



il Ficcanaso

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE ITALIAN CLUB
ESTABLISHED APRIL 26TH 1920

**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
October 13th, 2016**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Dalla Ghianda Cresce la Quercia

Columbus Day Dinner, Angelo's of Burien, 6:30pm, Monday 10-10-16 (See page 6)

Thanks to the efforts of Audrey Manzanares and Jeff D'Amelio, some 40 people helped renew the longstanding tradition of a Columbus Night Dinner on Monday October 12th, 2015 at Osteria Rigoletto. This was the second year an effort was made to revive the lost tradition of a celebratory dinner on the Monday night of the Columbus Day weekend. We have a better understanding of this rich tradition as Rosa Facciuto generously shared with us the original programs from the Columbus Night Dinners going all the way back to 1947.

The actions of Seattle's City Hall in 2014 made us painfully aware of the limited amount of celebration that was taking place in honor of our holiday. It was, unfortunately, easy for City Hall to overlook us, as we (the local Italian-American community) in the greater Seattle area had by and large stopped celebrating the holiday in any manner. A large portion of us (myself included) still have to work on that day. Some of us are in

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Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!

Whew! Another Festa Italiana under our belt. I want to say THANK YOU to Tom Grossi and Dan Pacetti and all of the volunteers who gave their time in the Festa Sausage Booth. It was no small effort because they were constantly busy. It was because of all your combined efforts that the booth is successful. I also want to personally thank Art Oberto and Nick Grossi for helping out at the Italian Club booth. The balloons were a great success. There was a lot of interest by attendees of Festa to learn about the ICoS and genuine interest in joining the club. I hope this translates into actual membership.

The Festa Luncheon was well attended, and I want to thank Audrey Manzanares for chairing the event and all those who helped her make it a wonderful event. To further celebrate Italian Heritage there will be another Columbus Day Dinner in October. For reservations please contact Audrey Manzanares (206-779-7325) for more information.

Remember the children's Halloween Party will take place at St. Pat's on October 29th. Dennis and Andrea have been working very hard to make it a lot of fun for the kids with handmade decorations and other surprises. For all those members who have little goblins trick or treating, this is a safe way to have a fun Halloween.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Feel free to contact me directly by phone (206) 232-7880 or e-mail: Dianakaczor@hotmail.com.

**Diana (Faccione) Kaczor
President Italian Club of Seattle**



*Art Oberto and
Diana Kaczor*

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

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

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

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Halloween Party..... **Andrea Petrone**

Health..... **Gemma Thielges**

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

Mariner Baseball Night..... **Martin Nigrelle**

New Membership..... **Audrey Manzanares**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Linda Madrid**

*“When witches go riding, and
black cats are seen,
The moon laughs and whispers,
“It must be Halloween”*

Please join us:

Saturday, October 29th, 2016

St. Patricks Church Hall.

2702 Broadway East, Seattle, Wash. 98102

Spooktacular Event starts at: 11:00 am.

Open to all children and grandchildren of members. Be prepared to eat ghoulish treats and play wickedly delightful games. Please email: Andrea Petrone (Ciaoitalia817@gmail.com) with the number of people in your group, and the names of the children.

Italians Top 1K!

By Martin Nigrelle

In late June of this year the Mariners hosted the 10th annual Italian Heritage Night. The giveaway item was a great looking t-shirt, there was Bocce in the outfield, and over One Thousand people purchased tickets through the dedicated web page or via our group sales contact.

This was the largest group by far in the 10 years of this event, not quite double the previous highest attendance. Those who got their tickets from the Italian Club of Seattle made up the largest single group at just over 11% of the total tickets sold. A record year for the Club, too.

We are already talking about the opportunities for next year. The larger the group, the greater the options. Hopefully we can offer an even better experience in 2017.

Oh yeah, it did not hurt that the Mariners beat the Orioles 5 to 3 that night either!!

Club Membership

*By Martin
Nigrelle*

Colleen Flower was voted in as a new member at the September meeting. Colleen's application was received in June and she was sponsored by Robert Sylvester and Linda Madrid. Please take a minute to introduce yourself to Colleen and welcome her to the club.

Sue Ramaglia's application has been received and she will be voted on at the October meeting.

With Linda Madrid resigning from the Vice Presidency and the board, Audrey Manzanares is the interim club Vice President. Please direct New Membership applications to Audrey.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Audrey Manzanares headed to L.A. to visit her daughter for her 20th birthday at the end of September. This month she was going to attend the Italian Festival in Reno. She seems to keep a healthy balance - works hard (had some pending property sales) and plays hard!

