

General Dinner Meeting

Thursday - June 11, 2009
(We're back to Thursday night)
Mount Virgin Church Hall

June Luncheon

Wednesday - June 17, 2009
The Courtyard by Marriott

il Ficcanaso



Official Bulletin of the Italian Club ... Established April 26, 1920

Note: This is the last issue of the *il Ficcanaso* until September ... Have a nice summer

President Corner



By Anna Popovich

As we come to our summertime break we reflect on all that we have accomplished these past six months.

I'm very grateful for all the support that has been given to the club by all the members.

Although we have a break, there are still many activities on the agenda to participate in

We look forward to going to the Mariners game which has been sold out, and also the day at the races. **Mike Lazzaretti** is checking on going to the casino in July it should be lots of fun.

Our big event that will be coming up this September will be working the sausage booth at the Fiesta. It was successful because we had great participation from all the people who volunteered to work Saturday and Sunday. Just like working any other function it's a lot of fun and you see people you have not seen in a long time. Keep this in mind and actively support our efforts.

Happy Fathers Day to all our fathers and prayers for all that are gone.

General Dinner & Meeting

THURSDAY, June 11

Mount Virgin Church Hall
2800 S. Massachusetts Street, Seattle

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

June Italian Club Luncheon By Nick Grossi

Our June Luncheon will be held on June 17th at the Courtyard Marriott on Westlake Avenue.

Our speaker is **Lisa M. Marchese**, Attorney, Partner in the law firm, Dorsey & Whitney LLP. Lisa attended our local schools; Mt. Virgin Grade School, Our Lady Of Fatima Grade School, Holy Names High School and Seattle University. At Georgetown University Law Center she was awarded a J.D. in 1987, was a member of Law Review. Her accolades includes graduating Summa Cum Laude and membership to Phi Beta Kappa.

Lisa is the daughter of members,

Clair De Rocco is Selected as Miss Italian Club

Fran Albanese, Chair, Miss Italian Club has announced Claire DeRocco is the new Miss Italian Club.

My name is Clair DeRocco and I am currently a senior at Holy Names Academy on Capitol Hill.

Next year I will be attending Western Washington University and will be focusing on a major in Graphic Design and a minor in literature.

Because my father, uncles and grandfather are all Seafair clowns, I have had the pleasure of growing up around the Torchlight parade. As a young girl I dreamed of being in a parade as a clown or princess wearing a tiara. Now because of you, it is my privilege to be a part of the Torchlight Parade representing the Italian Club. I am honored to be chosen to represent this fine group of Italians in the Seattle community.

I have always cherished my Italian Heritage and cannot wait to share it with the rest of the Seattle area.

I am also thankful for the scholar-

Gino and Joanne Marchese.

The luncheon will also feature the crowning of Clair De Rocco as Miss Italian Club, our Seafair princess.

The menu: Spinach mushroom salad, tossed in raspberry vinaigrette. Chicken Parmesan, with marinara sauce, roasted garlic potatoes. Dessert is chef's selection ... lunch includes rolls, beverage-coffee/tea. Cost is \$20 per person including taxes, and gratuities. Please bring a gift for the raffle. Parking is free in hotel garage.

Reservations A Must By Sunday, June 14th. Contact **Carolyn Jackson** at Srmaryhollywater@aol.com.

ship you have provided me with. It is very generous and will help my education pursuits at Western Washington University.



Claire DeRocco

My Grandfather, Italian Club member, **Ed DeRocco**, has always spoken highly of his Italian Club Family and I am excited to be a part of the Seafair festival.

Thank you for choosing me to represent our community, it truly means a lot to me.

Love,
Clair De Rocco

June Luncheon
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
11:30am

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Italian Club Scholarships – Winners Announced

By *Martin Nigrelle* (Italian Club Scholarship Chair)

The Italian Club will be awarding \$500 scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year to:

Kelsey Flones – daughter of **Jon & Wanda Flones**, Kelsey will be attending Holy Names Academy

Clara "Gianna" Merlino – daughter of **Nick & Lola Merlino**, Gianna will be attending Holy Names Academy

Dominic A. Peretti – son of **Rico & Dawn Peretti**, Dominic will be attending J. F. Kennedy High School

Congratulations to each of the recipients!

Next steps in the scholarship process:

September 2009:

- Award Certificates will be presented to the recipients @ the September General Meeting

- The recipients will be asked to read the letters that accompanied their application at the meeting

Winners at the May Meeting

Joe Sargent substituted for **Ron Roletto** in conducting the raffle. Thank you Joe.

