

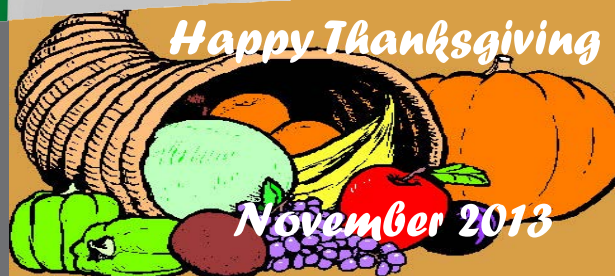
General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
November 14th, 2013
6:30pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall

il Ficcanaso

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Past President's Luncheon

The Past President's Luncheon will be held Wednesday November 13, 2013 at Il Fornaio Restaurant in Pacific Place (600 Pine Street, Seattle) at 11:30 am. Parking is available in the garage (2 hours = \$5.00; 3 hours = \$7.00).

Lunch choices are:

Insalata di Pollo al Girarrosta: Mixed greens, shredded chicken, applewood smoked bacon, shaved parmesan cheese, tomatoes, garlic croutons; house vinaigrette

Conchiglie al Pollo: Shell pasta, chicken breast, broccoli, sun-dried tomatoes, pecorino, roasted garlic, Trebbiano wine

Lasagne Ferrarese: House made pasta, meat ragu, porcini mushrooms, and béchamel sauce; baked in a brick oven

Penne Pomodoro: Imported penne pasta tossed with a fresh tomato sauce with basil, garlic and extra virgin

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Message from the President

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Feel free to contact me directly by phone: (206) 310-7689 or e-mail: martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com

Ciao Tutti!! This month my thanks go out to Andrea Petrone & Dennis Caldirola and the other volunteers for all the efforts they put into making the children's Halloween Party a great success. The kids had fun showing off their costumes and participating in the variety of activities. The adults of course had fun watching the kids. The decorations were great & there were some very creative (if not scary) food offerings. Members with young children should try to put this event on their 2014 calendar early to ensure their kids get a chance to enjoy this club sponsored event.

As we move toward Thanksgiving the club has an event this month: The Past Presidents Luncheon. If you are a past president or an event/activity chairperson for the 2013 calendar year, the club will cover the cost of your lunch. This is one chance for the club to say thanks for the time & dedication people have contributed to the club.

With Thanksgiving in mind I would like to renew my request of the membership to suggest a way or ways the club can give back to the local Italian American community.

As the holidays approach, I begin to look at the year ahead. This next year will be the first year that the club will not have access to the very generous donation for the Club's Scholarship fund from Art Oberto. This brings me to a more focused ask of the club: Is anyone interested in taking on a chairperson's role to organize fundraising for the 2014-2015 Scholarship fund. As the current president I am committed to seeing the scholarship continue to exist with the hopes that it be sustained by funds or activities independent of the club's general fund. I will push (if necessary) to structure the budget to support the scholarship program. After all the hard work our past president Monte and the board members of the last two to three years made to get the club solvent and on a track for both a budget and accounting in the black it would be a shame to push the budget into the red for such a valuable offering we share with the children of our members and in turn the future of the club & community. Please contact me directly with

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Halloween Party.....Andrea Petrone

Health.....Gemma Thielges

LuncheonsAudrey Manzanares

Mariner Baseball Night.....Martin Nigrelle

Miss Italian Club.....Audrey Manzanares

New Membership.....Diana Kaczor

Parliamentarian.....Lou Cella

PicnicRon Roletto

ScholarshipDiana Kaczor

Sounders Soccer Night.....Martin Nigrelle

President (continued)

any ideas or interest for the future scholarship funding.

Please take some time from your busy schedules to enjoy your family & friends this Thanksgiving, and for those who will be traveling this holiday, safe journeys to you too!! Happy Thanksgiving!!
Buona Fortuna,

Martin

The **Nominating Committee** met the last part of September. The committee includes: Dorothy I. Miori Whitney, Chairwoman; Anna Popovich, Past President; and, Brian DiJulio, Past President.

At this time the committee would like to place in Nomination the following. Nomination for 2014 Officers:

President:	Martin Nigrelle
Vice President:	Diana Kaczor
Secretary:	Dennis Caldirola
Treasurer:	Joseph Galluccio
Trustees:	Audrey Manzanares
	Tom Grossi
	Michael Lazzaretti

Trustees returning for their second year:

Barbara Galluccio
Linda Lee Madrid
Monte Marchetti

Past President:

Nominations from the floor will be open at the November meeting. Nominees from the floor must be present to accept nomination or must consent in writing to accept the nomination prior to the meeting.

