



# Northwest Italian News

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## Coming Events!

### Monday, Sept. 4th, 11:00 a.m.

Vancouver USA #2690  
Labor Day Picnic  
Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA  
info: Rosann (360)601-8410

### Sept 8th, 9th, & 10th 2023

San Gennaro Festival, George Town, Seattle

### Saturday, Sept. 16th, 1:00 PM

Vancouver USA #2690  
Friendship Tea  
Family of Christ Lutheran Church  
3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver WA info:  
Rosann (360)601-8410

**Sept 23-24, 2023** Italian Seattle Festival  
Seattle Center, Seattle

### September 30, 2023

Paw Chella Fest, Chehalis Veterans Museum  
100 SW Veterans Way Chehalis.  
Well behaved animals and humans welcome!  
Pet activities and Vendors  
Dianne Stefanini 360-669-9380  
Sophia Risorto 760-333-7964.

### Raffle Date: October 2023

Bella Vita Hog Raffle - 4 Lucky Winners 50  
lbs Berkshire pork.  
Tickets are \$25ea or 5 for \$100  
Contact Vera Kay 360-581-9856  
Pam Daudet -Farmer of Bella Vita's Hogs-  
blkcws@yahoo.com  
Sophia Risorto 760-333-7964.

### Sunday, Oct. 15th, 4 - 7 PM

Vancouver USA #2690,  
Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 40 et 8 Chateau,  
7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver WA  
info: Frank (360)576-0453

### Saturday, October. 21, 2023

Fall Grand Council  
Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA  
Contact: Tony Anderson atony@harbornet.  
com

### Saturday, November 11, 2023

Auburn Annual Veterans Day Parade- Free  
lunch for marchers at the Multipurpose  
Building in Les Gove Park after the parade.  
Please RSVP to Michael Sepal  
253-863-5216 sepalmj@aol.com

## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



Welcome back, Brothers & Sisters... Yes, I'm excited... It's September and we are all returning from a great Summer, checking in, enjoying a meal, a glass of wine, and talking about all that happened during our break. We celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations and enjoyed picnics. Now it's time to ask a friend or family member to come to your next meeting and join. Be so proud of your membership that you want to share why you are a part of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and invite them. National VP Tony Bisceglia Anderson, Rosetta Beyersdorf, Lenny Folino, Dot Whitney, and Gina Natucci & I just returned from attending the National Convention. The National election was held, and your new slate of officers was elected. ***Our new National President is Michael Polo.*** The slate of National officers is inside this newsletter. I will share more about the National convention in our Oct. newsletter. Be assured, the Northwest was well represented. It is hard to believe that we are headed for fall and all the fun holidays and events that come with it. As always, I encourage members to go visit other lodges, build a friendship, and support and participate with each other. I hope many of the lodges are putting into play the Ambassador program. It is such an easy way to help build and retain your membership while getting to know each other. The Ambassador program was one of several ways to build and strengthen lodges brought forward at our convention in May. Check-in with your lodge president and your elected delegates to hear more. Also, check in with your lodge presidents about purchasing a November money calendar. Remember, each day someone wins, and their name still goes back in to draw again throughout November. Get one for yourself, a friend, and your lodge. The funds help support the Grand Lodge and allow us to keep your per capita costs down. September brings several events which really are so much fun but we need volunteers too. The San Gennaro Festival Sept 8-10 and the Seattle Festa Sept 23-24. Please come and enjoy these fun, free events and then volunteer for 1-2 hours at our Sons and Daughters of Italy membership booth. Contact Vice President Brock Ricci at riccivilla@hotmail.com (425) 345-6975 or myself at buccini@rainierconnect.com 253-225-2483 to volunteer. Our next Grand Council is Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at the Embassy Suites. Please look at the information box inside the NWIN concerning meal choices and room options. Be aware that there are deadlines for both. All are welcome to attend & see our Grand Council taking care of business for you.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Buccini Anderson, President-GLNW

## YOUR NATIONAL OSDIA AT WORK: ALZHEIMERS

The National OSDIA has contributed more than \$1 million to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). The Alzheimer's Association is the largest national voluntary health organization committed to finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease, which is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. Your lodges fundraising events for the national charities help to contribute to this worthwhile organization. Consider developing annual lodge fundraising campaigns for this and other National OSDIA-supported charities.

