

General Dinner Meeting

Thursday - December 9, 6:30pm
Mount Virgin Church Hall

Christmas Party
Sunday, December 12
Embassy Suites, Tukwila



Merry Christmas - Buon Natale

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President Corner *By Anna Popovich*

In Their Own Words



At this time of the holiday season we want to reflect on the many blessing we all shared this past year.

A special prayer for all those who are no longer with us. God bless the men and women serving in our armed services. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Buon Natale

Below is an article by **Orlie** and **Velva Saltarelli** the sixth in our series allowing those active members of our club, who have been with us 35 years or longer, to tell their stories in a new column called *In Their Own Words*.

In Their Own Words

Memories *By Husband and Wife, Orlie and Velva Saltarelli, 1975 - 35 years*

Why did we feel the desire to join the Italian Club? Was it because cousin Lizie and Sal Casal invited us to a meeting? In 1975 **Gene Merlino** was president and for a program he was showing colored slides of his involvement with Seafair.

Or was it in 1970 we came in

third place with our home-made wine at the Sons of Italy first wine contest and joined that organization, or was it?

Jim Santora, a member of both clubs, and seeing Orlie every-day working at King County, he showed him (Orlie) how to play golf and his wife Evelyn teaching Velva how to play golf as well. It was a happy experience for us even today.

We were installed as president in January 1983. It was the custom to serve a full dinner for all the members at this meeting. The location was the Swedish Club. The worry was how many were going to attend and was it going to snow.

At our regular monthly meetings, the Ladies Auxiliary members **Sandra Hansen** and **Aida Rosso** would purchase salami, ham, cheese, salads, rolls and cookies and present the bill to the men's club president. After the meeting we would all eat together.

This Christmas Holiday reminds us of the first Christmas luncheon. President Orlie

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Past Presidents Honored at Luncheon

By Carolyn Jackson

The Past Presidents and Committee chairperson luncheon was a happy success.

Thirty-seven festive and sharing members enjoyed the atmosphere, the food and just being together.

I, personally, thank all of you that attended, brought door prizes and were understanding.

Fr. Paul Magnano was one of our special guests. Father is now pastor of our new downtown parish, "Christ Our Hope Church". He promised, if able, to attend some of our meetings and luncheons. You're a busy man, Father, and we appreciate when you are able to attend. Thank you Father for sharing your time, wit, and spirituality. See pictures on Page 5.



General Dinner & Meeting

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Followed by the general meeting
& Election of Officers

Progressive prize ... \$75

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Chairman Joanne Marchese

NO DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Next Luncheon Scheduled for
March ... Details to Follow

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Orlie and Velva Saltarelli *Continued from page 1*

came into the ladies meeting in November and invited all the ladies to come and bring their families to the Hyatt Hotel for a joint Italian Club Christmas luncheon. A small fee was charged for entertainment. We asked **Bill Benedetti** and **Tony Yazzolino** for some Italian Christmas music. We were pleased to see our 275 members enjoying each others company. It would be another year before the women would be invited to come to the monthly luncheons at Latitude 47 restaurant.

We only served one year due to Orlie's work load at the County and Velva not being Italian. Orlie became secretary and collected dues for the next eleven years. Velva became membership chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary.

By this time we both played golf at Foster Golf Course. Being chairmen we were assisted by **Earl Hoffa** and **Jim Santora**. **Mary Hoffa** and I became great

sandwich makers and served pop, apples and cookies on the ninth hole. Somehow until then women could only play last and only nine holes. That all changed when we chaired the tournament. **Estelle Di-Julio** with her four handicap, opened a few eyes. Women could also play golf. A small dinner was served when the golfers finished their game. Up stairs in the club house they served meatballs, pasta, salad and cookies. Later the scores and winners would be announced.

In Memory of **Sheila Hundtermark** we made a promise that we would always have a children's Christmas party with Santa. We are there to help. We look forward to the Halloween party and watching the children. They are our future for the Italian Club. Because of our friendship and love for the Club our grand niece-in-law, **Audrey Manzaneres** joined the Club to be with us. *Happy Holidays.*

Election of New Officers Set for December Meeting

By Dorothy Whitney, Chairwoman

The nominating committee chaired by **Dorothy Whitney** presented the slate of officers to the members at the November meeting.

There were no nominations from the floor. We will vote on the slate of officers at the December meeting. They are as follows:

President - **Monte Marchetti**

Vice President - **Marty Nigrelle**

Secretary - **Dennis Caldirola**

Treasurer - **Joe Galluccio**

Trustees - **Ron Alia & Barbara Peretti**

Trustees returning for their second year are - **Tom Grossi, Michael Lazzaretti, and Diana Laforvara**

Past president - **Anna Popovich**, ex-officio

Membership News

By Membership Chairman Monte Marchetti

An application for membership to the Italian Club has been received from:

Phil Segadelli
10905 Maiden Lane
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

He is a retired teamster and has been a resident of Bainbridge Island for 14 years. He is married to Terry and has a daughter Alison. His grandfather Francisco Segadelli is from Bardi.

