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Coming Events!

Saturday, July 17 12pm-4pm

Black Diamond Lodge Picnic
Mud Mountain Dam, Enumclaw.

1st week of August

American-Italian Club
Festa Italiana

Exact time, date and location - TBD

Sunday, August 8

All Italian Community Picnic
Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley
20821 Maple Valley Highway SE

Sunday, August 15, 12:00 Noon

Cataldo Lodge #2280 Annual Picnic
Bremerton Elks picnic shelter

Saturday, August 21, 10am-4pm

American-Italian Club
Unity in the Community,
Riverfront Park, Spokane

Sunday, August 22, 12pm - 4pm

Black Diamond Lodge #1809
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy
in America Picnic, Mud Mountain
Dam Park, Enumclaw, WA

Monday, August 30th

Seattle Mariners' Italian Heritage
night

September 10th, 11th & 12th

San Gennaro Festival, Casa Italiana
Italian Cultural Ctr, Burien

Tuesday, September 11

Festa Luncheon (tentative, pending
Covid restrictions)

Saturday, September 18

Festa Mass in Italian
Mt. Virgin Church (Tentative)

September 25 & 26

Festa Italiana Italian Festival
Seattle Center

1st week of October

Festa Italiana, Spokane

Saturday, October 16

Italian Club of Seattle
Centennial Celebration

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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



This is my first NWIN Article, so I want to say Ciao to the members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. I am Linda Buccini Anderson, and I am so honored to have been elected as your Grand Lodge President at the 44th Biennial Convention. It was so satisfying to see so many members, visit and share what has been going on with each other. Take this time of the re-opening of our lodges and events to reach out, build and strengthen your membership.

Be excited and even more importantly be PROUD to be a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Show that energy and excitement. Then ask your friend, family member, or someone you just met to come and see what fun and connection they will find by being a member.

I want to thank outgoing Grand Lodge President Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf for the great job she did the last four years. Of course, a big thank you to all the outgoing officers and a warm welcome to our newly elected officers. Thank you also to the convention committee-Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson, Dorothy Miori Whitney, Joanne Marchese, Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf, and Gina Natucci as well as all those special individuals who came through and helped. On Saturday evening the Governor Albert Rosellini Award was presented to two very deserving individuals. Jeff D'Amelio and President Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf. The Governor Rosellini award is the highest award given by our Grand Lodge to an individual(s) who have over many years been an integral part of their lodge, as well as the Grand Lodge.

Past recipients are as follows John Croce, Diane Scillo, Dorothy Miori Whitney, Ronnie Beyersdorf, Paul Pioli, Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson, Kristi Branze Thorn, Joanne Spino Marchese, Jeff D'Amelio & Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf. Please go to the Grand Lodge web page www.glnw.org and see the list of previous Governor Rosellini recipients and you can see Jeff and Rosetta are in great company. We were also fortunate to have been able to have a Zoom connection with National Officers. National President Nancy DiFiore Quinn, 1st VP Bob Bianchi, Mark DeNunzio, and Lisa Marie Falbo. We were able to hear these individuals speak about the National organization and how the Northwest has become a more integral part of the National organization due to Immediate President Rosetta, VP Lenny Felino, Past Grand Lodge President & Past National Trustee Dianne Scillo, current National Trustee Joanne Spino Marchese, me, and of course Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson the National Financial Secretary for the NW and their participation in National committees. We were able to ask questions directly and now have a greater connection with the National leadership.

I have asked Joe Jacobin and our new Director of Publications, Patrick Jacoby to place a link to the PowerPoint we saw named, Membership Value Proposition, on the GLNW website front page. Also, Gina Natucci and Tony Anderson did a wonderful video of photos of members past and present from all the lodges. It was great to see those photos especially of members who have passed away. This video also has a link on the GLNW website.

Since so many lodges are starting to meet and scheduling events, please ensure that

“State President” continued

your event is submitted to our new Director of Publications, Patrick Jacoby patrick@glnw.org as soon as you’ve firmed up the event. This will allow the information to be posted on the GLNW website & the NWIN. If we do this it will be respectful of other lodges and whenever possible not schedule on the same date as another lodge has event posted. This applies no matter where the other event is located.

On June 29, the Roslyn Italian Cemetery dedication was held. Grand Lodge Vice President Mike Butorac along with the Cle Elum lodge did such a wonderful job getting support from throughout the Italian community. This beautiful monument recognizes the Italian section of this incredibly old cemetery. I want to also thank Grand Lodge Orator Jeff D’Amelio who represented the Grand Lodge & National Financial Secretary Tony & for me as we were unable to attend. A YouTube video was taken and is available to you by going to YouTube and entering- Roslyn Italian Cemetery dedication. It was so great to see the turnout and the many lodges being represented. Please take a minute to watch it.

I am looking forward to getting out to see so many of you. Remember to reach out to others and take a road trip with a carload to visit another lodge meeting or event. Building our membership is each and everyone’s responsibility. Just show the excitement and pride of being a Son and or Daughter of Italy.

I know that you will always gain so much more by supporting your lodge and supporting other lodges and events. So, let us get started and make this new year one of positive change by building and strengthening our organization. Feel free to contact me with any ideas and suggestions. We are on this exciting journey together. Let us have FUN!!!

alla prossima volta fraternamente,
Linda Buccini Anderson

The Grand Lodge of the Northwest
welcomes our new members to the Order
Sons and Daughters of Italy in America!

- Sharon Heine
- Robert Paul
- Jeananne Paul
- Kristen Jensen
- Lorenzo Norbagini
- Robert Holman
- Kimberley Asay

NOTE: The next deadline is **August 20TH** for the
“Combined” **August/September 2021** issue.
Please submit your articles by the deadline.
Send to: patrick@glnw.org Patrick Jacoby, Editor
Northwest Italian News (425) 478-0757.

Grand Lodge of the NW
Scholarship Winners

NIKO LEONARDO MANCUSO



Sponsor: Aldo Mancuso (father)
Auburn Lodge # 1955, Auburn, WA. Niko has graduated from Auburn Mountainview High School and was enrolled in Green River College Running Start Program. He plans to attain a business degree at Central Washington University.

JOEL THOMAS MYERS



Sponsor: Mary Ressa (mother)
American-Italian Club Lodge # 2172 Spokane, WA. Joel is currently a student at the University of Arizona. He is working on a double major in Business Management and Management Information Systems. In addition, he is pursuing a certificate in Sports Management

MARIO PIETRO TURCO



Sponsor: Michael Turco (father)
Tacoma Lodge #1175, Tacoma, WA. Mario has graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory High School. He plans to study engineering at Villanova University.

Alta Monte Lodge #2513 Eugene, OR

The Alta Monte Lodge will start getting together with several outdoor potlucks until we can meet indoors hopefully in September. We have been keeping in contact through Zoom and phone calls.

Our lodge lost a long-time member and dear friend Gaetano Russo. He passed away at the age of 100. Many members attended his service and we will miss his wonderful friendship dearly. May he

rest in peace.

