

General Dinner Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2009
Mount Virgin Church Hall
No March Luncheon

il Ficcanaso



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President Corner



By Anna Popovich

As we start our Lenten season, it takes me back to my childhood at Mt. Virgin.

It was so important that we gave up something for lent and no meat on Friday's. The meals on Friday's were fine, but that giving up candy for lent was a tough one.

We made it through all right, couldn't wait for the Saturday before Easter so we could gorge on candy. Then the big day Easter Sunday with all the special foods. To this day, I still make the special pies for Easter. This Italian tradition I try to carry on for my children and grandchildren.

During Lent we seem to

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Italian Club Luncheon Held at Lake Union's Marriott Courtyard

By Nick Grossi

After many years of luncheons at the Rock Salt, the Italian Club is trying new locations. The food, service and ambience at the Rock Salt was a plus but the lack of parking with the new meters and steep steps down becoming a problem, along with declining attendance, has caused a need to make a move.

The February luncheon was held at the Marriott Courtyard just a few blocks south of the Rock Salt. The new luncheon chairman, **Carolyn Jackson**, selected this place. The parking is great and is free under the building. There is easy access to the restaurant by foot or elevator.

The room was adequate but needs some fine tuning that can be easily fixed. The food was okay but here too, improvements can be made. A good group attended and enjoyed the event.

The guest speaker Amanda Fox was a representative of a new type of coffee called Organa Gold, which is supposed to make you feel good and easier to digest. It

is a very interesting concept. She gave out samples of the coffee, tea and cocoa.

The next luncheon will be held April 15th. There will not be a luncheon in March. Check the Schedule of Events for dates and place of future luncheons. Let's all support our new chairman, Carolyn Jackson for all her effort to make the luncheons a success.

Those who contributed a gift to the raffle are as follows:

- Roy & Carolyn Petre** - Champagne
- Ron Alia** - \$25.00 gift for a lunch
- Ann Beard** - Four picture frames
- Nick Grossi** - Candle and holder
- Mary Hoffa** - Bottle of wine
- Carolyn Jackson** - Coffee and tea
- JoAnne Lazzaretti** - Bag of lentils
- Alice Mariani** - Pepper ball grinder
- Barbara Peretti** - Plant
- Ron Roletto** - Ceramic flower pot
- The Ruppins** - Nine chrysanthemums plants for table decorations and raffle
- Roy & Betty Skibo** - Homemade preserves
- Mary Zorodovich** - Bottle of gin

General Dinner & Meeting

THURSDAY, March 12

**Mount Virgin Church Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle**

**Dinner at 6.30 PM ...
Followed by the general meeting.**

A Reminder



CRAB FEED

March 21, 2009 - 6PM

**St. Alphonsus Church Hall
5816 15th Avenue NW
Seattle (Ballard)**

Bring your own crab crackers.

No Luncheon in March

Next Italian Club Luncheon:

WEDNESDAY, May 20

The Courtyard by Marriott

**925 Westlake Avenue North
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want to do something special, so we as a club have decided that we will donate the proceeds from the crab feed to the Association of Catholic Childhood. This is an organization that you may be familiar with, cares for the well being of all children in the

state of Washington. This personally makes me very proud of our Italian Club.

My wish to all is to have a very good Lenten season, and see you all at the crab feed. Thanks for all your support.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ...

February, 2009 By *Dennis Caldirola*

For those such as myself who are 1/2 Irish and 1/2 Italian, Happy St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) and Happy St. Joseph's Day (patron saint of Italy, March 19th). We celebrate both the garlic and the gaelic!

As of March 1st, of the 260 members of the Club, 230 have paid their dues for 2009. "Past-due" notices have been sent to the remaining 30 members who should be reminded that they have until April 15 to continue getting il Ficcanaso and remaining members-in-good-standing.

If you plan to attend the March meeting, you can still save both yourself and the Club 42¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Deadline Dates for Inputs to il Ficcanaso for 2009

Issue - Deadline

April - March 30th

May - May 4th

June - June 1st

July & August---- no newsletter

September - August 31st

October - September 30th

November - November 2nd

December - November 30th

Big Winners at the February Meeting

Spirits, coffee cards and dinners were won by:

Angela Wright
Ron Alia
Michael Lazzaretti
Roy Skibo
Barb Peretti
Lou Fontana
J.P. Sargent
Diana Kaczor
Marty Negrelle
Paul Pioli, Sr.
Mary Lou DiJulio
Monte Marchetti
Tina Conforti
Ron Roletto
Mike Kaczor
Rich Riotto
Bob Popovich
Max Leone
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Delores DiVitis

The Progressive Prize was up to \$125.00 and the winner was, no other than Carolyn Jackson. Congratulations, Carolyn!