At the November meeting the members of the club approved the membership of **Daniel Moreni, Sue Moreni, Michael Croce and Kristy Thorn.**

Welcome to the Italian Club!

Congratulations are in order to **Monte Marchetti**. President **Anna Popovich** announced that he brought in 33 members into the club in two years.



Dear Members and Friends: It seems just like yesterday we were busy shopping, baking and making plans to celebrate with our loving family and friends

the beautiful birthday of Christ on Christmas day. This year is no different, again on our TO DO LIST, we will love, give, share, pray and remember.

A blessed and loving Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We had quite a November and can you believe, December activities are about to begin. Hope you have made your reservations to attend ALL the events. The Children's Santa Christmas Breakfast on the 4th, at the new location, Northcut Landing. During our meeting on the 9th, there will be the election of our new officers for the coming year. Then the Adult's Happy Holiday Dinner on the 12th of December at the Embassy Suite, Tukwila 4 to 8 P.M. WOW, I'm tired already.

Heard from **Carol Bishop** that she would be spending Thanksgiving with family in San Antonio, Texas. We were sorry to hear that she had an eye injury, Carol is an avid tennis player and of all things she said she got whacked good during a lesson, but hopes to be able to play while in San Antonio. We'll say a prayer for you Carol so you will be able to play and give the ball a good whacking back.

Our Sympathy is extended to **Kristi Branze Thorn** and family on the loss of her Father, **Joe Branze**. Joe was the cousin of **Orlie Saltarelli** (I also was a classmate at Mt. Virgin Grade School with Joe and Orlie).

Prayers and condolences to **Carolyn Jackson** and family on the sudden loss of her son, **James M Jackson, Jr.** We both thank the members, families and friends for their support, prayers and being there during this difficult time. You are all wonderful.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Art and Dorothy Oberto took a little R & R at their place in Mexico. Welcome back, hope you had a great time and enjoyed the sunshine while we were enjoying (?) the SNOW. (Yes, I know, envy is a sin).

Mary Hoffa took the train and spent Thanksgiving with her family in Portland.

Heard the **Ruppins** would be heading south, wishing you a safe and fun trip **Bob and Antonette**.

We all missed **Martin Nigrelle** at our last meeting, but he and his fiancé, Kacy were enjoying a little well deserved R & R. We want to hear all about the where, when and what Marty.

Many of our members have been under the weather, her, don't have all your names, but be assured we have you in our thoughts and prayers.

Let's remember our home bound

members and friends, we all are busy, but try not to be too busy to call, mail a card, think and pray for them. We know how we feel when a person makes an effort to brighten our day.

During this special time of the year, let us all thank God for our families, friends, health and His many blessings.

Dear members and friends, another year is slipping by and will soon be history, may your Christmas be filled with joy and special memories. Wishing you and yours the LOVE, PEACE AND HAPPINESS that the true meaning of Christmas brings.

Going thru my clutter of STUFF, I found this,

"The Work of Christmas Begins"

When the song of the Angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone. When the Kings and Princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flocks. The work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to rebuild nations, to bring peace among the people and to make music in the hearts of all.

A HAPPY, PEACEFUL, LOVING AND HEALTHY 2011.

BUON NATALE

One more time, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year ... love you all.

The Christmas informer,

Carolyn E. Jackson,

Sistermaryhollywater. AMEN.



Golf Tourney Big Success!

By Brian DiJulio, Chairman

We had a great golf tournament at Echo Falls, back on Sept 16th, with 32 players in attendance, and raised over \$1,300 dollars for the Seattle University Baseball Team for the 2011 season!

Thanks so much to the following sponsors: Frank Isernio, Isernio Sausage; Gerard Centioli, Icon LLC.; Chris DiJulio, Lincoln Moving & Storage; Matt and Pat

DiJulio, Western Van & Storage; Anna Tucci, Italia Imports; Gina Batali, Salumi; and Cy Ghaemi, Multustech Corp.

Also congrats to all our winners, particularly Joe Sauvage, Mike and Kevin Reed and Bob Bengtson, shooting a combined 61 in the scramble event!

See you all next year, same time, same place!

Italian Proverbs

Cane che abbaia non morde.
The dog that barks doesn't bite.

Casa senza fimmina 'mpuivisci.
(Sicilian proverb)

How poor is a home without a woman!

