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Dinner – Thursday,  
April 10th, 2014  
6:30pm  
Mount Virgin  
Church Hall

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*Buona Pasqua*



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## Italian Soccer Fans Unite!

The Sounders FC are gearing up for their second annual Italian event. The tickets are being reserved. The date is set. It looks to be a nice improvement over last year's event.

At 7:30 pm, Sunday, August 10th, 2014 the Sounders will be taking on the Huston Dynamo. This match will be a full stadium event and given the time of the year should prove to be a great night outdoors.

This year those who purchase through the web site or the designated salesperson will be able to sit with their friends & fellow Italian enthusiasts in section 101. This is a big jump from last year when we were scattered across the stadium. An additional benefit this year is the seats in this section are real seats with backs

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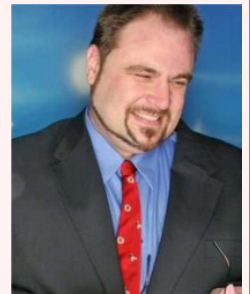
## Message from the President Bring on the Spring!!

Greetings fellow club members. It seems like we are getting a taste of spring just now with one or two sunny days, surrounded by several rainy days; ah Seattle weather. I look forward to spring with the new growth coming to life in the plants and flowers, along with longer days. It can be quite a boost to not leave home for work and return home both in the dark. As the seasons change we begin to approach the beginning of the variety of events for the greater Italian-American community. It's a great time to begin planning to attend, or volunteer at the activity or event of your choice. Which brings me to the double-volunteer opportunity the Club has at Festa Italiana. This year the club will continue its long standing opportunity to staff the Festa Sausage Booth, and in addition, we will have a booth downstairs inside the Fisher Pavilion wherein we can promote the club, along with the benefits & activities of our membership. If you are interested in volunteering at Festa, in either, or both booths please let me know.

Presentations at General Meetings. Thanks go out to Joel Patience & Dale Bonn who brought Club Alpino Italia – Pacific North West to the March meeting. Joel has also facilitated an appearance by Nancy Grossi (the spouse of trustee Tom Grossi) to sing in Italian at the May meeting. If you know someone or a group that has an aspect of Italian culture to share, and can keep their presentation to 15 minutes or less please contact me or anyone on the board to discuss scheduling a presentation at the General Meeting. Please note that some General meetings may already be booked or have competing activities. Ideally such a request should be made at least one month in advance of the intended meeting. Ciao!

*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](mailto:martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com)



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New Membership.....**Diana Kaczor**

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Picnic .....**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship .....**Diana Kaczor**

Sounders Soccer Night.....**Martin Nigrelle**

## Biblioteca Italiana Seattle

**Biblioteca Italiana Seattle** will soon open in a space kindly made available by the D'Ambrosio Gelato shop on Capitol Hill. Biblioteca Italiana Seattle (BIS) is a non-profit organization of volunteers that wants to create a library of books in Italian and of Italian authors translated in English.

We already have about 300 books! You can view the current list of books by clicking on the following Shelfari link: <http://www.shelfari.com/o1514773841/shelf>.

Library books can be borrowed by visiting the Gelateria in person every Sunday between 2 and 4 pm from April 6th. One of our volunteers will be there to assist you. Registration and library use are completely free of charge.

We are hoping to increase the number of books in Italian and by Italian authors available at our library. To do so we also need your help and donations of new and used books are highly appreciated.

Do you want to donate your Italian books to BIS? You have the chance to do so this Sunday March 31st at D'Ambrosio Gelato in Capitol Hill between 1.30 and 2.30pm.

Feel free to contact us for more information and we will be happy to help you ([bibliotecaitalianaseattle@gmail.com](mailto:bibliotecaitalianaseattle@gmail.com)). Check out our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/bibliotecaitalianaseattle](http://www.facebook.com/bibliotecaitalianaseattle).

Thanks!

**Andrea and the volunteers of Biblioteca Italiana Seattle**

### Italian Soccer (continued)

& not the benches in the "Hawks Nest" nor is it the steep climb of the "Hawks Nest".

The tickets will be at the discounted price per seat of \$26.00. A dedicated web link & purchase contact details will be published online & in the May newsletter. Tickets should be available at the May General Meeting too!

