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General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
June 8th, 2017

6:30 pm

St. Patrick's
Parish Hall

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



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2017 Day at the Races

The Seattle Italian Club will have Day at the Races on Sunday, July 30th at Emerald Downs, Auburn, WA. Come and enjoy the day by meeting in the famous Shipoch Room. It is located on the 5th floor of the clubhouse, just past the finish line. Admission to the track, buffet lunch and racing program are included with the \$55 price of admission. The wonderful lunch includes chicken & flank steak, salad, potatoes, assorted vegetables, rolls & butter, cookies & assorted brownies for dessert.

The horse racing is exciting and very entertaining. For tickets please call Joe Galluccio at 206-773-9776 or email joeymg84@gmail.com. This event must be paid in advance. Tickets will follow in the mail. Mail your check payable to the **Italian Club of Seattle**, to Joe Galluccio, 7018 82nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040-5333, no later than July 23rd.

Message from the President

Ciao, Amici della Famiglia,

Happy Almost Summer!!

I'm looking forward to Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners on June 21!! I look forward to spending the evening with those of you that are joining us! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, we still have a few left. Contact myself or Martin Nigrelle if you're interested.

I'm excited to have Gina Grossi as our Miss Italian Club at Seafair this year. She is the granddaughter of long time members Nick & Ginny Grossi. Hopefully we can all go out and support her at one of the many events she will be participating in!

Thank you Gemma Di Julio for continuing to write the Health and Welfare column. I always look forward to reading about members we don't always see. You are so appreciated!!

The Italian Club will have the Sausage Booth at Festa again this year and Tom Grossi still needs help staffing the booth so please consider volunteering for this fun activity.

Don't Forget the Italian Community Picnic in August. Its a wonderful day spent with long time friends!

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

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns, amanzanares@live.com or 206-779-7325.

Con amore ed affetto,

Audrey Manzanares

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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 & Welfare..... **Gemma Thielges**

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

New Membership..... Anna Popovich

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

Picnic Ron Roletto

Scholarship Anna Popovich



Italy

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- PROSECCO WELCOMING RECEPTION
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Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Joe & Barbara Galluccio made an unexpected trip to Los Angeles as Barbara's nephew passed away. Our sympathies to their family. Also, **Barbara** underwent a back surgery on May 11th and we are praying that it will be as successful as her last couple of surgeries.

Marie Dahlgren underwent surgery in early May for a gallbladder removal. Unfortunately, they found that she has cancer. Prayers are requested that the chemo therapy she is beginning will be successful and that she'll regain her full strength. She is looking forward to her granddaughter's wedding that is scheduled in early June and hopefully some great-grandchildren in the years ahead.

Judy & Nils Seth enjoyed another stay in Maui which they look forward to about twice a year. We can give praise for the healing of her foot after her surgery a few months ago.

Another praise for **Ron Roletto's** recent successful surgery. More prayers of thanksgiving!

Very sorry to report that **Ron Alia** passed away on May 4th. Our sympathies to his Dad, **Orlie**, his son **Mark**, daughter Jennie, cousin **Bill Picchenna** and to all his family. I envision his sweet Mom, Pep Alia, rejoicing at his arrival in Heaven. He is in a much better place where we all hope to reach some day. Ron's funeral was held on June 1st at Mt. Virgin.

Ed Petrone, father of members **Andrea Petrone** and **Nancy Grossi**, had recently been admitted to the hospital with numerous symptoms. But he passed away on May 29th. Our prayers and sympathies to his family.

Our condolences to **Karen Gazarek Bianchi** & all her family on the recent death of her sister Suzy Gazarek. It is hard to lose a sibling or any family member or loved one.

Ken Hall had a successful hip replacement. Now we just need to pray for a quick, complete and successful recovery.

Chip & Sigi DiJulio scheduled a March combo river cruise in Portugal with a side trip to the island of Madeira. Sigi finally retired from her hair salon (Chip still works as President of DiJulio Displays). Chip, last week, hosted some Knights of Columbus men for poker, fishing, etc. at his Blue Lake house. It's an annual gathering. Chip's 1962 Seattle Prep reunion is in July. Sounds like a fun, busy life!

Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads. We are grateful for them and all they do or have done for us.

This is our last newsletter until September. Have a wonderful summer. Be safe, be well, and be happy.

New Membership

By Martin Nigrelle

Please welcome our new members voted in at the May General meeting. Please make an effort to introduce yourselves to Patrick & Matthew Fitzgerald.

At the June General meeting we will be voting on a new applicant. Deborah Wagoner is a member of the Burien City Council. She is married with seven children. Her family heritage includes the regions of Calabria & Basilicata.

WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Birthday Winner for the month of May was Joel Patience.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by: Nick Grossi, Anna Popovich (3x), Marven Hansen, Tony La Stella (2x), Gerome Thielges, Scott Fitzpatrick, Monte Marchetti, Bill Wright, Tome Grossi Dennis Caldirola, Deanna Dent and Bill Picchena.