Chi ben comincia è a metà dell'opera.
A good start is half the battle

Chi non fa, non falla.
Those who do nothing, make no mistakes.

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FINAL NOTICE!

**HAPPY HOLIDAZE
DINNER**



**Embassy Suites, Tukwila
Sunday December 12, 2010**

Time: 4 to 8PM Social: 4 to 5PM

Dinner: Prime Rib _____ Baked Chicken _____ Baked Salmon _____

Served with Rice and Hot Vegetable, Salad, Desert, Coffee, Tea

NO-HOST BAR

\$50.00 per person.

**Reservations with checks (payable to Italian Club of Seattle)
must be made by Wednesday, December 8, 2010.**

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____

Send To : Joanne Spino Marchese
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Past Presidents of the Italian Club



Left to right: Dominick Driano, Tony Facciuto, Orlie Saltarelli, Lou Cella, Nick Grossi, Brian DiJulio, and Franco Tesorieri.



Left to right: JoAnne Lazzaretti, Anna Popovich, Velva Saltarelli, Barbara Peretti, Marylou Leone, Joanne Marchese, Mary Hoffa, and Carolyn Jackson.

STRUFFOLI ... These little, ball shaped cookies are a holiday favorite for many Italian families. They are sticky but delicious.

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 cups oil
- 1 cup honey
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 Tbs powdered sugar



Directions

1. Place the flour in a large mixing bowl and make a well in center.
2. Add the eggs and salt to the well and knead until smooth.
3. All the dough to rest for 10 minutes.
4. Roll the dough out on lightly floured board until 1/4 inch thick.
5. Cut the dough into 1/2 inch strips, and then cut the strips into tiny pieces 1/2 inch long.
6. Shape these tiny pieces into balls.
7. Heat oil to 350F.
8. Drop the balls into the oil a few at a time.
9. Cook until lightly golden, turning them constantly with a wooden spoon.
10. Remove balls and drain them on paper towels.
11. Combine the honey and sugar in a saucepan and boil over low heat about 2 minutes, stirring constantly.
12. Add fried cookies, 1 cup at a time, and cook in honey syrup, stirring constantly, for 1 minute.
13. Remove and put the cookies on a flat plate to cool.
14. Sprinkle with powdered sugar as soon as they are cool enough to handle.

Note: Traditionally the dough is made on a table top by putting the flour and eggs on the table and mixing them. This is a bit too messy for my tastes. To better control the quality of the struffoli keep them small. Struffoli will stay fresh for weeks if they are kept in a cool, dry place.

OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

Christmas in Italy...

Countless foreigners travel to Italy during the Christmas season, and while they thrill to midnight mass in St. Peter's Square, they often complain that Italy is "not very Christmasy."

This is certainly true if you're looking for brightly-lit fir trees, red and green window dressings or plaster reindeer. And although Epiphany, celebrated on January 6th, may actually be a more important holiday than December 25th, the Italians love this season so much that they commemorate it for an entire month, beginning on December 8th.

The period between mid-December and early January was one constant celebration even in pagan Rome. It began with the Saturnalia, a winter solstice festival, and ended with the Roman New Year, the Calends. After Emperor Constantine adopted Christianity, instead of ending the holiday at the New Year, the celebration extended to January 6 when the Three Kings were believed to have reached the infant Jesus, and so the Romans, too, began to exchange presents on the Epiphany.

Today in Italy, Christmas trees are decorated, but the focal point of decoration is the Nativity scene. Italians take great pride in the creation of the manger, which was a sort of clever publicity stunt thought up in 1223 by St. Francis of Assisi, who wanted to involve the peasants

in celebrating the life of Jesus. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City possesses a presepio from Naples that contains figurines carved from wood and dressed in garments of satin, along with 30 gold-trimmed angels of the Magi, all framed by majestic columns.

Bagpipes are the most common Italian Christmas sound. The zampognari, the shepherds who play the bagpipes, come down from their mountain homes at Christmas time and

of sheepskin vests, leather breeches, and a woolen cloak.

The tradition of bagpipes goes back to ancient Roman times. Legend says that the shepherds entertained the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. Today, the zampognari perform their own private pilgrimage, stopping before every shrine to the Madonna and every Nativity scene.

Children in Italy believe in a female version of Santa Claus called La Befana, an old woman who flies on a broom and brings presents. According to Italian legend, Three Wise Men asked La Befana for directions to Bethlehem. La Befana was asked to join them but declined three times.

It took an unusually bright light and a band of angels to convince La Befana that she must join the Wise Men, but she was too late. She never found the Christ child and has been searching ever since. On January 6, the Feast of Epiphany, La Befana goes out on her broom to drop off stockings filled with treats to all the sleeping

children of Italy. Just as children in America leave milk and cookies for jolly Santa Claus, La Befana collects messages and refreshments throughout the night.



perform in the market squares.