New Sargent-at-Arms needed

After over 20 years, Ron Roletto has decided he would like a break. The January general meeting will be Ron's last as Sargent-at-Arms. The club needs someone ready to step up and take Ron's place. The duties include but are not limited to: Running the raffle for each general meeting, delivering the beverages & cups to each general meeting, Ensuring the flags & microphone are set up at each general meeting, procuring beverages, raffle prizes, & the banquet permit for each general meeting.

Ron will be leaving big shoes to fill, but if you are interested please know you won't be required to wear footwear as colorful or offbeat as Ron has. Please contact me directly if you have interest in being the club's new Sargent-at-Arms.

Past President's Luncheon (continued) olive oil

Choice of dessert:

Tiramisu: Ladyfingers soaked in espresso and rum, mascarpone cheese, shaved chocolate

Spumone: Strawberry, chocolate hazelnut and pistachio gelato folded together with cherries, chocolate chips and pistachios; served with raspberry and chocolate sauce

Please RSVP to Audrey Manzanares 206-779-7325 or amanzanares@live.com your choice for lunch & dessert. Cost for guests that are not Past President's will be \$37.00 per person. Checks should be made out to *Italian Club of Seattle*.

Save the Date:
The Italian Club Annual Crab Feed, February 15, 2014 at St. Alphonsus Anna Popovich is chairperson. Look for more details in the December issue of Il Ficcanaso.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Seattle Nativity School opened its doors this fall. It's part of a growing movement to make Jesuit education available to low-income students.

In September, Seattle Nativity School welcomed its inaugural class. It will serve low-income, at-risk youth in the Central District and South Seattle, starting with sixth graders this year and adding seventh and eighth graders in the years to come.

Seattle Nativity is one of 60 Nativity schools across the country. It is the second Nativity middle school to be associated with the Oregon Province

– St. Andrew Nativity School in Portland opened its doors in 2001 and now has 149 graduates.

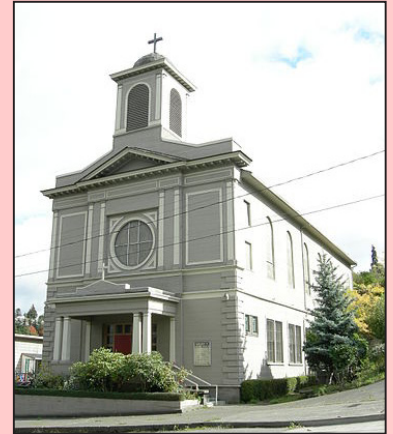
The Nativity Model – Nativity middle schools are modeled after the first such institution founded by the Jesuits in 1971 at the Mission of the Nativity on Manhattan's Lower East Side. They follow an incredibly successful model in preparing children from low-income backgrounds for the challenges of college prep high schools, and ultimately universities. Nativity schools use small classes, longer school days and an extended school year to help low-income, at-risk children break the cycle of poverty in their communities.

Seattle Nativity is what's known as a STEM school, with curriculum concentrating on science, technology, engineering, and math but it also provides an education that nourishes souls and ignites leaders for love and service. Like St. Andrew Nativity, the school's mission is strongly aligned with the Jesuit value of social justice. In the Central District neighborhood of Seattle where the school is located, more than 9 out of 10 children belong to low-income families that often struggle financially to meet basic needs.

Connection to the Oregon Province – After witnessing the success of St. Andrew Nativity in Portland, the Oregon Province was eager to help add to the momentum of the movement to make Jesuit education – which is based on high-quality, holistic teaching and experiential learning – available to low-income students. Seattle Nativity is an officially endorsed ministry of the Oregon Province, and provincial leaders will offer continued training, support and prayers to the students, faculty and staff as they strive to embody the Jesuit ideals of education.

In this spirit of collaboration, Oregon Province Jesuit Joseph Carver, SJ has been named the school's president. Carver was most recently the regional superior of the Jesuits in Montana, but prior to that he spent two years teaching Theology, Ecology and Ethics at Seattle Preparatory School and has been teaching both in and out of the classroom for over 15 years. As Jesuit education continues to grow and evolve, partnership between the Province and the schools it sponsors and endorses will continue to be a vital ingredient for success.

The first floor of the Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish is now been rented out and renovated and will be the new home of the Seattle Nativity School.



