

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**March 14, 2024  
6:00 PM  
CASA Italiana  
Burien, WA**



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day  
&  
St. Joseph's  
Day*



March 2024



# il Ficcanaso

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## Message from the President

Ciao Amici!

What a fabulous night we had for the Crab Dinner!! Almost 180 people attended and were treated to a dinner prepared and cooked by our new Chef, Trevor Pogue. He knocked it out of the park with a new pasta recipe and freshly chopped salad. I am so thankful he stepped up to the plate this year and cooked for us. O'Dea students helped us set up, and Quentin Nyblood (Diana Kaczor's grandson) and his friend helped served as well as other members Glenn Suggs, Angela Wright, Gus & Kim Marquez, Jean Wirch, Steve Fontana, and Mike Croce who stepped up at the last minute. Paul Pioli did a great job as our bartender this year!! I'm very grateful for the help of Joe Piccianoo, Jason Kaczor, and Marty Nigrelle as well as Anna's weekly calls to make sure I remembered this, that and the other thing. I am including a link to Trevor's blog, I hope you enjoy it as much as I do: <http://meatballamericano.substack.com>.

I'm looking forward to the coming of Spring. Jason Kaczor and I are in the midst of planning a club outing to the Tulip Festival in April. Let us know if you would be interested in going. *(continues on page 2)*

## Secretary's Report

by Dennis Caldirola

At the February meeting, the members voted on the application for membership from Vince Driano, son of member Dom Driano and brother of member Andrea Driano, and he was accepted into the Club unanimously. This means our records show that we are back up to 140 members in good standing, of which 107 have already paid their dues for 2024. As per the bylaws, a second notice of dues "past due" was mailed out February 15th to the 33 members in arrears. They have until the middle of April to stay in the Club and be included in the biennial 2024 Club Roster, which is a fancy word meaning published once every two years.

If you plan to attend the March meeting in person, please note that it will be at 6 PM Thursday, March 14th, and you can save yourself and the Club 68¢ each by paying for your dues in person.

Good news from the Health & Welfare team who paid a visit to member Bill Picchena in The Gardens at Town Square, an assisted-living facility in Bellevue. Bill was in good spirits and was delighted to see them.

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Health & Welfare.....Gemma Thielges

Festa Italiana Luncheon

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New Membership ..... Dennis Caldirola

Parliamentarian.....TBD

Scholarship .....Diana Kaczor/

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### *(President's Message continued)*

It will be during the week and weather-dependent.

June 11 is Italian Night at the Mariners. Make sure you read Marty's article and buy your tickets early.

We are looking for advertisers for the newsletter as well as our 2024 Roster which will be distributed in June. Please see the rate sheet included in this issue.

This month our dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14. Casa Italiana will be catering our dinner that night. I hope you'll join us.

Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions comments or concerns. I am here for you.

Con Amore e Affetto

Audrey

### *(Secretary's Report continued)*

When he saw the ad for the Crab Feed in il Ficcanso, he said that was his favorite annual event and remembered that for many years, he was the bartender there. In light of this occasion, the Officers and Trustees of the Italian Club have unanimously voted to give Bill Honorary Life Membership.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day (Patron Saint of Sicily and Father's Day in Italy).



## 2024 Crab Feed Gallery



Full House. Close to 180 people



Thank you to the O'Dea students who helped set up



Our Fabulous Bartender Paul Pioli

## ADVERTISING RATES — 2024

### ADVERTISE IN A TRULY UNIQUE ETHNIC PUBLICATION

The Italian Club has been in existence for over a century. When originally founded, it was an organization of Italian immigrants, primarily in professions who wanted to network and do business together.

The Italian Club of Seattle welcomes members of all ages, nationalities, and backgrounds. All that is required is a desire to socialize with folks who have an interest in "things Italian."

The *il Ficcanso* is the official publication for The Italian Club of Seattle.

