

Buon San Valentino!

Ways to Say "I Love You" in Italian

(io) ti amo and ti voglio bene. (*I love you.*)

Voglio sempre essere con te. (*I always want to be with you.*)

Senza di te non posso più vivere. (*I can't live without you.*)

Ti voglio baciare. (*I want to kiss you.*)

Io sono tuo / tua. (*I am yours*)

Sei l'uomo / la donna dei miei sogni! (*You're the man / woman of my dreams!*)

Per te farei di tutto! (*I would do anything for you!*)

Sono pazzo / pazza di te. (*I'm crazy about you.*)

Sono abbagliato da te. (*I am dazzled by you.*)

Sei il grande amore della mia vita. (*You are the love of my life.*)

Senza di te la vita non ha più senso. (*Without you life has no meaning.*)



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PLEASE NOTE: February General Meeting Thursday, 2/7/13

Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!!

First off, I want to say thanks. Thanks to the members of the club for giving me this opportunity! This club means a lot to me. I hope to make you proud.

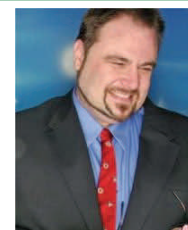
Thanks in no small way also go to **Monte Marchetti** and the rest of the board members of the last two years, their efforts have been instrumental in bringing the club to where it is today. Without their efforts and direction I would be facing an entirely different set of challenges. The membership numbers are healthy. The club is no longer losing money and has established new methods and vendors to continue to address the highest costs the club faces each year.

I intend to maintain the fiscal solvency of the club and look forward to building more for the club. I have three principal items I'd like to address this year, to further improve and enhance the club and it's value to the membership.

1. Scholarship. This year marks the last year of funding of the scholarship from the initial \$10,000 donated by **Art Oberto** (huge thanks go to Art!). I'm intent on finding a new source of funds to keep the scholarship thriving long into the future.
2. Events & Activities. As a fraternal organization I'd like to increase the opportunities the club members have to get involved in. In the process, promoting both the club and offering the members a chance to further interact with each other.
3. Italian. Increasing the awareness of our heritage and interest in those things Italian and Italian American, we are after all the Italian Club of Seattle.

I'm looking forward to interacting with the board and the rest of the membership to make this a great year for the Italian Club. We will be recruiting some new event chairs and new members in general. If you have any interest/feedback/concerns or need to reach me for any reason, please email me at martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com, or call my cell at (206) 310-7689. Grazie.

Ciao!



Martin Nigrelle, President Italian Club of Seattle

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New Membership **TBD**

Day at the Races..... **Joe Galluccio**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Halloween Party **Andrea Petrone**

Adult Christmas Party **Joanne Marchese**

Children's Christmas Party **Tom & Nancy
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Scholarship **TBD**

Miss Italian Club **Audrey Manzanares**

Health **Gemma Thielges**

Parliamentarian..... **Lou Cella**

Golf Tournament **Brian DiJulio**

Crab Dinner..... **Anna Popovich**

Day at the Casino..... **Michael Lazzaretti**

MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING

January 10, 2013

Meeting held at the Mt. Virgin School Hall.

Meeting called to order by President Monte Marchetti at 7:50 PM.

There were 58 members in attendance. All officers and Board members were present except Joe Galluccio and Tom Grossi.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were read. Joanne Marchese moved that we waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting; seconded by Audrey Manzanares. Motion carried. The correspondence was read.

Since the next regularly scheduled meeting falls on Valentine's Day this year, a show of hands was called for to approve moving the date up a week to Thursday, February 7th. Passed.

Secretary's Report: We currently have 252 members in good standing. As of tonight, 167 have paid their dues for 2013. At the next Board meeting, Dennis will ask the Board of Trustees to extend Honorary Life Membership status to Inez Bellotti Angiono.

Membership: Marty announced one new applicant to be voted on: David Madrid. He was unanimously voted into the Club.

Health & Welfare: Chair Emma Thielges reported that Teresa Mae Rockwell had passed away at a young age. She was the daughter of members Ray & Caroline Petre and sister of member Dave Petre.

Treasurer's Report: Joe being absent, there was no report.

