

Buon Anno!

Installation of new Officers set for January 10th Dinner Meeting

Welcome new Officers and Trustees. We send you our support and blessing for the year ahead.

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- Marty Nigrelle**
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- Joe Galluccio**
- Trustees Linda Lee Madrid, Trustees returning for their second term- Tom Grossi; Audrey Manzanares; Rod Warczak, We will be voting on an additional Trustee from Nominations for Michael Toriani or Barbra Galluccio.
- Past President Monte Marchetti ex-officio
- Members of the Nominating Committee** Anna Popovich and Brian DiJulio and Membership Chair Dorothy Whitney

Member Raffle \$200 January



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Greetings Everyone and Happy New Year,

I must admit it feels a little strange writing the President's message for the last time. To quote **Ecclesiastes 3 verse 22** "So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?" Writing is like most tasks in life and it can be easy if you don't resist speaking from your heart and just be willing to let it out. From my experience as Italian Club of Seattle President. I go forward with me many fond memories and new friendships that will stay with me for a lifetime. Even the challenges have become sweet reflections and led to a deeper understanding of processes and people. I have so many people to thank for the success of the club starting with the Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs and volunteers. One thing that became clear from day one is that it is the efforts of many people that keep our Italian Culture and the spirit of our community alive. I was especially impressed with the support I was given by the women in the club and the strength and silent leadership that they continue to deliver. Thank you **Anna Popovich, Dorothy Whitney, Ginny Grossi, Joanne Spino Marchese, Audrey Manzanares, Nancy Grossi, Andrea Petrone and Gemma Thielges, Angela DiJulio Wright,**



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CRAB FEED FEBURARY 16th 

Spaghetti Aglio, Olio e Pepperoncino

Complete meal, beer, wine, dessert

Get your table early

Anna Popovich - 206-453-4002

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Children's Christmas Party **Tom & Nancy
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Golf Tournament**Brian DiJulio**

Crab Dinner**Anna Popovich**

Day at the Casino**Michael Lazzaretti**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

Barbra Galluccio, Barb Peretti and Evelyn Campo for your outstanding contributions and behind the scenes support making this club strong and vital. Being President has been humbling when you soon realize how much you need the self starters and doers and that your success depends on them. One area I would like to see improve is our nurturing of new members into the club. We have many established relationships and when new people come to the meetings the integration process can be difficult. My plea is to make new comers feel like they are on the inside and meet and greet them the way that is natural for our culture. I recently took a class on diversity and cultural relationships. The Doctor of psychology discussed the phenomenon of "social pain" and how it can affect people and organizations. Basically it can be triggered many ways but feeling on the outside or excluded is a sure way to cause this very real form of pain that can be stronger and more traumatic than physical pain. Now that I will have less responsibilities I will have more time to visit and relax welcome in new members and enjoy the experience. Thanks for everything and may the coming year bring you health, wealth, new friends and happiness.

God Bless Everyone,

Monte Marchetti



First Morning of the Harvest By Joel Patience

HEALTH & WELFARE DECEMBER 2012 by Gemma Di Julio Thielges/Angela DiJulio Wright (The Sisters)

HEALTH & WELFARE JANUARY 2013 by Gemma Di Julio Thielges/assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

We hope everyone had a most Blessed Christmas & that the New Year is already off to a good start.

Brian & Barb Di Julio reported that they had the pleasure of using a couple of auction items they had purchased last year which included a stay at The Meritage resort in Napa & a condo in Palm Springs over Thanksgiving! Brian said "the trip to Napa was beautiful & Barb & I saw over 8 different wineries including a private tour & tasting at the Robert Mondavi Vineyard & Winery...absolutely beautiful, & this great Italian American started the whole Napa Valley vineyard craze with his vineyard back in 1966...Thanksgiving was truly special with Barb & I & daughter **Kelly**, husband **Brian Woodward**, grandbaby Reese & son **Brad** & Katie all enjoying a large condo with pool in Palm Springs just a couple miles from downtown on the Gene Autry Trail...great golf, beautiful sun & fantastic fun with our sweet new grandbaby!! So truly thankful for all our family & blessings! Ciao! " We heard from **Angie Molinara**, age 98, & were happy to learn that she is doing pretty well, completes about 3 Crossword Puzzles a day. She & **Orlie Saltarelli** have been given honorary life time memberships in the Club. **Ken & Jane Di Julio Hall** spent Christmas in Hawaii with extended family. **Judy & Jerry Lewis** were planning to have 36 people for dinner on Christmas. This was to include their daughter & her family & their son & a grandchild coming up from California

