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Coming Events!

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

Friday September 9th: 6:00pm - 10:00pm Saturday September 10th:10:00am-10:00pm Sunday September 11th: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm San Gennaro Festival of Seattle 1225 South Angelo Street, Seattle, WA Contact: info@sangennarofestivalseattle.org

Sept 16 Festa Luncheon Seattle Yacht Club Festa Mass (TBD ~Sept 17)?? Contact: Joanne Marchese, 206-284-6938

September 24 & 25
Festa @ Seattle Center
Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion

October 1, 2022Fall Grand Council Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA Contact: Dot Whitney 206-527-3235

May 18-21, 2023 Grand Lodge Convention Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA Contact: Dot Whitney 206-527-3235

Saturday, June 3, 2023
Auburn Lodge #1955
75th Anniversary Celebration
Auburn Community & Events Center
Les Gove Park, Auburn WA
Contact: Ronnie Beyersdorf
wb7tbg@aol.com

Sunday, August 27, 2023 12:noon Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic Bremerton Elks picnic shelter Bill Haberstock, 360-373-4341

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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



How is it possible that Summer has "zoomed" by? You can't say there wasn't enough to do this summer. There were many lodge picnics, the GL bocce tournament (I did not win), and the Santelli Ambassador fundraiser was held on Aug. 28. It felt like an old fashion Santelli picnic...food, wine, music, and so much love and fun. Thanks to all who supported this event in whatever way you could. A special thanks to the Santelli family for their generous donation to our Scholarship fund.

The Portland Festa and the All-Italian picnic happened, and we have more fun upcoming events. September is busy with the San Genero festival and the Festa Italiana in Seattle. See the coming

events. Remember, We need Volunteers for both these events to help staff our Membership booths. Contact VP Mike Butorac 509 674-2940 or mbutorac_cabin@hotmail.com . How many of you are getting Questo Mese? It is a short email newsletter that comes from the National office monthly, sharing what is happening and highlighting some benefits that are yours because you are a member. If you are not, please contact our publisher Patrick Jacoby patrick@glnw.org He will get you connected.

It was great to see the article in the National Italian-America magazine featuring our future leaders Danny Volpone & Aydan Harvey. I have drafted a short article included in this NWIN about the retention of members. Please look at it...I hope it is helpful. Tony, Rosetta, and I have just returned from Chicago representing the GLNW at the National Plenary. I believe the three of us were a strong and positive representation of the Northwest. I am immensely proud to be your Grand Lodge President. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help. One point made was to take pictures at all of your events and send them to patrick@glnw.org to be put on our website. Then as President, I will send them onto the National website. Membership building is done by making people aware that we are here. As our National President Bob Bianchi says, "We are the best kept secret" and we need to change that... We have a lot to offer, but people need to know it!

Respectfully, Linda Buccini Anderson buccini@rainierconnect.com 253-225-2483

Reminder

We are getting ready for our Fall Grand Council Saturday, Oct.1 at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood. Meeting Lunch choices are Rolls, Chefs Choice Starter Salad #1 - Stuffed Chicken Breast Rosemary, Sage & Apple Filling, Shallot Brandy Cream Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, #2 - Pacific Coast Cobb Salad #3 - Grilled Salmon, Prawns, Tomatoes, Avocado, Olives, Sliced Egg, Chopped Bacon on Lettuce, #4 - Butternut Squash Raviolis Shallot & Garlic Cream, Roasted Young Vegetables, Shaved Parmesan, all with Chefs Choice Dessert, \$30.00 per person inclusive.

Contact Dot Whitney at dotwit@yahoo.com or 206 369-0076 for your lunch choice and contact the Embassy suites asap if you are staying the night at \$129.00. The deadline for lunch orders is September 20, 2022, along with your check.

Grand Lodge Bocce

The Grand Lodge Bocce tournament was so much fun. It was a beautiful day and we had teams from all over Washington. Our tournament was held at beautiful Les Gove park in Auburn. First I want to thank Ronnie Beyersdorf and Doug Chiechi for putting the great event together. Ronnie worked hard organizing and recruiting the team. Doug made a fantastic lunch of Italian sausage sandwiches with peppers and onions along with the pasta. Yum. Both Ronnie and Doug donated great food and liquor drawing prizes for players.



Also much appreciated was Salvatore Cascone for all the hours of hard work to get the courts in great shape. Thanks to Greg Singleton for overseeing the bocce tournament games. It was great to see teams playing and having fun. A big thank you to Rosetta Beyersdorf and Antonette Muir and Lina Gagnon for salads, desserts, setup, cleanup and most importantly cheerleading for all the teams.



This tournament was co-chaired by 1st St Vice Pres.GLNW Doug Chiechi and St Orator/Sr St Deputy Ronnie Beyersdorf. The event was held at the Les Gove Park outdoor bocce courts in Auburn Washington. We had 11 teams that paid entry fees however two donated the entry fee and we played with 9 teams in three round-robin elimination groups.

