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## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson

## **Coming Events!**

Saturday, April 30 Friendship Tea, Vancouver USA #2690 info: Linda Gibson (760)450-8057

Saturday May 14 1-3 pm Italian Day in Black Diamond The Black Diamond Museum. The Black Diamond Son's and Daughters of Italy lodge 1809 looks forward to seeing you. Tour the Museum, purchase some raffle tickets and meet some new friends ... Lenny Folino 206-696-5800

Sunday, May 15 Vancouver USA #2690 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Contact: Frank Palandrani (360)576-0453

Saturday, May 21 Spring Grand Council Embassy suites, Lynnwood, WA Contact Dot Whitney (206) 527-3235

Saturday, June 4th Bella Vita Lodge #2285 Hood to Coast Relay Checkpoint Volunteers needed! Info: Sophia Risorto 760-333-7964

Thursday, June 16, 7:10pm Our Italian Heritage Night with the Mariners. T-Mobile Park, Price TBD Contact: Jeff D'Amelio 206-251-0536

Saturday, June 25, 9 AM - 4 PM GLNW Bocce Tournament Les Gove Park, Auburn WA Contact: Ronnie Beyersdorf wb7tbg@aol.com See app on page 4

Sunday, July 17, Noon-4:00pm Olympic Peninsula Lodge ##2733 Annual Picnic, Lincoln Park 1900 W. Lauridsen Blvd, Port Angeles RSVP Yvonne Schipani, 317-709-7443

Sunday, July 17, beginning at 1:35 pm Tacoma Rainers baseball game Cheney Stadium, Tacoma, WA \$15.00 per ticket, reserve seat Hot Dog. Chips & Bottle of Water Tickets/Info: Tony Anderson atony@harbornet.com

Coming Events Continued on backpage.



**B**uona Pasqua Brothers & Sisters, Happy Easter to all. I hope you are starting to get out, get involved, and be with other Sons and Daughters of Italy members. I can see that more and more events and opportunities to be with one another are happening.

A special thanks again to all of our Grand Lodge officers that made our annual Crab Dinner a success. And thank you to everyone who supported us. It was hard work but it was also a lot of fun not to mention, tasty

Take a minute to read through the entire NWIN and at Coming Events. I know many lodges are planning picnics as well as other events. If you're having an event please remember to get it put into the coming events, so everyone will know.



Bocce is back. The Grand Lodge is sponsoring a bocce tournament Saturday, June 25th in Auburn. An application with details is in this newsletter. Also, remember that April 15th is the deadline to apply for the Grand Lodge Scholarships.

Our Spring Grand Council is May 21, 2022. The meeting will be at the Embassy Suites in Lynwood, WA. 20610 44th Ave West, Lynnwood, WA, 98036, and the cost for lunch will be \$30.00. Please mail your check to Dorothy Whitney 4516 48th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105-3824, There will be a meat option and a vegetarian option as well. Grand Council Officers, Lodge Presidents, Deputies & Guests please contact Dorothy Whitney for further details...206-527-3235. Now that you have elected your new officers, be there for them; share your ideas and get involved. Let's all work together to have fun and a successful community embracing its Italian culture.

Ancora una volta, Buona Pasqua e ci vediamo presto. Dio ti benedica. (Again, Happy Easter & we'll see you soon. God Bless).

Fraternally, Linda Buccini Anderson **GLNW-President** buccini@rainierconnect.com 253-225-2483



### Alta Monte <u>#2513 Eugene, OR</u>

The Alta Monte lodge would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua!

We hope everyone is doing well and starting to enjoy the nice weather. Our lodge is making plans to start getting together soon and looking forward to seeing all our members and their families.

Betty Martin-Petti, Rec. Sect

#### American-Italian Club <u>#2172 Spokane WA</u>

## Ciao a tutti,

"Aprile, ogni goccia une barile" ~ April, every raindrop a barrel of wine.

Our attendance for our March meeting (our second face-toface meeting) grew and we are looking forward to increasing member attendance now that Covid restrictions have eased. It was so nice to gather with our members again. Everyone was so giddy with excitement that it took several raps of the gavel to start the meeting.

The March meeting was a formal business meeting. Our Officer's initiation took place with State Deputy and club member Ansano Guintini officiating. Also, on the agenda was the discussion of a new meeting location, day, and time. Our February and March meetings were held at the newly built Shadle Park Library. A survey was sent out to the membership and the majority of those polled voted for a weekday meeting between 5~6pm with a potluck. We are still looking at different venues somewhere centrally located that will accommodate our needs.

Club member and Mistress of Ceremony, Georgia Seeberger, spoke briefly about the historical origins of our Lodge #2172. Georgia also shared with us her own family's historical contributions to the foundations of our lodge. Her father, George Dimico, was part of the Executive Board which brought forth the motion that women be allowed to join the lodge. It was met with a lot of opposition, but after several years women were allowed to be members of Spokane Lodge #2172. Grazie Mille George Dimico! We hope to continue sharing our members' family histories in future meetings. It's fascinating to hear everyone's family origins and stories!

Future fundraising and new committees were discussed. We would like our Member Ambassadors to create a video about the AIC and our Lodge to share as a presentation to new and prospective members.

The Brothers and Sisters of Spokane Lodge #2172, wish all of you and your families Buona Pasqua and Happy Egg Hunting! "The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies"- Kate McGahan

Buona Pasqua, Respectfully submitted Linda Marcus, Lodge #2172 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

## Amerigo Vespucci <u>#1814 Aberdeen, WA</u>

Well, Spring is upon us, and it is a time of hope and joy as Amerigo Vespucci lodge is together again for meetings and activities. We had a fun and tasty St. Patrick's Day-themed potluck at our March meeting. Of course, it included corned beef and cabbage. The meeting and installation of new officers followed. Mark and Patty Percini were presented with pins for their years of service to the Amerigo Vespucci



Lodge. The new lodge officers for 2022 are President-Richard Luzzi, Vice President-Vera Kay, Orator-Judith Braddon, Past President-Mary Jane Rogers, Financial Secretary-Kris-

tine Finazzo, Treasurer-Patty Percini, Recording Secretary-Connie Chicano, Sentinel-Joe Cornell, Trustees-Eva To, Mark Percini, Joe Chicano, Ted Daniels, Mike Furth. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge members Vera Kay, Mary Jane Rogers, Joe,



and Connie Chicano are attending the Cle Elm Spaghetti, on March 19th.

