



# Northwest Italian News

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## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson

### Coming Events!

#### Sunday, July 16, 2023, 1:35pm

Tacoma Rainiers vs. Round Rock Express  
Tickets are \$15: Admission, Hot Dog, Chips, & Bottled Water.  
A great gift! A great time.  
Contact: Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson 253-677-9366 atony@harbornet.com

#### Saturday July 22 12:00 noon to 4pm

Black Diamond Lodge picnic Mud Moutain Dam, 30525 SE Mud Moutain RD. Contact: Lenny Folino, lennyfolino@yahoo.com

#### Saturday July 22

Cataldo Lodge, Bremerton Elks 50th Celebration Dinner Contact: Bill Haberstock habpal@hotmail.com

#### Saturday July 22

American-Italian Club #2172 Annual Family and Spokane/Cagli, Italy Student Exchange Picnic Contact: Linda Marcus linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

#### Saturday July 29

Spokane, Lodge #2172 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC MANITO PARK 3:30PM-7:30PM

#### August 4, 4:30

Auburn Lodge #1955 Tour Caffè d'Arte roasting facility and enjoy some appetizers, wine and coffee!! 33926 9thAve. So. Federal Way, Wa. 98003 Contact Rosetta 206-478-3895 or rosettanana@aol.com limited to 40 tickets -\$30.00 ea

#### Sunday, August 20th

Italian Community Picnic Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley. Contact: Mike Croce michaelc@pacificfoodimporters.com

#### Sunday, August 20th

Festa Italiana Portland & Bocce Tournament, Cedarville Park, 3800 W. Powell Loop, Gresham, OR Contact: Barbara Blair blairbjb@comcast.net

#### Sunday, August 27, 2023 12:noon

Cataldo Lodge#2280 Annual Picnic Bremerton Elks picnic shelter Contact: Bill Haberstock 360-373-4341



Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Lodge Officers. Thank you for re-electing me as your Grand Lodge President. The officer's list is posted in this newsletter and on [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org).

I want to thank all that worked so hard to make the convention a success and the lodge presidents and delegates who will be bringing back information, ideas, and energy to their lodges.

Congratulations to the newest award recipients for our Governor Albert Rosellini Award, Barbara Blair, Michael Butorac, and Douglas Chiechi. They were all worthy. At the convention, I stated that we all have an opportunity to make the Sons and Daughters of Italy stronger. The first important step is to take pride in being a member. With that pride, reach out to family, friends, and acquaintances and ask them to come to your lodge, get to know the members, and get excited about joining. But first, YOU need to be proud, excited and have fun as a member.

That positive energy is what can make or break a lodge. Your President and delegates have heard many ways to rejuvenate and strengthen membership. With their help in sharing ideas and putting them into play, your lodge is headed for fun, excitement, and success.

I have asked that all delegates commit to participating in a committee that they have chosen. If you weren't a delegate but would like to be a part of a committee, please contact me. Please take the time to submit any coming events to ensure that members are aware of what is happening.

Remember, you can also look at the [glnw.org](http://glnw.org) site for information. It's time to get your picnic plans going. Get out to visit other lodges and participate in their events this summer. Remember to show the pride you have because of your Italian heritage, or because you love all things Italian. Please become a more active member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Happy Summer to all!

Respectfully, Linda Buccini Anderson  
Grand Lodge President of the Northwest

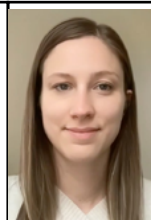
### GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS -2023

Congratulations to the 2023 scholarship winners.

We want to thank the Santelli family for sponsoring one of our winners with the Mario & Dorothy Santelli Scholarship Award.

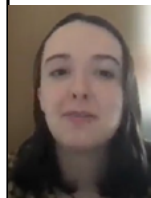
Natalie Barrett- Daughter of Auburn member Amy Barrett.  
Alaina Bever- Niece of Seattle-Fedele member Michael Carrosino.

Both recipients submitted video's which are available to view on our website at [www.glnw.org](http://www.glnw.org). Thank you to our scholarship chair-Francesco Ortenzo and his committee.



Alaina Bever

Attending Harvard Medical School in Boston



Natalie Barrett

Senior at the University of Minnesota



## 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 Gennero 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 meat. Tickets are \$25, or 4  
Tickets for \$100.  
Contact Vera Kay 360-581-9856  
Pam Daudet -Farmer of Bella  
Vita's Hog- blkws@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

## 2023 Grand Lodge Officers

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## American-Italian Club #2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici, Spokane has been experiencing cooler temps than normal for this time of year. Now that the summer solstice is here maybe Mother Nature will turn up the heat for us. Our tomatoes need sun to go along with that water!! The sun shone down on us for our Festa Italiana 2. In case you missed us on Facebook, everyone had a good time. Throughout the



day, we had an attendance of around three thousand (3,000)!! Not to shabby for our first street party. Our food vendors kept running out of food and had to go back to their restaurants to restock. Mama Mia's restaurant went back to their restaurant three (3) times to get more spaghetti and meatballs. Tre Pallini, our gelato vendor also had to go back to his store; he couldn't keep up with the demand. The beer garden was a success!!-we ran out of beer too!! Mayor Nadine Woodward of Spokane stopped by and read a proclamation for the Festa and wants us to make it an annual event. Most importantly we had a presence in our community. We handed out applications and club information at our booth along with homemade Italian cookies and baked goods. The day was a huge success!! Our May meeting was a business meeting. We managed to get together again for our May social night at Mama Mia's. Good food, good wine, and great friends. A good time was had by all. Our June meeting was Fun Night. Our member Susie Prusch gave everyone a cooking demonstration on how to make her delicious, herbed ricotta cheese. Susie brought in her burner, pot and strainer and took us through the recipe step by step. And of course, we sampled the delicious, finished product. And if that wasn't enough fun for a night, we topped it off with five games of Bingo! Our June meeting was a Blast! We are now getting ready for our Annual Family Picnic at our beautiful Manito Park. As we have done in the past, we will be hosting eleven Cagli exchange students at the picnic. The students will be here for sixteen (16) days. They will be involved with educational and cultural events. Classroom activities in the morning with fun activities scheduled in the

