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## Coming Events!

**Friday thru Sunday June 7-9th**  
Sorticulture 2024 Mille Cugini #2659  
Plant, Gift, Garden, and Food Booth  
Everett at Wall St & Colby Ave  
Contact: Paula Jacoby  
olycot@gmail.com

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**  
Italian night at the Mariners  
Contact Mariners ticket office

**Saturday, June 15th, 2024**  
Tour of Europe  
EXPO 74-50TH ANNIVERSARY  
Riverfront Park, Spokane  
Contact: Linda Marcus  
linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

**Saturday July 20, 2024**  
Santelli Awards Celebration  
Tacoma, Wa. \$30  
Contact: Linda Buccini Anderson  
linda@glnw.org  
253 225-2483

**Saturday July 20, 2024 12noon - 4pm**  
Black Diamond Lodge #1809 Picnic  
Mud Mountain Dam Park, Enumclaw  
Contact: Janice Malvesti-Cole  
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**Sunday, July 21st 3-7:00PM**  
Annual Club #2172 Family Picnic  
Manito Park, Spokane  
Contact: Linda Marcus  
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**Sunday, July 21, 12pm- 7:00PM**  
Tacoma Lodge's food booth  
Tacoma's traditional "Art on the AV"  
2802 6th Ave, Tacoma  
David Madrid, 253-961-6526



**Sunday, Aug 4, 2024**

Rainier baseball  
Tony Anderson  
Osdia1957@gmail.com

## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson



**Buona Festa Del Papa.** Yes, it is your turn. Happy Father's Day... I want to thank all who attended the April Grand Council. We addressed many issues. Please connect with your lodge President for more details. You can also go to [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org) under Member Resource for minutes of the Grand Council. Vice President Judy Anselmo presented a list of Lodge officer duties/and responsibilities as well as many expectations not always defined. They are available under the [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org) Member Resource heading...for any lodge member to look over. The expectations can be adjusted to fit your lodge if they do not conflict with the Grand/National by-laws. One major issue that was focused upon was preparing for the May 2025 convention. Delegates from each lodge will be voted to attend. They will be voting on issues as well as electing the 2025-2027 Grand Lodge Officers. I am encouraging members to consider all the officer positions. All will be open. If you are interested or considering a Grand Lodge position, take the time to learn the duties, talk with those who have been and/or are currently in that office, and announce your intent early. Also established at the Grand Council was a committee Chaired by National VP Tony Anderson to bring forward their recommendations to stabilize the Grand Lodge finances. Another major point is getting the iMembersDb program with each lodge's membership roster up to date. If you or someone you know is not getting their NWIN, Italian American Magazine, or member emails, please connect with your lodge president to enter your correct information. The November money raffle is out and available from your lodge president and grand lodge officers. Each lodge should purchase tickets, as well as members and anyone you know. Remember, you do not have to be a member to purchase a ticket for \$20. Most importantly, if your name is drawn, your ticket goes back in the spinner for another chance to win in Nov. and it does happen. We have many fun events coming forward both formal and just get-togethers of bocce, picnics & more. Look at the Coming events and get involved. I am looking for volunteers to help at our membership booths at the All-Italian Picnic; the San Gennaro Festival; Portland and Seattle Festa's. Come and volunteer a couple of hours at the membership booth, then enjoy the event too. The Santelli Award Ceremony will be held on July 20th. This is a celebration of two deserving recipients- VP



Lenny Folino and Diana Sciola Warczak. The tickets are \$30. 100% of the donation will go towards Grand Lodge Scholarships. Plan for a great meal and a raffle. Also, the Rainiers game is on Sunday,

August 4th, the tickets are \$15.00, Time is 1:35 pm. Please contact Tony Bisceglia Anderson for the tickets at [osdia1957@gmail.com](mailto:osdia1957@gmail.com). I want to thank the Scholarship committee led by Chair Lenny Folino. This year's recipients will be introduced inside the NWIN. Also, within the NWIN, I have listed many 50+ year members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Please acknowledge them for their dedication at your meetings. If you know of someone who should be a part of this recognition, please let me know as well as your lodge President. Enjoy the summer and remember the next NWIN will come out in September. Ciao and Buona Fortuna

Linda Buccini Anderson, President-GLNW

## 50+ year members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy

<u>Name</u>		<u>Joined</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lucy Colarossi	Salle	11/1/44	80
Sylvia Croce	Zappoli	9/11/47	77
Marianne	Hejlik	6/9/52	72
Florence Cappucio	Webb	9/12/57	67
Dominic	Eronemo	6/5/58	66
Mary	Dellino	6/6/1961	63
Consuelo	Coluccio	8/12/61	63
Sally	Nicholas	2/5/62	62
Vicki	Hartson	3/29/63	61
John	Forkenbrock	3/31/63	61
Albert	Rettura	4/8/63	61
Helen Derosa	Ames	8/13/63	61
Aldo	Storino	3/11/64	60
Yolanda Scarpelli	Clark	5/1/64	60
Guelda	Messina	8/11/64	60
Paul	Pioli	2/15/65	59
Frank	Messina	2/15/65	59
Rosetta Stella	Beyersdorf	1/1/66	58
Frank	Genzale	1/1/70	54
Sue	Genzale	1/1/70	54
Barbara	Blair	6/14/70	54
Irene	Bevilacqua	6/1/71	53
Kathy Herrin	Dinicola	1/4/74	50
Rosemary	Fries	2/1/74	50
Kristi Branze	Thorn	9/12/74	50
Mary	Sciccolo	1/1/40	84
Rene	Gegen	1/1/49	75