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La Befana

The Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated January 6 with a national holiday in Italy, and the tradition of La Befana are a big part of Italian Christmas celebrations. Epiphany commemorates the 12th day of Christmas when the three Wise Men arrived at the manger bearing gifts for Baby Jesus. The traditional

Italy's traditional celebration includes the tale of a witch known as La Befana who arrives on her broomstick during the night of January 5 and fills the stockings with toys and sweets for the good children and lumps of coal for the bad ones.

According to the legend, the night before the Wise Men arrived at the manger they stopped at the shack of an old woman to ask directions. They invited her to come along but she replied that she was too busy. Then a shepherd asked her to join him but again she refused. Later that night, she saw a great light in the sky and decided to join the Wise Men and the shepherd bearing gifts that had belonged to her child who had died. She got lost and never found the manger.

Now La Befana flies around on her broomstick each year on the 11th night, bringing gifts to children in hopes that she might find the Baby Jesus. Children hang their stockings on the evening of January 5 awaiting the visit of La Befana.



CRAB FEED

\$35.00
PER PERSON

Saturday, February 18 - 6:30 pm

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CRAB FEED - REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Send Me _____ Tickets or Reserve _____ Tables of Ten for My Family

Here's my check for my Ticket(s), Reservation(s).



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I want to make a correction to the Dec. column. I mistakenly said that Dorothy & Bob Whitney had traveled in Europe. There was no Bob - it was **Dorothy & Dick Whitney**. They've been married 56 years & still enjoy each other's company! Funny that none of us caught the error before it went to press. **Rosa Facciuto** has been out riding the busses for excitement. She rode a horse on the Canadian Carrousel at Westlake Center. She also went down to the Heritage Wharf near the new Mohai Museum & visited the Virginia V steamship. It's the same ship that she rode as a child from about 1926 to 1934 from Seattle to Tacoma since there were no paved highways between the two cities in those days. Rather than drive, her folks took the steamship. They let her ride for free for one hour on Lake Union & also took her upstairs to the pilot's house so she could pull the whistle as the ship got under way. Rosa, at 94, says "there's still too much to see & do" to just sit at home. **Ron Roletto** had a great 17 day trip with 2 of his cousins. They visited Yosemite, Kings Canyon, & Death Valley National Parks en route to Tucson, Az. where they enjoyed the best weather December had to offer - in the 80 degrees their entire stay. They visited Tombstone National Park on their way home. A great trip! Ron was recognized at our December meeting for his many years of service to the club acting as Sergeant at Arms for the past 20 years. He was presented with a plaque & a large bottle of spirits! Ron also had an update on **Carmen & Margaret Murray**, long-time members who we've missed seeing at our meetings for quite some time. They wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. They had been dealing with some health issues that make it difficult for them to be out & about much. But Margaret later called to report that her Mom (Carmen) was taken to Northwest Hospital on 12/27. She is now at Anderson Community Rehab at 17127 - 15th Ave. N.E. , Shoreline, WA. 98155. Her phone number there is 206-364 -7131. Margaret said her Mom would love cards, flowers, & phone calls. We wish them better health in the New Year, that's our wish for all of our members & families. **Nick & Ginny Grossi** attended the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joseph's parish in Issaquah where they were able to hear a solo sung by their daughter-in-law **Nancy Grossi**. Tom & Nancy's 8 year old daughter Ava also sang a solo at that Mass. Pretty special for all of them!

**Wishing you all a happy & healthy new year -
augurandovi un felice anno nuovo e sano.**

Gemma & Angela (the sisters)



SECRETARY'S REPORT

As usual, notices for 2013 membership dues were mailed out the first week of December. However, notices were not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1st nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. All of those members should have already received their 2013 membership cards. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member, Luigi Borda, who will be 92 this coming Christmas Day and 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 252 members, 39 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at [\(206\) 282-0627](tel:2062820627) and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the January meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 45¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

**Vi invio i nostri più sentiti
auguri di un prospero anno
novo.**

Quiet Places



By Joel Patience

Every traveler arrives at a point when the crowds, noise and traffic require pause and hope for a quite place to do so. From time to time I hope to write about quiet places from our travels to Italy, which will allow for an escape or stay, not too far from the major tourist locations.

