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#### **II Punto**

#### Diana Kaczor, President ICOS

The II Punto group is endeavoring to gather together all the different Italian groups and clubs in an attempt to secure a property where all the clubs and organizations can meet. This idea was initially devised because they also need a facility to display approximately one thousand Italian books. With this in mind, Franco Tesorieri orchestrated a wonderful dinner and auction to help raise money for this cause. The idea for this ambitious endeavor is in its initial stage. It was very gratifying to see the eager participation of several Italian restaurants helping to provide food and their support for this function. All the different clubs and organizations were well represented at the festivities. The event was wonderful and it looks like they are off to a great start.

If you have any questions concerning II Punto please let me know.

#### Football Italian Style

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

The Sounders are producing their 3rd annual Italian night this year. There will be no giveaway item this year. Discounted ticket prices will include \$6 per ticket to be contributed to the San Gennaro Festival & Festa Italiana (equally split). Seating will be grouped for all attendees. Discounted tickets will be priced @ \$28.00 a drop from the regular price of \$34.00.

#### **Message from the President**

Hello everyone,

I want to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day! and I hope the weather is wonderful so you can enjoy your day with whatever you might have planned.

We have just one more month until our summer break and the club still has some business to be addressed. Foremost: The Festa Sausage booth still needs volunteers to man the booth. This is a labor intensive booth and many people are needed to make it a success. Aside from the Crab Feed this is one of the primary fund raising activities of the club. It is important that we support Tom Grossi with all the help he needs.

The Italian Club of Seattle Booth at Festa: This booth needs a chairperson who will be responsible for recruiting volunteers and ensure any materials or decorations are set up for the booth. The booth is indoors, inside the Fisher Pavilion.

If anyone is interested in filling in as a chairperson or volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Ciao.

Diana Kaczor, President Italian Club of Seattle

## il Ficcanaso

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#### **Discount Pricing POMPEII Exhibit Continued**

The Pacific Science Center is continuing to offer a special discount to the Italian and Italian-American communities in Seattle. 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.

#### IAHA Update from April - Gala Date Set

The IAHA is continuing to work toward the production of a 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 have compiled a list of the events that span the local events for the many & varied clubs and with that schedule in mind, the IAHA has secured the Spanish Ballroom @ the Fairmont Olympic for Friday night September 25th. The event is slated to a speaker of national prominence from the Italian-American community. More details will be coming soon.

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. 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

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#### **Health & Welfare**

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

Carlo Troiani, father of **Michael Troiani**, passed away on March 25th. We extend sincere sympathies to Michael & his family.

Last month I reported that **Bill Picchena** was spending the month of March in Arizona. Well, it was not Arizona. It was Mexico where Bill was enjoying the sun & leisure with family. He seems to be "on the go" most of the time, it's just difficult to keep track of where he's going next!

**Linda Madrid & Don Gulden** have a pretty extensive home remodeling project underway. They're using the same contractor that Joe & Linda Jacobin and Roz & Gerry Mascio used and are quite happy with the work being done. Home remodels can be very stressful so we pray that it all goes smoothly and that they'll thoroughly enjoy the final results.

**Angela & Bill Wright** were in Spokane early in April to spend a few days with two of their children's families (8 grandchildren over there). Then later in April they were in Scottsdale, AZ for two weeks with their youngest daughter (3 grandchildren there). They are also back & forth to Bellingham to visit their son & his family (3 more grandchildren up there!) These trips must feel pretty easy for them after having gone all the way to Israel in Feb.

**Aurora Driano**, wife of **Dominic**, fell and is recuperating after having broken her arm. One more of our members to include on our prayer list. We hope Aurora will have a complete & speedy recovery.

Our sympathies also go out to **Dorothy Miori Whitney** & her family on the death of her sister Marie Kohlmeier. Marie had fallen on April 7th & broke both legs above the knee. She was having a very difficult time (which is certainly understandable, especially since surgery was not an option for her). Marie passed away on April 11th, she was 87, was living in E. Wenatchee the past 16 years, with her husband of 68 years. & was the oldest child in their family. Her funeral was Monday April 20th. As Dorothy said, Marie is no longer in pain & will be enjoying her Heavenly reward which we all look forward to.

Jim & Joan Di Julio are celebrating 60 years of marriage on May 14th. Their family will gather at the noon Mass at St. Monica's on Sunday May 17th with reception & cake to follow. Congratulations to Jim & Joan & their 8 children, 17 grandchildren, & 5 great grandchildren. We pray for God's continued blessings on them & their family.

**Todd & Brenda Elliott** spent a beautiful week in Scottsdale,





Jim & Joan Di Julio, May 14 - 1955 & 2015

Arizona. They hiked, swam, played golf and ate at some great restaurants, including, Uncle Louie's, which they say is "truly original & delicious Italian cooking!!" Brenda asked that we keep Todd in our prayers - he starts Tarceva chemotherapy treatments in May. They send their appreciation in advance.

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#### Health & Welfare (continued)

**John Brondello** wrote in, "Lisa and I will be heading off to Rome this week. Looking forward to brushing up on my Italian!" We wish them safe travels along with anyone else who will be on the roads, in the air or on a train.

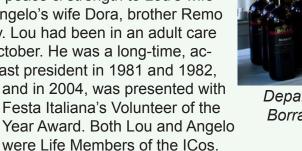


Joan Razore & her twin daughters, Mimi on the left & Carmen on the right, celebrated her 99th birthday in Seattle on April 13th. We pray that Joan will enjoy good health & good times with her family & friends in the year ahead.

