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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson

Coming Events!

Saturday February 18, 2023, 7:00 PM
Grand Lodge Northwest Crab dinner
Holy Family Church Hall
Contacts: Rosetta 206-478-3895 or
Ronnie Beyersdorf, 206-478-3876.

Saturday, March 18th, 2023, 4pm-7 pm
Cle Elum Lodge #1968
Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction,
Putnam Centennial Center,
719 E. 3rd St., Cle Elum,
Contact: Rich Grillo
509-674-4206, grillo1@msn.com

Saturday, April 1, 2023
Auburn Bocce Club and Auburn Parks
18th Annual 2 person bocce tournament
24 teams maximum. \$50.00 per team.
Contact Ronnie Beyersdorf
206-478-3876 Wb7tbg@aol.com

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Auburn Bocce Club and Auburn Parks
18th Annual 4 person bocce tournament
16 teams maximum. \$100.00 per team.
Contact Ronnie Beyersdorf
206-478-3876 Wb7tbg@aol.com

Saturday, April 15, 2023
Bellevue Lodge #2377
Wine Tasting
Unity of Bellevue Church
16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue
Contact: Mary DeMatteo Sangalang
collectingroots@msn.com

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Tacoma Lodge #1175, "The Mother
Lodge of the NW" 100 Year- Centennial
Celebration! Ticket price just \$60.
The Tacoma Yacht Club
Contact: David Madrid
253-961-6526, dsjrmadrid@gmail.com

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Vancouver USA #2690 Annual
Spaghetti Dinner
Location: TBA Contact:
Frank Palandrani (360)576-0453



March brings us St. Patrick's Day. Yes, I am sure you have heard that he was also Italian. This should not be a surprise. All the lodges have had their elections and should have submitted their new list of officers and delegates to our Grand Lodge Secretary, Gina Natucci. Congratulations & Grazie to all who stepped up and I am proud to see you lead. This month's NWIN has a lot of information about our May 19-20, 2023 convention. Please take the time to

review the additional information in NWIN that is essential for Delegates as well as anyone who wants to attend the convention. A list of contacts is posted for easy processing (registration; hotel; election nomination ; election rules, brochure ads etc). I am scheduling a Zoom meeting for all delegates on April 11 at 7pm. The business part of the convention is only 1-1/2 days. Therefore, I felt that sharing some information about what to expect at the convention prior to attending would help everyone better enjoy, be connected and get the most from attending.

Remember, everyone is welcomed to attend any part or all of the convention. Come watch the meetings, enjoy our hospitality night Friday, and our Big Banquet with awards, silent auction, music and dancing on Saturday. Get ready for the fun.

Please look at the coming events section. It is continuing to get bigger and bigger. If you know of an event in you lodge or an Italian Community event coming up this year, please contact Patrick Jacoby. Get out and enjoy other lodges' events and meetings. This is another way to get to know your Italian community. It is always exciting to me



how many members have found friends and relatives beyond their own lodges...but you have to look.

Happy St Patrick's Day,
Linda Buccini Anderson
buccini@rainierconnect.com
253-225-2483



Tony and I enjoyed the company of good friends at the Valentines Day dinner dance in Vancouver BC



Coming Events!

Saturday, April 29, 2023
 Seattle-Fedele Annual Banquet
 Blanchet High School Seattle, WA
 Contact: Jeff D'Amelio jeffdamelio@live.com

Sunday, April 30, 2023 1 pm-5pm
 American-Italian Club, #2172
 Festa Italiana II - Free for all ages
 Wall St & Main, Downtown Spokane
 Contacts: John Caputo 509-220-5582, jcaputo1@mac.com
 Linda Marcus 509-7109371, linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

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

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

Saturday, July 15, 2023
 GLNW bocce tournament
 Les Gove Park, Auburn WA Outdoor bocce courts
 Entry fee \$100.00 Apps available for 4 person teams.
 Contact, Ronnie Beyersdorf 206-478-3876 wb7tb@aol.com

Sunday, July 16, 2023, Time: 1:35
 Tacoma Rainiers vs. Round Rock Express
 Reserve Tickets are \$15 and include:
 Admission, Hot Dog, Chips, and Bottled Water.
 A great gift! A great time.
 Contact: Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson
 253-677-9366 atony@harbornet.com

Saturday July 22, 2023 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, 2023
 Cataldo Lodge, Bremerton Elks
 50th Celebration Dinner
 Contact: Bill Haberstock habpal@hotmail.com

Saturday July 22, 2023
 American-Italian Club #2172
 Annual Family and Spokane/Cagli, Italy
 Student Exchange Picnic
 Contact Linda Marcus
 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Be sure to check with the event contact person to verify times and dates.

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FESTA ITALIANA²


APRIL 30TH 2023
 DOWNTOWN SPOKANE - WALL & MAIN
 12 TO 5PM FREE ADMISSION - ALL AGES


FOOD * FUN
FASHION * FILM
 GAMES - RAFFLES - WINE TASTING
 PLANNED BEER & WINE GARDEN

CO-SPONSORS:

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR SCHEDULE AND UPDATES
 Department of Revenue
 Washington State
 SPOKANE

The Working Families Tax Credit will put up to \$1,200 cash back in the hands of families and individuals that qualify beginning 2023. Find how you can claim this money. Please visit the Washington Department of Revenue's booth during the Festa Italiana event to see if you qualify. www.WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov

 **Thank You** to all who helped support and worked so hard for the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner. It is a big project that needs everyone to make it successful..A big thank you to CoChairs-Rosetta Beyersdorf and Antonette Muir

--Respectfully, Linda Buccini Anderson 



Dear Brothers & Sisters,
 The Grand Lodge of the Northwest is happy to inform you that the **Delegates' Package fee** for the upcoming convention will be the same as the last convention, **\$225.00**. The Hotel rate will be **\$119.00** plus the applicable taxes.
 Also, the Grand Lodge is seeking 5 Coffee Break Sponsors for our convention in May. The contribution of said Sponsorship is \$50.00. Please contact:
 Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson, atony@harbornet.com
 Dorothy Miori Whitney, dotwit@yahoo.com

