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**General Meeting,
Dinner – Thursday,
September 12th, 2019**

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



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Mass in Italian

A reminder regarding the Annual Mass in Italian (*Messa Annuale in Italiano*) on Saturday, September 14, 6:30 pm, at la Chiesa della Nostra Signora del Monte Vergine (Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church), Seattle's original Italian mission church, 2800 S. Massachusetts St. We will remember all Italians and Italo-Americans, past and present. All Italians and wanna' be Italians are invited! Presider and preacher will be Father Paolo Angelo Maggano, assisted by Deacon Franco DiGirolamo, music provided by Tomasso Varas, and organized by

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Message from the President

Hello Everyone. I hope all of you are in the best of health, and you are enjoying this beautiful summer.

Thank you, Joe Galluccio, for a fun day at Day at the Races. Always fun visiting with people and betting on the horses – and not winning.

September will be a busy month, starting off with San Gennaro, September 6th,7th,8th; Festa Mass, September 14th 6:30 p.m. at Mt Virgin, with a reception following in the hall; the Festa Luncheon will be held at the Seattle Yacht Club on September 20th at 11:00am (cost \$55 per person – Audrey will be taking reservations); the Taste of Italy will be September 27th; and the Italian Festival at the Seattle Center will be September 28th and 29th.

Since Festa Italiana will be within a few weeks, as usual the club has the sausage booth. Tom Grossi is in charge and would like for people to volunteer. This is one of our main fund raising events, so I hope people step forward and help.

We will have an information booth for The Italian Club with Diana Kaczor in charge. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Columbus Day Dinner on Monday, October 14th, 6:00 at Frankies B-Town Bistro. Audrey will be taking reservations for this event. The cost will be \$35.00.

I have to mention that we went to Brian DiJulio's

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

New Membership **Dennis Caldirola**

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

Picnic **Ron Roletto**

Scholarship **Diana Kaczor**

President (continued)

Golf Tournament for Seattle University. Always a great success and so much fun. Once again, I got to talk with Johnny O'Brian.

In closing, I want you to put on the calendar April 25th, 2020, for the 100th year celebration of The Italian Club. More information will be available in the coming months.

Take care, hope to see you at the meetings.

Sincerely,

Anna Popovich

Membership

By Dennis Caldirola

Now that the summer hiatus is over, it's time to get back to work! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, the Festa Mass and the Festa Luncheon. We have received two applications for new membership: **Nora Plander** and **Tamas Ragoncsa**. Tamas is a software engineer at Google and the couple has two children. We will be voting on the two of them at the September meeting.



WINNERS

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

The Birthday Winner for June was Linda L. Jacobin. The Birthday Winners for July were: Al Nelson and Earl Frank.

Spirits, Coffee Cards and Dinners: were won by Earl Frank, Sally Perotti (2x), Martin Nigrelle, Joe Peranzi (2x), Anna Popovich, Linda L. Jacobin, Paul Pioli, Scott Fitzpatrick, Fr. Paul Magnano, Mona Nelson, Deanna Dent, Joe Galuccio, and Judy Seth.

The Progressive Prize of \$75 was won by Judy Seth who was present and having a good night, so the jackpot goes back to \$25.

Health & Welfare

by Gemma Di Julio Thielges and Assistant Angela Di Julio Wright

Hope everyone enjoyed a great summer.

Dennis told us on June 10th that **Roy Skibo** had passed away just that week before. He was 95 years old and had been a member of the Italian Club since 1994. Our sympathies go out to his wife Betty & all their family.

Ginny Grossi passed away on June 14th. We will miss her at our meetings. We send condolences to her sons, wives and her grandchildren.

Quinto De Vitis died on June 25th after a very short hospital stay. He & his wife Dolores (sister to Angela & I) were long-time, active members of the club, as were Ginny & Nick Grossi.

Monte Marchetti was sad to inform us that former member Mary Kaye LaRussa passed after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She leaves behind her husband and former member Robert Houk as well as children Nathan Houk & Dr. Anna Houk. Mary Kaye attended Holy Names and was a neonatal nurse at UW Hospital for 25 years.

Anna Popovich spent July 4th through July 15th with her family in Hawaii. Son Michael & daughter Roberta and their families had a wonderful time on sunny Maui – beautiful sunsets, hot summer nights – the best 11 days of rest and relaxation! They enjoyed the relaxed pace, friendly people, warm weather, all next to the beautiful ocean! They also had a family reunion later in July over in Chelan where daughter Carmen has a house. The 27 who attended included members from Anna's and from Bob's families. She said, "it was a wonderful family reunion!"