Velva Saltarelli enjoyed three birthday celebrations – one was a dinner with family; the second was at Emerald Downs for the Italian Club Day at the Races where she brought a birthday cake to share; and the third was with Rosa Facciuto and friends. After having dinner at the Spaghetti Factory they toured the Smith Tower – fantastic views! Velva also reported that on Friday September 9th at 1:00 o'clock there was a first time event being held in memory of her husband "Salty" to benefit Alzheimer's disease called "Walk the Block." It was a 4 block walk around the Landing Community where Velva lives. Forty-five participated and the Edmonds paper wrote an article about this very successful event. Velva made a generous donation as did many others. Check it out on The Landings' Facebook page.

Velva Saltarelli (right) is with her painting at Festa Italiana. This is the 3rd year she has entered her art work. She enjoys painting with **Dale Bonn & Joel Patience**. Note the "12" shirt. She also likes the Seahawks!



Dennis Caldirola notified us that longtime member **Robert "Bob" Gamrath** passed away on 9/13. He was 92 and was a Boeing retiree having started there in 1953 and became V.P., General Manager of the Fabrication Division. He had been an eager volunteer for Club events, banquets, and projects.

Anna Popovich's brother, Fr. Carmine Sacco S.J. passed away on Sept. 21st. He would have been 92 in November and was very sharp right up to the end of his life. The vigil service was on Wednesday September 28th and the funeral Mass on Thursday, both at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Tacoma.

Asking for healing prayers for **Nicole**, daughter of **Mike & Diana Kaczor**, as she has a herniated disc which has to be very painful. And also for **Linda Jacobin** who had a short stay in the hospital with pneumonia and the flu.

Sister Mary Lou DiJulio, snjm feels blessed to be going on a Pilgrimage in this Holy Year of Mercy to Rome, Assisi and Siena, Italy. She will join a group of parishioners and their pastor, Fr. Steve Sallis, from Sacred Heart Church in Bellevue. She wants us all to know that she will be "taking us with her, in spirit and prayer." Wishing them safe and interesting travels.

Happy Halloween. Hope you get to enjoy some cute little goblins at your front door.

Karen Gazarek Bianchi has a new grandson. His name is Dean Crawford Bianchi, born September 26 and weighed 8 lb. 4oz.

Thank Goodness for Global Warming!

By Martin Nigrelle

What! How can that be a good thing? It's not really. But this year, both of the Italian Festivals in September were graced with great weather! The San Gennaro Festival, in its fourth year, enjoyed warm sunny weather for three days which likely helped in generating their largest attendance so far. Warm weather for both Saturday and Sunday of the twenty-ninth Festa Italiana weekend helped ensure great attendance each day.

It is great to know that the community & the festivals are established enough to both have thrived on Sundays that included home Seahawk games.

Let's hope that 2017 bodes just as well for each festival in their benchmark years!



Caroline Petre and David Petre at the Historical Photo exhibit at Festa. The photo above Caroline is of her and husband, Ray. For many years they volunteered and supervised this exhibit at Festa. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the community.

Mt. Virgin Church Hall versus St. Patrick's Hall: A Comparison of Each Location

Item	Mt Virgin	St Pats
Rent per MTG	\$600 = \$100/Hr (from chef arrival to close) (3:30pm – 8:30pm = \$500) +Kitchen Use Fee: \$100	\$275 flat fee
Tables & Chairs	Members must set up & take down, to support Nativity School configuration.	In place as needed
Trash	Members take out, no recycling	Facility removes, recycling
Audio / Visual	No video, Audio: PA remains broken, renter to supply mic	Yes HDMI projector with audio, site supplies mic
Kitchen	Full	Full
ADA Compliant	Yes (no stairs at all)	Yes, ramp & elevator
Free Parking	Yes	Yes
History in the Italian-American Community	Yes	No
Interested in hosting ICoS	Yes	Yes
Available 2 nd Thursday of month	Yes	Yes



Caroline Petre and Ron Roletto



(Above) Inez Bellotti volunteered at Le Arti at Festa Italiana on September 24th & 25th.

Dalla Ghianda Cresce la Quercia *(continued)*

Reno to enjoy Festa Reno. Some celebrate in smaller groups or as individuals. Frankly, there are a significant number of people who simply do not celebrate the holiday.