American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

March is announcing its arrival in Spokane. The temperatures are dipping, and winds are blistering. More snow is coming as a late arctic winter blast is headed our way. The weather for our February meeting was a balmy 40ish, encouraging many members to venture outside. We had a full agenda which included the planning for our annual Family Summer Picnic which will be sometime in August. We coordinate this event with our Spokane/Cagli, Italy, Sister City student exchange. Picnics always create a wonderful Americana environment with our barbeque hamburgers and hotdogs, and then the Italians come, and we have Italian sausages on the grill and a bocce ball sailing through the air. Such a great experience for all who attend. The club is very focused on fundraising. We are planning for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner along with a wine tasting and special club interest events. As co-sponsors the club is currently focusing on the upcoming Festa Italiana II, on April 30th from 12-5 PM. This is going to be held outside with the closure of downtown Wall Street from Spokane Falls Boulevard to Main Street. There will be food trucks, vendors, a beer garden, wine tasting, games, raffles and yes much more!! The Holy Cannoli will be making an encore!! All of which demands committees and worker bees. After hold our first planning meeting we appear to be on the right path. It is so encouraging to see everyone committed to having a wonderful fun filled family event. We also managed to hold elections at our February meeting. The new Officer Roster for 2023-2024, is as follows.

President – Judy Anselmo Kim Asay - Trustee
Vice President – Carr Mancini Susan Riley - Trustee
Treasurer – Ansano Giuntini Alyssa Venable - Trustee
Financial Secretary – JoAnn Giuntini
Phyllis Wardle - Trustee, Recording Secretary – Linda Marcus
Marilyn Pitini - Trustee, Orator – John Caputo
Mistress of Ceremony – Donna Clark
Mistress of Ceremony – Georgia Seeberger
Guards – Ed & Tina Santorsola

The initiation of Officers will take place at our next General Meeting on March 8th. In the spirit of St Patrick's Day, here is an old Celtic Blessing. May the wings of a butterfly kiss the sun, And find your shoulder to light on, To bring you good luck, happiness, and riches, Today Tomorrow and Beyond.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary


Amerigo Vespucci
#1814 Aberdeen, WA

A little March fact for all the SDOI. "Beware of the ides of March" refers to the assassination of Caesar by 60 conspirators in Rome. It is commemorated in Italy on March 15th.



February was a very busy month for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge with our Valentine Spaghetti Dinner on February 11th. A huge "THANK YOU!" goes out to all the members and volunteer waiters and wait-



resses who assisted in making such a great success of this event. The winner of the Wheelbarrow raffle was Rachele Ridout of Montesano, and granddaughter of longtime SDOI Amerigo Vespucci member, Rena Gegan. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge held its February general meeting on February 16th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Spaghetti and meatballs were the entrée for dinner. Appetizers, salads and desserts were provided by members. New member application from Tammy Lund was approved by members. She will be installed at our March meeting. Election of 2023 Amerigo Vespucci Lodge officers were held. Officers are: President, Joe Chicano; Vice President, Mary Jane Rodgers; Orator and Chaplain, Judith Braddon; Past President, Richard Luzzi; Secretary, Connie Chicano; Financial Secretary, Kristine Finazzo; Treasurer, Patti Percini; Trustees, Eva To, Mark Percini, Rena Gegan, Sylvia Percini, and Joe Cornell; Sentinel, David Aldridge. 2023 Officers will be installed at our March meeting. Elected as GLNW Convention delegates are Joe Chicano and Connie Chicano. GLNW Convention is May 18-21, 2023, at Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, Washington. Joe Chicano announced that the Italian Night Mariner Game is June 27, 2023.



Merit badges were presented by President, Richard Luzzi to Eva To, who shares her time and talents making the spaghetti sauce for our Spaghetti Dinner; and Troy and Gina Rector for the time they dedicate to our fundraising events. Troy also willingly developed our new member brochure. President, Richard Luzzi was wished a "Happy Birthday." Our will hold its next meeting on March 16, 2023, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Aberdeen. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., Dinner, which will be a potluck, will be at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will start at 6:45 p.m. A Happy St, Patrick's Day to all.
Reporter, Judith Braddon


Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

The Auburn Lodge meeting for February 9, 2023 was called to order by President Francesco Ortenzo for our annual elections meeting. Auburn members are reminded that their dues of \$35.00 per member are now due. Dues checks can be mailed to: Auburn Sons of Italy Lodge #1955 PO Box 1224, Auburn, WA 98071-1224. We asking members to include a donation of \$5.00 to cover the rent and assessments for a total of \$40.00. Make checks payable to Auburn Sons of Italy. You can also pay your dues online Auburn Lodge online square. <http://auburn-sons-of-italy.square.site/> 2023 dues must be paid to maintain membership, vote, hold office or participate in the scholarship program. The Auburn Lodge held a memorial moment for deceased Auburn Lodge member Marie Stella Lemons. Marie was sister to Auburn

Coming Events!

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Auburn Lodge Annual Picnic
Les Gove Park, Bocce Courts Auburn
Free admission. RSVP to Ronnie
Beyersdorf
206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

Sept 8, 9, 10th, 2023

San Gennero Festival
George Town, Wa.

Sept 23-24, 2023

Italian Seattle Festival
Seattle Center, Seattle, Wa.

Saturday, October. 21, 2023

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

Saturday, November 11, 2023

City of Auburn Annual Veterans Day
Parade
Luncheon for marchers at the
Multipurpose Building
in Les Gove Park free after the
parade.
Contact Ronnie Beyersdorf,
206-478-3876 wb7tbg@aol.com

members Lina Gagnon, Natale Stella and Rosetta Beyersdorf. Marie like her surviving siblings was born in the Province of Cosenza State of Calabria Italia and came to Auburn WA with her family in 1953 through Ellis Island in New York. May she rest in Peace with God.

The Auburn Lodge #1955 OSDIA held out annual elections at our February meeting. The Auburn Lodge held a hugely successful Wine Tasting event on Saturday January 28, 2023, We sold 156 tickets with at least that many people in attendance. Ronnie Beyersdorf, yours truly, handled the tasting with three wines a Cab, Zin and an Italian Pinot Griot. Auburn member Nick DeGidio lead the homemade wine tasting with 7 entries in the "Peoples Choice" judging. First place went to Linda Jacobin for her homemade Blackberry Wine, Second place went to Aldo Storino for his homemade Zinfandel red wine and third place went to Nick DeGidio for his homemade Zinfandel red wine. The high point of the event was the 30 foot long food table piled high with all kinds of the foods, meats, cheeses, veggies, crackers, salads, sausages, olives and dips really too many to list. Thanks to the Auburn Lodge cooks and the members who donated most of the items.