## 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.

afternoon. It's always a joy to be a part of this experience with them. We will not be meeting in July and August. Our next General meeting will be held on September 12th. Have a safe and wonderful summer everyone and don't forget the sun-screen! Respectfully submitted,

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary #2172

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**Amerigo Vespucci**  
**#1814 Aberdeen, WA**

Well, Summer is upon us, and Spring ended with several events and activities for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. A new member, Anguleah Petersen, was installed at our April 20th meeting. Welcome to Amerigo Vespucci Lodge, Anguleah!



The Lodge held its June meeting on the 15th at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Aberdeen. Pizza was the entrée, provided by the Lodge, with many delicious salads, sides and desserts brought by the members for our dinner

prior to the meeting. The GLNW Convention was held in Lynnwood, WA., May 18-21, 2023. Connie and Joe Chicano were delegates for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge. Connie shared with members that the NWIN is now available on the Grand Lodge website. Mary Jane Rogers was re-elected as a GLNW Trustee. There were 13 lodges in attendance at the Convention. If you are interested in purchasing GLNW November Raffle Calendars, you can contact President Joe Chicano or Mary Jane Rogers. Raffle calendars are \$20 per calendar. Amerigo Vespucci member were reminded about

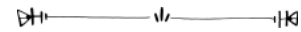
Italian Heritage Night at the Mariners baseball game on June 27, 2023. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will be having a potluck picnic at Joe and Connie Chicano's home on, Sunday, August 13, 2023, starting at 1:00 pm. Hope all members will join in on the fellowship, fun, food, and games. The address is: 909 Park Road, Aberdeen, WA 98520-7112. Please RSVP to Joe at 360-533-4529. The Lodge thanks Connie and Joe Chicano for updating the Amerigo Vespucci banner prior to the GLNW



Convention. Joe Cornell's was congratulated on receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Emerson Elementary School for his donations to the school for students in need of school

supplies. Sophia Risorto shared about Bella Vita's Pig Raffle. Condolences are sent from Amerigo Vespucci Lodge, Aberdeen, to the family of Ronnie Beyerdorff and the family of Bruno Percini on their passing. Also, condolences to Sophia Risorto on the passing of her brother. Our next meeting will be September 14, 2023, Thursday, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Aberdeen, WA. Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm and meeting at 6:30pm. Raffle items appreciated. Until then, wishing "Una fantastica estate a tutti."

Submitted by Judith Braddon



**Auburn**  
**#1955 Auburn, WA**

The last two months before our summer break have been very busy for the Auburn Lodge. In addition to our regular dinner meetings on May 11th and June 8th, we had the



opportunity to celebrate our 75th anniversary. On June 3rd over 150 people gathered at Auburn Community & Events Center to celebrate with food, fellowship, memories, awards and dancing. The event was catered by Al Lago

Ristorante and everyone was entertained by the tunes of Michael Powers. We were inspired by our history and challenged for our future. Our 5th National Vice President Tony Anderson had a special recognition for Rosetta Beyersdorf and her children on behalf of our National President in honor of brother Ronnie Beyersdorf. Ronnie's efforts for our club and the Auburn community were beyond measure. His role as a husband, father and leader will leave a lasting impact. Each month we are encouraged to see more tables filled at our lodge meetings with familiar and new faces. At our June meeting three new members were installed – Ty Brunner, Joey Beyersdorf and the owner of Auburn's Rainbow Café Giovanni Diquattro. We welcome them and look forward to what they will bring to the club. Next, the Scholarship Committee concluded their work by bringing forward scholarships to five very deserving candi-

dates. Each scholarship winner received \$700. Award winners were: Taya Schmidt, Carissa Klotz, Niko Mancusso, Natalie Barrett, and Tatum Ankerfelt. In addition to the Auburn Sons and Daughter of Italy scholarship, Natalie Barrett was awarded both the Casa and GLNW scholarships. Congratulations to these exceptional students and their families. Looking forward, our lodge will gather at the All-Italian Community



Picnic on Sunday August 20th at Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley. Bring a chair and something to share! That event is just in time to

gear up for our monthly meetings that will resume in September. We will start in the Fall with the challenge to support the GLNW fundraising November money raffle. For \$20 you get 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! Contact Rosetta Beyersdorf or John Partridge to



put your order in for a raffle card. Finally, we will be one of the lodges carrying the American and Italian Flag in the Auburn Veterans

Day parade on Saturday November 11th. 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. Afterwards, those who march will gather for warm drinks and a meal. Hopefully other lodges from across the state will come to march. As always, our "Italian chefs" came through with a fabulous dinner for our June meeting. A special "thank you" to Tony Anderson who has volunteered to stand in as our recording secretary and raffle caller. He called out numerous prizes to end our evening. Next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday in September.

