

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

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

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ICoS Scholarship for 2019-2020 School Year Awarded!

By Martin Nigrelle

Please join in congratulating Oliver Nyblod as this year's recipient of the Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. Oliver was the only candidate to apply for the scholarship. Fortunately, he fully qualified for the scholarship!



Club President Anna Popovich presents award certificate to Oliver Nyblod, Scholarship recipient, at the September General meeting.

Oliver is the son of member Nicole Nyblod and the grandson of Club Vice President Diana Kaczor.

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Message from the President

Hello everyone. This was a very busy September with all the events still going on.

The Annual Festa Mass was held at Mt. Virgin, with Fr. Magnano the Presider. Thank You, Father, and all those who volunteered for this event.

The Festa Luncheon held at the Seattle Yacht Club was well attending. Franco Tesorieri was given the Gill Centioli Award for his outstanding contributions to the Italian Community. Patrick Henry was given the Volunteer of the Year award for being in charge of the bocce tournament for years.

Mark your calendars for the up and coming events.

The Columbus Day dinner at Frankies B-Town Bistro in Burien will be held on October 14th 6:00 p.m. Audrey will be taking reservations at the cost of \$35.00.

If you want to have a fun night and you enjoy playing Bingo, I have a place for you to go. The Westside Italian Civic Club, which holds their meetings at Mt. Virgin, will be having this event.

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

Day at the Races **Joe Galluccio**

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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**

President (continued)

The date will be October 18th at 6:30, and the cost is \$26.00. Bingo will be 10 games for \$20.00, and \$6.00 for dinner.

The annual Christmas party will be held with Westside Italian Civic Club at Rainier Golf and Country Club on December 1st. I will be taking reservations. The cost will be \$55.00.

The 2020 Celebration of 100 Years of the Italian Club of Seattle will be on April 25th. Please put it on your calendars.

Always feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Hope to see you at our meetings.

Take care everyone

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Amadeo and Frances Rossi.

The Birthday Winner for August was Barbara Galluccio. The Birthday Winner for September was: Gerome Thielges.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by: Martin Nigrelle, Joanne Spino Marchese, Scott Fitzpatrick, Dot Whitney, Matthew FitzGerald, Quintin Nyblod, Linda Madrid, Velva Saltarelli, Sally Pieroti, Kathy Langenegger, Anita Pioli, Dale Bonn, Joe Jacobin, Terry Sacco, Deanna Dent and Gemma Thielges.

The Progressive Prize of \$75 was won by Paul Pioli who was present so the jackpot remains at \$25.

Famous Italians Born in October

Armand Assante (4th)

Michael Collins (4th)

Joy Behar (7th)

Chris Penn (10th)

Giuseppe Verdi (10th)

Luciano Pavarotti (12th)

Roberto Benigni (27th)

Dan Castellaneta (29th)

Ezra Pound (30th)

Charles Atlas (30th)

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

I recently heard from long-time member and former Club President **Linda Pagni Desimone**. She & husband Richard celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on September 4th with a trip to Niagara Falls. They have four grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 24. They love spending time with them and other family members. They travel often and seem to really enjoy life, especially with Linda being thankful for being a nearly five-year breast cancer survivor. They continue their Club membership even though they aren't able to get to our meetings as they live in Browns Point (Tacoma area).

Linda Madrid & Don Gulden enjoyed a relaxing ten days on the island of Oahu in September. They will be spending four days in La Jolla, CA. in October visiting Don's brother to celebrate his sister-in-law's 70th birthday. And in November they will be welcoming their 1st grandchild (a baby boy). There is another new baby in the family that arrived six weeks early. Always something going on!

Velva Salterelli recently celebrated her 92nd birthday with cake and champagne at the Edmonds Landing with 50 of the residents from her retirement center. She also participated in an outing with the group from her residence. They went on a wonderful boat ride on Lake Union and into Lake Washington. A nice luncheon was served as part of the boat trip. She attended her great niece's wedding. It took place in Des Moines the night of the terrible storm last month. The wedding was fine as they were indoors and they were able to watch the lightening (which was like a light show!). But just getting to the car to return home was enough to soak everyone.