At the next meeting the Progressive Prize will once again start at \$25.00.

Italian Club Membership Applications Available

To receive a membership application form please contact:

Monte Marchetti
Phone: 425-255-2641

A happy and healthy March to all. Those 28 days in February sure went fast.

Still a little chilly, but thank God, no snow or ice. (Well, maybe a little.)

At this writing I haven't been informed or heard much, now that's good re the health of our members. For the info and gossip, read below.

In our prayers and thoughts: I announced at our February meeting that **Madeleine Borda** had fallen and broke her collarbone. She is progressing nicely under the loving care of hubby, Lou. You are in our prayers Madeleine and Lou.

Remo Borracchini had surgery. Knowing you Remo, you're already back to work going strong ... take it easy and pay attention to your nurses. You and Betty have been and are in our prayers and thoughts.

God Bless **Margaret Murray**, she is great about keeping us posted on Carmen's progress.

Carmen in now in "Anderson House Plaza" Margaret take care of yourself and thank you for the updates on your mother. We know you miss her.

Some good news, **Tony & Rose Petrarca** are on a four-week rest and relaxation ... Palm Springs, Vegas and a few other hot (or should I say WARM) spots. They are driving this trip. Tony, drive carefully and say a little prayer to St. Christopher for a safe and happy trip.

Some of our under the weather members: **Lou & Helen Carrosino**, we miss them at our meetings, both are doing much better and are looking forward to coming to the meetings. Prayers to you both

for continued progress.

Earl Hoffa is still in need of Prayers. He is at Washington Care Center; we are thinking and praying for you Earl to regain your strength.

We were so happy to see **Bob & Antonette Rupp** and **Mary Zorotovich** at our February Lunch. Antonette and Bob had been gone for their R & R after Christmas, think the flu bug caught up with them when they returned home, so missed a few meetings.

We missed **Tino Lazzaretti** at the Lunch, but he had performed his Fatherly duties, took Michael to the Airport that morning for his play time in Las Vegas. (Hope it was successful Michael)

Our speaker, Amanda Fox, of Or-Gana Gold Coffee made a great presentation. I thank **Michael Kaczor** for his assistance in obtaining her.

Projected plans at this writing for our luncheons are the following months.

April 15th. (Income tax day)
June 17th. September 22nd. Festa Lunch, then November 18th will be our Past Presidents and Committee Chairmen's Lunch.

I know I'm repeating, "We do need the support and attendance of our Members and Friends to attend. It's only fair to the speaker that has taken time out of their busy schedule to have a good attendance. Amen

We have many unsung "heroes" in our organization, I'm not sure that "HERO" is the correct word, but any way. I would like to mention a member who does many things unbeknownst to us all. **Ron Roletto**. Ron deserves a big thank you, we know the many things

he does do, but did you know that Ron has always been willing to pick up a member that might need a ride to one of our activities. He does so, Ron, thank you very much for your willingness, giving and sharing. You are appreciated.

To all our unnamed "UNsung HEROS" THANK YOU for all you do to keep a smooth healthy organization active that we, the members, are not aware of and forget to thank you for.

Well, here it is March 1st and the deadline to submit my rambling, I'm sure there is more news that you would have been willing to share, but, sorry I didn't hear about it. Just clue me in and I'll be happy to announce it at our next meeting and put a little blurb in the April il Ficcanaso. We love to share.

Hope you remembered to set your clocks back on Sunday March 8th, Day light saving time, seems early, doesn't it? I'll be in San Francisco that weekend, attending a meeting and having a little fun. I hope.

A few quotes to help end this bit of chatter.

Try to make at least three people smile today. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

We don't have to win every argument. Sometimes, life isn't fair, but it's still good. Thank God.

AND remember, you are tooooo blessed to be stressed.

STAY HEALTHY Remember our home bound, a card, a call and or a prayer. We all like to be remembered.

Happy St. Patrick's Day see you at the meeting and Crab Feed.

*The gabby informer,
Carolyn E. Jackson, a.k.a. "sister"*



They're here, they're here, the tickets have arrived!

By Martin Nigrelle

We have 40 of our 52 field level tickets for the 3rd Annual Italian Heritage Night w/ The Seattle Mariners, left in hand & ready for club member purchase (yes, that means we have already sold 12). Last year about 50 Italian Club members friends & family attended the game. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis, please see Marty Nigrelle at the March General Meeting to buy tickets.