We just finished the Grand Lodge of the Northwest Crab dinner in Auburn at the Holy Family Church Hall on Saturday February 18, 2023. Many members of the Auburn Lodge provided the kitchen labor and hall set up to make this a huge success. Special thanks to Antonetta Muir who led the kitchen crew and to Rosetta Beyersdorf who spent many days doing the procurement work as well as working in the kitchen. Ronnie, yours truly, handled the tickets and the event which amounted to a sell out with both dine in and take out pick dinners hitting the full extent of expectations. As usual there was ticket sales right up to the last minute. Congratulations to all the newly elected Auburn Lodge 1955 officers.

Incoming Officers, President, John Partridge, Vice Pres. Dan Chicketti, Past Pres., Francesco Ortenzo, Orator, Barbara DeCaro, Rec..Sec Ronnie Beyersdorf Fin Sec, Michelle Binetti, Treasurer, Debbie Sonsteli, Trustees starting 2 nd 2 year terms, Phill Celver, Joe Ripollone, Joanne McDaniel. Trustees Starting 1 of 2 year terms, Lina Gagnon, Frank Scarsella. Mistress of Ceremonies Sharon Lufkin, Carolyn Jones. Sentinel Natale Stella Bar Tender Sam Kamphaus. Our 11 Convention Delegates are: President John Partridge (as President) Francesco Ortenzo, Antonetta Muir, Barbara Decaro, Salvatore Cascone, Dan Chicketti, Dot Chicketti, Michelle Binetti, Mike Sepal, Lina Gagnon, John Intravartolo, Phill Celver. Designated Alternates: Frank Scarsella, Maria Scarsella
Auburn Lodge GLNW and National Officers Tony Anderson, 5th Nat VP, Rosetta Beyersdorf, Past St Pres & Nat Trustee, Ronnie Beyersdorf, State Orator, Debbie Sontelie, State Trustee, Dual member GLNW officers Auburn Lodge members, State Pres Linda Anderson, St Rec Sec. Gina Natucci, State Treasurer Dorothy Whitney.

The applications for the Auburn scholarships are now available with the deadline for submittal set at April 15, 2022. Scholarship winners last year are not eligible for this year. Please comply with the requirements noted on the application form. Applicants must be an Auburn member, son or daughter of an Auburn member or grandsons or granddaughter of an Auburn member. Contact Ronnie Wb7tbg@aol.com or 206-478-3876 cell for applications. I can email them or mail them to you. The Auburn Scholarship Fund is a 501c3 charity with the IRS and the State of Washington. All donations to the Auburn Lodge Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and are also in compliance with the new Washington State Law requirements as of 2022.

The Auburn Lodge 1955, 75th Anniversary Celebration is set for the Auburn City Events and Community Center on Saturday evening June 3, 2023. The tickets are \$75.00 each. They are available now by contacting Ronnie Beyersdorf at 206-478-3876 or email Wb7tbg@aol.com.



Crab Dinner Hero!

AMERICAN-ITALIAN

CLUB NO. 2172

Spokane, WA

Meets the 2nd Wednesday
of each month at 6:00 PM

ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL

330 E Boone Ave
Spokane, WA 99202
509-487-8552

Judy Anselmo, President

509-496-0031 judyvandyke@hotmail.com

Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary

509-891-0916 linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

AMERIGO VESPUCCI

LODGE NO. 1814

Aberdeen, WA

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA

Richard Luzzi, President

(360) 637-9193

Buttons575@AOL.com

Make checks payable to Auburn Sons of Italy. Mail to Auburn Lodge 1955 OSDIA, PO Box 1224, Auburn WA 98071-1224 or arrange for pickup. Our next meeting is on Thursday March 9, 2023, which will be our installation of officers meeting at the Holy Family Church Hall, in Auburn WA.

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

Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Happy March Bella Vita!

Bella Vita held their annual elections for officers, Congratulations to all! Here are the results: President Sophia Risorto, Vice President Vera DiGulio Kay, Secretary Shirley Delaurenti Garrison, Financial Secretary Mathew Williams Trustees Ludi Cristofaro, George Stefanini, Kathy Borges and Aaron Smith, Sentinel Pam Daudet and Sargent of Arms: Jim Vettori and Gary Haney. Vera DiGulio Kay was elected to represent Bella Vita as Delegate for the 2023 Convention. Congratulations to all and Thank you to All our past officers who served this last year. We all appreciate the support you provide Bella Vita Lodge. Our installation will be at our next meeting on March 2, 2023. Amber will be preparing our March dinner. Please consider helping with set up and clean up at our meetings. And remember to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to add to the meal. Thank you



to Vera Kay who prepared our delicious pork roast at our February meeting! Also Thank you to those who arrived early for set up and especially those who stayed late to help with clean up. Your help is very much appreciated!



As we start with new officers, we need all our trustees and financial secretary to meet for our yearly audit and approval of our financials. I know Bella Vita will be very happy with how Mathew Williams has prepared and kept our budget well organized. Thanks,

Mathew, for all the work you do! A date will be set up.

Our prayers continue for Jon and Gen Powell- we miss them very much but they are very happy living closer to family and great medical care. Jim Vettori continues to recover from his many hospital stays. Shirley Garrison, Aaron Smith and President Sophia visited with Jim this month and had a delicious lunch together at his Senior Living Diner. Ludi and Donna had Covid and now recovered, they were able to attend the Crab dinner.



Grand Lodge Crab Dinner was so much fun! Thanks to all of you who joined this event. We want to especially Thank Amerigo Vespucci Lodge for hosting their Fun Bus and offering pick up for our Bella Vita members. Great way to socialize and make the drive more fun, easy and adventurous! Thanks, Joe Chicano -newly elected Amerigo Vespucci President- for being our Fun Bus driver! We had a "smooth" ride! If you have not experienced the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner you should consider joining us in 2024!

Attenzione: April meeting has been rescheduled due to McLane Grange scheduling conflict. Our new date for April Meeting is Wednesday April 12. Please note the change.

