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**NEXT GENERAL
MEETING:**

JUNE 9TH, 2022

6:30 PM

**CASA Italiana
Burien, WA**



Felice Giorno del Padre

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Secretary's Report

By Dennis Caldirola

We currently have 150 members who have paid their dues for 2022 and these will be listed in the brand new Directory and Roster to be distributed at the in-person General Meeting in June.

At the last meeting, we voted in four new members: **Marissa Manzanares**, **Daniel Pisciotta**, **Dino Medica**, and his son, **Kirk Medica**. We have also received new applications from **Todd Bertellotti** and his son, **Maxwell Bertellotti**, and they will be voted on at the June meeting.

Our condolences go out to Italian Club Past President and current President of the Casa Italiana Cultural Center, **Martin Nigrelle**, on the loss of his father, former member **Dr. Martin J. Nigrelle**.

At the May meeting, the Attendance Door Prize of \$125 would have been won by **Richard Vacca** had he been present. The Jackpot for the June meeting now goes up to \$150!!!

Tanti auguri di un felice Giorno dei Padri!

Message from the President

Ciao Tutti!

I am so looking forward to seeing you all in person at our last meeting before the busy summer season. We will be meeting at Casa Italiana in Burien, outside weather permitting, on Thursday, June 9th. If we are in our usual weather pattern until after the 4th of July, we will meet indoors. I'm crossing my fingers for the sun.

Summer kicks off with Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners on June 16th. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, contact Martin Nigrelle so you can sit together as a group with other Club members.

Other community-wide events this summer include Vespa Festa at Casa Italiana on June 25th, and the All Italian Community Picnic on August 21st. Please check the community-wide calendar at www.casaitalianacc.org for other events and meetings scheduled within and for our community.

We are still in need of a Sausage Booth co-chair for Sunday, September 25th, at Festa Italiana. Please contact Tom Grossi if you are available and willing to help out.

I am very thankful for our board members and excited to meet our new club members soon.

Have a great summer. I am always available for questions/comments/concerns as this is your club and we are here for you!

Con amore e effetto.

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Adult's Christmas Party.....**Anna Popovich**

Bylaws.....**TBD**

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

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

Day at the Races**Joe Galluccio**

Festa Sausage Booth**Tom Grossi**

Golf Tournament**Brian DiJulio**

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

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

New Membership**Dennis Caldirola**

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

Picnic**Ron Roletto**

Scholarship**Diana Kaczor**

Health & Welfare

By Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Sister **Mary Lou Di Julio** celebrated 70 years as a Sister of the Holy Names on June 4th in Spokane. She entered in Marylhurst, Oregon right after graduating from Immaculate High School in Seattle. She will also celebrate her 90th birthday on July 19th.

An update from **Mimi (Razore) & Gary Schulze**: “Brooke, age 7, Mimi and Gary’s grandchild, was in the play “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” at the youth theatre on Mercer Island! She was one of the youngest and did a great job! Bravo, Brooke! Older sister Megan, age 14, directed her middle school musical “Into the Woods” shortened version! She chose the cast, did the choreography, and helped with the lines and dances! The musical was wonderful and we could not believe that an 8th grader directed this musical! She is also in the same musical at Broadway Bound “Into the Woods!” We are so proud of her! Bravo, Megan! She has a real passion for acting and singing! Mimi and Gary will be going on a cruise later this summer starting in Barcelona, French ports, and Italy: Sardinia and Sicily and ending in Rome!” How fun for the grandparents to watch their granddaughters displaying such talent and having a good time doing it. We wish Mimi & Gary a wonderful cruise and will pray for safe travels!

We heard from **Diana Sciolla Warczak** on the 23rd of May that the Save Mt. Virgin group reports they received the letter and decree from Archbishop Etienne notifying the parish that the Church will be “suppressed” as of July 1st, 2022 and that they have 10 days in which to appeal. The committee asks that we continue to do what we have been doing, i.e., keep coming to the Masses, the events, donating to the collections, registering as parishioners, and pray for our parish to stay open. We need to continue to get the message out to our Archbishop regarding Our Lady of Mt. Virgin that - *“This isn’t your church. This happens to be our church. It will always be our church.”* (*“Health & Welfare” continues next page*)

Health & Welfare (continued)

We will do everything we need to do to keep this church," including legal counsel. These announcements were made at our May meeting at the Casa Italiana.

