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From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson

Coming Events!

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390

Wine Tasting Event

Our Lady of Mt Virgin Church

Contact: Laura Salle

lsalle@comcast.net

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Cle Elum Lodge #1968

Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Auction

Centennial Center (same as last 2 years)

Ticket price: \$20

Contact: Kathi Butorac 360-280-4206

kbutorac1_elma@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 6 *Updated*

Tacoma Lodge Presents:

"TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT"

Slavonian Hall 2306 N 30th St, Tacoma, WA 98403

Contact: David Madrid

Cell: 253-961-6526

Email: dsjrmadrid@gmail.com

Saturday, April 20

Bellevue Lodge Wine Tasting

6:30-8:30pm

Unity of Bellevue Church

Tickets - Linda Jacobin

lindalkitten@gmail.com

Saturday, April 27

Spring Grand Council

Embassy Suites-Lynnwood

Contact: Linda Anderson

Linda@GLNW.org

Saturday, April 27

Seattle Fedele Lodge #1390

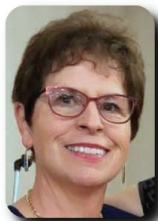
Annual Banquet

Kennedy Catholic High School

Contact: Laura Salle

lsalle@comcast.net

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Buona Pasqua to all. The new year just started, so it is hard to believe that we are about to celebrate the beautiful holiday of Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the various customs and foods we enjoy for this special season. Elections of lodge officers have just been completed. I want to thank those members who stepped up to take on leadership positions as well as those who are continuing as officers in their lodges.

For those who could not attend our Crab Dinner on Feb.10th, you missed a wonderful meal and lots of fun. The raffle took over an hour and a half because there were so many wonderful items donated. Thank you so very much to all the members, and lodges that donated towards



this event. I want to thank our Co-Chairs Antonetta Muir and Rosetta Beyersdorf as well as Debbie Sonsteli for leading this major event. Thanks to all who did the work to make this event a success. Take a few minutes to look over the Coming Events section as many events are happening. Please submit your upcoming events ASAP to try to prevent overlap.



March is your opportunity to see a fabulous movie about Mother Cabrini <https://www.angel.com/tickets/cabrini> or check with your lodge president to see when and where it is showing in your area. The **Grand Lodge Scholarship** application deadline is coming up. Use this



QR to download an application or at www.GLNW.org.

Also, the National and many local lodges have scholarships available. The Grand Council is set for April 27, 2024. Please look inside for details to register for meal and hotel options for Friday night. We are utilizing our new iMemberDb program. The QR link will connect you. All are welcome to attend the Grand Council in Lynnwood at the



Embassy Suites. I want to let you know that each of you should be receiving the National Newsletter, Questo Mese via email. The newsletter is from our National President and other information from our National office. It is also available on our website www.glnw.org. Remember, your lodge dues are due now. Contact your lodge and stay connected and keep receiving the Northwest Italian News and the Italian American Magazine as well as emails to keep you in the loop. Your involvement and support are very important.

Fraternally,

Linda Buccini Anderson, President- Grand Lodge of the Northwest
linda@glnw.org 253-225-2483





OSDIA-Grand Lodge of the Northwest Spring Grand Council Meeting

Saturday April 27, 2024, 10am-3:30pm

The Grand Council will be meeting at the Embassy Suites in Lynwood:

Menu Choices: Please pick only one menu choice:

Chef selection of green salad with dressing with each entrée:

Entrée Choices:

1. Forged Local Mushroom Meatloaf, Bacon wrapped, Sour Cream & Chives, Mashed Potatoes, Blistered Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes
2. BBQ (Savory) Pulled Pork on a Ciabatta, Maple Bacon, Cheddar, Pickle Chips, House Pasta Salad, Individual bag of chips.
3. Grilled Vegetable Napoleon, Squash, Mushrooms, Peppers, Firm Tofu Finished with Herbs & Balsamic Syrup VV, AG

Dessert: Cheesecake with Strawberry topping.