Wishing everyone a wonderful March! Soon the days will be longer, the sun will be shining, and our gardens will start blooming! Looking forward to Primavera- Spring!

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, Our Bellevue Lodge meeting on February 2nd wasn't one of our usual Lodge meetings. Our President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, was not able to attend the meeting, so our Vice-President, Greg Osgood, lead the meeting. We were able to get through the meeting without Mary, but it wasn't the same without her. Now I don't mean to knock Greg, but let's face it he's no Mary. Without Mary we had to scramble to organize the meal. Laura Cosacchi stepped up and brought lasagna, and boy did she bring it. She brought two trays which was enough for everyone, but just barely. It was so good many people who don't normally have seconds were going back for seconds.

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

www.auburnsonsofitaly.org

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month
Doors Open at 6PM for Social Hour
Meeting at 7:00PM

Dinner and Raffle following

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL

505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002

President Francesco Ortenzo

206-769-8563 / ortenzo@gmail.com

Recording Secretary Ron Beyersdorf

206-478-3876 / WB7tbg@aol.com

**BELLA VITA LODGE NO. 2285
Olympia, WA**

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month
Social at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meeting starts at 6:30pm

MCLANE GRANGE

931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

Sophia Risorto, President

760-333-7964 bellavitalodge@gmail.com

Shirley Delauranti Garrison,

Recording Secretary

253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

**BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 2377
Bellevue, WA**

Meets the 1st Thursday
of each month / Social: 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM / Meeting to Follow

UNITY CHURCH

16330 Northeast 4th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, President
(425) 649-2250 / collectingroots@msn.com

Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.
(425) 746-2487 / guerrini@aol.com

Wine Tasting & Hearty Appetizers FUNDRAISER \$25⁰⁰



**Saturday,
April 15, 2023
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Ages 21 & older**



Tickets Available from: **Joe Jacobin** (joejacobin@gmail.com / 206-725-9494),
Michele Guerrini (Guerrini@aol.com / 206-979-9147), **Mary DeMatteo Sangalang**
(collectingroots@msn.com / 425-649-2250) and other BSOI members

Tickets also available online at <http://bellevue-sons-of-italy.square.site/>

UNITY OF BELLEVUE CHURCH | 16330 NE 4TH STREET, BELLEVUE, WA

Some people got so full from the lasagna that they couldn't eat dessert, which was unfortunate for them because Linda Jacobin brought cupcakes and heart shaped macarons, which were delicious. Linda Jacobin also made salad. It was a pretty incredible meal, perfect to celebrate Valentines day and as our last meeting before Lent to share in some indulgences.

We held the election of officers for the Lodge and we filled all the officer positions, which is something we've struggled to do in the past. Most of the current Lodge officers will remain in their current positions: Mary DeMatteo Sangalang as President, Greg Osgood as Vice-President, Peter Edgar as Orator, Linda Jacobin as Treasure, Michele Guerrini as Secretary, Linda Caputo, Sally Leittem-Pierotti, Laura Cosacchi and Roger Faso as Trustees, and Ron Sangalang as Master of Ceremony. New to the board are Michael Brewer as Trustee, Nick Wheeler as Master of Ceremony, and Nick Montecalvo as Sentinel. On behalf of the Lodge I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to be Lodge Officers. The Lodge Officers are the engine that drives the Lodge and without them the Lodge wouldn't be able to go. The Bellevue Lodge is really lucky to have had the officers that we've had because they not only made the Lodge run, but have made the Lodge thrive. Over the last few years the Lodge has grown, our financial situation has improved, and in

table by themselves. It tells you something about the Bellevue Lodge: we are active in events beyond just our own Lodge and we love crab. I think I ate my own body weight in crab and salad. The servers kept bringing salad and I kept putting it away. Plus I sat across from Ron Roletto which meant I got to drink some good wine because Ron likes to share his wine, and he always has some might fine wine. Now I'm about to break out singing Three Dog Night music, but I'll stop there and just say that everyone who went ate some really good food and had a really good time.

I would like to give another reminder that the Bellevue Lodge Wine Tasting and Raffle is coming up on Saturday April 15, 6:30-8:30 pm at Unity Church, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. There will be lots of great food, some really good wines to try, and a chance win a raffle prize. The cost is \$25, everyone is welcome, so invite all your Italian friends and family, but get your tickets early because they will be going fast. Our next Lodge meeting will be March 2nd 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. We will be installing Lodge Officers. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Buon Cannoli! Greg Osgood

BLACK DIAMOND LODGE NO. 1809 Black Diamond, WA

Meets the 2nd Friday of each month
Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.
Meeting 8 p.m. and Raffle following

**BLACK DIAMOND
COMMUNITY CENTER**
31605 Third Ave (SR 169)
Black Diamond, WA 98010

Janice Malvesti-Cole, President
360.463.4671
jmalvesticole@gmail.com

CATALDO LODGE NO. 2280 Bremerton, WA

Meets the 3rd Wednesday
of each month — Social-5:30 p.m./
Potluck-6:00 p.m./Meeting-7:30 p.m.

VFW HALL
190 S. Dora, Bremerton, WA
MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 4243
Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President
(360) 373-4341 / habpal@hotmail.com

CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

**CLE ELUM
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
201 East 3rd Street
Cle Elum, WA

Cheryl Ficele, President
(509) 674-5318 / ficelec@hotmail.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 361
South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

We celebrated March 1, Zero Discrimination Day, by honoring the right of everyone to live their life with dignity, a day that highlights inclusion, compassion, and becoming a movement for change to end all forms of discrimination. In addition, a lucky four-leaf clover to each of you in honor of St. Patrick who was born in Roman Britain. When he was 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and was sent as a slave to present-day Northern Ireland where he became a shepherd, spreading Christianity to the Irish through baptism and



confirmation. Black Diamond is pleased to introduce the following 2023 Board of Officers elected and installed at our St. Valentine's meeting on February 10—Venerabile Janice Malvesti-Cole; Asistente Venerabile Jan D'Agosto Gill; Ex-Venerabile Marlene Palazzo; Oratore Mitch Gill; Segretario di Finanza Janet Young; Tesoriere Tom Cole; Segretario Archivista Leonardo Folino; Sentinella Darrell Vacca; Curatori Janet Henkel, Barbara Newton, Jay Newton, Mary Ann Webb, and Joan Woodruff. [Officer titles researched from Ordine Figli d'Italia in America Rituale revised and authenticated on 1 November 1945 by the Supreme Lodge.]