John Partridge, Lodge President

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

Summer has arrived with our final meeting! Arrivederci!! Until we meet again in September! Vera and Sophia enjoyed the Grand Lodge Convention 2023. This event was packed with 2 days full of education and discussions focused on membership, how to engage younger members and encourage current



members to become more active in the lodge and its activities. Only together as a Famiglia can we strengthen and build our Bella Vita Lodge. Vera and Sophia were quite inspired

when leaving the convention this year. Bella Vita's goal is to make each member feel part of this lodge. We recognize that our members enjoy each other as we gather for dinner, raffle and meeting. If you feel distanced or inspired to do more for Bella Vita, please reach out, we want to hear from you with ideas and comments- there is always a committee you can join! Together we can build our lodge with more activity and vibrancy... one member, one lodge meeting at a time. Remember .... reaching out to is how we can make our lodge more appealing and fun! Unfortunately, Hood to Coast Relay has been canceled this year as we have not heard back from the organizer. This was very disappointing since it was our only Fundraiser. Fortunately for Bella Vita, our member Pam



Daudet, has come up with another Fundraiser. Pam donated a Black Berkshire Hog to our lodge. It is being raised on her organic farm and will be ready and raffled in October. Our Bella Vita Hog will be quartered and given to 4 Lucky Winners. You will have the opportunity to customize your winnings

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CLUB NO. 2172  
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Meets the 2nd Wednesday  
of each month at 6:00 PM  
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Spokane, WA 99202  
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**Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary**  
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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  
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of approximately 50 lbs pork meat. The meat of this hog is of superior quality not comparable to your supermarket pork. Please consider selling tickets to your friends, family, at work, church and community. And buy some yourself!! If you are fortunate to win but do not want this delicious pork meat, please consider donating back to Bella Vita. Bella Vita can use the meat at our dinner meetings. Tickets are \$25, or 4 Tickets for \$100. Any questions please contact Vera Kay 360-581-9856, Pam Daudet -Farmer of Bella Vita's Hog- blkcws@yahoo.com or Sophia Risorto 760-333-7964.

Dianne Stefanini presented the Paw Chella Fest. It is a festival for YOU and your pets: dogs, cats, guinea pigs, snakes, even squirrels- they (and you) are welcome if well behaved and on a leash or in a pet case. The event is September 30 at the Chehalis Veterans Museum-100 SW Veterans Way in Chehalis. This interesting museum will be open to the public. There will be a pet parade, individual blessing of your pet, pet photographer and more! Bella Vita will have a booth to sell homemade baked goods for both human and pet consumption. We do need volunteers to step up and represent Bella Vita and help at the booth. Please consider joining! We do need bakers!! It's a fun event for humans and pets! Any interest or do you need further information? Please contact Dianne Stefanini 360-669-9380 or Sophia Risorto 760-333-7964. Please sign up to be our Cook of the Month! All Months are open so you can pick when you can be our next Cook! We do need a Cook for September! Remember You only need to make a main meal! Members provide side dishes and desserts!! Please sign up with President Sophia. Bella Vita had a great year, returning to a new lodge, interacting together again, sharing our meals together and chatting with everyone. Hope you can attend any of the many events and picnics this summer! Look in the newsletter for all the events. We will see you there! See everyone at our next lodge meeting on September 7! Stay healthy and safe!



**Bellevue  
#2377, Bellevue, WA**

Hello Friends, I'm saddened to report that Bellevue Lodge member Ronny Beyersdorf passed away on May 9th. Most people may not realize that Ronny was a member of the Bellevue because of his long affiliation with the Auburn Lodge,

but Ronny was a dual member having joined our Lodge a few years back at time when our Lodge was having some struggles. The Bellevue Lodge worked to better itself is now prospering, in large part because of the support we received from Ronny and his wife Rosetta, who is our State Lodge Deputy. For their support, we owe them a huge amount of gratitude. Ronny was always such a comforting presence at our Lodge whether he was presenting the wines at our Lodge's wine tastings or talking to him about so many of the things that we was so knowledgeable about. But the thing that set Ronny apart was his caring and how much he gave of himself. I'm tempted to say that in that aspect he is without peer, but that seems to go against how Ronny presented himself: never putting himself above anyone else. He always treated everyone with great respect and valued everyone the same. But it was his family that he cherished the most. The last time I talked to Ronny he told me how lucky he was to have Rosetta as his wife. He certainly was and we are all lucky to have know Ronny and to be part of the community of people who loved and respected him.

Because I have to cover two meetings worth of news, I'm going to be more terse in my report. At our May 4th meeting the theme for dinner was lemons because that when lemons are usually harvested in Italy, so Cathy Mettler, Michele Guerrini, and Mary DeMatteo Sangalang created on the spot a chicken pasta. Mary tried to down-play the dish, but everyone agreed that it was probably the best chicken pasta we've ever had. Laura Cosacchi made lemon cake which was also really wonderful. 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 don'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. At our meeting in June, Rizo Rakhmanov joined our Lodge as a new member. Rizo is originally from Uzbekistan, but loves Italy, Italian culture and language. Rizo, we're all very happy to have you join our Lodge.

Laura Cosacchi reported that our proposal to install a Bocce court in one of the South Bellevue parks was denied be-

**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  
**Sophia Risorto, President**  
760-333-7964 [bellavitalodge@gmail.com](mailto:bellavitalodge@gmail.com)  
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**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  
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cause it doesn't fit in with their vision which is Pickleball. The Lodge's efforts for a Bocce courts in Bellevue along with leading the Bocce team will be handed off to someone else because Laura is moving to Italy for a year. Laura's efforts will be greatly missed, but we look forward to her return.