## Health & Welfare

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

Carol Bishop reported that they “had a blast” celebrating her son’s 40th birthday party over the weekend of Feb. 16th. They appreciated “Family, friends, food, faith” & as she said “what more is there?” Carol also commented that she feels “like a walking ad for the Evergreen Eye Center...had lens replacement surgery Nov/Dec. and can see all distances...don’t need ‘cheaters,’ and couldn’t be happier with the results.” Other than always trying to improve her tennis game that was all she had to share with us at this time. Nice to hear about the successful results of her surgery & about the fun they had celebrating her son.

Have you noticed that Linda Madrid is looking a little different these days? No glasses! She had successful cataract surgery on both eyes last month. She is also walking without crutches & no boot on her foot. This is the first time she’s walked without help since Jan. She feels truly liberated! She’s still doing physical therapy but is happy to have been “repaired” from head to foot.

Velva Saltarelli & her niece continue their twice weekly water exercises at a near-by pool. They also enjoyed hearing Kurt Elling, a jazz singer, who performed recently at the Edmonds Performing Arts Center.

Margaret Carlo, Aunt of Fr. Gary Morelli, passed away on March 18th at age 103. She was the last of 8 siblings to die. Our sympathies to her relatives - the Carlos, Yellams, De Marcos, Congiustas, & Morelli’s.

Our sympathies to Rosa Facciuto whose 96 y.o. cousin passed away on March 26th. They had been very close so it’s a real loss to her.

Audrey Manzares’s daughter Marissa is in her senior year of high school. Her last day of school will be May 20th.

Bill Picchena spent a week in Miami Beach, FL with daughter Jacque & grandson Roy. Roy will be graduating from high school in June so is looking at colleges, possibly on the East Coast.

Granddaughter Jillian is working for Disney Cruise Line & sails out of Cape Canaveral to the Bahamas. Sounds like a fun job.

Angela & Bill Wright spent a couple of weeks in the sun. They first had a week in Palm Desert where they attended the annual Seattle U. alumnae party at the home of Carmen & Jim Sepic (daughter of Joan Razore). Some of the other guests there were Dino Rossi, Elgin Baylor, & of course S.U. president Fr. Sundborg. Then they headed to Scottsdale to spend 10 days with daughter Karen’s family. Three of their 14 grandchildren live there including the youngest who is just 3 yrs. old.

Tony La Stella reports that he just signed a contract with Quilceda Casino (Marysville) to do his Solo Italian Show entitled “Opera, Sinatra & Italian Pop” there every other Wed (1-4PM), starting April 16th for their weekly senior days. He is also performing the same show for an Olive Crest event on April 25th in Spokane

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*Tony La Stella*

## **Health & Welfare** *(continued)*

& donating the proceeds to raise money for Foster Children. Tony's daughter, Natalie, will be getting married on May 25th to Matthew Straub at the Belle Chapel in Snohomish.

Chip & Sigi DiJulio have returned from South Africa and Germany. They visited 5 countries in South Africa and then spent a week in Germany, seeing Sigi's relatives. They saw animals, Victoria Falls, Cape Town, Johanisberg, and two game parks.

In mid Feb. Ron Alia met cousins in Indio, CA for a reunion & they hope it will become a tradition & include more of their relatives. They played some golf, enjoyed lots of good food, went to a fair, cooking classes and a tour of celebrity homes. Ron said they were a very fun group to be with. And it all happened under the desert sun!

Happy Birthday to Joan Razore who will turn 98 on April 13th & to Bill Wright who turns 80 on April 23rd & to any others celebrating birthdays in April.

Let me know if you have a birthday or anniversary coming up & we'll acknowledge your special day in this column. You don't have to mention your age unless you want to.

Una Pasqua felice e benedetto per tutti - A Happy & Blessed Easter to everyone.

## **Secretary's Report**

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 232 members. As of April 1st, only 201 have paid their dues leaving 31 who have not yet responded. Therefore on April 15, 2014, as per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list, the email database and the upcoming biannual Club Roster. If you have friends or family members you think are delinquent, now would be the time to call them and encourage them to stay in our great organization!

And for the last time this year, if you plan to attend the April meeting, you can save yourself 49¢ and the Club 98¢ by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. This is your final warning.

**Dennis Caldirola**

## **A Day at Snoqualmie Casino**

**By Michael Lazzaretti**

Spend the day at Snoqualmie casino on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. The cost is \$10.00 and includes \$10.00 cash back and a free buffet.