We are proud to share that Ava Rector, daughter of lodge members Troy and Gina Rector, and granddaughter of Mark

and Patty Percini – also lodge members, recently achieved second place in the Washington State DECA high school competition at Meyden Bauer Center in Bellevue. The hardworking sophomore from Edmonds-Woodway High School competed in a field of ninety in the category of accounting. The contestants completed a series of written tests and conducted case studies and oral presentations in front of a panel of judges. The competition wrapped up on March 4th. The results were announced on March 5th, much to the surprise and delight of Ava, her parents, her sister Alana, and her grandparents.

For her outstanding effort, Ava garnered a berth to the Nationals on April 23-26 in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition is sponsored by the International Career Development Conference (ICDC).

Aberdeen lodge was deeply saddened by the passing of longtime member Peggy Baretich on January 31, 2022. She will be greatly missed and long remembered for her kindness, service, and delicious Italian cookies that she always made for the lodge bake sales. Sons and Daughters of Italy Amerigo Vespucci Lodge 1814 is grateful for the donations given to the lodge's scholarship fund in memory of Peggy Baretich Many thanks go out to Nicole Evenson for her dedication to the submission of the monthly news articles over the past years, as she passes the role over to me.

Amerigo Vespucci's next meeting is on April 21, 2022, at St. Mary's Church in the fellowship hall. Potluck at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

As Nicole always concluded: "Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici-We cannot have a perfect life without friends."- Dante

Judith Braddon

#### Auburn <u>#1955 Auburn, WA</u>

It is good to be back having live meetings again as we did on March 11th at the Holy Family Church Hall. Our next meeting will be live at the Holy Family Church Hall on the 2nd Thursday of April 14th.

Congratulations to all the new Auburn Lodge #1955 officers who were installed at our March 11, 2022, meeting: President Francesco Ortenzo, VP John Partridge, Immediate Past Pres Dan Chicketti, Orator, Barbara DeCaro, Secretary, Ronnie Beyersdorf, Fin Sec. Michelle Binetti, Treasurer, Debbie Sonstelie, Trustees, Joanne McDaniel, Lina Gagnon, Frank Scarsella, Phil Celver, Joe Ripollone, Mistress of Ceremonies, Sharon Lufkin, Mistress of Ceremonies, Carolyn Jones, Sentinel, Natale Stella, Bartender, Sam Kamphaus

The Auburn officers were installed by National Officers 5th Nat VP Tony Anderson and National Trustee Rosetta Beyersdorf. This is the first time that National Officers Installed



the officers of a local lodge in the GLNW. (State Pres Linda Anderson and State Deputy Dot Whitney were excused for other engagements)

Friday, March 11th our Auburn Lodge member Salvatore Perry was laid to rest following a funeral service at the Holy Family Church in Auburn. Salvatore served 21 years in the US Air Force he was a retired Sgt. He then worked and retired from the Boeing Co. He married his wife Janis while stationed with the US Air Force in England. They raised their family in Auburn WA. Sal is survived by his wife Janis and daughter Linda both Auburn Lodge members, daughters Vicky and Jennette, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Rest In Peace. Sal.

Auburn members are reminded that your annual dues of \$35.00 per member are due on January 1, 2022. You can pay by mail with a check payable to the Auburn Sons of Italy for \$35.00 per member. The mailing address is Auburn Sons of Italy, P.O. Box 1224, Auburn, WA. 98071-1224.

Here is the link for paying the Auburn Lodge dues OSDIA #1955 for 2022 online. Dues are \$35.00 per member. Please list the full name of each member whose dues are being paid online. https://Auburn-sons-of-Italy.square.site for Auburn SOI dues.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, Secretary, Wb7tbg@aol.com or 206-478-3876

If you have paid your dues thank you as many members have paid. If you do not pay your dues by April you can still reinstate your membership by simply paying your dues as noted above.

Important Auburn Coming Events

The Auburn Lodge will hold our annual Auburn Picnic on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at the bocce courts in Les Gove Community Park in Auburn. Please mark your calendars. There will be bocce games and plenty of shade trees. Also, the Auburn Farmers Market will be going on at that time nearby. Grand Lodge Northwest Bocce Tournament

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, there will be the Grand Lodge of the Northwest Bocce Tournament at the bocce courts at the Les Gove Community Park. Applications will appear in the NWIN starting this issue. There is a limit of 16 teams and this is an open tournament to all teams. The entry fee is \$100.00 for a 4, player team. FYI, The Auburn Bocce Club tournaments on March 19 and 20 both sold out. Also, I spent all day at the Les Gove Park gym for the first of the two-day Auburn Bocce Club and Auburn Parks and Recreation bocce tournaments which both sold out and we had return money. Saturday was the 2 person doubles tournament with 24 teams. Sunday will be the Washington State Bocce Championship tournament with 16 teams. Just FYI Ronnie, Auburn Lodge Scholarship Applications, Ronnie Beyersdorf.

The applications for the Auburn scholarships are now available with the deadline for submittal set at April 15, 2022. Please comply with the requirements noted on the application form. Applicants must be an Auburn member, son or daughter of an Auburn member, or grandsons or granddaughter of an Auburn member.

Contact Ronnie Wb7tbg@aol.com or 206-478-3876 cell for applications. I can email them or mail them to you. Sunshine committee, Please pray for our sick and aging members and for the people of Ukraine.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporter.