### *American-Italian Club*

#2172 Spokane WA

On May 4th, 2024, EXPO '74 SPOKANE 50TH ANNIVERSARY, was officially opened! The beautiful pageantry of Spokane's multicultural communities opened with music and exciting performances in colorful native costumes. Our club Vice president, Carr Mancini, dressed as Marco Polo led the AIC #2172 contingent into the arena waving our hand-held Italian flags. It was such an incredible honor to be part of these Opening Ceremonies celebrating Spokane's 50th anniversary of EXPO '74! We didn't stop there! On May 11th, AIC #2172, was part of THE SILK ROAD event which was



hosted by the AMERICAN ASIAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER'S HERITAGE FESTIVAL. We had a Fabulous Booth! Darlene LaBella and Marilee Reagor painstakingly and with love created an informa-

tive and beautiful HERITAGE TABLE. Wine bottles, corks, and pictures of our members' families from days past were requested at an earlier date. These pictures were decoupage onto wine bottles adorned with flowers and/or flags, ie: an Italian and/or U.S. Flag or both. There were also, placards with pictures of AIC officers and a Son's of Italy certificate from 1948. These placards also include pictures of Club parties from earlier days and sponsored baseball teams. The idea of these placards and pictures is to tell the story of Italians in the Spokane community and their involvement as well. The hard work of these two ladies was very well received by the community and generated genuine interest in our club. These displays are being prepared so that they may be used for all future activities. After perusing our HERITAGE & INFORMATION TABLE, guests entered the scrumptious ITALIAN BAKERY SHOP. Club member Samantha Gimlin along with other club members baked homemade Italian cookies such as Apricot and Walnut Biscotti, Ricotta/Lemon cookies, Cannoli



cookies, and Pizzelle. We also featured HERITAGE COOKIES, whose recipes were handed down from generation to generation. As guests browsed the Bakery table, we also sold T-Shirts and, Italian novelty items. As the parents shopped, Joann Caputo set up an ACTIVITY Table for the children. At this table, children were taught how to make necklaces and bracelets from dyed green and red macaroni shells. They also had a chance to color, draw, and complete a wooden puzzle of Italy. As you can tell we had a FULL-SERVICE booth! There was something for everyone!! We were very popular! And don't forget Marco Polo! Marco Polo aka, Carr Mancini wandered the SILK ROAD encouraging people to take selfies with him to present at our booth for a door prize! It was a very busy day, and our booth generated some new members, and the Italian Bakery Shop "almost" sold out. We are planning on duplicating these efforts on June 15th, in the TOUR OF EUROPE, as the EXPO continues. Our next club event will be July 21st, OUR ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC, hosting our



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Cagli, Italy students along with SPOKANE/CAGLI SISTER CITY. We wish to congratulate all June graduates and Buona Festa del Papa! Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Marcus, Asst. Recording Secretary

## Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Summer is on its way and Spring ended with several events and activities for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. The Lodge held its May meeting on Thursday the 16th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A potluck dinner was provided by Amerigo Vespucci Lodge members with many delicious entrees, sides, salads, and des-



serts prior to the meeting. Bill and Jackie Habershtock filled and presented cannolis to those who had ordered them at the meeting. This is for a fundraiser for the Cataldo Lodge. President Joe Chicano reminded everyone about the Mariner's Heritage

Night on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Everyone will meet at Joe and Connie Chicano's home and go to the ball game in the Five Star van. Contact President Joe Chicano at (360)-533-4529 if you would like to join in the fun. He will be ordering the tickets. The Lodge will pay \$20 of the cost for each ticket. Scholarship chairperson, Connie Chicano, announced



Amerigo Vespucci's scholarship recipients. This year there were 3 recipients since none were awarded last year. They are Kali Lund, Ava Rector, and Alana Rector. Kali Lund was present at the meeting to receive

her the scholarship check. Amerigo Vespucci will have its annual summer picnic on Sunday, August 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

It will be at Joe and Connie Chicano's home, 909 Park Road, Central Park. President Joe Chicano reported on the GLC meeting. GLNW Convention delegate needs to be selected by December 2024. Rena will be recognized for her 75 years as a member of Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. She is the oldest member of the Lodge. GLNW November Calendar raffle tickets are available for purchase from Joe Chicano. Tickets are \$20. The next meeting will be June 20, 2024. Social begins at 5:30 pm, Pizza dinner at 6:00 pm, and meeting at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Una fantastica estate a tutti.