Progressive Prize of \$50 would have been won by Estell DiJulio had she been in attendance. Jackpot now goes up to \$75.

The Waters of Eternal Youth

A book review by Joel Patience

For those of you that enjoy mystery stories you will find another great dark alley to explore in the Commissario Guido Brunetti Mysteries. An American writer Donna Leon lives in Venice, Italy and this is her 25th book in the series.

While the character she creates is fictional, Commissario Brunetti solves every nature of crime and corruption in Venice. The places he visits during these investigations are real and we have enjoyed using the stories to explore the city – far from the few blocks where tourists dwell. Just as one might see in the daily news, Brunetti and his family have to deal with issues of living in a big old city. Venice is a city that is too expensive for many of the locals to live anymore and the matter of illegal immigrants from the remains of eastern block and north Africa counties touch nearly everyone. This migration is as old as the Roman empire itself; although Venice is the only major city in Italy that was not founded by the Romans.

Brunetti is a seasoned cop; he is married and has two children. These and other relationships have formed eloquently over the development of the series. By some stroke of fate to this gritty cop, Brunetti's wife Paola who is a teacher is also the daughter of one of the oldest and most influential families in Venice. As a police detective raised in poverty, he had been uncomfortable with the relationship with his in-laws and has even had to investigate some of their equally wealthy friends over the years. However, that relationship has evolved so he knows when to access them during investigations and now they approach him when trouble arises to protect themselves and their friends. This access is unique to solving many of his crimes.

In this case Brunetti is presented with a mystery that comes from these relationships. A friend of his in-laws has a young relative that had an attempt on their life – fifteen years ago. The event was an attempt to murder her by drowning, left the young woman with no memories and unable to retain most of what she learns even as an adult. Social influence and serious money prevail as Brunetti's power seeking corrupt boss allows the case to be reopened. Brunetti has to reconstruct

Book Review (cont'd)

events from this childlike adult and uncover the motives for the attack.

As part of his arsenal of investigating tools is Signorina Elettra. As a modern, educated and assertive person, her character is his exact opposite but they complement each other in their quest to solve crime. Brunetti is uncomfortable with technology such as computers and smart phones. As part of the team in the police station Elettra is able to access information in moments that may not even be available to the average human. Descriptions of Elettra by the author will have one imagining a woman with personal style out of place in a police station but perfectly comfortable in her own skin.

Joel Patience is a watercolor artist and independent writer. He travels with his wife Dale to Italy and beyond for inspiration.

11th Annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night

By Martin Nigrelle

The Mariners will be hosting the Detroit Tigers at 7:10pm, on Wednesday June 21st, 2017. Join us and wave a flag demonstrating your pride in Italian culture & heritage.

The 11th Annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night giveaway item is a two foot by three foot flag featuring the Mariners name in the colors of il Tricolore (image below). Imagine the effect of 500-1000 of us all waving flags in support of Italian Culture & Heritage when our group is announced.

Come to Safeco Field early to see Bocce played in the sod farm just outside the left outfield wall, near the area the Mariners call "the Pen" in the North East corner of the ball park. Rick Rizzs, the Mariners primary radio voice, and Brad Adam, from Root Sports, will take on the winners of the bocce tourney. We hope to win back the bragging rights from Rick & Brad this year. For tickets to sit with the Italian Club friends & family, see Martin Nigrelle at the General meetings. Tickets may also be purchased through the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>.

Those interested in Bocce should contact Martin Nigrelle directly in e-mail: Martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com.



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June 2017



	No Trustee meeting this month
8th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
9-10	"Italy on the Beach," Quinault Beach Casino, Ocean Shores
18th	Father's Day
21st	Italian Heritage Night Seattle Mariners vs. Detroit Tigers
	No July <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

July 2017



	No Trustee meeting this month
4th	Independence Day
30th	Day at the Races, Emerald Downs, Auburn, WA
	No August <i>il Ficcanaso</i> . No inputs.

August 2017



20th	All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
23rd	Italian Club/SU Baseball Golf Tourney, Echo Falls
24th	ICoS Golf Tournament, 1pm, Echo Falls; 5:30 dinner
24-26	Festa Italiana, Pioneer Square Courthouse, Portland, OR
25th	Input Deadline for September <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

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7th	Trustee Meeting
8-10	San Gennaro Festival Georgetown
14th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
15th	Festa Italia Luncheon Seattle Yacht Club
16th	Festa Mass Mt. Virgin Church, 6:30PM
22nd	Taste of Italy, Seattle Center
23 & 24	Festa Italiana, Seattle Center
28th	Input Deadline for October <i>il Ficcanaso</i>

October 2017



	No Trustee meeting this month
7 & 8	Italian Festival, Reno, NV
10th	Columbus Day Dinner
13th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
TBA	Seattle Fedele "John Croce" Homemade Wine Festival
25th	Input Deadline for November <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

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November 2017



2nd	Trustee Meeting
9th	IC General Meeting/ Dinner 6:30PM
24th	Thanksgiving
25th	Input Deadline for December <i>il Ficcanaso</i>



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