The members who will represent Black Diamond Lodge at the 2023 GLNW State Convention are Janice Malvesti-Cole, Tom Cole, Jan Gill, and Mitch Gill (Alternate), in addition to State Vice President Leonardo Folino and State Trustee Darrell Vacca. The newly elected Board has already scheduled projects for

2023, including the return of our Black Diamond Pasta Fundraiser Dinner on May 7 at the Black Diamond Community Center and our summer picnic at Mud Mountain Dam Park on July 22. This is a gentle, yet final, invitation to maintain your membership in our "Village with a View [of Mt. Rainier]" Black Diamond Lodge by submitting your \$40 dues prior to our April 14 meeting. Our family story this edition is bittersweet, as we introduce you to Jim (Pizzo) and Janet Young. Jim was a retired veterinarian. They



had purchased acreage in Hobart and were intending to join our lodge on September 9. It is heartbreaking to tell you that Jim suddenly passed away on September 6. Nonetheless, Janet joined our lodge, and we embrace her into our community with great love and affection. She courageously accepted our invitation to honor Jim's heritage with their family story. My

family moved from a small Western Washington town to Tacoma in the fall of 1968. The new Junior High was filled with kids from a lot of different backgrounds. One group of students stood out to me. These kids all seemed to know each other. They were confident, animated, friendly and joked around together. Many of their last names gave a clue, and I soon found out that these were all the Italian kids. All through high school it was fun with these kids running the show. When I met my future husband, Jim Young, at Tacoma



Community College, I found out that he was half Italian. If we were camping, attending parties and family events, or doing things with our kids, Jim always made things more fun.

Jim's mother was Italian.

Her family, the Pizzo's, lived in Tacoma near St. Ritas.

I don't have a lot of stories but know that Jim's grandparents came from a town near Cosenza in Calabria. Dominic came to New York



City to work in the early 1900's for quite a few years.

He wrote back to his father in Italy asking about who he could marry.

Rosina Mauro

came over with her mother to be his bride. Dominic knew who Rosina was because he had actually babysat her when he was still a teenager. Dominic had them travel by train through Canada to avoid Ellis Island. Jim adored his Grandpa and Grandma Pizzo. He said that he felt so much love from them. The whole family would get together and Jim would play with all his cousins. He had four uncles and used to watch baseball on tv with them. Jim really liked Grandma's spaghetti, and he used to go see Grandpa's garden that took up the whole back yard. In 2017 Jim and I were privileged to

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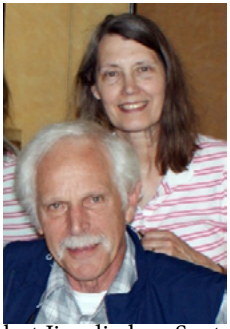
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visit the town where his grandparents came from in Italy. We were amazed to find Pizzo family with lots of second cousins. They treated us with so much love and hospitality. Jim and I moved to Maple Valley a few years ago and found out about the Sons and Daughters of Italy in Black Diamond. I checked it out and met more amazing fun Italians. We were both going to attend the September 9 Black Diamond Lodge meeting, but Jim died on September 6 of a sudden heart attack. I know he would have enjoyed meeting everyone, and he would have bought lots of raffle tickets. Jim told me that his grandparents spoke mostly English around the grandkids. I have been studying Italian for the trip we were hoping to take in the fall of 2023. The morning Jim passed away, I greeted him with, "Come va?" Jim smiled and said, "That's how Grandma Pizzo used to greet us when she'd see us." I was still learning about Jim even after 47 years of marriage.

Janet Young



Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello to everyone, We hope all is well with everyone. We are so very fortunate to have Roberta Martinetto Karosich as our Chaplain here at Cataldo Lodge. As per our ritual booklet prayers are written in the booklet but the Chaplain has the opportunity to use any other prayer they may deem appropriate. Lucky for us Roberta Karosich is our Chaplain. At each prayer both after the vice president's opening and at the adjournment of the meeting Roberta provides us with very special and appropriate prayers. Her prayers are on point and beautifully presented. I find them to be often poetic as well. I did ask Roberta how she came up with such beautiful prayers which she said she gets from cards, dear Abby columns, seasonal cards, and St. Anthony's Guild. We appreciate all that she does for us. Another thing that happens at our meetings is supporting each other. One of our members, Nick Wancowicz, stepped in to sell raffle tickets, participating also in our monthly 25 Cent drawing, and assisted as a seated guard in place of another member. This is one other way we assist and support our other members which we also appreciate. Bill and Jackie Haberstock put in a lot of time on the 15th of February. They did a lot of preparation for our gnocchi. There were several sauces for the handmade gnocchi including a butter and sage sauce, red sauce, and gluten-free gnocchi. Our lodge is extremely good about making sure there are several options to choose from so that everyone is included. This made it



possible for everyone to experience great sauces and sides for our meal. Of course, there were a great number of other dishes as well, Bill took the time to teach several of us how to use gnocchi board, which was quite interesting and tasty. Bill uses a gnocchi board to obtain the texture to hold the sauce to it. Other upcoming activities are as follows. Cataldo Lodge will be celebrating our 50th anniversary. Tickets will be available soon.

The event will be held on July 22, 2023. Elections were held and the outcome was excepted by affirmation. Officers will be listed as previously last year. Trustees will be Steve Haberstock and Don Gi- amona. The mistress of Ceremonies will be Maria Marsala. Thank you to all of you. The Grand Lodge Convention will be occurring

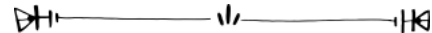


at the Embassy Suites in Lynwood from May 18-21. Guest for our lodge meeting on February 25th includes Tony "Bisceglia" Anderson who is also the fifth vice president of the National GLNW. Also included is Linda Buccini Anderson, State President, and our lodge's deputy. We had visitors Liz

and Nancy as well. Liz seemed very interested as she watched the gnocchi-making process along with Bill Haberstock and John Lemon. We are in hopes of Liz and Nancy returning next month. A birthday to remember is for Mike Lebeda. Boun Compleanno!

