to give and support. He was always involved.

Our prayers and sympathy to **Mary Hoffa** and family, on the passing her husband, Earl.

To **John Brondello** and family on the passing of his dear mother Diane ... prayers and sympathy.

Saw in the paper a former member of the Ladies' Italian Club passed away ... prayers and sympathy to the family of **Georgia Covello Jink**.

To all our dearly departed, may they rest in peace.

Orlie and Velva Saltarelli have had their share of health problems, Velva tells us things are getting better and they are looking forward to attending the meetings.

Great to see **Lou and Helen Carrosino** out and about.

Had a call from **Margaret Murray**, she and her Mother, Carmen send their best wishes. They miss seeing us but we are in their thoughts.

The **Grossi** family has been spending some time over at Lake Chelan.

Welcome home **Michael Troiani**. Glad you had a great time in Italy visiting family and making new friends

It was great to receive an email response from **Dorothy and Dick Whitney** ... it was sent from Austria. They were having a great time and on their way back to Italy for more visiting and sightseeing. They should be home by the time we receive this.

Gino and Joanne Marchese's grand-daughter, Gianna took first place, in her division, at the Magnolia Seafair Talent Show. She sang *Dancing in the Streets*. She was a big hit. If that wasn't enough to make parents, grandparents and aunt proud, Gianna, willingly had 10 inches of her hair cut and donated it to *Locks of Love*. The locks are donated to children undergoing chemo who have lost their hair. God bless you Gianna.

Then their Daughter, **Lisa Marchese**, an Attorney, who was a speaker at one of our luncheons, was listed in the June 2010 publication of Washington Super Lawyers. Lisa was honored as one of the *Top 50 Women Washington Super Lawyers* 2010. Good going Lisa.

We congratulate our honorary life member, the Very **Rev. Paul Magnano** on his appointment as pastor of the new parish in downtown Seattle, Christ Our Hope Parish. The Archbishop established Christ the Hope Parish as a "personal parish." I know, what does that mean? It means it has no boundaries. The parish is based in the archdioceses owned building, The Josephinum, a 14-Story, 222-unit building for low-income resident located at 1902 2nd. Ave.,

Speaking of Fr. Magnano, Father will be the celebrant of the Festa Italiana Mass on Saturday September 11 at 5PM at Our Lady of Mt Virgin Church. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. If you attended last year, you know you're in for great spiritual and social uplift.

Well, "that's all folks" my well has run dry. Add-ons will be announced at the meeting. Keep safe, happy and healthy.

You know that old saying, "age is mind over matter, if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Bye for now, God bless you all, Carolyn

Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night 2010 By Martin Nigrelle (Baseball Night Chair)



Thanks go to the Mariners for hosting the fourth annual Mariner's Italian Heritage night on Tuesday July 20.

Some of the highlights included:

- 346 attendees, an increase of just six more than the previous year. The Italian Club of Seattle sold 51 seats.
- Scarves for all attendees featuring the colors of the Italian flag
- The weather was nice enough to keep the stadium roof open the whole game
- Multiple "crowd shots" of the group on the big screen

The Mariners have already expressed interest in hosting a fifth Italian Heritage night, their announcer Ric Rizz is an Italian American who has expressed interest in making Italian Heritage night a much bigger event.

Details for the 2011 Italian Heritage night will be made available here in the club newsletter later in the new year.

Italian Club Scholarships – 2010-2011 Winners Announced By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

The Italian Club will be awarding \$500.00 scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year to:

Alaina Bever – daughter of Mary Helen Bever, Alaina will be attending Holy Names Academy

Dominic A. Peretti – son of Rico & Dawn Peretti, Dominic will be attending J. F. Kennedy High School

Natalie Izzo – daughter of Jeff & Cecilia Izzo, Natalie will be attending Holy Names Academy

Congratulations to each of the recipients, and thanks to each of the families that submitted applications! *Next steps in the scholarship process:*

September 2010:

- Award Certificates will be presented to the recipients @ the September General Meeting
- The recipients will be asked to read the letters that accompanied their application at the meeting

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• Scholarship checks will be mailed to the appropriate schools in the name of the recipients

Information regarding the scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year will be published in the January edition of the club newsletter.

