

General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
March 13th, 2014
6:30pm
Mount Virgin
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*Congratulations Russell Wilson
and the Seattle Seahawks!*

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That's an Awfully Heavy Baseball You Have There

At 7:10pm, Saturday the 28th of June, 2014 in Safeco Field, the Mariners will be hosting the Cleveland Indians as part of the Mariners' 8th annual Italian Heritage Night. The Mariners are working with Birra Peroni to create a bigger better bocce tournament to take place in the outfield at Safeco.

Ticket prices are more affordable than last year & they should have more than just two kegs of Peroni on tap for the game. Last year the Peroni beer sold out before the first pitch – we must have had more than a few thirsty Italians at the game.

Ticket Prices are set as:

\$16.00 for View Level
(Upper Level)

\$30.00 for Field Level

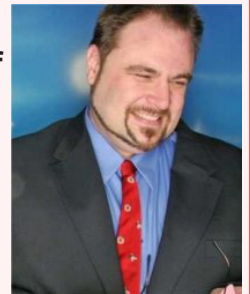
The event will include

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Message from the President

Big Thanks for February!!! And the Business of Moving the Club Forward

As the club president I want to thank the members & the board for the work on the budget that was approved as amended at the February general meeting. I appreciate everyone who took the time & effort to share their views on how the club spends its money. It is my belief that the passions that were demonstrated either in message or in person at the meeting are key to ensuring the club is on the right path to serve the membership. Without dialog amongst all the members the club, the club will not be able to sustain itself. I say again thanks to all of you who shared your passion & your voice to ensure the viability & the appeal of the club for current and future members.



As a volunteer & as the club president, I want to commend our first madam president Anna Popovich for pulling together another great Crab Feed! Anna ran the front of house with a number of dedicated volunteers who worked on any number of tasks, setting up the tables & chairs, greeting guests, selling raffle tickets, waiting tables, tending bar, & clean-up. Our own Ex-Officio Monte Marchetti ran a cracker-jack crew in the back of house. It seems Monte's pasta keeps getting better & better each year. This year there were even offers to buy the pasta to take home. The kitchen operations continue to get smoother with some of Monte's crew having been there with him from the beginning. For those of you who may have wondered why I was dressed for the outdoors during the event, it was because I was one of the staff working from the back of the facility outside to get the crab from box to bowl as fast as the waiters brought back the bowls. What I saw of the inside of the hall during the event assured me that Anna, Monte & all of the volunteers helped create another great event for club members, family, & friends to enjoy.

My thanks to all of you who either volunteered, donated to the raffle, and/or attended the event, it was a **(Continued on page 2)**

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Picnic**Ron Roletto**
Scholarship**Diana Kaczor**
Sounders Soccer Night.....**Martin Nigrelle**

President (continued)

success once again!

As to the concerns some raised during the budget review/ approval process, please let it be known, that no one on the board had anything but thanks & praise for the time, energy, & resources dedicated & demonstrated by the people who chaired the children's events. The efforts made to make those parties the successes they have been should not be discounted based on the numbers in attendance. For any confusion or mixed messages the chair persons and members may have dealt with in relation to the budget process, I, on behalf of the board, apologize. There was no intent to lessen the appreciation for all those who help to make these events happen.

With the budget approved for the year we can now take action on the related tasks that are called out in the budget to work on sustaining & bettering the club. To that end I am appealing to any member who knows (and is willing to endorse) any web designers/technical writers who would be interested in putting together a bid to update & manage the club's web site. Any interested parties will need to submit a bid for their services, bids will be reviewed & chosen by the board later this year.

Members Joel Patience & Dale Bonn will be bringing guests to the March meeting. Their guests will be making a short presentation to the membership on behalf of Club Alpino Italiano Pacific Northwest. I want to thank Joel & Dale for taking the initiative to share with the club another aspect of the Italian-American culture that is here amongst us in the great Pacific Northwest. If you know someone you think would be a great candidate for making a short presentation to the club, please let someone on the board know so we can ensure there are no conflicts in the agenda. As always the club will cover a onetime cost of dinner for guests.