We leave from Embassy Suites located at 3225 158th Avenue Southeast, Bellevue. Pick up is in front of the Embassy Suites hotel at the flag pole. Parking is available in the Embassy Suites parking Lot. The bus leaves at 9:55 A.M., arrives at 10:25 AM and returns from the casino at 3:25 PM. Please pay the driver on day of trip. Cash only. I need to know no later than Wednesday, April 24, 2014 how many are coming so I can reserve seats.

You can reach me at 206-323-9441.

## **Easter in Italy**

While you probably won't see the Easter bunny if you're in Italy for Easter, you will find some interesting Italian Easter celebrations. Like all holidays in Italy, Easter, Pasqua in Italian, has its share of rituals and traditions. The Monday following Easter, la Pasquetta is also a holiday throughout Italy. While the days before Easter in Italy include solemn processions and masses, Easter is a joyous celebration.

**Good Friday and Easter Week Processions** - Solemn religious processions are held in many towns on the Friday or Saturday before Easter and sometimes **(Continued on page 6)**

## CAI-PNW Club Alpino Italiano

Those of you who attended the March General Meeting witnessed the presentation from members of the local branch of Club Alpino Italiano. Their web site is: <http://CAI-PNW.com>.

CAI has over 300,000 members in Italy alone. CAI-PNW is the only branch of the club outside of Italy. CAI in Seattle was founded in 2002, the seeds to create it started with the first exchange between The Mountaineers and CAI in 1995 and 1996. Since then, the two clubs have continued their cooperation, in 1998 a biking trip to Chianti region in Tuscany, and every year providing CAI members access to the Mountaineers trips to Europe, including a trip to Sicily in 2009.

The aim of CAI and CAI-PNW is to share between American and Italian mountaineers a common interest in exploring and preserving mountain environments. Member activities include local trips, mountain travel publications, inter-club exchange visits, and social events. In particular, CAI-PNW organizes mountaineering trips for American members to Italy, and hosts trips for Italian members in Washington, in order to let them enjoy the Pacific Northwest.

One of the most fascinating activities of the club, are the international exchange programs. During the exchange, the program of activities is mainly suggested by local people, who know the best places to walk, to stay and to eat. While in Italy a member may have the possibility to walk together with Italians, to stay in their houses, to live with them; the option of a full immersion in the Italian culture. Likewise, for the members coming from Italy. Such a trip is an opportunity to make wonderful new friendships.

Benefits of being a member of CAI-PNW include reciprocal relationships with other Alpine Clubs, discounts on related lodging, gear, and rifugio (Italian mountain huts/ lodges). CAI owns over seven hundred rifugio in Italy and has discounted rates at those owned by other Alpine clubs in Italy & other nations that are members of Association International des Associations d'Alpinisme.

If you are interested in learning more about CAI-PNW for membership, local hikes or walks, or more information, please check out their web site.

## Italians in the Outfield

The Mariners and Birra Peroni are hosting a bocce tournament as part of the Mariners' 8th annual Italian Heritage Night. The tournament will take place in the "Sod Farm" just behind the outfield wall near "The Pen" viewing area at Safeco Field. At 7:10pm, Saturday the 28th of June, 2014 in Safeco Field, the Mariners will be hosting the Cleveland Indians. For those interested in playing Bocce in Safeco, there is no extra cost but a ticket to the event is required. If you are interested in playing Bocce in Safeco field before the game, please let Marty Nigrelle know via e-mail: [Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com).

Tickets for those who want to sit with the Italian Club (Field Level only) will be available for purchase at the April general meeting. Or they can be purchased via the dedicated web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>

Ticket Prices for this year's event are set as:

\$16.00 for View Level (Upper Level)

\$30.00 for Field Level

The ticket price will include a custom t-shirt this year.

## Easter in Italy *(continued)*

on Easter Sunday. Many churches have special statues of the Virgin and Jesus that play a big part in the processions. The statues may be paraded through the city or displayed in the main square. Parade participants are often dressed in traditional ancient costumes. Olive branches are often used instead of or along with palm fronds in the processions and to decorate churches.

**Enna**, in Sicily, has a large procession on Good Friday, with more than 2,000 friars dressed in ancient costumes walking through the streets of the city. Trapani, also in Sicily, is a good place to see processions, held several days during Holy Week. Their Good Friday procession, *Misteri di Trapani*, is 24 hours long. These processions are very dramatic.