Judith Braddon, reporter

## Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA



This has been a busy, emotional, eventful month for the Auburn Lodge! Our May meeting happened to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the passing of our dear friend Ronnie Beyersdorf. This, however, was also the day we added two very special new members to our beloved Order: Sienna Cole and Avery Moore. Avery and Sienna are cousins, and they are the granddaughters of Ronnie and Rosetta, making



them 4th Generation members in our Order. I cannot overstate the significance of this initiation, and there were no dry eyes in the hall after the ceremony. During the meeting, our vice president and chair of the Clean Sweep com-

mittee, Dave Manning, reported that the event was a success.

### 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**

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### 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)

253-350-4922



Members spread bark and helped other groups out at Game Farm Park. It was a day of fun, service, coffee, and pastries. Auburn scholarship recipients have not yet been notified as this is written, so that update will come next month. It was

also announced that our annual summer picnic is back! The picnic will be on Saturday, July 27th by the bocce courts at Les Gove Park, just like old times! We held our Wine Tasting on Saturday, May 11th. On paper, this was a fundraiser (and a successful one at that!). Yet when you walked in, it was a celebration! We had live music, homemade wine, intricately decorated tables, store-bought wine, a seemingly endless appetizer buffet, house wine, desserts... and there may also have been wine at the event. There was so much camaraderie in that hall and it was just wonderful to see everyone having a blast. In closing, I wanted to mention what an honor it was for me to sit in as recording secretary this month. I was in Ronnie's chair, and I knew that Ronnie was with us. He was the heart and soul of the lodge, and I know that he is proud of us and all we're doing.

Sincerely,

Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President

### ***Bella Vita***

#2285, Olympia, WA

Ciao a tutti!



There's a lot going on at Bella Vita as members continue to celebrate "a beautiful life!" On Thursday, May 2nd, we met for our monthly fiesta-themed "Festa del Cinque Maggio", more commonly known as Cinco de Mayo. New member, Gabriella Smith blessed

members & guests with authentic Pozole Verde, and new member, Kyrsten Kolar added homemade salsa & guaca-



mole with chips! Other members added sides, salads, & desserts... again, some great food & fun at Bella Vita! And so wonderful to see our young people stepping up & getting involved. We were joined by guests Sylvia Angelillo from Tacoma lodge & former members Amy & Elliott Hatfield. Several of our beloved members were absent due to traveling and as I mentioned in the last newsletter, that left us without a bartender. No worries, Angelo Fazio jumped in and made some great margaritas! Thank you, Angelo. Maria Marabella was beautiful in her festive shawl! I tried to get President Aaron to wear a sombrero but he doesn't like to mess up his hair. New business included the organization of a social committee. It



was met with enthusiasm and part of the group has already met to plan our next June festa, a summer BBQ, a Fall theme, & much more. I won't spoil the surprises upcoming! Our next event is on Tuesday, June 4th. Bella Vita is going "hog wild!" We are having pulled pork as our main dish & doing a Southwest/Western theme. Members will be encouraged to cowboy up, Maria has already said she'll be in cowboy boots. This is in gratitude for Pamela Daudet's generous offer to

donate another hog to the lodge. This year, we will not be having a raffle but the board has decided on another route to use Pam's gift as a fundraiser for the lodge. Thank you so much, Pam!! Unfortunately, Pam will not be at our next party as she will be recovering from surgery. Our prayers are with her & we look forward to her full recovery.

It was so great to see Jim Vettori back in May. We are a family & we love you, Jim! Even when we don't do Italian food, we feel that we teach the Italian culture through love of food and family! Our Fall theme will be "Back to Italy" & we've already lined up some great cooks & are making plans for fun future events! It's always fun at Bella Vita.

Bella Vita...a beautiful life!

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

#### **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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**Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary**

#### **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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Bellevue, WA 98008

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**Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.**

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#### **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**

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Black Diamond, WA 98010

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## Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends,

At our May 2nd meeting the cooks Michele Guerrini and Cathy Mettler along with cook emeritus Nello Prissonotti made delicious chicken pasta with bow-tie pasta, which I believe is the absolute best-shaped pasta because it is both serious and fancy, and it's also fun and whimsical. There was also a salad with berries (rejoice it's the time of year when we can have berries), and bread. For dessert Linda Jacobin brought pizzelles and Antoinette Folino brought a pineapple sideways cake, at least that's how it arrived on my plate, and we had a plethora of appetizers because there were some communication problems, but it's better to have too many than too few. At our June 1st meeting Rochelle Edgar made Ravioli which was sublime. In other words, it was so good I can't come up with words to describe how good it was. Greg Osgood made Duck Risotto, which even people who said they didn't like duck said they liked. Rochelle also made a really good salad, and for dessert, Linda Jacobin made a pudding cake which should be listed as an addictive substance, and Antoinette Felino made lemon cookies that should also be on that list.