Wb7tbg@aol.com or 206-478-3876

The Grand Lodge of the Northwest welcomes our new members to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America!	Grand of Northwest Sons & Daughter of Italy in America Date: Open Bocce Tournament, Saturday, June 25, 2022 Location: Auburn Parks & Recreation Bocce Courts. Les Gove Park Auburn WA 910 9 <sup>th</sup> St SE, Auburn. WA 98002 Entry Fee: \$100.00 registration cost per team (4 person team) Lunch meal included. Also morning coffee and rolls and bottled water. Menu: Sausage and peppers, pasta and potato salad, food prepared by Prizes: Medals for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place finishes. Format: 1 <sup>st</sup> Round play – Round- Robin format (each team plays a minimum of 3 games) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Play – Single Elimination Time 8:00 AM Check In 9:00 AM Start of Tournament play		
<u>Bellevue Lodge</u> Darlene Marasco			
<u>Olympic Peninsula</u> Armando Muggia			
<u>Mille Cugini</u> Marcella Maile Grace Maile	Registration: Complete form below and return by Thursday, June 16, 2022 or until sold out. Make checks payable to <b>GLNW</b> (Grand Lodge of Northwest) \$100.00 Mail to. GLNW Sr State Deputy Ronnie Beyersdorf 1440 25 <sup>th</sup> St SE		
McCoskey Francine Zornes Robert Jacoby			
<u>Amerigo Vespucci</u> Margaret Young	Auburn, WA 98002 Team/Lodge Name		
<u>Tacoma Lodge</u> Rick Bertioa Bob Fazio Judy Reha	Player Player Player Player	Name           1           2           3           4	Phone #
Welcome! Benvenuto!	Team Captain:    Cell#      For information:    Contact Ronnie Beyersdorf 206-478-3876 or      Wb7tbg@aol.com		
ALTA MONTE LODGE NO. 2513 <i>Eugene, OR</i> Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month <b>ST. THOMAS CHURCH</b> 1465 Coburg Road, Eugene Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM General Meeting - 7:00 PM <b>Scott Tommaso, President</b> <u>altamonte2513@gmail.com</u> www.glnw.org/altamonte.htm		AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172 Spokane, WA Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM INLAND NORTHWEST WILDLIFE COUNCIL 6111 N. Market Street Spokane, WA 99208 509-487-8552 Judy Anselmo, President 509-496-0031 judy/andyke@hotmail.com Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary 509-891-0916 smarcus2@centurylink.net	AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814 Aberdeen, WA Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month 6:00 PM Social, 6:30 Dinner, 7:00 PM Meeting ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER 306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA Richard Luzzi, President (360) 637-9193 Buttons575@AOL.com

### **Bella Vita** #2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti e Felice Primavera! Bella Vita's March meeting was held at Mercato Ristorante in Olympia. What a joy to see each other and share a good meal! Next month's meeting will be at McLane Grange, 931 Delphi Rd SW in Olympia. We'll meet at 5:30 for appetizers, dinner at 6:00 then the business meeting will start at 6:30. Please remember to bring a raffle prize and a dessert or treat to share. Sophia has asked for ideas on presenting Italian culture as a regular feature at our meetings. Some suggestions are: tell us about your heritage, the region your family is from, a favorite recipe, or a book/ movie that others may be interested in. Maybe you have a favorite memory or photo to share or just an interesting piece of Italian news.

Jerry Patten's memorial service was held on Saturday, March 12. Several of our members were able to attend and honor Jerry. We send a big Grazie to all who brought desserts for the reception. In other club news, we ask for prayers for Pam Daudet"s husband Tom who had a stroke recently and is in the hospital as of this writing. Sophia has called a board meeting on Thursday, March 31st at 5 pm.

The Bella Vita Board will meet at Mercato Ristorante, 111 Market St NE, Olympia to discuss the budget needs for our lodge, possible fundraisers, a summer picnic, and meal planning for future meetings. Please watch for a reminder email and plan to attend if you are an officer. Speaking of officers, Vera Kay is now our fifth trustee. Grazie Vera! Calling all volunteers! Our next fundraiser will be the Hood to Sea Relay on June 4th in the Hoquiam area. Details will be emailed as soon as we have more information. We will staff checkpoints and assist the athletes as needed. The relay participants really appreciate our support so please save the date for this fun event.

Have you seen our new website? It's up and running! Just go to Bellavitalodge.com and take a look. Let us know what you think. Thank you Tony Giannotti for making this happen! Does your family celebrate Easter Monday? In Italy Easter, Monday (known as La Pasquetta) is part of the Easter holiday celebrations that are celebrated across Italy. It commemorates

the risen Jesus' meeting with his disciples on the day after he was resurrected. Easter Monday is a public holiday in Italy. Many organizations and businesses are closed so it is a popular time to take short breaks or picnics in the countryside with friends and family. Easter eggs in Italy symbolize fertility, renewal, and life thus Easter Monday games include egg races. Buona Pasqua e Pasquetta a tutti!

Dianne Stefanini and Donna Cristofaro

## **Bellevue** #2377, Bellevue, WA

I would like to thank Linda Caputo and Linda Jacobin, (the Lindas), for filling in for me last month while I was away on a family vacation to Hawaii. It's nice to know that there are talented writers who are willing to fill in when needed. That's pretty much the story of the Bellevue Lodge, talented people always willing to step up and help out. At our March 3rd meeting we discussed that we currently have 34 members. Currently, there are 3 members with outstanding dues, which unfortunately means that if their dues are not paid by the end of the month, per OSDIA bylaws, they will be dropped at the end of the month. So if you haven't paid yet please so do so. You can even pay online at https://bellevue-sons-of-italy. square.site. We don't want to lose you.

Our President Mary DeMatteo Sangalang brought up that we need to do is an audit of the Lodges' finances, so the head trustee will organize an audit with the treasurer and three trustees. One of the major contributors to our finances is the sale of car wash tickets, which are a great deal at \$5 because it would cost \$11 to buy at Brown Bear locations. But prices of everything have been going up, so the Lodge had to make a very tough decision to raise the price to \$6 or 10 for \$50. We won't be raising the prices until we order more tickets, so you can still take advantage of this awesome deal or wait and still get a pretty good deal. In sunshine news, Georgina Cone recently underwent treatment for cancer, but her cancer is now in remission.