We are all looking forward to summer starting BBQs and picnics and getting together with friends and family. Wishing all those fathers out there a “Happy Fathers Day” Buona festa del papà Betty Martin-Petti

AMERICAN ITALIAN LODGE #2172 Spokane, WA

Brighter days are finally here! With the Covid restrictions being lifted everyone will be able to enjoy the good ole summertime, Hallelujah!!

No more ZOOM meetings. One of the advantages of having ZOOM meetings is that we can have guests such as Rosetta Beyersdorf and Linda Anderson join us for our May ZOOM meeting. Thank you both for taking the time out of your schedules to join us. It was a pleasure seeing you again. On our May agenda, we discussed safety concerns regarding the location and the time of our meeting. Members expressed concerns regarding issues such as lighting, parking, and having a late dinner. We are currently visiting different locations and are hopeful that we will be able to find a venue that can accommodate our needs. EXCITING NEWS! Our Cagli Monument is home in our Sister City Connection Gardens, in Spokane’s Riverfront Park! The monument installation is completed,





and we are just waiting for the donor plaque to be placed on the sculpture. We couldn't wait to see her, so we held our June 10th meeting at Riverfront Park to welcome her home. This was all impromptu, but it gave our members a chance to gather and admire her beauty. After photos, we all took a short walk across the street to O'Doherty's Bar and Grill, for a mini-meeting and a scrumptious meal. It was meraviglioso to see everyone again. This was all impromptu-a formal dedication ceremony will be held in September. The date and time have yet to be determined. Please see our Facebook page at American Italian Club-Local #2172 (Spokane) for a better color photo of the beautiful sculpture. We also participated at the American Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Day on June 12th. This was a multicultural event held outdoors at Spokane Valley's Centerplaces's West Lawn and allowed us to share and represent our Italian heritage and culture. The event drew a large public response, and we were very happy to recruit several new members into the lodge!

As the State of Washington reopens we are planning, doing, and going. In July we are planning our Annual Family Picnic. This will be a joyous event that's for sure.

Festa Italiana Spokane is now full steam ahead. The organizers are very excited to get this party started. We hope to hold the event sometime in September.

Buona Festa e Papa! Hope you all enjoyed your day!

Wishing everyone an incredibly happy, healthy, and safe summer. And as you

enjoy your summer sunset with your favorite glass of vino I raise a toast to you...

"Altro il vino non e se non la luce del sole mescolata con l'umido della vite"
Wine is nothing but sunlight mixed with the grapevine~Salute!

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary
linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

AMERIGO VESPUCCI
LODGE #1814
Aberdeen, WA

It has been quite a year.

We are looking forward to in-person meetings and social gatherings in the future. Here is a wonderful message from Mary Jane Rogers:

As President and part of your delegate team fresh from the 44th Biennial Convention our sincere gratitude and honor to represent the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge from Aberdeen. It was a very different experience due to Covid19 restrictions but still very traditional and educational. Delegate Vera Kay was a part of the Credentials Committee led by State Recording Secretary Gina Natucci. Kristine Finazzo was on the Ethnic Heritage/Charities Co-chaired by our very own Deputy Sophia Risorto and Barbara Blair. I took part in the By-laws and Resolutions Committee scheduled to be led by State Orator Nick DeGidio but he could not attend this year and Ronnie Beyersdorf Auburn Recording Secretary stepped in. The three of us are eager to share our experiences with you.

The Hood to Coast Relay at Seabrook has been rescheduled for Saturday,

October 16th. We will have the Start/Finish line in Seabrook. Vera Kay (360-581-9856) is the Chairperson for this fabulous FUNdraiser and has heard from a few of you already but if you have not had the opportunity to volunteer for this event it's a great one! Our Drive-up Lasagna Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021. I am the Chairperson for this event. The menu will be served as usual but take-out style. There may even be an outdoor bake sale and raffle. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will have pre-sale tickets available in September.

We are very excited to announce the two scholarships that were awarded for this year from our Lodge. It is an honor to be able to award these students each a

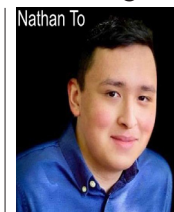


Dominic Gegen

scholarship.

Dominic Gegen, son of Jeff and Mary Claire Gegen and grandson of Rena Gegen, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Amerigo Vespucci Lodge

in Aberdeen. He plans on attending South Puget Sound Community College



Nathan To

in Olympia this fall. Nathan To, son of Eva (Ficele) and Lai To was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Amerigo Vespucci lodge in Aberdeen. He plans

on attending Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen this fall.

"Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici – We cannot have a perfect life without friends."-Dante
Nicole Evanson

AUBURN LODGE #1955
Auburn, WA

Our last Auburn Lodge meeting before July and August break was on June 10, 2021. This was the first live meeting since February 2020 to be held in the Holy Family Church Hall. What a joy it was to see all those members' faces and be back together again. The next regular lodge meeting will have to be moved by one day to the 2nd Friday of September due to Holy Family School's use of the

hall. The Auburn Lodge's next meeting is on Friday, September 10, 2021, at the Holy Family Church Hall in Auburn. By the time you read this article, our Sausage Sandwich Drive-Up dinner will be over however at this point sales have perked up and it is going to be a successful event. Thanks to all the Auburn members and friends.

We had a great Grand Lodge of Northwest convention this year in May in Lynnwood WA at the Embassy Suites. Our Auburn member State President Rosetta Beyersdorf became the Immediate Past State President. Linda Buccini Anderson (also an Auburn member and Bella Vita) was elected as the new State President congratulations Linda!

Also at the convention new State Orator Jeff D'Amelio and Immediate Past State President Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf were both awarded the Albert D Roselli award for service to the order and the community. It was an honor for me to present Jeff's award. President Linda presented the award to Rosetta. They are two of the most deserving people and a credit to the OSDIA in so many ways and for so many years. God Bless them both.

Auburn member Niko Mancuso was awarded a GLNW scholarship at the convention luncheon. Congratulations Niko. Niko is the son of Auburn member Aldo Mancuso and the Grand Son of Auburn member Maria Mancuso.

The Auburn Lodge picnic this year is set for Sunday, July 25, 2021. The picnic will be at Les Gove Park at the bocce court site. We have access to the indoor attended restrooms for our attendees in the parks and recreation building only

a little distance from the bocce courts. The Auburn Bocce Club will be joining us this year for more recreational bocce play for all ages at the bocce courts. The lodge provides picnic food, utensils, beverages. Potluck by our members will support the need for salads, side dishes, and snacks. Times are 11:00am to 5:00pm. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Auburn City Parks Scholarship Committee, The deadline for the Auburn Lodge scholarship applications is July 15, 2021. Contact Ronnie wb7tbg@aol.com for applications.