Our annual wine-tasting fundraiser was a huge success. We had 73 attendees which, for the hall where we held the event, was cozy but not crowded. The Lodge made almost \$1,800, but most importantly the event was a lot of fun. We had a lot of really great food and so many wonderful raffle prizes, but most of all Ron Roletto and Nick Digilio did an incredible job presenting many wonderful wines.

In sunshine news, at the end of our wine tasting, Brandee La-Barbera was not feeling well and had to go to urgent care. On behalf of the Lodge, we hope you're feeling better now. Tessa Floreano won a Nellie Bly award for the book that she wrote, *Italians in the Pacific Northwest*.

There will be no meetings in July or August, but I'm sure many of us will get together for the summer, possibly at the Mariners Italian Heritage night on June 11 or at the All Italian Community picnic at Royal Arches Park on Aug. 4th.

Our next Lodge meeting will be Sept. 5th 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

Two prominent National Holidays will be celebrated during this summer edition—Fathers' Day on June 16, honoring all who share fatherly love and support with their offspring and others and Independence Day on July 4, remembering the freedom for which our ancestors fought.



Black Diamond Lodge is delighted to feature three tributes in this summer 2024 edition. First, please join us with a heartfelt welcome to our new member Diane DiLuck of Renton, sponsored by her cousin Janet Furlan Henkel, a longstanding and dedicated member.

Second, the Lodge is thrilled to announce the recipient of the 2024

Black Diamond Lodge 1809 Scholarship! After careful consideration, our Scholarship Committee has selected Logan Nordberg, a high school senior whose dedication, passion, and achievements are outstanding. Logan is graduating from



Moses Lake High School and will be majoring in Computer Science at Washington State University. He is the grandson of members Harvey and Joan Woodruff (we invite you to revisit Grandma Joan Verzani Woodruff's family story in the August/September 2021 edition of the NWIN). Third, we are pleased that

Leonardo Folino will be receiving the Mario and Dorothy Santelli Award on August 20. Leonardo truly exemplifies the values of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity upon which the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America was established in 1905. He generously participates in a multitude of functions to support the Grand Lodge of the Northwest and many varied community events. At the recent Grand Lodge of the Northwest State Convention, Leonardo was elected to the

### 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

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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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### MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659

#### Marysville, WA

#### MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

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**Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary**

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Meets the 2nd **Thursday** of each Month  
Doors open at 6:00, Dinner is at 6:30  
7:00 Meeting



positions of Second State Vice President and National Delegate, while concurrently serving his local Lodge 1809 as Recording Secretary. All are invited and warmly welcome to join the camaraderie at our Black Diamond picnic on July 20 (a Lodge event traditionally held the third Saturday of July) at the Mud Mountain Dam Park (8 miles east of Enumclaw on WA 410) for many years. It is unfortunate that the Santelli award coincides with our picnic, but we Black Diamond brothers and sisters will be celebrating Leonardo's award in the shadow of Mt. Rainier.  
Black Diamond Board

### **Cataldo**

#2280, Bremerton, WA



Hello to everyone. I hope you are celebrating our lovely weather once more. We had a great meeting with great food provided by Steve Haberstock and his wife Darleen. What a great meal! I hope everyone enjoyed it. Bill

and Jackie have been working overtime to get those cannoli processed and sold, which earned a nice little amount for the lodge. There were 142 cannoli sold for \$710 dollars, to disperse as needed. There were other members helping out with the cannoli including Steve Lebeda and John Lembo. Bill and Jackie also traveled further over to Aberdeen for another cannoli sale which also was a very good sale. It was nice to



help the Aberdeen folks get rolling on this. I am sure there will be more to come and I hope this continues. Calendars have arrived for folks to get their tickets. The ticket looks a little different than last year but it still functions quite well. It is such a good project and if you win on a calendar then you may win again as the tickets are returned and used again. Be sure and get your tickets!

The chef for June will be Joe Clementi. He will be cooking and serving Seafood Paella. There are others in the lodge with some openings for anyone including December and later. The lodge offsets the expenses to a total of \$75. New Pins for merit were served to Roberta Karosich, Diane Clementi, and Maria Marsala. Congratulations!. Longevity pins were administered to a group of four members including Carolyn Crabtree, Joseph Daivis, Nicole Davis, and Walter Harvy w. Congratulations to them all!. Nick Wancowicz remains dealing with his health situation but manages to make progress, especially as his wife who supports him and assists him for what he needs. Please keep him in your prayers, I (Diane) will not be doing the NWIN at this time. Luckily Joiya Rubens has volunteered to deliver the NWIN articles. We had a great discussion of the process and I would like to thank her as well. Birthday celebrations for June include Virginia Close, Mike Herndon, James Karosich and G. Carter Lembo. Felicitations A Tuti !.  
Sincerely, Diane Clementi