### KNOW THE 10 EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S:

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- Challenges in planning or solving problems.
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks.
- Confusion with time or place
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
- New problems with words in speaking or writing.
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- Decreased or poor judgment
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Changes in mood and personality

Visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) for more information.



## Auburn's Annual Veterans Parade Saturday, November 11, 2023

**Auburn's 59th annual Veterans Parade** – the largest parade of its kind West of the Mississippi! Free lunch for marchers at the Multipurpose Building in Auburn's Les Gove Park after the parade. Please RSVP to Michael Sepal, 253-863-5216 [sepalmj@aol.com](mailto:sepalmj@aol.com)

Since 1965, the City of Auburn has honored our Veterans. Plan to join in this year to pay tribute, thank and honor Veterans and active military members on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am on Main Street in downtown Auburn.

The 2023 parade marks the 58th anniversary of this signature event in Auburn. Over the years, Auburn's Veterans Parade has become one of the largest parades of its' kind West of the Mississippi, quite possibly the largest in the United States. The parade typically boasts almost 6,000 participants and over 200 entries including military vehicles and equipment, military and veteran units, over 25 marching bands, ROTC Units, antique military vehicles and classic cars, community groups and more.

**The 11:00 am parade**, typically commences with a military flyover by a C-17, followed by a UH-1H Huey helicopter flyover.

## Autism Speaks

### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am Jeanne Fasano, and as your 4th Vice President, I have taken on a project to raise awareness of Autism and hopefully raise some funds as well. I am the grandmother of a beautiful 21-year-old grandson who is autism affected. When looking at the prevalent statistic for 2023, I find one child in every 36 is diagnosed with varying degrees of Autism. That figure was 1 in 44 in 2021, and 1 in 110 in 2006.

Those statistics would tend to make us think there is an epidemic of autism. Experts tend to believe it is more a matter of getting better at diagnosing. The statistics tell me several things. With the number of OSDIA members in the US, I am certainly not the only one with an affected family member. It also tells me that there is likely an area of need that our organization might be able to fill.

In the coming months, I will be providing further information. I would also love to hear from others in OSDIA in any of the following ways:

1. You have been affected by autism in your family or extended family.
2. You have suggestions for needs that are not being addressed adequately in your area. An example for my grandson is opportunities for socialization.
3. You have fundraising ideas.
4. You are interested in participating with me in this project.

**I may be reached at: [Jeannefasano@gmail.com](mailto:Jeannefasano@gmail.com) (509)594-9116**  
Thank you for your interest.

### Reminder:

## GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

**Oct. 21, 2023, 10 am - Embassy Suites**  
20610 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA

**Room reservations:** Call directly - ASAP (425)775-2500 and ask for an OSDIA room block. There are only a small number of rooms set aside at \$130. Rate. The **deadline** to reserve a room is **Sept 30th**.

**Menu choices:** Roasted Portobello Mushroom, Spinach, Herbs, Braised Lentils, Mozzarella, Ribbon Zucchini, Patty Pan Squash, Red Pepper Syrup & Balsamic Glaze \$30

- Or -

Maple Bourbon Glazed Chicken, Bacon Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Chipotle Dusted Tater Tots, Pickled Sweet Pepper \$30

Both options include salad, rolls, and the chef's choice of dessert.

**Meal order deadline- Oct. 7th.**

**Send meal choice to:** Debbie Sonstelle, [sonstelle4@hotmail.com](mailto:sonstelle4@hotmail.com) (253) 797-9515

**Send payments to:** Dot Whitney 4516 48th Ave NE Seattle 98105 Check made out to "OSDIA"

## American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,

Good ole summertime and the joys of Dolce far niente—the



sweetness of doing nothing. Not for us. The Cagli students came to Spokane and the whirlwind of activities began.

Several of our club members; Samantha Gimlin, Darlene La Bella, Robert and Susie Prusch, Joann and John Caputo, graciously participated in the program as “home-stay Families”, sponsoring one



or more students in their home. Their time and generosity were greatly appreciated. The students attended morning classes in English, communications, and Spokane Native

American history, while afternoon activities included a trip to Spokane television station KHQ-TV, a bike ride on the Hiawatha Bike Trail, and a visit to a bison ranch just to name a few. Club members were able to join them at a Spokane



Indians baseball game a family summertime favorite. Another family summertime favorite that the students were able to enjoy is our club's Annual Family Picnic at beautiful Manito