Which brings me back to my monthly appeal to the club, if any member has ideas or concerns on the best ways the club can give back to, or get more involved in, the local Italian-American community, I am all ears. Please let me know ASAP so that we may take steps to broaden the club's reach into our community.

Martin

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.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges, and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Nils Seth is doing better after having a knee replacement late last month. He did experience some challenges during the initial part of his recovery but thankfully he seems to be heading in the right direction now.

Dan Truman, Life Member of the Italian Club, passed away in Dec. at the age of 92. Our sympathies to his family.

Bill Picchena, along with daughter Jacque Bonnell & grandchildren Jillian & Roy, will be taking a Disney Cruise to the Western Caribbean on Disney's newest ship the "Fantasy". Then they'll spend some time at Disneyworld before flying home.

Audrey Manzanares & daughter Marissa spent two weeks in CA. They enjoyed good weather & had a great time. Marissa won ribbons on her horse Timon but unfortunately she took a fall & suffered a concussion on the last day of the competitions. She rode two more classes in spite of her injuries. Hopefully she'll make a full recovery.

Was nice to see Joanne Lazzaretti at our Feb. meeting & to know that she is back home after an extended stay at a rehab care facility because of a second fall.

Mary Hoffa is still at Merrill Gardens in Renton but manages to join four or five others (including Rosa Facciutto & Velva Saltarelli) for an occasional lunch outing.

Velva Saltarelli enjoyed an overnight get-away, recently with her niece. They went up to the Skagit Casino & the next day went to LaConner, had lunch, & checked out how much that area has grown since they were last there.

We heard that Antoinette & Lou Fontana, Remo Borracchini, and Dee & Lou Cella were at the Crab dinner. I haven't seen them in a while so it's nice to know they seem to be doing well.

Our caterer, Doug Chiechi seems to have recovered from his bout of pneumonia in January. In spite of going through knee surgery, after the pneumonia, he still prepared us a great meal for our Feb. meeting. Our own Sargent-at-Arms Robert Sylvester is working in Hawaii for a short time. Lucky him!

Tom & Nancy Grossi's 8 year old daughter Ava (Nick & Ginny's granddaughter) sang a solo during the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's church in Issaquah on Sunday Feb. 9th. They are all very proud of her.

Nick & Ginny Grossi, Brian Di Julio, Jim & Joan Di Julio and Leo Costello were among the Italian Club members who attended Eddie O'Brien's funeral at a standing room only St. James Cathedral. Nick said this was a memorable event.

Quinto De Vitis fell & broke his wrist, had to have surgery & is now sporting a cast which is going to limit him for a while. We wish him a complete & speedy recovery.

Linda Madrid shared that she has been dealing with some difficult challenges since Jan. She was initially diagnosed with & was being treated for gout but they eventually found that it was not gout, it was a torn tendon in her foot. She had to have surgery, also got the flu & developed an inner ear/dizziness problem. She has pretty much been bed-ridden & is grateful to have had husband Don providing excellent care. The crab feed was one of Linda's first outings & now she's gearing up for an engagement party at her home in late Feb. for her daughter who is getting married in Sept.!

Happy Mardi Gras & we hope everyone finds some time for reflection & spiritual growth during Lent. Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. I wonder if Doug will be serving corned beef & cabbage at our meeting this month!?!

Crab Feed

Anna Popovich, Chairman

Thank You to all our members and friends who attended our wonderful crab feed. As always, it was a huge success.

A big thank you to Martin Nigrelle for delivering the crab. Ron Roletto, Michael Troiani and Michael Popovich for setting up the hall, and a huge thank you to the kitchen crew headed up by Monte Marchetti with the help of Dick and Dorothy Whitney, Rich Hall, John Luktanowicz, Molly Jensen, Ruth Jensen, Joan Wong, Evan Wong, Tyler Quandt, Al Carlson, Martin Nigrelle. Thank You to all our waiters, Evelyn Campo, Leonard Smith (who came up for this event from San Francisco), Bob Sylvester, Margaret Marchetti, Angela Wright, Molly and Ruth Jensen, and Joan Wong. Great job! Thank you Bill Wright and Michael Popovich for tending bar.