The teams making the medal rounds are as follows:
Championship 1st Place team, Team name "ABC Bocce Pros"
Ronnie Beyersdorf sponsor. Players: Captain, Greg Singleton,
Dominic Colello, Anthony Singleton, and Carlo Colarusso.
2nd Place team, Team Name: Lynnwood Laggers (Glen Cunningham) Glen Cunningham, Ed Johansen, Jesse Doss, Joe Doss.
3rd Place Team, Team name: Vancouver USA OSDIA,
Players: Captain, Paul Zanobelli, Frank Palandrini, Frank Piperno,
and Vince Zanobelli.



Sometimes it's not all work

National VP Tony & Immediate Past National Past President Nancy Di-Fiore Quinn, left. And a group picture below from the National meeting in Chicago.



The medal round 4th place, Team name "Auburn Lodge 1955 OSIDA". Players: Captain, Mateo Artura and Niko Mancuso, Mya



Mancuso and Kate

A list of thanks goes out to the following people who were key in making the on-site event a success. These events do not happen without teamwork. Thank you to Doug Chiechi for cooking his great sausages, and pasta for the players and donating all the great raffle prizes. Thanks to Salvatore Cascone who worked many days getting the courts ready for play and lining up teams to play. Thanks to Greg Singleton who set up the play boards and organized teams. Thanks to all the teams from the Sons & Daughters of Italy and Bocce Club teams who sponsored teams and played. Thanks to Auburn Parks and Recreation for providing the facilities.

Linda Buccini and Ronnie Beyersdorf, reporting

Report of the Autism Committee, executive summary

by Rosetta Beyersdorf, National Trustee

I am on the National Autism Committee chaired by the MarylaState Pres. Anita Riley. This committee recently convened at the National Plenary session in Chicago Ill and met as a National committee. Our main focus at that time was to sell coffee mugs and tea towels to raise money for Autism. In a short half-hour window of sales opportunity, we sold out and raised \$640.00 for the Autism Charity. Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication. According to the CDC Autism affects 1 in 44 children in the United States today.



Pictured are National President Robert Bianchi, State President of Maryland Anita Riley, and myself Rosetta Beyersdorf, National Trustee. Fraternally Yours, Rosetta Beyersdorf, National Trustee OSDIA, GLNW

Alta Monte #2513 Eugene, OR



Greetings to all lodges and their members. The Alta Monte Lodge hopes everyone is having a fun & wonderful summer. As we transition into fall we are all looking forward to the cooler weather and the approaching holiday seasons. Everyone have a safe and happy labor day weekend.

Betty Martin-Petti

Alta Monte Lodge, Eugene, OR

American-Italian Club #2172 Spokane WA



Ciao a tutti,

Lodge #2172 has been enjoying the summer and has not held any meetings. Our next upcoming event will be our scheduled Annual Family Picnic, on August 27th, at Franklin Park from noon to four (12-4 PM). The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, water, and soda. Members will bring a dish to share with other members and their families. Along with the great food and good conversations, there will be games for the children to play, and Bocce games to be won. Good times are in store for all. We will not be having any General Meetings in July and August. Our next General Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14th, at O'Malley Hall, at St. Aloysius Church. Our only scheduled event for the summer is the picnic. Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Amerigo Vespucci #1814 Aberdeen, WA





Amerigo Vespucci Lodge members have been busy enjoying many varied activities during the summer months. Kristine Finazzo traveled to Greece. Bill, Erica, Richard Luzzi, and Judie Braddon spent 17 days in Italy, touring Rome and relaxing in Castro on the Adriatic Coast. Past President, Joe Chicano won first place in the Best Muscle Car division at the Elma Heat on the Street car show with



his 1970 Dodge Challenger. Joe Cornelle received 5 blue ribbons for his flowers at the Grays Harbor County Fair!!

Our annual summer lodge picnic was again held at Joe and Connie Chicano's home on August 14th all Amerigo Vespucci and Bella Vita members and families were invited. There was plenty of food, drinks, and fun to be had for all ages. It was great to be able to meet, greet and catch up on what's been happening with everyone before our September meeting. Thank you, State Vice-President, Mike Butorac, for joining us.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Erica Luzzi on the loss of her father, Paul Koski, on July 26, 2022. Congratulations to Joe and Connie Chicano on celebrating their 47th anniversary in August. A big "Happy Birthday" goes out to Martha Carr, who celebrated her 90th birthday in August.

The Grand Lodge November raffle calendars are still available. They are \$20 each. Contact President, Richard Luzzi at (360)637-9193 or email buttons752@aol.com. It a great opportunity to support the Grand Lodge and possibly win some cash!

Remember, the next meeting for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge is September 15, 2022, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Social time begins at 5:30 and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. President, Richard Luzzi, will provide the main



dish. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. All raffle items are appreciated and help our Scholarship fund.

Don't forget the San Gennaro Festive of Seattle, September 9th-11th, and the Seattle Italian Festa, September 24th and 25th. Refer to "Coming Events" for more information. The Grand Lodge is seeking volunteers for the membership booth at both events. Amerigo Vespucci members, feel free to let me know if you have any information you would like included in the NWIN articles. A Presto.

