

**General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
September 10th, 2015  
6:30 pm  
St. Patrick's  
Parish Hall**

# il Ficcanaso



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## FESTA ITALIANA SEATTLE



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### Friday, September 18, 11 AM, Festa Italiana Luncheon at the Seattle Yacht Club

Now that the IAHA Banquet has been postponed a year, Festa and The Italian Club are bringing back the annual Festa Luncheon. Tickets are now available "live" on the Festa website: <http://www.festaseattle.com/>

This year, the Annual Festa Italiana Luncheon sponsored by the Italian Club, will once again be at the Seattle Yacht Club on Portage Bay. The Luncheon will open at 11 AM with welcome-aboard cocktails and will finish at 1:30 PM. The Yacht Club offers us a beautiful dining room, great food and free parking all for the reasonable price of \$50 per person but we are limited to 120 diners so please RSVP early so you don't miss out. Barry Sheldon, President & COO of illy cafe North America is the keynote speaker, illy is an international coffee roaster based in Trieste, Italy. The luncheon will feature presentations of the Gill A. Centioli Award and the Patricia DeLaurenti Volunteer of the Year Award.

RSVP to Audrey Manzanares 206-779-7325, [amanzanares@Live.com](mailto:amanzanares@Live.com). 829 NW 54th St. Seattle WA 98107. Checks made payable to ICS.

### IAHA Update

*by Martin Nigrelle*

The IAHA has had to re-think the semi-formal gala at the Fairmont Spanish ballroom. Simply put, the time required to produce such an event was not there. While many efforts were made in terms of organizing and booking, we came to the realization that (Continued on page 2)

### Message from the President

Hello everyone! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, and has had the opportunity to enjoy family and friends and the weather.

We now have a new venue for our meetings which will take place at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. The address is 2702 Broadway Avenue East Seattle, WA 98102. I want to thank Gemma Thielges and all those who helped her with the search for a new location. I look forward to seeing everyone at our new location.

Festa is coming upon us fast so please consider volunteering for the Festa Sausage Booth which will be under the direction of Tom Grossi. Anyone interested in helping out at the booth should contact Tom. It is important that we have enough people to make the booth a success. There are multiple jobs and time slots available, whether it be cooking or cashiering or making sandwiches, we need your help.

The club still needs someone to chair the Italian Club of Seattle booth at Festa. The chairperson will be responsible for organizing volunteers to staff the booth and work with me to ensure the booth has the right items to share with the public in promotion of the club. This booth will be indoors and out of the weather. The people who staff the booth will be promoting the club to any interested patrons. They will be handing out printed club information and/or applications, collecting applications, and sharing the general good will of the club. Please contact me if you are interested in chairing or volunteering at the booth.

Please pay close attention to the calendar for September because there are quite a few activities planned for the month.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Contact me directly by phone (206) 232-7880 or e-mail: [Dianakaczor@hotmail.com](mailto:Dianakaczor@hotmail.com). Ciao!

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

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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**

### **IAHA Update (cont'd)**

in order to make the gala the type of event it needs to be, (especially the first of its kind), we need more time to publicize the event and to book the keynote speaker. As with the Festa Luncheon, we are reliant upon the resources and connections of NIAF. NIAF was able to put us in touch with some great candidates but the timing of the event was not conducive. We want to thank all of those who worked on producing the gala and those who expressed interest in attending. We will keep you informed of our efforts and opportunities for raising Seattle's awareness of the local Italian-American community in 2016. In terms of 2015, the IAHA strongly encourages you to attend the Festa Luncheon, 11:00am Friday Sept 18th at the Seattle Yacht Club.

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 in 2016, Contact Martin Nigrelle for further information ([martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com)).

