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**General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
December 11th, 2014  
6:30 pm  
Mount Virgin  
Church Hall**

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## Italian American Heritage Alliance

If we want to be recognized as a community, as a culture in the city of Seattle, we need to unite and speak as one. The IAHA is dedicated to make that happen. As noted previously the IAHA was formed in response to the actions of City Hall to place Indigenous Peoples Day on the same day as the federally recognized holiday: Columbus Day.

The IAHA recently completed a survey of Seattle & King County voters. The findings were interesting and a bit troubling. Possibly most noteworthy is that people in our area largely are unaware of the Italian-American community in Seattle. We have our work cut out for us.

Based on the survey results further steps are being explored, they may include political actions and other efforts to raise awareness of the Italian-American community in Seattle. As plans are formed and actions taken we will share those with the community at large.

If you want the City of Seattle to begin to formerly celebrate the Italian-American culture that helped make Seattle what it is today and / or you have an interest in knowing more about the IAHA or in how you can participate, please feel free to reach out to Martin Nigrelle, President of the Italian Club of Seattle.

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## Message from the President

Things to be Thankful for, or Christmas came early for the club:

- The club does not have to move in 2015.
- The Family Christmas party has plenty of children attending.

Not long after the November General meeting Fr. Magnano initiated an e-mail thread with key people from the church, the Nativity School & the club. The end result is that the church will not be raising the rent or changing the time of day the caterer can enter the building. Thanks to Fr. Paul Magnano, Fr. Hung Nguyen, & Michael Mott for the frank & open dialog.

Our Sargent-at-Arms Robert Sylvester & I will be meeting with Fr. Hung to better understand the challenges faced with managing the meeting hall and how the Italian Club might help ensure we have a better, more hospitable place to meet.

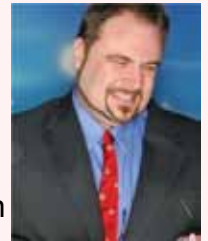
It takes a village to throw a party. Quite a number of people have been working behind the scenes to ensure the success of the Family Christmas party. In short order (with little time to spare) our Secretary Dennis Caldirola was able to find both a location and chairperson to support the party. With the efforts and contributions of multiple members it looks like the families will have a great time this year.

Christmas means many things to many people in our community. However you celebrate the holiday, on behalf of the Officers & Trustees, I extend to all the members & their families our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous & prosperous New Year.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

*Martin Nigrelle*

**As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the affairs of the club. 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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Crab Dinner.....**Anna Popovich**

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

Festa Sausage Booth .....**Tom Grossi & Robert Sylvester**

Golf Tournament .....**Brian DiJulio**

Halloween Party.....**Andrea Petrone**

Health.....**Gemma Thielges**

Luncheons .....**Audrey Manzanares**

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**

## Presentations at General Meetings

In December two members of the Pacific Science Center will deliver a presentation regarding the Pompeii Exhibit coming to the Pacific Science Center in early 2015. For information about the exhibit online, please visit: <http://www.pacificscience-center.org/Exhibits/pompeii>.

The representative from Booking.com who was slated for the November meeting is hoping to present to the club in January or February. They will tell us about their expanding efforts in the greater Seattle area including their quest to hire locals who can speak Italian.

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.

## Further Festa Thanks 2

Last but by no means least. It should be noted that club member Joanne Spino Marchese is not only the chairperson in charge of the Taste of Italy wine tasting at Festa, she is also the President of the Festa board. Trustee Audrey Manzanares chaired the Sons of Italy Meatball Sandwich booth. Thanks Joanne & Audrey!

## Secretary's Report

**Dennis Caldirola**

As usual, notices for 2015 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2014 nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those twelve members will receive their 2015 membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member, Luigi Borda, who will be 93 this coming Christmas Day and joined the Club in 1949.

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for 35 years. Our records show that out of 220 members, 33 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the December meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 49¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

*Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di Buon Natale.*

## Health & Welfare

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

Joanne Marchese reported that their granddaughter, Gianna Marchese, was voted Student of the Month for October at Bishop Blanchet High School. And of course, they are so proud of her! Congratulations to Gianna.