Grand Lodge November Daily Calendar drawing

Rosetta has the daily November calendar drawing raffle tickets. They are the same as last year \$20.00 per ticket. There are only 300. There is a drawing every day of the week in November. Monday thru Friday the winners get \$25. Saturdays are \$50 and Sundays are \$100. Veterans Day is \$150 and Thanksgiving day is \$500. All winning tickets go back in to have a chance to be drawn again and that does happen.

Contact Rosetta 206-478-3895 if you want to buy a calendar from Auburn otherwise St 2nd VP Lenny Folino is tracking all the calendars and he can be contacted at 206-696-5800 or lennyfolino@yahoo.com

The Auburn Lodge is participating in the Italian Community Picnic again this year.

The date is Sunday, August 8, 2021. The picnic is held at the Royal Arch Park In Maple Valley. Gates open at 10:30 AM and close at 6:30 PM. There is a park admission fee of \$5.00 for all except children under the age of 12. It

will be great to have this event starting up again and without conflict with other picnics as well.

At the GLNW convention this year we had a memorial for our members who passed away in the last two years. The Auburn Lodge lost four members and all of them were veterans.

In memory of our deceased Auburn members: Jim DeCaro 5-1-2019 US Army Veteran; Victor Scarpelli Sr 5-29-2019 Charter member, and US Air Force Veteran during and in the Korean war; Joseph "Joe" James Candito Sr 2-7-2020 US Army Korean War Veteran; Bill Pelozza 4-29-2020 US Navy Korean War Veteran. Secretary Ronnie, mailed a copy of the memorial service program to all four families along with a letter describing the ceremony.

Auburn member Bill Pelozza's memory was memorialized by the City of Auburn by placing a bench in Les Gove Park at the location of the Farmers Market to honor former Councilman Bill Pelozza who was the leader in getting the Farmers Markets started. However, Bill's 16 years of service goes much farther and deeper than just the Farmers Market, which he single-handedly brought to success. If one takes the time to read the memorial comments from the people that knew Bill one can realize what a great asset he was to the Auburn Community on a wide variety of contributions. Rest in Peace Bill you are greatly missed by many.

The next regular Auburn Lodge meeting is on September 10, 2021, (2nd Friday) at the Holy Family Church Hall.

Shoe Boxes for charity collection: Auburn member Joe Ripollone is collect-

ALTA MONTE LODGE NO. 2513

Eugene, OR

Meets the 3rd Thursday
of each month

ST. THOMAS CHURCH
1465 Coburg Road, Eugene

Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM
General Meeting - 7:00 PM

Scott Tommaso, President

altamonte2513@gmail.com

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_Vandyke@hotmail.com)

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary

(509-891-0916/smarcus2@centurylink.net)

AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814

Aberdeen, WA

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month
6:00 PM Social, 6:30 Dinner,
7:30 PM Meeting

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER
306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Mary Jane Fascia Rogers, President

(360) 482-4792

maryjanerogers80@gmail.com

ing shoeboxes for a charity program he is working on. If you have empty shoeboxes to donate, his contact information is: 253-527-8577, Joe@Walashek.com Have a wonderful safe and happy summer.

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

BELLA VITA LODGE #2285 Olympia, WA

Welcome Summer!! Bella Vita met via zoom for our June meeting. For those who would like to keep connected during the summer we will meet during the months of July and August, First Thursdays at 7 pm, via Zoom. On September 2 we will finally meet in person at our VFW lodge. We are looking forward to



finally seeing each other and sharing a meal together! Tony Giannotti will be taking over as our main chef. He will be preparing his Family Lasagna and sharing his recipe! Our longtime chef, Angelo Dilimone, is leaving for Montana soon. We wish him well though he is hoping to make some appearances over the year. We thank him for all the meals and support he gave Bella Vita. Congratulations to our New Grand Lodge President Linda Buccini Ander-

son, elected during our Grand Lodge Convention 2021. We are so proud of Linda and know that she will lead the Northwest with great enthusiasm and Fun!! We are also proud of our member Gina Natucci who was elected as a delegate to attend the National Convention! She worked very hard during the convention as well as helped design the Convention's beautiful Brochure.

This year's Convention was quite eventful! Besides Linda becoming our Grand lodge President and Gina our elected National Delegate, Tony Anderson became ill and required an official ambulance escort to the hospital for a severe infection to his leg. After 4 days in the hospital, he returned home, a week later he traveled to North Carolina for a vacation with Linda. We have heard from

them and they are having a restful vacation...by the way, despite Tony being hospitalized he was in touch, delegating and re-orchestrating the convention from his hospital so that the program flowed without interruption.

Tony did not let the infection take him away from this Convention!! He must be a true Calabrese!!

During the Memorial Service at the convention, our deceased member Gina Renzema was honored. A beautiful carnation was placed in her memory. She is fondly remem-



bered by our Bella Vita Lodge. We need your help! We need a volunteer to write a monthly article for Bella Vita in the NW newsletter. Linda Anderson was writing this for many years. She is now very busy in her new role as Grand lodge President. This article helps all our members know what is happening especially those that do not attend our meetings. ...Yes... It's the article you are reading right now...if we cannot find anyone to write these articles then Bella Vita will not be part of this Newsletter and you will not be reading this article ... and that would be sad... so please think about volunteering! It's easier than you think! Any questions ask Linda or Sophia.

On July 31 Bella Vita will be saying farewell to Jon and Genny Powell at Adriane Smolen's home. Adriane lives next door to Jon and Genny. The party will begin at noon. They are moving to Federal Way to be closer to family. They will continue as members but not be able to attend each month. Details will follow via email and Facebook. Save this date and Please come out and visit so we can say farewell to our wonderful members. They gave so much to Bella Vita over the years! Members from all lodges are invited!

October 16 is the Hood to Coast Relay race. Please mark this date on your calendar. It's a fun and easy event to attend.

Change in plans... We are postponing the Bella Vita picnic at Tony Gianotti's home which was June 27 - until further notice.

Bella Vita sends Jerry Patten, Pam Daudet, and Tony Anderson Prayers for

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

BELLA VITA LODGE NO. 2285 Olympia, WA

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month
Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm

VFW POST 318


2902 Martin Way E., Olympia, WA 98506

Sophia Risorto, President

760-333-7964 / bellavitalodge@gmail.com

**Shirley Delauranti Garrison,
Recording Secretary**

253-677-8420/shirleygarrison46@gmail.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

good health.

Bella Vita sends Safe Travel Wishes to Joe Marmo who will be going on a solo road trip through the US. To Everyone Traveling this summer: we extend a Safe Travel Wish to you!

Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Pleasant Summer! Please keep in touch let us know how you are doing. We also like to hear good news from you! Always remember we are Famiglia!

