

**General Meeting,  
Dinner – Thursday,  
June 13th, 2019**

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

# il Ficcanaso

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**Congratulations  
Graduates!**

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## Odds Are the M's Will Win 6-20-19

**By Martin Nigrelle**

Historically speaking, the Mariners win more often on Italian Heritage night. Combine that with Baltimore having a worse record than the Ms this year, and the game should go in our favor!

The 13th annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night will be played at the newly re-branded T-Mobile Park at 7:10pm, Thursday, June 20th, 2019. The Mariners will be hosting the Baltimore Orioles.

We are working to have a member of our community throw out the first group pitch.

The giveaway item this year is a great looking blue baseball cap. The new cap is customized on the front above the bill. Featuring "Mariners" in white letters and below, a bar in the *il tricolore* color scheme.

Main Level seats are \$38 and View Level seats are \$23. The Italian Club will be buying Main Level seats.

For tickets to sit with the Italian Club friends & family, contact Martin Nigrelle. As at our May meeting, tickets will be available for pick-up at the June meeting.

Tickets may also be purchased through the Mariners web site: <http://mariners.com/italian>.

## Message from the President

What a beautiful day it is as I'm writing this article. I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful weather we're having.

The up and coming events are Mariners on June 20th, and the Luncheon at Emerald Downs on July 21st. Contact Marty Nigrelle and Joe Galluccio, respectively, for tickets. They would be more than happy to send them to you.

This summer there will be the All Italian Community Picnic at Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley. Everyone seems to have a fun time with plenty of food and drink. Also, the Italian Club Golf Tourney to benefit Seattle University Baseball will be August 21st at Echo Falls with Brian DiJulio as the contact person.

In last month's *il Ficcanaso*, I said I would have more information on the 100th year celebration. Well, so far, we just have a date of April 25th, 2020. We're still doing research on different venues. We want all past Presidents to save the date, along with all our members.

Have a great Summer, everyone – take care.

Sincerely,

**Anna Popovich**

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Day at the Races ..... **Joe Galluccio**

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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**

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## ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 • 7:10 PM



### EVENT DETAILS AND PRICING

Join the Mariners for Italian Heritage Night.

All fans receive a limited-edition Italian Heritage themed-giveaway with this offer (while supplies last).

- \$23 View Level Tickets
- \$38 Main Level Tickets

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## WINNERS

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

The Birthday Winner for April was The Very Reverend Paul Magnano.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by Deanna Dent, Linda Madrid (3x), Steve Clayton (2x), Steve Throckmorton, Angela Peranzi (2x), Paul Massaro, Mona Nelson, Lee Seeger, Gemma Thielges, Dale Bonn, Bill Picchena, Velva Saltartelli, Kathy Langenegger and Ron Roletto.

The Progressive Prize of \$50 would have been won by Margaret Ward who was not present, so the jackpot goes up to \$75.

## Health & Welfare

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

**Linda Madrid & Don Gulden** are leaving June 1st for two weeks in Tuscany, Italy. They will be attending her nephew's wedding. **Don** will be going on his annual fishing trip to Sitka, Alaska, at the end of June where he gets enough salmon, halibut, and cod to fill their freezer for the year. **Linda** was also very excited to share that she will be welcoming her first grandchild in November. Her son & daughter-in-law are the ones expecting the baby. Let's pray for an easy remaining few months of pregnancy, a smooth delivery, and the arrival of a healthy, happy baby.