That's great news. Georgina, we hope to see you again soon. Rachelle Edgar had cataract surgery and is recovering nicely. Our Lodge meeting was Linda Caputo's birthday. Happy birthday Linda. And lastly, Laura Cosacchi's son Connor

## **AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955** Auburn, WA

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month Doors Open at 6PM for Social Hour Meeting at 7:00PM Dinner and Raffle following HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL 505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002 **President Francesco Ortenzo** 206-769-8563 / ortenzo@gmail.com **Recording Secretary Ron Beyersdorf** 206-478-3876 / WB7tbg@aol.com



Sons of Italy, Bella Vita Lodge **Olympia Washington** 

## **BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377** Bellevue, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month / Social: 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM / Meeting to Follow

> **UNITY CHURCH** 16330 Northeast 4th Street Bellevue, WA 98008

Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, President (425) 649-2250 / collectingroots@msn.com

Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec. (425) 746-2487 / guerrini@aol.com

played the Irish National Anthem for the Irish parade down 4th Avenue in downtown Seattle on Sunday, March 13th. With COVID restrictions now easing, our Lodge had a discussion about when we will have meetings in person again. It's been over two years since we've met, and we're all very eager to get together.

The Zoom meetings have been an important way to stay connected when we could meet in person, but they're not the same. Some brought up concerns that even though COVID levels have subsided, there's still some uncertainty. Before we can have a meeting we will need to talk with Bellevue Unitarian Church to find out the availability of the hall and their meeting policies. This will give us some time to monitor the situation and decide together as a Lodge. We are compiling a history of the Bellevue Lodge and would like to ask if anyone has anything that might be relevant to send to Michele Guerrini or Mary DeMatteo Sangalang.

Our next Lodge meeting will be our Lodge Christmas party on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Buon Cannoli!

Greg Osgood

#### Black Diamond #1809, Black Diamond, WA

#### Buona Pasqua

Heartfelt greetings for an Easter of reflection with prayers for recovering peace and camaraderie between nations in a global society of pandemic and political stress. The Black Diamond members strive for compassion, love, and patience in anticipation for a spring season when joining together may, once again, be feasible. In fact, we invite you to our first proposed in-person event at 1-4 pm on Saturday, May 14. The Black Diamond Museum is hosting an Italian Day and has requested our participation to honor the 85th year since Black Diamond Lodge 1809 was chartered.

We eagerly announce our new Board of Officers who are invested in the positive spirit maintained during the past two years of remote lodge operations: President Janice Malvesti-Cole, Vice President Janet D'Agosto Gill, Immediate Past President Marlene Palazzo, Past President/State Vice President Leonardo Folino, Orator Mitch Gill, Recording Secre-

## BLACK DIAMOND LODGE NO. 1809 Black Diamond, WA

Meets the 2nd Friday of each month Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

> BLACK DIAMOND COMMUNITY CENTER 31605 Third Ave (SR 169) Black Diamond, WA 98010

Marlene Palazzo, President (253) 631-3659 marlene.palazzo@seattlecolleges.edu tary Janet Furlan Henkel, Financial Secretary Joan Verzani Woodruff, Treasurer Tom Cole, Trustees Barbara Benedetti Newton, Jay Newton, Dan Shelton, Lisa Shelton, Harvey Woodruff, and Sentinel/State Trustee Darrell Vacca. We are excited to introduce you to President Janice Malvesti-Cole and her incredible family story of adversarial cultures that enhanced perspectives for enrichment, rather than controversy. Greetings to all members of the Black Diamond Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge #1809. I want to reach out and say that I am excited to serve the members of our Lodge as your president.

My husband Tom and I have been members since 2018. We have been married for 15 years and we both have a passion for travel. I am Italian from my father's side of the family, and Native American and Finnish on my mother's side. The majority of my Italian side of the family live in the greater Boston, Massachusetts, area after my great grandparents immigrated and settled in Quincy, Massachusetts, from Sulmona (Abruzzo Region), Italy. Tom and I have traveled to Italy several times and have been lucky enough to visit Sulmona twice. We planned to make Sulmona our home base for a trip in December of 2020, but this was canceled due to Covid. I hope to go back again within the next year.

I am also enrolled in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. My mother, Roberta, was born on our tribe's reservation. This dynamic does bring forth pause for me when it comes to things such as Columbus. I have always felt conflicted, but I hope my Indigenous and Italian heritage will open constructive dialogue and bring a different perspective on a passionate topic.

We have all endured two years of disruption, uncertainty, and additional stress as a result of this pandemic. For some, fear may have been and still is a relevant factor. For others, fatigue and a desire to move beyond our current state may be the focus. We all process stress, change, grief, and uncertainty differently. I encourage each of us to keep this in mind in the months ahead as we decide whether to meet in person or via zoom is discussed. I would like to gauge everyone's comfort with meeting in person and/or continuing via zoom. Please feel free to email me to let me know if you feel comfortable meeting in person or would like to continue meeting via zoom. I would also like to ask everyone to think about fun-

## CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280 Bremerton, WA

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./ Potluck-6:30 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.

> VFW HALL 190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4243 Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President (360) 373-4341 / <u>habpal@hotmail.com</u>

GLNW On-Line: www.glnw.org

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968 Meets the 2nd Sunday of Each Month

Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m. Meeting follows CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH 201 East 3rd Street Cle Elum, WA

Cheryl Ficele, President (509) 674-5318 / ficelec@hotmail.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 361 South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361 draising ideas and/or events for our lodge - I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. The sense of community is the reason Tom and I decided to join the Black Diamond Lodge,



and I look forward to this year as we celebrate the lodge's 85th Anniversary.

