

**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
January 10th, 2019**

**6:30 pm
St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

Happy New Year, everyone. For a change, notices for the 2019 membership dues were not mailed until the first week of January this year to avoid intermingling with Christmas mail. Notices were not sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2018, nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those members will receive their free membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member and Past President, Luigi Borda, who joined the Club in 1949 and turned 97 on Christmas!

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25 per year. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for at least 35 years. Our records show that out of 215 members, 20 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the January meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 50¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

***Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di un
Buon Anno Nuovo!***

Message from the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

It was a busy December with different functions going on in our clubs. The Christmas party for the adults was a great success. Thank you, Audrey, for being in charge of the reservations for both clubs. I hope to see more people from the Italian Club attend next year.

The Christmas party for the children another outstanding event. Thank you, Marty, for volunteering to help cook.

The next event for our club is the Crab Feed. This will be our 13th year of this successful event. It will be held the same place – St. Alphonsus – on February 16th. The procedure again this year: send me a check and the tickets will be sent to you. We will also discuss this event at our January meeting.

In closing, I wish everyone the best of health for the coming New Year. Also, our prayers go out to all our service men and women who serve our country.

Sincerely,
Anna Popovich

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Adult's Christmas Party... **Audrey Manzanares**

Bylaws..... **TBD**

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

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

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

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Golf Tournament **Brian DiJulio**

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

Luncheons **Audrey Manzanares**

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

New Membership..... **Dennis Caldirola**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Diana Kaczor**

Adults Christmas Party

By Dennis Caldirola

The Adults Christmas Party was held at 6 PM, Sunday, December 2nd at the Rainier Golf & Country Club in conjunction with the Westside Italian Civic Club. It was described as a "lovely evening" with beautiful decorations. A date is already reserved for next year if we want to go back. Joe Jacobin suggested we invite the Seattle-Fedele Lodge of the Sons of Italy as well. According to Diana Warczak, anyone in the Italian community may attend.

Election of Officers for 2019

Dot Whitney conducted the election of officers and started by calling for any more nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she made a motion to pass out ballots; seconded by Marty Nigrelle and Frances Rossi. Motion carried. The ballots were distributed and picked up and the tally showed that Barbara Galluccio, Martin Nigrelle and Frances Rossi were reelected for another two years.



WINNERS

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

The Birthday Winner for November was Godfrey Gresenquet.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by Ron Roletto, Monte Marchetti (2x), Dale Bonn, Mona Nelson, Linda Madrid, Bill Wright, Patrick FitzGerald, Sally Pierotti (2x), Dick Whitney (2x), Bruno Peranzi, Robert Samuel, Anna Popovich, Jerome Thielges and Martin Nigrelle

New Membership

By Dennis Caldirola

Members are reminded that if they invite a guest who is a potential member to a meeting, you look like a great host and your guest dines for free!

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

We hope that the year 2019 is off to a great start for everyone and we pray for good health & happy days ahead for all of us.

We want to express our sympathies to Brian & Barbara Di Julio & family on the recent death of Barbara's Dad, John Bradley, who passed away on December 1st at the age of 80.

We also want to express Congratulations and Happy 35th Anniversary to Brian & Barbara Di Julio who celebrated this happy occasion on December 17th. They are the proud grandparents of four beautiful little granddaughters.

Dennis Caldirola announced at our December meeting on the 13th that Lenny Luzzi fell down some stairs and had suffered some damage to his arm and shoulder. This is very unfortunate for anyone but particularly for someone who plays the accordion! I did speak with Lenny on Wednesday the 19th. He said he slipped, at home, on December 7th, and fell all the way down their staircase. He was taken to the E.R. where they popped his dislocated shoulder back into place. He's wearing a sling but cannot drive. Of course, he's not playing the accordion and had to cancel about seven "gigs" - the holidays are a busy time even for those of us who do not perform. The good things are: he can walk, they've made some adjustments at his day job so that his chair is raised, and he can use his computer (but without lifting his arms). He is expected to make a full recovery after about 12 to 14 weeks followed by physical therapy, and he has an attitude of gratitude. He commented, "I would be totally depressed and helpless during recovery if not for my Irish (Italian by contamination, she says) wife Patty who has made this situation bearable." He also seems to have maintained a wonderful sense of humor - he had me in stitches! He shared that when he went back to the doctor's office for x-rays/follow-up visit a week after the accident, the technician said, "Oh, I remember you. I was the tech on duty when you came into the E.R. and while you were unconscious, you sang several songs, in Italian!" He apparently kept everyone well-entertained. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery and ask everyone to keep him in your prayers.

The following are not members of the Italian Club but, like Lenny, they have been a well-known and loved member of Mt. Virgin and/or the Italian community. Tony Aversano, a classmate of Judy Collins Seth and mine (Gemma's) passed away on December 20th after a car accident on December 16th. He was 74 and was also a cousin of mine. Donald Dahlgren (Marie's older brother) passed away on December 16th after collapsing on the tennis court a week before. He was 83.

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Health & Welfare (continued)

We send Congratulations to Fr. Paul Magnano who celebrated 51 years since his ordination to the priesthood on December 21st. Thank you for saying “yes” to your invitation to the priestly vocation and thank you to all the wonderful, loving service you have given to so many.

