

General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
April 9th, 2015
6:30 pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall

*Buona
Pasqua!*



APRIL 2015



il Ficcanaso

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE ITALIAN CLUB
ESTABLISHED APRIL 26TH 1920

THIS ISSUE:

2015 Budget...P.2
Health & Welfare...P.3
Crab Feed Praises...P.3
Secretary's Report...P.4
Pompeii Exhibit at a Discount...P.4
Apricot Pork Recipe...P.4
Winners...P.4
Calendar/New Membership...P.7

Peroni in the Outfield

We are looking to expand the bocce tournament again this year. This will be the third year the event is sponsored in part by Birra Peroni. Those who played bocce last year were treated to free Peroni along with pictures & autographs with players from the Mariners.

This year the Mariners will be producing the ninth annual Italian Heritage Night. The game is at 7:10pm, Saturday, June 20th, 2015. The Mariners are hosting the Houston Astros.

The giveaway item this year will be a green t-shirt.

Ticket pricing will be \$32 for seating at field level, and \$17 for seating up above in the view reserved level. Both ticket prices qualify for the giveaway item. The Italian Club will have tickets grouped together for sale at the April meeting.

IAHA Update

One of the core tenants of the IAHA is to bring together the various fragments of our local Italian-American community. We strive to build local area recognition & celebration of the Italian-American community. To this end we remain available to anyone in the community & are made up of members of the local groups and concerned individuals.

The IAHA is continuing to work toward the produc-
tion of a **(Continued on page 2)**

Message from the President

Happy Spring Everyone,

Spring is finally here but the weather isn't always cooperative. With Spring comes more opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities.

Please remember that Italian Heritage Night with the Mariners is coming up in June. It looks like the Mariners are going to have a great season and you don't want to miss this chance to take part of this fun family event. Also remember that there will be a soccer event which will be just as much fun to attend.

I would like to give a Big Thanks to Nick and Ginny Grossi for all their years of service to the Italian Club with all the hard work they put into the *il Ficcanaso*. They have done the *il Ficcanaso* for twenty-two years and I'm sure that this will stand as a record contribution for the Italian Club. Nick's health has prevented him from contributing to the full extent that he has done in the past, but perhaps he can participate in helping with the *il Ficcanaso* in a manner which isn't as demanding on his health.

Thanks go out to Tom Grossi for again offering to chair the Festa Sausage booth. Tom has made the sausage booth more efficient and easier to run. This booth requires a high level of effort. Anyone interested in participating in this year's Sausage Booth should let Tom know.

Opportunities for the club:

Is there a club member who would be interested in chairing a pasta dinner? This would be a great way for the club to finance a donation to a charity or add to the scholarship fund. If you know of any opportunities or are interested in such a project, please contact me.

Presentations at General Meetings. 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. This request should be made at least a month in advance.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Diana Kaczor, President Italian Club of Seattle

il Ficcanaso

Official Bulletin of the Italian Club of Seattle
Established April 26, 1920
www.italianclubofseattle.org

Editor:

Joe Jacobin (206) 547-2958
joejacobin@gmail.com

Italian Club Officers for 2015

President:

Diana Kaczor (206) 232-7880

Vice President:

Linda Madrid (206) 286-8131

Secretary:

Dennis Caldirola (206) 282-0627

Treasurer:

Joe Galluccio (206) 275-4688

Ex Officio:

Martin Nigrelle (206) 310-7689

Trustees

Tom Grossi (425) 557-0071

Michael Lazzaretti (206) 280-6691

Audrey Manzanares (206) 779-7325

Barbara Galluccio (206) 275-4688

Ron Roletto (206) 722-2712

Sergeant at Arms:

Robert Sylvester

Committee Chairs

Adult's Christmas Party.....**Linda Madrid & Audrey Manzanares**

Bylaws.....**Barbara Peretti**

Casino.....**Michael Lazzaretti**

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

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

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**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	\$3,650.00	\$3,500.00
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	\$500.00
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	\$1,500.00
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	\$39,725.00

IAHA (continued)

black tie event, one that will bring the community together & bring attention to the Italian-American community in the greater Seattle area in multiple arenas, political, public, and social. We are working to ensure we have an event that does not conflict with the multitude of events that the various clubs & groups already have in place, to give everyone the opportunity to attend & participate.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions or reach out if you would like to be involved. Contact Martin Nigrelle for further information: martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com.