See you in person on September 2 Thursday at 5:30 pm at the VFW Lodge!! Ciao! Fraternaly, Bella Vita's Anonymous Squirrel

BELLEVUE LODGE #2377
Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends,

Conducting meetings over Zoom has given us the opportunity to have people join our meetings from far away: from all over the state and even Alaska. But we have never had anyone join our meetings from outer space, and we still haven't, although sometimes it seems like Roberto Cittadini is talking to us from outer space. When Roberto joins our Zoom meetings, the video from his computer always starts out jerky like the video from the Apollo missions. Eventually, the video improves, but it's become a running joke that Roberto is calling in from the moon. When Roberto joins the meeting, I've taken to looking to the sky when like an eight-year-old boy trying to locate the astronauts circling the moon.

I have one last thing to report about the Bellevue Lodge Virtual Wine Tasting. I have previously reported what a great

success it was, but when I went to press last month I didn't have quantitative data, so I'm happy to report 40 people attended (14 people at the Beyersdorf house alone) and the Lodge made \$511.45. While not as much as we have made in previous years, it's still a great success and was vital for us to have a Lodge activity that we could work on together. Our Lodge also made \$717.00 this year selling Brown Bear Car Wash tickets. Financially we're doing well and our membership is steady at 36 members. Given the challenges we've faced over the last year-plus, I think that we have a lot to look forward to as things open up.

With the good fortunes of our Lodge, we can give back to our communities, something that means a lot to every member of our Lodge. The Bellevue Lodge gave the second most from our Grand Lodge in charitable donates.

Our President, Mary Sangalang, brought up that next year will be the 45th anniversary, which started a conversation about what we should do to commemorate the occasion. We haven't decided what we were going to do yet, but I'm sure we'll do something awesome. I'm not sure because the Bellevue Lodge has always put on incredible events (I'm often reminded about our 30th-anniversary ceremony when the cater got lost and dinner was delayed for over an hour), but no matter what we do it will be awesome (at least it will be in the retelling).

One last thing I would like to say is a heartfelt goodbye to Joe Jacobin. After 31 years as the Grand Lodge Directory of Publications, Joe is stepping down to

travel and spend more time with his wife Linda. I would like to thank Joe for his support, patience with my last-minute submissions, fixing my mistakes, and for putting up my sense of humor, even when he's one of the targets. Speaking for all the readers of the Northwest Italian News, I would like to wish the best of luck going forward and safe travels for you and Linda. Also, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Patrick Jacoby. I look forward to working with you. We will have a social meeting (no Lodge business) will be on Thursday, July 8th via Zoom. I look forward to hearing from everyone. Stay safe, stay healthy, and ensure your family and friends stay safe and healthy. Buon Canoli!

Greg Osgood

BLACK DIAMOND LODGE #1809
Black Diamond, WA

Our lodge article this month was due on Fathers' Day, June 20. Black Diamond hopes that all who are fathers or provide fatherly love to others were honored with the grace and gratitude they so deserve.

We are very pleased that Leonardo Folino and Darrell Vacca were re-elected to GLNW State positions. Our delegates to the 44th GLNW Convention (Janice and Tom Cole and Jan Gill with husband Mitch) represented our Black Diamond Lodge of 84 years with enthusiasm, pride, and dignity.

Our members and friends are eagerly anticipating our lodge picnic on August 22 when we will celebrate our first in-person gathering since February 2020. We invite you to join us at Mudd

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

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 / habpal@hotmail.com

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

Mountain Park (east of Enumclaw) from 12 noon to 5 pm with your favorite side dish to accompany the fried chicken. Our family member story this month is a tribute to the memory of a loving and dedicated couple, who joined the Black Diamond Lodge in 1987.

My name is Joe Silvestri. I was born on March 4, 1920. My wife was born Nadine Kombol on August 22, 1923, to



Joseph A. Silvestri

Anton Kombol and Lulu Shircliff Kombol. Both my father and my mother were from Italy.

They both came from the region of Emilia-Romagna, an area some 40-50 km south of

the city of Reggionell'Emilia (south of Milano and north of Toscana).

My father's name was Carlo Silvestri, born on April 2, 1880, in a small town called Sologno. My mother's name was Clotilde Cavecchi. She was born in another small town nearby called Latica. They first met and were married in Black Diamond, Washington.

My father had the equivalent of an eighth-grade education to the best of my knowledge and was employed in France's mines. In their failed attempt to construct the Panama Canal, he then immigrated to the U.S. in the Black Diamond area in the early 1900s.

My mother had a lesser education than my father. She left Italy at the age of 15 to work in France as a housekeeper in either the city of Nice or Marseilles. She had a brother in the Black Diamond area

who knew my father and through friendship, conversation, correspondence, and perhaps an exchange of photographs, she agreed to come to the U.S. to marry my father. The year was 1911. They subsequently had six children, five born in the Black Diamond area and one in the Enumclaw area. The eldest was born in 1912, then 1913, 1915, and 1918. I was born in 1920, and the youngest was born in 1925.

My father was self-employed after coming to the U.S. He was a farmer, starting with a few animals and gradually working up to a full-size dairy herd. In those times, the average dairy herd for a family ranged from 10-15 up to 30-40 cows. He always augmented his earnings as a farmer by butchering and selling meat, making cheese and sausage, selling them, and raising and selling cucumbers and other vegetables.

In his younger days, he and two partners tried making and wholesaling grappa to the Seattle area, but one stint with the law was enough for him. No history of the Italian people is complete without showing some of their entrepreneurial abilities, albeit sometimes misplaced. I am proud of "my old man" and my mother for the hardships they suffered, the good life they made for us, and the security we felt as a family. My mother not only had the original Italian skill but, also, had some French influence in her cooking. She was skilled in crocheting and knitting. I have a drawer full of her hand-knitted wool socks that I have treasured all these years, wearing them sparingly.

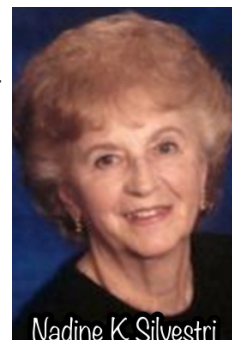
My father died in 1929 at the age of 49. He had been weakened by different

illnesses (maybe some contracted in Panama) and influenza during the years following World War I. My mother was left with a family of six. She remarried in 1934, leaving the family farm to one of my married brothers and taking the three youngest with her to Kangley, Washington (a small sawmill town) approximately 15 miles north of Enumclaw, Washington.

Our stepfather was Italian, born in the region of Piemonte. His name was Frank Valerio, and he was a great wine-maker. One Saturday night he gave me a bottle of wine to take out that fizzled like champagne. Life in Kangley was a fun time for three boys that were accustomed to milking cows, cleaning barns, and all the chores associated with their former farm life.

Living in Kangley, I met my wife, Nadine Kombol. She lived down the road in the outskirts of Kangley, a place called Hiawatha (three houses). Her father was Croatian, born near RiJeka, which is close to the Italian border. Her mother was from old American stock and was a school teacher in Ravensdale, Washington, where Nadine's father was employed as a coal miner. They married and lived in Ravensdale.

Nadine was born in Hiawatha, where they had relocated. She was 11 years old when I met her. We started dating when she was 17 and we married in 1943. I was in the Army Air Corps at the time.