**Matthew Fitzgerald** shared that he got a promotion at work. Congrats to him (Matteo).

**Chip Di Julio** reported that some of "his wife **Sigi's** relatives will visit Seattle in August (standard tourist activities: one week showing them area highlights, one week with a rental car for them to browse, one week at our Blue Lake house & daughter Simone's Methow River house). Egypt trip was interesting: 3 nights on Lake Nasser & 3 nights on the Nile River, time in Cairo & Luxor. No snakes or alligators. Last water tour of the season, they resume in September. Land tours still ongoing. Why? 93-105 degrees now!! Egypt is 5% fertile (Nile) and 95% DESERT! I had a private chat with a professor after she gave a talk on the Muslim faith. They believe in many Christian areas: Jesus, Mary, God, Creation, Angels. I told her the alleged appearance of the Angel Gabriel (I think) to Mohammed sounded similar to the Mormons. A common man claiming contact with an angel & starting another religion....P.S. women do not have to wear head cover. Not in the Koran." Sounds like an interesting tour.

**Holly Cochran** happily shared "My daughter, Margo Cochran is marrying Justin Fiones, grandson of Lou & Antoinette Fontana, on June 15th at St. Annes! Both families are over the moon!" Prayers for a long and happy union of two young people and two nice families.

*(Health & Welfare continues on page 4)*

## The Little War I'll Never Forget

By **Marv Hansen**

In the Fall of 1956 I went to a new job in the Port of Naples. The first thing I needed was a car. I saw a beautiful VW Karman Ghia, new in 1956, belonging to an auto salesman visiting Naples from Rome. To save my waiting months, he sold me his own car that day.

A few weeks later I decided to try out the Ghia on a trip to Sicily on the coastal highway. There was no Autostrada in those days. Before I left, my new friends warned me about gas station attendants asking for money for windshield cleaning or tire inflating – give only your ESSO coupons. (Actually, in 13 years of driving all over Europe, I was never asked for a tip.)

After crossing on the ferry to Messina, I drove down the coast to Taormina where I enjoyed the beauty of Winston Churchill's favorite painting scenes. After two days I drove back to the ferry and returned to the mainland. Stopping for gasoline in the town of Paola I asked for 30 liters and gave coupons for them. The ESSO attendant asked for 1,700 Lire more. I said no and drove away from an angry ESSO man.

After 15 or 20 minutes of peaceful driving I saw, far up ahead, six Carabinieri Jeeps blocking the highway. How strange to capture the Mafia so far from Sicily – but no, THEY WANTED ME! A Carabinieri got in, put his shotgun across his knees and said to follow the first Jeep. After a ten minute drive up a very steep, corkscrew road we reached a small town. The Jeeps disappeared into the immense headquarters leaving me stopped outside.

Dozens of townspeople surrounded my  
*(The Little War continues on page 4)*

## Luncheon at the Races

By Joe Galluccio

*The Flag is up, and they're off!!*

It's that time of year again! For over 15 years the Italian Club of Seattle has hosted "Luncheon at the Races" at Emerald Downs in Auburn. This year it will be held on Sunday, July 21st.

The \$55 adult ticket includes admission to the track, official program and tip sheet, reserved seating in the council room which is on the 5th floor located in the club house, a handicapping class, and a delicious buffet meal.

This year the menu is grilled pesto chicken, sliced marinated flank steak onion jus, steamed basmati rice, served with Greek salad of fresh romaine, olives, feta, peppers and balsamic vinegar. There will also be fresh and marinated vegetable tray with ranch dip, fresh fruit medley, bakery rolls and freshly baked cookies.

If you've never attended Day at the Races, it's a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in July. Please contact Joe Galluccio to purchase tickets at 206-773-9776.

A few weeks prior to the event you will receive your tickets via mail.

Ages 11-17 tickets are \$42

Ages 5-10 tickets are \$21

## Health & Welfare (continued)

**Martin Nigrelle** gave us this update: "My wife & I recently sold our house in Magnolia & I purchased a new home in Redondo. Still living amongst the clutter of moving boxes & the general chaos that comes from moving. I'm looking forward to getting back to entertaining friends & family & watching mother nature paint a new picture with each sunset." We wish you numerous happy times in your new place.

**Angelo Merlino** shared "**Mary** and I completed an Australian & New Zealand cruise earlier this year. Great countries & beautiful sights. Saw all the sights & had a great time. Cruised on the ship Celebrity Solstice with friends." We hope you both continue to enjoy life and all that it has to offer.

