

## General Dinner Meeting

Thursday - November 12  
Mount Virgin Church Hall

## Past Presidents Luncheon

Wednesday - November 18  
Mount Virgin Church Hall



Happy Thanksgiving!

# il Ficcanaso



November 2009

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

### President Corner

## A Caring Tradition



By Anna Popovich

As Thanksgiving approaches we sit back and think of all the things we can be thank-

ful and grateful for ... and especially my faith in God which guides me each day.

Some of the things I'm grateful for are the men and women serving our country ... and family and friends who are always there for you. This always brings us back to our Italian heritage whether it was to help raise a child who lost a parent or having dinner together on Sundays.

In the years I've been with the Italian Club, I've found the caring tradition and willingness to help one another very gratifying. We love being together that's why our meetings are well attended.

During this holiday season I wish you a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Past Presidents' Luncheon Set for Wednesday, November 18

By Carolyn Jackson, Luncheon Chairperson

It's that time again, when we will be honoring the past presidents of the Seattle Italian Club. We were founded in 1920 and 49 loyal members have served as President of the Italian Club.

Prior to the merger of the Women's Auxiliary 36 Gracious Ladies served as Presidents of the Women's Auxiliary Italian Club.

To the past presidents, female and male, and their spouses, you are invited to be our guests at lunch on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Courtyard, Marriott, Lake Union, 925 Westlake Ave. North in the Puget Sound Room.

11:30 A.M. Social, 12 Noon -Lunch. All members and guests are welcomed. Lunch price is \$23.00.

Reservations are a must with Carolyn Jackson, (206) 725-9405

or email [srmaryhollywater@aol.com](mailto:srmaryhollywater@aol.com).

Reservation deadline is Friday, November 13th. Door Prize donations are most welcomed.

Committee Chairpersons will also be the guests of the Club.

You will note that we are not having monthly lunches. It was decided to have them quarterly, so please try and attend.

The menu will be northwest salad,

chicken parmesan, mashed garlic potatoes (gravy on the side), rolls/butter, dessert and coffee/tea.

Please all, a reservation made is a reservation paid. Thank you.



**Deadline Dates for Inputs to il Ficcanaso for 2009**

**Issue - Deadline**  
December - November 30th

## General Dinner & Meeting

Nominee Committee will present the nominees and, nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers

**THURSDAY, November 12**

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

**Dinner at 6.00PM ...**  
Followed by the general meeting.



## Children's Santa Breakfast

**Children's Santa Breakfast on Saturday Morning December 12, 2008**

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## Past Presidents Luncheon

**WEDNESDAY, November 18**

**11:30am**

**The Courtyard by Marriott**

**925 Westlake Avenue North**  
Seattle, Washington

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Children's Christmas Party: **Molly Grossi**  
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## Seattle Arts & Lectures brings Isabella Rossellini to Seattle on November 18 - 7:30 pm - Benaroya Hall

Whether you know her as the daughter of actress Ingrid Bergman and director Roberto Rossellini, the face of Lancôme cosmetics, the nightclub singer in Blue Velvet or Alec Baldwin's ex-wife on 30 Rock, you know Isabella Rossellini excels at whatever role she sets herself to—no matter how bizarre. Take for example her latest endeavor, a series of short films she has written/directed/

starred in, which use hand-made paper sets and costumes to elucidate the quirky reproductive habits of insects and marine animals. She'll discuss the series, her family, and her career at Benaroya Hall.

Tickets are available through Seattle Arts & Lectures' website, [www.lectures.org/rossellini.html](http://www.lectures.org/rossellini.html), and by phone at 206.621.2230.

## Coming Soon - November 17-21! The New Italian Cinema Festival

By Mike James, President, Seattle-Perugia Sister City Association

Save those dates on your calendar now, get your Film Festival tickets early, and remember, at the Festival we'll be selling raffle tickets for a roundtrip (for 2) to Perugia with a seven night hotel stay. Only \$5 a ticket! We'll have the tickets available all through the Film Festival. The drawing for the prize will take place on the last night of the Film Festival, November 21.

We've worked hard, with Seattle International Film Festival, New Italian Cinema Events (N.I.C.E.) of

Florence, Pagliacci, and many others, to bring this annual festival of new Italian films to Seattle (N.I.C.E. also presents the festival in NYC and San Francisco). Let's show that Seattle will support this important cultural and film event, and make it an annual occasion here! Order your tickets now!