Janice Malvesti-Cole, President Past Vice President, Black Diamond Lodge #1809 Founded in 1937

### Cataldo #2280, Bremerton, WA

## Hello everyone!

Cataldo Lodge keeps on moving along. "Let's Do Lunch" is still on hold but we're hoping to have that soon. We were treated to a wonderful meal by Linda Buccini Anderson and Tony Bisceglia Anderson. A beautiful pairing of pasta with vodka sauce and sausage with a side of bread and salad. Other members filled it in with additional items; deserts, salads, cheeses and olives, tuna rolls, beans, etc. Officers were installed at our meeting. It was great to install 2 new officers Don Giamona and Nick Wancowicz. There are still some positions open such as master and/or mistress of ceremonies and recording secretary. Although Roberta Karosich is not an elected officer she provides us with wonderful prayers and support as our Chaplin that we appreciate very much.



We also learned that President Bill Haberstock is the longest-running lodge president within the GLNW of 11 years. He and his wife Jackie are two of the very hardest workers in our lodge. Thank you, Bill.

Jackie Haberstock put togeth-

er some reader boards for the national charities that we support which included as well as information about St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick (who was Italian),. Also reader boards for Help our Military Veterans and Alzheimer's symptoms, Autism, Cooley's anemia, and charities in general. As our lodge

## MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659 Marysville, WA

http://marysvilleosia.org info@marysvilleosia.org

Marysville Historical Society Museum 6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA 98270

Patrick Jacoby, President (425) 478-0757

Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary (425) 892-5441 Meets the 3rd Friday of each Month 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting Potluck Dinner following meeting OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE NO. 2733 Port Angeles/Sequim, WA Meets the 3rd Sunday

of each month at 1:30 PM

Bethany Pentecostal Church 508 S. Francis St, Port Angeles WA 98362

Steven Bridge President <u>imonit@wavecable.com</u> 360-808-2989

hosted a raffle with the funds to go to our National Charities of \$120.00. Also, our donation jug for national charities is getting heavier with folks chipping in funds on that as well.



We also learned that Frank Lara's daughter passed away. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to Frank and his family. Special guest included James Karosich, Darlene Haberstock, Alivia and Joseph Haberstock, Gina Natucci, Deb Stastalute, Linda Buccini and Tony Bisceglia Anderson. April's Chefs of the month are Steve Lebeda and Ioe Clem-

April's Chefs of the month are Steve Lebeda and Joe Clementi. They will be serving pizza.

Birthday congratulations for March are for Cindy Davis. Buon Compleanno Diane Clementi

## Cle Elum <u>#1968, Cle Elum, WA</u>

Families, friends, and neighbors of Cle Elum Lodge gathered on Saturday, March 19th at Putnam Centennial Center in Cle Elum to enjoy the festivities of our 35th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction.



With finely decorated tables from corner to corner of the hall and dozens of auction and raffle items presented on the perimeter bench an estimated 272 plus guests were served

## SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA Meets the 3rd Thursday of each Month Dinner at 6:15 PM Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church Hall 2800 S Massachusetts St Seattle, WA 98144 Joe Megale, President (206) 276-4498 president@seattlesonsofitaly.org our traditional member-made sauce and meatballs on al dente noodles, complemented with an antipasto salad, garlic butter French bread from Cle Elum Bakery, homemade breadsticks, and finished with fruit-nut cosmopolitan ice cream garnished with a pizzelle; homemade of course.



Members and volunteers of all ages worked together greeting and serving the appreciative assembly, with all joyfully happy to catch up with family and friends and old acquaintances. Lodge President Cheryl Ficele welcomed the audience and introduced Cle Elum Businessman and Upper Kittitas County auctioneer favorite, Dave Sandona.

Using his interpretation of local legend and familiarity with the community, Dave kept the robust auction bids coming and the ever-hopeful wish to win that coveted gift basket raffle prize.

With the leadership of lodge officers Mike and Kathi Butorac, Cle Elum Lodge has again been able to provide a fun and worthwhile event creating financial support for graduates of Cle Elum Roslyn High School seeking Scholastic and Vocational opportunities.

Cle Elum Lodge will meet again for our monthly meeting on Sunday, April 10th. Upcoming projects and events to discuss include the Upper Kittitas County Pioneer Days activities and our annual June Picnic.

Ciao! Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillogo1@msn.com

## Mille Cugini <u>#2659, Marysville, WA</u>

Spring brings new life and four new members! Grace McCoskey, Francine Zornes, and Marcella Maile were all sponsored

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175 "The Mother Lodge of the Northwest" Tacoma, WA

> Meets the 1st Wednesday Social 5:30, Meeting 6:30 Dinner Follows ~7:15

AMVETS POST #1 5717 S. Tyler Street Tacoma, WA 98409

David Madrid, President (253) 961-6526 motherlodge@yahoo.com by Don Maile our guard. Marcella is Don's wife. Grace and Fran are the daughters of Don and Marcella. Also initiated



was Robert Jacoby, the grandson of Mary Dellino, sponsored by his sister Rebecca Helling, our recording secretary. Robert brought his

wife, Marta, and his two children, Emily and William. Christina and Mark Gerling also joined us. Thank you Christina for acting as Herald and assisting in our proceedings as we installed officers and initiated our new members. It was a lively meeting, with new members participating and Robert assisting with audio and video, using the equipment belonging to the museum. Our potluck was very tasty as usual.



We served rigatoni with marinara, meatballs, green beans, assorted bread, and salad. There were two kinds of cheesecake! Dick Nonni baked one that was excellent and another was brought by Rebecca Helling and I brought a raspberry sauce for them. They were so good!

Sadly, we still have several of our members who have injuries or illnesses that prevent them from attending. Cheryl Petruccelli put her back out and required surgery. Rhonda Moen needed hospital care for a week and is now on the mend. Diane Rose Pierce has been suffering from a bad back for months. And Rose Mary Baretta has continuing problems with her back too. We look forward to their recovery. Please keep them in your hearts and pray for their relief. And pray that all the people suffering due to the war in Ukraine find relief as well. Life is fragile; let these things be a reminder to all of us to take time to show our love and appreciation for each other while we have them with us. Amore a tutti.

