

General Dinner Meeting

Wednesday - April 8, 2009
Mount Virgin Church Hall

April Luncheon

Wednesday - April 15, 2009
The Courtyard by Marriott

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President Corner



By Anna Popovich

As you read this article, we just had our third annual crab feed. It was a huge success.

If you never attended this function, you should consider attending next year. It is a great social function and people seem to enjoy themselves, the food is terrific. I want to thank all of you that have supported us for the past three years.

We were so honored this year to have in attendance **Archbishop Burnett** who was the guest of **Mrs. Lembo** and her daughter. We were quite surprised when he walked in. Maybe we will see him at our future crab feeds.

I would like to reach out to all the new members that have joined the Italian Club

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General Dinner & Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 8

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

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

Italian Club General Meeting will be Held on Wednesday, April 8

The General meeting for April has been changed from Thursday, April 9 to **Wednesday, April 8, 2009** in order to avoid conflict with Holy Thursday. All times remain the same.

Luncheon Set for April 15

Our speaker will be Larry Snyder of *Fotoitaliana*. His company is a stock photography collection featuring color images from 14 regions in Italy. He, his wife, Jill and their three-year-old daughter, Daniela spend each September in the small village of Montanare, near Cortona, the storied village featured in the movie, "Under the Tuscan Sun". Montanare is a small agriculture village of 10 families that have been there for a dozen generations. Having made 10 trips

to Italy, they have discovered many important Italian values including family, faith and community." Larry has much to share with us, his presentation, photos and his love of Italy.

The luncheon will be held at the *Courtyard Marriott* at 925 Westlake Avenue North. Underground parking is free. The entrée is salmon. 11:30 social hour and 12 noon for lunch. Cost is \$20 per person including tax and gratuity. Please bring a gift for the raffle.

Crab Feed is Huge Success, Thanks to Our Volunteers

By Anna Popovich

Thank you **Brian DiJulio** for making the trip to Tokeland to get the crab, and **Ron Roletto** for purchasing all the supplies.

Thank you to the kitchen crew headed by **Monte Marchetti**. This would not have happened without the hard work of the following people. **Paul Pioli, Al Carlsen, Marty Nigrelle, Dick and Dorothy Whitney, Rich Hall, Jeff Izzo and Paul Case.**

Thank you to all the waiters **Inez Fournò, Caroline Jackson, Denise LaFornara, Joe Sargent, his friend Debbie, Michael Lazzaretti, Angela Wright and Michael Troiani.**



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April Luncheon

Next Italian Club Luncheon:

WEDNESDAY, April 15

11:30am

The Courtyard by Marriott

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Seattle, Washington
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in the past few years. It has been brought to our attention that we as a club should reach out and extend a welcoming hand. One of the ways of getting to know people is to work on any of the functions that we have during the year. In the coming months we will be talking about the big one we have in September. We want you all to feel welcomed.

As you read, our meeting will

be on Wednesday instead of Holy Thursday. That will give us a chance to attend Holy Week in preparation for Easter Sunday. May you have a blessed Easter Sunday will all your family and friends.

The Association of Catholic Childhood extends their gratitude to the Italian Club for their generosity by contributing the proceeds from the crab feed to the Association.



May 1 is Deadline 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 than May 1st 2009 to:

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

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Crab Feed is Success, Thanks to Volunteers

Thank you **Bob Popovich, Bill Picchena,** and **Lou Fontana** for the wine set up.

Thank you all the raffle sellers headed by **Joanne Marchese, Barbara Peretti, Antoinette Fontana, Diana Kaczor** and ticket taker **Margaret Marchetti.**

Thank you all the raffle contributors. **Linda and Frank D'Orofrío, Rich and Carol Riotto, Caroline Jackson, Ron Roletto, Marty Nigrelle, Monte and Margaret Marchetti, Michael**

Lazzaretti, Joanne Marchese, Barbara Peretti, Velva Saltarelli, Nick and Ginny Grossi, Caroline Petri, Rich Alia, B. Dawson, Fran Albanese, Mike Kaczor, Robert Ruppín, Mary Zorotovich, Nelson Crab Co. and Catholic Childhood/Ann Popovich.

Thank you to all that stayed to clean up. **Tom Grossi** and his gang. **Fran Albanese, Marty Negrelle, Ron Roletto, Michael Troiani** and **Paul Pioli** who opened the doors and was the last to leave.