Park. The club provided delicious sausage and peppers along with hamburgers and hot dogs. Club members brought picnic sides for

everyone to enjoy. The weather was perfect, and the Bocce games began! Our Grand Lodge President, Linda Buccini Anderson, and Past President/4th National Vice President Tony Anderson; and Mike and Kathi Butorac from Cle Elum also joined us! We thank you for coming to Spokane and

joining us in our festivities. It was a special treat to see you!! We will reconvene from our summer break on Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at 330 E. Boone, O'Malley Hall. A potluck dinner will follow the meeting. A September social night is also being planned. Happy Fall-Felice l'autunno.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus, Recoding Sec. #2172



## Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

A big “Grazie!” to Joe and Connie Chicano for all their work preparing for the Amerigo Vespucci Annual Picnic at their home on Sunday, August 13, 2023. There was lots of food, fun, and fellowship had by all, despite the hot weather. David Aldrich put on a fabulous display with his fig appetizers and edible flowers. Sally Percini received raves from everyone over her berry cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream. A large variety of salads and beans were provided by others to enjoy with the barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers.

A few of our members attended the Cataldo Lodge 50th Anniversary party at the Bremerton Elks. They said it was “so



fun”! Congratulations to Amerigo Vespucci Lodge's long-time member Sally Nicholas, who just celebrated her 100th birthday on August 9th, Sally was born and raised in Italy. During World War 2, she met U.S. Military Police Officer, Mike Nicholas, while he was stationed in Italy. She became a war bride, as they were married in Italy before they came to the United States after the war. She joined the Aberdeen Sons and Daughters of Italy soon after making Aberdeen her new home. She held, while active in the lodge, many officers' positions including president and treasurer. Sally and the



Sons and Daughters of Italy are truly amazing. Sending her much love from all of us at Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. Congratulations to Joe Cornell on receiving seven blue ribbons and Best of Show for his Dahlias at the Gray Harbor County Fair.

A reminder to all that GLNW November raffle calendars are available from Joe Chicano or Mary Jane Rogers for \$20. They can be purchased at our Thursday, September 21, 2023, meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by a Lodge meeting. As always, raffle items for the scholarship fund are appreciated.

Fino ad allora, Ciao. Judith Braddon

## ***Auburn***

#1955 Auburn, WA

July and August were the summer break for the Auburn Lodge. We hope everyone had some quality time with family and friends. In July the club officers took the opportunity to meet and look over the upcoming year's calendar. With a few exceptions, our monthly meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month from September to June at Holy Family Church in Auburn. Please note that November and December will move to the second Wednesday because of

the church schedule. Plenty of food, fellowship, and fun are in the plans. As a warm-up to the new year, on August 11th, thirty-four of our members enjoyed an evening at Caffè D'arte Roasting Plant in Federal Way. It included a tour, tastes, and treats to take home. Ticket sales and a raffle generated some funds for the club. Everyone had a great time! In addition to this event, we want to extend a big thank you to Tacoma Lodge for the invitation to attend their August picnic.

Our first meeting is set for September 14th. At our kick-off, members should be ready to support the GLNW Fundraiser – Money Raffle in November. For \$20 you get a raffle calendar with the opportunity for 29 chances to take home a daily cash prize. One of the days is worth \$500 and you can win more than once! You can contact Rosetta Beyersdorf or John Partridge for your raffle card order. Don't be left out.

Mark Saturday, Nov 11th on your calendar. We will be one of the lodges carrying the American and Italian Flag in the Auburn Veterans Day parade. Our own Michael Sepal has volunteered to take the lead for Auburn Lodge and we are hoping to fill a city block in support of our veterans. This is said to be the largest Veteran's Day parade this side of the Mississippi. Afterward, those who march will gather for warm drinks and a meal. Hopefully, other lodges from across the state will come to march.

Get your jerseys on! We are excited to announce that we have secured a block of tickets in late January for a Seattle Thunderbirds hockey game at the Showare Center in Kent. This is for our club family, kids, grandkids, and friends to get out, have fun, and see our Club name on the reader board. At just \$20 a ticket, they will make great Christmas presents. A special thank you to Joe Ripollone for taking this on and pulling it together. We will have the tickets available for sale at the September meeting.

Last but not least, a belated "Thank You" to Richard and Angie Artura for donating centerpieces, balloons, and wine at our 75th-anniversary celebration. Your time and talents were much appreciated.