Mille Cugini, Reporter: Paula Jacoby

## TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881 TRI-CITIES, WA

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month Social/Dinner 5:30 pm Meeting follows at 7:00 pm Bella Italia Restaurant 7000 W. Okanogan PI., Kennewick, WA Al Pardini, President 509-308-6581 / alpllc@hotmail.com John Cacioppo, Recording Secretary 360-509-8287 john.cacioppo2@gmail.com VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690 Vancouver, WA

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### Olympic Peninsula #2733, Port Angeles, WA

Spring has sprung in the beautiful Olympic Peninsula and there's a pep in the step of members of Lodge #2733...hmm March Madness? We send best wishes for health and happiness to all our fellow Lodge members. I had hoped to fill this article with vast and interesting information about our Charter members and the history of our Lodge, however, I need to dig a little deeper- so next time for sure. BUT here's a tidbit for now. Our Lodge was chartered before the turn of the century... the 21st century that is. We were officially chartered on September 19, 1998. And our Charter members were



Frank Romeo, Frank Ingrassia, and Rhonda LoPresti. We'll be celebrating 24 years this year. Might be time to start planning our Silver Anniversary celebra-

tion! No doubt there are Lodges established long before us. Thanks to the ongoing Archive Project on the GLNW History Webpage, we will be able to enjoy reading the history of all the state Lodges. That's a huge project – big thanks to all involved.

Our March meeting was a definite sign of COVID recovery. Our attendance was up, we had a new member, Armando Muggia join, and there was a great discussion of getting back to fundraising. And of course, there was the delizioso potluck, beautiful fellowship, and fun raffle. What more can you ask from a meeting?

The current situation in Ukraine has certainly touched all our hearts; in response, our Lodge wanted to make a difference in some small way. We voted to donate funds to the American Red Cross which is providing aid to those still in Ukraine and in nearby countries. Our thoughts are with all the Ukrainian people and with those assisting.

## YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732 Yakima, WA

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Robin Costanzo-Miller, President (509) 452-5389 e-mail c/o gmawidner@yahoo.com Hey, here's an idea... come join us for our annual picnic – it will be July 17, the same weekend as the Sequim Lavender Festival... stay over another day and miss all the ferry traffic and join us. If you are interested, please contact us so we make sure to be well prepared. The details are listed in the "Coming Events" section of this newsletter. Or if that doesn't work out for you, drop into one of our meetings. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. (except July and August). April's meeting has been slipped to April 24 due to Easter Sunday. See our Lodge info in the Newsletter for meeting location and contact info. Come up and see us sometime! Ciao..for now

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary

## Seattle <u>#1390, Seattle, WA</u>

Spring has arrived and hopefully, that means we will be seeing sunny days. It was so good to have a live meeting in March. We want to thank all of our past Officers for their service to our Lodge. Kudos to President Joe Megale who served us well under very difficult circumstances. State Deputy Ron Beyersdorf with the help of National 5th Vice President Tony Anderson, along with his assistants: State President Linda Anderson and National Trustee Rosetta Beyersdorf installed our newly elected officers: President Jeff D"Amelio, Immediate Past President Joe Megale, Vice-President Laura Salle, Orator Joanne Spino Marchese, Recording Secretary Holly



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Frances Rossi and Guard Paul Pioli. Thank you for agreeing to serve our Lodge this coming year. To our outgoing Officers THANK YOU for your service.

Elisabetta Valentini, the Honorary Consul of Italy in Seattle will give one of the readings in Italian at the 10:30 Mass on Palm Sunday, April 10, at Our Lady Of Mount Virgin Church in Seattle. Please attend. Please call me at 206-361-7566 with any news regarding members who may be ill or what you and your family are doing. The Scholarship Committee met and



selected the recipients for this year's awards. We had 3 excellent applications and all of them will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship to the college of their choice. We hope they will be able to attend our April meeting so they can read their essays to you.

Hopefully, the decline in COVID will continue and we will be able to hold in-person meetings President Jeff is looking forward to working with the new Board to rebuild our membership back to what it was before the pandemic. To meet this goal he will need the support and help of all of our members. It is time to boil eggs, bring out the dye, feast on jelly beans and chocolate eggs and bunnies; Easter has arrived. While doing all of these fun things keep in mind the true spirit of the season. Wishing you all a Blessed Easter. Ciao, Diane Scillo, Reporter

#### Tacoma <u>#1175, Tacoma, WA</u>

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Spring has officially arrived and the daffodils are in full bloom. This month we're looking forward to warmer weather and most of all to celebrating Easter.

## Buona Pasqua!

Our March meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2nd at the Tacoma Amvets Hall. Unfortunately, this was our last meeting in the hall. Our lodge has been meeting there for fifteen years and the Amvets has been great to us but due to the rising cost of the hall rental, we need to move.

We are going to be holding our meetings in a new permanent location which our President David Madrid has been working diligently to secure for us. This is quite the transition but it



will be a good thing. The new meeting location will be announced soon!

Dinner was great as usual and many of our members brought delicious appetizers, homemade desserts, and raffle prizes! Grazie! We had a very busy and fun meeting. Our guests included; State President, Linda Buccini Anderson and State Recording Secretary, Gina Natucci. President David opened the meeting which began with a prayer from our Chaplain, Rose Reeve. The prayer was also recited in Italian thanks to Manny, the Italian exchange student staying with members, Jeff and Laura Macaluso. Our new Board members were officially installed, many members graciously returned to serve again but we do have new Board members including; Janet Fritz, Vice President, Gina Costanti Eacrett, Recording Secretary, and Nick Santelli, Trustee. Welcome to the Board! We initiated five new members to the Lodge during the meeting. These members include Linda Black, Chris Fowler, Judy Yaconetti Reha, Rick Bertoia, and Bob Fazio. Welcome to the Tacoma Lodge!! Also, President David discussed with the members where we will be holding our meetings in the future. He said that he is working with the City of Fircrest on



the use of their brand new community center, but it's not quite ready to go. Fortunately, we have a couple of good temporary locations we're able to use.