### **Cle Elum**

#1968, Cle Elum, WA



President Mike Butorac gaveled the assembly in order to conduct our Lodge business. Members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge gathered at Cle Elum Community Church on Sunday, May 19th to discuss Lodge business and enjoy a potluck din-

#### **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  
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#### **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**  
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Michael Croce

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#### **TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175**

**"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"**  
**Tacoma, WA**

Meets the 1st Wednesday  
Social 5:30, Meeting 6:30  
Dinner Follows ~7:15  
**TOTEM YACHT CLUB**  
5045 Highlands St  
Ruston, WA 98407

David Madrid, President

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ner. The potluck featured Italian dishes such as cabbage rolls, Caesar salad, a classic Italian jello salad with green, white, and red layers representing the Italian flag, pesto mozzarella tart, and Torchettis for dessert. Linda Bullock's secret to her delicious Torchettis was revealed to be "one pound of butter". President Mike Butorac called the meeting to order to conduct Lodge business.

Recording Secretary Kathi Butorac brought everyone up to date on current activities and membership. Financial Secretary Joe Saldin and Treasurer Rich Grillo reviewed the status of our accounts and current financial status. Mike Scarpelli, Joe Saldin, and Rich Grillo will meet to discuss options for investing some of the money into higher-bearing interest accounts. Rich Grillo was acknowledged and applauded for writing the Cle Elum Lodge #1968 Northwest Italian News submission for over a dozen years. His comedy and thoughtful inclusions will be greatly missed. We are confident Rich will spend a little more time on the slopes or traveling, while not reviewing the previous meeting details in his head. Scholarship Committee Chair Quannee Eilers provided her update on the total number of applicants received and the next steps for the applicant reviews. Many questions were asked and discussed by members. The next report should contain the exact number of applicants who are approved. Additional discussion included our annual June Picnic & BBQ meeting in June at our local park in Cle Elum. A reminder of the King Mushroom Contest and encouragement to start your Mushrooms, Kathi Butorac mentioned the Italian Cemetery clean up that many participated in on May 11 and thanked everyone who lent the time and muscle and Mike Butorac called out for people to bring in items of Italian interests to share at our meetings. Ciao!

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Dee Saldin  
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### *Mille Cugini*

#2659, Marysville, WA

Ciao Cugini! Mille Cugini wishes everyone a Happy June and a Happy Father's Day to all the dads of any kind. It's a busy time with Holidays, graduations, weddings and birthdays. Our April meeting brought us 5 new members: Sisters Elisa



Ann Stolcis & Debee Morelli, Philip Caparella, Gina Pioli, and Geno DiGidio! We installed them and also included Mark Sferas and Anne Wendt, both recently joined, in the ceremony. We are excited to get to know them and their Italian connection. Bravo, Salute a tutti!

Come visit us June 7, 8 & 9th @ Sorticulture, Everett's Garden Arts Festival! Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4 Try our bigger and better sausage and peppers sandwich! The sausage this year is purchased from a local Everett business: Greco & Son's. They have a tastier, East Coast-style sausage than the ones we used previously and we are excited to serve it. Our plants are growing and raffle baskets are shaping up. Face painting by our own artist, Judy Price will be happening from noon to 3:00 p.m. each day of the festival. Rebecca Jacoby is printing a cute garden pattern onto canvas bags that we will sell for \$10. Have a great month! Hope to see you!

<https://www.visiteverett.com/1400/Sorticulture>

Reporter, Paula (Dellino) Jacoby

### *Olympic Peninsula*

#2733, Port Angeles, WA)

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. There isn't much to report from the Peninsula Lodge. Life here is rather routine and calm. On a good day, you'll see the Sequim Elk herd or an Orca in the Ediz Hook waters in Port Angeles. Our May meeting was conducted in a fine fashion by our Vice President, Luigi Nicoloso. We have our summer lodge activities pretty well set, so it was a short meeting, with another wonder buffet meal. Plenty of pasta dishes and fabulous desserts. We did have another Scopa card-playing event in May – minus the card-playing! A small group gathered at member Peni Cenedella's house, and while waiting for others to join, found ourselves taking a different path. We shared stories of family, Italy, and of course, food. It was a wonderful

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opportunity to get a bit more cozy and get to know one another even more. While no cards were played, it was still an important event for lodge members. We miss our President, Armando Muggia, and First Lady Paula as they are spending a bit of time in California taking care of a few loose ends from their move here to the Peninsula. They will be joining us in July as we look forward to our summer picnic. And then we prepare for a fundraiser of selling cannoli the first weekend in August. Just the mention of cannoli to friends and neighbors brings joyful sounds of delight and stories. Memories flood back to them to share with us. There are assurances they will come to the festival event just for cannoli. The pleasure Cannoli brings to folks is probably more rewarding than the funds we raise. So, here's a picture of the Scopa – "no card game" event. Pictured L to R, Luigi Nicoloso, VP; Armando Muggia, master Scopa teacher and President, Peni Candella – hostess with the mostest, Joe Schipani, Treasurer, Yvonne Schipani, Secretary and Ana Maria Wilm, one of the sweetest ladies on this Earth (and sweetie to Luigi)

Wishing everyone a great summer of community, laughter, and beautiful blue skies. And remember...Life is Beautiful. Ciao for now!