Judith Braddon

Auburn #1955 Auburn, WA



The next Auburn Lodge meeting has been moved due to school use of the Holy Family Church Hall. We will meet on Friday September 16, 2022, doors open at 6:PM. I will send out advance notices. The Auburn Lodge Sons & Daughters of Italy is now in out 75th year of our founding. We have been working on holding a 75th year anniversary celebration and now we have a date and a facility. The date Saturday, June 3, 2023 and the place is the Auburn Community and Events Center in Les Gove Park. You will be hearing more about this event in the next months. Please mark your calendars. The Auburn Lodge lodge had a young group of players in the Grand Lodge Bocce tournament who made it into the medal rounds and finished in fourth place. Congratulations to "Auburn Lodge 1955" Players: Captain, Mateo Artura and Niko Mancuso, Mya Mancuo and Kate, Medal playoff team placed 4th. This was the youngest full tournament team in a long time. Everyone was pleased to see them competing so well.

The 1st place team was Ronnie Beyersdorf's, Auburn Bocce Club

team "ABC Bocce Pros" Ronnie Beyersdorf sponsor Players: Captain, Greg Singleton, Dominic Colello, Anthony Singleton and Carlo Colarusso . Championship 1st Place team Please see the separate Grand Bocce report in the NWIN. Special thank you to Auburn member and Auburn Bocce Club President, Mr Bocce, Salvatore Cascone for all the work he put into getting the courts ready and supporting the game of bocce in general. 57th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade is set to take place on Saturday November 5, 2022. Ronnie Beyersdorf will be the contact point for people wishing to march with the Auburn Lodge OSIDA Unit which has been registered with the City of Auburn. As usual we plan to be able have a luncheon for the marchers following the parade at the Multi Purpose bldg. in Les Gove park. The Auburn Lodge banner and well as the Seattle Fedele lodge banner will have been hung on Main Street in Auburn. The banner hanging will take place in the middle of September. Have a great happy and healthy end of summer and start of fall.

Ronnie Beyersdorf, Lodge Secretary and reporter. 206-478-3876 or email Wb7tbg@aol.com

Bella Vita #2285, Olympia, WA



We hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer, full of fun



activities and plenty of sunshine! Our return to monthly meetings begins Thursday, September 1st and we look forward to seeing everyone there. By now you have sent your RSVP to Sophia, or perhaps our meeting has already occurred. We are so thankful to have a meeting spot at McLane Grange, 931 Delphi Rd SW in Olympia, and will continue our monthly gatherings there. Guests are always welcome. Our social half-hour starts at 5:30, at 6:00 a delicious meal prepared by the Cook of the Month is served and at 6:30 we hold a raffle followed by a short business meeting. Please bring a raffle prize and a side dish or dessert. Also, please consider

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 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM St ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL 330 E Boone Ave Spokane, WA 99202 509-487-8552

Judy Anselmo, President 509-496-0031 judyVandyke@hotmail.com

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary 509-891-0916 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814 Aberdeen, WA

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month 5:30 PM Social, 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 PM Meeting

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Richard Luzzi, President (360) 637-9193 Buttons575@AOL.com participating in our cultural discussion at the end of each meeting. It's a fun time to share maybe a photo or two to pass around, a book you have read or an interesting piece of history you have come across, a family memory, a recipe you cherish, or a favorite Italian song. Bring your thoughts and ideas – we promise to be interested and grateful! Also we need volunteers to be Cook of the Month - a good time to test your cooking skills or try out that recipe for a crowd. Tanti Grazie!!

Prayers and good wishes are sent to Jim Vettori, Pam Daudet, and Donna Cristofaro. We all look forward to seeing each other in person and catching up on what is happening with each of us. Our members Adrianne Smollen and Linda Buccini Anderson teamed up with Sheri Van Veldhouse and Claudia Baccus to play in the Grand Lodge Bocce Tournament on June 25th in Auburn. It was a fun time, a perfect day, and a great learning opportunity. By the way, this is my last newsletter as George and I plan to travel a bit this winter. Please consider becoming our next reporter. The "job" is a fun way to learn what's going on and to help others stay connected.

Did you know that Sicily hosts an annual Pistachio Festival which takes place this year during the last week of September in Bronte in the province of Catania? The pistachios of Bronte are hand harvested and are widely considered to be among the best in the world. The festival is fully devoted to pistachios and its unlimited food applications: you can enjoy the taste of ice cream, cakes, pasta, arancini, and pastries and find great recipes to try on your own. Sicilian pistachio agriculture is a legacy of Arabic domination during the ninth and tenth centuries. The festival offers free guided tours through the historic city center of Bronte during which you can visit the Church of Annunziata, built in the 1500s with beautiful paintings and a unique lava-stone window inside. The Capizzi Gallery has an impressive library left by the Jesuits who used to live in this 18th-century building, before being forced to flee in the late 1850s. For those of us lucky enough to have traveled through Italy we can attest to the sweetness of the local pistachios! Ciao....

Dianne Stefanini

Bellevue #2377, Bellevue, WA, WA



Hello Friends.