Jerome & I (Gemma) spent five days together with our children & grandchildren over in Chelan during July. We've been doing this each summer since our children were young. We appreciate that it's such a short drive over and back and that we have usually had good weather while we're there. We met Janice Cooney. She & husband Mike are good friends of Doug & Mary Chiechi and they own/run a cute little coffee shop called The Vogue. They serve breakfast and lunch items, a very welcoming place. Stop in if you're over there.

Angela & Bill Wright have exciting things happening with their family. They enjoyed their annual trip with most of their family to Neskowin, Oregon for a week. They've been doing that since their children were young. With 14 grandchildren, it seems there's always something to report. Granddaughter Rachel has started her first year of medical school at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Grandson Jamie was Valedictorian for his graduating class from 8th grade in May and is starting Gonzaga Prep this month. Granddaughter Alyssa is spending a semester at Gonzaga in Florence, Italy this term.

Deanna Dent shared that they went to Portland August 22nd for a nephew's wedding and then she will be going to Fresno, CA. to visit her Lazzareschi Aunts & Uncles on September 20th to 23rd. She also had news about their

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daughter Clarissa who just began her new job as sales assistant at the Renton Dunn Lumber. She added that “if anyone goes there, be sure to visit the lumber yard and lumber warehouse to say hello to Clarissa”!

We had our annual Di Julio family picnic on August 18th at our cousin Chris’s home on Lake Washington in Kirkland. About 100 of us attended – many of us are Italian Club members: **Angela & Bill, Jerome & I, Chip & Sigi, Brian & Barb, Brad & Katie, Steve & Shirley, Sr. Mary Lou, Margaret & Bill Ward, Jane & Ken Hall, Donna Ingram, Dolores De Vitis, and Kelly & Brian Woodward.** It’s always a fun time, a great opportunity to visit with our relatives, see how much the little ones have grown, see how much the older ones have aged, and being an Italian event, there’s never a shortage of good food!

Chip Di Julio shared “Lot of weekends at Blue Lake (Grant County, Coulee City .. Sun Lakes chain”). Three different kids with their families on three weekends. Grandson Evan (Simone’s oldest) with wife and two kids last weekend. Thunder, lightning, and rain each night then dry and warm all day. Nick & Annica go this weekend without us. Annica & Adam (12) just returned from a month in Sweden with her parents. Sigi & I will attend the annual DJ picnic. Sigi will bring her homemade authentic German Potato Salad. Early Sept. I’ll host 5 Knights of Columbus guys at Blue Lake. We fish off the dock, hike, play cards at night...and smoke a few cigars....Been doing this for 20 years.”

Jim and Carmen Sepic (Carmen Razore) & their children & their spouses went on a one week Mediterranean cruise. She said, “We started in Sardenia then to Sorrento, Capri, Positano, Ravello and ended in Naples. We explored all the towns, swam in the sea and ate lots of delicious food.”

Nice to hear about your summer activities and family news. Remember, if your news didn’t get in, it’s because I didn’t hear about it. Looking forward to seeing many of our members at the September meeting on the 12th.

Mass (continued)

Vita Asure. Light refreshments will be served in the school hall following.

This celebration of Holy Mass takes place on Saturday, September 14, 6:30 pm, in-between the San Gennaro Festival and the Festa Italiana. Please spread the word. Grazie mille!

Fr. Paul Magnano

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Is Your Child the Next “Festa Baby?”

Submit a picture of your child or grandchild showing their best representation of the Italian culture and you could win a \$100 gift card the whole family can enjoy! Your picture could include Italian colors, flags, pasta; use your imagination and have fun with it! Props, clothes, filters are all accepted forms of showing your Italian pride. Open to EVERYONE...Italian or Non-Italian...as at Festa we ALL are Italian!!



Rules and How To Enter: This contest is open to children between ages 0-3 years old. Winner must be able to attend Festa Italiana on Saturday 9/28/2019 at 12:00 PM to be crowned and receive their gift card. Submit your entry by 9/15/2019 via email to: lastella1@gmail.com; ALL entries must include a picture, name of child, parent/guardian name, phone number and email.