Our raffle was a huge success thanks to Joanne Marchese for setting it up, Barbara Peretti, Audrey Manzanares, Diane Kaczor, David Madrid and Dennis Caldirola as our caller. To all the people who helped take down the tables, Mike Albanese, David Madrid and the lady pushing the mop, Audrey. A special thanks to Martin Nigrelle, Tom Grossi, and his buddies who also helped. There would not be a raffle if it wasn't for the generosity of our members and friends. It was greatly appreciated.

As always it was a team effort and we look forward to another successful year in our club.

Italians & Soccer, Who Knew?

In a spirit much like the Mariners the Sounders have expressed interest in creating an event for the local Italian-American community. The Sounders are designing a scarf as a custom give-away item to this year's event attendees. Pictures of the scarf, date & pricing details are yet to be announced. Preliminary indications are that the price will be in the \$20~\$30 range.

Secretary's Report

On February 17th, past-due notices were sent those members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Since that time, a few members have responded, leaving us with 184 paid out of 232. This leaves with 48 who are still in arrears. If you plan to attend the March meeting, you can save yourself the hassle and the cost of a stamp (and the Club the cost of two stamps) by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Final deadline is April 15, 2014 and since this is a Roster year, members who are dropped for non-payment will also be excluded from the Roster.

Dennis Caldirola

"The Great Beauty"

Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film

Journalist Jep Gambardella has charmed and seduced his way through the lavish nightlife of Rome for decades. Since the legendary success of his one and only novel, he has been a permanent fixture in the city's literary and social circles, but



when his sixty-fifth birthday coincides with a shock from the past, Jep finds himself unexpectedly taking stock of his life, turning his cutting wit on himself and his contemporaries, and looking past the extravagant nightclubs, parties, and cafés to find Rome in all its glory: a timeless landscape of absurd, exquisite beauty.

Approved Budget for The Seattle Italian Club 2014

INCOME	2013	2014
Advertising/newsletter	\$200	\$450
Advertising/roster	\$0	\$1,200
Casa Subsidy	\$900	\$900
Crab Feed	\$3,500	\$3,750
Festa Italiana	\$2,400	\$2,200
Interest	\$20	\$140
Vanguard Mutual Funds	\$15,000	\$17,500
Member Dues	\$10,250	\$9,750
New Members	\$750	\$500
	\$33,020	\$36,390

EXPENSES

Accountant	\$500	\$450
Administration	\$7,200	\$7,200
Board Meetings	\$1,000	\$1,000
Childrens Halloween party	\$400	\$350
Dinner Meetings	\$3,000	\$4,000
Advertising Fedele	\$150	\$150
Festa Italiana	\$3,000	\$3,650
Halloween Family Party	\$400	\$350
Insurance	\$850	\$850
Legal Fees	\$10	\$10
Newsletters	\$5,250	\$5,250
Office	\$150	\$150
Past Pres. Lunch	\$600	\$1,000
Picnic	\$500	\$500
Postage	\$200	\$300
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$300	\$300
Progressive Draw	\$250	\$250
Past President's Gift	\$250	\$0
Rent - Meetings	\$2,750	\$3,250
Rent - Dexter Office	\$880	\$880
Rent - Storage	\$600	\$600
Roster	\$0	\$1,250
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500
Seafair Miss Italian Club Seattle	\$750	\$500
Xmas Party - Adult	\$250	\$500
Xmas Party - Family	\$1,300	\$500
Website Development		\$2,000
	\$32,040	\$36,740



Mama Romano's Baked Lemon Chicken

As submitted by Judy Lewis

- 8 Chicken Breasts
- 1 t. kosher salt
- ¼ t. freshly ground black pepper
- flour for dredging
- Olive oil
- 3 cups thinly sliced onions
- 1 ½ T. thinly sliced garlic
- 8 fresh thyme sprigs
- 1 ½ cups chicken stock
- 2 lemons

In olive oil, caramelize sliced onions with the garlic and some fresh thyme, a little salt and pepper and cover the bottom of the casserole dish with the onion mixture.

Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

In a 10-inch ovenproof skillet, heat a few tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the chicken breasts to a rich golden brown. Transfer to a casserole dish and layer across length wise. Top with a few more thyme sprigs. Pour over ½ chicken stock. Slice lemons in thin rounds and place on top of each chicken breast.

Bake about 20-30 minutes.

2014-15 Scholarship – Application Form is Available

By Diana Kaczor – Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding up to three individual \$500.00 scholarships. The scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year will be awarded to students who are selected based on meeting or exceeding the scholarship criteria (noted below). As in years' past; the better the GPA, the better chance of scholarship award.

Next steps in the scholarship process:

- May 2014 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 2014 – Award Recipients determined in the June board meeting, all applicants notified of their status
- September 2014 – Award Recipients published in the il Ficcanaso and presented @ General Meeting
- October 2014 – Scholarship payments made to the schools on behalf of the recipients

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet or exceed are:

1. A parent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club for at least three years. (Grandparents are not included).
2. The parent(s) of the applicant must attend at least three club meetings during the year.
3. The applicant (student) is enrolled in high school (grades 9 through 12) for the 2014-2015 school year, in the greater Seattle area
4. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (with official transcript) and take part in extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.
5. Each applicant must write a letter telling about themselves and their extracurricular activities.
6. The application and transcript must be post marked no earlier than April 10th, 2014 and no later than May 8th, 2014
7. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2014/2015 Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's Parent(s) (Italian Club Member(s) in good standing): _____

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2014/2015 School year: _____

Applicant's Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

The Application form must be accompanied by:

1. Official Transcript, from the Middle or High School the applicant is currently attending (2013-2014 school year).
2. Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service

Applications are to be sent to: Italian Club of Seattle - Scholarship
c/o Diana Kaczor
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

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

March 2014

6th	Trustee Meeting
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

April 2014



	No Trustee meeting this month
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
24th	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

May 2014

1st	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
26th	Input Deadline for June <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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June 2014



	No Trustee meeting this month
7th	Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night (NY Yankees)
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

July 2014



	No Trustee meeting this month
4th	Independence Day
	No August <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

August 2014



4th	Italian Day at Emerald Downs
6th	Festa Volunteer Meeting, Mt. Virgin Church, 7PM
17th	All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
21-23	Festa Italiana, Portland, OR
25th	Input Deadline for September <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

New Membership

*By Diana Kaczor,
Membership Chair*

At the February 13, 2014 meeting the club voted in four new members: Dale W. Bonn, Mike Albanese, Andrew and Elena Comer. Please introduce yourself & welcome them to the club the next time you see them.

At the March General meeting we will be voting on applicant Charles Roy. Charles lives in Chelan, WA with his wife club member Toni Napoli Roy.

Baseball (continued)

a custom t-shirt this year. Tickets will be available at the March General meeting or they can be purchased via the dedicated web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>

If you think you might enjoy playing Bocce in Safeco field before the game, please let Marty Nigrelle know via e-mail: Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com.

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 drawing for prizes at the February meeting was conducted by newly appointed Sergeant of Arms Robert Sylvester.

The birthday winner for February was Helen Carrosino. Spirits and coffee cards were won by: Jane Hall, Diana Warczak, Carole Bishop, Bill Picchena, Paul Pioli, Joe Jacobin, Barbara Galluccio, Delores DeVitis, Dale Bonn, Barbara Peretti, Velva Salterelli, Mike Albanese, Diana Kaczor, Nick Grossi, Joanne Spino Marchese, Dot Whitney, Leonard Smith, Inez Bellotti, Mike Troiani, Martin Nigrelle.

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 was won by Ray Petre. Next month starts over at \$25.00.

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