We wish all our Dads a Happy Fathers' Day on June 16th. We wish everyone a safe 4th of July. Enjoy a great summer – vacation, get-away, take time to relax and enjoy some nice weather. We'll look forward to seeing our members at our September meeting and in between at other activities – i.e., Italian Community picnic, the Mariners' baseball Italian club night, Day at the races etc. We wish you a fun and a safe summer. Be happy. Stay well.

## The Little War (continued)

car asking what kind it was. I had to say VW but quickly added that the body was strictly Italiana. That really made their day. I lit up a Lucky Strike, saw their eyes watching longingly, then offered smokes to them, reaching into the car for more packs.

The English-speaker who they were probably waiting for, said, "*Do you refuse to pay 1,700 Lire?*" I quickly put the money onto his desk. He then said, "You are free to go." As I drove away those dozens of friendly people waved goodbye and I headed back to Naples.

In Naples they told me the Suez Canal had been Nationalized and closed. Tankers from Saudi Arabia had to go around the Cape of Good Hope; hence, the surcharge. ESSO Co. in Genova told me their coupons were good at any price, sending me a refund. A Carabinieri brought a refund to my apartment and I even got a letter from Paola with a refund and a note, "*Please don't make trouble for me.*"

In November 1956 the Egyptian Air Force was bombed. English/French troops with Israeli backup forces took control of the Suez Canal and the little war was FINITO.

## Poosh 'em up!

Submitted by Dennis Caldirola

(In honor of Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners, this article is about one of the most famous Italian-American baseball players of the '20's and '30's, Tony "Poosh 'Em Up" Lazzeri.)

Anthony Michael Lazzeri (December 6, 1903 – August 6, 1946) was an Italian-American professional baseball second baseman during the 1920s and 1930s, predominantly with the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball. He was part of the famed "Murderers' Row" Yankee batting lineup of the late 1920s (most notably the legendary 1927 team), along with Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Bob Meusel.



Lazzeri was born on December 6, 1903, to Augustine and Julia Lazzeri, who had emigrated from Italy. They lived in the Cow Hollow district of San Francisco. He dropped out of school to work with his father as a boilermaker but at the age of 18, began to play baseball professionally. After playing in minor league baseball from 1922 through 1925, Lazzeri joined the Yankees in 1926. He was a member of the original American League All-Star team in 1933. He was nicknamed "Poosh 'Em Up" by Italian-speaking fans, from a mistranslation of an Italian phrase meaning to "hit it out" ("spingilo fuori").

Lazzeri is one of only 14 major league baseball players to hit for the natural cycle (hitting a single, double, triple and home run in sequence) and the only player to complete a natural cycle with a grand slam. He also holds the American League record for the most RBI in a single game, with 11 on May 24, 1936. In that same 1936 game, he became the first major league player to hit two grand slams in one game. Lazzeri was posthumously inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee in 1991. ©Wikipedia.

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Salvatore Ferragamo (5th)

Dick Vitale (9th)

Leah Remini (15th)

Isabella Rossellini (18th)

Andrew Napolitano (6th)

Prince Aly Khan (13th)

Sergio Marchionne (17th)

Linda Cardellini (25th)



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## CBS Films will release PAVAROTTI in select theaters June 7, 2019

Watch the Official Trailer:

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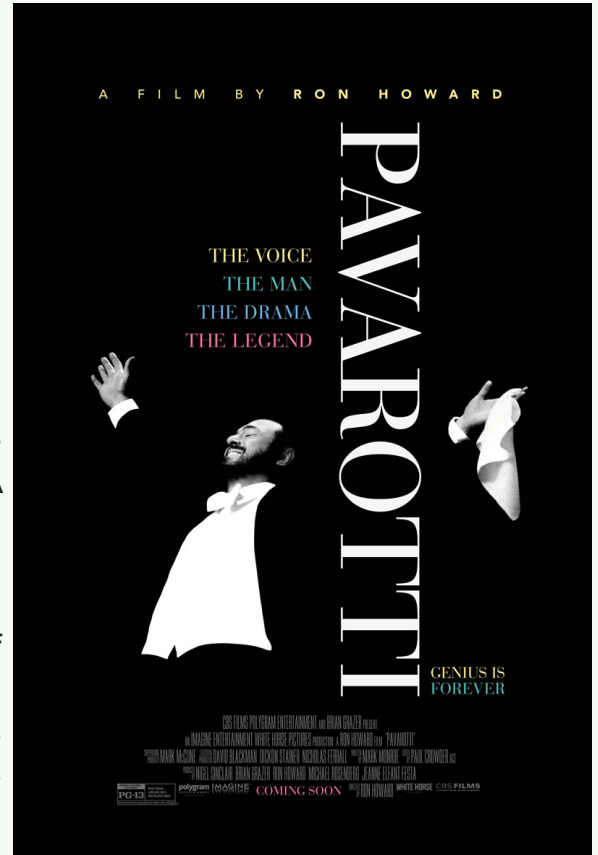
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A CBS Films Polygram Entertainment Brian Grazer presentation, PAVAROTTI is an Imagine Entertainment and White Horse Pictures production.



## Two Soccer Matches plus Food, Music and Kids Activities!

By Dennis Caldirola

Dear Friends,

Seattle OSA FC has been bringing young Italian men and women soccer players to Seattle for the last six years. The players are mixed with talented local high school and college players to form men's and women's teams. The men play in the NPSL and the women in the WPSL, both renowned top-tier national leagues. This is your chance to see season-opening matches for both on the same evening and enjoy lots of other fun besides.

Venue address: Renton Memorial Stadium, 405 Logan Ave N, Bellevue, WA 98057 (Free parking!)

To watch a promo video from the squads, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3l58frq>.

Ci vediamo.

## ICoS Calendar

### June 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month  
13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
20th Italian Heritage Night, Seattle  
Mariners vs. Baltimore Orioles  
21st WSICC "Italian Idol Dinner Show"  
Mt. Virgin School Hall

### July 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month  
4th Independence Day  
No *il Ficcanaso* this month  
21st Italian Club Luncheon at the  
Races at Emerald Downs

### August 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month  
12th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien  
15th Ferragosto picnic at Lincoln Park  
hosted by il Punto  
18th All Italian Community Picnic Royal  
Arch Park, Maple Valley  
20th Input Deadline for September *il  
Ficcanaso*

### September 2019

- 1st Italian Day at the Races at  
Emerald Downs  
5th Trustee's Meeting  
6-8 San Gennaro Festival, South  
Angelo Street, Seattle, WA  
12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
14th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin  
20th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht  
Club  
27th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center  
28-29 Festa Italiana, Seattle Center  
TBD Input Deadline for October *il  
Ficcanaso*

### October 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month  
10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
25th Input Deadline for November *il  
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### November 2019

- 7th Trustee Meeting  
14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
18th CASA meeting, Angelo's in Burien  
25th Input Deadline for December *il  
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28th Thanksgiving

### December 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month  
\*1st Adults Christmas Party, Rainier  
Golf & Country Club in conjunction  
with the Westside Italian Civic  
Club (\*Date change.)  
12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
25th Christmas Day  
26th Input Deadline for January  
*il Ficcanaso*

### January 2020

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting  
9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
25th Input Deadline for February *il  
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### February 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month  
13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner  
6:30PM  
14th Valentine's Day  
25th Input Deadline for March *il  
Ficcanaso*

**General Meeting & Dinner**  
**Thursday,**  
**May 9th, 2019**  
**6:30 pm**  
**St. Patrick's Parish Hall**

## ITALIAN CLUB MEETING CADENCE

### 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 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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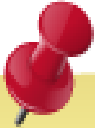
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