The playing of bagpipes is popular in the regions of Calabria and Abruzzo, and in the piazzas of Rome. The melodies played are adapted from old hill tunes. Modern zampognari wear the traditional outfits

Italian Club Calendar of Events

General Meetings: Dinner (\$5.00 charge) followed by meeting at 6:30PM.

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, unless otherwise noted

DECEMBER 2010	JANUARY 2011	FEBRUARY 2011
<p>4: IC Christmas Children's Party 9:00AM, Tom & Nancy Grossi</p> <p>9: IC General Meeting/Dinner Election of Officers IC, 6:30PM</p> <p>12: IC Christmas Party, Sunday at Embassy Suites, Tukwila Chairman Joanne Marchese</p> 	<p>13: IC General Meeting/Dinner Installation of Officers 6:30PM.</p> 	<p>3: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM.</p> 
MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011	MAY 2011
<p>10: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM.</p> <p>TBA: Crab Feed</p> 	<p>7: Trustees Meeting</p> <p>14: Thursday - IC General Meeting/Dinner, 6:30PM.</p> 	<p>12: IC General Meeting/Dinner 6:30PM</p> 
JUNE 2011	JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011
<p>2: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>9: IC General Dinner Meeting, 6:30PM</p> <p>16: IC Luncheon, Carolyn Jackson, Chairman, Courtyard at Marriott</p> <p>TBA: Horse Racing at Emerald Downs, Chair - Joe Galluccio</p>	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>TBA: Seattle Mariners Italian Heritage Night, Chairman Marty Nigrelle</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: Ferragosto, various locations</p> <p>21: Italian Community Picnic</p> <p>25-27: Festa Italiana - Portland</p>
SEPTEMBER 2011	OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011
<p>1: Trustee Meeting</p> <p>8: IC General Meeting, 6:30PM</p> <p>10: Festa Italiana Mass Carolyn Jackson, Chairman</p> <p>TBA: Golf Tourney</p> <p>20: Festa Downtown Luncheon</p> <p>23: Festa "Taste of Italy"</p> <p>24-25: Italian Festival at Seattle Center</p>	<p>8-9: Great Italian Festival, Reno, NV</p> <p>13: IC General Meeting Dinner 6:30PM</p> <p>29: Halloween Party for kids</p> 	<p>10: IC General Meeting - 6:30PM Nominations will be taken from floor for 2010 officers</p> <p>16: Past Presidents Luncheon, Chairman, Carolyn Jackson</p> 



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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



HAPPY HOLIDAY DINNER

Our annual Christmas holiday dinner social event will be held Sunday, **December 12, from 4PM to 8PM** at the Embassy Suites, Tukwila. Save the date and put it on your calendar. **Joanne Marchese** is the chairman. See page 4.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Dennis Caldirola

As usual, notices for 2011 membership dues will be mailed out the first week of December. Notices will not be sent to those who have been voted into the Club since September 1, 2010 nor to those who have Honorary Membership or Full Life Membership. Those sixteen members will receive their 2011 membership cards shortly. Once again, we should acknowledge the last living Full Life Member, **Luigi Borda**, who joined the Club in 1949. Congratulations, Lou!

Since 1989, members who have attained Life Membership pay 1/2 dues or \$25. To qualify, you must be over 70 years of age and have been a member for 35 years. Our records show that out of 250 members, 46 currently have Life Membership status. If you think you qualify, call the Italian Club office at (206) 282-0627 and have that information verified.

If you plan to attend the December meeting, you can save yourself and the Club 44¢ each by paying your dues in person and having your membership card issued immediately.

Vi invio i nostri più sentiti auguri di Buon Natale.

Winners *by Nick Grossi*

The birthday winner for November was **Ginny Grossi**. Spirits and coffee cards were won by **Michael Lazzaretti, Dick Whitney, Paul Pioli, and Barbara Peretti, Lou Carosino, Delores DiVitis, Dot Whitney, Max Leone, Diana Warczak, Judy Lewis, Lou Cella, Helen Carrosino, Lou Fontana, J. P. Sargent, Joe Galluccio and Monte Marchetti.**

Turkeys were won by Nils Seth, Sr. Perri, Remo Borrachini, **Kimberly Carrosino, Tom Grossi, Dominic Bever, Max Leone, Jim Di-Julio, Jr., Jerry Lewis and Gemma Thielges.**

The Progressive Prize would have been won by **Linda Desimone** but she was not present. The Jackpot for December will be \$75.00.

Need a Ride?

Trustee **Diana Laformara (425-827-4728)** has offered to give a ride to the meetings to anyone on the Eastside who needs one.