For more information and ticket information, check our Seattle-Perugia web site: [www.seattle-perugia.org](http://www.seattle-perugia.org) or call **Mike James** at **206-669-5791**.

## Columbus Day By Tina Conforti, il Ficcanaso field reporter

Although Columbus Day is a federal holiday with postal service and federal government offices closed, only certain states recognize Columbus Day with special activities.

Many states with a large Italian population recognize Columbus Day with parades and school closings.

In Chicago, Columbus Day was observed on October 12, 2009 with a mass and wreath laying ceremony in Arrico Park followed by a grand parade of 140 floats through the heart of the city from Balbo to Monroe Street. Many local political figures, Italian organizations, school

marching bands, and a large constituency of Italian-Americans march in the parade. This year, the parade marshals included Ernest Borgnine and Larry Manetti of "Magnum P.I." fame. A young woman of Italian



heritage is selected to be the Queen of the Columbus Day Parade along with a court. The parade is broadcast on the local ABC station. It is a wonderful tradition.

I often think how it would be grand if the Italian-Americans and Italian-American organizations from Washington State could organize a parade or other event to locally commemorate Columbus Day. Well, that would be nice!

Time flies, can't believe it's already November and another issue of the *il Ficcanaso* is ready to go to press. So what have I heard and what has been reported for publishing?

Heard these, so thought I would start with a little bit of humor, "self-delusion is pulling in your stomach when you step on the scale" yep, I've done that. One more? "When did my wild oats turn to prunes and all bran?" Enough? No .... Then one more: "if god wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees." Now down to some news re our members.

Congratulations to **Joe and Loretta Starkovich** on their golden wedding anniversary. The celebration was held at the Maple Wood Golf Club in Renton on Saturday, October 17. We wish many more years of loving and sharing happiness Joe and Loretta. God bless you both.

Received an email from **Carole Bishop** thanking the Halloween committee for "the wonderful party" she noted her granddaughters had a ball. For our column she informed us that she would be traveling to San Antonio to spend time with her sister and brother-in-law, playing a lot of tennis, a little golf and devouring a lot of that great Tex/Mex food. Enjoy Carole.

Happy to see **Ron Roletto** at the Hal-

loween party. He said his trip with his cousins **Mona and Al Nelson** was great. Mona, **Stella Oakes'** daughter, had never been to the south west and enjoyed all the sights and history of the area. They didn't miss a thing.

Good news: Congratulations to **Joe Sargent and Deborah Quien** on their engagement. Joe popped the question at The Canlis with a romantic dinner and a picture of the ring. Good going sweeties, lots of love and happiness. I want to be the flower girl.

I will be traveling to San Francisco the first part of November, no; I didn't leave my heart there, going down for a meeting and a little playing.

Our ex officio chaplain, the very rev. **Paul Magnano** traveled to San Francisco visiting family and friends. He is a very busy person, we appreciate the time he shares with our Italian Club activities.

The Past Presidents and Committee Chairpersons Luncheon will be held on Wednesday November 18. All members and friends are invited. Cost is \$23.00. Past presidents will be called, a signup sheet was passed around at our last meeting and will be sent around again at our November 10 meeting. Reservations are a must by Friday, November 11. A reservation made is a reservation paid. The luncheon will be held at Courtyard, Marriott ... free parking, an elevator to

the lobby. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Door prize donations appreciated.

**Gov. Rosellini's** 100th birthday celebration has been moved to January 2010. He's in good spirits and looking forward to the big day.

Many of our members and their families have been under the weather: **Barbara Peretti** with severe laryngitis. Also in our prayers and thoughts, **Lena Boitano, Madeleine Borda, Carmen and Margaret Murray, Gene and Inky Merlino, Reita Romei, Vito Chiecchi, Verna Colella, Earl Hoffa, Dorothy and Dick Whitney's** daughter. To all, take care and stay healthy.

Congratulations to **Nick and Ginny Grossi** on the birth of their seventh grandchild, William. Born on October 9 ... Proud parents are **Chris and Barrie Grossi**.

If you have any news, please call or email me. We're happy to share it with our members.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Inspirational wisdom: "Only Robinson Crusoe could have everything done by Friday." And on that note, I'll say bye, see you at the meeting.

Stay happy and healthy.

