

**General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
June 11th, 2015  
6:30 pm  
Mount Virgin  
Church Hall**

Last issue for the season  
*il Ficcanaso* resumes in  
September

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Ivanna Pincilotti, Miss Italian Club of Seattle, is representing the Club in Miss Seafair. Check out her Facebook event post and her Miss Italian Club of Seattle Event Schedule. Let's support her as she represents us to the community.

Questions or more information, please contact Linda Madrid.

## Message from the President

This has been a very busy year and I want to thank my Board members for all their help and support. I also want to thank Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Angela Di Julio Wright for the Health & Welfare column. The column provides club members with important and entertaining information, which enables us all to keep informed of those members we don't always see. This is a very integral part of the *il Ficcanaso* and I appreciate all their hard work and efforts.

A few months back the club was informed by Mt. Virgin that they did not wish to continue renting the hall for our meetings. The space was needed for The Nativity School. Fr. Paul wrote a letter to the Archdiocese and the club received a reprieve. With this in mind, I have been pursuing a new location for a meeting space. I contacted St. John's, St. Alphonse's, St. Patrick's, St. Joe's, St. Therese's, Christ the King, The Swedish Club and Our Lady of Fatima. I was told by all the churches that they do not rent their halls for meetings. The Swedish Club simply did not respond back and I suspect that the price I offered to pay for rent was quite a bit lower than they usually are able to obtain.

The requirements for a meeting space for the Italian Club are as follows: a kitchen, a level entry and plenty of free parking. With this in mind there are relatively few locations available. I continued to inquire from January to present at Our Lady of Fatima, making myself a nuisance, and finally received a positive response. Our last meeting at Mt. Virgin will be the June meeting. Starting September 2015 we will meet at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. The address is 3218 W. Barrett St. in Magnolia. I am aware that for some of our members this presents a longer commute, however, I think the added distance, which is really not that much, will be more than compensated for by (Continued on page 6)

**MARINERS ITALIAN  
HERITAGE NIGHT  
Saturday, June 20th -  
7:10PM  
Seattle Mariners vs.  
Houston Astros  
Safeco Field**

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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**

## “Day at the Races”

*by Joe Galluccio*

Mark your calendars for Sunday August 30th for the Italian Club annual “Day At The Races.” Yes, it’s that time of the year again and this year will be the best day ever as we will be in a room just above the paddock area where we will get a good look at the horses before they walk out on the track.

The cost is \$55 and will include the following:

- Admission to the track
- Reserved clubhouse seating on 5th floor
- Tip Sheet
- Buffet lunch including flank steak or Asian chicken with salad, assorted vegetables and fruit as well as cookies for dessert.

We had a record attendance last year with over 50 people present. This year we have a bigger and better room on the clubhouse level overlooking the paddock.

Please make out your checks to: *Italian Club of Seattle* and mail them to: Joseph Galluccio

7018 82nd Ave SE

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Tickets will be mailed to your home prior to the event.

## Secretary’s Report

*by Dennis Caldirola*

Since 2015 is an “odd year,” there will be no new rosters printed this spring but I will bring some to the June meeting for those of you who would like a copy for your boat, your cabin or your RV over the summer.

Nine members were recently dropped from the Club for non-payment of dues but we still have 215 members in good standing. Honorary Life Member status was recently awarded to Art Oberto, Sr. Susanne Perri, O.P., Joan Razore and Gabriel Terrenzio. Congratulations to them!

Since this is our last *il Ficcanaso* before September, please save the calendar portion to remind yourselves of the many wonderful Italian-oriented activities happening over the summer. I’d like to draw particular attention the Italian Nights at the Mariners and the Sounders, the Italian Community Picnic and Italian Day at Emerald Downs. There will also be a meeting of Festa Volunteers in August and since the Italian Club especially needs volunteers to work in the Festa Sausage Booth, please try to participate.

Have *una bell’ estate*, everyone!

## Health & Welfare

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

Dr. Alissa Borda, DMD, the granddaughter of **Luigi Borda** (& daughter of Thomas & Carol Borda), completed her second running of the Boston Marathon April 20, 2015. She completed the 26.2 mile course in 3 hours 32.5 minutes. She is a dentist in Lynwood, WA. and will enter The U. of Oregon School of Orthodontics September of this year. She resides on Mercer Island with her husband Travis Roberson. Congrats on the race and on completing dental courses and good luck in the school of orthodontics.

**Fr. Gary Morelli** reported that his surgery went well and he is recovering nicely. However, he will be undergoing chemo treatments for about 4 months. Continued prayers for the next few months will be appreciated. He thanks everyone for all their prayers and wishes peace & blessings to all of us.

**Bill Picchena** celebrated his birthday over a long weekend in Las Vegas with his 3 daughters (Jill, Jacque, & Jodi) & their families. All 5 grandchildren were there & it sounds like they had a great time in a very plush environment at the Palazzo Hotel. Happy Birthday, Bill, and many more.