Well, another month. We hope you all have completed your income tax and it is ready to go. Time and money sure goes fast.

April brings another special time of the year, families gathering, preparing for Easter, hiding eggs ... just enjoying the new season and anticipating all the upcoming events. So all, let's enjoy and thank the Lord.

Per usual March was busy and filled with good and sad news.

No matter which, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We heard that **Dolores Ashbaugh** spent a few days in the hospital with a kidney problem.. She is home and progressing nicely. Dolores, you have been in our prayers. As the doctors say, take it easy and get your proper rest. Hope to see you soon at the meeting.

I know many have had a bout with that flu bug; it really can wear you down, take care, lots of rest and "chicken soup".

Rose Dematis fell and is now recovering in a rehab facility. Sorry I don't know the name, but keep her in your prayers.

Speaking of falling, one of our efficient servers at the crab dinner, slipped in the kitchen. Hope all is going o.k. for you Mike, you're in our prayers. Take care.

Carmen Murray would appreciate a call/ card/visits. Margaret would appreciate the same. Margaret is pretty much home bound, she does not drive and misses her mother very much.

Carmen's address again, in case you missed it last time, Carmen Murray, Anderson Plaza, 17201-15th Avenue N. E., Shoreline, WA 98155. Her phone number is (206) 367-1022

Congratulations to some of our grandparents: **Gino and Joanne Marchese's** granddaughter, Gianna, attended the Portland karate tournament. She came in first in her division, winning the gold medal. Gianna is nine years old and four

belts short of a black belt. Good going Gianna.

Barbara Peretti's grandson, Dominic, traveled to Arizona and played in the triple crown spring championship at Gilbert, Arizona. The young ball players were from the western states and Canada.

Mom Dawn, dad Rico and sister Danielle, were there to support and cheer Dominic. The family also attended some of the spring training games of the Mariners and other teams.

Our young ones are really something, God bless them all.

You know, it does pay to attend our meetings. I can attest to that.

The membership attendance "pot" at the February general meeting was up to \$125 and yes, you're right, my name, Carolyn Jackson, aka sistermaryhollywater, was drawn. God is good. There is a certain young man (note the "young") that thinks I owe him, I keep telling him "I don't think so." You have to be present at the time of the drawing to be eligible" but, Bill, being the last of the big spenders, I may break down and buy you a glass of wine at our next meeting, Wednesday April 8th.

We always appreciate hearing and receiving your news for publication. That's what this column is all about, our health and welfare welfare covers a lot of territory. Sharing and enabling our members to give support, prayers, love and joy to one another. I thank our editor for never criticizing and printing the column as written.

Income tax day, also, quarterly Italian luncheon. Wednesday, April 15th. Will you be there? We had a good attendance at our last luncheon. I thank all of you that showed and brought door prizes. There are a few items that will be corrected and changed with

the hotel, but let's remember it was our first time at this location, they and we have to communicate a little more.

They did a great job and we thank them for their professionalism and attention after the lunch. Happy Easter may the risen Christ bless us all.



Stay healthy and happy.

Peace and joy.

The gabby informer,

Carolyn E. Jackson, a.k.a. "sister"

Winners at the March Meeting

The winners of spirits, coffee cards, beer and dinners at the March meeting were:

Jane Hall
Frank D'Onofrio
J.P. Sargent
Mark Alia (twice)
Anna Popovich
Ron Alia
Dick Whitney
Brian DiJulio (twice)
Mike Kaczor
Lou Cella
Fran Albanese
Carol Bishop
Lou Carrosino
Gemma Thielges
Sister Mary Lou DiJulio
Diana LaFornara
Joanne Marchese

The Progressive Prize of \$25.00 was won by **Nick Grossi** who was in attendance. The jackpot will be \$25 at the April meeting.

A Date to Remember

Christmas Dinner Dance

The Christmas Dinner Dance will be held December 12 at the Red Lion in Bellevue.

Chair persons are **Diana and Mike Kaczor**. **SAVE THE DATE.**

Less than 10 tickets left!

Italian Heritage Night with The Seattle Mariners By Martin Nigrelle

The Mariners and Verizon are sponsoring the 3rd Italian Heritage night. Wednesday June 24th 2009, 7:05pm. 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.