In sunshine news, a couple of her family members of Tessa Floreano passed away, so our love and sympathies goes out to her. Lisa Speno's sister Francis passed way from cancer. It's been a while since we've seen Lisa in person, but she is still so close to our hearts, and want to give you all our love and support. As reported above Ronny Beyersdorf passed away on May 9th and I just want tell his wife Rosetta, and children Joey, Erika, and Amy, and whole family that he is still very much in our hearts as are all of you. Ron and Mary Sangalang will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this summer. Ron and Mary also welcome their grandchild recently, a beautiful little girl named Mila. Mary has decided that she will be referred to as Nonna. Linda Caputo is retiring this summer, so congratulation to Linda. And finally at our last meeting Antoinette Felino announced that she wants to become a member of our Lodge, so that's all really good news. There will be no meetings in July or August, but there are 49 people from the Bellevue Lodge signed up to go to the Mariners Italian Hertiage Night, which is going to be a blast. And I'm sure there's going to be a lot of people from the Bellevue Lodge going to the All Italian Community picnic at Royal Arches Park on Aug. 20th. 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

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

We honor two prominent celebrations during this summer edition Fathers' Day on June 18 for those who are fathers (also, those who represent the love of a father) and Independence Day on July 4. Our May 7 Fall Pasta Dinner was a resounding success after a four-year pandemic hiatus without fundraisers. It was delightful that many of you were available



to share this event with us. Many diners expressed their hope that our Spring fundraiser dinner would be reinstated, also. It is our pleasure to announce that Ethan Gerspacher, grandson of members Harvey and Joan Woodruff, graduated from Sumner High School and is the recipient of the Black Dia-

mond Lodge Scholarship for 2023. Leonardo Folino created a presentation with intriguing historical vignettes for Black Diamond Days at the Black Diamond Museum. He has agreed to share his compilation when we resume our meetings on September 8. Ten members attended the 45th Bien-nial GLNW Convention at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood on May 19-20. The Lodge is honored to share that Leonardo Folino was elected GLNW Second Vice President and National Delegate and Paul Pioli was elected GLNW Financial Secretary.

Our June meeting before summer break was prefaced with a delicious homemade Mexican dinner prepared by President Janice, followed by Italian ice and colorful icicles. Salvatore Spirito and Maddalena Costanzo shared highlights from their exciting return to Italy for their daughter's graduation with an architectural degree. A huge hometown country welcome to join our Black Diamond Lodge picnic on July 22 from 12 noon to 4 pm at the Mud Mountain Dam Park in Enumclaw. If you can make it, please contact President Janice (jmalvesti-cole@gmail.com) with the side dish you would like to add to the potluck table. We are delighted to introduce the following family vignettes by Linda Osborne, who joined our Lodge in October 2022. I am the middle of five kids born into a very large, boisterous Italian family. My dad Steve Vito Pinto was from Mola di Bari (Puglia Region), and my mom Agnes Iacolucci was from Vinchiaturio (Campobasso Province). Sunday dinner was a big occasion of five-course meals with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Conversation never ceased—some of it was in Italian to protect our delicate ears.

We could always show up unannounced, and my grandmother would put coffee on and empty the refrigerator the same as did my great aunt. Standard fare for anyone who crossed their doors' thresholds. My grandfather worked at Bethlehem Steel and was a BIG man. I can still see his huge

**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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**Bremerton, WA**  
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hands. But he was a gentle bear no one ever crossed. Their house was the usual gathering place for the holidays, and they were so patient with our noise and excitement. Food was a priority with my grandparents and parents, as it was hard to come by when they were kids. Everyone had a garden and canned like crazy. My youngest brother complained every time we had to pick up rocks in the garden—a yearly chore. Now he has a great garden, so he must have learned well. Wine making was a family event. Crates of grapes were brought in, my grandpa’s press came out, and it was an all-day event. The harvested wine was shared among the family and came out at Sunday dinners. Another special family event was



salami- and sausage-making. Best in the world. My dad worked in a butcher shop when he first came over here. Anytime we had hot dogs, he would tell us that if we knew what went into them, we wouldn’t eat them. We still did. I live with my daughter and grandson in Enumclaw and have a son in Bonney Lake. Even though the older generation of my family has passed, my kids and

their cousins had spent enough time with them to continue our tradition of a loud, fun-loving family. Our Italian style lives on!

Linda Pinto Iacolucci Osborne

## Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Bill Haberstock, President, 360.373.4341

CataldoLodge@gmail.com - Dancing, Feasting, and Fundraising Event for 50th Anniversary of Kitsap County Non-Profit Bremerton, Washington, June 2023. – The local Lodge of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), will be celebrating 50 years of liberty, equality, and fraternity in Kitsap County with a dinner-dance fundraising event on July 22, 2023. OSDIA was founded in 1905 by Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro as a mutual aid society for early Italian immigrants. Today, OSDIA has more than 350 lodges in 17 states making it the largest service and advocacy organization for the nation’s estimated 26 million people of Italian descent. Its members are of Italian heritage or simply have a love for all things Italian.

In Kitsap County, the Cataldo Lodge was founded in 1973 by well-known Italian and Italian-American businessmen and women including the Garguile, Fontana, Graziano, Lou Mentor, and Zampella families with the President of the Tacoma and Seattle Lodges, Grosso and Revisto. The purpose was to promote the Italian way of life and support local charities. Other names involved in the early years were Campana, Castroni, Giannotti, Graisy, Gallucci, Lebeda, Civilla, Perrone, and Volpone to name a few. Cataldo’s Founding member and first lodge President, Salvatore Graziano, continues as an OSDIA member in California, where he is Treasurer. He said “why the group of men and women founders started the club had to do with fraternity and family. Many Italian business owners knew each other from the area and often worked together. They knew there were others scattered around Kitsap – “like seeds in wine” and felt there should be a fraternity of Italians created to bring them all together. Originally, we met at Tony’s Restaurant on Kitsap Way, but since the lodge was growing so quickly, we ended up meeting at the Son’s of Norway Lodge. In fact, one night we had one of our twice-yearly dinner dances (375 people). The Norwegians (125 people) were also having a party. We opened the doors so that both groups could party together. We had a blast!”