Sincerely, John Partridge, Lodge President

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**AMERICAN-ITALIAN  
CLUB NO. 2172  
Spokane, WA**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday  
of each month at 6:00 PM  
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL  
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**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  
**President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano**  
360-581-1072  
[cjchicano@comcast.com](mailto:cjchicano@comcast.com)

## **Bella Vita**

#2285, Olympia, WA

Buon Estate! Happy Summer! Hope everyone is enjoying our summer months! Looking forward to meeting again in September! Bella Vita meets the First Thursday of each month from September until June at the McLane Grange in Olympia: 931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 7. Social Fun: 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 Raffle/Meeting 6:30 pm. Please come join us, socialize, and enjoy a delicious meal together! That is what Bella Vita is about. Reminder to please sell Hog Tickets! Our Hog Fundraiser ends in October. The 4 Lucky Winners will have the opportunity to customize their winnings of approximately 50 lbs of pork meat. The meat of this hog is of superior quality not comparable to your supermarket pork. Please consider selling tickets to your friends, and family, at work, church, and community. And buy some yourself!! Tickets are \$25, or 4 Tickets for \$100. Any questions please contact Vera Kay at 360-581-9856, Pam Daudet -Farmer of Bella Vita's Hog- blkws@yahoo.com, or Sophia Risorto at 760-333-7964. Paw Chella Fest is September 30 at the Chehalis Veterans Museum-100 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis. Come join this festival for YOU and your pets. Bella Vita will have a booth to sell homemade baked goods for both human and pet consumption as well as our Hog tickets. We are asking for volunteers to represent Bella Vita and help at the booth. We need Bakers and Volunteers, please consider baking a homemade treat to sell. Any interest? or do you need further information? Please contact Dianne Stefanini at 360-669-9380 or Sophia Risorto at 760-333-7964.



Our Bella Vita Board met in August to review our budget and discuss activities and needs for our lodge. Thanks to all who attended. If you are interested in being

Cook of the Month or would like to share a cultural event please contact Sophia. Vera will be our September Cook. We also need volunteers to assist with cleaning, closing, and opening the lodge. Please consider helping, contact Sophia, bellavitalodge@gmail.com.

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September. Ciao!



## **Bellevue**

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends. This has been the first summer since the Bellevue Lodge started to resume our regular activities after the pandemic, the first summer that we didn't have regular Zoom meetings, back to our regular cadence with no Lodge meeting in July or August. So what has the Bellevue Lodge been up to? On June 27th, 49 members of our Lodge attended the Mariners Italian Heritage Night. Unfortunately, the Mariners lost to the Washington Nationals, but we all had a lot of fun visiting with friends and just going out to the ballgame. Many in our Lodge were looking forward to the



All-Italian Community picnic, but unfortunately, the picnic was canceled. So instead, Michele Guerrini invited the Lodge to

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

[www.auburnsonsofitaly.org](http://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 John Partridge**  
[jpartridge427@gmail.com](mailto:jpartridge427@gmail.com)  
253-804-8671

### **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

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760-333-7964 [bellavitalodge@gmail.com](mailto:bellavitalodge@gmail.com)

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(360) 581-9856

**Shirley Delauranti Garrison,  
Recording Secretary**  
253-677-8420 [shirleygarrison46@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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come to her house in Snohomish. Mary and Ron Sangalang, Jerry Nonnis, Cathy Mettler, Joan Carson and her husband Doug Warne, and Greg Osgood and his wife Kim Hoang joined Michele and her friends and family at the impromptu picnic. And like any good gathering of Italians, there was plenty of food and everyone had a great time. In Sunshine News, Ron and Mary Sangalang took a cruise to Alaska to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Greg Osgood and his wife Kim Hoang went to France to attend the wedding of Kim's niece in the Ariege region south of Toulouse. And Laura Cosacchi is spending a year in Sicily. Our next Lodge meeting will be Sept. 7th at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA: 5:30 Social Hour with wine and appetizers, 6:30 Dinner (\$10), 7:15 Meeting, and Raffle (please bring something to donate for the raffle table if you can) Tickets 6/\$5 or \$1 each. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood



**Black Diamond**

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

We are honored that our Black Diamond brother Leonardo Folino was elected Second Vice President and National Delegate at the Grand Lodge of the Northwest Biennial Convention in May. He is currently in Tampa, Florida,



representing the Northwest at the National Supreme OSDIA Convention being conducted August 16-19. As the deadline for articles in this NWIN fall edition was scheduled for August 18, the election of National OSDIA officers occurred three hours earlier on the same day. Leonardo shares photos to visually introduce you to the newly elected President Michael Polo and his renowned Father from the State of Connecticut who is a past National President.