We have sold over 40 of our 52 field level tickets left in hand & ready for

club member purchase. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis, please see Marty Nigrelle at the April General Meeting to buy tickets. (Note checks should be made out to: the Italian Club of Seattle). More tickets can be obtained, if needed, but they will be higher up in the section, not as close to the field as our first set of seats. 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!!

Ticket Pricing:

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

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

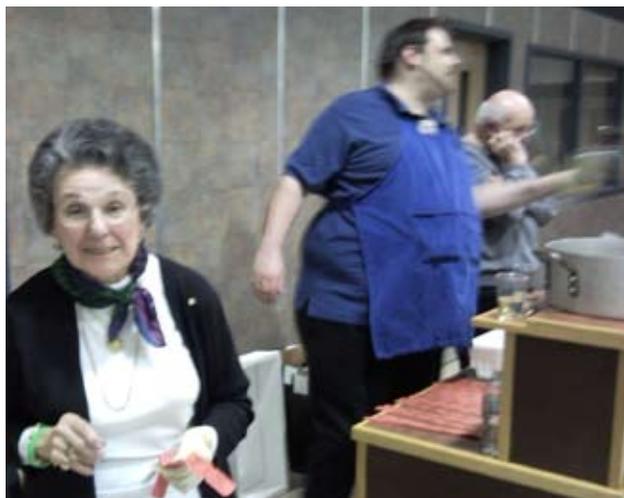
To Obtain tickets:

View Reserved (upper deck) tickets may be purchased via the web at: <http://www.mariners.com/italian> or by calling Yoko McCann of the Mariners' group sales office at: (206) 346-4001.

Field Level tickets can be purchased via the web or as noted above.



Crab Feed Photo Highlights



Easter in Italy



While you probably won't see the Easter bunny if you're in

Italy for Easter, you will find some interesting Italian Easter celebrations. Like all holidays in Italy, Easter, Pasqua in Italian, has its share of rituals and traditions. The Monday following Easter, la Pasquetta is also a holiday throughout Italy. While the days before Easter in Italy include solemn processions and masses, Easter is a joyous celebration.

Good Friday and Easter Week Processions

Solemn religious processions are held in many towns on the Friday or Saturday before Easter and sometimes on Easter Sunday. Many churches have special statues of the Virgin and Jesus that play a big part in the processions. The statues may be paraded through the city or displayed in the main square. Parade participants are often dressed in traditional ancient costumes. Olive branches are often used instead of or along with palm fronds in the processions and to decorate churches.

Enna, in Sicily, has a large procession on Good Friday, with more than 2,000 friars dressed in ancient costumes walking through the streets of the city. Trapani, also in Sicily, is a good place to see processions, held several days during Holy Week. Their Good Friday procession is 24 hours long.

What's believed to be the oldest Good Friday procession in Italy is in Chieti in the Abruzzo region (see Abruzzo Region Map). The procession with Selecchi's Miserere played by 100 violins is very moving.

Some towns, such as Montefalco and Gualdo Tadino in Umbria,

hold live scenarios during the night of Good Friday or plays enacting the stations of the cross. Priests often visit shops and homes to bless them on the Saturday before Easter.

Rome and St. Peter's

While Easter mass will be held in every church in Italy, the biggest and most popular mass is held by the Pope at St. Peter's Basilica. On Good Friday, the Pope celebrates the Via Crucis in Rome near the Colosseum. A huge cross with burning torches lights the sky as the stations of the cross are described in several languages. At the end, the Pope gives a blessing.

Florence - Scoppio del Carro

In Florence, Easter is celebrated with the Scoppio del Carro, explosion of the cart. A huge, decorated wagon is dragged through Florence by white oxen until it reaches Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence's historic center. Following mass, the Archbishop sends a dove-shaped rocket into the cart, igniting the fireworks held in the cart. This spectacular display is followed by a parade in medieval costumes.

La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza - Abruzzo Region

Sulmona, in the Abruzzo region, celebrates Easter Sunday with La Madonna Che Scappa in Piazza. On Easter Sunday people dress in green and white, colors of peace, hope, and resurrection, and gather in the main piazza. The woman playing the Virgin Mary is dressed in black. As she moves to the fountain, doves are released and the woman is suddenly dressed in green. Music and feasting follow.