Former members from the 1970's, **Louie DeFranco**, age 95, and **Henry Iaccolucci**, age 94, passed away recently. Louie DeFranco owned an insurance agency in Seward Park, and Hank was an optician who lived on the same block on Beacon Hill for 88 years.

Board Member **Marty Nigrelle** reported that his father, **Dr. Martin J. Nigrelle**, a former Club member, passed away Monday, May 23rd, 2022 surrounded by his loved ones after a mercifully short battle with Bile Duct/Liver Cancer. At Martin's request, no services were held. **Linda Madrid** reported that her brother, Jim Madrid, also the brother of member **David Madrid**, is ill with cancer. Likewise, Don Hayes, son-in-law of **Dot & Richard Whitney**. Please keep all of them in your prayers. Our sympathies to Marty & his family & our prayers will be offered for the Nigrelles, DeFrancos, Iaccoluccis, Madrids, and Whitneys.

We wish all our Dads, granddads, and stepdads a very Happy Father's Day and we thank God for those who have passed away. Have a wonderful and safe summer. We will look forward to seeing everyone at the summer events and when we resume our meetings again in September.

June Events at Casa Italiana, FREE ADMISSION

- Saturday June 4th: Introduction lesson for Pizzica Dance – Free
- Saturday June 25th: Vespa Festa

Please check the main calendar on the Casa web site for more details:

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>.

Italians in the Ballpark, Again

The Mariners host the Los Angeles Angels, 7:05p Thursday, June 16th inside T-Mobile Park.

This is the annual event known as Mariners' Italian Heritage Night @ T-Mobile Park. The Ms have a history of winning on Italian Heritage night. Come out and sit amongst your friends and family from the Club & Community to cheer the Ms onto another victory.

Ticket prices are \$34 each for the Main (field) level, and \$22 each for the View level. The club will be buying seats on the main level (\$34). If you wish to sit with the other members of our club, please get in touch with Martin Nigrelle ASAP by email: martin.nigrelle@hotmail.com.

Use this custom web site to buy your own tickets (if you choose not to sit with the club):

<https://mariners.com/italian>.



Last issue for the Season – *il Ficcanaso* Resumes in September

Sofonisba Anguissola

By Joel Patience



Sofonisba Anguissola, self portrait

She was a great painter of portraits. In a period where the average life span was about 48 years, she lived to the age of 93 - from 1532 to 1625. She was reported to be in good mental health and inquisitive to her final day.

She was born into a poor family but was successful in selling even early works. In male-dominated business circles, she received an apprenticeship with a painters guild. This set a precedent for women to be accepted as students of art. As a young woman, Anguissola traveled to Rome where she was introduced to Michelangelo who immediately recognized her talent.

Please keep in mind that many U.S. universities did not allow most women to attend for almost three hundred and fifty years later.

The Spanish queen, Elizabeth of Valois; herself a very good amateur painter, in 1559 recruited Sofonisba Anguissola to go to Madrid as the queen's tutor. Due to

her popularity and art teaching skills, she received a royal monthly salary and then a generous pension.

In 1571, when she was almost the age of 40, Anguissola had a marriage arranged to a Sicilian noble, chosen for her by the Spanish court. Philip II paid a dowry of 12,000 scudi for her marriage. In today's dollars that is approximately \$185,000. Keep in mind she would live another 53 years. Her husband however, died eight years into the marriage in 1579, under suspicious circumstances.

Two years later, while traveling by ship to Cremona, Sofonisba fell in love with and married the ship captain. Sofonisba had a lasting impact on generations of artists, and her successes opened the way for larger numbers of women to pursue serious careers. Many famous artists attributed their styles to Sofonisba Anguissola including Carriaggio 1571-1610. Her fortune and pension supported her family and also allowed her to become a patron of the arts.

Her husband had this inscription placed on her tomb. "To Sofonisba, my wife, who is recorded among the illustrious women of the world, outstanding in portraying the images of man." In sorrow for the loss of his great love, in 1632, dedicated this little tribute to such a great woman. - Orazio Lomellina.

Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolorist. He travels with his wife to Italy and beyond for inspirations.