Our July 22 picnic was enjoyed by 30+ members, families, and friends with a cool breeze in the elevated temperature at Mud Mountain Dam Park. We upheld the famous integrity of an Italian gathering with great conversations and two picnic tables laden with delicious food. We invite you to (in-person or virtually) join us for dinner and our fall meeting on September 9 when we will initiate new members into our Black Diamond Village with a (Mt. Rainier) View. It is our sincere pleasure to introduce you to one of our newest members, Ginny Ogle of the Yazzolino, Maletta, and Reda families as she shares her following family stories. All my

**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**  
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**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  
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**CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968**

Meets the 2nd Sunday  
of Each Month  
Potluck Dinner 5:00 p.m.  
Meeting and Raffle follows

**CLE ELUM  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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great-grandparents came from Calabria (Cosenza and Reggio Calabria). On my Dad's side, my great-grandparents were Saverio Maletta and Maria Mancusco. They had seven children named Joe, John, Alfred, Albert, Tony, Christina, and an adopted son named Louie. After a trek across the U.S., the family settled in Taylor, Washington, in the early 1910s. Also making his home in Taylor was a handsome young man named Gabriele Yazzolino (Iazzolino). He came to America in 1913 and found his way to Taylor in 1920. At the time it was a thriving mining and brick-producing town. Most of the bricks for the Seattle Pike Place Market came from Taylor. He met and married my grandmother, Christina Maletta, when he was 25 and she was 16. They had four children—Rich, Mary, Sam, and Frank Yazzolino. Eventually, they all moved to Seattle, specifically the Atlantic Street area (affectionately named Garlic Gulch). My Grandfather worked for the Seattle Department of Engineering. He helped build the I-90 tunnel and was instrumental in developing several innovations and safeguards for the Engineering Department that became standard practice. My Mother's parents were Antonio and Virginia (Clausi) Reda, also, from Reggio, Calabria. They had three daughters—Josephine (Pep), Mary, and Alda. The family settled in Portland, Oregon. My Grandfather worked for the railroad and played a great harmonica. My Grandmother was a very talented and hard-working fabricator and seamstress. I have very fond memories of summers spent with them. The sunlight would spill through the leaves of the fig trees lining our street . . . Magical! My parents were Rich and Pep Yazzolino. They had four children in five years, busy, busy! My Dad worked for Rosella Fruit & Produce and NW Construction. My Mother did volunteer work and was a great pizza and bread maker. The aroma of freshly baked bread . . . Heaven! My wonderful brothers are Tony, Sam, and Rich, and my great sister-in-law is Gail. Lastly, I have three children—Ann Marie, Anthony, and Elizabeth . . . My Joys!! That's all folks. As we all can say about families, there is a lot more to tell but let us reminisce over a nice glass of wine. CIAO!

Ginny Yazzolino Maletta Reda Ogle

## Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello everyone!

Cataldo Lodge just finished celebrating our 50th Anniversary. What a wonderful time it was!!! Roberta Karosich provided us with a wonderful Grace prior to our meals. It was very moving and thankful. Continuous photos were on a big screen for all to see and remember lodge members of the past. A well-done job that took Joe Clementi through some of his techniques, books, and past experiences to enable all of the photos that rotated through the pictures.

The silent auction was quite a treat with the funds raised for our lodge. Many people supplied many different items. We



are thankful for the support from many other lodges and individuals. Our silent auction garnered \$950 for our lodge. Bill and Jackie Haberstock, Steven and Darlene Haberstock, and Steve Lebeda did a lot of work! It was very organized and a

whole lot of fun. It was also very nice to see members and guests from different lodges. What fun it was to say hello to everyone. We are thankful for the many lodges that support us as well and it was especially nice to see the couples dancing and having fun. I got to meet another person from Elma where I spent a lot of time in the summers growing up. Mary Jane and Dennis Rogers were great to meet!

The staff at the Elk's Lodge did a wonderful job, very prompt and helpful to all of us. Thank you so much.