Our sympathies to the **Borracchini** and **Cella** families on the recent passing of **Angelo** and **Lou**. We

pray that they are now enjoying the rewards that we all look forward to with the Lord in Heaven and with their loved ones

who went before them. We wish peace & strength to Lou's wife **Dee** & all his family as well as Angelo's wife Dora, brother Remo and the entire Borracchini family. Lou had been in an adult care home on Mercer Island since October. He was a long-time, active member of the club and a past president in 1981 and 1982,





Departed members: Angelo Borracchini and Lou Cella.



Joel Patience and Dale Bonn went to the Big Island of Hawaii to celebrate the Big 5-0 birthday of their Italian brotherin-law, Patrick, on the right.

Karen Gazarek Bianchi will be on a 10 day river boat cruise through the Netherlands and parts of Belgium. It is called Tulips & Windmills. We wish Karen & friends safe travels. She also reports that she is in the final stages of remodeling her beach cottage on Hood Canal & she hopes to start enjoying the completed upgrades by July.

**Joel Patience** & **Dale Bonn** went to the Big Island of Hawaii to celebrate the Big 5-0 birthday of their Italian brother-in-law, Patrick, on the right.

Please keep **Fr. Gary Morelli** in your prayers as he underwent surgery on April 21st. He had a cancerous kidney removed and the doctor is pleased with the function of his healthy kidney. At this time he does not know if any other treatment will be needed. He just returned home and is recovering nicely. Cards/greetings can be sent to him at <a href="mailto:garymorelli@comcast.net">garymorelli@comcast.net</a>. He appreciates our good thoughts & prayers.

Happy Mothers' Day on May 10th & Happy Memorial Day on May 25th. Hope to see you at the May meeting.

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#### Membership

Linda Madrid, Vice President

There four new applicants to vote on at the May meeting.

Jackie K. Jones Rowe is a Kennedy graduate, and her grand-parents are from Milan and Genoa. The family names are Razzore and Cavecchi. **Greg Rowe** is an Italian by marriage. They are interested in community, social and children's events & activities. Both Jackie and Greg have been Seattle residents for 52 years.

Meridith Siviglia Isaacson a transplant for New York. She is the owner/designer for floral and event designer. Meridith has been in Seattle for seven and one-half years. Meridith is married to Scott Isaacson. Scott's great-grandfather is Frank Siviglia from Caserta.

**Bill Ward** retired from the Army after serving our country. He spent 25 years in Hawaii in hotel and condo management. He and his wife Margaret DiJulio have spent the last 15 years here in the Seattle area.

Bill Ward and Greg Rowe are IBM, Italian by Marriage.

Continue to introduce yourself and give a warm welcome to our new members.

Members encourage younger family members to consider joining the club and to continue our rich Italian heritage and culture. Anyone interested in joining use the application button on the web site:

http://www.italianclubofseattle.org/



Mariners Italian Heritage Night 2014

#### **Italians Pitching at Safeco Field**

A bocce tournament in the outfield of Safeco field, is just one highlight for the ninth annual Italian Heritage night. Past winners have played against Mariners announcer Rick Rizz & Root Sports' Mariners Live co-anchor Brad Adam.

This year the Mariners Italian Heritage Night 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.





#### 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:

- 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:			
	ttending in the 2015/2016 School year:		
Phone:			
The Application form must be a 1. Official Transcript, from the N		hool year).	

tailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community

Applications are to be sent to: Italian Club of Seattle - Scholarship

c/o Linda Madrid P.O. Box 9549

Seattle, WA 98109-0549

## il Ficcanaso

# May 2015 7th Trustee Meeting 14th IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM 25th Input Deadline for June il Ficcanaso

June 2015		
	No Trustee meeting this month	
11th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
20th	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners vs. Houston Astros	
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso.</i> No inputs.	

July 2015		
	No Trustee meeting this month	
4th	Independence Day	
18th	Italian Night Seattle Sounders vs. Colorado Rapids	
	No August <i>il Ficcanaso.</i> No inputs.	

August 2015		
16th	All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley	
25th	Input Deadline for September il Ficcanaso	
27-29	Festa Italiana, Portland, OR	
30th	Italian Day at Emerald Downs	

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September 2015 festa 1000 ITALIANA		
3rd	Trustee Meeting	
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
11-13	San Gennaro Festival Georgetown	
12th	Festa Italiana Mass in Italian	
18th	Italian Club Golf Tourney	
25th	IAHA GALA dinner	
26th	Taste of Italy, 7:00PM Seattle Center	
26-27	Italian Festival, Seattle Center	
TBD	Input Deadline for October il Ficcanaso	

October 2015		
	No Trustee meeting this month	
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM	
10 & 11	Italian Festival, Reno, NV	
18th	Seattle Fedele Homemade Wine Fest	
28th	Input Deadline for November il Ficcanaso	
28th		

## 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



#### James M. Jacobin by Joe Jacobin

Just before this issue went to press, my wife Linda and I learned of the passing of our son, James Michael Jacobin. James was born April 1, 1980 in Eugene, Oregon. He died April 24, 2015. He will be deeply missed. A celebration of his life will be held 11AM, June 6th at Mt. Virgin Church Hall.

Rest in Peace, Dear Son!







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#### **WINNERS**

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

The Birthday Winners for April was Michael Troiani.

Spirits and Coffee Cards were won by Deanna Dent, Jim DiJulio, Joe Jacobin, Rod Warczak, Bill Picchena, Robert Sylvester (2x), Barb Peretti, Bill Wright, Dennis Caldirola and guest Devlynn Madrid.

Progressive Prize of \$75 would have been won by Elena Comer had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$100.

#### On-Line il Ficcanaso

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