Julie Norris passed away on Nov. 1st. Our sympathies to her family, including her brother Ralph Di Cecco & her cousin Nick Grossi.

Margaret & Bill Ward and Steve & Shirley Di Julio attended their niece 's wedding in San Francisco along with many other relatives.

Rod Warczak had ankle surgery on Nov. 12th. We hope that his recovery is going well.

Sharon Pioli had heart surgery on Nov. 13th. Again, we wish her an easy & complete recovery.

Jim Di Julio had surgery on Nov. 13th. He has had multiple surgeries for cancer on his head & face. This last one involved over 130 stitches on his face! He also underwent surgery for a gall bladder removal the day after Thanksgiving – spent Thanksgiving day at Overlake Hospital. Now recovering at home.

Brenda Elliott wrote with a special request: "Would you ask the Italian Club to keep Todd in their prayers. He has a pet scan on Monday, December 15, to see if the chemotherapy has been effective in treating his cancer. It would be a nice Christmas present to us if his treatment is working! God willing!"

Let 's keep Rod, Sharon, Jim, Todd, Velva Saltarelli, Lou Cella & all of our members who have had more than the ordinary health challenges to deal with recently, in our prayers.

Joe & Barbara Galluccio (right) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on 11/30/2014!

Dorothy & Dick Whitney spent 6 days in Italy & also enjoyed a Viking River cruise down the Danube. They returned home on Nov. 1st.

And this from our club President, Martin Nigrelle reported his endoscope resulted in good news, Esophagus, stomach, & small intestine all appear healthy, no further issues have occurred. Martin & his wife Kacy enjoyed the Thanksgiving week with friends in New Orleans & family in San Antonio.

Chip Di Julio & wife Sigi spent 3 days at their daughter Simone 's new vacation house on the Methow River, 6 miles up from Pateros. Chip & Sigi will be leaving the end of January for a few weeks in Myanmar (Burma) via Bangkok.

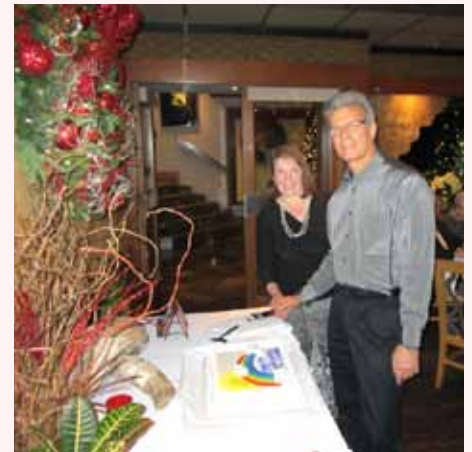
Mark & Alison Alia are expecting a baby in May. This will be Ron Alia's 4th grandchild & when he told me about the upcoming blessed event he sounded as excited as if it was going to be his first grand-baby. We can pray for the safe delivery of a healthy baby!

Eighteen of the Di Julio family women gathered for lunch to celebrate the 94th birthday of Mary Beth Di Julio & the 103rd birthday of Estelle Di Julio last month.

Bill Picchena & Ed DeRocco were among the guests at lunch last month in Bellevue, hosted by an old childhood friend of theirs. Heard that Ed, who may not say much, still displays that wonderful smile of his. They apparently all had a great time reminiscing about the old days.

This came in from Joel Patience: "As reported in the last newsletter, The Rainier Club had an Italian Night November 21. This was a music and cultural event with music by Tony La Stella. The event also included paintings of Italy that were requested by Tony and the Rainier Club

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## **CRAB FEED**

**Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 6:30PM**

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Tickets : \$40/per person or \$400/per table

## Health & Welfare (continued)



Joel Patience & Tony La Stella

that Joel was able to collect from some of the artists that entered in the new le Arti dell Festa Italiana. Dale Bonn was also in attendance and a good time was had by all.”

Audrey Manzanares spent Thanksgiving weekend in L.A. with daughter Marissa. Now they ‘ll be counting down the days until Marissa comes home for her Christmas break.