President David mentioned that we will be having a drivethrough fundraiser where you can purchase delicious Italian roast beef sandwiches with Italian fries and a bottle of water. Watch for this event because it will happen toward the end of April. More to come about this!

Sunshine Report: Sadly, we lost Lodge member Dolores Capello Grisaffe on March 4th who was 86 years old. Throughout the years Dolores served in many board positions and was always a great help at our Spaghetti dinners. Dolores will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. Birthdays: Our members with birthdays in the month of April

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We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 6th at the Totem Yacht Club, located at 5045 N. Highland Street in Ruston. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm followed by a delicious dinner catered by Macaluso's Italian Restaurant at 6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer, dessert, or a raffle prize! Ciao! Julie Garitone

### Tre Cittá <u>#2881, Tri-Cities, WA</u>

This month, we would like to feature and express our appreciation for two of our most cherished and faithful Lodge members. They are Al and Sandy Pardini.

With the love and support of Sandy, Al has just completed two terms as our President and was our fearless leader during the past two years of the Covid-19 pandemic. Although it was a struggle at times to maintain contact with all our lodge members, Al and Sandy worked tirelessly to communicate with everyone here in the Tri-Cities and with the Grand Lodge about our activities and lodge news. With their leadership, we found a way during the first year of Al's term to raise funding for our scholarship fund with our basket raffle held over 3 weeks at the local popular restaurant in Kennewick and generous donations from our members. During the second year of Al's term, we were able to meet more regularly, even held a few social events, and had a successful in-person version of our Pasta Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle in October. Al and Sandy have been with our Lodge since shortly after its inception about 9 years ago and have served us as officers and committee members. Sandy is currently an active member of our Scholarship Committee. Al and Sandy have been married for 43 years and have two daughters, Leah and Hannah, and four grandchildren (three boys and 1 girl). The Italian heritage in their family comes from Al's side of the family. Al and Sandy and other members of the Pardini family have made the Tri-Cities their home for many years. The Pardini family finds its roots in Italy in the Apennine Mountains region of northern Tuscany just northwest of the towns of Castelnuovo di Garfagnana and Barga, Italy. Our heartfelt thanks





and appreciation to both Al and Sandy for their service and dedication to our Lodge.

On March 1, 2022, our Lodge held its third meeting of the new year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick with a total of eighteen members and visitors in attendance. Dignitaries, Mike Butorac, Grand Lodge Northwest (GLNW) 4th Vice President, and wife Kathy coming all the way from the Cle Elum Lodge were in attendance. We were also joined by visitors, Kit (Bombino) Elliott from the Tri-Cities and her cousin, Jan, from Spokane. Kit filled out an application to join our Lodge at the end of our meeting. At the meeting, we also received a status report from the scholarship committee. With the success of our 2021 Pasta Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle last October, we are supporting three \$1000 scholarships this coming year. Our scholarship committee has received six applications to date. The quality of applications we have received in the past few years has been outstanding and we look forward to evaluating all the scholarship applicants in the coming month. We hope to select the new recipients of our scholarships by April 15.

We also discussed continuing to plan our next Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle at the Richland Community Center. Due to a schedule conflict with another event, we changed the date for our event to Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022. We also discussed our first social get-together of the year involving a Sunday afternoon for bocce play at Bookwalter Winery in Kennewick. We hope to do this kind of event both in May and sometime this fall. At end of our meeting, we had a monthly raffle, as we usually do, for items of various kinds donated by lodge members. With the generosity of members, we were able to raise \$118 at our meeting. We typically raise enough raffle proceeds at each meeting during the year that allow us



to donate up to \$500 to local organizations and worthy causes each year. During our meeting, we approved a \$500 donation to a Veterans Support Group called Washington Operation Thank You.

We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA.

If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities at that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you. Ciao for now!

Marcel P. Bergeron

#### Vancouver USA #2690, Vancouver, WA

We want to thank 3rd State Vice President Lenny Folino for officiating at our club's installation of officers at our March meeting. The 2022 officers are Mike Cherney, President; Linda Gibson, Vice President; Patti Borden, Secretary; Linda Cherney, Treasurer; Barbara Blair, Financial Secretary; Dolores Tarsi, Orator; Louise Ramunno-Johnson, Mistress of Ceremonies; Jim Borden, Bruce Blair, Joan O'Brien, Dee Newbern, Dorrie Palandrani as Trustees; and Frank Piperno, Guard. Board of Arbitration is Frank Palandrani, Bob Battaglia, and Leanore Olmstead. We celebrated with a nice dinner, a short meeting and a game of Tombola!! For April, we have had to change our meeting night to the first Thursday of the month, Thursday, April 7th due to the church's need for the social hall during the holiday week we will meet at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver for dinner at 6:30 PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be prepared by Cynthia and Paul Zanobelli. They will be serving Chicken Parmesan, pasta, salad, garlic bread, Italian rum cake, and cookies for dessert. The cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson no later than Monday, April 4th at alramunno@gmail. com with SUBJECT LINE: OSDIA DINNER April 7th, 2022, or call her at (360)281-0915.

If you have not paid your dues for 2022, please contact Barbara Blair as soon as possible so we can reinstate your membership. In April, we are asking everyone to bring "can goods" for our local charity, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. You can bring your donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, May 16th at



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7:00 to discuss the book Eternal by author Lisa Scottoline. As of the date of this publication, Barnes & Noble is still not open to groups. But we will check again in May to see the status. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. Any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984.

No Dine Out in April. Hopefully, we can resume dine-outs by



the summertime. Game Nite will be postponed till the fourth Saturday of the month, due to the Easter weekend. Please come and join us on Saturday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM. RSVP to Barbara Blair at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984 if you plan to attend.