*Carolyn E. Jackson Aka Sister*

## Children's Halloween Party A Howling Success

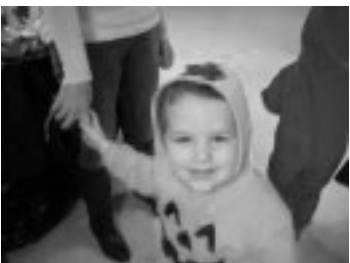
*By Nancy Grossi*



The Halloween party was a Howling success. Despite a lower than expected turn-out the people who did attend loved it. The decorations, food and games were boo-tifully wonderful. And it could not have been accomplished without the help of several people in

our club. So a monsterously huge thank you goes out to **Carolyn Jackson, Joe Grossi, Ron Roletto, Michael Troiani, Orly and Velva Salterelli, Nick and Ginny Grossi, Ramona Durham** and the co-chair **Andrea Petrone**.

A new sense of party style has been set by Mrs. Petrone. She has a great flair with her hauntingly mystical decorations and fun food choices. If you did not come this year mark your calendars for next year because you will not want to miss it ... We dare you!





# HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

**Saturday December 19, 2009**

Evergreen Room, Red Lion Hotel

1211 Main Street

Bellevue, WA 98004

No Host Cocktail Social Hour 5:30 PM

With gaming



DINNER 7:00 PM

Dance to the Fantastic Music of  
The Emerald Bards Band

## MENU

### *Starter*

Classic Caesar Salad

### *Entree*

Rosemary and Cracked Pepper Roasted Prime Rib  
Served with AuJus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce  
Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

### *Dessert*

Deep dish apple pie  
Freshly Brewed Coffee Regular and Decaf  
with  
Assorted Herbal teas

**\$55.00 per person**

All Reservations with Check must be in no later than Tuesday December 15, 2009.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Send To

Mike and Diana Kaczor

2616 West Lynn St.

Seattle, Wa 98199

Phone 206-232-7880

## Nomination for 2010 Officers

Chairperson **Dorothy Whitney** has presented a list of new officers that will be placed in nomination at the November 12 meeting.

Members of the nominating committee are: **Dorothy Whitney**, chairman, **JoAnne Lazzaretti** and **Brian DiJulio**.

*President:* **Anna Popovich**

*Vice President:* **Monte Marchetti**

*Secretary:* **Dennis Caldirola**

*Treasurer:* **Joseph Galluccio**

*Trustees:*

**Tom Grossi**

**Michael Lazzaretti**

**Dianna Lafornera**

*Two returning Trustees for their second year are:*

**Dianna Kaczor**

**Martin Nigrelle**

Past President, **Brian DiJulio**

Any member can make additional nominations from the floor at the general meeting provided the nominee is present to accept the nomination or the nominee has previously consented in writing to accept the nomination.

## Golf Tourney

### Lot's of Fun ... and, A Hole in One

Chairman **Brian DiJulio** reports that the tourney was a huge success ... everybody had a great time. There were 26 players, tons of prizes and lots to eat, and, oh yes, **Kathleen Berman**, **Brian DeJulio's** sister-in-law had a hole in one.

Big thank you's to *Isernio Sausage, Krispy Kreme, (Gerard Centioli), Borracchini's Bakery, Paulson Investment and Washington Asset Management, Anna Tucci and Italia Imports/LaVazza Coffee, Seattle University Alumni Association, Multus Tech, and RS Mutual Funds.* And, a special thanks to Larry the chef at Redmond Ridge who made an outstanding meatball and pasta with both a cream and marinara sauce. The event raised over 800 dollars for the Seattle University baseball team! Great day all around!



*Brian DiJulio and Kathleen Berman celebrate Kathleen's hole in one.*

## Local Italian-American Soprano to Sing With Met Opera Tenor!

Seattle Italian-American (daughter of Vincent LaSalle) and Pavarotti Competition winning soprano Pamela, her international baritone-bass husband Craig Nim, and select singers from Lyric Opera Northwest will share the stage with leading Metropolitan Opera tenor Eduardo Villa in a pair of fundraisers for the non-profit opera company in a pair of mid-November concerts.



The concerts are on Saturday, November 21, 7:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church (University Dist., 5050 8th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105), and Sunday November 22, 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish (Queen Anne Hill, 205 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109). The latter concert also raises funds for Sacred Heart Parish. Suggested donation is \$25/person at the door.