Sadly, we did have one Faux Pas over our birthdays which I would like to apologize for. Here are the birthdays that were overlooked. Our June and July birthdays include Virginia Close, Mike Herndon, and James Karosich for June. July is for Tony Anderson, Nicole Davis, Al Yanity, and Liz Motter. August includes Mary Desantis, John Lembo, and Jackie Haberstock. September includes Joe Clementi. Happy Birthday to You All ! Our cannoli sale continues to do well. Our

### MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

**Marysville, WA**

<https://www.glnw.org/page-17>

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM  
6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA 98270

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(425) 478-0757

**Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary**  
(425) 892-5441

Meets the 3rd **Wednesday** of each Month  
6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting  
Potluck Dinner following meeting

### OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE NO. 2733

**Port Angeles/Sequim, WA**  
Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month  
Social begins at 12:30pm  
Meeting begins at 1:00pm

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

### SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

**Seattle, WA**

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

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL  
2800 S Massachusetts St  
Seattle, WA 98144

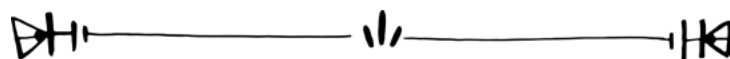
**Laura Salle**  
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206-371-1662

next sale is scheduled for November 4th. On Sunday, August 27th we are having our annual FREE FAMILY PICNIC !!! Noon to 4 PM at the Elk's Picnic Shelter, 4131 Pine Rd. NE, Bremerton. This includes wine, beer, soda,



water, Italian sausage, hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your favorite dish to share! Covered area for rain or shine. Donate a wrapped or bagged item for the white elephant auction. This is the largest lodge fundraiser! Games and prizes for the kids and games include bocce, corn hole, horseshoes, and ladder ball. If you have any questions call President Bill Haberstock at (360 ) 373-4341. Bring friends and family. All are welcome! Happy Trails to everyone. See you soon.

Diane Clementi



### *Cle Elum*

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

No article submitted



### *Mille Cugini*

#2659, Marysville, WA

Picnics and parades and pools, oh my! Summer has seemed busier than usual this year. Once again, Cheryl Petruccelli hosted our picnic at her lovely home. Thank you, Cheryl, for your generous hospitality. It was a great time and a good

turnout. Several of our members, myself and Jeanne Faraone, have been meeting up to play pickleball at the courts in Jennings Park. They are the best courts I've ever seen. It's



lots of fun and a good workout. We hope to expand the group to include more people. We only canceled once due to the smoke from wildfires.

We're feeling very

blessed that our Pacific Northwest temperatures have been mostly tolerable. So far we've had no heat dome like last year and certainly better weather than the rest of the country. Our hearts go out to all those who have suffered stress and great losses because of fires and extreme weather events of every kind, all across the country. Even Italy suffered from severe flooding. We know they are strong and will persevere.

On a happier note, our next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 20th. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 followed by more social time for those who can stay longer.

If you're planning on visiting us, feel free to bring a cultural activity or even engage in storytelling after the meeting.

Contact me, Paula Dellino Jacoby, to coordinate and schedule your ideas. My email address is [olycot@gmail.com](mailto:olycot@gmail.com)

I hope everyone had a summer filled with the love of friends and family.

Mille Cugini Reporter, Paula Dellino Jacoby



### *Olympic Peninsula*

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Olympic Peninsula Lodge hopes everyone is having a great summer. Look for our next article in October. Ciao!

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## Seattle

#1390, Seattle, WA

Hello again, after a break of a couple of months, from us Crazy Sorrelle! Hope your summer has been crazy fun so far! I'll tell you what, the last couple of days have been hot!



Good thing I have air conditioning in my car and at work or I would have never survived! Now to the stuff we have all been waiting for: Thank you to everyone who braved the heat to come join us at our summer dinners. In July it was the Fava Bean Dinner. In August it was the Ciambotta (sausage and peppers). Big Thanks and Kudos to the cooks - who beat the heat and made delicious food. An "At a Boy" to all the other workers, set-uppers, take-downers, clean-uppers, ticket sellers, and truck loaders! We could not do any of these things without you. And let us not forget the wonderful people who purchased items at our meeting's silent auctions that help support the All-Italian Picnic. Too bad it was canceled this year, but the proceeds will go towards next year. Celebration! Beverly Demattea was presented with her 50-year pin by Laura Salle and Diane Scillo. She earned this pin back in 2021, but she was not able to attend meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions, like the rest of us. We hope she can now come and enjoy some time with us at our meetings. Mark your calendars: September 23rd and 24th is Seattle Italian Festa at the Seattle Center and we will be selling hot