Sincerely,

Diane Clementi



Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA



On Sunday, February 19th, members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met in friendship and fraternity and enjoyed a potluck dinner of Italian dishes and desserts which included this reporter's favorites of pumpkin pie with whipped cream and decorated chocolate cupcakes. Guests for the evening included Auburn Lodge member, and soon-to-be dual member of Cle Elum Lodge, Victor Scarpelli, and former member of Cle Elum Lodge, Judy Sandretto.

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Judy presented to the Lodge an event that will be coming up this August. The Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club (RRCHC) will be organizing a Bocce Ball Tournament to be held at the Firemen's Park in South Cle Elum and has invited the Cle Elum Lodge

to participate in promoting the event. In her presentation, Judy shared that the tournament would feature 2 personal teams with a total of 32 teams. Plans also include a picnic lunch. The RRCHC is also an active ethnic lodge in Upper Kittitas County and has partnered with our Lodge over the years in many civic and fraternal



activities. As we get closer to the event, we will provide more information as it becomes available. The Lodge initiated our two newest members,

Diana and Frank Peccia of Ronald. They are moving to Washington from Oregon to be closer to their family. They are also renovating their new home which to date has been a five-year project.

Moving on to Lodge business, Vice President Mike Butorac conducted the voting and confirmation for the slate of new officers and appointees. Those elected and appointed include Mike Butorac, President; Craig Savio, Vice President; Cheryl Ficele, Past President; Patrice Swofford, Orator; Kathi Butorac, Recording Secretary; Joe Saldin, Financial Secretary; Rich Grillo, Treasurer; Paul Graham, Jeannie Precious, Rachele Rogalski, Linda Bullock, and Char Savio, Trustees; Sally Graham, Chaplain; Craig Eilers, Guard; Tony Marinich, Master of Ceremony; Quannee Eilers, Mistress of Ceremony. Convention Delegates will be Mike Butorac, Kathi Butorac, and Michael Scarpelli. Installations of officers will be held at the March meeting. Next on the agenda was a discussion on the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction to be held on Saturday, March 18th, 4 pm to 7pm at the Putnam Centennial Center in Cle Elum. Kathi B. shared the design for a t-shirt that we plan on selling at the dinner. Also, the tickets for the dinner were distributed to the membership for prior sales. Contact Jeannie Precious 509-674-8964 or Kathi Butorac 360-280-4206 for more information. Pre-sales are encouraged and preferred, especially if your coming from out of town. We hope to see you there. Ciao!

Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com

Mille Cugini

#2659, Marysville, WA

How many of you are DONE with the snow and anxiously awaiting warmer weather? I'm guessing there are many, with myself included. On the brighter side, it's been a great season for skiing, snowboarding and other winter sports. The Grand Lodge Crab Dinner



was so good and fun! I really hope that we can continue to look forward to this event each year.

Mille Cugini is in the planning stages for our next fundraiser(s). We may be at the Everett Sorticulture

Garden Arts Festival on the weekend of June 9th. This event has no entry fee for non-profits so it's very likely that we will attend. We need lots of volunteers and sadly, many of our members are enduring physical limitations at this time. If you love gardening and wish to help or have a craft such as a birdhouse or any garden art or raffle item to donate, please contact me directly. My email address is oylcot@gmail.com. We will also possibly attend the Strawberry Festival in Marysville again this year. It takes place on Father's Day weekend. Look for more news to come later.

Thank you to everyone that wished Patrick and me a happy 42nd wedding anniversary on February 14th! We celebrated with a 3-night stay at a cabin in the mountains. It was very relaxing. The weather was stormy and it snowed. We hope to go again in the summer so we can enjoy more outdoor activities. We managed to sneak in a few campfires and toast garlic bread on a fork.

Guests at our meeting this month included Mary Mark and Chris Gerling. For dinner this month we enjoyed a baked pasta dish of rigatoni, sausage and cheese. Thanks to everyone for the many side dishes and raffle prizes.

Mille Cugini Reporter Paula Jacoby

Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. As of this writing, Spring is only 27 days away. Oh how the Peninsula will be lovely then. Snow on the mountains still, but wildflowers in the meadows and spring flowers popping up in yards to the great delight of the Winter weary residents. wBoy was our February meeting a lively event. We had a few guests, and our Lodge members sure made them all feel welcome. The buffet meal was again a delicious treat and several comments such as "this is just like being at the Italian

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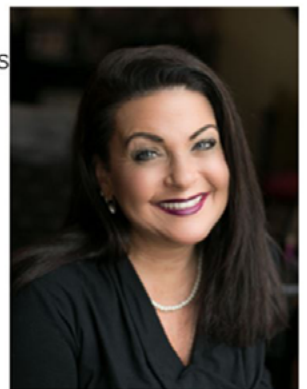
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family meals I remember – loud and everyone talking at once” I do believe that a good thing. We also had a very in-depth visual presentation of our budget for 2023; it definitely helped our members see clearly where we are financially. Thanks to our treasurer, Joe Schipani for putting it together and explaining the line items so thoroughly. Our members also had an opportunity to make a



by-donation purchase from a table set up by Judy D'Amico. Judy brought a few items of Sal's that she felt would be memorable items to the Lodge members. The table offerings contained his favorite cookbooks, a few sets of new suspenders he was so well known for, some “adult beverages” he enjoyed and other personal items. We are thankful to Judy for donating these items to not only raise funds for the Lodge, but providing us a chance to have a special memory of Sal. We



also held elections. Our officers remained the same with the exception of the Vice President. Luigi Nicoloso (remember him from the Feb newsletter?) had been a trustee and was elected to this new role. The other officers are President: Steven Bridge, Financial Secretary: Joe Schipani and Recording Secretary: Yvonne Schipani. We will have the installation ceremony at the March meeting. We have 3 trustees who have been performing this role for quite a while, Don Zanon, Jon Andriolo, and Ray Barbieri. We do value our trustees' input and guidance. Here's something you all can get in on. Our Lodge has an ongoing sale of tickets for a very special Italian themed basket. Don and Geri Zanon donated a lovely basket with a large pasta bowl, a set of 4 matching pasta dishes, 4 drink goblets, a pasta cookbook and cloth napkins. We are selling tickets for \$1.00 each from now until September. September of this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Lodge. We will draw a winner during that meeting. If you would like to purchase a chance or two to win the basket, please contact me, and we'll work out the details. The picture of course doesn't show the true beauty of this set. The pasta set is very colorful, and the goblets are green. It would make a beautiful addition to your table to serve any pasta dish.