Holy Week on the island of Sardinia

The island of Sardinia is a part of Italy steeped in tradition and a good place to experience festivals and holidays. Because of its long association with Spain, some Easter



ter traditions are strongly linked to the Spanish Semanta Santa. Here's an inside look at Sardinian Holy Week rituals.

Easter food

Since Easter is the end of the Lent season, food plays a big part in the celebrations. Traditional Easter foods include lamb or goat, artichokes, and special Easter breads that vary from region to region. Pannetone and Colomba (dove shaped) breads are often given as gifts as are hollow chocolate eggs that usually come with a surprise inside.

Easter Monday - La Pasquetta

On Easter Monday, some cities hold dances, free concerts, or unusual games often involving eggs. In the Umbrian hill town of Panicale, cheese is the star. Ruzzolone is played by rolling huge wheels of cheese, weighing about 4 kilos, around the village walls. The object is to get your cheese around the course using the fewest number of strokes. Following the cheese contest, there is a band in the piazza and of course, wine. Read more about Panicale Cheese Rolling or visiting the town of Panicale. Easter Monday is a time to gather with friends and have fun.

Italian Club Scholarships ... Deadline is May 1

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 only one application has been received, time is running out.

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 Ficcanaso* & 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



SECRETARY'S REPORT ...

April, 2009 By Dennis Caldirola

This is your last *il Ficcanaso*! If these words send a little chill up your spine, you can be thankful that you are not one of the 19 members who have not paid their dues for 2009.

As of March 25th, we have 260 members in the Club. Unfortunately, only 241 of them have taken the time and trouble to support our organization by sending in their checks.

On April 15, 2009, as required by the bylaws, we must delete those in arrears from the roster and the mailing list.

Think of what being in the Italian Club means to you and please act accordingly. As always, you can pay at the meeting on April 8th and have your membership card issued on the spot. Most of the folks who do so are also winners in the subsequent raffle but, of course, there are no guarantees.

Don't Forget

A Day at the Races

Saturday June 20th.

Your package includes:

- Admission
- Official program
- Official Tip Sheet
- Lunch ... Roasted salmon with lemon and capered sauce
- Chicken breasts stuffed with Fontina cheese, peppers and spinach

Cost is \$45.00 per person.

Contact **Joe Galluccio**, chairman
206-275-4688

Deadline Dates for Inputs to *il Ficcanaso* for 2009

Issue - Deadline

May - May 4th

June - June 1st

July & August---- no newsletter

September - August 31st

October - September 30th

November - November 2nd

December - November 30th

Italian Club Calendar of Events

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

Meetings on **SECOND** Thursday of the month ... Exception this Month (Wednesday, April 8)

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

APRIL 2009	MAY 2009	JUNE 2009
<p>2: Trustees Meeting 8: Wednesday - IC General Meeting/Dinner 15: IC Luncheon</p> 	<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> 	<p>4: Trustee Meeting 11: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm 17: IC Luncheon 20: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio 24: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Chair Marty Negrelle</p>
JULY 2009	AUGUST 2009	SEPTEMBER 2009
<p>Summer Break No Meetings No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> 	<p>Summer Break No Meetings No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> <p>15: Feragosto, various locations 16: Italian Community Picnic 27-29: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>	<p>3: Trustee Meeting 10: IC General Meeting, 6 pm 13: Festa Italiana Mass 22: Festa Downtown Luncheon 25: Festa "Taste of Italy" 26-27: 22st Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>
OCTOBER 2009	NOVEMBER 2009	DECEMBER 2009
<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm TBA: Golf Tourney, Bear Creek Chair: TBA TBA: Halloween Party for kids Chairs: Nancy Grossi and Andrea Petrone</p> 	<p>5: Trustees Meeting 12: IC General Meeting Nominations will be taken from floor for 2007 officers 6pm 18: Past Presidents Luncheon</p> 	<p>5: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: Molly Grossi 10: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm 12: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: Diana Kaczor</p> 
JANUARY 2010	FEBRUARY 2010	MARCH 2010
<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 	<p>4: Trustees Meeting 11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 	<p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm. TBA: Crab Fest</p> 



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Visit our new website at:
www.ItalianClubofSeattle.org

The Italianette ...

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.*

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