

General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
May 8th, 2014
6:30pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall

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See the Sounders & Benefit Two Worthy Events

Come on down to Century Link field & enjoy soccer in the setting sun with your fellow members of the Italian community. Proceeds from the sale of tickets to the Sounders' second Italian event (via the supplied web site, details below) will benefit both Festa Italiana & the San Genarro festival. 7:30pm, Sunday, August 10th, 2014 the Sounders will be taking on the Huston Dynamo. Seating will be as a group (much like the seating at the Mariners events).

The tickets will be at the discounted price per seat of \$24.00, a savings of \$6.00 per ticket.

<https://oss.ticket-master.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=seattlemls&o=269&g=675>

Special Promotion
Code: *italian*

Message from the President

Greetings & Salutations: Best wishes & thanks to all mothers this Mother's Day, without them we would not be who we are.

Just one more month until our summer break. The season for spending time with family & friends outdoors under the sun. Before we go there, there is still some housekeeping business for the club to be addressed. The club needs a new co-chair for the Festa Sausage booth & Chairperson for the Club Booth at Festa.

Festa Sausage Booth: Joe Galluccio who co-chaired the Festa Sausage Booth with Tom Grossi last year has family plans that will keep him from working at Festa this year. Duties include managing the volunteers, ensuring there is change in the till, and ensuring the booth ready in the morning (firing up the grills, ensuring the soda is iced down, etc.), shutting down the booth for the night. Festa will be assuming the responsibility of load-in & load-out of the booth & equipment. Aside from the Crab Feed, this is one of the primary fund raising activities of the club, it is important we have the right people running the booth.

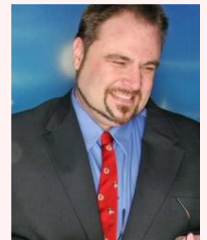
Italian Club of Seattle Booth at Festa: This year at Festa we will have a booth to use to help publicize the club, what we do, and offer membership opportunities to those who are interested. The chairperson for this activity will be responsible for recruiting volunteers to staff the booth & ensure any materials or decorations are properly set up for the booth. The booth will be indoors, inside of the Fisher Pavilion.

If you are (or know someone who is) interested in filling one of these chairperson roles, please let me know as soon as possible.

Our caterer, Douglas Chiechi will be available to cater the June meeting this year, normally he is not available. Doug has proposed a summer picnic menu for the June meeting, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, side salads etc. Bring on the Summer!! 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.



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

Miss Italian Club.....**Rod Warczak**

New Membership**Diana Kaczor**

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

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Diana Kaczor**

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

Italy in May – Events & Festivals

May in Italy is a good time to find spring festivals. You'll find flower festivals, food and wine festivals, medieval reenactments, and events celebrating rituals of spring. Although you'll probably come across other local festivals, here are some of the highlights.

May Day, May 1, is a **public holiday** all over Italy as the day of the worker. Many services will be closed but you may find interesting parades and festivals to celebrate the day. Expect big crowds in popular Italian tourist destinations.

The Sagra di Sant Efisio on May 1 one of the most important festivals in Sardinia. A colorful 4-day procession leads from Cagliari to the Romanesque church of Saint Efisio on the beach at Nora. Decorated ox carts and horsemen accompany the saint's statue in a parade followed by food and dancing.

Ring Race and Procession, re-enactments of 14th century contests and parades, continues in *Narni* in the Umbria region through May 12 (starts near the end of April).

The Risotto Festival the first Sunday in May in the Piedmont town of *Sessame* is a huge feast of a special rice dish dating back to the 13th century.

The Snake Handlers' Procession is the first Thursday in May in *Cocullo* in the Abruzzo region. A statue of *St. Dominic*, the town's patron saint, is carried through town covered with live serpents.

The Fish festival of Saint Fortunato, patron saint of fishermen, is celebrated in the beautiful fishing village of *Camogli*, south of Genoa, the second Sunday in May. Saturday night there is a huge fireworks display and bonfire competition followed by free fried fish on Sunday.

Polenta Festival, also the second Sunday in May, is celebrated in the main square of the Piedmont town of *Avigliana*.

La Barabbata is celebrated May 14 in *Marta* on the shores of Lake Bolsena. In this procession, men wear costumes representing the old trades and carry their tools while white buffalo pull floats carrying the fruits of the trades.

Night of Museums is held on a Saturday in mid-May. Museums in many Italian cities are open late, often with free admission and special events.

Festa della Sensa, or Ascension Festival, is held on the first Sunday after Ascension Day (40 days after Easter) in Venice. The ceremony commemo- (Cont'd on page 4)

Health & Welfare

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

Ronnie Beyersdorf reported that wife Rosetta recently visited relatives in Brazil & Argentina. He was very happy to have her back home.

Bill Picchena was expecting to return home on May 1st from another trip. He & his two oldest daughters Jill & Jacque & their families all left the weekend of April 6th for a cruise to Puerto Vallarta. We missed Bill at the buffet line but Dick Whitney did a great job collecting the meal tickets in Bill's absence at our April meeting.