#### Advertising Details:

- Ads & Logos scanned no extra charge.
- Sizes other than those listed here are also available.
- Something to say or sell but don't know how to say it? We can offer advice and suggestions!
- Payment is due before publication.

For more information, contact Dennis Caldirola, Secretary, [dennis@festaseattle.com](mailto:dennis@festaseattle.com)  
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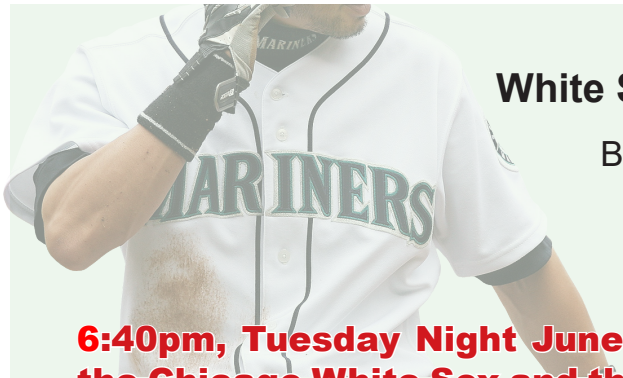
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### Roster Ads 2024: Roster Advertising or Memorials

Full page back or front \$100; Full page inside ad \$75

Half Page \$50; Business card \$25



## White Sox – Black Shirts!

By Martin Nigrelle



**6:40pm, Tuesday Night June 11th, 2024 the Mariners will be hosting the Chicago White Sox and the annual Mariners' Italian Heritage Night.**

Come out & sit together with your friends & family to cheer the Mariners on to a win!

This year the Mariners have set out a challenge: The more tickets sold for our event, the greater the perks. Perks such as: Group First Pitch, Bocce in the Sod Farm, an Italian singing the National Anthem. We have enjoyed each of these extra activities in the past. In order to do so again, we need to show the Mariners how big our group can be.

One perk that is already in place this year; a give-away item. A custom designed black T-shirt will be available (while supplies last) to each of the people who buy their tickets for this special event.

Event pricing for the event this year: Field Level (aka: "100 level") seating: \$27.00

View Level (aka: "300 level") seating: \$17.00

Let's make it a night to remember, put on our black shirts & send the White Sox packing, see you there!



## Health and Welfare

**Ray Niolu** had foot surgery in January

**Paul Pioli** joined us for the January Meeting

**Bill & Margaret Ward** attended the January meeting with their son Guy

Presented by Festa Italiana & Greg Olson Productions

## VIVA ITALIA! The Passion of Italian Cinema

Classic Italian film festival; a feast of cinematic  
splendor



***SIFF Cinema Uptown Theater, in Seattle's lower Queen Anne neighborhood, February 28th through April 24th 2024***

See life as a human comedy, embrace beauty, feel deeply, pursue the sweet life with Italian gusto. Festa Italiana and Greg Olson Productions present a series of nine films that illuminate the golden age of 1960s-1970s Italian cinema, when traditional ways of thinking and behaving were challenged by liberated artistic, philosophical, political, social, and sexual ideas and norms.

Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm, February 28 – April 24 at the SIFF Cinema Uptown Theater in the heart of the lower Queen Anne restaurant district. Uptown concessions include wine, beer, coffees and teas.

Tickets sold online, no refunds. Ticket fees apply.

<https://thestranger.boldtypetickets.com/events/146592950/viva-italia-the-passion-of-italian-cinema?ref=ebtn>.