Nadine K. Silvestri

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I was 23 and Nadine was 20. Before retiring I worked as a highway engineer for the State of Washington for 28 years. Nadine worked about 15 years on and off. We have two sons and a daughter who live near us in the Kent area.

I would like to pay tribute to the Italian dairy farmers that were actively dairying in the Enumclaw area when we were dairy farming. The family names were

Ballestrasse, Capponi, Condotta, Fantello, Giglioni, Malatesta, Marietti, Primton, and Rocca. They

were hard-working people. Some were retired, but their descendants were active. They are deserving of respect. We Italians were a minority in the Enumclaw community which was principally Scandinavian with a large segment of Slavic people. There was a smattering of practically every nationality in Enumclaw as the immigrants came from everywhere for the logging, mill, and mine work. Then they branched out into farming and other endeavors—the typical history of Small Town, U.S.A. Written by Joseph A. Silvestri on May 4, 2000, Published in *Italians of the American Northwest* Copyright © 2001 Charley Vingo

An additional fun tribute to “Joe/Joe” that our new Editor-in-Chief Patrick Jacoby discovered in the files of the Northwest Italian News to honor the retirement of our former (and famous) Editor-in-Chief Joe Jacobin and our beloved Joe Silvestri (Rolling Romans



traveling partners).
-Marlene

CATALDO LODGE #2280 Bremerton, WA

Ciao tutti
The convention is over and we move along to more activities. Hopefully, things will soon become more normal as coronavirus begins diminishing. I



heard several people had some medical issues that had nothing to do with coronavirus. We hope all are feeling better now.

Bill Haberstock was the King of Lemon Cello at this year’s convention. There were 12 entrants for 2 categories and Bill came in first on both counts. Actually, four participants placed in the competition. They were Bill, Dan Chicketti, Debbie Sonsteli, and her daughter, and Lina Gagnon. (I hope I got everyone’s names correctly). Bill’s recipe for cream limoncello was Lanetta Yanity’s recipe available in “The Soul of Italy” produced by the Grand Lodge of the Northwest

On May 19th Cataldo Lodge held its first indoor all members meeting.

Thank you to all who joined together for this meeting. It was great to see



everyone. Bill and Jackie Haberstock supplied our dinner with great spaghetti and meatballs. There was also bread supplied by Steve Lebeda and cake supplied by Bill and Jackie as well.

At this time we are in need of 2 Trustees and a Mistress or Master of Ceremonies. We also need a member to volunteer to head up the sunshine committee and a volunteer to act as chaplain. Social members may now serve in these positions as well.

In June we are looking forward to installing new members Janine and Robert Paul. Welcome to our lodge!

Another member has indicated they will be moving to Washington D.C. to be near family members. We have seen so many changes since the pandemic hit is all. It is sad to see Mary De Santis leave but it is also understandable.

Currently “Let’s Do Lunch” is still on hold until we see where we are as far as restaurants etc. and the continuance of restrictions.

Congratulations to Marilisa Herndon who is now a Trustee for GLNW and also to Lenny Fellino as 2nd vice president for GLNW.

June the 16th will be our next live meeting. The same schedule that was announced for May’s meeting will continue through the June meeting as follows: 5:30 – 6:00 is the social half-hour, 6:00 to 7:00 is the dinner, and 7:00 – 8:00 the meeting will be held. Joe Clementi volunteered to be the chef of the month for June. Details will be available in our newsletter as we are still not able to have pot lucks. We are also now ready to encourage others to participate in chef of the month. YES,

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WE WILL be having a raffle in June. A reminder, also, our council meeting will be held June 7th at 7:30. All members are welcome to attend this as well. This upcoming meeting we will be having a presentation by the VFW post concerning the rundown of the kitchen which is still in the process. Currently, there are only 2 burners available, one oven and one griddle.

There will be no July meeting but there will be a council meeting to finish the requirements and needs for our picnic. Summer will soon be here and we will celebrate Sunday, August 15th with a picnic at the Bremerton Elks picnic shelter at 12:00 noon. Activities may or may not be abbreviated as per covid restrictions. Hopefully, with looser restrictions, we may be able to return to most of our annual activities. Cataldo Lodge has a great auction of raffle items and this is a big fundraiser for us. We always have lots of fun and a plethora of foods to eat. Everyone has such a good time and everyone is welcome. We love having folks from other lodges come and enjoy themselves and participate. We will miss Joe Jacobin as Director of Publications as he retires, and we welcome Patrick Jacoby as he will begin as Director of Publications.

Complimenti di compleanno ai membri ; Giuseppe Grilleo, Jake Lebeda, and Rowena Lazado!

Diane Clementi

CLE ELUM LODGE #
Cle Elum, WA

The second quarter of this year, 2021, has been for our Lodge members, very busy, a challenge, and momentous. Lodge members have been focused on serving our community and lessening the isolation and anxiety we all have



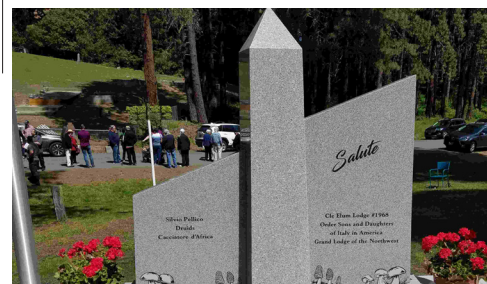
speakers at the dedication. Jeff D'Amelia (GLNW)
Mike Butorac, (Chairman of Memorial Committee)
Aaron Hirsch (Adjunct Prof. of Orchestral Studies, CWU)
Cheryl Ficele (President, Cle Elum Lodge,
and Robert Pardini (Cle Elum Lodge)

endured in this time of COVID-19. Meeting on April 11th in friendship and fraternity we welcomed speakers Maria Adams and Dick Watts of the Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club. Our Lodge has been working closely with the Heritage Club coordinating the presentation and dedication of the new electronic Kiosk and Gazebo, and the Italian Memorial Monument at the Roslyn Historical Cemetery. Maria and Dick explained how the Kiosk works and how it will enhance research by families with relatives buried in the Roslyn cemeteries and for visitors wanting to learn more of the history of Upper Kittitas County and the immigrants who came here looking for steady work in the Coal Mines and a better life for their families.

Following the presentation members and guests enjoyed a redo of our March spaghetti dinner with our member-made sauce and meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread.

Business included committee reports. Memorial chairman Mike Butorac laid out the program for the monument dedication on May 29th including the speak-

ers at the event: Lodge President Cheryl Ficele giving the opening welcome; Jeff DeMilio representing the Grand Lodge; Father Francisco Higuero of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church giving the benediction; Lodge Member Robert Pardini speaking on the early years of the Cle Elum Lodge; and Professor Aaron Hirsch of the Central Washington University Music Department directing



and performing in the music program. Scholarship committee member Tony Marinich reported on changes made for this year. Three scholarships will be presented, one of which will be prioritized to a student entering Culinary studies. This change is made in honor of our late lodge member, Linda Lee Hall. Financial Secretary Rich Grillo reported

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he will be searching into the feasibility of the Lodge creating a 501 (c) 3 IRS standing for our Scholarship program. A possible benefit could be increased dollars for scholarships through employer matching programs.