Here is a little story for Christmas sent in by Frances & Amadeo Rossi. “A few years ago, Frances and I stayed in Roma to celebrate Christmas and New Years. It is really refreshing to see presepi scenes and Christmas lights everywhere. We have a chef friend in Rome who started cooking classes over 15 years ago. He makes a great sour cherry jam that we use to make one of his best deserts, a tart with sour cherry jam and ricotta cheese. So, every time we are in Rome we pick up jars of the jam following the cooking class. Instead of bringing back six jars of jam on the airplane, we decided to go to UPS store, across the street from our hotel, and ship it home. We went into the store to ship our jam back to the USA. There was a nice older lady that had just arrived and was picking up a big box from her family in Sicily. She opened the box to inspect the contents, and the box was filled with Christmas cookies. There were four of us in the store with the store owner. She offered and shared her cookies with us – four strangers. The lady behind the counter gave us all napkins. The cookies were really great. We had such a good time, that the store owner almost forgot to ask us for money for the shipment. Isn't it great to be Italian? This year our chef friend was named the best chef in Roma. We are going to see him again in February when we are back in Roma.”

Felice Anno Nuovo!

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

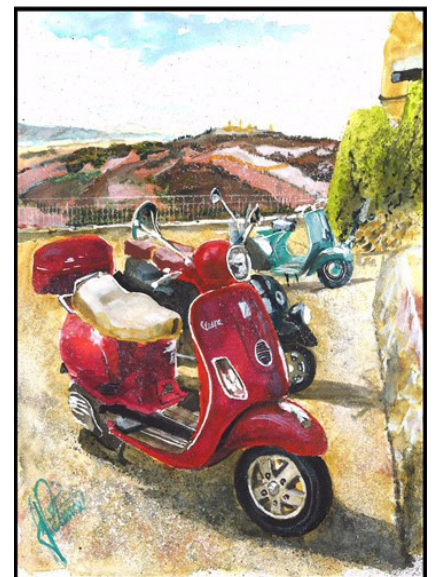
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How important Garibaldi was to America

A Historical Note by Joel Patience

Imagine you have a crisis on your hands and need to create a short list of the folks that could help you. Such was the situation that Abraham Lincoln found himself in.

The Civil War between the States had broken out. Much to everyone's terror the Confederacy had proven to take the first battles with ease. To see so much blood on American soil, so close to Washington D.C. was unthinkable. The leaders of the Union troops had not seen any serious action for quite a while and few had training to fight the bands of Southern commando style rebels. Lincoln himself had only the experience of being a private during his early years. He was now commander in chief of an inexperienced army that was about to fight against their own countrymen, on a field from the eastern seaboard to as far away as the Rio Grande River. There were also implications that foreign governments wanted to see the Southern states win.

To add to the trauma was the slow speed of dispatches to our diplomats who in turn, asked foreign governments for help. To complicate matters the South had its own friends abroad. The Trans-Atlantic telegraph between Europe and America was not until 1865 (Lincoln died in April, 1865). Responding to a courier letter could take weeks. Given the sensitivity of issues such as this one, only hand couriered letters were used to eliminate any trail other than gossip. That the United States had offered a foreign general a position would have destroyed confidence in the Presidency. Newspapers of the time reported scandals with impunity. The details of this story are commonly taught in Italian schools.

As it turned out, General Garibaldi had finished the first big step in Italian unification. He had headed the revolt against the two Sicilies (1860) and needed a safe place to plan his next step in the unification of Italy. Battle hardened and in self-exile, Giuseppe Garibaldi was more than just enamored with the United States. He escaped Italy on an American ship and wound up making candles in New York. He had traveled the globe and at one point even carried an American passport.

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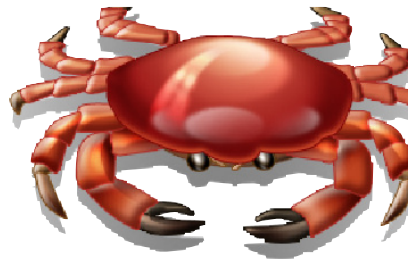
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ICoS Calendar

January 2019

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 16th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

March 2019

- 2nd Seattle Fedele SOI Annual Banquet Kennedy High School
- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for April *il Ficcanaso*

April 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*
- 27th WSICC Annual Banquet, TBD

May 2019

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 13th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 16-18 Sons of Italy Convention, Lynnwood, WA
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 20th Italian Heritage Night, Seattle Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles

July 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 4th Independence Day
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

August 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 18th All Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
- 20th Input Deadline for September *il Ficcanaso*

September 2019

- 6th Trustee's Meeting
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 20th Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

October 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2018

- 7th Trustee Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 18th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien
- 21st Thanksgiving
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

General Meeting & Dinner
Thursday,
January 10th, 2019
6:30 pm
St. Patrick's Parish Hall

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

Please send ICoS Calendar additions or updates by the 25th of each month to Joe Jacobin (joejacobin@gmail.com or to 4822 S. Juneau Street, Seattle, WA 98118-2848). Thank you.



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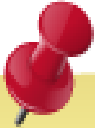
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