

**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
March 12th, 2015
6:30 pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall**

*Happy St.
Patrick's Day!*

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"St. Patrick's Day in the Morning"

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The IAHA Update

by Martin Nigrelle

The IAHA was not able to meet in February. Currently we are working on creating a social event. An annual event that is something that can be used to raise funds, awareness, & camaraderie amongst the local Italian Americans AND the greater Seattle area. An event that would allow the Italian-American community to recognize & celebrate various individuals in the social, political & business arenas for their contribution to the local Italian-American community.

Why a social event? You may ask. After careful consideration of the legal, political, and social challenges our community faces in the wake of the recent actions City Hall took related to Columbus Day, the IAHA realized that the first & foremost task in front of us is for recognition of the community. One of the biggest hurdles to overcome is re-acquainting the Seattle area with the presence & value of the Italian-Americans in the area from a historical & community aspect. As we increase the awareness of our presence here and give significance to our community, we will be in a better position to work with community & political leaders to ensure we are never left out of consideration for those things that impact our community.

One of the core tenants of the IAHA is to bring together the various fragments of our local Italian-American community. To this end we remain available to anyone in the community & are made up of members of the local groups. We will publish contact date for the IAHA in the March newsletter to further ensure no one is left out.

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Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Valentine's Day. Hopefully, you each were able to spend time with your loved ones and enjoyed the special day.

A big Thank You to Anna Popovich and all her volunteers for yet another successful Crab Dinner! Everyone had a wonderful time and the food was great. The valentine decorations made it even more delightful. This event just keeps getting better and better thanks to Anna's hard work. I'm sure all those that attended are already looking forward to next year's event. Kudo's to all of you!

The Crab Feed always brings added funds to the IOCS. The club could benefit from additional dinners to raise funds. Is there a club member who would like to take on chairing a pasta dinner? This would be a great way for the club to continue funding scholarships or provide a charitable donation to a suitable charity without having to tap into the club's general funds directly. If you are interested or have other ideas concerning fund raising please let me know.

Joe Galluccio has provided us with a revised budget so please give it your undivided attention. Thank you, Joe, for all your extra effort on the budget.

The Mariners game, the Sounders, Miss Italian Club, Italian Day at the Races, and the Community Picnic are all on track. Please remember to support these events if possible. A lot of work goes into each and every one of these functions.

Please remember that I and the Board members are here to serve you the members of the club. Feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns, whether it is publicly at a general meeting or individually in person by phone or e-mail.

Diana Kaczor,
President Italian Club of Seattle

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Crab Dinner.....**Anna Popovich**

Family Christmas Party.....**TBD**

Day at the Races**Joe Galluccio**

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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**Linda Madrid**

Parliamentarian.....**Dorothy Whitney**

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Linda Madrid**

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

Budget for The Seattle Italian Club Seattle 2015

Income	2014	Actual	2015
Advertising / Newsletter	\$450.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
Advertising / Roster	\$1,200.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Casa Subsidy	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$2,700.00
Crab Feed	\$3,750.00	\$2,213.00	\$2,800.00
Dinner Meetings (New listed item)	\$4,500.00	\$4,830.00	\$4,950.00
Festa Italiana	\$2,200.00	\$3,120.00	\$2,800.00
Interest	\$140.00	\$31.00	\$800.00
Vanguard Mutual Funds	\$17,500.00	\$17,074.00	\$15,000.00
Member Dues	\$9,750.00	\$9,550.00	\$9,500.00
New Members	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
	\$40,890.00	\$39,343.00	\$39,325.00
Expenses			
Accountant	\$450.00	\$456.00	\$475.00
Administration	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
Board Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$955.00	\$1,000.00
Family Halloween Party	\$350.00	\$318.00	\$350.00
Dinner Meetings	\$9,000.00	\$8,937.00	\$9,000.00
Festa Italiana	\$3,650.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00
Italian American Heritage Alliance			\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$850.00	\$810.00	\$810.00
Legal Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Newsletters	\$5,250.00	\$4,915.00	\$5,000.00
Office	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Past Presidential Lunch	\$1,000.00	\$471.00	\$600.00
Picnic	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$292.00	\$300.00
Pres. Discretionary Fund	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Progressive Draw	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$250.00
Past President's Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Rent - Meetings	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
Rent - Dexter Office	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$880.00
Rent - Storage	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Roster	\$1,250.00	\$1,437.00	\$0.00
San Gennaro			\$300.00
Scholarship	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Seafair Miss Italian Club Seattle	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Christmas Party - Adult	\$500.00	\$1,717.00	\$500.00
Christmas Party - Family	\$500.00	\$430.00	\$500.00
Website Development	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	\$41,240.00	\$38,203.00	\$38,775.00

Health & Welfare

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

Jerome & I enjoyed a week in Palm Desert. We attended the beautiful wedding of Christina Sepic, granddaughter of Joan Razole.