## Membership News

*By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti*

The following people were accepted into the Italian Club by a unanimous vote:

**Patricia Dilettare**

**Eleanor and Kenneth Manni**

**Judith Ann Seth**

**Gerald Casey, Jr.**

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

Two new applications for membership to the Italian Club were received from:

**Linda Lee Madrid**

12404 - 19th Place W.

Everett, WA 98204

She is assistant manager at Chico's in Pacific Place. She has one son and a daughter and her grandfather and grandmother are from Calabria.

**Amber Healani Ferrese**

2211 Federal Ave. E.

Seattle, Wa 98102

She is a stay at home Mom with a son and is married to Vincent Ferese.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Italian Club Membership Applications Available**

*To receive a membership application form please contact:*

**Monte Marchetti**

Phone: 425-255-2641

**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 ...**



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.

**Winners**

The birthday winner for Sept. was **Bob Popovich**. The spirits, coffee cards, beer and dinners were won by: **Gemma Thielges, Michael Troiani, Ray Petre, Paul Pioli, Deb Quien, Monte Marchetti, Barb Galluccio, Delores DiVitis, Quinto DiVitis, Marty Nigrelle, Robert Rupp, Mary Zorotovich, Marei Dahlgren, Lou Cella, Nick Grossi, Dot Whitney and Mary Hoffa.**

The Progressive Prize of \$100 was won by **Bob Popovich**, who was present. The jackpot now goes back to \$25 in November.



**Sign Up for Children's Santa Breakfast**

Santa Christmas Breakfast . . . **December 12, 2008**

For reservations, please call **Molly Grossi** at 425-557-2847 or send by email to: **mtgrossi@aol.com**

Greeters will be ready to receive all guests at 8:30 A.M. with freshly baked cinnamon rolls right out of the oven, juice for children and freshly brewed coffee for the adults. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 A.M. prepared by the Lewis family.

After breakfast, the children will gather to sing and listen to stories while we wait for Santa to arrive. The atmosphere will be very festive with **Nick Grossi** playing Christmas songs on the accordion.

Each family will be asked to bring a gift for a child, baby or teenager, unwrapped, to be donated to the Forgotten Children's Fund. All gifts must be new.

Thanks, and we hope to see you there! The breakfast will again be held at:

**North Shore Senior Center, 10201 East Riverside Dr. - Bothell, WA. - 206.487.2441**

Children of members only must be of age 1 to 10 and one parent must be a member of the Italian Club. Grandparents are welcome . . . Please remember this event is for members only.

**Bring a gift for a child, baby, or teenager, unwrapped**

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ boy or girl \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Italian Club Calendar of Events

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

Meetings on SECOND Thursday of the month, Mount Virgin Church Hall

**Luncheons:** 11:30 PM at Marriott Courtyard (925 Westlake Avenue North) are held quarterly

**Social Hour 11:30, Luncheon 12 Noon**

**Finance and Bylaw Meetings:** 7 PM at IC office

**Trustee Meetings:** First Thursday of every other month

NOVEMBER 2009	DECEMBER 2009	JANUARY 2010
<p>5: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>12: IC General Meeting - 6pm Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p>18: Past Presidents Luncheon</p> 	<p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6pm</p> <p>12: IC Christmas Children's Party 8:30AM - Chair: <b>Molly Grossi</b></p> <p>19: IC Christmas Party, 5:30PM Chair: <b>Diana Kaczor</b> Red Lion, Bellevue</p> 	<p>14: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6pm.</p> 
FEBRUARY 2010	MARCH 2010	APRIL 2010
<p>4: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>11: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm.</p> 	<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> 
MAY 2010	JUNE 2010	JULY 2010
<p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6pm</p> <p>No IC Luncheon in May</p> 	<p>3: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6pm</p> <p>17: IC Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p> <p>TBA: Baseball Night, Safeco Field Chair - Marty Nigrelle</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>No Meetings</p> <p>No <i>il Ficcanaso</i></p> 
AUGUST 2010	SEPTEMBER 2010	OCTOBER 2010
<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>	<p>2: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting, 6 pm</p> <p>TBA: Festa Italiana Mass</p> <p>TBA: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>TBA: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>TBA: 22nd Annual Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>14: IC General Meeting Dinner 6pm</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tourney, Redmond Ridge Trilogy Golf Course</p> <p>TBA: Halloween Party for kids Mt. Virgin Parish Chairs: <b>Nancy Grossi</b> and <b>Andrea Petrone</b></p>



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### Children's Santa Breakfast

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