Over the summer the Bellevue Lodge had social meetings via Zoom on July 7th and August 4th. Former member Nancy Niedzielski joined for the August meeting, which was great to have her back. She says she hopes to join us for the September meeting. We will

be deciding soon if we'll meeting in person, so here's hoping for a safe return to normality. Also this summer, the Bellevue Lodge sent a bocce team to the Bocce Tournament in Auburn on June 25th. Our Lodge was represented Linda Caputo, Laura Cosacchi, Greg Osgood, and Kim Hoang who agreed to fill in a the last minute when another member of the team who had to pull out because of a prior commitment. Kim was worried that she would disappoint the team because she had never played before, but for a first time player, she played very well. The Bellevue won it's first match, but dropped it's next two matches and were eliminated from the tournament. Despite the less than desired results, the team had a lot of fun and is looking forward to the next tournament and a chance to improve their standings.

Carmelo Ricciardelli turned 100 years old on August 3rd. Carmelo



originally comes from Acciaroli Italy on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea, which is know for an unusually high number of centenarians. He joined our Lodge in August of 1978 and has been a board member in our Lodge for many of years. His family honored him with a birthday party that included many family members along with members of his church, the Knights of Columbus, and Sons and Daughters of Italy. In sunshine news, Joe and Linda Jacobin are recovering from COVID. Get well soon

Joe and Linda. Cathy Mettler had back surgery. On behalf of the Lodge I would like to wish Cathy a speedy recovery. In finally, I'm saddened to report that my father Paul Osgood passed away on July 26th. Paul was Bellevue Lodge President twice and Grand Lodge Orator. There really is so much to say about my father, but it's still difficult for me to talk about. I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who has recent out to me with condolences and to tell me how much my father meant to them. It has been very comforting to me and my family.

Our next Lodge meeting will be Sept. 1st. At this point, I don't

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 / <u>ortenzo@gmail.com</u>

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 6:00 pm

> Meeting starts at 6:30pm MCLANE GRANGE

931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

Sophia Risorto, President

760-333-7964 bellavitalodge@gmail.com

Shirley Delauranti Garrison, Recording Secretary

253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

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

know if we will be meeting in person or via Zoom. Our President Mary Dematteo Sangalang will be polling the club to decide. Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood

> Black Diamond #1809, Black Diamond, WA



A loving Fall 2022 welcome to you for renewed member camaraderie during safe and healthy returns to in-person monthly meetings when feasible. We would like to share a treasure bequeathed to the Black Diamond Lodge by our member Livia Merlini Ziebarth from the estate of her mother Marie Merlini Freeman . . . the original officer regalia. Member Barb Cloud consulted with skilled craftsman Martin Smithberg to build a beautiful window box in which to display these lodge treasures to hang in the OSDIA Black Diamond Lodge 1809 section of the Black Diamond Museum. A visit to the Museum is a delightful experience into the historical trove from the once-thriving coal mining town of Black Diamond, Washington.

This precious regalia was designed with the motto "Liberta



Ugualianza, and Fratellanza" encircling a lion that is guarding the organization acronym "OFD'I in A" (Ordine Figli d'Italia in America). They were worn on lanyards proudly displaying the red, white, and blue of the country they loved . . . the United States of America. The following are translations of the Italian officer titles beautifully hung above the regalia: Venerabile President, Assistente di Venerabile Vice President, Ex Venerabile (Passato) Past President, Oratore Orator, Segretaria Recording Secretary, Segretaria di

Finanza Financial Secretary, Tesoriere Treasurer, Curatore Trustee, Cerimoniere Master/Mistress of Ceremonies, Sentinella Sentinel, Araldo Herald, and Arcivista Archivist.

And, now, the pleasure to introduce you to two of our newest members via their written family vignette. This is our story, the story of a "Son and Daughter of Italy in America" who this year joined the Black Diamond Lodge, thanks to Marlene and Michele Palazzo.



from Caserta (near Naples in the Campania Region of South Italy). It was 2017 when we decided to take a courageous turn in our lives as architects. We were in love with Naples since the time of our studies at the University. We have two children. Our daughter Maria Grazia has one year remaining to graduate from the Italian University to become an Architect, having previously graduated in Piano and Interior Design. Our son Vincenzo has one more year to graduate from the Italian University to become a Data Analyst. We were disappointed and tired of looking at the Italian horizon, so in 2017 we closed our professional architecture studio and said to ourselves, "We must LEAVE ITALY TO START A NEW LIFE IN THE USA."

We have a great passion for good food, and in 2014 we opened a blog, Instagram, and Facebook page, sharing many recipes of our best local and family traditions. The name is Passioni & Curiosita' which means "Passion and Curiosity." By clicking on https:// passioniandcuriosita.blogspot.com or on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest, you can check it out and appreciate the most

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

Janice Malvesti-Cole, President

360.463.4671

CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280 Bremerton, WA

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./ Potluck-6:00 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 succulent specialties that we have treasured over the years. I got my name Maddalena and my love for cooking from my grandmother as a young girl, and I was inspired by the advice and culinary experiences of my mother "Mamma Nannina - Anna." My husband got his name Salvatore from his grandfather. From an early age he dreamed of making pizza, and he loved cooking pasta dishes. From his dad Vincenzo he had a passion for art, design, and craftsmanship.