Christie (Di Julio) & Dan Smith have been enjoying their trip to Italy. One day they had a driver named Gennaro; very helpful & knowledgeable. He was born in Sorrento and apparently runs races up Mt. Vesuvius! Often, when traveling, the people you meet can be as interesting as the sights you see.

Angela (Di Julio) Wright had surgery on her hand on September 24th. Hopefully, it will heal as nicely as the last one that was done on her other hand about six weeks ago.

Mimi (Razore) & Gary Schulze took their oldest grandchildren, Megan Helms, age 12, and Andrew Helms, age 10½, to San Francisco last weekend to see the musical "Hamilton"! They all really enjoyed it immensely! Megan is into Youth Theater on Mercer Island so it especially intrigued her. They also took a tour of San Francisco on the double bus, then went to Fisherman's Wharf! And at Ghirardelli Square they enjoyed ice cream sundaes! They all had a great time together and will all have fond memories!!

Joe & Barbara Galluccio were lucky enough to spend the last ten days of August on the western side of the Big Island of Hawaii in Barbara's sister's lovely new home in Kukio. They said "we enjoyed magnificent sunset dinners & swimming on white sand beaches every day! Joe was lucky enough to play golf on the gorgeous private course. We can't wait to return next year." How fortunate to have such generous, welcoming relatives.

Happy Halloween! Remember, if you're driving anywhere on the 31st, watch out for the little witches & goblins running around trick or treating.

Scholarship (continued)

Oliver will be attending O'Dea High School. The club will send a check for \$1,000.00 to O'Dea in Oliver's name for tuition.

Note: Diana Kaczor recused herself from Scholarship Chair duties as her grandson was an applicant. Martin Nigrelle stood in as her replacement to ensure there was no issue.

Crab Feed — Save the Date!

Saturday, February 29th, 2020 is the Italian Club of Seattle's annual Crab Feed at St. Alphonsus.

More information in the December issue of your *il Ficcanaso*!



Author Paul Spadoni, a member of Sons of Italy, Tacoma Lodge #1175, has earned a Bronze Medal in the 2019 Readers' Favorites contest for his book "An American Family in Italy: Living la Dolce Vita Without Permission." The award came in the category Non-Fiction Travel.

Here are excerpts from the review: "... an absorbing and charming

story of a family that moves to Italy for a year after leaving a comfortable life back home. The memoir is a good blend of the family's life there and it also showcases the traditions, essence, culture, food, and beauty of Italy through the eyes of the author and his family. The book encourages travel and exploring new lands, and it will definitely appeal to all readers who love traveling, especially those who have traveled and lived in Italy, or are planning to visit Italy. The author's stories of life there, along with their struggles, make Italy and Italian life sound so interesting, challenging, and exciting, and will motivate many readers to make their Italian dreams come true."

Spadoni's book is available for purchase on Amazon.

On-Line *il Ficcanaso*

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Galluccio**

Hello Seattle Lovers of All Things Italian:

Each year, the SPSCA awards up to four scholarships for one month of language study in Perugia, Italy. Each scholarship is worth approximately \$1,200. It includes one calendar month of intensive language study at the University for Foreigners (Università per Stranieri) located in the historic heart of Perugia. There is also a stipend that can be used to defray the costs of room and board or transportation.

To learn more about the program and the SPSCA go to <https://seattle-perugia.org> or come visit our booth in Fisher Pavilion at Festa Italiana at Seattle Center on September 28-29.

The application process is easy. Download the application form from the website and send it by email to the SPSCA scholarship chair Cindy Musto at scholarship.spsca@gmail.com.

The application deadline is October 31, 2019.

If you are one of the lucky recipients, you can generally choose which month you want to travel. SPSCA board members and former scholarship winners will provide suggestions for housing and share their favorite Umbrian restaurants and sightseeing tips with you.