White Elephant Bingo will be on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's home. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to join in. RSVP if you plan to attend at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net or if you need directions. Reserve your tickets now for our "Mad Hatter" Friendship Lunch & Tea. Hours are 1 to 3 PM on Saturday, April 30th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver WA 98685. The menu to be served is a light lunch, assorted desserts, and tea. We will have a craft for all to take home. Invite your family and friends to attend this event. The cost is \$20.00 per person, space is limited. Contact: Linda Gibson for information and tickets at legogibson@gmail.com or (760)450-8057. Hope to see you there!! All information has been forwarded to the local high schools for the Leonard Simeone Scholarship Award to a graduating senior. The deadline for applications is April 30th. For more information, you can contact Linda Cherney, Linda Gibson, and Dolores Tarsi. Mark your calendar for the return of our ANNUAL SPA-GHETTI Dinner on Sunday, May 15th at 40 & Eight, 76th Street, Vancouver, WA. Frank Palandrani and the committee are starting to work out the details at this time. If you can help with this committee, please let Frank know. This is our main fundraiser for the year and helps support our club's endeavors and charities. All members' participation is needed by selling tickets and helping at the event. You will be contacted for your help to make this a successful event for our club and our charities. We look forward to getting back out in our community.



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Patti Borden will handle the baskets for our scholarship raffle at our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. She will need plenty of help to assemble baskets. Do you need an idea of what the most popular baskets are: Yummy Basket, Italian Basket, Movie, Breakfast, Picnic, Kids basket, Bath & Body, Man's or 12th Man Basket, Margarita Basket, Tea or Coffee Basket, Chocolate Lovers, Garden Basket, Christmas. Let your imagination flow!! We ask that the basket be worth at least \$25.00. If you can donate a basket or items for a basket, please let Patti know. You can reach her at (360)314-2810 or jpborden@aol.com

YARD SALE for Vancouver USA #2690 is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 17th & 18th. Location to be determined. Start saving your items for sale. Any questions, please contact



Barbara Blair (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net SNOWFLAKE QUILT RAFFLE. Member Linda Gibson has made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off. The Snowflake Quilt is 80"x 80". Medium Green with white snowflake, grey and black accents. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Contact Linda Gibson at (760)450-8057 or legogibson@gmail.com if you would like to see a color photo or are interested in purchasing tickets. Drawing to take place in Fall of 2022. Look for a photo of the quilt in this NWIN.

CLUB NEWS: Bruce and Barbara Blair traveled to Cle Elum to attend their lodge's Spaghetti Dinner. Donna and George LaFrazia took an American Cruise out of Charleston, South Carolina. Buon Compleanno to our April birthdays!! HATS FOR HEADSTART – Please join Liz Haught and the group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 PM in Kalama for a fun creative shared afternoon at Liz's home to knit/crochet/peg loom hats for the Columbia River Headstart Program.

All yarn is donated for the hats; instruction is available on how to make them. Our collective goal is 500 hats. Contact Liz at (360)673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com if interested.



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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Filomena Forsyth's cast from her broken arm has been removed and she has started physical therapy. Barbara Blair has received the first of two eyes surgeries for glaucoma. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. We look forward to seeing everyone. Buona Pasqua!! Pachara Plair

Barbara Blair

## Yakima <u>#2732, Yakima, WA</u>

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The Yakima lodge met for the March meeting, with a fabulous surprise meal compliments of Eleanor Ficele to celebrate her brother Joe Ficele's St Patrick Day birthday. Guests to help celebrate were Joe's niece and Cle Elum Lodge President Cheryl Ficele, our deputy's Mike and Kathi Butorac of the Cle Elum Lodge, and Kathi's sister Bonnie. Happy Birthday to our favorite Italiarishman! I'm sure that's a word,

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volleyball for Yakima Valley Community College. Brynn has been thrilling to follow playing basketball for Zillah High throughout high school. She has been a consistently high-



scoring player, leading her team to State this year and now we will follow her volleyball games! What a talented girl!

The Picatti family was missing due to the death of their cousin and our beloved member Darlene Picatti Lust. Our condolences and prayers to the Picatti family, Darlene will be greatly missed. She contributed such interesting pictures and memorabilia from her Italian family. She faced her illness with such a positive attitude and grace.

The decision was made to continue with the current Officers and revisit elections in June. Darlene was a trustee so we will need to replace that l position.



A conversation was held around activities that members would enjoy in the coming year. The Mariners game and a night to watch our local Pippins, a game night, and going to a meeting of the Cle Elum Lodge were among the suggestions. Pete Fadich and wife Sari so graciously invited us to their home for pizza and bocce last fall and he suggested another such event either this spring or fall! Also discussed in the past was a bocce game on the courts at The Public House in Yakima. Other suggestions are most welcome. Spotted on Facebook was a former member, who is still missed, John Altomare holding a new grand-baby! Congratulations! The April meeting will be on the 21st. Watch your email for more information and remember your raffle item! It is such fun to be meeting again! You are all loved and have been missed.

Jeanne Fasano, reporter





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## **Coming Events!**

Saturday, July 23, 11am-4pm Black Diamond Lodge Picnic Mud Mountain Dam Chinook Shelter 30525 SE Mud Mtn Rd Enumclaw WA. Contact: Lenny Folino 206-696-5800

Sunday, July 31, 10 AM to 4 PM Auburn Lodge #1955, Annual Picnic, Les Gove Park, Auburn WA Contact: Ronnie Beyersdorf wb7tbg@aol.com.

Sunday, August 21, 2022 12:noon Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic Bremerton Elks picnic shelter Bill Haberstock, President 360-373-4341

**Monday, September 5, 2022** Vancouver USA #2690 Labor Day Picnic Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA Linda Cherney(360)903-0227 or Linda Gibson (760)450-8057

Please check with event or lodge contact to confirm that it has not been cancelled or rescheduled.



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