meatball sandwiches on both days from our comfy, air-cooled booth. Please sign up with or call Laura Salle (206-371-1662 or lsalle@comcast.net ) to be a part of our well-oiled team! Come enjoy the fun and laughter and meet lots of people! Our next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 21st, at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. This is our first meeting after a short break to just kick back and enjoy dinners without the feeling of being rushed! And in closing, we are always looking for news, that is printable, from our members so we can all share in your stories of travels, celebrations, and just fun things you have been doing. You can contact Chris via email at volponeja@hotmail.com or call her at 425-775-5153. See you in September!

Elaine Volpone and Christina Volpone Gerling



## Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

The Mother Lodge is gearing up for a fun and exciting coming year. In the meantime on Sunday the 13th we had our Italian Community Picnic at Whittier Park in Fircrest. It was well attended, (over 170 folks), and everyone had an incredibly fun time. We were joined by Seattle Lodge, Auburn Lodge, and Olympia Lodge, members. The picnic sponsors were, of course, Tacoma Lodge, Christopher Columbus Society, Pacific Food/ Croce Family, and Italian Casa Cultural Center, and everyone brought potluck, we had enough food for an army. Bocce was played along with scopa, bingo, and a fun free raffle. We are already making plans for next year. We will be having our dinner meeting on Wednesday, Sept 6th at the Totem Yacht Club all are invited.

Tacoma Lodge 1175 is proud of members, Tony DeRosa and Joe Munizza who were recently inducted into the Stadium High School Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame. Tony and Joe

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played on the Stadium High School basketball team that won the State High School Basketball Championship in 1959. Congratulations Tony and Joe!



## Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Our Lodge has been continually active this summer. We held our seventh and eighth meetings of this year on July 5th and August 1st at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick. We



had a total of thirty and twenty-eight members and visitors in attendance at these two meetings. These were our largest turnouts for meetings this year. We had seven guests who attended our July 5th meeting, five of whom joined our lodge. Our membership so far for this year has grown to fifty-two members. The planning for our Annual Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle led by Julianne and Jack Barnaby has

continued. This important fundraising will be held at the Richland Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023. We initiated our ticket sales for our members and their guests at our August meeting. If anyone is interested in attending this event, please give me a call at (509) 554-4924 for more information. Our next social events which we discussed at our last two meetings included:

A potluck picnic will be held at Leslie Grove Park in Richland on Sunday, July 16th, 2023. Unfortunately, we had to postpone this picnic until later this summer because of some extremely hot temperatures (103 degrees) that day.

An afternoon of Bocce, wine tasting, and lunch at Bookwalter Estate Winery in Richland on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2023

At the end of our meetings, we had our 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 \$207 and \$170 for raffles at our July and August meetings. Our charity fund has continued to grow, and we made another donation of \$500 to a worthy local cause in our community called Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities (TROT). TROT promotes the physical, psychological, and social well-being of people with special needs by providing animal-assisted therapies and activities in the Tri-Cities area.

We continue to be delighted that our members and the public can follow us on Facebook,

Many thanks go to Jackie Valentino, one of our dedicated members, for providing wonderful content on Italian food, culture, people, travel destinations, holidays, and other topics on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIAtrecitta>.

We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, 2023, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA. If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities during that time, please come and join us. We would love to have you.

Ciao for now!

Marcel P. Bergeron, President, Tre Citta Lodge 2881



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## Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Just a reminder!!!! LABOR DAY PICNIC is Monday, September 4th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Lewisville Park (same pavilion as in the past "OAK"). There is a \$3.00 charge per car to enter the park. We will need 3 -4 people to come 9:00-10:00 a.m. For set up. We need everyone to stay and help clean up. The club will supply the Italian sausage & hot dogs. We will need cooks to BBQ and bring the supplies. As this has always been a potluck, we will have a signup sheet at the August meeting to bring side dishes, salad, dessert, or other items to share with the group. Please RSVP no later than August 28th, so we can get this event organized. The picnic Organizer is Linda Cherney (360) 903-0227 or nonna4erm@gmail.com. This picnic is open to members, friends, family, and, of course, the kiddos. Please let us know if you have any kids under age 12 who would like to participate in a pinata. We will have bocce set up, and we will play "white elephant" bingo. Please bring a white elephant gift in a brown bag if you plan to participate. A separate email will be sent to everyone outlining this information. We will be meeting on Thursday, September 14th for a