Mike and Kathi Butorac will be our delegates for the Grand Lodge of the Northwest Convention in May. Mike has thrown his hat in the ring and will run for one of the Grand Lodge Vice-President positions.

In closing and for the good of the order, Lodge Vice-President Mike Butorac thanked his wife Kathi and Jeannie Precious for their hard work on our Spaghetti Dinner in March. Jeannie alone sold over 110 tickets to the event.

Meeting on May 16th, Cle Elum Lodge members hit the ground running with Papa Murphy Pizza, homemade salads and desserts, and business to finalize. President Cheryl Ficele opened the business meeting which covered financial report and audit, cemetery cleanup, GLNW Lottery Calendars, Italian Memorial Dedication duties, Scholarship selections, June picnic preferences, Mushroom Contest, and Pioneer Days Parade.

Kathi Butorac presented a report on the GLNW Convention. Kathi and her husband Mike served as delegates for the lodge, and both participated in many of the activities with Kathi's bocce team taking the championship. We were happy to learn that Mike was voted in as 4th Vice-President of the Grand Lodge. We also learned there were a few spills taken and some folks had visits to local hospitals. Our hopes and prayers are that all are now healed and healthy.

On Saturday, May 29th, following over two years of planning, fundraising, and construction, the Cle Elum Lodge

#1968 Italian Memorial Monument was dedicated. Located in the Silvio Pellico Cemetery of the Roslyn Historical Cemeteries in Roslyn, Washington the monument is the first Italian memorial of its kind in Washington State. The Lodge extends our gratitude to the memorial committee, all our brothers and sisters in the Grand Lodge that were able to join us on this momentous day, and all of you that supported the cause financially and spiritually.

Kathi Butorac created a video of the event on YouTube.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Grillo, Jr., grillogo1@msn.com

**MILLE CUGINI LODGE #2659
Marysville, WA**

President Patrick Jacoby welcomed our deputy Christine Volpone Gerling and her husband Mark and 20 members to our May meeting. It was a vibrant gathering despite our long absence.

Congratulations to Brock Ricci who won reelection to the office of State Trustee for the sixth consecutive term at the recent convention. Joe Jacobin retired after 31 years of service as the Director of Publications for the Grand Lodge of the Northwest. Our own Patrick was installed to take this position. Our thoughts and prayers go with both Brock, Joe, and Patrick as they continue to serve our Order.

Brock had some personal news to share during the Good and Welfare of the Order. His daughter Carissa Ricci and her husband Brad Schuster are expecting a baby boy in October. Previously, they had lost another baby boy, Canaan Anthony, who went to heaven. Brock is proud that he also has five granddaughters. We wish Carissa and Brad a safe and happy delivery.

Rose Mary Baretta had cataract surgery on her each of her eyes in May. On June 16 she hopes to have her final doctor visit. We pray she continues to heal and experience excellent vision.

The membership voted to postpone any new activities for the present time until the climate is better for getting people to come out to participate. We look forward to a fun and amicable future. Until the next issue,
Mary Dellino

**SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE #1390
Seattle, WA**

Summer has arrived and if you have been vaccinated it appears that we might not have to wear masks all the time. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we stay on the upswing of our COVID battle.

It was nice to have a live meeting in June. This is when the women take over the kitchen and give the father's a break. The meeting started with Jeff D'Amelio leading the Ritual for Deceased members to honor our Brother James Severino who passed away on April 26, 2021. March 13, 1985, was the night Jim was initiated into Seattle # 1390. Al Martiniello was his sponsor and President Mike Malaspino initiated him into the Order. That same night I initiated Shirley Severino into Fedele # 1469. Ethel Martiniello was her sponsor. If I recall correctly they had met because they both had children attending the same school. When Jim made vendor stops at the UW he always stopped by my office to chat. He was a dedicated member of the Order and served as our State President as well as our National Trustee. May he rest in peace.

Rose Winterhalder recently returned from a visit to the New England area of our great country. She enjoyed a meal



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at Mystic Pizza in CT., visited Little Italy in Boston (great cannoli's) ending with stops in Newport, R.I. and Maine (enjoyed some lobster rolls,) Gino Marchese is still in the hospital. The nurses/staff have him up and walking (he has to get ready to hit the golf course again). Please keep him in your thought and prayers, cards are welcome, visitors not yet.

Please mark your calendars for JULY 15, 2021 our annual FAVA BEAN DINNER, 6:30 P.M. at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church Hall.

By the time you read this my son Stephen and I will have returned from a trip to WI where we attended the Celebration of Life for my sister who passed away in April 2020. We then went to my parents home town, Harvard, IL where we visited cousins. This was Stephen's first trip there and we were able to visit the farm that my grandparents bought about 1915. It has changed a lot since I was a kid, it now has running water, electricity, and a paved road!

Be sure to check your emails for any updates and announcements for summer activities. Wishing you all a warm, safe, and fun summer.

Ciao, Diane Scillo, Reporter

TACOMA LODGE #1175 Tacoma, WA

Summer's here! Can you believe it? This year seems to be going by very fast now that things are opening up and we're almost back to a normal life. Fortunately, we have been able to meet in person at the Amvets Hall in Tacoma for our monthly membership meetings. In May we celebrated "Cinco De Meeting" a mix of Italian and Mexican food and drinks. About 40 members and 28

guests attended the dinner/meeting. The delicious dinner consisted of three types of enchiladas, rice, and salad. Grazie to our cooks; Cindy Anderson, Theresa Reda, Thomas Huff, Edgidio Fuoco, Jim Collelo and President, David Madrid. The food was molto delizioso! We had our 50/50 cash raffle and the winners were Joe and Judi Quilici who graciously donated the money back to the lodge, Grazie!



Our June meeting held on Wednesday, June 3rd, was our Mother Lodge-Mother BBQ a traditional Western theme evening. This was our largest in-person meeting in over a year with a total of about 100 members and guests. It was great! We had guests from the Auburn Lodge including, past State President, Rosetta Beyersdorf and husband Ronnie Beyersdorf. We also had guests from Olympia's Bell Vita Lodge, including their President, Sophia Risorto. We had the most tender barbecued St. Louis country-style pork ribs, sizzling grass-fed hamburgers, baked beans, corn on the cob, salads, and all of the fixings. Once again we want to thank our wonderful cooks including; President David, Thomas Huff, Jim Collelo, Tony Camoroda, Jeff Macaluso, and Edgidio Fuoco. We also want to thank all of the members who brought in their delicious homemade salads and desserts. The beverage of the month was Italian

Spritz with prosecco and Scott Fitzgerald served up delicious Limoncello! Italian Country and American Country Music was playing during social hour and President, David led everyone in an Italian-Country song sing-along with favorites including, Mambo Italiano and On the Road Again! We had several individuals apply for membership but we'll hold the new member initiations at our next meeting which will be in September. President David thanked all of the officers for their service this past year. He also awarded Thomas Huff the Sons and Daughters of Italy Merit pin for all of his extra hard work and efforts throughout the year.