We invested in a company that imports traditional products to the U.S.A. from Italy. From there, our dream of starting a culinary vocation came true. We are co-owners of a small restaurant in Idaho, where we offer some of our Italian and Campania specialties. Our customers love us and our Italian dishes.

From our family traditions come the meatballs, the pizza, the mythical tiramisu, the babà, the pastiera, the paste di mandorla (almond cookies), and much more that are on the menu of our restaurant. We taught Italian cooking classes for the city where we lived in Idaho, and we hope to be able to do it again here as soon as possible. After the experience in Idaho, in 2021 we moved to the Seattle area where we are now adding more experience in both fields of architecture/design and good food.

We are happy to represent a "Sketch of Italy," to speak the melodic Italian language that Americans love, to cook and eat with friends, to show the places where we lived, traveled and enjoyed with our family, and to show the happiness of life! We never feel separated from our family and friends in Italy, thanks to Messenger-Whatsapp by which we maintain contact and continue to make new friends here in America. Like every Son and Daughter of Italy in America, we miss Italy . . . but we love the U.S.A. We are happy to be part of the Black Diamond Lodge in the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America and have fun every time we meet!

Maddalena Costanzo Salvatore Spirito 2022 New Members Black Diamond Lodge 1809

Son Vincenzo and Daughter Maria Grazia



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA



Hello everyone. I hope you all are enjoying our sunny weather, what a treat. I would like to post some photos from recent activities for our lodge.

Bill and Jackie Haberstock did a lot of work for our lodge making



cannoli and selling them.
They garnered a bit of money to add to our finances.
Thank you so much.
Also, we are happy to welcome Jim Karosich as welcomed by Bill Haberstock and our members.

We are also very happy to have Gabriele and Michael Herndon who have rejoined our lodge. It is so nice to know they are with us once more.

Thank you also to Lenny Folino and Ronnie and Rosetta Beyersdorf for donations to our lodge.

Also don't forget we are having a FREE Annual Family Picnic from noon to 4 p.m., August 21 2022 at the Elks picnic shelter & area, 4131 Pine Road N.E. Please come join us in Bremerton! Great food, great beverages, great games, and great friends! We also have a fun white elephant auction which is a great fundraiser



for our lodge and enables us to continue donations to charities.

Coming up in September chef Tony Anderson is providing red meat sauce and pasta for our lodge. Sounds yummy! Thank you, Tony! Gina Natucci and Tony Anderson are in the process of setting up for the 100th centennial celebration! This is the oldest lodge in the

GRLNW

Birthday celebrations and congratulations are in order for several months. In June: Virginia Close. In July: Tony Anderson, Nicole

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 imonit@wavecable.com 360-808-2989

SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390 Seattle, WA

Meets the 3rd Thursdayof 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

Jeff D'Amelio, President

206-251-0536

<u>president@seattlesonsofitaly.org</u> <u>jeffdamelio@live.com</u> Davis, Al Yanity, and Ronnie Beyersdorf. In August: Mary Desantis, Jackie Haberstock. In September: Joe Clementi Congratulations to Joe and Matti Maggi on their 60th wedding

anniversary! I would also like to apologize to everyone for any confusion I may have committed or omitted.

Our next meeting in September is scheduled for the 21st. Sincerely,

Diane Clementi

#1968, Cle Elum, WA



One of the most popular conversations among people throughout the land seems to center around, "The Weather." We in Upper Kittitas County are no different and of course, we believe "our weather" is the most unique anywhere be it simple calamity or God's beauty. This summer, so far, has proven to be the latter as our community and lodge activities have enjoyed the sun and mostly light winds when those conditions are most appreciated. Our annual Lodge Picnic in June saw warm sunny skies. Members and guests caught up with each other on family activities over

a game of Bocce. Late June in Cle Elum brings together the culmination of musroom hunting, the coronation of the Pioneer Days Queen, and the Fourth of July Parade. The Cle Elum Lodge Mushroom Queen/King Contest saw Ken Richards of Roslyn win the crown with a 3.5-pound Boletus edulis. Karter Cresto took second place with a 2.36-pound entry, and Braven Bendzak came in third at 2.31 pounds. Julienne

Breznikar, a lifelong resident of Cle Elum was crowned Pioneer

burgers and kielbasa while others enjoyed a little competition over

Days Queen 2022.