### **Italian Heritage Nights 2015**

*by Martin Nigrelle*

The Mariners hosted their Italian Heritage Night in June and the Sounders theirs in July. This year there were nearly 375 of us at the Mariners and just over 30 of us at the Sounders. The Mariners again featured a T-shirt, a Bocce tournament, and past president of the Seattle Perugia Sister City organization threw out the first pitch. The Sounders provided seating at a significant discount and made contributions to both Festa and San Gennaro Festivals. We will work to ensure both events continue to grow and support the Italian-American Community. If you have feedback on how these events can be better, please send your ideas and comments to Martin Nigrelle ([Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com](mailto:Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com)).

### **Festa Great Italian Chefs 2015**

*by Martin Nigrelle*

This year we have some great chefs to share with you. Nick Stellino is returning as our celebrity chef. Frank Isernio, the founder of Isernio Sausage, will be returning to the stage this year to share his passion for good sausage with the audience. New this year will include: Perry Mascitti, the executive chef in charge of all restaurants at the Tulalip Resort and Casino; Chef Brad Inserra, the former chef/owner of Brad's Swing-side Café, will come out of retirement to share with us his famous aglio-olio; father-daughter owners of the new Italian Market in West Seattle, Giulio and Aimee Pelegrini, will also put in an appearance; and, Chef Jeromi Quincy, of Phoenix Rising Catering and Chefs Table, will share with us some of the tips and tricks he has picked up over multiple years at the Aspen Food and Wine festival. Favorite chefs from Assiggio, il Forniao, Tutta Bella, and Mondello will all be returning. Please check the web site or Facebook for a Chef Stage schedule (<http://festaseattle.com/chefs.htm>).

## Health & Welfare

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

Welcome back to The Italian Club of Seattle meetings in our new location at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Seattle. Hopefully this will be a good place for us to gather. I keep praying that we might someday have a place of our own but until then, let's treat this spot with respect and gratitude.

I hope everyone had a fun, safe, healthy summer. Certainly was a hot July!

Dennis Caldirola sent a notice that **John Croce** passed away peacefully on 8/23/15, surrounded by his entire family. He was 91 years old. "Big John" was the founder of Pacific Food importers (PFI) and a longtime member of both the Italian Club of Seattle and the Seattle-Fidele Lodge of the Sons of Italy. He was also one of the founders of Festa Italiana and a big contributor to the Italian Festival at Seattle Center. A colorful character, to say the least, John was proud of his Italian heritage, his large and loving family, and his many awards for his homemade wine. Funeral services were held at Mt. Virgin Church on August 27th.. Our sympathies to the Croce family.

We were also sad to hear, earlier in August, that **Ed DeRocco** passed away on August 6th. He, too, was a long-time, well-loved member of the Italian Community, Italian Club, Dante Alighieri Society, and Sons of Italy. Our sympathies go out to his family. John & Ed had both been residing in the same Adult Care home in W. Seattle, in fact, they had both attended the Italian Fava Bean dinner on July 16th.

**Nick & Ginny Grossi** are settled into their new home at Spiritwood at Pine Lake on the Sammamish Plateau. They have a lovely apartment & are very welcoming to visitors. Their new phone # is 425-270-3545.

**Estelle Di Julio** has also moved to a new home. She is in an adult care home in Kenmore. She, too, seems to enjoy visits & her new address is 9124-N.E. 152nd Pl., Kenmore 98028. Notes and cards are also appreciated.

**Velva Salterelli** is now living at Edmonds Landing - her new address is 180-2nd Ave. S. #177, Edmonds 98020. She still has her same cell phone #206-324-0803. Her previous apartment at Sunrise in Edmonds was more appropriate for Orlie but this location is a better fit for Velva.

I had heard from **Todd & Brenda Elliott** in early July letting me know that Todd's PET scans came out great. In fact, he has now started a new job - he is Executive Director of the Washington State Independent Automobile Dealers Association. A new career path for him outside of telecommunications! Good luck in the new job & continued good health to both of you!