Remo Borracchini is doing well after undergoing heart surgery on April 3rd. His daughter sent a message to say that he went to a rehab center from the hospital but was doing so well that they expected he'd probably be home in a couple of weeks. If anyone would like to send a card, they can mail it to the bakery & his daughters will get it to him. I know the family will appreciate our continued prayers for a complete & successful recovery for Remo & strength for them during this time.

Mike & Diana Kaczor's daughter, Nicole Nyblod fell & broke her tail bone. She's doing fairly well but it makes it a bit more challenging for her to keep up with her active 6 & 9 year old boys.

Linda Madrid will be traveling to Southern California after Easter to attend her niece's confirmation. She'll be gone for Mother's Day to spend time with friends in Dallas where she used to live.

Velva Saltarelli & Rosa Facciuto & a couple of other friends spent the day on April 11th enjoying the beautiful colors in the tulip fields in Mt. Vernon & had lunch in La Conner.

Audrey Manzanares reported that her daughter Marissa was in a horse show in April. She & her horse Timon won 2 reserve champions! They have made him available for lease so Marissa is able to ride a horse that can jump higher than he is able. Graduation for her is June 7, and Audrey will be putting her house on the market 4/24 so she can move closer into the city.

We just heard about John Croce's sister, Lily Banks, who passed away. Our sympathies to John, his wife Rose, and the entire Croce family.

Our sympathies to the family of Frank Coluccio who recently passed away at age 85. He was a former member of our Club & a Seattle resident & businessman.

Our sympathies also go out to Mike Eronemo & family. Mike's wife Diane passed away on April 12th. Mike & his Dad Nick Eronemo were past members of the club. Nick Eronemo's wife, Lena was the sister of Gil & Sam Centioli.

Mary Beth Di Julio fell on Easter Sunday & broke her hip (had broken the other one this past summer). She had surgery at Overlake Hospital & will be going to rehab for at least a couple of weeks.

Tony LaStella's daughter Natalie will be getting married to Matthew Straub on May 25th. We wish them a beautiful wedding & blessings for a wonderful life together.

Angelo & Mary Merlino will be returning from Honolulu on May 1st after a five months' stay. They enjoyed great weather & good Italian restaurants. We're about due for some of that warm weather here.

Fr. Paul Magnano sent news of his dear Mom, "Mary D. Magnano, turned 96 on Easter Sunday (April 20). She began her day (as she does every Sunday) with Mass at Christ Our Hope, and then celebrated with a family brunch with all 8 children, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren!"

Happy Birthday & God Bless you & your family, Mary.

Seen in the Puget Sound Business Journal - Tom Grossi has joined Orion Commercial Partners as partner & director of property management in Seattle. Congrats & good luck on your new endeavor.

Our prayers & good wishes go out to all our members who are recovering from illness, surgery, accidents & we also pray for safe travels for our "on-the-go" members. Happy Mother's Day on May 11th- we are thankful for all our Moms. And Happy Memorial Day on May 26th - thank you to those who have served & do currently serve.

Easter in Italy *(continued)*

rates Venice's marriage to the sea and in past times, the Doge threw a gold ring into the sea to unite Venice and the sea. In modern times a regatta heads from Saint Mark's Square to Saint Nicolo' culminating with a gold ring being thrown into the sea. There is also a huge fair.

Infiorata di Noto, a huge festival with flower petal art displays and a parade, takes place in Noto, Sicily, the third weekend of May.

The Flower Festival of Bucchianico in the Abruzzo includes a re-enactment of a 13th-century military stratagem with a parade, the third Sunday in May.

Il Palio di Ferrara, a historical horse race dating from 1279, is run the last Sunday in May. There are parades, flag throwing contests, and other events every weekend in May including a historical procession to the castle with over 1000 people in Renaissance costumes on the Saturday night of the weekend before the race.

Cantine Aperte, open cantinas, is a big wine celebration throughout Italy the last weekend of May. Many cantine or wineries are open to guests and have special events.

The Chianti Wine Festival, the last Sunday in May and first Sunday in June, takes place in *Montespertoli* in the Chianti wine region of Tuscany.

Medieval Parade and Jousting Tournament in the Emilia Romagna region town of *Grazzano Visconti* is the last Sunday in May.

The Daffodil Festival in the Abruzzo town of *Rocca di Mezzo* celebrates spring with folk dancing and a parade the last Sunday in May.

From: http://goitaly.about.com/od/festivalsandevents/a/may_fest.htm.

Secretary's Report

THIS IS YOUR LAST IL FICCANASO! If these words have any meaning to you, then you should stop and recall whether or not you've paid your dues for 2014. If not, they were due on April 15th and as per the bylaws, anyone still in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list, the email database, and the biannual printed roster due out in June.

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 232 members. As of April 15th, only 206 had paid their dues leaving 26 who have not yet responded. If you have family members or friends you think are delinquent, now would be the time to call them and encourage them to stay in our great organization.

If you plan to attend the April meeting, you can save yourself 46¢ and the Club 92¢ by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Otherwise, this is your last opportunity and your last newsletter.

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 \$10.00 food voucher credit. The food voucher is good at any casino restaurant or food outlet of your choice.