Karen Gazarek Bianchi wrote: “this is a strange but wonderful year for me. I am breaking with tradition! First, I spent a glorious and spectacular Thanksgiving at my beach cottage on Hood Canal with my two sons and their families. I gazed

on waves crashing on the rocky shore as I made stuffing in my kitchen. We had a wonderful time and they really did come over the river and through the woods to get there. Then I am looking forward to spending Christmas and New Year’s Day in Mexico with my youngest daughter and her family. I have always been home for the Holidays but it ‘s fun to change things a little. After all, home is where the heart is no matter where we are. Happy Holidays to all!”

And to reiterate that message – We wish you all the Blessings of the Christmas Season & Good Health, Peace, & Joy throughout the New Year.

## Election of New Officers Set for December Meeting

*Dorothy I. Miori Whitney*

The nominating committee chaired by **Dorothy I. Whitney** presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting. There were nominations from the floor. Members will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting. They are as follows:

President: **Diana Kaczor**

Vice President: **Linda Madrid**

Secretary: **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer: **Joseph Galluccio**

Ex-officio: **Marty Nigrelle**

**Trustees:** returning for their second year: **Tom Grossi** and **Michael Lazzaretti**.

Trustees: There are five candidates running for three open positions as Trustee:

**Barbara Galluccio**

**Vince Ferrese**

**Joel Patience**

**Audrey Manzanares**

**Ron Roletto**

Voting will be done by private ballot submission at the December General meeting.



2014 Past President's Luncheon at Il Fornaio Restaurant



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## ONCE IN A WHILE WE GET A REAL STORY — SO HERE 'TIS

George Faltico, Al Rosenberg, John Albi, James Scavotto and Gov. Pete Rosaia had the pleasure of enjoying a few days fishing up at the Skagit Country. Pete comes thru with two championships - one for catching the largest number of fish and the other - well you title it yourself after you read the story. After coming in from the Saturdays fishing and enjoying a marvelous dinner the boys were all seated around the campfire smoking their nickle seegars when all of a sudden Doc Albi conceives the bright idea of taking the Governor (who in his own right is one of Seattle's champ two steppers) to a dance at the other end of the lake. Every one but Pete knew of the frame up so the stage was all set. In order to get Pete to change from his fishing clothes to his Sunday suit, Safety First Albi had to do likewise. Albi and the Gov. walked about a half mile from the camp to a spot where they were to board a boat to take them to the said dance. Standing around for an hour Pete and Doc could not understand why the boat did not arrive to pick them up. Because of the wild bear up in that country and the boat house being a half mile beyond Albi was elected to travel to the said place and pick up the boat. That was Pete's downfall for after all that was just what Albi was praying that Pete would say. Doc leaves but instead of going to the boat house he circles around the hills and sneaks back to the camp. LO and BEHOLD five hours later in walks the ORCHID KING and much to his sorrow the boys all began singing that old refrain "Waiting for SHIPS that never come in".

## FOOTBALL

The next football game to be played by the Italian Club Lions will be on Oct. 24th when they tackle the National Guard. The Community League is providing some very fine football games for the Sunday customers this year and we urge our members to attend these games and show the team that we are with them one hundred percent. A football team is not any stronger than their followers and if we show a lot of enthusiasm they will probably dig a little harder altho they are playing good ball as it is. Keep Sunday, October 24th in your date book for a visit to Civic Stadium to see the boys play the National Guard eleven. You will see a double header and can gain admittance for the nominal sum of ten cents if you take advantage of the coupon that is elsewhere on this page. LET'S GO !!!

## GROWING WITH SEATTLE

Last Wednesday, Oct. 13th, the population of Seattle was increased by a least one person; John Di Julio provided the club with cigars on the occasion of an increase in his family with the arrival of a "bundle from heaven"; (it was a girl).

## NEW MEMBERS

Mike Colacarro and Marco Magnano were introduced to the membership and altho we believe most of the members knew them, we hope that they will enjoy the club as much as the officers and membership enjoy having them as members. Marco Magnano is a young business man who is associated with his father A. Magnano and we are proud to have him with us.

## PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT

Our amiable friend, Chris Di Julio made a report on the Pinochle Tournament that is to be held at the club soon. Unless his plans are much better that his first report the outlook is not very encouraging for the pinochle players. After getting into an argument with a few of the members and then having his "shadow" John Shanghai Skally pull a powder on him by resigning his post as chief assister upper, Chris certainly has his hands full and they are not full of melds or patsies, either. Chris suggested a "singles" pinochle tournament and also a pinochle tournament between the members of the Ladies Italian Club. We hope he has made a final decision as to what kind of a tournament he is going to give the club.

## SICK LIST

We are pinch hitting for our friend Dan Angelo of the sick committee this week. Jim (Bo-Bo) Conguisto is practically a normal man again and we understand was released from the hospital last Saturday. Buster La Salle suffered a dislocated collar bone in the recent Italian Club - Ranch Football game but is showing rapid improvement and we hope that his injury is not as serious as first reported. He would like some of the members to visit him, but when you do, please do not eat the candy that some of his well wishers have sent to him. He doesn't like that.

## ENTERTAINMENT

"Brother" Jim Di Julio has promised us some very clever entertainment for the coming meeting and everyone knows what this means. Please be at the meeting on time as the entertainers have only a limited amount of time to spare and this means that if you don't get to the meeting early you will probably miss some of the fine entertainment that Jim has promised us.

## KITTY

Last week our new member Marco Magnano drew the name from the kitty box and another of our prominent members probably kicked himself for not being present to accept a twenty-five dollar check. Frank Pellegrini, Assistant Federal District Attorney, should have been notified in advance by the FBI that his name was to be drawn. Tough luck, Frank.

## DOG HOUSE

Contributors to the Dog House Keg-of-beer Fund at the last meeting were; Public Enemy No. 1 (Frank Pesce) P. F. (James Rispoli) O. M. G. (everybody knows this guy) and B. G. (Sam Volpentest).

Senator Patricelli made his final report on the Dinner Dance that was recently held by the club. From a social standpoint this affair was a huge success but from a financial one it was very dismal. If we are to believe the Senator, the club is only "deficient" eleven dollars and eighty-five cents but when we start to figure it out for ourselves we get a deficit of eighty six dollars and eighty-five cents. The Senator didn't include the seventy five dollars that the club appropriated towards the de-rament of the expenses for the affair. All in all the committee of which the Senator was the chairman did a very fine job and put on one of the finest affairs that has been held by the club.


## 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


December 2014 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
7th	Adult Christmas Party Sorrento Hotel
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Family Christmas Party
17th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

January 2015 	
1st	New Year's Day
2nd	Trustee Meeting
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
22nd	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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February 2015 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Valentine's Day
14th	Crab Dinner St. Alphonsus
20th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

March 2015	
5th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for April <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

April 2015 	
	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
23rd	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

### New Membership

At the December General Meeting we will be voting on applicant Christian LaLario. Christian is from Torino Italy & now resides in Bothell with spouse Star, & children Jayden & Dominic.

At the November meeting we voted in four new members: Clarisse Dent, Diana Dent, Melissa Gaeto, Kellie A Talbot. Please take a moment to introduce yourself & welcome our new members.

### 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 ([dennis-caldirola1@gmail.com](mailto:dennis-caldirola1@gmail.com)).





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**WINNERS**

Drawings: were conducted by Robert Sylvester.

The Birthday Winner for November was Max Leone.

Traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Drawing: Nick Grossi, Vince Ferrese, Judy Seth, Jerome Thielges, Ralph DiCecco, Dale Bonn, Max Leone, Angela Wright, Diana Kaczor and Barb Galluccio.

Wine, Beer, Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Mike Albanese (2x), Clarisse Dent, Ralph DiCecco (2x), Linda Madrid, Nick Grossi, Judy Seth (2x), Barb Peretti, Marty Nigrelle, Anna Popovich, Mike Kaczor, Monte Marchetti, Bill Picchena and Vince Ferrese.

Progressive Prize of \$50 would have been won by Linda Jacobin except that she walked out minutes before. Jackpot now goes up to \$75 in December.

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