For tickets to win the basket, email me jyschipani@gmail.com Our next meeting will be March 19, and we are still on our Winter hours, so social time is at 12:30 with the meeting starting at 1:00. So, you know what's next – hey come up and see us sometime – and bring a friend. Ciao for now, Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary Lodge 2733

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Ciao for now, Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary Lodge 2733



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Our February meeting was well attended. Our cooks, as usual, prepared a delicious dinner. Many thanks to our kitchen crew who arrive early and stay for clean-up. Thanks also to our set-up and break-down crew, they do an excellent job, even their children are anxious to help. We held our yearly election of officers. Our newly elected Officers for the 2023 - 2024 term are: President Laura Mahoney Salle, Vice-President Holly Croce Cochran, Immediate Past President Jeff D'Amelio, Orator Joanne Spino Marchese, Recording Secretary still open, Financial Secretary Karen Hudler Treasurer Christina Gerling, Trustees Susan Norwood, Linda Madrid, Steve Fontana for 1 year, Kenny Volpone and Joe Megale for 2 years, Master and Mistress of Ceremony Bruce and Sharon Leone and Sentinel Paul Pioli. They will be Installed at our meeting on March 16th. Please bring gifts for the raffle we will be holding that night. Our delegates to the State Convention are: President Laura Salle, Jeff D'Amelio, Joanne Spino Marchese, Joe Megale, Steve Fontana, Christina Gerling, Karen Hudler, Diana Sciola Warczak and Dick Whitney. First Alternate is Al Carlsen and Second Alternate is Frank Coluccio. Also attending are State Financial Secretary Paul Pioli, State Treasurer Dorothy Miori Whitney and Past State President Diane Scillo.

We recently received two prospective members. CONGRATULATIONS to Bruce and Sharon Leone and Frances and Amadeo Rossi who welcomed new grandsons.

Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and an Irish Blessing : May peace and plenty be the first to lift the latch to your door and happiness be your guest today and evermore..

Ciao,

Diane Scillo, Reporter



Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

Happy spring! The first day of spring is March 20th so make sure you get out and enjoy the beautiful flowers and everything spring! Also, did you know that Father's Day is celebrated on March 19th in



Italy and is called Festa di San Giuseppe (Feast of Saint Joseph)? Our February Lodge dinner/meeting was held on Wednesday, February 1st at the Totem Yacht Club. We had about 80 members and

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guests in attendance. One of our special guests was the Past-Grand Lodge President, Rosetta Beyersdorf. Our amazing cooks prepared a wonderful dinner consisting of Chicken Cacciatore, penne pasta, salad and bread. It was molto delizioso. We are now serving up dinner family style which has been working out great for our cooks, our servers and our members! Also, thank you to everyone who brought an assortment of delicious desserts.

Once dinner was over President David Madrid called our Lodge meeting to order and we held our annual officer elections. Thanks to our Orator, Tony Camorada for a very smooth and fast moving election! We have two newly elected officers; Thomas Huff who will be our new Orator and Laura Macaluso who will be one of our Trustees. Sadly, Tony had to step down from his position due to other obligations. He will be greatly missed as part of our Board of officers but thankfully will continue on as a member of our lodge! President, David discussed our Lodge's 100 Year Anniversary celebration that will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. It is quickly approaching so don't forget to buy your tickets if you haven't already done so. This will be a very special evening with dinner, dancing, a silent raffle and more! President David also introduced Don Moore to everyone. Don is overseeing our Lodge's scholarship program and discussed the 2023 scholarship. He stated that we have one \$2,000.00 scholarship available this year.

The scholarship will be based on a written essay and the student's grades. More information and forms will be available at our March meeting. The evening was capped off with a great raffle! We really appreciate our members and guests for their generous raffle donations. Grazie!

March Birthdays: The following members have birthdays this month: Brad DiLuzio, David Dobbie, Cynthia Gilletti, Robert LoFranco, Tom Manza, Agnes Patten, Joe Quilici, Lisa Stauffer, Debbie Vendetti, Robert Vendetti and Mario Zink. Buon Compleanno! Please join our Lodge for our next dinner/meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the Totem Yacht Club in Ruston. Social hour begins at 5:30, dinner at about 6:30pm with the meeting following. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert; also bring a prize for our great raffle!

Ciao! Julie Garitone

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA



On Feb. 7th, 2023, our Lodge held its second meeting of this year at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick. We had a total of twenty-three members and visitors in attendance. Our total lodge membership has grown to forty-five new members this past year. The focus of this meeting was to discuss some new things that our lodge will be doing in the coming few months that

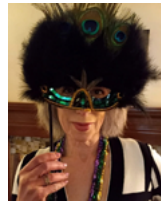


included our First Annual Mardi Gras party for our members that was held from 3 to 6 pm on Feb. 12, 2023, at the home of Julianne and Jack Barnaby. Thanks to Julianne and Jack for hosting this great event for our members. Attached are a

few pictures from our fun get together... We continue to be excited that our members and the public can now follow us on Facebook. Many thanks go to Jackie Valentino, one of our dedicated members, for creating our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIATrecitta>. Our presence on Facebook will be a great way for our Lodge to provide more information to our members and the



community about upcoming lodge happenings and events and get more exposure for possible new members in the Tri-Cities area. Please visit our Facebook to learn more what is happening with our Lodge and lots of other information that we will be sharing about OSDIA as well as about Italian food, culture, and traditions. 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 \$178 at our meeting. Our charity fund has grown to just well over \$1,000 and, in January 2023, we donated \$600 to 4 local chapters of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a worthy local cause at our community. We

schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March



7th, 2023, at the Bella Italia restaurant located at 7000 W. Okanogan Place in Kennewick, WA.