Chiesa (Church) of St. Clemente, Rome. There is reference as far back as 392 A.D. to a small church preserving the memory of St. Clement, who lived in the time of Emperor Trajan (98-117 AD). Parts of the location had other uses and the first time it was reconstructed was in the first century following the great fire of 64. The first uses as a religious center were as a cult sanctuary for Mithras about 200 AD. It was also a private home where Christians engaged in obscured worship for self protection.

With the construction of the Coliseum as a tourist attraction, the crowds showed up over time and yes, they are still there along with modern noise and traffic of the city. At more than one time, Chiesa of St. Clemente needed to grow. Rather than come up with a plan for an expansion on the existing building, parts of the structure were imploded and the surrounding area filled in with earth to form a slightly larger plateau accommodating subsequent structures and renovations. In the fourth century, another implosion and fill took place to make way for the foundations of the current church honoring Pop Clement. That fourth century basilica was filled in with rubble to the top of its pillars and the new basilica was built.

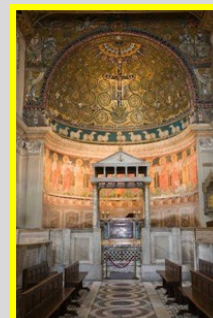
The church's proximity to the Coliseum lends for plenty of amateur interests and speculation, as original floors of both structures are of the same stone makeup and at about same depth. The relics of St. Clement are beneath the basilica's alter and are taken out for a procession through the neighborhood on the November 23 each year – the feast of St. Clement.

Starting in the 1850's, excavations were begun under the present basilica. The work uncovered the original fourth century church, but also allowed access to the lower level church from the first century. Access through this slice of history was improved when stairs were installed; creating safe passage though the layers of the church's history.

For the traveler that grows tired of the bustle of today's Coliseum, Chiesa De St. Clemente is a must see! It is a leisurely stroll from the SE end of Piazza del Colosseo. If the weather is nice, take care to cross the main street running along the North of the Colosseo (via Del Fori Imperiali) into the park then, walk along the Parco Del Colle Oppio to the SE. Once you are inside the Church, you are greeted by friendly staff and volunteers with easy to read, visually informative booklets in several languages. Fees are nominal compared to many things on your trip.

Within this comfortable access, remaining walls and floors of previous churches are exposed to show the wonderful art and architecture of their time including; mosaics, frescos and stonework. The current basilica has amazing works of art commissioned by patrons over its life that are to be admired.

The garden area is perfect for a peaceful moment and planning your next destination. The neighborhood is inviting with plenty of cafes. This is a special place and we hope that it remains in its current state for a long time to be appreciated.



Jan 2013



3rd	Trustee's Meeting
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM Installation of 2013 Officers

Feb 2013



7th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	
16th	Crab Feed

March 2013



1st	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

April 2013



8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

May 2013

2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	General Meeting

June 2013

11th	General Meeting



ITALIAN CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meetings:

- Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6:30PM
- Meeting on SECOND Thursday of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month

Membership News

By Martin Nigrelle

We have one application to be voted on at the January Meeting. David Madrid a resident of SeaTac Wa.

David is being sponsored by his sister
Linda Madrid



Tony LaStella and Mom sing beautifully at the Adult Christmas Party



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WINNERS

Drawings for spirits, coffee cards and dinners were conducted by Ron Roletto at the December meeting. The birthday winner was Chip DiJulio. Spirits, coffee cards and dinners were won by Frank Tolomei, Lou Carrosino, Anna Popovich, Bob Popovich, Dick Whitney, Rod Warczak, Monte Marchetti, Paul Pioli, Diane Warczak, Edith Carlsen, Franco Tesorieri, Gemma Thielges, Delores DiVitis, Marie Dahlgren, Vince Ferrese, Chip DiJulio, David Madrid and BillPecchena.

The winner of the Progressive Prize drawing of \$175.00 was Max Leone, but because he was not present the prize will go to \$200.00 at the January meeting.



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