March 13: La Notte (The Night)  
March 20: Il Sorpasso (The Easy Life)  
March 27: Rocco and His Brothers  
April 3: Mamma Roma  
April 10: The Conformist  
April 17: Investigation of a Citizen Above Suspicion  
April 24: La Grande Bellezza (The Great Beauty)

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## ICoS Calendar

### March 2024

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- 10th Seattle Fedele Lodge John Croce  
Homemade Wine Festival. Mt.  
Virgin - contact Italian Club Member  
Mike Croce with any questions
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for April  
*il Ficcanso*

### April 2024

- 11th ICoS General Meeting
- 25th Input Deadline for May *il Ficcanso*

### May 2024

- 2nd Trustee's Meeting
- 9th ICoS General Meeting
- 12th Mother's Day
- 26th Input Deadline for June  
*il Ficcanso June 2023*
- 27th Memorial Day

### June 2024

- 13th ICoS General Meeting
- 16th Father's Day
- 11th Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners

### July 2024

- 4th Independence Day  
No *il Ficcanso* this month

### August 2024

- 8th ICoS General Meeting
- 18th Italian Community Picnic  
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley  
No *il Ficcanso* this month

### September 2024

- 1st Italian Day at the Races, Emerald  
Downs. First race 2 PM.
- 2nd Labor Day
- 5th Trustee's Meeting
- 12th ICoS General Meeting
- 20th Festa Luncheon, SYC
- 14th Festa Mass in Italian 5 PM
- 28th & 29th Festa Italiana Italian  
Festival, Seattle Center
- Oct. 2 Input Deadline for *Oct il Ficcanso*

### October 2024

- 10th ICoS General Meeting
- 29th Input Deadline for Nov. *il Ficcanso*

### November 2024

- 7th Trustee's Meeting
- TBD Auburn Annual Veterans Day  
Parade
- 14th ICoS General Meeting
- 28th Thanksgiving
- 27th Input Deadline for December  
*il Ficcanso*

### December 2024

- No ICoS General Meeting
- 10th Past Presidents Dinner
- TBA Special Mass at Our lady of Mt. Virgin
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Input Deadline for *il Ficcanso*

### January 2025

- 9th 6:00 Board Meeting
- 12th 2:00 ICoS General Meeting
- 29th Input Deadline for February  
*il Ficcanso*

### February 2025

- 2nd 2:00 ICoS General Meeting
- 9th Superbowl
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 22nd Crab Feed
- 29th Input Deadline for March *il Ficcanso*

## ITALIAN CLUB MEETINGS

**March General Meeting  
will be held at 6 pm,  
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Dinner starts on the hour,  
with the meeting to start 30-  
45 minutes after, along with  
prize drawings at

**Casa Italiana, 13028 1st  
Ave S, Burien, WA 98168**

### Trustee Meetings:

Next Trustee Meeting,  
Thursday, March 7th at 6  
PM

**View the  
All-Community  
Calendar at:**

[www.casaitalianacc.org/  
calendar/public/](http://www.casaitalianacc.org/calendar/public/)





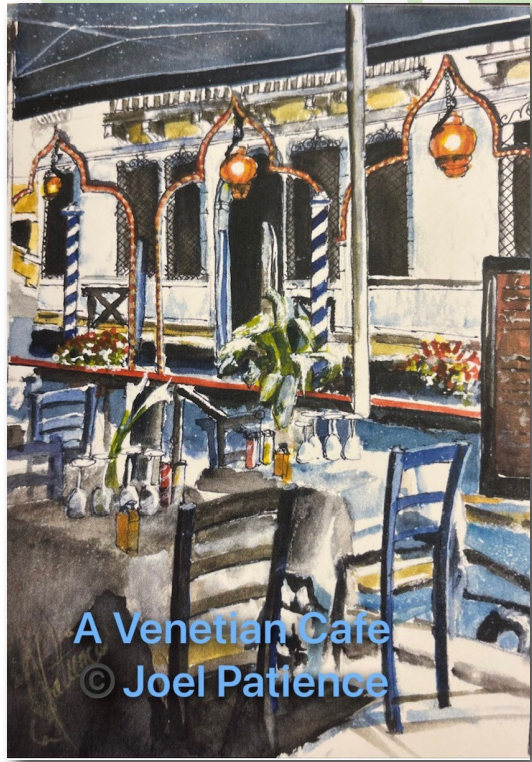
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