The Grand Pioneers Day Parade 2022 on Fourth of July weekend saw 80 entries which included decorated floats and vehicles of all kinds, mounted horse groups and posses with their clean-up crews, antique cars, firetrucks, aid vehicles, military vehicles, walking organizational groups, politicians, and a motorcycle stunt troop. With the help of generous donations and support from our community and our

Brothers and Sisters in Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, the Cle Elum Lodge was able to award \$12,000 in scholastic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors from local high schools. From Easton Schools was Loreydy Santiago and from Cle Elum Roslyn Schools were Mary Kay Wanechek, Chloe Cranefield, Hunter Pearson, Avalon Dewitt, and Shelby Jo Wanechek. Ciao! Respectfully submitted,

Rich Grillo, grillogo1@msn.com

Cle Elum



If you're wondering where the summer went, here are some events and news about what happened with us in Marysville, Mille Cugini. Cheryl Petruccelli is due a big thanks for hosting another great

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA



with everyone. Also, many thanks go to Pat Dama for helping with shopping and setting up. We are so glad to have him with us during

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these summer months. Robert Gange and Pat were busy on the grill serving the usual BBO menu. The weather was perfect! We missed those of vou who could not attend but feel grateful to all those that

Mary Dellino is turning 91 years old at the end of August! She will be able to have a

small gathering to celebrate with her family. Benvenuto Autunno Paula Dellino Jacoby, Reporter

Olympic Peninsula #2733, Port Angeles, WA



Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. Be careful what you wish for.... like everywhere it seems, we have had too many unusually warm days. The ole air conditioner has been humming along for a while.



Before I get too far into this article, I am happy to report, that our newsletter articles are officially close to the ones in a newspaper.... I must report a correction and an oversight! I forgot to send along a picture for the last edition, and I also need to correct a quote; the quote will make much more sense when I do. I am including a picture of Peni Cenedella from her presentation at the May meeting. Also, her philosophy of the 3Ws should have read "make people feel Warm, Welcome and Wanted." I really needed to get

to correct that because it is such a great philosophy and words to remember. (You can go back to the last newsletter if you are curious how bad I messed it up.)

Now, on to a quick recap of our June meeting and July activities. I am keeping this short so I can get a few pictures in. We had surprise



guests attend our June meeting, Paul and Sharon Pioli. Since Paul had been our lodge's previous State Deputy, many of the long-time members were happy to see them both again. Aside from a productive meeting, and yet another fabulous meal, plus a fun raffle, we were treated to another episode of member "story time." Pat



shared how it was in the 50s in Newark, New Jersey growing up in a home where his father had a small, but a modestly lucrative connection to that famous family from Sicily. He described in detail various activities that took place, stereotypical "black cars" that arrived at the house, and men in nice suits who sat and sipped beverages like gentlemen before "getting down to business." For Pat, this was

all very normal – didn't everyone's dad provide for their family in a similar manner? Pat holds dear the memories of family gatherings for meals - aunts, uncles, cousins - not just at holiday time, but often throughout the year. He believes the sense of "family" is very important. There is a very similar fondness for family gatherings Pat described in an article in the summer edition of the Italian America magazine. The author describes Sunday dinners very much as Pat mentions. Pat's recollection of his childhood and teen years could have easily been the theme for a Hollywood movie starring Robert De Niro or Rav Liotta.

It was an enjoyable time sharing, and now we all understand Pat just a little bit better. Pat has been a valuable part of our lodge for many years. I call him Mr. Logistics - he arrives early and makes sure the meeting space is set up appropriately before the lodge members start rolling in. And he does so much more to be sure we are ready for our meeting and buffet meal. Pat is also our Chaplain,

YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732 Yakima, WA

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and he conducts the raffle activities. (there's a joke somewhere in that combination of roles) He makes sure the raffle is fun as well as adds a little money to our bank balance.

Perhaps his unique New Jersey upbringing is still a little bit with him, and his belief in the family is evident within our lodge family. We are so grateful to have him in our lodge. Unfortunately, there isn't a picture of Pat for this newsletter, but one will be added next month.



In mid-July, we had two big lodge events. First, we sold cannoli again at the Port Angeles Farmers Market. We learned a bit from the first go at it, therefore we were more successful financially this time. While the funds are particularly important to our lodge, the activity itself was a wonderful opportunity to talk with those in the community. We spoke to several people who did not know the lodge existed, and we gladly shared information and handouts with them - and then convinced them to buy a cannoli or two. Appreciation goes to the volunteers for the event; Steven Bridge, Sal/Judy D'Amico, Joe/Yvonne Schipani. Sal once again made the cream filling, and once again, it did not disappoint. I think someone was even scraping the bottom of the empty bowl to get every drop! The very next day, we had our annual lodge picnic. It was well attended and of course, packed with great food. Again, we enjoyed the company of our guests, Paul and Sharon Pioli, Joe and Diane Clementi (from the Cataldo lodge) and we had a guest from our local Sons of Norway Lodge. We are hoping to reconnect with them now that activities are getting back to normal for both groups. We had a great time with our white elephant sale part of the day. Thanks to our State Deputy, Jackie Haberstock for also attending, and bringing along hubby Bill, (President of the Cataldo Lodge). Bill did a superb job as auctioneer; he had a way of getting the highest prices possible out of the mystery packages, plus made sure it was a "ton of fun." Joe Schipani entertained us with an accordion playing for our singing and dancing pleasure.