meeting and to play Tombola (Italian Bingo). Cards for tombola will be 25 cents each – so bring your quarters. We will be installing new members at this meeting. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM. We will be serving pizza; salad (Donna LaFrazia, Dorrie Palandrani, Patti Borden); and dessert (Deanna Peters, Dolores Tarsi, Dee Newbern). We need a correct head count to know how many pizzas to order. So RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson at

her email alramunno@gmail.com Subject Line: September Dinner or (360) 281-0915 no later than Monday, September 11th. The cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, September 18th at Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd at 2 p.m. to discuss our book selection, The Italian Party: a novel by author Christina Lynch. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Any questions call Barbara Blair (360)253-7984.

White Elephant Bingo - no bingo this month as we will be playing bingo at our Annual Labor Day Picnic. If you plan on playing at the picnic, please bring a white elephant prize in the paper bag. No Game Nite – The 16th of September is our Friendship Tea.

TANTE GRAZIE to everyone who participated and attended



the Festa Italiana at Cedarville Park.

Our DINE OUT will be on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 PM at La Bottega, 1905 Main Street, Downtown Vancouver (360)571-5010. RSVP to Barbara Blair (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Friday, September 22nd. SPAGHETTI DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP BASKET RAFFLE has been scheduled for Sunday, October 15th at 40 & 8 Chateau, the same venue as last year (2809 NE 78th St., Vancouver WA). Tickets were passed out to sell at our August meeting. If you need more tickets, contact Linda Cherney at (360)903-0227. Ticket prices are: Adults \$15.00; Kids 6-12 \$8.00; and kids under 5 are free. Presale is very important. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please plan on volunteering and promoting this event. We will hold our scholarship raffle at this Spaghetti Dinner. Please bring items to the September meeting to add to a raffle basket or

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**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** Keep Judy Johnson in your prayers as she faces health challenges. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Blair



### *Yakima*

#2732, Yakima, WA

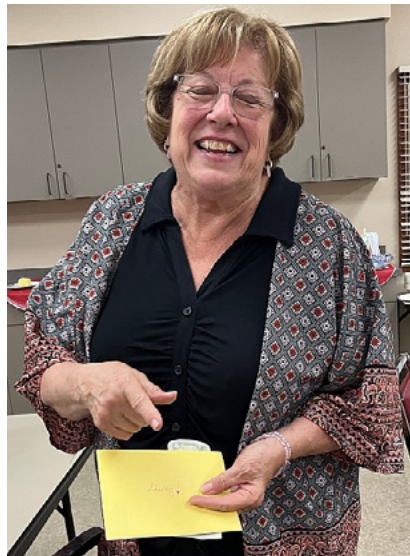
It is time to resume meetings after our summer break. We have missed everyone! Our September 21st meeting will be a combined picnic and short meeting on the Harman Center outdoor patio, weather permitting. If the weather doesn't



cooperate we will meet inside. The lodge will provide sausage sandwiches and potato salad. Members are asked to provide side dishes, chips, and condiments. Please respond to Ama's

newsletter with what you are bringing if possible. Feel free to bring family and friends! Just please give us a head count by

September 18th so we have enough sausage dogs. The Grand Lodge November fundraiser calendar is now available to purchase. Remember our lodge won \$500 last year and Mary Kay 2 years ago! The calendars are \$20 each and we will have them at the September meeting. Robin says "Get 'em while they're hot!"



Please remember members who have been under the weather in your thoughts and prayers. Those we know of are Joe Ficele, Pete Fadich, Shirley Batali, Beverly Arralde, and Stephen Fancuillo. A piece of information that I failed to put in the last Newsletter is that I (Jeanne Fasano) have been elected to the office of 4th Vice

President for the Grand Lodge. I am excited about being involved in the Grand Lodge once more. There is an article in this month's newsletter concerning a project I am taking on as VP. That is raising awareness about Autism as well as looking for a specific need that the OSIDA organization in the Northwest might be able to help fill. If anyone in our Lodge is interested in working with me on this project please let me know.

The picnic and short meeting will start at 5:30 PM on Sept 21st at the Harman Center. As always we will have a raffle. Bring your dollars and a prize if possible and be prepared to have good food and fun!

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Fasano

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