Health & Welfare - October 2013

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges, Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

I wanted to mention a few of the fun Festa events that I & many others of you participated in & enjoyed so much. The Mass, said in Italian, at Mt. Virgin was beautiful, as usual. Fr. Magnano was unable to say the Mass this year as he was busy with several weddings. But Padre Tolomei, brother of club member Frank, was here from Lucca & he said it for us, all in Italian. They had a nice reception after with Lenny Luzzi playing his accordion, accompanying many who enjoyed singing along.

The luncheon was also very nice at the Seattle Yacht Club, thanks to Admiral Mike Carrosino & the efforts of so many who worked hard to make it such a success. A delicious lunch, free parking & the sunshine were all added perks. Brian Di Julio, the very deserving recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award, gave a great speech expressing appreciation for all those who went before us, our ancestors who came here from Italy to make all this possible for us. The guest speaker was Brian Boitano who held our interest with all that he shared about his involvement in skating & his winning the Olympic Gold Medal in 1988 along with more than 50 other awards throughout his career as a figure skater.

Festa Italiana (the 26th annual) at the Seattle Center was quite an experience with pouring rain & very high winds. But it didn't seem to deter so many who still attended & enjoyed. Tom Grossi & Joe Gallucio put forth 100% effort in getting things set up & running for the sausage booth. They really worked hard & they were so easy & pleasant to work with. The performance by Nancy Grossi & Gino Luchetti, accompanied by Lisa Lanza was beautiful. Dennis Caldirola said he was surprised when he heard the first winners of the drawing announced - it was an Italian name which has seldom been the case in the past. The first prize winners were Patti & Lenny Luzzi & they won an olive oil gift basket from the Tucci family olive oil co. Then, surprise again, the second winner was also an Italian - Sister Mary Louise Di Julio won tickets for two to one of the movies showing during the Seattle International film festival, New Italian Cinema series.

Marie Dahlgren had heart surgery on Oct. 22nd, a valve replacement. She is recovering quite well but she would still appreciate our prayers.

Mary Beth Di Julio fell & broke her hip on Oct. 8th, she had surgery on the 10th at Swedish in Issaquah. She is recovering nicely at Covenant Shores on Mercer Island. Between her 7 children & numerous grandchildren & great grandchildren, other relatives & friends, she seems to be getting lots of attention. At one point she said there were 18 people in her room!

Ginny Grossi fell on Oct. 10th, also broke her hip & had surgery at Overlake Hospital. She is recovering at Pacific Regent in Bellevue & doing very well with her rehab there.

Joanne Lazzaretti fell several weeks ago & is still at Aegis in Bellevue. She has healed quite nicely but has to be able to handle the steps before she can return home which she is very anxious to do.

Velva Saltarelli said she spoke with Betty Skibo on 10/11. Roy celebrated his 90th birthday. They are doing well, they make use of the pool where they live. Betty has been busy co-writing a book with a friend.

Velva Saltarelli, Rosa Facciutto, Mary Hoffa & a couple of their friends all attended & enjoyed the Westside Italian Civic Club's luncheon recently - they are all members of that club.

Congratulations to Frank Isernio, long-time sponsor & Festa supporter. He was presented the annual Angelo Pellegrini Award for success, achievement & support of the Italian Community at a dinner in Ballard on Oct. 25th.

Heard from Karen Gazarek Bianchi - she's been looking at vacation property on Hood Canal. She says it's nice to have a dream & who knows, come summer she might be "digging her toes in the sand & eating oysters off the beach." Other than that, she says "no news is good news & all is well, thank God!"

We had a similar response from Todd & Brenda Elliott who wrote that they have no news for us this month but they too feel that's "good news" after Todd's battle with cancer last year.

Doug Chiechi wrote & said he hopes we're all enjoying the dinners they've been preparing for us each month. I think I can speak for the majority of us - we thoroughly enjoy your meals, Doug! He said his

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Health & Welfare (continued)

crew will prepare a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for our November meeting - turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad & pumpkin pie. "(oh, ya - pasta for the one who does not like potatoes)"! He said they aren't sure what to cook for Christmas but would welcome suggestions if there's something special we would like. They would appreciate feedback for the coming year to find out if we want different menus or if they should just continue doing what they've been doing. Let them know.

Judy & Nils Seth spent 3 weeks on Maui but we'll see them at the Nov. meeting, probably looking rested & tanned.

Ron Roletto went on a 19 day road trip in September. Visited 22 states, covered 7,094 miles. Took the northerly route, US2 to Michigan, down to Chicago, then Route 66 to St Louis, side trip to Memphis, back up to Missouri & continued Route 66 to the Colorado River, then to Las Vegas & home. He said it's "always fun to drive on the original portions of Route 66 that are still available & see the history that goes with it."