How Winner Is Determined: Starting Monday, 9/16/2019, our top finalists photos will be posted on the West Coast Italian Radio Facebook page through Friday 9/20/2019. People can vote for their favorite photo they think that represents the Italian culture by “liking” that photo.

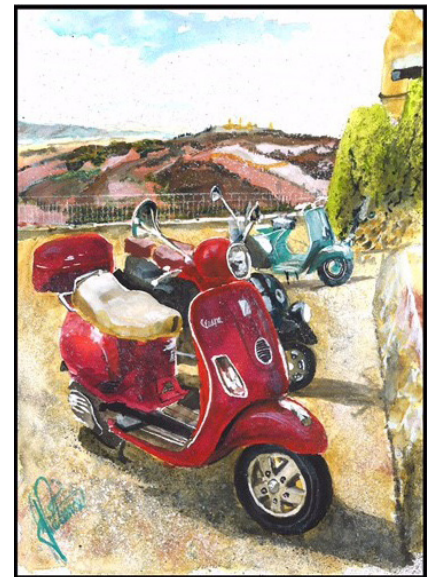
The winner will be announced on 9/23/2019 during the West Coast Italian Radio (1150AM KKNW) broadcast at 4:00 PM. The winning picture will be featured on the Festa Italiana and West Coast Italian Radio websites. The winner and their family will be brought onto the main stage at 12:00 PM at Festa Italiana on Saturday 9/28/2019 where they will be crowned and receive their gift card!

Disclosure: By entering the contest, you are giving us permission to use your child’s name and image on all of Festa Italiana and West Coast Italian Radio promo and media platforms.
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Memento Mori

By Joel Patience

A Ruth Downie Crime Novel of the Roman Empire (408 pages)

You might have enjoyed previous books about our favorite murder mystery solver, Ruso. For those first hearing about the six-book series, Ruso is a Medicus; a doctor in the Roman Army around A.D 123. The main character had lost his family property on account of gambling by another family member. In order to make ends meet, he joined the Roman army hoping for a stable work environment. However, murder is not a modern event and Ruso is dealt the job again and again to solve them.

The interesting element about these series is that there are no references to electronic devices. No phones or computers means that Ruth Downie writes good mystery without distracting from the details and twists of a good mystery, love and social interaction of the time.

A popular spa near the modern location of Bath is engulfed in the mystery of the death of the wife of Ruso's best friend Valens. She is found dead in the sacred hot spring. Bad PR has locals fearing the loss of the tourist trade more than wrath of the gods. Local officials, up to their ears in debt, try desperately to cover up the murder. Part of the coverup is the accusation that Valens is the main suspect.

As Ruso investigates, he not only has to prove that his friend is innocent but, that he does so in time to prevent quick justice and add to the cover up, as Valens is to be put to death. Ruso has a few stories ago taken a wife. Tilla is a local from what we now know as England when it was a colony of Rome. Tilla is a spit fire red head and part of a famous family of barbarians. She is compelled to assist Ruso in every investigation; like it or not and has a knack for getting in serious trouble.

Ruth Downie spins a compelling web of interesting story upon sub stories. By the way, what was in that barrel left at Ruso's door before they moved in?

Joel Patience is a freelance writer and watercolor artist traveling with his wife Dale Bonn for inspiration.

Famous Italians Born in August

John Saxon (5th)	Agostino "Dino" De Laurentiis (8th)	Antonio Salieri (18th)
Amy Adams (20th)	Giada De Laurentiis (22nd)	"Don" Carlo Gambino (24th)
Carla Gugino (29th)	Caligula (31st)	Maria Montessori (31st)

Famous Italians Born in September

Rocky Marciano (1st)	Michael Steven Bubl� (9th)	Marco Polo (15th)
Sophia Loren (20th)	Andrea Bocelli (22nd)	Scott Baio (22nd)
Marcello Mastroianni (28th)	Silvio Berlusconi (29th)	Enrico Ferm (29th)

ICoS Calendar

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, 6:30PM
- 20th Festa Luncheon, Seattle Yacht Club, 11:30AM
- 27th Taste of Italy, Seattle Center, 7:00-10:00PM
- 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
- 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

December 2019 (Cont'd)

- 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 Ficcanaso*

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*
- 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*

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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 4822 S. Juneau Street, Seattle, WA 98118-2848). Thank you.



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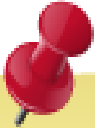
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