Ken & Jane (Di Julio) Hall are spending several weeks in the Palm Desert area so we were all able to get together along with a few other cousins also enjoying the sun.

Angela & Bill Wright had a wonderful experience in Israel. They traveled with the pastor of Sacred Heart (Bellevue) and about 35 others, for 10 days, following in Jesus's footsteps.

Ronnie Beyersdorf reported that wife Rosetta Beyersdorf tripped and took a nasty fall on their patio in January and put a four-inch gash in her head that took thirteen staples to close. She also hurt her knee. Thankfully she has recovered and will be at the crab dinner.

Nick Grossi has been recovering at Mission Care in Bellevue after being hospitalized for pneumonia on Jan. 1st. He recovered from the pneumonia but is dealing with some breathing issues. He was able to return home on Feb. 17th. He continues to need our prayers.

Velva Saltarelli had her hip replacement on Feb. 2nd (her 1st hip was done a few months ago). She is in Bethany rehab in Everett and feels she's improving some each day. We hope to see her at our April meeting.

Judy Collins Seth had knee replacement on Feb. 6th. She went into it with a very positive and hopeful attitude. We can pray that her recovery will go well and the end result will be relief from all the pain she's been having and a much easier step.

Mary & Angelo Merlino wrote and said, "Really nothing to report except we continue reading the newspaper on our lanai in sunny warm weather." Sounds very relaxing and enjoyable!

Brenda Elliott reports "Todd is still undergoing radiation treatments every day. He should be done on February 25. Praise God!"

Linda Madrid & husband Don Gulden celebrated New Year's Eve with friends in Palm Desert and were there a week. She enjoyed a "grand birthday" with many friends & family (mostly Italians!) at Vito's & Danny Quintero entertained all of them. Linda also spent a week with girlfriends in Dallas and Houston. Other than that, she says they're just "loving life!"

Happy Birthday to John Croce! Heard from his daughter Holly Croce Cochran that he is doing great. "He just celebrated his 91st birthday at Big John's PFI! Great food, music, homemade wine and fun were had by all."

Bill Picchena, who seems to be on the go most of the time, had not checked in for quite a while. However, he apparently was in Phoenix over the holidays and was recently spotted at a local event. He attended the 90th birthday celebration for his longtime friend and travel companion Bob Jarmuth. Bob & wife Renee and Bill & his wife Joan took many trips together - to Palm Desert, Chelan and faraway places like India and China. Renee's mother, Mary Pesce Buffone was from the Rainier Valley and they were members of St. Mary's parish.

Audrey Manzanares was pretty excited at our last meeting (2/12) as she was headed for the airport later that night to pick up daughter Marissa who was coming home from school for 4 days over the Valentine's Day weekend. Audrey had more news - she passed her real estate test and is now an agent with Windermere on Queen Anne. And her next bit of news was that she was enrolled in the RCIA classes so that she will become a Catholic on Easter Sunday! And the last thing to report is that Audrey is taking classes so that she will soon be a pilates instructor. Audrey has energy and is using it well!

Dale Bonn (wife of Joel Patience) is one of 5 women and 3 male partners with the CPA firm of Vine Dahlen. The company, which was started by a woman, is celebrating 50 years of service. Dale has been a member since 1984 after graduating from the U. of North Dakota. To read the article, featured on the front page of *The Herald Business Journal* (Snohomish County) and to see some nice photos of Dale, go to the web site www.theheraldbusinessjournal.com, Feb. 2015 issue, vol. 11.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.



Joel Patience
& Dale Bonn at
Crab Feed

Secretary's Report

On February 18th, 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 173 paid out of 224. This leaves 51 who are still in arrears. If you plan to attend the March meeting, you can save yourself 49¢ and the Club 98¢ by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately. Final deadline is April 15, 2015.

Happy Year of the Ram, St. David's Day, the Ides of March and St. Patrick's Day!