Health & Welfare

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

Health & Welfare April 2015 by Gemma Di Julio Thielges, Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Bill Picchena spent the month of March in Phoenix. Hopefully he enjoyed warm, not yet hot, weather.

Velva Saltarelli went back home on February 20th to her apartment at Sunrise in Edmonds. She has been recovering quite nicely from her February 2nd hip replacement. She is beginning to get back out to participate in her usual activities. She was going to attend her Flower Club meeting which she's been involved with for over 50 years. We hope to see Velva at our April meeting.

Joanne Lazzaretti has been residing at Aegis in Bellevue for the past several months. She is delighted with the arrival of her first great grandchild. Her grandson's baby girl was born December 22nd, 2014.

Be sure to tune in to radio station KKNW 1150 A.M. on Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. to hear host **David Madrid** on the new show called "Northwest Italian Radio Show." The first show aired on March 9th & on March 16th David had **Joel Patience** as one of his guests, along with the **Croce** sisters, **Karen Bianchi's** daughter **Therese** and others. If you miss the show, just go to KKNW 1150 & go into the "archive" to hear the previous show.

Great article in the Seattle Times about the 115th Anniversary of Merlino's Fine Foods and the owners **Phyllis (Centioli) & Bruce Biesold**. The company was started by **Attilio Merlino (Gill Centioli's Godfather)** and taken over in 1976 by Phyllis and Bruce. Their sons, **Todd & Jeffrey** and their daughter, **Ronna Schmidt**, are now running the day to day operation of supplying domestic and imported food items to many Seattle restaurants.

Our sympathies to the **Borracchini** family on the death of **Angelo**, brother of **Antoinette Fontana** and **Remo Borracchini**. I was told that he passed away on Saturday March 21st in Arizona. Apparently there will be a notice in the paper with more information about arrangements for services here in the area.

Joan Razore will turn 99 on April 13th. Happy Birthday and God bless you, Joan!

It was great to see **Jim Di Julio, Remo Borracchini, Nick Grossi, Judy Seth, and Doug Chiechi** at our March 12th meeting after missing previous meetings due to health challenges.

Audrey Manzanares was looking forward to having daughter **Marissa** home for three weeks over her Spring break and is also very excited to become a Catholic on Easter Sunday.

Happy Easter/Buona Pasqua everyone!



*Rod Warczak
and "Miss
Italiana"
Ivanna Pincilotti*

Crab Feed Praises

My congratulations to Anna Popovich for another fun and successful Crab Feed.

She and her crew had another stellar performance as all with whom I discussed said it was a big hit. Fr. Paul Magnano mentioned more than once what a good time he was having, praising the event. The food was delicious and most all went like clockwork albeit for the PA system. This is when our resident "grande bocca"—big mouth—David Madrid stepped in with borrowed spectacles and piercing voice to read aloud the raffle ticket numbers. His antics alone were worth the price of admission, but not a surprise for most of our members.

For as much as we all loved the crab there are others that contend the pasta was as good or even better. For that we have to thank Monte Marchetti and his staff. He has been running the kitchen for the past several years as head chef and coucere pasta—pasta cook. This was his farewell dinner and I know we will all miss his culinary skills and devotion to the event. Hopefully he passed on his recipe secrets so that others may carry on the tradition he has started. Thank you, Monte for your service.

To all the other volunteers who made this event possible, I hope you enjoyed the experience as I did. Working with fellow Italian Club members was so fun and yet another great way to know and feel the Italian culture.

*Sincerely,
Robert DeDonato Sylvester*

Secretary's Report

Dennis Caldirola

At present, the Italian Club of Seattle has a total of 224 members. As of March 23rd, only 197 have paid their dues leaving 27 who have not yet responded. 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.

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 will be your last chance because, as per the bylaws, on April 15th anyone still in arrears will be dropped from the roster.

POMPEII Exhibit at a Discount

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

The web site for purchase: <http://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/>

Click on the Link: Buy Tickets Online, enter the code when prompted.

They also offer a deeper discount on tickets for groups of 10 or more, if you have any 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.



WINNERS

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

Birthday Winners for March were Dennis Caldirola & Joe Galluccio.