**Carole Bishop** participated in Washington State's Senior Games Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament in July and came home with two Silver Medals. Congrats, Carole! She said it was "tons of fun and that was the best part." Also, she spent ten days in San Antonio in June with her sister, Katie Best, and her husband, Gordy. She loves the Texas Hill Country, visited friends she hadn't seen in a long time, and happily ate her way through the great Tex-Mex menus.

Mary D. Magnano, mother of **Fr. Paul Magnano**, passed away on June 12 at age 97. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at Christ Our Hope Church on June 18 with Archbishop Sartain presiding. Our sympathies to the Magnano family.

Saw **Fr. Gary Morelli** last month & he looks very well. Was facing just a few more chemo treatments so we continue to pray that he will be completely cured of the kidney cancer he had last Spring.

**Cathy Croce Volpone** reported that The Italian Community Picnic was a huge success! Over 400 people enjoyed great food, music, games, raffles and fun on Sunday Aug. 16th! Many families held family reunions at the picnic complete with their family name on a banner. The Rigatones entertained everyone with wonderful Italian favorites. If you didn't make it this year, plan on coming to Royal Arch Park next year. The picnic is always the third Sunday in August!

Cathy's son, Danny Volpone, has had quite a summer. He has been part of the cast in Sing Out Seattle's Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast and The Wizard of Oz. Danny loves to sing, just like his grandfather. You will probably hear him singing somewhere at San Gennaro!

## Health & Welfare (continued)



**Tony & Michele La Stella** (at left) wrote from the South Pacific island of Kauai, where they were having a wonderful time in Hawaii visiting the various sites where famous movies were filmed, including his all time favorite musical “South Pacific” (photo at left). Tony said he was amazed by the vibrant Italian influence in that region & the number of Italians living there. He was doing a big Italian concert in the town of Hanalei to help raise money and awareness to benefit artists in that community...his signature show entitled, “Sinatra, Opera & Rock...Italian Style!” Since the Hawaiian and Italian languages are similar, Tony made up a word - “Ciaoloha” (combining Ciao and Aloha since both words essentially mean the same thing).

**Dennis Caldirola** says he hopes “to see everyone at the San Gennaro Fest September 11 -13, and at the annual Mass in Italian and Children’s Procession at Mt. Virgin Church, Saturday, September 12th at 6:30 PM. Don’t forget that later in the month, we have the Italian Club Golf Tournament, September 17, the Festa Italian Luncheon, September 18 and the “Taste of Italy” at the Italian Festival, Saturday, September 26th. Ci vediamo!”

**Joel Patience** reports that Pacific Food Importers now has watercolor paintings of Italy by Joel. There are also high density watercolor prints in large format for those big walls and greeting cards of the paintings - with PFI branding - in the lobby of their store. The location is 1001 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134 in the SODO district.”

**Anna Popovich** reported that there was a big celebration in the Popovich’s family, their granddaughter Mia Papasedero married Adam Sinnett (right) at Holy Names Academy on June 20th. Her great uncle Fr. Carmine Sacco gave them a special blessing. They had an open house the next day for all the people that came from out of town. Anna said it was “a fun time for all of our families.”

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Sept. meeting at St. Patrick’s Church hall.



## Art Event About Italy Held in the Shadow of the Space Needle Pairs with Kickstarter for Expansion

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1925960821/le-arti-an-art-show-of-works-about-italy>

Friends, Romans, Countrymen:

Does the word “Italian” generate images of art and style? To satisfy your desires for art about Italy, we started Le Arti just a few years ago. With such enthusiasm about our efforts, we are launching a fourteen month project to expand the number of artists, types of art and try to explore creating a circuit of locations.

Le Arti is a show of works about Italy and the newest part of Festa Italiana Seattle – a cultural event of twenty-eight years. Held the last weekend of every September in the Armory Building at the Seattle Center, Le Arti attracts living artists to display their talents to the world.

If Italy is your passion, your heritage or you are a supporter of the arts, become part of the Le Arti project through Kickstarter. Help us paint the planet and share this with everyone.