Ron also reported that Saturday October 19th Mary Hoffa took a fall in front of Mt Virgin & spent 5 days in the hospital. She seems to be doing well, but for now she is in an assisted living facility. It remains to be seen if she will stay there permanently or will go back home.

Angelo & Mary Merlino reported that they are headed back to Honolulu for the winter and will be there until May 1st. They do this each year, call themselves snowbirds. They spend Summers in Reno & Winters in Honolulu. They also celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary Oct. 12th.

I'm quite sure that our members who have had surgery recently or are unable to attend our meetings would appreciate cards, notes, & phone calls. Contact information is in our directory.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. In spite of our challenges, we still have much to be thankful for.

As my Mom used to say "it could be worse", which I never liked to hear, but I've come to realize that she was right. There are so many others much worse off. So we can count our blessings & be grateful that things aren't any worse.

Halloween Party 2013



Kids in Costume



BDJ & Tina Conforte



Halloween Party Volunteers



Dom Driano and Alfonso Tucci



Monte Marchetti accepting Thirty Year Award from Boeing. Monte is pictured here with his wife, Margaret.

Italian Club Christmas Party 2013

Start your Holiday season with an Elegant Dinner and Dancing

Sunday, December 1, 2013 4:00-8:00

Seattle Yacht Club (1807 E. Hamlin St., Seattle, WA 98112)

**Social Hour 4:00 • Dinner Served 5:00 • After 5 Attire
No Host Bar • Live Music**

**Choice of Grilled Pacific Salmon - Herb Beurre Blanc & Fruit Salsa or Whole
Roasted Pork Loin - Pistachio & Honey Mustard Crusted & Creamy Dijon Sauce**

\$60.00 per person/\$480 table of 8

Checks made payable to *Italian Club of Seattle*

**Please send Reservations to Audrey Manzanares
20809 39th Dr. SE, Bothell WA 98021 by Friday, November 22nd**



Children's Christmas Party

December 14, 2013 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Northcut Landing 5001 25th Ave. N.E., Seattle (Same as last year)

Reservations: We need child's name and age and the number of people attending. Information must be mailed by **November 30, 2013**. Breakfast will be prepared by Judy Lewis

Name: _____

Child's Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Number in Party: _____ Phone: _____

Mail Reservation to: Diana Kaczor 2616 West Lynn Street, Seattle, Washington 98199
If you have any questions please call Diana Kaczor at (206) 232-7880

ITALIAN CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meetings:

- Drinks & Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the SECOND Thursday of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall

Trustee Meetings:

- First Thursday of every other month


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New Membership


By *Diana Kaczor*,
Chairman

There are no new membership applications at this time. If you know of anyone interested in joining our club please have them use the Application button found on the club's web site: <http://www.italianclubofseattle.org>.

November 2013 	
7th	Trustee Meeting
13th	Past President's Luncheon Il Fornaio Restaurant
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
28th	Thanksgiving
22nd	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

January 2014 	
1st	New Year's Day
2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
22nd	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

December 2013 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
1st	Italian Club Christmas Gala Seattle Yacht Club
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Children's Christmas Party Northcut Landing
17th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

February 2014 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Crab Dinner St. Alphonsus
19th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has 232 members in good standing. Everyone is encouraged to come to the meeting on Thursday, November 14 to get updates on the many activities coming up over the holidays. On another note, member Mona Nelson had better start coming to the meetings. Her name has been drawn in the monthly drawing twice in a row, once in September for \$50 and again in October for \$75. The jackpot is now up to \$100. Could lightning strike thrice in the same place?

Dennis Caldirola

March 2014	
6th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
21st	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

If you would like to receive the *il Ficcanaso* via e-mail rather than have it mailed to you, let us know. Send an e-mail to Dennis Caldirola (denniscaldirola1@gmail.com).





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WINNERS

The Birthday Winner for October, for the second year in a row, was Ron Roletto.


Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Robert Sylvester, Monte Marchetti (2X), Anna Popovich, Dick Whitney (2X), Julie Norris (2X), Velva Saltarelli (2X), Kimberly Carrosino, Phil Segadelli, Kristi Thorn, Joanne Spino Marchese, Linda Jacobin, Ron Alia. Barb Peretti, Dawn Peretti and Katheryn Scaringi Langenecker.

Progressive Prize: Of \$75 would have been won by Mona Nelson had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$100 for the November meeting.



Nancy Grossi

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 Funerals, Anniversaries, etc.
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