The Cataldo Lodge was named to honor Father Joseph Cataldo (1837-1928) of Sicily, who served the Pacific Northwest and its Native American communities for 60 years. He is

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**Marysville, WA**

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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

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**LODGE NO. 1390**

**Seattle, WA**

Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month

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Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM

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credited with translating the Bible into the Nez Perce language and was appointed as Superior of the Rocky Mountain Missions. His headquarters, Cataldo Mission of the Sacred Heart, is located west of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and still stands today as Idaho's oldest building. He also founded Gonzaga University located in Spokane, Washington.

Members are acknowledging the 50th anniversary by sharing a meal and dancing the night away at a gala dinner dance on Saturday, July 22, 2023. They are expecting lodge members, guests, and community members as well as friends from nearby lodges and state officers. The Elks will provide a delicious meal, and members contributed to a silent auction that supports the lodge and seven area food banks. Local DJ "B3 Entertainment" will provide the music throughout the evening. No tickets will be sold at the door. Bill "Palmieri" Haberstock, the lodge president, commented, "We're planning for future growth, deciding what changes we want to make, and what we want to accomplish in the next 50 years. This includes increasing the lodge's community presence and researching a future web site for members and future members." For more information about the upcoming 50th golden anniversary dinner dance, please contact Bill Haberstock at email [CataldoLodge@gmail.com](mailto:CataldoLodge@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cataldolodgekitsap>



### Cle Elum

#### #1968, Cle Elum, WA

Members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met on Sunday, May 7th, a week earlier than usual, to avoid any conflicts that could occur in the celebration of all Mothers on their special day. President Mike Butorac introduced our guests Doug



and Mary Chiechi of Seattle Fedele Lodge, Gerri Dawson, and Mike and Lori Read. On the Lodge business front,

Scholarship Chairperson Quannee Eilers reported six applicants from Cle Elum Roslyn High School. The committee will review the applications and report back in June on what awards will be granted. Vice-President Craig Savio reported on the update of the Lodge By-Laws. Craig has made several suggestions for change and has shared those online by e-mail to all members. Also, the Lodge will be adding June to our regular meeting schedule, a welcome change allowing another opportunity for meeting in friendship and fraternity, and to enjoy great Italian cooking.



Spring in Upper Kittitas County is mushroom season, and the Lodge 2023 Pioneer Days Mushroom Queen/King Contest is in full swing.

With the help of Glondo's Italian Sausage Company and lodge members Charlie and Randine Glondo and their staff, the Boletus mushrooms are inspected and weighed, and the winners are determined. So, get out there and find your winner.

Memorial Day is a solemn holiday, a time to honor and mourn those men and women who died while serving in the



U.S. military. The Roslyn Historical Cemeteries holds many of those who served, and many who came to our area to mine coal and find a better way of life for their families. Lodge member Dee Saldin will be creating a floral display at the Italian Memorial Monument this Memorial Day in remembrance of those who sacrificed and those who precede us. Thank you to Dee, and Cle Elum Lodge

wishes all our Brothers and Sisters in the Grand Lodge of the Northwest a thoughtful and memorable, Memorial Day. Already it is June, and the seasonal weather has yet to catch up with us in Upper Kittitas County. On Sunday, June 11th Cle Elum Lodge members and guests met in friendship and fraternity, and enjoyed several Italian dishes, just as I promised. Joining us were Tony Anderson, National Vice-President and Linda Anderson, State President, and Jeanne Fasano, State Vice-President. In the last few months, Cle Elum Lodge has grown to forty-one members. President Mike with the

### 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  
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### VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690

#### Vancouver, WA

Meets the 2nd Thursday  
of each month

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Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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help of State Deputy Lisa Stauffer welcomed to the Lodge our newest members; dual members of Seattle Fedele Lodge Doug and Mary Chiechi, Gerri Dawson, and Mike and Lori Read. In closing and for the Welfare of the Order, National Vice-President Tony presented to Lodge President Mike the Governor Albert D Rosellini Memorial Award for service and contribution to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America at the state and local levels. Congratulations to Mike! Ciao!

Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com



**Mille Cugini  
#2659, Marysville, WA**

We enjoyed many guests at our meeting this month, including Brock Ricci's daughter Candice with her 4 beautiful daughters, visiting from out of town, Bob and Katt Branting came to us from our fundraiser at Sorticulture in Everett, and will be joining us as a new member! Mark Gerling joined us with Chris, our deputy for a dinner featuring our Italian sausage sub, or "grinder" as it was called at the fundraiser. Robert Jacoby brought his 4 children and his bocce set for after-dinner fun in the park, just outside the museum where we meet each month. This was our first meeting where we had dinner before the meeting to allow for social activities afterward. Many people contributed to the good food and fun, even bringing garlic plants and special cakes to share with everyone. There are so many to mention, so forgive me if I have not stated everyone by name.