The Mariners and Verizon are sponsoring the 3rd Italian Heritage night. Wednesday June 24th 2009, 7:10pm. The Mariners will be hosting the San Diego Padres.

The event includes discounted ticket pricing, a specially designed t-shirt, printed with 4 colors just for this event, an Italian representative to throw

out the Group First Pitch, and during the game there will be an announcement regarding Italian heritage night attendees just after the 4th inning. Finally, any groups that have 40 or more attendees (Such as the Italian Club of Seattle) will have their group name displayed on the main reader board too.

Tickets can be purchased for either the field level or the upper deck, the choice is yours.

Ticket Pricing:

- \$11 View Reserved (upper deck) – regular price: \$20.00
- \$25 Field Level – regular price \$40.00

To Obtain tickets:

View Reserved (upper deck) tickets may be purchased via the web at: <http://mariners.com/italian>

Field Level tickets can be purchased from Martin Nigrelle at the next Italian club general meeting. (Note checks should be made out to: the Italian Club of Seattle).

For those of you who may not follow spring training: The Padres dominated over the Ms down in Arizona & Ken Griffey Jr. has returned to the Mariners!!

We have not settled the details regarding a pre-game meeting place for discounted drinks & snacks, more news in the next issue of *il Ficcanaso*.



Now is the Time for Applicants to Apply For Miss Italian Club

Fran Albanese chairperson is looking for young ladies to apply for the Miss Italian Club

and Seafair scholarship programs.

Qualifications Are: You must be the child or grandchild of a member of the Italian Club, be 18 years of age before Aug 1st 2009, single and not over 25 years old, have graduated by June 2009, and excel in academics and community service

The Club will award a \$500.00 dollar scholarship and the possibility for additional scholarship funds from the Miss Seafair programs.

Please send a recent photo and resume, no later then May 1st 2009 to:

Fran Albanese
511 - 210th ST. SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036
425 672 7133.

Miss Italian Club 2008 ...

Angela Bever



The current Miss Italian Club is Angela Bever. Her parents are David and Mary Helen Bever and granddaughter of Lou and Helen Carrosino who are members of the Italian Club.

Thank you Angela for your successful reign.



For each petal on the shamrock

This brings a wish your way -

Good health, good luck, and happiness

For today and every day.

~Author Unknown

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OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

April Fool's Day in Italy ...

In Italy the costume to celebrate the April fools Day or Pesce d'Aprile playing jokes is relatively recent; we find the first brief outline around 1840 in the diaries and documents of maritime naval Genoese merchants.

One of the oldest jokes was played in Florence in 1878, the "Giornale d'Italia" published the news about the death in the city of an Indian mahrajà and announced that, according to the Hindu tradition, he would have been cremated on the 1st of April on a pyre built in the Cascine park. Obviously a great crowd arrived at the specified place, and has been

St. Patrick's Day in Italy

Italians will use any excuse for a festival and St. Patrick's Day is no exception.

Although it's not widely celebrated, you will find St. Patrick's Day festivities in many parts of Italy, especially in the north. Around St. Patrick's Day Florence hosts several days of live music and dancing, and of course, food and drink. The 'Festa Irlandese' event takes place in a huge tent and attracts thousands of visitors who avidly consume the Italian interpretation of Irish



waiting for hours until the groups of youngsters dressed as fishermen came out from bushes and began to run among the crowd shouting "Arno fried fish."

1961. The newspaper "La Notte" in Milan announced the Comune imposed side lights for horses circulating on the streets of the city or neighboring countries. Many people brought their animals to the car electrician to equip them with lights.

1993. In the streets of Milan and Turin appear posters announcing a new "road tax" imposed by the Communes to be paid according to the body weight of citizens.

food and drink, including potato soup, beef in Guinness, smoked salmon and gallons of stout.

In Rome, you can attend the Irish Celtic Ball on March 18 or join 8 hours of pub crawling on March 17 or 18, with 20 euros getting you all the Guinness, lager beer or wine you can drink in an hour plus Irish dancing and singing.

You can find Irish pubs in Rome, Florence, Venice, Bologna, and Taormina in Sicily.



OUR CULTURAL PAGE

Italian Proverbs

"A ciascuno il suo."

"To each his own."

"A confessore, medico e avvocato non tener il ver celato."

"To confessor, doctor, and lawyer do not hide the truth."

"A mali estremi, estremi rimedi."

"Desperate times call for desperate measures."

The Italianette ...