2013 Budget: Joe being absent, there will be a review next month.

Mariners: Chair Marty Nigrelle announced that the date next year will definitely be Friday, June 7th against the New York Yankees. Tickets on the field level will probably be \$40.

Crab Feed: Date is set for Saturday, February 16th. Ad will be in next issue of the "Fic." Only twenty seats are left. Anna was reassured that she will have enough volunteers to take down tables and chairs.

Installation of Officers: Dot Whitney swore in the officers and Board: President Martin Nigrelle, VP Diana Kaczor, Secretary Dennis Caldirola, Treasurer Joe Galluccio and Trustees Barb Galluccio, Tom Grossi, Linda Madrid, Audrey Manzanares, Anna Popovich, Rod Warczak and Ex Officio Monte Marchetti.

New Business: President Nigrelle presented Monte Marchetti with a couple tokens of our appreciation for a presidency well-held. Chef Chiechi received a round of applause. Motion to adjourn made by Paul Pioli; seconded by Leonard Smith. Passed. (Raffles/drawings on back page.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Caldirola, Recording Secretary

Anyone for a Game of Calcio?

The Seattle Sounders FC soccer season runs March into October. We have an opportunity to work with their group sales team to create a great event. The Sounders have mentioned they have several options to help make the event more than a discounted ticket. Anyone who is interested in attending a Sounders game as part of an Italian-American group please let Martin Nigrelle know. Thanks,

Martin Nigrelle

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The Search for Miss Italian Club!

We are searching for this year's Miss Italian Club to represent The Italian Club of Seattle in the Miss SEAFair competition. The Miss SEAFair competition is a scholarship program, the foundation of the competition being a blend of volunteer work, academic achievement and creative talent that each woman displays during the month of preparation for her moment in the SEAFair spotlight. Last year our Italian Club Queen won a one thousand dollar scholarship and of course we would like to repeat that success again.

For more details and the official application, please go to: www.seafair.com/foundation/subcontent.aspx?SecID=938

If you know a young woman, 18 years or older, enrolled in a college, university, or vocational program and think that they might be interested in being the next Miss Italian Club of Seattle, please have them complete the application linked above and mail to: Audrey Manzanares (amanzanares@live.com).

Children's Christmas Party

By Tom & Nancy Grossi

The children's Christmas party was a magical holiday party filled with fun and excitement. This year we had 19 children and 50 adults attend this event held in the same place as last year, Northcut Landing.

Everyone enjoyed food provided by Celebrations Catering and **Jerry & Judy Lewis**. Beautiful piano music

was provided by **Kim Borom** and a delightful magic show performed by Xachary the Magician which had the



children giggling and being amazed. Of course the holiday magic isn't complete without the appearance of Santa

Claus who came into the party, bells ringing and everyone singing. Gifts were given to all the children with much delight.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this successful event for the children.



HEALTH AND WELFARE - FEBRUARY

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges/
Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Bill Pichenna left early in Jan. for a month in Puerto Valarta. He should look well-rested & sun-tanned at our next meeting. **Patricia Vaccarino** has published two business books: "PR for People" and "PR for People STEPS." Both of the business books are part of a growing series that use innovative PR tools and concepts to help people build their professional brands. She has also recently published a thriller. "One Small Murder" takes place in Seattle, but has a decidedly "Mafia" theme that links back to New York City. All of her books are available at Amazon.com.

Our sincere sympathies to **Ray & Caroline Petre** and to **David & Ellen Petre** on the recent death (1/5/13) of their daughter, **Teresa M. Rockwell**, who succumbed to cancer. Teresa is the sister of member **David Petre**. She was 58 years old, survived by her husband **Greg Rockwell**. By the time you read this, services will already have been held at the Chapel of Resurrection in Bothell, WA on Saturday January 12th. Members attending the January 10th meeting were given details of time & specific location of the services. We offer Ray, Caroline and their family our prayerful sympathy.

Angela & Bill Wright celebrated 50 years of marriage on Sat. Feb. 2nd. They attended Mass, renewed their vows, and enjoyed being together with a small but very nice group of friends/relatives. **Brenda Elliott** sent a brief update on **Todd's** progress: "Todd is still in the process of chemotherapy. He developed a blood clot by his chemotherapy port so I am giving him injections every day to thin his blood and he is doing better. Praise God! Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you all Italian Club members for your prayers, love and support!"