At the convention last May, our past president Brock Ricci was elected as 1st Vice President of the Grand Lodge of the Northwest. Congratulations to Brock for his dedication and sacrifice of his time and effort! Our first-time fundraiser at Sorticulture in Everett was a huge success! Thank you to all those who could not attend, but made cash donations to boost our profits. MANY thanks to everyone's hard work on the 3 days of the Garden Arts Festival in early June



and the several months leading up to it. We had 2 booths, side by side: one selling sausage sandwiches or "grinders" and one selling plants and raffle tickets for 8 baskets full of great garden-themed items and Don Maille's hand-crafted live edge table! Rebecca Helling designed and ran the plant booth with several volunteers and Patrick Jacoby organized an efficient kitchen in a 10'x 10' pop-up that cranked out food for the crowd. Despite the rain, members from other lodges, John & Shirley Partridge, Dot & Dick Whitney, Linda Anderson & Rosetta Beyersdorf supported us by coming for lunch, as well as Bill & Jackie Haberstock from the Cataldo lodge in Bremerton, who also brought us a cooler with homemade cannoli and filling for our after-event enjoyment! Dave and Judi Dellino brought Mary Dellino, who helped sell raffle tickets for our garden booth. Frank Dellino also came to support us. Last March, our newest member, Denise Cavallo, went to Disneyland with her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Candace Centanni, and Natalie, her 5-year-old granddaughter. Natalie is a big Star Wars fan. She bravely held hands with the Wookiee Warrior, Chewbacca, making it quite a special moment for her, as well as seeing all her favorite Star Wars characters in real life! Making family positive memories like this is what helps to bond us together for life. I hope everyone has a summer filled with love and family.



Mille Cugini Reporter, Paula Dellino Jacoby



Mille Cugini Reporter, Paula Dellino Jacoby



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

Hello from the beautiful, blossoming Olympic Peninsula. It's summer everywhere and the abundance of the season's glory is bursting in our backyard. The mountain snow that is

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Yakima, WA**  
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melting will be welcomed back in October, but for now, the wildflowers are just beautiful, and the hiking trails are ready for their visitors. There are fawns in random locations to the surprise and delight of anyone lucky to catch a glimpse of



the spotted, wobbly newborns. These things are being experienced by many of our lodges across Washington, but are you seeing cannoli? We are for certain cannoli crazy here at Lodge 2733. We

had our 1st of 4 cannoli sales in June. There were folks in line waiting for our booth to open. How fantastic to have people comment that they came to the Farmers Market just for our cannoli. The secret must be in the recipe for the filling. We were honored to use Sal D'Amico's recipe. He was definitely



there in spirit and in the positive comments we received. We won't be selling them during the Lavender Festival, but you might want to take a road trip to the peninsula and go to Joyce Daze Wild Blackberry Festival on Aug 5. A fun day of all things blackberry except for our cannoli. We'll be selling

them at this festival in Joyce, just 20 minutes west of Port Angeles. We are also getting things in place for our annual picnic. It will again be at the Lincoln Park cabin, Port Angeles on Sunday, July 16 starting at noon. Summertime is for slowing down, sitting on the porch, and just enjoying the day. Here's a challenge for our own lodge members, and those across the state. If you aren't already doing so, take time to read through all the articles in the newsletter. Our editor, Patrick Jacoby works very diligently to put it together, and those submitting articles spend time creating them. So Olympic Peninsula Lodge members – don't be surprised if there's a pop quiz/trivia time at the picnic. So hey, put the top down, grab a coca cola, and come up and see us sometime. Ciao for now

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary Lodge 2733



**Seattle  
#1390, Seattle, WA**

Happy First Day of Summer as of this writing! You only have one of the Crazy Sorrella, the other one had something else to do, but she did give me the highlights I needed to hit. So here ya go! Big shout out to all the people who helped make the Banquet, which is the first one in a couple of years, A Wonderful Success! These people are, and not in any particular order, The Cooks, The Ticket Takers, The people who came early to set up and stayed late to take down all the wonderful decorations - okay, also the tables, chairs, table cloths, etc., The Advertisers in the brochure, The Raffle Prize contributors, The Raffle Organizers, The Kids from Blanchett who helped serve and clear away the dishes, and especially ALL Who Attended! So excited for next year! At our May meeting we celebrated Mother's Day, so the guys cooked (Thank you guys!) and at our June meeting, we celebrated Father's Day, so the gals cooked (Thank you gals!).

The next meeting is on July 20th at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Catholic Church Hall, 1531 Bradner Place S., Seattle, WA, 98144, and it is the annual Fava Bean Dinner! We will be having something different this year - It's time to do some Crafting for kids and kids at heart! So bring the kids, grand-kids, nieces, and nephews, or be a kid yourself! The time is the same as our meeting time. The August meeting is on August 17th also at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Catholic Church Hall. It is another annual event the Lodge has, The Ciambotta Dinner, otherwise known as the Sausage and Peppers Dinner.



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Time for some fun in the summer - let's hope for some sun! Another happening in August, on the 20th, is the All Italian Picnic at Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley. Come for the day! There are a lot of things to do - games, music to listen to, singing, and of course, Bingo, and of course, a Raffle! The lunch is provided with a purchase of a ticket at the gate. You can bring your own snacks if you want something special, and you don't have to share unless you want to! Be prepared in September for Seattle Festa, on the 23rd & 24th, at the Seattle Center! We will be doing our famous Meatball Sub Sandwich booth (in which we get rave reviews). So come and help out and have some fun! Sign-up sheets will be at the next meeting or contact any of the Board Members for more information. Happening also in September is another great event - the San Gennaro Festival on September 8th, 9th, & 10th. Located on the street at 1225 S. Angelo St., Seattle, WA, 98108. Come on down, I know this Sorrella will!

