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**General Meeting,
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September 13th, 2018**

6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's
Parish Hall**



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Italian Club Sausage Sandwich Booth

By Tom Grossi

HELP WANTED!

Hello everyone!

Just a note that I need help again this year in the Italian Club Sausage Sandwich booth at Festa Italiana at Seattle Center on Saturday, September 29th, and Sunday, September 30th. Please let me know if you can help out, and also please pass this information along to anyone else who can help.

We need helpers to take orders, assemble sandwiches and to cook. Please let me know if you or anyone can help out – even if it's for just a few hours. The more the better!

Contact me at 206-397-8090, 206.498.3360 or tgrossi@orioncp.com.

Thank you.

Message from the President

Hello everyone. I hope you all are having a wonderful Summer. Enjoy the sun because you know the rain will come.

I want to thank Joe Galluccio for the fun time we had at Emerald Downs. He always seems to meet his goal every year.

September will be a busy month as usual. The San Gennaro Festival will be on September 7th thru 9th. The Italian Club was asked if we would take on a booth at the festival. Something like this needs to be planned months in advance, so we will discuss this at our meeting.

The Festa Mass will be at Mt. Virgin on September 15th. The Festa Luncheon will be on September 21st at the Seattle Yacht Club; the cost is \$55.00. Audrey will be taking reservations. The Taste of Italy will be on September 28th and the Italian Festival will be on September 29th and 30th.

As you know the Italian Club will be in charge of the Sausage Booth. Tom Grossi will be the one to contact if you would like to volunteer. Tom does a great job, but he needs your help to make it a success.

Another event which Audrey started is the Columbus Day Dinner, which will be held at Frankie's B-Town Bistro in Burien. Tickets are \$45.00. Contact Audrey for tickets.

Planning ahead, the Christmas Party for the Italian Club and Westside Italian will be December 2nd at Rainier Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$55.00. Westside President Michael Bailey will be at our September meeting to sell tickets.

I know September will be a busy month but take the time to come to our meetings where we enjoy each other's company with food and drink.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

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

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

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Diana Kaczor**

Festa Italiana Art Competition Article

by Matteo FitzGerald

For the first time in a long time, Festa Italiana is holding an art competition open to all members of the public. Festa Italiana, held at the Seattle Center, attracts over 25,000 visitors annually. The vision for this art competition is "What does Festa Italiana mean to you," and has four categories available for participation.

These categories are youth (0-12), teen (13-19), young adult (20-39) and adult (40+). There will be prizes available for each category, as well as honorable mentions and best in show. Art comes in all different forms, so the competition is quite open – the art just needs to be displayable on either a flat surface, or it can be standalone.

As this is a family friendly event, and open to the public, please, no violent art or images with a prurient interest. For more information, you can check out the page on the Festa Italiana website (<http://festaseattle.com/exhibits/art-and-photography/>)!



WINNERS

Drawings were conducted by Michael Troiani.

The Birthday Winner for June was Linda L. Jacobin. For July, it was Al Nelson.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners were won by Anna Popovich (2x), Mona Nelson (2x), Sally Pierotti (3x), Cathy Lembo, Dick Whitney (2x), Frances Rossi, Steve Clayton, Linda L. Jacobin, Matthew FitzGerald (2x), Velva Saltarelli, and Earl Frank (2x).

The Progressive Prize of \$150 would have been won by Katie DiJulio, had she been present. Hearing the news, Katie fled to a game reserve in SE Australia where she was promptly eaten by a crocodile named Casey. Jackpot in September is now up to 175 "Big Ones."

Health & Welfare

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

I hope everyone stayed well and enjoyed the nice summer we had without being too uncomfortable from the heat and more recently with the smoke.

Our sympathies go out to **Monte Marchetti** and their family on the recent death of his Aunt Rose Hill. Even though she was over 100 years old, it's still a loss for them.

Way to go! for **Jerome Thielges** who enjoys hiking and managed to reach 9,500-foot elevation this summer with one of his younger brothers (15 yrs. younger!). The climb was in the Bitterroot Mountains near the area where they were at the time, in Montana, attending a memorial service for an Uncle.