Saturday, July 30th 2022

Casa Palooza

3:00 PM – 10:00 PM PDT

**You're Invited! Come celebrate
summer in Chelan at the home of**

Tom and Nancy Grossi for the first ever CASA PALOOZA!

Enjoy live music from Brian DiJulio and the Love Jacks and Nancy Grossi! There will be food trucks, beer and wine, live and silent auctions.

When: July 30th from 3pm to 10pm

Where: Grossi Residence, Chelan, Washington

Purpose: To have a great deal of fun and raise money for the Casa Italiana Cultural Center.

How: Tickets must be purchased in advanced before the event. Event details including parking, address and other information will be emailed to ticket holders before the event.

General Admittance - \$60/person – Open Seating. Note: General Admission tickets include beer and wine. Food is not included with ticket purchase, but can be purchased at the event.

VIP - \$600/Table of 6. Reserved seating for 6, bottle of wine, bucket of beers, meal tickets, photo with the band and swag bag.

Have fun at a wonderful location in the sun and help raise money for the Casa Italiana Cultural Center at the same time!

Pre-purchased tickets required and available through this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casa-palooza-2022-tickets-324462394757>

Note: General Admission tickets include beer and wine. Food is not included with ticket purchase, but can be purchased at the event.

Hope to see you there!



100 Years

1920-2020

You're Invited

To

*The Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration*

Saturday, October 15, 2022

5:30pm

Washington Athletic Club

*Dinner and Dancing with
The Danny Quintero Big Band*

\$100 per person

Reservations no later than September 24, 2022

Contact

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Cocktail Attire

No Host Bar

Limited free parking available

ICoS Calendar

June 2022

- 9th ICoS General Meeting (**Casa Italiana in Burien**)
- 16th Italian Heritage night, M's versus LA Angels
- 19th Father's Day
- 25th Vespa Festa at Casa Italiana

July 2022

- 4th Independence Day
No *il Ficcanaso* this month
- 30th Casa Palooza (See page 5)

August 2022

- 21st Italian Community Picnic, Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
No *il Ficcanaso* this month

September 2022

- 1st Trustee's Meeting
- 4th Italian Day at the Races, Emerald Downs
- 8th ICoS General Meeting
- 9-11 San Gennaro Festival, Georgetown
- 16th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club
- 18th Traditional Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church
- 24th & 25th Festa Italiana Italian Festival, Seattle Center
- 26th Input Deadline for October *il Ficcanaso*

October 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 15th Italian Club Centennial Celebration, Washington Athletic Club
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

November 2022

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 5th Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade
- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 24th Thanksgiving
- 25th Input Deadline for December *il Ficcanaso*

December 2022

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January *il Ficcanaso*

January 2023

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for February *il Ficcanaso*

February 2023

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

March 2023

- 9th Trustee's Meeting
- 16th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*

April 2023

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2023

- 4th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th Mother's Day
- 11th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

ITALIAN CLUB MEETING CADENCE

General Meetings:

Dinner (\$10.00 charge) followed by meeting & prize drawings, 6:30pm on the **SECOND Thursday** of the month, **Casa Italiana, 13028 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98168**

Trustee Meetings:

First Thursday of every other month



ITALIAN CARD GAME NIGHT
at the Casa
Sunday June 5th from
4pm to 7pm

View the All-Community Calendar at:

<https://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/>

The Italian Radio Show
 Italian News, Food, Music & Events

Weekly on KMET 1490 - ABC News Radio Palm Springs
 Tony La Stella & Marzia Caputo, Hosts

On Affiliate Stations across the USA or
 Stream Online anytime at WCIR.biz

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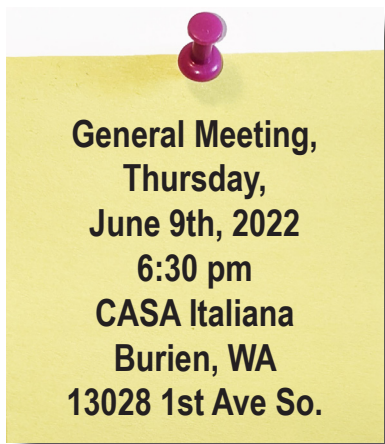


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The current newsletter, in color, is posted at: <http://italianclubofseattle.org/newsletter.html>. Save a tree and postage – Go Digital!

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 Thursday,
 June 9th, 2022
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