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2013 ITALIAN CLUB OF SEATTLE

INCOME	2012	2013
Advertising/newsletter	\$200	\$200
Advertising/roster	\$1,000	\$0
Casa Subsidy	\$900	\$900
Crab Feed	\$2,500	\$3,500
Festa Italiana	\$2,400	\$2,400
Interest	\$50	\$20
Vanguard Mutual Funds	\$16,000	\$15,000
Member Dues	\$10,500	\$10,250
New Members	\$1,000	\$750
Total	\$34,550	\$34,550

EXPENSES	2012	2013
Accountant	\$500	\$500
Administration	\$7,200	\$7,200
Board Meetings	\$900	\$1,000
Dinner Meetings	\$2,500	\$3,000
Donations	\$200	\$150
Festa Italiana	\$3,000	\$3,000
Halloween Party	\$450	\$400
Insurance	\$800	\$850
Legal Fees	\$10	\$10
Membership development	\$500	\$250
Newsletters	\$4,500	\$5,250
Office	\$200	\$150
Past Pres. Lunch	\$600	\$600
Picnic	\$500	\$500
Postage	\$400	\$200
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$300	\$300
Progressive Draw	\$250	\$250
Past President's Gift	\$0	\$250
Rent - Meetings	\$2,750	\$2,750
Rent - Dexter Office	\$880	\$880
Rent - Storage	\$480	\$600
Roster	\$1,500	\$0
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500
Seafair Miss Italian Club Seattle	\$250	\$750
Xmas Party - Adult	\$500	\$250
Xmas Party - Children	\$1,300	\$1,300
Cash Reserve	\$2,230	\$1,130
Total	\$34,200	\$33,020

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Jim Di Julio has completed radiation treatments for cancer (ongoing since Nov). He is still under doctor's care and would appreciate continued prayers.

Life Member **Ron Santucci** has recently been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) also known as "Lou Gehrig's" disease. Ron had been having some difficulty with speech and it was thought that he had Bulbar Palsy. He is listed in the directory and he and his wife **Sally** would love to hear from friends.

Joanne Patricelli McDaniel has formed a "boys & girls club" that includes members **Velva Saltarelli, Rosa Facciutto**, a few other women & a few couples. They plan outings each month to various local spots - kind of like "field trips." It's so healthy to keep active, be with people and get out from within their own 4 walls.

Audrey Manzanares & her daughter **Marissa** were in Oregon for the year-end awards banquet. Marissa & her horse won champion & 2 rescue champions for the year. Way to go, Marissa!

Linda Madrid fell on 10/31 and injured a knee that had previously been injured. She ended up having orthoscopic surgery on the knee on 12/17. But on 12/29 they were off to Palm Desert, spent New Year's Eve with friends & returned home on 1/2. She looked like she was doing very well at our Jan. 10th meeting.

Editor **Nick Grossi** had been in the hospital for 7 days with some respiratory problems. Severe shortness of breath & lack of oxygen caused by a combination of COPD, bronchitis, and a slight touch of pneumonia were the culprits. He is now home & doing well.

Carmen Murray is in the hospital. Her daughter **Margaret** (phone # in the directory) would welcome calls if you want more details or want to send good wishes.

Tony Lalli has opened an office on Aurora. He does tax/accounting work. His phone # is in the directory. Happy Valentine's Day to all.



Gemma & Angela (the sisters)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Italian Club of Seattle currently has a roster of 252 members in good standing of which 172 have paid their dues for 2013. Now that the price of postage has gone up, you can save yourself and the Club 46¢ apiece by attending the February general meeting and paying your dues in person. We will even issue your membership card on the spot. For those of you who have joined in the past year and never received a copy of the Membership Roster, I will have a supply of them for you at the February meeting.

On February 15, "past due" notices will be mailed out to those still in arrears. Please don't make us waste time and money trying to get your attention. Thanks!

Safety & Security Notice

In the past few months there have been a few incidents at Mt. Virgin. The most recent, a car burglary. When attending the general meetings please keep your wits about you and make sure to use common sense. Don't leave any valuables unattended in plain sight. Look out for each other & keep an eye out for people acting suspiciously. If the incidents continue to happen, we will look into options to ensure a safe meeting place for the members to meet.