Chip Di Julio shared that 105 gathered for the annual Di Julio family picnic (July 15) at the lake front home of **Brian & Barb Di Julio**. And Chip's California brother Tom "Tony" got a surprise 80th birthday party hosted by their brother **Steve** & wife **Shirley Di Julio** at their Magnolia home (July 29th).

Linda Madrid & Don Gulden were leaving on August 18th for a river cruise in France. They were to be gone for two weeks and spending time in Paris, Normandy etc. They'll be back for the September meeting so they can share more about the trip then. They had just returned from a visit to Linda's brother Jim who lives in Laguna Niguel, CA. We pray for safe travels for them and any others who are traveling.

Ronnie Beyersdorf reported that his wife, **Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf**, returned home from visiting her family in Italy this summer. She had attended the wedding of a 1st cousin's daughter there in April. Sadly, two other 1st cousins, the brothers of the cousin whose daughter was married in April, both passed away in Milan within six days of each other during the second week of August. Gino Liberta was battling cancer and his brother Luigi Liberta, a devoted forager, suffered a fatal heart attack while foraging in the mountains of Northern Italy. The mother of these

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From the June 2018 meeting celebrating Rosa Facuitto's 100th Birthday! Salute!

Vatican Princess

By **C.W. Gortner**, Published by
Ballantine Books

A book review by Joel Patience

Many of us can still remember events and chats of our adolescence. Someone might have asked you what your parents did for a living. The best you could come up with was where your dad worked and if your mom worked outside the house. But in 1492 one young woman could say that their dad was the Pope; in the wrong circumstances that could cost her life.

Lucrezia Borgia was born in Subiaco, Italy and was just twelve when her dad became Pope Alexander the VI.

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Scholarships

At the June 2018 meeting, (left) Audrey Manzanares presents the CASA Italiana Scholarship of \$1,000 to Kylie Knowles, granddaughter of Dick & Dorothy Whitney. Kylie is in the Honors Program at UW and read a nice letter with several references to her Italian ancestry.

Mike Azure, son of Vita Conforti, was our scholarship recipient this year. He will attend Newport HS and attend classes at the DigiPen Institute of Technology. Mike has been invited to address the members at the September meeting.

Seattle Festa Italiana 2018

Opera for Kids "Hansel & Gretel" at Italian Festival

WHAT: A 40-minute children's opera of the classic tale, "Hansel & Gretel"

WHEN: 12 Noon & 3 PM, Saturday & Sunday, September 29 & 30, 2018

WHERE: Seattle Center – Seattle Center Pavilion (Tino's Cortile), 305 Harrison Street, Seattle, Washington, 98109

COST: Free Admission

A local opera troupe, Spotlight Repertory NW, will present their popular production of E. Humperdinck's "Hansel & Gretel" at the 31st Annual Italian Festival to be held at Seattle Center, September 29 & 30, 2018. There will be two performances each day at the two-day event, and as always, admission is free. Joining Kids Opera in the Children's Courtyard are an All-Italian Breeds Dog Show, the popular Festa Pizza Toss and free soccer clinics for young athletes. Mamma Mia! Toss in hands-on art projects and face painting and you will keep the kids busy all afternoon.

Visit www.FestaSeattle.com for photos and more details.

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Feast of Our Lady of Mount Virgin

On Sunday, September 9th, 2018, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church will celebrate the "Our Lady of Mount Virgin Feast Day." This Mass will be a multi-lingual service with a Rosary decade led by Bruce Leone. All are invited and welcome to participate in this special celebration. We all know that Mount Virgin holds a special place in the hearts of the Italian community, so this would be a nice way to show our support. The Procession will begin at 10:30am with the Mass and reception following. The ladies of the church will be cooking for attendees of the reception. You are welcome to bring something to share.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin is located at 28th and Massachusetts (1531 Bradner Pl S) Seattle, 98144-3813.

Columbus Day Dinner

By Audrey Manzanares

Hello mi amici e famiglia. Our Annual Columbus Day Dinner has been planned for Monday, October 8th, at 6:00, at Frankie's B-Town Bistro in Burien. Reservations are available thru me.

Dinner is \$45 pp with a no-host bar. We have a limited number of seats available so please RSVP ASAP. Paid reservations are due by October 3rd, if not before. Checks can be sent to:

Audrey Manzanares (829 NW 54th St., Seattle WA 98107).