Pax Romano. Grazie!

**Joel Patience, Event Curator for Le Arti & Festa Italiana Board**

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Le Arti della Festa Italiana



## Art Show of Works About Italy

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2015

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Just some of the 2014 artists are shown in this announcement



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# Le Arti™

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### A call for artists and invitation for sponsors

**Le Arti**  
della  
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**An Art show of works about Italy.**

Is pleased to announce its next event

**September 26-27.2015.**

Designers and sponsors alike will have exposure to the over 30,000 guests that come to FESTA Italiana Seattle each year. 2015 will be our 28th!

The venue for le Arti della Festa Italiana is in the shadow of the Space Needle, in the remodeled Seattle Armory Building; just steps from the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum.



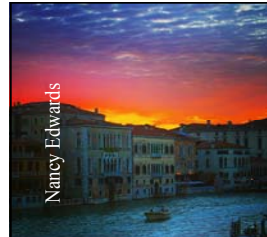
Anna Mastronardi

Our guests come to take in all things Italian. They want to know:

- How can Italian art and culture enrich their lives?
- What can Italian businesses offer them as consumers?
- What is the best way to travel to Italy?
- Where one should visit, stay and see when in Italy?

The annual reception "The Taste of Italy" is Saturday evening. It includes a wine tasting along with music and food with le Arti della Festa Italiana and its juried art as the center piece.

The call for artists includes two and three dimensional art. We welcome inquiries.

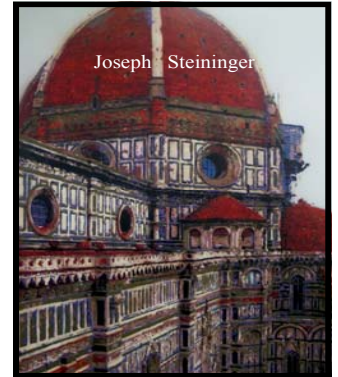


Nancy Edwards

All art is required to be for sale with a portion of each sale going to benefit the non profit Festa Italiana Seattle.

Le Arti is a promotion of Italian culture through art and contemporary artists. It invokes the excitement of travel to Italy and interest in Italian arts and heritage.

Information about the event and application to submit art entries can be found at:  
<http://www.festaseattle.com/art-photography.htm>



Joseph Steinger

Parties interested in sponsorship can contact Joel Patience, Festa Board Member and Event Curator:

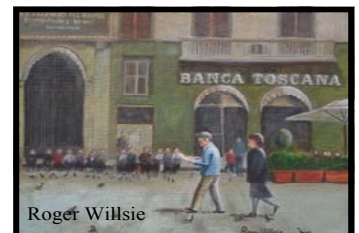
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You can also visit our web site for more information about sponsorship in Festa Italiana Seattle, review our other great events, enter your art in juried art show and get tickets for the taste of Italy.

[www.FestaSeattle.com](http://www.FestaSeattle.com)

Ci Vediamo!