**Linda Madrid & Don Gulden** went to Laguna Niguel, CA to spend family time with her brother Jim Madrid & his family. Also, Linda has a nephew who is graduating from St. Anne's elementary school. It is a small class of 8th graders who have gone through school together there since pre-school. That's pretty special!

**Chip Di Julio** hosted his annual fishing & card playing event for fellow Knights of Columbus members at his place on Blue Lake. This has been going on for over 10 years. He also mentioned that Brian & Chris Di Julio hope to get the Miss Di Julio hydroplane in the race again this Seafair season.

**Gemma & Jerome Thielges** spent 2 weeks seeing the sights from here to North Dakota (where Jerome grew up) and we took a different route back. Visited relatives along the way, saw Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone Park, The Badlands, Blackhills. So much to see right here in this beautiful country of ours. On our last day we stopped (as we have on previous trips) at St. John's Monastery in Goldendale. They have the best baklava & stuffed grape leaves! An interesting place.

**Nick & Ginny Grossi** have moved from Bellevue to Spiritwood at Pine Lk. Their new address is 3607 - 228th Ave. S.E. #320, Issaquah, 98029 and their new phone number is 425-270-3545. They moved on the weekend of Nick's 90th birthday celebration with his family. It was a bit of a challenge getting re-settled but it sounds like their new place is very nice. We wish them well there & hope they can continue to come to our meetings.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Look forward to seeing you in September. Stay well, stay safe, God Bless.

**Joe & Linda Jacobin** wanted to remind everyone that the "Celebration of Life" for their son James who passed away in April will take place June 6th at Mt. Virgin Church Hall from 11AM to 2PM. Seattle Fedele Sons of Italy is providing a lunch. If anyone is interested in baking cookies, bringing an antipasto, helping at the event, or making a donation to offset the costs for the Jacobins, please contact Audrey Manzanares (206-779-7325 or at [president@seattlesonsofitaly.org](mailto:president@seattlesonsofitaly.org)).

## **The Death of Caesar , Published by Simon & Schuster - 226 pages**

*A Review by Joel Patience*

So you think you know everything about Italy and its history? But did you know that everyone could become Roman – like it or not? At the time of the assassination of Julius Caesar March 15, 44 B.C. you might have been born into a Roman family or were doing business with Rome at the far reaches of the Empire. But many people that were not born anywhere near what we know as modern Italy (after the 1870 Unification) became citizens of Roman Italy and some even became senators.

In many situations it might have been by choice, as it was healthier to become a citizen than oppose the advancing of the Empire. In other cases, some established societies chose to argue the point and wound up conquered (annexed) and some of their peoples put up for auction (servitude) or put up for public entertainment (execution). Even so, those commonly seen as outsiders – slaves, local support that never lived in Italy for the Roman military, even conquered societies could become Roman. In the eyes of Rome, every person had some value, some contribution to be made; some just made over longer periods than others.

The newly released book of history's most famous assassination is a "who done it" as one would read any good murder mystery. It is also however, an account of what easily are current events. Nearly every page has some little item that might appear and reflect the news of modern times. It might be an inflated construction project, subsidized housing in exchange for votes, public figures ignoring the reality of public opinion, and government - expanding by force if needed to acquire more and more taxes. The actions of what we think of as ancient Rome, set the standards for current civil structure as well as civic consumption and perceptions of an entire society; all while tolerating a certain degree of personal freedoms for citizens.

The death of Julius Caesar is a given in history. Author Barry Strauss however, leads the reader through a cast of plotting characters, clear time lines and the relationships that ultimately have Caesar dead by the middle of the book. Yet, for those of you that are certain of your recent geographic origins - will be left wondering about lineage.

Following the assassination of Caesar there were half a dozen armies formed by those wanting to take over control the Empire and the great profits that came with leadership. These groups fought, at times some merged then, realigned; all to have the purse strings. To aspire to their own goals the leaders acquired military assistance from the far reaches of the Empire's societies; bringing in slaves, foreign warriors, gladiator bodyguards, converted enemy armies and even paid mercenaries. Then they borrowed money from family and friends to keep their lofty dreams alive including paying hefty interest on the loans. Their outcomes are part of the second half of the book.

This approach to civil wars was repeated over time and ultimately changed the political and blood work of Roman society. The population swelled each time Rome overtook a large group and in the post Caesar case this certainly involved grasping resources from acquired civilizations and cultures. Naturally, when all was said and done, not everyone that survived to go home actually went. When they did, a little bit of Roman Italy was taken along with each person and a little of their original culture and often genetics was left behind.

As it always has been; the future of any culture is in the hands of those that cherish it the most and are willing to share it purely for pres-

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## Italian Style Football Benefits Italian Festivals!

7pm, Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Sounders will host Colorado.