We leave from Embassy Suites at 9:55am sharp. Please pay driver on day of trip. Cash only. Embassy Suites is located at 3225 158th Avenue Southeast, Bellevue, WA. Pick-up in front of the Embassy Suites Hotel at the flag pole. Parking is available in the Embassy Suites Parking lot. We depart the casino at 3:00pm sharp.

I need to know no later than Tuesday, May 6, 2014 how many are coming so I can reserve seats. You can reach me at 206-323-9441.

Italian Day - Emerald Downs

Day at the Races will be held at Emerald Downs Racetrack in Auburn, WA on Sunday August 3rd, Italian Day.

Join your Seattle Italian Club friends in the Shinpoch Room on the 5th Floor of the clubhouse for a fun filled day. The \$50 ticket includes admission to the track, reserved seat, a delicious buffet, and your tip sheet and program.

The menu includes tri tip steak with horseradish cream, grilled chicken with roasted garlic au jus, red potatoes with parsley and garlic butter, seasonal vegetables, Emerald green salad with choice of dressings, assorted rolls & butter, fresh fruit medley, dessert bars & cookies, and a beverage station with coffee, tea and water.

Last year's record attendance included forty people. Mark your calendars for Sunday August 3rd, room opens at 1PM, races begin at 2PM. Be a winner, be part of the fun at Emerald Downs!

Please make checks payable to **The Italian Club of Seattle**, with numbers of tickets requested. Either bring them to the treasurer at the May or June meeting, or mail them directly to Joe at 7018 82nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040-5333.

Presentations at General Meetings

This month's general meeting will include an appearance by Nancy Grossi (the spouse of trustee Tom Grossi) to sing in Italian. Nancy received both her Bachelor of Arts & Masters degrees in Vocal Performance. A multiple award winner, Nancy sang professionally for some time, she spent six years with the Seattle Opera & later touring the west coast opera houses. Some of you will remember Nancy as she has appeared with Gino Lucchetti singing on the main stage at Festa Italiana. Please give Nancy a warm welcome at the meeting this month.

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 a General Meeting. Some General meetings may already be booked or have competing activities. The request should be made at least one month in advance of the intended meeting.

Bocce With Bats

The Mariners' 8th annual Italian Heritage Night is at 7:10pm, Saturday the 28th of June, 2014 in Safeco Field. The Mariners will be hosting the Cleveland Indians. Birra Peroni and the Mariners are hosting a bocce tournament as an added part of the festivities this year. The tournament will take place before the game in the "Sod Farm" just behind the outfield wall near "The Pen" viewing area at Safeco Field. For those interested in playing Bocce in Safeco, there is no extra cost but a ticket to the event is required. Those who are interested in playing Bocce in Safeco field before the game, please let Marty Nigrelle know via e-mail: 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.

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Italian Club of Seattle Golf Tournament

Benefitting Seattle U Baseball | MC'd by SU Sports Legend Johnny O'Brien!

Date: Thursday, September 18th

Where: Echo Falls Golf Course (Snohomish)

When: 1pm, Shotgun Start (All start same time at different holes)

Sign Up Today!

\$125 per person includes:

Golf Cart, Greens Fees, Box Lunch, Italian Dinner, Tee Prizes!

Send in your RSVP Today, Make Check Payable to: Seattle University Athletic Dept. - Mail Reservation to: Brian DiJulio, 11166 Champagne Pt. Road, Kirkland, Washington 98034 (425)646-6630 or after 6pm at (425)820-4424

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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 Martin Nigrelle, President

At the May General meeting we will be voting on the application for membership for James Jacobin. James has Italian heritage on both sides of his family including a great-great Grandfather from the Caserta area of Italy. James lives in the Seattle area. James is sponsored by his parents Joe & Linda Jacobin.

Bill Taylor was voted into the club at the April General meeting, please take a moment to introduce yourself to Bill and welcome him to the club.

Side Note from the Prez: A tip of the hat goes out to the Jacobin family, seeing the next generation interested in joining the club is very encouraging and vital to the life of the club.

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>

September 2014

4th	Trustee Meeting
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
13th	Festa Italiana Mass in Italian
18th	Italian Club Golf Tourney
23rd	Festa Italiana Luncheon
30th	Input Deadline for October <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
26th	Festa Italiana "Taste of Italy"
27-28	Festa Italiana Seattle Center

October 2014

	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
11 & 12	Italian Festival, Reno, NV
19th	Seattle Fedele Homemade Wine Fest
28th	Input Deadline for November <i>il Ficcanaso</i>





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WINNERS

Robert Sylvester conducted the drawing for the raffle.

The birthday winner was Robert Sylvester. Spirits and coffee cards were won by Angela Wright, Bill Wright, Linda Madrid. Inez Fournu, Rosetta Beyersdorf, Ron Roletto, Mike Albanese, Holly Croce Diana Warczak, Monte Marchetti, Martin Negrelle, Joanne Spino Marchese and Mike Kaczar.

The Progressive Prize of \$50.00 was won by Evelyn Campo. The prize will go to \$25.00.

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