This year the winner of the Tacoma Lodge \$1000 scholarship was Mario Turco. He attended the meeting with his parents, member Mike Turco and mom Cindy. Mario read his winning essay to the group. He wrote about his rich Italian heritage and how much it meant to him growing up in an Italian family. Congratulations Mario!

President David encouraged members to participate in the various activities being held this summer around the area including Vespa Festa at Casa Italiana, the Italian Cultural Center in Burien on June 19th. The Festa will have music and lots of fun food; you could also win a Vespa!

Birthdays: Members with June birthdays: Lori Aiello, Pietro Aiello, Karen Andersen, Derek Bonaldo, Leo Cacioppo, Franca Fuoco, Julie Garitone, Elaine Hilton, Francie Jordan, Don Kajans, Don Martelli, Frank Messina, Marilyn Marrone, Ted Ochsenhirt, Marcia Pirnie, Judith Quilici, Janice Stauffer.

Members with July Birthdays: Daniel Andersen, Denise DeRosa, Shirley Dilger, Edgidio Fuoco, Steve Harlow,

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Laura Pezzola-Kajans, Teresa Lamarca, Diana Gasperetti Martin, Julie Trygstad, Jana Tucci. Buon Compleanno a Tutti!!
Sunshine Report: Last month, member, Tony De Rosa had surgery and he is now recuperating. Get well soon Tony! Our sympathy goes out to Joe Munizza and Joe Doria whose cousin Mike Marzano passed away in late May. We are very sorry for your loss.

Member News: Congratulations to lodge member Tony DeRosa for making a "Hole in One" at Madrona Golf Course in Gig Harbor in early May. He was golfing with lodge members including, his brother, Joe Derosa, Joe Munizza,

Joe Doria, and Denny Vercillo. This was his second hole in one at Madrona and ironically it was on the same hole that he made a "hole in one" on 15 years ago! We wish you all a Happy and Safe Fourth of July holiday! Enjoy your summer! Ciao!
Julie Garitone

TRE-CITTÀ LODGE #2881 Tri-Cities, WA

The Tre Città Lodge had monthly meetings on April 27 and May 25 at Bella Italia restaurant. At the April 27 meeting, there were 12 members and 4 guests were present. Guests include John Intravartolo and Lina Gagnon from the Auburn Lodge. It was insightful to hear from John about the

Grand Lodge Scholarship program. Our first scholarship recipient Mason Ciolli and his father Ryan attended the meeting and provided a short presentation about his future aspirations. He attended Hanford High School and will be attending the University of Washington

studying economics. At our May 25 meeting, we listened to a presentation by our second scholarship recipient Vanessa Nolan who attended Tri-Cities Prep. She will be studying Law at the College of the Holy Cross. Our final recipient Avery Palazzo will attend our June 29 meeting. It was very interesting to hear about their Italian ancestry from each of these young students. Julianne Barnaby discussed our plans for this upcoming Fall Pasta Dinner and raffle "A Taste of Italy". The event will be at the Richland Community Center on October 23, 2021. The event will include a pasta dinner and dessert, music, a fantastic basket raffle, and fun for all. This year the dinner will be by reservation. The event is open to purchase a table for \$160 (8 people per table) or individual tickets can be purchased for \$20 each. For those from other Lodges who would like to attend, please contact Al Pardini (alpllc@hotmail.com) and he can arrange to have you seated at a table. The deadline for reservations will be September 30. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Al Pardini and he can get your questions answered. The event will be from 4 pm to 7 pm. Please get your reservations in early. We are limited to 16 tables.

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The Tre Città Lodge had two delegates attend the Biennial Grand Lodge of the Northwest convention in Lynnwood, WA on May 14 and 15. Al Pardini and John Cacioppo both had a wonderful time at the convention. Our Lodge meetings are usually scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month at Bella Italia restaurant, 7000 W. Okanogan Pl, Kennewick, WA.
Al Pardini

**VANCOUVER USA LODGE #2690
Vancouver, WA**

It was so good seeing members at our June meeting in person. It was great to be able to gather again. If you were unable to attend, try to make our July meeting. We would love to see you again and learn what you have been doing during this pandemic!!

Tante Grazie to our new officers: Patti Borden, Secretary; Judy Johnson, Mistress of Ceremonies, and Rita Piperno, Orator. They will be installed at our next meeting.

You should have received by email a letter inviting new people to check us out. They are invited for a “meet up” at our July 8th meeting. Please seek out your sons and daughters and their friends. As of now, you do not have to be Italian to join our club. Until August, the joining fee (\$8.00) has been waived for new members. Yearly dues are still \$38.00; prorated from July to December will be \$26.00.

We will be meeting on Thursday, July 8th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street in Vancouver. The church has requested that if you are not vaccinated for Covid, please wear a mask unless when you are eating. We will have to sanitize all tables, chairs, and areas that we have used after our meeting is done. Dinner is at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting starting at

7:00 PM. This is a meeting for everyone to come together and invite any prospective members to join us for dinner. We will be serving BBQ hamburgers, potato salad, chips and the “fixings” and, of course, dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for dinner per member. Guests are free. RSVP to Barbara Blair (360) 253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than July 5th so we can have a count on how many dinners to prepare. At our June meeting, one of our scholarship winners, Lucia Ianello, attended and read her essay. Our second winner, Paige Wisneski, will be at our July meeting to read her essay. Please contact President Mike Cherney at lakeshore.mc@gmail.com if you would like to add anything to the agenda. We are back and planning some exciting times. Invite a guest(s) to join us this evening and see what we are all about.

Our Leonard Simeone Scholarship awarded two scholarships this year. Reading her essay and receiving her award at our June meeting was Lucia Ianello, granddaughter of Patti and Jim Borden. Lucia graduated from Columbia River High School. She will be attending American University in Washington DC in the fall. Paige Wisneski, grand-



Lucia Ianello, granddaughter of members Patti and Jim Borden

daughter of Rita and Frank Piperno will be at our July meeting to read her essay and receive her award. Paige will be

attending the University of Montana in the fall. Congratulations to our scholarship winners and their bright futures. BOCCE IS BACK!!! We are resuming bocce play at our bocce courts every Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Elks Lodge No. 823, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd in Vancouver. The courts are behind the main building. We are trying to raise funds to update one of our courts. Any questions, contact Paul Zanobelli (360)521-5584.

In July, we will be donating “snack packs” to our local charity Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. Now that we are able to meet in person again, please bring your items to the meeting on Thursday, July 8th. In August, we will be collecting “soap, shaving cream, & razors”.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB I will check with Barnes & Noble staff before our July meeting on the 19th to see if they are scheduling group meetings and will let you know. Our July selection will be The Venice Sketchbook by author Rhys Bowen. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. Any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984.