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. The Sounders are producing their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Italian night again this year. There will be no giveaway item this year. Discounted tickets will be priced at \$26.00 a drop from the regular price of \$34.00. Tickets for this match are selling out, get your tickets online or at the June meeting. The Offer closes June 26<sup>th</sup>. <https://oss.ticket-master.com/aps/seattlemls/EN/link/promotion/home/ccdebbb5cad8d81d25792dd14333631942292c4e>. Password: calcio

## *The Death of Caesar* (continued)

ervation. Pax Romano. *The Death of Caesar* is a must read.

Joel Patience and his wife Dale are members of the Italian Club of Seattle and Club Alpino Italiano. They travel to Italy to paint in watercolors. Joel is an amateur chef and writes on cooking and book reviews of things Italian.

## Mariners Italian Heritage Night

*Martin Nigrelle*

Mike James has agreed to throw out the first group pitch for the ninth annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night. Mike James some of you may know as the former longstanding anchorman for King 5 News was the president of the Seattle Perugia Sister City program. Along with special pricing on Peroni beer & the Bocce tournament in the outfield it should be a great night.

Those of you interested in playing bocce need to notify Martin Nigrelle in advance, no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact via e-mail at: [martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com)

This year the Mariners Italian Heritage Night is at 7:10pm, Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Mariners are hosting the Houston Astros.

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 has almost sold out of their group of tickets, contact Martin Nigrelle. Tickets are still available online: <http://mariners.com/italian>

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



## Discount Pricing at SIFF for Local Italians

As a thank you to the local Italian-American community, SIFF would like to provide a discount for any of the Italian films screening at this year's festival. Please feel free to use the promo code **ITALY2015** and receive \$2.00 off any regular priced ticket.

Please see the below list or click the link below for tickets, times and venues.

<http://www.siff.net/festival-2015/films-a-z?country=Italy>

- *The Games Maker*
- *The Invisible Boy*
- *Love Among the Ruins*
- *Magicarena*
- *Senza Nessuna Pietà*
- *Short Skin*
- *Sworn Virgin*

## ***President (continued)***

the new facility.

I again thank Mt. Virgin and Fr. Hung for all the help they provided the club and wish them continued success with their endeavors on behalf of The Nativity School.

This year the club will continue to staff the Festa Sausage Booth, and a booth downstairs inside the Fisher Pavilion which we use to promote the club and new membership. If you are interested in volunteering at Festa, in either or both booths, please let me know.

Club Events: Mariner's Italian Heritage Night tickets are available see Martin Nigrelle. The Emerald Downs event is on August 30th and remember to contact Joe Galluccio for tickets to this event.

These events are well attended so be sure to get your tickets early.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September! Ciao!

***Diana Kaczor, President Italian Club of Seattle***

## **IAHA Update**

***by Martin Nigrelle***

The IAHA has secured the Spanish Ballroom at the Fairmont Olympic for Friday night September 25<sup>th</sup>.

In a continuing effort to increase the presence, and the area awareness of the local Italian-American Community the IAHA is partnering with Festa Italiana and the Sons of Italy Grand Lodge of the Pacific Northwest to produce a black tie/ Semi-Formal event, one that is to bring the community together & bring attention to the Italian-American community in the greater Seattle area in multiple arenas, political, public, and social.

The event speaker will be of national prominence from the Italian-American community. Awards presented at the event will include the Sons of Italy Albert D. Rosellini Award, the Festa Volunteer of the Year, and Festa Outstanding Italian-American of the year.

More details will continue soon. Please do not hesitate to ask questions or reach out if you would like to be involved in the IAHA or in helping with the event, Contact Martin Nigrelle for further information: [martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com) or (206) 310-7689

## **Membership**

***Linda Madrid, Vice President***

No member applications were received to be voted on in June. If you have a friend, neighbor or relative you think would like to attend one of our meetings, please feel free to invite them. We always have plenty of food and drink. That's part of what makes Italians so enviable to other ethnic groups!



## **WINNERS**

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

The Birthday Winner for May was Joel Patience (out of seven entrants).

Spirits and Coffee Cards: were won by Michael Troiani (5), Angela Wright, Max Leone, Rossana Bellotti, Robt. Sylvester, Mike Kaczor, Brad DiJulio, Ray Petre, Linda Madrid (2x), Martin Nigrelle, Kelly Woodward, Katie DiJulio, Marie Dahlgren and Dennis Caldirola.

The Progressive Prize of \$100 would have been won by Brenda Elliott had she been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$125.

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## 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 <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
27-29	Festa Italiana, Portland, OR
30th	Italian Day at Emerald Downs

## September 2015



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, Spanish Ballroom, Fairmont Olympic
26th	Taste of Italy, 7:00PM Seattle Center
26-27	Italian Festival, Seattle Center
28th	Input Deadline for October <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

## 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
25th	Input Deadline for November <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

### On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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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

## November 2015



5th	Trustee Meeting
	Past President's Luncheon Il Fornaio Restaurant
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
26th	Thanksgiving

## December 2015



	No Trustee meeting this month
	Adult Christmas Party Sorrento Hotel
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Family Christmas Party
24th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day



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