It may be hard for the non-Italian-American people in the area to understand what Columbus Day has come to mean in the Italian-American community. Italians in Italy do not celebrate Columbus. As such, those who are recent immigrants to the USA from Italy are not aware of the value the holiday has held for the Italian-American community of which they have become members. The holiday is recognized inconsistently at various levels of government and celebrations in different cities are hardly standardized. In New York they continue to hold a Columbus Day Parade and a street party afterward. In San Francisco on Columbus Day they have a parade too, but it has been named the Italian Heritage Parade. In Los Angeles city employees may choose to celebrate (take the day off of work) either Ceasar Chavez Day or Columbus Day, a city compromise from 2002, and in 2016 they have a city council considering the re-naming of the day to Indigenous People's Day. The state of California stopped recognizing the holiday in an effort to cut costs in 2009. In Boston they have multiple festivals and a parade on the Sunday before Columbus Day. In Atlanta it is largely a day to begin one's Christmas shopping based on the sales.

Whether it be the polarizing name of Columbus (painted as the archetype for colonialism) or because of the inconsistency of the holiday's celebration here and across the nation, it is not a holiday that currently carries the same weight or recognition as some other ethnic based holidays such as St. Patrick's Day (an individual of Roman decent by the way). It should be recognized that Columbus Day in recent years (some would argue decades) has really become a day to celebrate Italian-American heritage and culture, not just the efforts of one man, but the efforts of those who have risen to the challenges of coming to a new world, to persevere, and to become significant and integrated in that new world. It is with that in mind, that efforts were made to renew the Columbus Night Dinner.

It was not simply about Christopher Columbus. It was about bringing together our local Italian-American community, whether it was someone from the Italian Club, or the Sons of Italy, from San Gennaro, or Festa Italiana, from the Dante Society, or Westside, etc. The event is about recognizing our heritage, our community's contribution to the Seattle area, and celebrating those things.

We will work to make our community together, to celebrate together, and be a community recognized by the general public. Recognized not for one man, but for the contributions of the many. Many who were immigrants or the children of immigrants who struggled to make their way and to make their mark, while making Seattle a better place. From the 40 people last year, we will work to make this a bigger and more prominent event, one that people outside our community take note of. From the Acorn Grows the Oak (article title translated).

Please contact Audrey and/or see page 6 to get more details on this year's Columbus Day Dinner. Thanks.

Martin Nigrelle

President - CASA Italian Community Hall, Board of Directors

WINNERS

September drawings were conducted by Past President Anna Popovich.

The Birthday Winner for August was Lucy Salle. For September, it was Mike Kaczor. Spirits and Coffee Cards were won by Katherine Scaringi Langenegger, Dale Bonn, Diana Dent (2x), Bill Picchena, Margaret Ward, Paul Pioli, Judy Seth, Antoinette Rupin, Dot Whitney and Joe Galluccio.

Progressive Prize of \$75 would have been won by Pat Malara had he been present. Jackpot now goes up to \$100, a good reason to come to the meeting!

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

6:30 PM

ANGELO'S OF BURIEN

601 SW 153rd STREET, BURIEN, 98166

\$45.00 PER PERSON



DINNER INCLUDES:

ANTIPASTI,

ROLLS, SALAD

CHICKEN MARSALA WITH VEGETABLES

FESTIVAL PASTA WITH MEATBALLS

DESSERT

NO HOST BAR

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT

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October 2016



	No Trustee meeting this month
8 & 9	Italian Festival, Reno, NV
10th	Columbus Day Dinner
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
16th	Seattle Fedele "John Croce" Homemade Wine Festival
25th	Input Deadline for November <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
29th	Halloween Party St. Patrick's Church Hall

November 2016



2nd	Past Presidents Luncheon 11:30 AM, il Fornaio
3rd	Trustee Meeting
10th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
24th	Thanksgiving
25th	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

December 2015



	No Trustee meeting this month
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
14th	Family Christmas Party
18th	Adult Christmas Party
24th	Input Deadline for January <i>il Ficcanaso</i>
25th	Christmas Day

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

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President Diana Kaczor and Julia Panelli. Julia is the recipient of the 2016 Italian Club Scholarship Award

January 2016



1st	New Year's Day
5th	Trustee Meeting
12th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
25th	Input Deadline for February <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

February 2016



	No Trustee meeting this month
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBD	Crab Dinner - St. Alphonsus
14th	Valentine's Day
25th	Input Deadline for March <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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).





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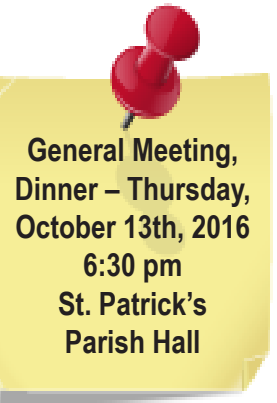
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Day at the Races GALLUCCIO family



Children's Halloween
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The NW Italian Radio Show

KKNW 1150 AM Seattle

KLAY 1180 AM Tacoma

Every Monday 3-5 PM

Simulcast & Past Programs at:

www.WCIR.biz

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