Attention Zucchini Growers! Remember that it will be at our meeting in September to judge who of all the growers will win the prize for the Largest Zucchini of all and who will win the prize for the Smallest Zucchini. Keep it clean everyone!! Tony Anderson, you thought I forgot about you! Well, I didn't! We welcome you to our Lodge as our new Grand Lodge Deputy! We know you will always be there if something is needing to be clarified or just some kind of thought to help us out. Looking forward to having you around. Okay, members, we are looking for activities to do during our meetings. Ideas something like cooking demonstrations, family history stories, travel stories, etc. If you're interested in doing something along those lines, contact a Board member. We are also looking for news to put in the article for everyone to enjoy. Just contact us, the Crazy Sorrelle!  
Elaine Volpone and Christina Volpone Gerling



**Tacoma**  
**#1175, Tacoma, WA**

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Tacoma Lodge had its June meeting on the 7th wrapping things up till we meet again in September. Our dinner was our traditional June theme of "Western Days". We had bbq burgers, fabulous salads, desserts, and more. We had a great time with over 80 people in attendance. We discussed our upcoming events and plans for next year. We are in the beginning stages of a really fun event, the first-ever Tacoma Lodge "POKER TOURNA-

MENT". This is going to be a blast with large CASH PRIZES going to different finalists. More to come on this but we are contracting with a professional company that specializes in these with all equipment, dealers, and monitors the whole bit. Stay tuned this is going to be FUN.

August 13th - mark your calendar. We, along with the Christopher Columbus Society are having an Italian Picnic at Whittier Park in Fircrest 921 Contra Costa Ave, Tacoma, WA 98466. We will have pasta and meatballs, feel free to bring potluck, salads, fried chicken, watermelon, all your fresh vegetables from your garden, fruits, and desserts. There will be a fun raffle, ( please bring raffle items) music, maybe some dancing, and an all-around fun day. See you all in the fall the "Mother Lodge of The Northwest"



**Tre Città**  
**#2881, Tri-Cities, WA**

On June 6th, 2023, our Lodge held its sixth meeting of this year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick. We had a total of twenty-four members and visitors in attendance. Our



membership so far for this year has grown to forty-seven members. In attendance at our meeting was one of our 2023 scholarship winners, Olivia Amato with her parents. Olivia is a senior at Tri-City Prep High School in Pasco, WA with a 4.0 GPA. Plans to attend Washington State University in Pullman this fall. We have extended an invitation to each of our three winners and their families to attend our meetings this summer that include: Brittany Rambone is pursuing a BS in information technology with a concentration in cybersecurity

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at Middle Georgia State University in Macon GA where she is on the Dean's List. Brittany and her grandfather attended our meeting in May. Kyle McLaughlin who is working on BA in Business at Gonzaga University and made the President's list for the Fall 2022 semester. Kyle and his family are planning to attend our meeting in July. My wife, Linda, and I provided a brief report of our attendance at the Biannual GLNW Convention that was held at the Embassy Suite Hotel in Lynnwood on May 19th and 20th. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, had lots of fun, made many new friends, and got many new innovative ideas about lodge and membership growth from other lodges during this weekend.

At the end of our meeting, 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 \$142 for this raffle. Our charity fund has continued to grow, and we are anticipating making another donation to a worthy local cause in our community in the coming months.

We had the first planning and organization meeting for our Annual Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle at the home of Jack and Julianne Barnaby on Monday, June 12th. The important fundraising will be held at the Richland Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023.

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 feeding wonderful content on Italian food, culture, people, travel destinations, holidays, and other topics on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIAtrecitta>. On June 4th, we had a social gathering for wine tasting and lunch for our members at Terra Blanca Estate Winery which was attended by sixteen of our members and their guests.

Our next social events will include: A potluck picnic will be held at Leslie Grove Park in Richland on Sunday, July 16th, 2023. An afternoon of Bocce, wine tasting, and lunch at Bookwalter Estate Winery in Richland on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2023. We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Due to the July 4th holiday next month, our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 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 at that time of the month, please come and join us. We would love to have you. Ciao for now!

Marcel P. Bergeron, President, Tre Citta Lodge 2881

## Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

At our next regular meeting on Thursday, July 13th, we will be installing new members: Kathryn Scarpelli Salverda and Nanette Scarpelli Walker. We will be having a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share with the group. Dinner is at 6:30 PM with the installation of new members and meeting to follow. These members have already signed up for: Main course: Donna Covi, Kathryn Scarpelli Alverda, Rosann Grzesiowski, Louise Ramunno-Johnson (bringing pizza); Salad: Dorrie Palandrani, Dina Rizzo. Bread: Nanette Scarpelli Walker. Dessert: Frank Piperno, Dolores Tarsi. Drinks: Leanore Olmstead. No charge for dinner and no RSVP is necessary this month as it is a potluck. President Rosann Grzesiowski has requested all members to bring any ideas for members for our Festa Italiana Booth. Used Italian books or novels are sold for \$3.00 and we usually do quite well selling them. So please bring any books you no longer need. Other items in the past were torrone, Italian color beaded necklaces and bracelets, cards, etc. Please bring ideas on what to sell and new fundraising ideas for our club to participate in. Barbara Blair will have a sign up sheet to volunteer at this event. We are still trying to recover from being inactive due to covid. If we have time, we will play Tombola (Italian bingo) so make sure to bring your quarters if you plan to participate. At our August meeting on Thursday, August 10th, we will have Danielle Brown, DMSc, PA-C who will speak to us about Italian genealogy. Dinner menu, etc. will be in our August newsletter.