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary

### *Seattle Fedele*

#1390, Seattle, WA

Hello Readers! This article is a collaboration between myself, my sorella maggiore, Christina Volpone Gerling, Holly Cochran, Laura Salle, and Cristine Zappoli, with a little reminder from fratellino, Kenneth Volpone. I love having a team! Below is Holly and Laura's contribution:

Our 95th Annual Banquet was an outstanding triumph! With 300 delighted attendees relishing a delicious meal, accompa-

nied by wine, music, and an exhilarating raffle, the evening was truly magical. A phenomenal team worked tirelessly to orchestrate this event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to John Salle, Kenneth Volpone, Steve Fontana, Chris Alfieri, Al Carlsen, Frank Coluccio, Patrick Fitzgerald, John DeRocco, Joe Megale, and Danny Volpone for their dedicated efforts in preparing the delectable dinner. Kudos also to our set up crew comprising of Dave Delino, Pilar Steele, Rose Winterhalter, Amy Sue Sinare, Susan Norwood, Linda Madrid, Sharon Leone, Bruce Leone, Laura Salle, Holly Cochran, and Cristina Zappoli for their invaluable contributions. The raffle was expertly managed by Jamie Cole and Taylor Cole, with special thanks to Therese Bianchi for her adept ticket sales. We had numerous beautiful plants as prizes thanks to the generosity of Geno Rosso. Gratitude extends to Barbara De Caro and Joanne Marchese for their seamless door management. The bar was excellently run by Marty Negrelli, Michael Troiani, and Brock Ricci. The evening's enchantment was further



enhanced by the musical talents of Vito Lombardo whose melodies serenaded us beautifully. And a special thank-you to DJs Bruno Peranzi and Joe Peranzi! We certainly can't forget the Kennedy Boy's Water Polo team that served everyone well under the direction of Angela Peranzi and Cristina Zappoli! We were so proud to give away 5 - \$2000 scholarships to deserving students. The Therese Bianchi Scholarship was given to Gina Finazzo. The Victor Spino Memorial Scholarship went to Isabella Ferrari and Gioberto Rocchio. The Don Betz Memorial Scholarship went to Katelyn Carlsen and Santino Rocchio. Congratulations to all! Finally, our heartfelt thanks to all who graced us with their presence, making the evening truly unforgettable. Thanks to Chris and Mark Gerling for representing the lodge at the Grand Council Meeting on the day of the banquet to allow the other board members to be on-site for the banquet. Next is Cristine Zappoli's contribution: There will be an Italian Father's Day Mass at Our Lady of Mount Virgin on Sunday, June 23, 2024, starting at 11:00



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a.m. Father Mark McGregor will be presiding. There will be a reception in the hall following the mass. We are asking everyone to bring a picture of your father to display on the altar. Please spread the word to your friends and family! Now the reminder from fratellino, Ken Volpone: The Annual Fava Bean Dinner will be on Thursday, July 18, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. It is being held at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Hall. Hope to see everyone there! I think that is all for now. Again, I am doing this late in the evening and my fingers and brain are not connecting - thank goodness for spell check! Ciao from one of the Sorelle pazze, Elaine Volpone and in spirit, Christina Volpone Gerling

## Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Tacoma Lodge had its first spaghetti sauce contest; winners can be seen in the photos. We had a fun time and with over 90 people in attendance. We also had a new member Bob Peg and he seems like he is going to be a great addition to the lodge, welcome Bob. Next month is our Western Days theme and it's sure to be another fun meeting. We are busy getting ready



for our booth space for Tacoma's traditional "Art on the AV" on July 21st, we will have meatball sandwiches, Italian Sausage sandwiches,

along with Italian sodas, should be a blast. Next on our schedule is our Tacoma Lodge Picnic on August 18th @ Whittier Park in Fircrest, everyone is invited. If you can't make it to Tacoma, get to Seattle's Fedele's picnic in Maple Valley. Last but surely not least OUR CRAB FEED & DANCE featuring the extremely fun MARY MARCHES BAND. Limited seats will be available and tickets go on sale in September, you got to be there it will be EPIC I promise, mark your calendars That's all for now, David

## Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

It is with a sad heart that I begin with the passing of a long-time member and friend Bill Garner. Bill was a very supportive member of the Tre-Citta Lodge and was always willing to help. Please keep Bill, his wife Margie, and the family in

your prayers. The Lodge held its May meeting on the 14th of May. One of our scholarship winners Nevaeh Hiatt was in attendance and introduced to the members present. Nevaeh gave us a perspective on her hopes and dreams on her path to becoming a doctor.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the financial condition of the Lodge which is in a sound position; establishing a planning meeting for our fundraising dinner which will be in November; and a barbecue-style party either in June or July. It is planned that the contest for homemade limoncello will be during the barbecue get-together. The Lodge is back up to 42 members.