Spirits and Coffee Cards were won by Marvin Hansen, Ralph DeCecco, Ray Petre (3x), Robert Sylvester, Diana Warczak, Nick Grossi, Mike Albanese (2x), Jim DiJulio, Linda Madrid, Mike Kaczor (2x), Anna Popovich, Dick Whitney, Dale Bonn, David Madrid and Rod Warczak.

Progressive Prize of \$50 would have been won by Anna Tucci had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$75.

Apricot Pork (maiale con albicocca)

Joel Patience

This is perhaps the easiest dish you will ever make. It is to be prepared in the morning for dinner that evening.

It requires one pork roast – sirloin cut is the leanest and common.

Your favorite red / pasta sauce about the volume of half to three quarters of the roast.

One crushed garlic clove.

A package of dried apricots.

Cut the roast into cubes about 1 1/2" each.

Throw them into a skillet pan with a little olive oil and the crushed garlic cloves. Use fairly high heat just enough to sear only the exterior of the pork which seals in its natural juices – not to cook it. This should take only one minute, two minutes at the most - no more.

Transfer the contents to a ceramic pot that has a lid or slow cooker.

Add enough red sauce so the pork is submerged. Cover and cook not to exceed 200 degrees - for the rest of the day.

About one and a half hours before dinner, cut a bunch of the apricots in half then add them to the sauce. I use about a dozen apricots for every 1.25 pounds of pork. Stir only once around the pot so they are swimming with the pork.

Serve by itself or, on bucatini or picci (thick spaghetti pronounced "peachie") with lightly steamed asparagus on the side.

The Round Football

The Sounders are going to host their own Italian night again this year. Their 3rd annual. They are planning a giveaway item this year, Ticket prices, and other related details will be shared at the April meeting & in the May newsletter.

7pm, Saturday July 20th, 2015 the Sounders will host Colorado.

Crab Feed 2015



Keeping it Kosher



David yucks it up



Joe...Monty...Phil



Servers



Changing of the Guard



Salad mixer



Cook team



Raffle team



Bar & Wait Crew



Kitchen help

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 opens
- May 2015 – Application submission window closes, application verification
- June 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 at 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

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.

July 2015



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

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

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

September 2015



3rd	Trustee Meeting
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
11-13	San Gennaro Festival Georgetown
12th	Festa Italiana Mass in Italian
18th	Italian Club Golf Tourney
22nd	Festa Italiana Luncheon Seattle Yacht Club
26th	Taste of Italy, 7:00PM Seattle Center
26-27	Italian Festival, Seattle Center
30th	Input Deadline for October <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

General Meeting, Dinner – Thursday, April 9th, 2015

6:30 pm

Mount Virgin Church Hall

Membership

Linda Madrid, Vice President

The Italian Club has received two applications for membership: Jim Lansciardi and John M. Sacco.

Jim is the store director for Safeway in Kent. He has been a resident of Washington for 56 years.

His grandparents are from Lake Cumo, Italy.

Our second applicant is John Sacco, our dear Anna Popovich's brother. He has been a resident of Washington for 60 years, and is married to Frosene Sacco. They have three adult children: Marcus, Rachel, and Ashley Sacco. His Father and grandparents are from Italy.

We will be voting for these two applicants at our April meeting. Upon becoming members, be sure to give them a warm welcome by introducing yourself to them.

The club would like to encourage new membership by have those who are interested in joining use the Application button found on the club's website: <http://www.italianclubofseattle.org>.





Audrey Manzanares
BROKER

CELL (206) 779-7325
OFFICE (206) 283-8080

audrey@windermere.com
audreymanzanares.com



Douglas Chiechi
Owner

(206) 963-0044

Link Above The Rest

Bringing Old World Flavor into the 21st Century

Catering and Specialty Fresh Sausages

PLEASE SUPPORT
OUR ADVERTISERS



**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
April 9th, 2015**
6:30pm
Mount Virgin
Church Hall

Back Page Redesign

Due to USPS requirements, the back page address area was re-designed to allow more room for the Post Office's "Intelligent Mail Barcode."

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).

Ewing and Clark East



Ronald O. Alia/ Broker

roa@drizzle.com
Cell: 206.679.0791
Regional Agent

**ADDRESS SERVICES
REQUESTED**

il Ficcanaso
The Italian Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 9549
Seattle, WA 98109-0549