The Yankees are Coming, The Yankees are Coming!!

By Martin Nigrelle – Event chairperson

This year the Mariners have pulled out all the stops! The seventh annual Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night is scheduled for 7:10pm, Friday June 7th, 2013. The Mariners will be hosting the New York Yankees. This will be the first time the event includes one of the biggest teams in baseball. Additionally this marks the first time the event will be held on a weekend. The Mariners are looking to expand the Italian themed happy hour in advance of the first pitch in the area known as "The Pen" – more details to come on those activities. Who knows – Alex Liddi may return to the Mariners line-up. The giveaway item this year will be a baseball cap customized for the event and is one of the first times the Mariners have given away a white baseball cap. The white cap will feature the Mariners "S" in red & green on the front, an Italian flag on one side & the words "Italian Heritage Night" on the adjustable strap at the back of the hat.

Ticket prices will be \$43 for field level and \$20 for seats in the upper desk. This marks a significant savings of \$17 dollars for field level and \$13 dollars for the upper deck. As with the last few years, the Mariners will be donating \$2 per ticket to Festa Italiana.

The Italian Club will be buying a group of field level tickets. If you would like to sit with your fellow club members & friends, please contact **Martin Nigrelle** regarding tickets. To purchase tickets directly from the Mariners, please visit the web site dedicated to the event: <http://Mariners.com/italian>



"Happy Holiday Dinner"

Our annual Christmas party was a wonderful event attended by many of our members. Our room at the Embassy Suites was decorated for the Christmas season.

The early evening began with a social/cocktail hour. During the social/cocktail hour and after dessert music was provided by Tony LaStella. Added as a special guest Tony introduced his mother who accompanied him in a couple of songs – and very beautifully done together.

Dinner was served with selected choices of prime rib, baked chicken or baked salmon followed by Tiramisu for dessert.

Following dinner a drawing was held with many, many gifts – and each and every guest went home with an item. We had a visit from Santa (our own **Monte Marchetti**) and several guests enjoyed sitting on Santa's lap and having their pictures taken.

A huge thank you to **Monte Marchetti, Nick Grossi, Ray & Caroline Petre, Dorothy Whitney, Barbara Peretti, and Audrey Manzanares** for all their help, and to all the guests who attended and made this the wonderful event.

May 2013 bring a wealth of good health, happiness and peace to all.

Joanne Spino Marchese
Chair, Adult Christmas Party

2013-14 Scholarship

By Martin Nigrelle
(Italian Club Scholarship Chairperson)

In next month's issue of il Ficcanaso the Scholarship Chairperson will post the details of the Italian Club's 2013-2014 scholarship.

Feb 2013



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

March 2013



7th	Trustee Meeting
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
17th	St. Patrick's Day

April 2013



11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

May 2013

2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM

June 2013

7th	Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night (NY Yankees)
13th	General Meeting

July 2013



4th	Independence Day
	No il Ficcanaso in July & August

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 (Exception 7th of February meeting)

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month

NEW MEMBERSHIP

By Martin Nigrelle
Membership Chairperson

There are no new applications to vote on at the February meeting.

There was one new member application voted on at the January general meeting. Please join in welcoming **David Madrid** to the club!

Do you have friends or family interested in joining our club? Please have them use the Application button found on the club's web site: www.italianclubofseattle.org.

As noted at the last few general meetings, the \$75.00 initiation fee is currently waved for new applicants, this means new applicants can join for \$50.00.





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WINNERS

The raffle drawings for the January meeting were conducted by **Ron Roletto**.

The winners were: **David Madrid, Kathy Longenecker, Max Leone, Velva Saltarelli, Linda Jacobin, Randy Alimment, Nils Smith, Dot Whitney, Michael Troiani, Delores DiVitis, Dick Whitney, Martin Negrelle, Lou Carrosino, Paul Pioli, Mark Alia, Marie Dahlgren and Linda Madrid.**

Lou Cella's name was drawn for the Progressive Prize but because he was not present, the jack pot goes up to a record \$ 225.00 at the February meeting.



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 February 7th, 2013
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