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Halloween Party Announced for October 30th

Andrea Petrone, chair of this year's Halloween Party, has announced that the date will be Saturday,

October 30th, the day before Halloween. Location will once again be the Mt. Virgin School Hall. "This gives everyone a chance to stretch the festivities over two days," she announced, "and get more than one use out of the costume." Once again, the event

will feature "Toss the spider," "Pin the Stem on the Pumpkin", and "Go Fish" for scary treats. Each game will have a winner that goes home with a special prize, and everyone is encouraged to bring a small pumpkin so that can be decorated. There will also be refreshments for young and old alike. Price of admission is free and grandchildren of members are welcome.

Halloween Party RESERVATION FORM

Name	No. of Adults	Children	Others

RESERVATION DEADLINE **OCTOBER 15, 2010** MAIL TODAY ... or email **Nancy Grossi** at nancygrossi@hotmail.com or call **Andrea Petrone** at **206-282-1950**

Send reservation form to: Nancy Grossi 136 - 239th Way SE Sammamish, WA 98074 **425 - 557 - 0071**



The 2010 Festa Italiana

Festa Italiana is actually a series of events held in late September which culminates in a major Italian Festival at Seattle Center. For the past 21 years Festa Italiana has celebrated the cultural roots of Italians and Italian-Americans by presenting and promoting the arts, the food and the spirit that are uniquely Italian.

Come join us in the beautiful Fisher Pavilion and the surrounding grounds and buildings at Seattle Center as once again we present the Taste of Italy, Friday, September 24, and the 23rd Annual Italian Festival, September 25 & 26, 2010.

Our highlights include a Celebrity Chef headlining a great schedule of cooking demos, a free all-ages concert starring Tony La Stella on Saturday, and two performances daily of Sicilian puppetry by the Carter Family Marionettes. By popular demand, the Food Court has been expanded as well.

As always, again we will offer a wide array of cultural and educational opportunities in which to participate and learn. Year after year, however, our main attractions continue to be food, entertainment, and fun for the entire family!

Seattle Opera Young Artists

Festa Italiana Activities

Saturday, September 11 Traditional Mass in Italian 5:00 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church 2800 S. Massachusetts St. in Seattle, 98144 Free Reception to follow.



The Festa Italiana Luncheon 11:30 AM in the beautiful Garden Court of the Fairmont Olympic Hotel in downtown Seattle. Keynote speaker George Randazzo, Chairman & Founder of the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, and the Presentation of the Gill Centioli Memorial Award to an outstanding local Italian-American.





Anne Burrell, chef



Primo Basso Band

Friday, September 24 "Taste of Italy" Wine Tasting & Opening Reception

7 PM at Seattle Center. Great wine, antipasto & live music Saturday-Sunday, September 25 & 26 The 23rd Annual Italian Festival at the Seattle Center

Chef Nick Stellino



Nancy Grossi & Gino Luchetti

Everyone is invited - Admission is FREE!

Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

An application for membership was received from:

Leona DeRocco 933 16th Ave. E. Seattle, WA. 98112 Phone: 206-328-8186 Leona is a social worker and is married to Gary Fallon. They have three children, Connor 20, Michaela 18, and Kathie 14. Her grandparents were born in Italy. She is sponsored by **Ed DeRocco**. DAVIS GRIMM PAYNE and MARRA

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2010 Festa Italiana Luncheon

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Garden Court at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel

The 2010 Festa Italiana luncheon will be honoring **Armandino Batali** with the Gill Centioli Memorial Award to an Outstanding Local Italian-American and also recognize the Volunteers of the Year, **David and Rosemary Fries**

Guest speaker: George Randazzo, Italian American Sports Hall Of Fame Founder

Schedule of Events
• 11:30am: No-Host Cocktails • 12:15pm; Luncheon Begins

~First Course~ Mixed Green Salad, Huckleberry Vinaigrette and Candied Walnuts ~Entree~ Riccette Pasta with Oven Roasted Chicken, Crushed Organic Tomatoes and Roasted Garlic ~Dessert~ Blackberry Crème Brulee

Make your reservations early! \$55.00 per person. Tables for parties of 8, 10 and 12 available.