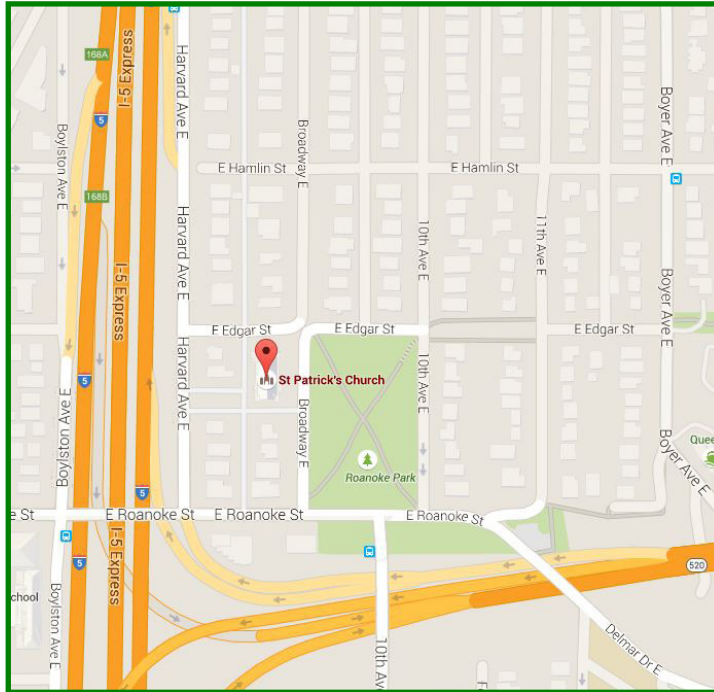


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## Scholarships

*by Linda Madrid,  
Scholarship Chairman*

We happily announce the recipients of the 2015-2016 club scholarship of \$500 each, to Danielle Peretti and Julia Panelli. Both young ladies were awarded scholarships last year. Both have grade points near a perfect 4.0 GPA. Academics are a priority to both, additionally they each want to serve and give back to the community and are very proud of their rich Italian Heritage.

Julia will be attending Holy Names Academy as a junior this fall. She started a summer camp for neighborhood kids age four to eight, called Camp Delano. She has volunteered at Eastside Baby Corner and St James Cathedral's kitchen. Danielle will be attending Kennedy Catholic High School as junior as well this fall. She's a member of National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She's very involved the school's Saint Vincent de Paul Club. They work and serve alongside the National Society of St. Vincent de Paul by organizing fundraisers and gathering items for less fortunate teens. She's even spent a night outside every year in solidarity with the homeless. Danielle tutors Spanish three times a week, is a student ambassador to encourage kids to attend Kennedy.

We are proud of these future leaders and gladly give them scholarships. Congratulations to each of you.

## Membership

*Linda Madrid, Chairman*

Do you have friends or family interested in joining our club, or perhaps they are "wanna be" Italians? The club continues to offer a great deal for those interested in joining.

The \$75 initiation fee is waived for new applications. New applicants can join for only \$50.00 instead of \$125.00, less than 50% of the normal cost to join the club. Please have them use the Application button found on the club's website: <http://www.italianclubofseattle.org>.



## WINNERS

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

The Birthday Winner for June was Linda Jacobin. For July it was Bill Ward.


Spirits and Coffee Cards were won by Anna Popovich, Jerome Thielges, Diana Kaczor, Joanne Spino Marchese, Rod Warczak, David Madrid, Angela Wright, Barbara Galluccio (2x), Louis Carrosino and Cathy Volpone.


The Progressive Prize of \$125 was won by Dale Bonn who was present. Jackpot now goes back to \$25.


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September 2015 	
3rd	Trustee Meeting
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
11-13	San Gennaro Festival Georgetown
12th	Annual Mass in Italian and Children's Procession at Mt. Virgin Church, 6:30PM
17th	Italian Club Golf Tourney
18th	Festa Italian Luncheon
25th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
26th	Taste of Italy at Festa
26 & 27	28th Annual Italian Festival

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>

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
6th	Adult Christmas Party
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Family Christmas Party
24th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

January 2016 	
1st	New Year's Day
7th	Trustee Meeting
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
22nd	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

## 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, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

### Trustee Meetings:

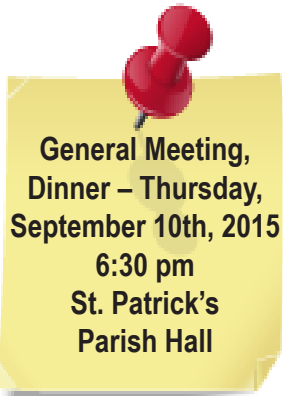
- First Thursday of every other month

**Represent your club at Festa, volunteer at the Festa Sausage Booth! Contact Tom Grossi, or at the Club Booth (downstairs) contact Diana Kaczor.**

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