On Sunday afternoon, the 19th of May, we had a bocce ball social at Bookwalter Winery. We had 19 members and family members and a great time was had by all. The weather was great, but a little warmer would have been better. Bookwalter was great. We had our own table next to the bocce courts with table clothes and stemware and utensils. We also had our own waitress and we could order adult beverages and food. The bocce ball competition was intense. However, we had two ladies who stated that they had never played bocce ball, but after watching them I was suspicious of the validity of their statement. I can tell you, without fear of contradiction, that after two of my martinis bocce balls do not roll straight! We are planning to have another bocce social in September. Ciao

Jack Barnaby

## Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Come congratulate our lodge's scholarship winner for 2024, Nicholas Ianello, at our Thursday, June 13th meeting at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver WA 98685. Dinner at 6:30 PM with a short meeting to follow. We will be serving "Frittata" for dinner this evening including salad and dessert. Members signed up to provide: Frittata: Frank Palandrani, Deanna Peters, Carol Liberato, Barbara Blair; Salad: R-D, we need two more salads; Dessert: Leanne Olmstead, Donna Covi, and one more dessert please. Bring your receipts for reimbursement of any food item you prepare. The cost for dinner tonight will be \$10.00 per member. RSVP to Louise Ramunno Johnson at [alamunno@gmail.com](mailto:alamunno@gmail.com) or (360)281-0915 no later than June 11th.. Please bring a prize for the raffle tonight. OUR LOCAL CHARITY is the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center in downtown Van-



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couver. We help them throughout the year. In June, we will be collecting "paper supplies" (paper towels, plates, tp, etc.) for the vets. This is strictly voluntary. If you wish to participate, please bring your donation to our meeting.

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO will be on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's house. You can RSVP at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net. Please bring a white elephant prize in a paper bag and \$1.00 to participate. ITALIAN BOOK CLUB We are continuing with author Camilla Trinchieri's Tuscan Mystery Series with Book #3, Murder on the Vine. We will meet on Monday, July 15th at Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, 7700 E Fourth Plain Blvd at 2:00 PM for discussion. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. DINE OUT will be dinner at a new Mexican restaurant that has gotten great reviews. La Valentina Mexican Grill at 6401 NE Hwy 99 (near Minnihaha), Vancouver WA (360) 718-2269 on Thursday, June 27th at 6:00 PM. Check out their menu and reviews at [www.valentinamexicangrill.com](http://www.valentinamexicangrill.com). RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, June 26th. (Barbara will be out of town June 18 - 25) MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 13th at our new location, the American Legion Post #176, 14011 NE 20th Avenue in the Salmon Creek area of Vancouver. Details to follow. Mike Cherney has graciously volunteered to chair this fundraiser.

CLUB NEWS: BRAVO to the following graduates: Frank & Rita Piperno's granddaughter, Piper Wisneski, a 2020 Vancouver USA #2690 scholarship winner, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance and Arts Management with a minor in Costume Technology. She will be working on the Wardrobe Install Team for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines where she will be holding costume fittings and altering costumes for the cast of the shows on board. She will be starting her first project on board in late June. Patti & Jim Borden's grandson, Nicholas Ianello, high school student body president, football, and lacrosse player, is graduating from Columbia River High School. He will attend Boise State in the fall studying construction management. Bruce & Barbara Blair's granddaughter Sanaa "Lilith" Foreman is graduating from her two-year Criminal Justice Program at Cascadia Tech and from Mountain View High School. She plans to enter the police academy when age-appropriate. Linda & Sean Gibson will be road-tripping through New Mexico up through Colorado and Wyoming on

the way back to Vancouver this June. Bruce & Barbara Blair will be heading to Seaside with some "high school" graduates for a week of fun!! Bill & Deanna Peters are spending some time visiting Colorado. Buon compleanno to our June birthdays!!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Rosann Grzesiowski is doing great from her hip surgery. Dorrie Palandrani is home from her hospital stay. She is continuing to get better each day. For our family, it has been a difficult week. Bruce & Barbara's son, Eric Blair's wife, and our daughter-in-law, former member Margaret Blair passed away suddenly this week. Margaret catered many dinners for our club using her culinary skills and volunteering for the kitchen at our Friendship Tea and Spaghetti Dinner. A few days later, my cousin (the patriarch of our family) passed away also. Please keep Eric and his kids in your prayers during this time. All our members will benefit from your kind thoughts and prayers.

Happy Father's Day!!!

Barbara Blair

## Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge had a very special May meeting. The dinner was an amazing array of delicious food, the turnout was one of our best of the year, and most exciting our State President Linda Buccini Anderson was in attendance along with National Trustee Rosetta Stella Beyersdorf.