There is no age limit or proficiency level required, though some basic knowledge of Italian is helpful. While in Perugia, you'll have the chance to improve your language skills, meet students from all over the world and see what it is like to live in one of Italy's most historic and well-preserved cities.

I hope you'll take advantage of this incredible opportunity to improve your language skills and live *la bella vita*.

Cindy Musto
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Ten Surprising Things About Being An American In Italy

From HuffPost.com

Italy is one of the most beautiful, historical, and delicious countries in the world. From ancient ruins in Rome to couture boutiques in Milan to cobblestone streets in Florence, everyone will find something in Italy to fall in love with. But culture shock is a thing, and it definitely happens in Italy. There are lots of things that Americans will find odd about Italy. Here are 10 to keep in mind for your next journey to Italia.

1. American Italian Food ≠ Italian Food. There are lots of “Italian” foods we eat in America that are not found in Italy. Such items include spaghetti with meatballs (you can order polpette on the side), chicken parmesan and anything with Alfredo sauce.

2. Dinner Is a Marathon, Not a Sprint. Italian dinners are a full production. Three courses are served every night: a primo (usually pasta), a secondo with contorni (meat or fish main course and side dishes) and a dolce (dessert, often fruit). Dinner is a family event, is eaten slowly and involves much conversation. Afterward, everyone lingers and conversation continues.

3. An Intense Fear of the Cold. Italians do not like cold weather. At all. If you walk outside with wet hair, you will get scolded by a concerned nonna. Italians pile on scarves, coats, hats and gloves at any sign of chilly weather, while in the U.S. the same weather is regarded with a light jacket.

4. Papà vs. Papa pope. Papà = dad. Papa = pope. If you call your dad the pope, people are going to be confused. It's all in the syllable emphasis.

5. Cars and Scooters Have the Right of Way. And they will keep going and nearly hit you and not really care. Italians are crazy drivers. Italian Vespa/motorcycle/scooter drivers are also crazy.

6. It's Carb Central, Yet Everyone Is Thin. Italians eat all the best things (pizza, pasta, biscotti, delicious bread) and yet they are not obese. That's magic or great genetics.

7. Wine Is Everywhere. It's appropriate to drink a glass of vino pretty much anytime after breakfast. Wine comes in all kinds of vessels in Italy -- including single-serving juice-box-like containers. You can pack it with your lunch!

8. Hazelnuts Reign Supreme. You're not going to find peanut butter or the abundance of peanuttty things we have in America. Instead, everything is filled with hazelnuts and that is not a bad thing. Case in point: Nutella.

9. Aperitivi. They are wonderful... but kind of strange. The idea is similar to happy hour, but rather than just getting a discounted beverage, you pay a set fee for a drink and some food. Sometimes that food is a small appetizer, other times it's a delicious buffet!

10. There's No Such Thing As Coffee. If you want a big, steaming cup of joe, you're going to have a hard time finding it. Most Italians drink a cappuccino at breakfast and espresso (in a tiny cup... it's a like a shot glass for caffeine) during the day. If you want something resembling American coffee you order a “Caffe Americano.” It's espresso with water, not brewed coffee, but it's still delicious.

ICoS Calendar

October 2019

No Trustee meeting this month

- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 14th Columbus Day dinner, Frankie's
B-Town Bistro, 6:00PM
- 25th Input Deadline for November *il Ficcanaso*

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 Ficcanaso*
- 28th Thanksgiving

December 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 1st Adult Christmas Party, Rainier
Golf & Country Club in conjunction
with the Westside Italian Civic
Club
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January
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January 2020

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

February 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day

February 2020 (Cont'd)

- 25th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanaso*
- 29th Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus

March 2020

- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for April *il Ficcanaso*

April 2020

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Italian Club Centennial
Celebration (Location TBD)
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanaso*

May 2020

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for June *il Ficcanaso*

June 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM

July 2020

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

August 2020

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- No General Meeting this month
- No *il Ficcanaso* this month

General Meeting & Dinner

Thursday,
October 10th, 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
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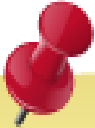
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