So, that wraps up our month of July. We take the month of August off from our meetings; a good way to get through the rest of the dog days of summer. We will be back in September, with cooler weather

hopefully. Lodge member Armando Muggia is on the agenda for member storytime. Should be a good one!

The tourists are dwindling a bit, so hey, come up and see us sometime!

Ciao ... for now

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary

Seattle #1390, Seattle, WA



Summer is coming to an end and the school year is about to start. President Jeff D'Amelio and his wife Dani spent some time in Hawaii. Jeff came home with COVID, and spent a day in the hospital but is now home and doing well. He is still

staying isolated. Feel better soon, it is time for our fall meeting. Lisa Marchese and Gianna Marchese both dropped in to see everyone at the All Italian Picnic. Lisa has a month home from Rome but is busy with meetings

for her law practice and the classes she teaches in Rome. Gianna finished her summer internship and is headed back to school to continue working on her Master's degree. Good luck and safe travels to both of them. We lost one of our long-time members, Rose Croce. Sympathy and prayers to her family. Rose played a vital role in all of our Lodge events. She will be missed by many.

Laura Salle attended a family reunion in Boston and visited a niece in New York. The pictures she posted on Facebook showed what a great time she had. Grandson Owen and his parents also attended the reunion. The Irish also know how to host a reunion.

Attendance at the August get-together, sausage, and peppers, was small but fun. Be sure to watch your email for notifications about the time and place of our September meeting.

Joe and Therese Megale spent 25 days in Italy. Lucky them. They spent some time in Rome but most of their days were spent in Calabria visiting family. Before they left Seattle Joe made the evening news on KOMO was driving down the road and saw a house on fire. He stopped to help and called the fire department. Way to go, Joe!



President Jeff reports that he is looking forward to our upcoming meetings. He has missed seeing everyone this summer.

We will be having a booth at the San Genaro Festival and at the Festa Italiana. If you can donate some time to work at either event please contact Jeff. Now that school is starting please drive carefully and stop for the yellow school buses.

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winner Gioberto Rocchio, grandson of Florence and Al Carlsen, Gio is entering the the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Md. . We wish him the best of luck

Ciao.

Diane Scillo, Reporter

Тасота #1175, Tacoma, WA



"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

We hope you have all been able to enjoy this beautiful summer! It's hard to believe that it's already September!

The Tacoma Lodge has had a busy summer. We participated in the all-Italian Community Picnic on August 21st in Maple Valley. This was a fantastic fun time with a great dinner, music, dancing and of course lots of fun!



We also participated in The Little Italy Tacoma Street Fair on Saturday, August 27th. Thank you to all who made a donation or volunteered for the event. We had two booths, one in which we sold our fabulous roast beef Italian sandwiches and the other with our Italian sodas. Gina Costanti-Eacrett, our recording secretary, officially kicked off the fair by singing our National Anthem. Way to go Gina! We'll provide more information about this event, with pictures, in the next issue of the Newsletter.

As you may know, our Lodge will be celebrating its 100th-year celebration in April 2023. Our lodge members attending our September meeting will have the ability to reserve tickets for the event. This event will be held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Currently, you can place an ad in the event's program. Please contact Gina Natucci or Tony Anderson for more information about the costs of placing ads, etc.

Member Birthdays: August Birthdays include John Geatz, 8th, Susan Geatz, 10th, Rosa Kirby, 22th, Fran Laudadio, 6th, Dorette Markham, 21st, Karen Martelli, 6th, Gail Messina, 16th, Ernie W. Reda, 18th, Pete Sluka, 8th, Clarke Thomson, 7th, and Mike Turco, 10th. September Birthdays include Lynda Garitone on the 8th, Ron Grassi on, 21st, Leonard Laudadio, on the 9th, Deb Marchetti on, 29th, Michael Marchetti, on the 30th, Janet Mcintyre, on the 19th,

and Karen Trinnes, 16th. Buon Compleanno a Tutti!! Sunshine Report: Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers; Paula Fiorino, Mary Mangione Lambie, and Sharon Knezvich. Each of these members has been experiencing



health issues. Also, sadly, member Jack Yaconetti passed away on July 16th. He was 89 vears old. Our sympathy goes out to the entire Yaconetti family; please keep them all in your prayers. The next Tacoma Lodge meeting will be held on Wednesday, September

7th at the Totem Yacht

Club. We will have a delicious pasta dinner so please join us. Social hour begins at 5:30.

Ciao!

Iulie Garitone

Tre Cittá #2881, Tri-Cities, WA



On August 2nd, 2022, our Lodge held its seventh meeting of the new year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick with a total of twenty-two members and visitors in attendance. It was a nice summer night with a great turn out and, by the end of the night, we had six new members sign up to join our lodge. This brings our total lodge membership to forty-two new members for the year. We had an update from our Pasta Dinner Chairperson, Julianne Barnaby, about our next Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle that will be held at the Richland Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022. This dinner and basket raffle is our major annual fundraiser which has allowed us to fund three \$1,000 scholarships each year for several years, including the last two years of the pandemic. Julianne discussed the planning to date on the dinner and asked for volunteers to help with the many aspects of the dinner itself and the preparation of baskets that will be raffled off at the dinner. We also discussed our first social get-together of the year involving a social meeting and barbeque at one of our member's homes that we hope to have later this summer. We are also hoping to have a Sunday afternoon of bocce play and social outing at one of our local wineries in the September-October timeframe.