Those who were the winners for the spirits, coffee cards and beer were:

Monte Marchetti, Jean Wolitz, Deborah Quien, Dot Whitney, Max Leone, Marty Negrelle, Ginny Grossi, Tina Conforti, Quinto Divitis, Lou Cella, Bill Picchena and Nick Grossi.

The May birthday winner was **Nick Grossi**. The name for the Progressive Prize was **John Merlino** who was not present to win. The jackpot goes to \$50.00 in June.

A Date to Remember Christmas Dinner Dance

SAVE THE DATE ... The Christmas Dinner Dance will be held December 19 at the Red Lion in Bellevue.

Chair persons are **Diana and Mike Kaczor**.

- Scholarship checks will be mailed to the appropriate schools

The qualifications each recipient needed to meet were 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.

Deadline Dates for Inputs to il Ficcanaso for 2009

Issue - Deadline

July & August---- no newsletter
September - August 31st
October - September 30th
November - November 2nd
December - November 30th

Membership News

By *Marty Marchetti*, Membership Chairman

The following persons were accepted into the Italian Club at the May meeting

Deborah Quien

7325 - 180th St. S.W
Edmonds, WA 98026

Deborah is an Escrow Assistant at Sargent Escrow in Lynnwood, Washington. She was born in Aberdeen, Washington. Her sponsors are **Carolyn Jackson** and **Barbara Peretti**.

Marie A. Dahlgren

6135 - 133rd Ave. NE.
Kirkland, WA 98033

Marie is retired and has lived in Kirkland 41 years. She was born in Seattle and has two children, Matthew and Sandra. Her grandparents were **Joseph and Mary Vivolo**. Her sponsor is **Dennis Caldirola**.

Welcome to the club!

A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER

Best Wishes and congratulations to the Graduates, the newly weds, the parents and grand- parents of the new born children and the special occasion that has or is going to take place. Love, blessing and joy.

It is difficult to believe that this is the last edition for a couple months. (I'm happy). If you have news you want to share, jot it down, call or send it on to me, we will be pleased to publish it in our September II Ficcanaso.

Many happy events will be happening and of course some not so happy. Our members are interested, concerned and there if needed. Let's keep in touch.

What's going on? This is what I have heard and been told. So let's get started.

Prayers and best wishes to our travelers for safe and happy trips.

Inez Fournio will be spending the next couple months in Italy.

Heard that **Bill Picchena** and family spent some time in Mexico.

Many of our members attended the Son of Italy Convention in Pasco, Washington: **Mari Betz, Ronnie Beyersdorf, Frank & Linda D'Onofrio, Gino & Joanne**

Marchese, Barbara Peretti, Paul & Sharon Pioli, Richard and Dorothy Whitney and Carolyn Jackson. It does get warm over there, but a good time was had by all

Ronnie Roletto, hope your trip was as great and safe as your last one, we want to hear about it.

That is, if you want to tell.

Margaret Marchetti, the proud wife of **Monte Marchetti** shared the news that Monte won the "Silver Eagle Award for Boeing" at a National "Oscar Award Ceremony the first part of May. Good going Monte.

Happy to hear that **Carmen Murray** is home and Margaret is taking good care of her..

Another member that is home and gaining back her strength is **Lena Boitano**. You both are in our prayers and thoughts. Take care and know that we miss you and think of you often.

Dolores Ashbaugh, hope all is progressing nicely with you. You are in our prayers, too.

I hear bells ringing, (I know what some of your are thinking, BUT) they're Wedding Bells. Congratulations and Best wishes to

Ron Santucci and his lovely Bride to be. God bless you both and many years of love and happiness.

Prayers and best wishes for the living. Now prayers and Eternal Rest to our deceased.

We were all sad to hear of the passing of our Honorary Life Member, **Fr. Pasquale Spoletini, S.J.**

Fr. Spoletini went peacefully to the Lord on May 21, 2009 in Spokane, Washington. Fr. Served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church. He retired to Regis Community in Spokane, but still kept his Seattle association.

We lost another past loyal member of The Seattle Italian Club, **Frank Franzini** on Monday, May 24th. His services were held on Monday, June 1st at Bleitz Funeral Home. May he rest in peace.

Time for good news: **Dr. Albert Sbragia** and wife **Dawn** have much to be happy and proud.

We congratulate and give kudo to their Son, Jack, who received the Paul Robinson Scholarship Athletic award

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT, June, 2009

By Dennis Caldirola

With the recent passing of Rose DeMatis and Fr. Spoletini, we are now down to a membership total of 246. This contrasts with a year ago when we had 259 members.