What's believed to be the oldest Good Friday procession in Italy is in Chieti in the Abruzzo region. The procession with *Selecchi's Miserere* played by 100 violins is very moving.

Some towns, such as Montefalco and Gualdo Tadino in Umbria, hold live scenarios during the night of Good Friday or plays enacting the stations of the cross. Priests often visit shops and homes to bless them on the Saturday before Easter.

Europe Travel has photos of a *Giovedì Santo* (Thursday) procession and a *Venerdì Santo*, Good Friday, procession in southern Sicily.

**Rome and St. Peter's** - While Easter mass will be held in every church in Italy, the biggest and most popular mass is held by the Pope at St. Peter's Basilica. On Good Friday, the Pope celebrates the *Via Crucis* or Stations of the Cross in Rome near the Colosseum. A huge cross with burning torches lights the sky as the stations of the cross are described in several languages. At the end, the Pope gives a blessing. Read more about Easter Week at the Vatican and in Rome.

**Florence - Scoppio del Carro** - In Florence, Easter is celebrated with the *Scoppio del Carro*, explosion of the cart. A huge, decorated wagon is dragged through Florence by white oxen until it reaches Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence's historic center. Following mass, the Archbishop sends a dove-shaped rocket into the cart, igniting the fireworks held in the cart. This spectacular display is followed by a parade in medieval costumes.

**La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza - Abruzzo Region** - Sulmona, in the Abruzzo region, celebrates Easter Sunday with *La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza*. On Easter Sunday people dress in green and white, colors of peace, hope, and resurrection, and gather in the main piazza. The woman playing the *Virgen Mary* is dressed in black. As she moves to the fountain, doves are released and the woman is suddenly dressed in green. Music and feasting follow.

**Holy Week on the island of Sardinia** - The island of Sardinia is a part of Italy steeped in tradition and a good place to experience festivals and holidays. Because of its long association with Spain, some Easter traditions are strongly linked to the Spanish *Semanta Santa*.

**Easter food** - Since Easter is the end of the Lent season, food plays a big part in the celebrations. Traditional Easter foods include lamb or goat, artichokes, and special Easter breads that vary from region to region. *Pannetone* and *Colomba* (dove shaped) breads are often given as gifts as are hollow chocolate eggs that usually come with a surprise inside.

**Easter Monday - La Pasquetta** - On Easter Monday, some cities hold dances, free concerts, or unusual games often involving eggs. In the Umbrian hill town of Panicale, cheese is the star. *Ruzzolone* is played by rolling huge wheels of cheese, weighing about 4 kilos, around the village walls. The object is to get your cheese around the course using the fewest number of strokes. Following the cheese contest, there is a band in the piazza and of course, wine. Read more about the town of Panicale. Easter Monday is a time to gather with friends and have fun.



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## 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

### New Membership

*By Diana Kaczor,  
Membership Chair*

At the April General meeting we will be voting on the application for membership for William (Bill) J. Taylor. Bill was born in Hitchin, England and now lives in the Burien area. Bill has been a Seattle area resident for over 44 years, and is currently enjoying retirement. Bill is sponsored by Carol Bishop & Monte Marchetti.

No new applications were voted on in the March General meeting.

Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to our new members and welcome them to the club. Those of you who have spouses & children who have not joined the club are encouraged to bring them to a General meeting to meet some of the other club members. The cost of the dinner & drinks is covered by the club for 1<sup>st</sup> time guests. Anyone interested in membership to the club should be referred to the application form on our web site.

### 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](mailto:denniscaldirola1@gmail.com)).

### 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>

### June 2014



	No Trustee meeting this month
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
28th	Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night (NY Yankees)
	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



3rd	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>





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**WINNERS**

Drawings were conducted by Rod Warczak since Robert Sylvester was on vacation.

Birthday winner for March was Joe Galluccio; Wine beer, spirits and coffee cards were won by Paul Pioli, Diana Kaczor (3), Anna Popovich (2), Marie Dahlgren (3), Bob Popovich, Barb Peretti, Judy Seth, Mike Kaczor, Ron Alia (2), Michael Troiana (2), D. Caldirola, Dale Bonn and Katherine Langenegger.

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 would have been won by Sally Guinasso had she been present. The jackpot increases to \$50.00 in April.

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