At the 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 \$150 at our meeting. We typically raise enough raffle proceeds at each meeting during the year that allow us to donate up to \$500 to one or two local

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Ronnie Beyersdorf ABC Secretary - 206-478-3876 Email: Wb7tbg@aol.com organizations and worthy causes each year. We donated \$500 earlier this year to Washington Operation Thank You, a local veteran's support group here in the Tri-Cities.

We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Because our faithful members, Nadia and Leonardo Luzi, who own Bella Italia where we usually meet every month will be returning from their trip to Italy, our next regular monthly meeting will be a combined social and business meeting held on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, at the Jack and Julianne Barnaby's home on 737 N. Pittsburg St. in Kennewick, WA.

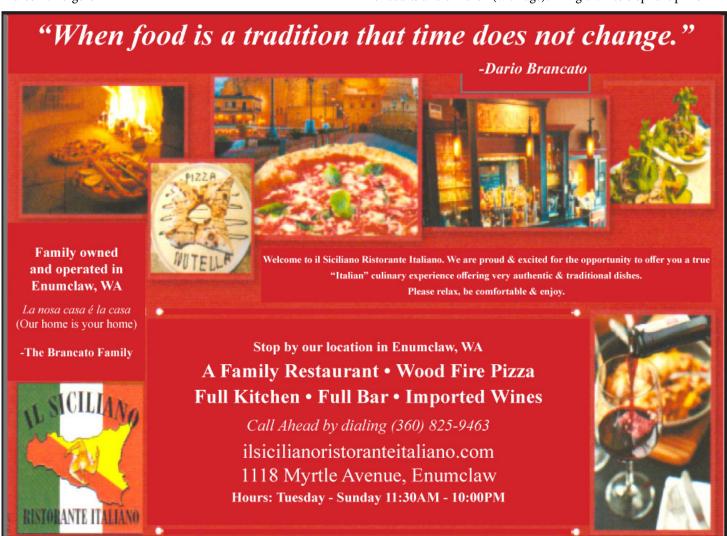
If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities at that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you. Ciao for now!

Marcel P. Bergeron

Vancouver USA #2690, Vancouver, WA



OUR LABOR DAY PICNIC is on Monday, September 5th starting at 11:00 a.m. At Lewisville Park, 26411 NE Lewisville Hwy., Battle Ground WA. Open invitation to all members, family, and friends to join us for our annual picnic. We will be at the Oak Pavilion our usual spot as in the past. Play bocce, white elephant bingo, and a pinata for the kids to eat great food and enjoy each other's company. The club will supply Italian sausage, hot dogs, and punch. Please bring a salad, side dish, dessert, or something to share. RSVP to Linda Gibson at legogibson@gmail.com or (760) 450-8057 no later than August 30th with your food choice and number of adults and children (with age). Bring a white elephant prize in



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ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, September 18th at 7:00 to discuss our book selection, The Italian Ballerina by author Kristy Cambron. We plan to meet at Patti Borden's home (360) 314-2810 if Barnes & Noble is still not open to groups. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon. Any questions, please call Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984.

BOCCE IS BACK!! Our bocce courts behind the Elks Lodge are ready to go. Play bocce every Tuesday, weather permitting, at 6:00 PM. Elks address is 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd., courts are behind the main building. All ages are invited to learn and play. Any questions, contact Paul Zanobelli at (360)521-5584

Game Nite is on Saturday, September 17th at Bruce & Barbara Blair's home. Please let them know if you plan to attend at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984.

No White Elephant Bingo in September as we will playing bingo at the Labor Day Picnic the day before. See you in October. CLUB NEWS: Dee Newbern will be celebrating her birthday this year in Hawaii with her family. On her return, she will be traveling to Bend, OR for another family reunion. Donna Covi will be traveling to Arizona. Linda Cherney and her daughters will be

cruising to Italy to see the sites. Buon compleanno to our September birthdays!!

Tante Grazie to all members who came out and supported our booth at Festa Italiana on Sunday, August 21st. Hopefully, you had a great day!! Seattle's Festa Italiana will be on September 24th & 25th at the Seattle Center.

HATS FOR HEAD-START – Please contact Liz Haught at (360)673-1320 for times & dates if you would like to make hats for the Co-

lumbia River Headstart Program. All yarn is donated for the hats; instruction is available on how to make them. Hats are collected for distribution in October.

Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (September 11th & 25th) 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 Grezesiowski is improving and recovering at home. She will have another surgery on September 8th. She thanks everyone for their cards, prayers, and well wishes. Margaret Greene will be having vascular surgery on August 29th. Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through this surgery. Linda Cherney is recuperating from a leg injury and saving her energy for her trip to Italy. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Ciao a tutti!! Barbara Blair

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