At our June meeting President Rosann Grzesiowski was faced with a dilemma, the speaker she had lined up had to cancel due to deployment. Thinking quick she contacted members of her church to perform Hula dancing at our Luau Meeting. To help with the program, Financial Secretary Linda Cherney did some quick research and was able to give a Hawaiian/Italian connection. Check the website for more information: <https://wetheitalians.com/interviews/even-in-hawaii-being-italian-is-very-cool>. We will be collecting "snack packs" for the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center this month. Please bring your donation to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary. ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, July 17th at Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd at 2 pm to discuss our book selection, From Scratch by author Temi Locke. This book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Any questions call Barbara Blair (360)253-7984. No White Elephant Bingo in July due to the 4th of July holiday. We will see you again on Tuesday, August 1st at Barbara Blair's home at 7:00 PM. RSVP to her at (360) 253-7984 or [blair-bjb@comcast](mailto:blair-bjb@comcast). Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to have some fun.

Game Nite is Saturday, July 15th at 7:00 PM at Bruce and Barbara

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Blair's home. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Let's do a little wine tasting for our next DINE OUT on Tuesday, July 25th at 5:00 PM at Emanar Cellars, 1113 SE Rasmussen Blvd., Battle Ground WA (360)513-2448. They specialize in Spanish wines, a wonderful Sangria and Tapas and Desserts. RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Friday, June 21st if you plan to attend. If you have any suggestions for a place for a dine out, please let Barbara know. BOCCE IS BACK!! Every Wednesday of the month weather permitting at 6:00 PM. at our courts at the Elks Club on McGillivray Blvd. Invite family, friends, any age group is welcomed to come to learn and play. Any questions, contact Paul at (360)521-5584 or bocceboy@juno.com. FESTA ITALIANA Mass will be on Saturday, August 12th at St. Philip Neri's Catholic Church, 2408 SE 16th Avenue, Portland OR 97214 at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow in Carlin Hall. They are seeking donations of cookies for the reception after the mass. If you are able to help in this way, please let Barbara Blair know. FESTA ITALIANA CELEBRATION & BOCCE TOURNAMENT is Sunday, August 20th at Cedarville Park, 3800 W. Powell Loop, Gresham, OR 97030 beginning at 11:00 a.m. To 8:00 p.m. Come join the music, fun and food!! Festa Italiana is seeking volunteers to help with this festival. Please check their website to see sign up times at <https://www.festa-italiana.org>. Our club will also have a booth selling items. LABOR DAY PICNIC is Monday, September 4th at Lewisville Park in Battle Ground. Details to follow. We have reserved the same picnic "Oak" area as last year. FRIENDSHIP TEA will be on Saturday, September 16th at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th St., Vancouver WA 98685. Please call President Rosann Grzesiowski if you want more information or would like to host a table. Her phone number is (360)601-8410 or ro\_gar@comcast.net SPAGHETTI DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP BASKET RAFFLE has been scheduled for Sunday, October 15th at 40 & 8 Chateau. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so please plan on volunteering and promoting this event. More details to follow. CLUB NEWS: Mike and Linda Cherney will be spending time in Hawaii this month. Duncan Gibson, one of our past scholarship winners, is now working in Toronto. His mom, Linda Gibson, paid him a visit. Buon compleanno to our July birthdays!! THE HATS FOR HEADSTART GROUP are still making hats for Columbia River Headstart. For more info, contact Liz Haught 360-673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (July 2nd, 16th, & 30th ) 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: Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers. Let Freedom Ring!!  
Barbara Blair

## Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge met on May 11 and again on June 15. Thank you to everyone for the delicious meals. Welcome guests were Mary and Doug Chiechi. Perhaps because we met on a different week, we had a smaller more intimate group on May 11th. For whatever reason we had a great time and I am entitling this newsletter "Did you know this about your co-members?" Beverly Arralde has been a mother the longest in the group that attended this month, as well as, having the most children, Marty Borello has the most children and has been a father the longest. They each received a dozen of Robins wonderful farm fresh eggs. Beverly tells us her apartment has no oven, just a microwave. Robin asked her what an Italian lady does with no oven for baking? Her response with appropriate facial expression was "She gets really upset!" Marty Borello's family is from the Piedmont region and Genoa. His Grandmother came here committed to marry an Italian man, who was already here, and whom she had never met. Don and Dick Picatti's Grandmother came with an Italian family as an Au Pair at age 15 in 1914. The family decided, after a time to return to Italy, but she liked the freedom and opportunity in America so decided to stay. Don and Dick Picatti have been attending a coffee group since 1950 with over 60 men passing through it over the years. Sarah Judd is on the Oregon coast digging clams with her family. Jan Fancuillo plans a trip to Italy this fall. The basket for the Grand Lodge Silent Auction was filled to the top thanks to our generous members. Sara Judd and Jeanne Fasano had a report on the Grand Lodge Meeting. A highlight of the Grand Lodge was seeing



our Deputy Mike Butorac receive the Gov Albert Rosellini award for many years of excellent service to the Grand Lodge. Congratulations

Mike, well deserved, we love and appreciate you and Kathi! Members that have been sick this past 2 months are Deacon Pete Fadich and Stephen Fancuillo who have both had surgery, Shirley Batalli is ill and now living in the same building



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as Beverly Arralde, Joe Ficele is in Good Samaritan for rehab. All need prayers and perhaps a cheerful card. Good news this month Katherine Miller has accepted a teaching position at Central Washington University! Congratulations Katherine! Marty and Connie Borello celebrated their 57th anniversary. Marty tells us that Connie met Eleanor Ficele before she met him, and Eleanor had a part in Connie becoming a great Italian cook.

Robin delivered the donated items to the Women's Shelter, they were so grateful. They can use most anything, including children's toys and clothing. We will have a picnic for our Sept 21st meeting. Location to be announced so watch your emails. Respectfully submitted  
Jeanne Fasano

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