Free Classes Available

I want to invite all the members of the Seattle Italian Club to enroll their children and grandchildren in the Italianette Class.

We meet the first Saturday of the month from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 at the South Bellevue Community Center. Our goal is to keep the Italian culture and language alive. The classes are FREE OF CHARGE for children age 6 to 12.

Please join us for Italian language class, songs and culture activities.

To sign up please contact: **Tina Conforti at (425) 427-9515.**

E-mail to oggiitaliayahoo.com



Italian Club Scholarships for the 2009/2010 School Year

By Martin Nigrelle (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

The Italian Club will be awarding scholarships (each worth \$500.00) to three students in Catholic high school in the Seattle area. To date no applications have been received, but there is still plenty of time.

Parents of the applicants, are you attending the general meetings? It is a part of the requirements you know.

The qualifications each recipient needs to meet are as follows:

1. A parent of the applicant (student) must be in good standing in the Italian Club for at least three years. (Grandparents are not included).
2. The applicant (student) must have a grade point average of 3.0 (with official transcript) and take part in extra-curricular activities, community service, etc.
3. The parent(s) of the applicant must attend at least three club meetings during the year.
4. Each applicant must write a letter telling about him/her self and activities in which he/she is participating.
5. The application and transcript must be post marked no later than May 1st 2009, Applications that are incomplete or missing a transcript will not be considered.
6. Winners will be announced in the June edition of *il Ficcenaso* & the scholarships certificate presented in person at the September 2009 general meeting
7. Scholarship payment will be made in the name of the winner to the appropriate school in late September of 2009

2009/2010 Italian Club Scholarship Application form:

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's Parent(s) (Italian Club Members)

High School Applicant will be attending in the 2009/2010 School year:

Applicant's Mailing Address:

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

The application form is to be accompanied by:

1. Current Official Transcript
2. Letter detailing the applicant's participation in extra-curricular activities & community service

Applications are to be sent to:

Italian Club of Seattle Scholarship
c/o Martin Nigrelle
14539 Evanston Avenue North
Shoreline, WA 98133



CASA Italiana 2009 Scholarships

By Martin Nigrelle

The 2009 CASA Italiana college scholarship application is available now. In years past this scholarship has been worth as much as \$2000.00.

Last Chance: As noted in last month's *il Ficcenaso*, the scholarship application must be received no later than March 10th, 2009.

The rest of the applicant requirements are:

- The applicant must be a son or daughter of an active participating member of a qualifying organization (the Italian Club of Seattle in this case).
- The qualifying member must be in good standing (dues paid), & have been a member for the previous year.
- The applicant (student) must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (transcript required).
- The Applicant must be attending or acted to attend an accredited College, University, Community College, or Vocational School
- Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.



Blank applications may be obtained by:

Contacting **Martin Nigrelle** (Italian Club Scholarship Chair), via e-mail: martini@zune.net or e-mailing **Diane Scillo**: dscillo@comcast.net; dscillo@u.washington.edu

Diane can be reached by phone for any questions @ 206-361-7566.

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$5.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6 pm.

Meetings on **SECOND** Thursday of the month

Luncheons: 11:30 am at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) on the **THIRD Wednesday of each month**

Social Hour 11:30, Luncheon 12 Noon

Finance & Bylaw Meetings: 7 pm at IC office

Trustee Meetings: First Thursday of every other month

MARCH 2009	APRIL 2009	MAY 2009
<p>12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>21: Crab Fest St. Alphonsus Anna Popovich, Chair</p> 	<p>2: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting/Dinner</p> <p>15: IC Luncheon</p> 	<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p>
JUNE 2009	JULY 2009	AUGUST 2009
<p>4: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>20: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> <p>24: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Chair Marty Negrelle</p> <p>17: IC Luncheon</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> 	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> <p>TBA: Feragosto, various locations</p> <p>TBA: Italian Community Picnic</p> <p>TBA: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>
SEPTEMBER 2009	OCTOBER 2009	NOVEMBER 2009
<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>13: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>22: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>25: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>26-27: 22st Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tourney, Bear Creek Chair: TBA</p> <p>TBA: Halloween Party for kids Chairs: Nancy Grossi and Andrea Petrone</p> 	<p>5: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>12: IC General Meeting Nominations will be taken from floor for 2007 officers 6pm</p> <p>18: Past Presidents Luncheon</p> 
DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY 2010	FEBRUARY 2010
<p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p>TBA: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: Diana Kaczor</p> <p>12: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: Molly Grossi</p> 	<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 	<p>4: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 



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