Linda and Yakima President Robin Costanzo-Miller installed our newest member Constance Blanchard. Welcome Connie we are so happy to have you join. Thank you to Linda and Rosetta for gracing our meeting. The

weather was very windy so getting to Yakima was not easy. Our Deputies Mike and Kati Butorac reported crossing the Selah Bridge was a challenge. Mike and Kati seldom miss coming from Cle Elum and are always a joy to have with us. Their meetings are always fun and very informative. Anyone wanting to attend one would be welcome. Let Jeanne know

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if you would like to go with her. They meet on the second Sunday of each month at 5 PM. Attending the meeting was Stephen and Janet Fancuillo, both have had recent health challenges. Having both of them back with

us and looking so well was wonderful. Our Master Gardener Sarah Judd reported that the annual plant sale was very successful.

Linda Anderson reported on a number of fundraisers that other lodges have participated in recently and offered her assistance if we are interested in trying a fundraiser. There was a discussion of fundraisers that we have done in the past. Past events have included pasta dinners with associated silent auctions, Italian Sausage sandwiches with peppers and onions at the One World One Valley event, spaghetti feeds with bocce tournaments, and the coffee stand at Indian John Hill.

The evening news today featured a woman running for judge in Walla Walla. I didn't get her name, but behind her was a statue of Christopher Columbus. I've been told that the statue has the names of several of our member's parents on it and was purchased by them. We might discuss who at the June meeting rather than my missing any names. Our June meeting will be the last meeting until September. There was a discussion of having a picnic and bocce game during our 2-month summer break. Watch your email and come to the June 20th meeting for more information and to give your input.

Our rent raffle covered our rent and a fair amount more! Thank you Matt and Cameren Fasano for your help with the raffle. Visiting with them was Mark Fasano, a past member. Good to see you, Mark! Come again!

We hope to see everyone at the June 20 meeting, remember a raffle item if possible. More information to follow by email. Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Fasano

## Grand Lodge of the Northwest Scholarship Awardees

The GLNW Scholarship Awardees for 2024 are Ella Podeszwa and Izzy Ferrari. Ella is the daughter of Auburn Lodge 1955 members Ty and Melissa Podeszwa. Ella is a graduating senior from Auburn Mountainview High School and will be attending WSU studying Interior Design. At Auburn Mountainview Ella is a member of the KEY Club (Kawanis Educating Youth) and Captain of the Varsity Golf Team. Isabella Ferrari is the granddaughter of Seattle Fedele 1390 Lodge Member Bill



Isabella Ferrari



Ella Podeszwa

Ferrari. Izzy is a graduating Senior from Mercer Island High School and will be attending the Pratt Institute of New York. At Mercer Island High School Izzy is involved in the Drama Department as an actor and playwright and while attending a pre-college program she wrote and produced a short, animated film.

Congratulations to Ella and Izzy, our 2024 GLNW Scholarship awardees. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee Members Bill Haberstock, Mike Butorac, Mary Jane Rogers, and Francesco Oretzenzo assistance in evaluation process.

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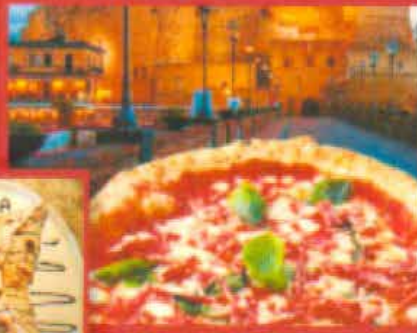


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### Sunday, August 18, 2024 11-5pm

Tacoma Lodge Picnic  
Whittier Park Fircrest, Wa  
David Madrid, 253-961-6526

### Sunday August 25, 12-4:30 pm

Cataldo Lodge Annual Picnic  
Elks Picnic Shelter  
4131 Pine Road, Bremerton  
Bill Haberstock 360 373-4341

### Monday, September 2, 2024

Vancouver USA Lodge #2690  
Annual Labor Day Picnic  
Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA  
Barbara Blair (360)253-7984  
blairbjb@comcast

### Sept. 28 & 29, 2024

Festa Italiana, Seattle Center  
Dennis C. (206) 282-0627

### Saturday Oct. 5, 2024

Fall Grand Council  
Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, Wa.  
Tony Anderson, Osdia1957@gmail.com

### Sunday, October 13, 2024

Vancouver USA #2690  
Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
American Legion Post #176  
14011 NE 20th Avenue, Vancouver  
Info: Mike Cherney (360)903-812

### Saturday November 2, 2024

Tacoma Lodge # 1175  
Crab Feed and Dance  
with the Mary Marchese Band  
David Madrid, 253-961-6526

### Saturday Feb 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

Grand Lodge Northwest Crab dinner  
Holy Family Church Hall, Auburn, WA  
Rosetta 206-478-3895

### May 16-18, 2025

GLNW-CONVENTION  
Embassy Suites-Lynwood  
Linda Buccini Anderson  
(253) 225-2483

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event contact person to  
verify times and dates.**

### Have a nice summer break.

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