The following is a updated list of Club property:

- 1) One hand-painted chart of Past Presidents - Italian Club Office
- 2) One hammered brass plate - Italian Club Office
- 3) One 15" Bronze Football Trophy - Italian Club Office
- 4) One 3" tin statue of Romulus & Remulus - Italian Club Office
- 5) Eight Awards and Plaques - Italian Club Office
- 6) Old Ficcanasso issues, ledgers & photos - Italian Club Office
- 7) One office chair - Italian Club Office
- 8) Assorted Italian Club paperwork & records - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 9) One file of Reincorporation papers - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 10) One four-drawer metal file cabinet - Hiawatha Pl. Storage

- 11) Two propane burners and two propane tanks - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 12) 81 Bean Bowls, 98 Serving Platters, 130 forks & 144 spoons - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 13) Stainless Steel Cookware: two 24 qt. round pots with lids, one 16" colander, one 20" Fry Pan, three 14 qt. roasting pans (12"X18"X4"), 1 lid, two roasting pans with handles (24"X18"X8"), 5 pcs. kitchen tools incl. ladles - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 14) One suitcase with old club name badges - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 15) One American Flag with stand - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 16) One Italian Flag - Italian Club Office
- 17) One flag pole - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 18) One old & one new 8 ft. banner - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 19) One antique Roulette Wheel - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 20) One antique leather & wood chair - Hiawatha Pl. Storage
- 21) Various pieces of artwork donated by the Paoletta Family - H. Pl. Storage
- 22) One Lexmark Printer/Scanner/Copier - Nick Grossi

Attendees receive specially designed & embroidered scarf (Actual Size 60"W x 8"H)



**Wednesday June 24,
7:05pm**

*The Mariners & Verizon are
sponsoring Italian Heritage Night.*

3rd Annual Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage Night

By Martin Nigrelle

There is still time to get tickets.

To Obtain tickets:

• View Reserved (upper deck) and/or Field Level tickets may be purchased via the web at: <http://www.mariners.com/italian>



• or by phoning Yoko McCann of the Mariners' group sales office at: (206) 346-4001.

Ticket Pricing:

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

To be a part of the group, tickets must be purchased by 5:00pm, Monday June 22nd.

Beyond the discounted ticket pricing, the event includes:

- A specially designed & embroidered scarf,
- An Italian representative to throw out the Group First Pitch.
- During the game there will be an announcement on the main reader board regarding Italian heritage night attendees just after the 4th inning.

OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

Italian Opera

Gino Luchetti Performs Italian Opera All Summer Long

Gino Luchetti will be performing Manrico in Verdi's great opera, "Il Trovatore", on Sunday, June 7 @ 3 PM at the Admiral theater in Bremerton. (Note: The Admiral is only a few easy blocks to walk from the downtown Bremerton ferry terminal, in case you are coming from Seattle and would like to leave the car behind and walk on the ferry.) Kitsap Opera (kitsapopera.org) is producing the show.

Bloedel Reserve Concert

Gino Luchetti will be singing with Public Opera (aka Opera Night Singers <http://www.operanightsingers.com>) at the Bloedel reserve on Saturday, July 18 @ 7 PM. The Bloedel Reserve is a world famous botanical garden at the northwest tip of Bainbridge Island overlooking Agate Passage. It's a beautiful setting for a summer evening concert. For more information, please check out: bloedelreserve.org/pages/concerts



Gino Luchetti has been performing in the Pacific Northwest for over twenty years. Most recently he appeared as the tenor lead in Tacoma Opera's production of Donizetti's Viva La Mamma.

OUR CULTURAL PAGE

Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival

On Tuesday, July 28, Gino Luchetti will be reprising his role in last year's world premier performance of Daren Hagen's Cradle Song with soprano Christina Kowalski and the Finisterra Trio. Daren Hagen's works are being performed all over the world and next season, Seattle Opera will be staging his new opera Amelia. For details, check out: methowmusicfestival.org/

Bellevue's Maydenbauer Center

Last weekend of August Gino Luchetti will be performing Turiddu in Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana and Canio in Leoncavallo's I Pagliacci at Bellevue's Maydenbauer Center.

Festa Italiana

Gino Luchetti will also be at the Seattle Center for the Festa Italiana and is always enthusiastically received.

"It is really exciting when you hear opera up close and personal."





Bocce Ball



Christina Pirello, chef



Dick Contino



Nancy Grossi & Gino Luchetti

Week Of Festa Italiana Activities Begins September 12

Saturday, September 12
Traditional Mass in Italian
5 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church
2800 S. Massachusetts St., Seattle
Free Reception to follow.

Friday, September 25
"Taste of Italy" Wine Tasting
& Opening Reception
7 to 10 PM at Seattle Center.
Great wine, antipasto & live music

Tuesday, September 22
The Festa Italiana Luncheon
Gill Centioli Memorial Award to an
outstanding local Italian-American.