If you ever find yourselves in the Tri-Cities on 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

Election of officers were voted on at our February meeting. New officers for 2023 are: Rosann Grzesiowski, President; Barbara Blair, Vice President; Linda Cherney, Financial Secretary; Donna Covi, Treasurer; George LaFrazia, Orator; Jim Borden, Joan

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As we seek new members this year, this partial quote from Father Alfredo Velazquez of St. John's the Evangelist parish in Vancouver, WA really spoke to me. "A human being who does not know his/her history and does not value his/her culture and tradition easily loses his/her sense of belonging and often finds himself lost. Culture is a way of seeing life, of celebrating and appreciating it. Do not lose your culture and tradition. Do not stop speaking your native language. Explain, especially to your sons and daughters who were born in this country, the history, culture and customs of each of you. Cultural roots give us a sense of belonging and shape our personality. In the same way that a tree cannot live without roots, a person cannot live uprooted from his/her culture."

Our Installation of new officers and dinner will take place on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 PM at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 3500 NW 129th Street, Vancouver. We will be celebrating with antipasti, lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson at (360)281-0915 or email her at alramunno@gmail.com Subject Line:

March Dinner. RSVP no later than Monday, March 6th. DUES of \$38.00 for the year 2023 are due in January. If you haven't paid them yet, please pay at the March meeting or mail a check payable to "OSDIA" and send to PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682. If we do not receive payment by the 31st of March, you will be dropped from our membership.

We are collecting "personal hygiene for women" in March for the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. Please bring any donations to the meeting. This is strictly voluntary.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet at Star Bucks in Barnes and Noble, 4500 E. Fourth Plain Blvd on Monday March 20th at 2 pm to discuss The Tuscan Secret by author Angela Petch. Barnes and Noble and Amazon have these books.

Any questions call Barbara Blair (360)253-7984.

White Elephant Bingo is the first Tuesday of the month, March 7th. We will be meeting at Barbara Blair's home at 7:00 PM. RSVP to her at (360) 253-7984. Bring a white elephant gift and \$1.00 to have some fun. Game Nite is on Saturday, March 18th, 7:00 PM at Bruce & Barbara Blair's home. Please let them know if you plan to attend at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984.

IT'S BACK as requested. At the February meeting, members wanted to start up MONTHLY DINE OUT again. Our first dine out will be at Goldies BBQ, 15640 NE 4th Plain Blvd., Vancouver WA 98682, (360)253-2836 (www.goldiesbbq.com) on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:00 PM. RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Sunday, March 26th if you plan to attend. If you have any suggestions for a place for a dine out, please

let Barbara know. Mark your calendars for our ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER on Sunday April 23rd, Location is same as last year, 40 & 8 Chateau, 7607 NE 26th Ave. (at 78th Street) Vancouver WA. This is our major fundraiser that helps support our club, charities, activities, and scholarship. Ticket prices are the same as last year. Tickets will be mailed to you and will be available at the March meeting. Cost is: Adults \$15.00; Child 9 through 12 \$8.00; Children 8 and under are free.

Pre-sales are extremely important to get our inventory correct for this event. Linda Cherney will be handling tickets this year.

SCHOLARSHIP BASKETS - Our club is seeking donations for baskets for our scholarship raffle at the Spaghetti Dinner in April. Please bring any donation, cash, etc. to the March and April meetings. Basket assembly will take place at Dee Newbern's home Wednesday, April 19th at 1:00 PM. If you would like to make up a basket and donate it, please let Dee know what it is. Any questions, please contact Dee at (360)546-5708.

CLUB NEWS: Louise Ramunno-Johnson is visiting with her sister in Tuscan, Arizona. George and Donna LaFrazia are planning a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. Dee Newbern met with Dawn Forlini and friend, Magdalena in Arizona for a long weekend. Mirrella Rizzatti will be in Gorizia Italy doing some updates to her home there. Buon compleanno to our March birthdays!! Interested in taking a limoncello class with Lucia Galazia??? Let me know and I will get the details for us. Contact Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net.

THE HATS FOR HEADSTART GROUP are still meeting on the first and third Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Liz Haught's house. Any questions, contact her at 360-673-1320 or haughtde@yahoo.com. Andrea Scasso hosts The Italian Hour every other Sunday (March 12th and 26th) 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. Ciao a tutti!!

Barbara Blair



Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge met at the Harman Center on February 16 for a pot luck and meeting. As always the food was delicious and we had a great time visiting. There was an excellent turnout for the meeting.

The lodge made the decision in January to change our start time from 6:30PM to 5:30PM. This was a unanimous decision and maybe the excellent turnout could be partly a result. Travelers on meeting day this month were Don and Kathy Guintoli and Katherine Miller. They will give us their travel

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experiences at the March 16th meeting. You won't want to miss their report!

Stephen Fancuillo is still sick this month and can use prayers and well wishes. The Picatti's were back with us and doing better this month. It was so good to have all 3 of them back.

Marty Borello was in attendance and we were greatly saddened to learn that his son Michael passed away just before Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marty and family. New members to our lodge this month are SR Charlyne Brown, and Cameren Fasano.

Kathi and Mike Butorac were with us this month and had tickets available for the Cle Elum Lodge Spaghetti Feed on March 18th. Tickets are \$15 and pre ordering of tickets is encouraged. Our artistic Kathi is designing tee shirts to sell at the Spaghetti Feed. Knowing Kathi's talent they will be terrific.

Our Master Gardner Sarah Judd gave information on when to start seeds for gardens. She reminded us that plants should not go outside before the second week in May. She also advised when planning our garden we need to rotate the location of plants in the garden from year to year. This is similar to farmers crop rotation to prevent depleting the soil. Thank you Sarah.

A number of the lodge members brought toiletries to be donated to the Shelter for Abused people. The shelter is often full and are opening a second location in the old St Elizabeth Nursing School. This will double the capacity. We will keep a basket out for items to donate at each meeting. The Harmon Shelter is currently doing a toiletries drive for them as well and will deliver our February items with theirs.

Election of officers for next month. Sarah Judd would like for us to elect a new treasure, she will be happy to train the new treasure, all offices can be shared positions. Please come at 5:30 next month and ready to find creative solutions for officers. We will soon have a new membership list. Please get any changes in address, phone number, email, to Ama as soon as possible.

March meeting is the 16th, remember to watch for further meeting information in your email. The plans at this point are to have a soup dinner. We will only need 3-4 pots of soup but will also need bread, crackers, and so on. Please watch your email. Once again this month our raffle items that members provided paid the rent! Thank you all, looking forward to seeing you in March.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Fasano

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