Any questions please call me (206-779-7325). I'm looking forward to celebrating with you!

Health & Welfare (continued)

cousins was the sister of Rosetta's mother. Our sympathies to Rosetta and her family on this double loss.

Holly Croce Cochran reported that she and her sister **Cathy Croce Volpone** and their families visited their Dad's hometown in Italy this summer. They went to Aqua Viva Piceno in the Marche Region of Italy. They enjoyed visiting with cousins, eating delicious food, especially the Olive Ascolani. Holly said, "This olive is a specialty of the region. The olives are stuffed with a delicious meat mixture breaded and fried. We can't wait to go back!" Sounds like they had a great trip.

Hope to see many of you at our monthly meetings. Thank you to those who share their news. Your contributions are what makes up this column.

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

Vatican Princess (continued)

Lucrezia was the daughter of Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia and Vannozza dei Cattai. Vannozza was the chief mistress of Borgia and continued on in this capacity when he became Pope. Rodrigo was of Spanish nobility and supporter of Queen Isabella of Castile during her win against the Moors in Spain and their family were part of the Spanish Crusades. As a noble of the Renaissance and then as Pope, he used women of his family as bride pawns to secure relations of power, peace and trade with other nations. Lucrezia had her first marriage annulled by him so as to arrange another marriage that was more profitable.

As a point of reference for the reader, this Renaissance period was a tumultuous time. The plagues (*peste* in Italian) had overwhelmed Europe barely 150 years prior when, in 1347, ships from the Black Sea docked in Messina. In three years nearly one third of the population was eradicated. However, the "awakening" in which Lucrezia lived, brought other elements to society. Syphilis was common, indulgences – promises to forgive sins for money - were in wide use as a means to generate money, and everybody's favorite map maker, Columbus, had already sailed for North America. Her brothers, Cesar and Juan, were combatants for much of their lives in a quest for power and land. One of them employed Leonardo da Vinci as a designer of military machinery.

This intrigue and exploration was part of Lucrezia Borgia's life. She died in 1519 at the young age of 39 having had seven children. Through her three marriages, at least as many affairs and her own political ambitions, she left a legacy of change. Her reputation is one that lasts to this day.

According to the author there is to this day no credible information that Lucrezia killed anyone – although her legend is not something that will ever be put to rest. *Vatican Princess* is written through the eyes of a woman of position in that era and the work is the result of considerable research in the Vatican archives.

Joel Patience is an independent writer and watercolor artist drawing inspirations from travels with his wife Dale Bonn.

ICoS Calendar

September 2018

- 2nd Italian Day at Emerald Downs
- 6th Trustee's Meeting
- 7-9 Seattle San Gennaro Festival
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 15th Mass in Italian, Mt. Virgin Church
- 21st Festa Italiana Luncheon
Seattle Yacht Club
- 25th Input Deadline for October
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- 28th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center
- 29-30 31st Annual Italian Festival,
Seattle Center; Sausage Booth

October 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 6-7 Italian Festival, Reno, NV
- 8th Columbus Day Dinner
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for October
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- 20th Seattle Fedele "John Croce"
Homemade Wine Festival

November 2018

- 1st Trustee Meeting
- 8th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 12th Festa Italiana Volunteers
Appreciation Dinner
- 22nd Thanksgiving
- 26th Input Deadline for December
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December 2018

- No Trustee meeting this month
- TBD Past Presidents Luncheon &
Board Appreciation dinner
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- TBD Children's Christmas Party
combined with Seattle Fedele SOI
at St. John's Parish Hall
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for January
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January 2019

- 3rd Trustee's Meeting
- 10th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for February
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February 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 14th Valentine's Day
- TBD Crab Dinner, St. Alphonsus
- 25th Input Deadline for March
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March 2019

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 14th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for April
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April 2019

- No Trustee meeting this month
- 11th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for May
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General Meeting & Dinner
Thursday,
October 13th, 2018
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

May 2019

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM
- 25th Input Deadline for June
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June 2019

- No Trustee Meeting this month
- 13th ICoS General Meeting/Dinner
6:30PM



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