Saturday-Sunday, September 26 & 27
The 21st Annual Italian Festival
at the Seattle Center
Everyone is invited - Admission is FREE!

2009 FESTA ITALIANA LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

GARDEN COURT AT THE FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL

THE 2009 FESTA ITALIANA LUNCHEON WILL BE HONORING FRANK IERNIO WITH THE
GILL CENTIOLI MEMORIAL AWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING LOCAL ITALIAN-AMERICAN AND ALSO
RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

• 11:30AM: NO-HOST COCKTAILS • 12:15PM; LUNCHEON BEGINS

Make your reservations early! \$55.00 per person. Tables for parties of 6, 8 and 10 available.

I/We Wish to Attend _____

Number in Party: _____ Please Seat Me/Us at the _____ Table.

Number in Party Attending: _____ Amt. of Check: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make Check Payable to: The Seattle Italian Club - Mail Reservation to:
Brian DiJulio, C/O Washington Asset Management

10657 NE 2nd, Bellevue, Washington 98004 (425) 646-6630 or after 6pm at (425) 820-4424



Italian Club's Day at the Races

Join us for a day of food and fun....
Seattle Italian Club annual day at Emerald Downs

Saturday June 20th at 2pm

\$45 per person (including admission, tip sheet, and a sumptuous buffet lunch)
Turf Club Reserved Seating ... Tax and Gratuity. Valet Parking.

RESERVATION DEADLINE SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

Mail reservations to:

Joe Galluccio

7018 82nd Ave. SE

Mercer Island, WA 98044

(206-275-4688) to reserve your place.

LAST CALL!

Event Schedule

12:30 pm - Gates Open to the Public

1:30 pm - Handicapper Available

2:00 pm - The First Race

2:30 pm - Approximate Serving of Buffet

6:30 - Approximate Conclusion & Count your Winnings

Turf Club Buffet

- Chicken breast stuffed with contina cheese, peppers and spinach
- Roast salmon with lemon
 - Potatoes al gratin
- Seasonal buttered vegetables
- Spinach salad with honey apple dressing
- Assorted rolls and butter
 - Fresh fruit bowl
 - Assorted cake tray
- Coffee and tea service

Please Note: A business casual dress applies in the Turf Club, Denim jeans, T-Shirts, shorts and athletic are prohibited. Privileges will be denied to any guest considered inappropriately attired.

ITALIAN COMMUNITY PICNIC

Royal Arch Park

Sunday August 16th, 2009

Festivities start at 10:30am

20825 Maple Valley Road SE

8 miles East on Maple Valley
Highway 169

For more information:
italiancommunitypicnic.com

12:00pm - 2:00pm: Free hotdogs, free popcorn, free soda pop/water, free italian sodas and free cotton candy!

12:00pm - 3:00pm: Kids games, face painting, clowns. Moonwalk, Volleyball, Souvenir Sales Raffle Sales

12:00pm - 4:00pm: Classic Car Show

BOCCE starts at 12:30pm

1:00pm - 2:00pm: BINGO

1:00pm - 6:00pm: Karaoke by Julio

Dinner: Free

Final Raffle and door prize drawings



NEXT PICNIC

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

JUNE 2009	JULY 2009	AUGUST 2009
<p>4: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>17: IC Luncheon</p> <p>20: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> <p>24: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Chair Marty Negrelle</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>15: Feragosto, various locations</p> <p>16: Italian Community Picnic</p> <p>27-29: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>
SEPTEMBER 2009	OCTOBER 2009	NOVEMBER 2009
<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>12: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>22: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>25: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>26-27: 22nd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>8: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>12: Golf Tourney, Bear Creek Chair: Rosanna Bellotti</p> <p>24: Halloween Party for kids Mt. Virgin Parish (tentative) Chairs: Nancy Grossi and Andrea Petrone</p> 	<p>5: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>12: IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2007 officers</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>12: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: Molly Grossi</p> <p>19: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: Diana Kaczor Red Lion, Bellevue</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> 
MARCH 2010	APRIL 2010	MAY 2010
<p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> <p>TBA: Crab Fest</p> 	<p>1: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>8: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner</p> <p>21: IC Luncheon</p> 	<p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm (Back to Thursday night schedule)</p> <p>No IC Luncheon in May</p> 



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Visit our new website at:
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An Evening with Anthony Bourdain and Mario Batali

An enthusiastic sold out crowd filled the Paramount Theatre on May 20 as Anthony Bourdain and Mario Batali discussed the world of restaurants, chefs and cooking. Proud parents **Armandino and Marilyn Batali** enjoyed the show and dined with Anthony and Mario after their performance. Armandino is Italian Club past president (1998-99).




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