No Game Nite or Dine Out for July and August. Hopefully, we can begin again in September.

We have resumed our monthly White Elephant Bingo on Tuesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM. It will be at Barbara Blair’s home this month. We are requesting that it has been two weeks after your second Covid shot and you bring your mask with you. We will be seated appropriately. If you plan on attending, please let Barbara know at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net. Remember to bring a white elephant gift in a brown paper bag and \$1.00 to participate.

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LABOR DAY PICNIC at Lewisville Park in Battle Ground will be on Monday, September 6th beginning at 11:00 a.m. The club will provide the Italian sausage and ask that everyone bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. We will have bocce, white elephant bingo (bring a prize), and a pinata for the kids. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact the committee chair, Linda Cherney, at (360)903-0227 or nonna4ERM@gmail.com. There will be no regular meeting in September.

Our Friendship Tea has been scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. If you would like to join their committee, host a table, have some input, please contact Linda Gibson at (760)450-8057 or legogibson@gmail.com.

CLUB NEWS: Greg and Cathy Rafanelli, transferred members from the Auburn Lodge, finally moved into their new home in Ridgefield. Welcome home!! Dianne Slac will be taking a trip to Nevada to win some money playing the slots in July. Buon Compleanno to our July and August birthdays!!

Festa Italiana Portland will be celebrating its 30th anniversary at Cedarville Park, 3800 West Powell Loop in Gresham, Oregon on Sunday, August 22nd. Festa is seeking volunteers to help with this event. This will be a one-day event in coordination with the Festa Italian Bocce Tournament on the same date. So mark your calendars and come out and enjoy the celebration. The new date for the Festa Mass at St. Michael's Church, 4th & Mill in downtown Portland at 7:00 PM is Saturday, August 14th. Festa continues to seek sponsors and funds to help Festa Italiana move forward to future events. The Festa committee meets on Zoom once a month to work on these events. If you are interested in getting

involved and supporting the Italian community, contact Barbara Blair for more information. They have non-profit tax status. For updates on their activities and free events go to <https://www.festa-italiana.org>.

Club Paesano will be holding their Concert at the Park on Saturday, August 7th at Cedarville Park, 3800 West Powell Loop in Gresham, Oregon. For more information check out their website.

HATS FOR HEADSTART – Liz Haight and the group are still meeting to work on hats for the Columbia River Headstart Program this year. There is always an open invitation to meet with this group. Contact Liz at (360)673-1320, haughtde@yahoo.com for the most current meeting times. She and her group will walk you through the procedures!! Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (July 4th, 18th, and August 1st, 15th, 29th) from 9 to 10 AM on KBOO FM 90.7. Listen to new and old Italian music and updates on what is happening in the local Italian Community.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Rosann Grzesiowski is doing quite well at this time. Leanore Olmstead continues to recover from a few complications from her eye surgery. Sharon Sorensen spent overnight at the hospital due to a heart procedure. She is home recovery at present. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Please make an effort to check on your fellow members and friends to see how they are doing and if they need anything. Get outside and enjoy life!!

Barbara Blair

If your Lodge has an item to be included in the Coming Events column, please include separately in your lodge report/column. Listings for the same date are placed in order received.

YAKIMA LODGE #2732

Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge met in April, May, and June with more at each meeting. Our June meeting had 16 people in attendance including Jeanne Fasano's grandson Cameren.

The evening was spent playing bingo organized by Katherine Miller! Thank you, Katherine, what fun! Members brought prizes for winners. She also taught us several Italian phrases. We started with one that was familiar to some of us Buona Fortuna and wished each other good luck. My mind went to Mario Santelli and his 4-tuna shirt! Other phrases were Romper le Scatole or to break the boxes or an English phrase would be Don't get on my nerves! Also, Arrampioarsi sago specchi or to climb the mirror or English might be your clutching at straws. Thank you so much for a fun evening, Katherine! We do appreciate your many contributions to



the lodge and your great energy! Nancy Carle presented Katherine with an award picture and coffee cup as a thank you to her.

Ama Widner had news for us. She has a new granddaughter, and a granddaughter who was in the paper as high scoring for Zillah in basketball, she is just a Jr. this



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year Next year will be fun to watch. Beverly Arralde is a great grandmother and had her grandson, Father Ambrose,



in town. He gave Mass at St Paul's and to Beverly's surprised also did the singing parts with a beautiful voice. Katherine and Nancy googled his chosen name Ambrose and informed us that St Ambrose is credited with converting St Augustus, and is also credited with the saying "when in Rome, do as the Romans do".

We were honored to have Sister Kathleen Ross attend our meeting with member Sister Marina Rose Parisi. They also were in the newspapers today. Sr Ross was asked to do the blessing on a Habitat for Humanity home for a very special family. The family applied for a Habitat home in 2019 when they took in 7 children after a family tragedy turning them from a family of 4 to a family of 11 in a two-bedroom home. The Sisters

commented on what a wonderful family they are and how honored they were to provide the home blessing.

Sister Charlene is spending a month in Hawaii, where she grew up. Darlene Lust has been to Vancouver, WA to watch her granddaughter's rowing competition, she is a student at Santa Clara. Katherine Miller has a new job teaching at Washington Middle School, after teaching in Naches for a number of years.

Pete Fadich and his wife have built an oyster shell bocce court and a pizza oven in their yard. The lodge is invited



to come for a picnic, bocce game, and their specialty Neapolitan Pizza. The date is to be determined so watch

your email. Pete lives on the other side of Toppenish and will give driving directions. We may want to carpool.

At our next meeting, we plan to have it at a park and bring picnic food. More information to follow. It is so good to be back together! You have all been missed greatly!

Jeanne Fasano

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Also, please send a copy of the filed return to State Treasurer Dorothy Whitney (dotwit@yahoo.com).

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Coming Events! (Cont'd.)

Saturday, October 16

Bella Vita Lodge #2285 Hood To Coast Relay Volunteers needed! Call Sophia Risorto 760-333-7964

Saturday, October 23

Amerigo Vespucci #1814
Lasagna Luncheon
St. Mary's Parish Ctr, Aberdeen
(Pending Covid restrictions)

Saturday, October 23, 4-7 pm

Tre Citta Lodge #2881
"A Taste of Italy"
Annual Pasta Dinner and Raffle

Saturday, Oct.30, 2021

Fall Grand Council -10am
LaQuinta hotel - Tacoma

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 16, 2021 – Hood to Coast Relay – 8 am to 1 pm.

We need 20 volunteers to support athletes passing checkpoints during the race. Come join the Fun with Bella Vita Lodge! Let's support these athletes and enjoy time together!

Athletes run through Hoquiam, Pacific Beach, and Seabrook areas! If interested let me know. It's easy, It's Fun!

Contact: Sophia Risorto at Bel-lavitalodge@gmail.com/760-333-7964.

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