Dennis Caldirola

MOUNT VIRGIN CHURCH 100 anni a Monte Vergine

Our Lady of Mount Virgin church was built 100 years ago this December. It is time for our beloved icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be cleaned, and restored if necessary, with the possibility of it being moved from above the altar.

I am a parishioner at Mt. Virgin and was asked by the priest, Fr. Hung Nguyen, to research the painting, which led me to the history of the Italian immigrants of Garlic Gulch and the wonderful stories that have made up this church and community. As time clicks away and we lose many of those founding family members, I feel that it is important to compile the history and stories for the Italian community. Please send the stories and history you would like to preserve to me, Teresa Jensen, at marcteresa6@msn.com.

Italian Heritage Night 2015

Martin Nigrelle

This year the Mariners will be producing the ninth annual Italian Heritage Night. This will be the third year the event is sponsored in part by Birra Peroni.

The game is at 7:10pm, Saturday, June 20th, 2015. The Mariners are hosting the Houston Astros.

We are looking to expand the bocce tournament again this year. Those who played bocce last year were treated to free Peroni along with pictures & autographs with players from the Mariners.

The giveaway item this year has yet to be determined, we are hoping to bring something that will be a great addition to the line up of give away items from the past.

Ticket pricing will be close to last year, perhaps a dollar less.

IAHA Funds

It has been brought to my attention that some of the ICoS membership are interested to know about the monies utilized by the IAHA.

All you need to do is ask.

From September of 2014 to date we have collected \$8,350.00. Of that \$1000.00 was donated from the Sons of Italy – Seattle Fedele lodge, the rest was contributed by individual private donors. It should be noted the donations were made without any option for tax deduction.

In that same time the IAHA has incurred expenses relating to the actions taken. Advertising, press conference, press release, survey, etc. Those expenses have amounted to: \$7,367.25.

Combining the two amounts together, the IAHA currently has \$982.75.

I have a detailed accounting of our funds (income & outgo). I'm happy to share such at any time with anyone who is so interested.

Further demand upon the IAHA in the fiscal arena will include: some form of incorporation, standard business entity creation expenses, press, and deposits on future activities.

At this time the IAHA is made up entirely of volunteers who have donated their time, energy, & in most cases money, to bring this together. Further efforts to realize the goals & commitments of the IAHA will continue to require money along with time & effort. The IAHA appreciates the membership of the Italian Club of Seattle considering a donation.

Martin Nigrelle

POMPEII Exhibit

Discounted Tickets Online

by Martin Nigrelle

The Pacific Science Center has shared a code for discounted purchase online. When buying tickets from the web site use the code:

SITA

The web site for purchase: www.pacific-sciencecenter.org. They also offer a deeper discount on tickets for groups of 10 or more, if you have any

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2015-16 Scholarship – Application Form is Available

By Linda Madrid, Scholarship Chair

The Italian Club of Seattle is awarding up to three individual \$500.00 scholarships. The scholarships for the 2015-2016 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:

- April 2015 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- May 2015 – Award Recipients determined in the June board meeting, all applicants notified of their status
- September 2015 – Award Recipients published in the *il Ficcanaso* and presented @ General Meeting
- October 2015 – 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 2015-2016 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 15th, 2015 and no later than May 10th, 2015
7. Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.

2015/2016 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 2015/2016 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 (2015-2016 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 Linda Madrid
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

Scholarship

Linda Madrid, Scholarship Chair

Diana Kaczor will be stepping down from the role of Scholarship chair. The new chairperson is Linda Madrid. The Italian club will award scholarships for the year 2015-2016. As in years past the better the GPA, the better chance of scholarship award.

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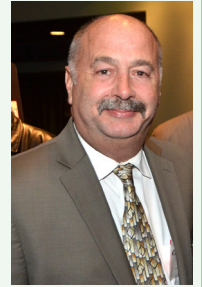
Martin Patricelli - Craftsman Award Winner!

In November at the 2014 Architects in America (AIA) and Masonry Institute of Washington (MIW) 2014 Craftsmanship Awards Banquet, Martin Patricelli was awarded the 2014 Craftsmanship Award for Natural Stone and Tile as well as an award for Unique Design with Natural Stone and Tile. With approximately 200 architects and industry professionals from across the country were in attendance at the W Hotel in downtown Seattle. There were many exquisite projects submitted all from the West Coast that made this a difficult decision for the judges.