I/We Wish to Attend		
Number in Party:	_ Please Seat Me/Us at the	Table.
Number in Party Attending:	Amt. of Check: \$	
Total A	Amount Enclosed:	

Make Check Payable to: The Seattle Italian Club - Mail Reservation to: Brian DiJulio, 11166 Champagne Pt. Road, Kirkland, Washington 98034 (425) 646-6630 or after 6pm at (425) 820-4424

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, unless otherwise noted

SEPTEMBER 2010	OCTOBER 2010	NOVEMBER 2010
 2: Trustee Meeting 9: IC General Meeting, 6 pm 11: Festa Italiana Mass Carolyn Jackson, Chairman 16: Golf Tourney 21: Festa Downtown Luncheon Chairman Brian DiJulio 24: Festa "Taste of Italy" 25-26: 23rd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center 	 9-10: Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV 14: IC General Meeting Dinner 6pm 30: Halloween Party for kids Chairman Andrea Petrone 	7: Trustees Meeting 14: IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers 17: Past Presidents Luncheon, Chairman, Carolyn Jackson
DECEMBER 2010	JANUARY 2011	FEBRUARY 2011
9: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm 4: IC Christmas Children's Party 9:00AM, Tom & Nancy Grossi 12: IC Christmas Party, Sunday at Embassy Suites, Tukwila Chairman Joanne Marchese MARCH 2011 10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm. TBA: Crab Feed	13: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm. APRIL 2011 7: Trustees Meeting 14: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner	3: Trustees Meeting 10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm. MAY 2011 12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm
 JUNE 2011 2: Trustee Meeting 9: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm 16: IC Luncheon, Carolyn Jackson, Chairman, Courtyard at Marriott TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio 	Summer Break TBA: 5th Annual Seattle Mariners Italian Heritage Night Chairman Marty Nigrelle No Meetings No il Ficcanaso	AUGUST 2011 Summer Break No Meetings No il Ficcanaso TBA: Ferragosto, various locations TBA: Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park TBA: Festa Italiana - Portland



ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

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Christmas News

Christmas Social

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Our annual Christmas holiday dinner social event will be held Sunday, December 12, from 4PM to 8PM at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila. Save the date and put it on your calendar. Joanne Marchese is the chairman. Details to follow in October il Ficcanaso.

Children's Santa Breakfast

The Children's Santa Breakfast will be held on December 4 at a new location this year ... North Cut Landing ... 5001 25th Avenue NE, Seattle (accross the street from University Village). Santa will be there! For more information and sign up, read the il Ficcanaso in the next month. Heading this event are Tom and Nancy Grossi.

Festa Italiana Traditional Mass in Italian Saturday, Sept. 11, 5 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church 2800 S. Massachusetts St., Seattle Free reception to follow

Need a Ride?

Trustee Diana Lafornara (425-827-4728) has offered to give a ride to the meetings to anyone on the Eastside who needs one.



Italian Club of Seattle Golf Tournament

Where: The Golf Club at Echo Falls, (Snohomish)

Date: Thursday, September 16th Benefitting Seattle U Baseball

When: Tee times begin at 12 o'clock.

Sign Up Today!

\$100 includes: Golf Cart, Greens Fees, Box Lunch, Italian Dinner, Tee Prizes!

Send in your RSVP Today, Make Check Payable to: The Seattle Italian Club - Mail Reservation to: Brian DiJulio, (This course is usually \$96 just for green fees! Great deal!) Foursome Plus Hole Sign Sponsorship is only \$500.00

11166 Champagne Pt. Road, Kirkland, Washington 98034 (425) 646-6630 or after 6pm at (425) 820-4424

• Threesome (\$300) name one_ • Twosome (\$200) name one Name two

Single player (\$100) name.

Name three Name two

• Foursome (\$400) name one Name two_

Name three Name Four_ Columbus Level Sponsorship (Foursome + Hole signage) \$500 Hole Sign Wording: Santa Maria Sponsorship: \$450 (Foursome + Business Card Add on Rule Sheet)

Include Business Card

Pinta Sponsorship: \$25 (no Foursome/Name on Rule Sheet as Tournament Patron)

Dinner Only: \$20.00 name