After winning, the comments from the architect judge representing Washington, D.C. said, "the attention to all details along with the blending the veining in the natural stones were flawless."

Sometime this summer, Martin will be competing against other regional winners for the national Craftsmanship Award held in Washington, DC which could earn him Master Craftsman status.

Martin thanked his father Joe (lifetime member of the Italian Club) who he apprenticed under who taught him his trades which Joe performed for over 60 years earning "Papa Joe" the Master Craftsman status (many times) which he so proudly deserved.



Crab Feed

Anna Popovich, Chairman

Thank you to all that attending the crab feed, as always it was a great success. Thank you to Marty Nigrelle for delivering the crab, set up, kitchen work, & clean up. Thank you for all the people that helped set up, headed by Ron Roletto and Michael Toriani and the chef in charge Monte Marchetti. Also, thank you for helping in the kitchen: Dick and Dorothy Whitney, Bill Taylor, Rich Hall, Greg Picolo, Jo Wong Family, Ruth & Molly Jensen, Tyler Quant, Glen Suggs. Thank you for all our waiters, you were outstanding this year: Evelyn Campo, Leonard Smith (who came up from San Francisco), Angela Wright, Dan Pacetti, Karen Bianchi, Carole Bishop, Tom Milios and Terri Segadelli and Robert Sylvester. Thank you Bill Wright, Bill Picchena, and Lou Fontana for tending bar.

Once again the raffle was a huge success, thanks to Joanne Marchese. Barbara

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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
25th	Input Deadline for May <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

May 2014



7th	Trustee Meeting
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for June <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

June 2015



	No Trustee meeting this month
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
20th	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

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).

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

July 2015



	No Trustee meeting this month
4th	Independence Day
18th	Italian Night Seattle Sounders FC
	No August <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

August 2015



9th	Italian Day at the Races Emerald Downs
16th	All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
25th	Input Deadline for September <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
27-29	Festa Italiana, Portland, OR

Pompeii (continued)

interest in booking a group or would like to talk about possible dates and schedules please give them a call at 206-443-3611 and they will go over all the different options. This exhibit is the final show in the USA. The exhibit runs through May 25th, 2015.

Membership

There are two new applicants to vote on at the March meeting. The first is Ivanna Carina Pinciolotti. Ivanna was born in California and now lives in Seattle. Her Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother were originally from Genoa, Italy. Ivanna is a student and has lived in Seattle for approximately 5 to 6 months. She is also applying to represent the Italian Club in Seafair. The second applicant is Maria Bellavia who was a past member and is re-applying.

Do you have friends or family interested in joining our club? The club continues to offer a great deal for those interested in joining. New applicants can join for \$50.00 instead of \$125.00 because the initiation fee has been waived.

Please have those that interested in applying, to use the Application button found on the club's web site: <http://www.italianclubofseattle.org>.

Diana Kaczor, President

Crab Feed (continued)

Peretti, Audrey Manzanares and David Madrid. A Big Thank You to all the people who helped take down the tables.

This was our ninth year for this event and as always the feedback was great. Since it was Valentine's Day, Audrey did an outstanding job decorating the hall. Everyone enjoys a raffle and as always people were most generous in giving.

Thank you again and hope to see you next year.



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WINNERS

Drawings: were conducted by Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Sylvester.

The Birthday Winner for February: Evelyn Campo.

Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Michael Lazzaretti, Carole Bishop, Leonard Smith, Max Leone, Dennis Caldirola, Lou Carrosino, Linda Jacobin, Mike Kaczor, Mike Troiani, Margaret Ward, Jerry Lewis and Mike Carrosino.

Progressive Prize: of \$25 would have been won by Tony Rosso had he been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$50.

The OTHER Football
by Martin Nigrelle


The Sounders are going to host their own Italian night again this year. 7pm, Saturday, July 18th, 2015 the Sounders will host Colorado. Ticket prices, and other related details will be shared in the March newsletter.

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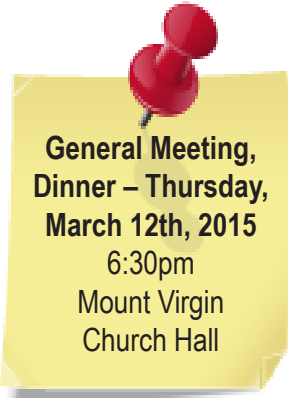
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