Meal order deadline is April 12, 2024

The meal price is \$35. Inclusive of the banquet event and sales tax.

Payment: Send a Check made out to GLNW (Grand Lodge of Northwest) mail to Janet Fritz 5418 142nd St. NW Gig Harbor 98332 OR ONLINE PAYMENT USE QR LINK

Hotel Room Reservation Option: For those wanting to stay overnight on Friday April 26 at the Embassy Suites in Lynwood. Please call directly (425) 775-2500 ask for OSDIA room block. There are only a small number of rooms set aside at \$131+ taxes/fees rate.

Deadline to reserve a room is March 29, 2024

Scan QR to Register



or type this into your browser:

[https://eMembersDB.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=11102&NoCaptcha.](https://eMembersDB.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=11102&NoCaptcha)

American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao a tutti,

Severe weather hit Spokane hard this winter. People were advised to stay home if possible as the roads were extremely dangerous. Fortunately, we were lucky to catch a break in the storm as our February 12th meeting was very well attended. Elections were held and the following members were elected to their new positions. Kim Asay, President; Mr. of Ceremony, Anthony Di Mauro; Carr Mancini, Vice President; Mr. of Ceremony, Louis DiMauro; Donna Clark, Treasurer; Trustee, Susan Riley; Judy Anselmo, Financial Secretary; Trustee, Marilyn Pitni; Marilee Reagor, Recording Secretary; Linda Marcus, Trustee & Assistant Recording Secretary; Guard, Tina Santorsola; John Caputo – Orator After being a club member for fourteen years in Lodge #2172 and serving as Club President for seven of those years, Judy Anselmo is passing the torch to our newly elected President, Kim Asay.

Judy's role as President was served with dedication and persistence. Judy was a strong President bringing the club through the dreaded COVID pandemic and back to where we are today. A club with increased membership built on mutual respect and camaraderie. Thank you, Judy, for all that you have done and continue to do for Lodge #2172. As Judy continues her roles as Club Past President, and Financial Secretary she will also be wearing another "hat". Judy, has been appointed as State 4th Vice President of the Grand Lodge. Congratulazioni Judy on your new role. We are very proud of you and wish you the very best in your new



position. Marilee Reagor and her brother Gary Bartole shared with club members a very fascinating family history for our Family Heritage Program. Their

father, Bruno Bartole served as a Merchant Marine from Trieste, Italy, in World War II. He was captured by the US Navy and was sent to an internment camp in Missoula, Montana. After some time, the US government offered these Italian Navy Men an opportunity of their lifetime. They were asked to help the US in their war effort in exchange for American citizenship with the rewards of all military benefits for serving in the US Armed forces. These brave men served in the US Navy and fought in the Guam Islands in WWII. Their father settled in Spokane around 1945 after the war. Such an interesting family history that captivated everyone. Susie Prusch entertained us with another cooking demonstration. This time Susie taught us how to prepare Mushroom Bolognese. This was a vegetarian entrée which of course everyone sampled with delight.

Club member Samantha Gimlin shared delicious Valentines treats from her shop La Dispensadi Terra Terra. My personal favorite was the Yeti Chocolates, from Rock Island Dam, near Wenatchee. For authentic Italian pantry items visit her web



page La Dispensadi Terra Terra. Our Scholarship program is now underway. One is a college scholarship, and the other is going to our Spokane-Cagli Sister City Exchange to study in Italy this summer. Our club continues to be committed in building bridges within our community. On February 10th we, along with Spokane-Cagle Sister City participated in the Norwegian Festival held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. On February 24th we will be at our information table at the very popular Spokane Lunar Festival presented by ANHPI Business Expo. As you can see, we have been very busy here in Spokane, and the activities keep on coming. I'm very proud to announce that I applied for a grant to participate in Expo 74's 50th Anniversary, Spokane's 50th Anniversary of Expo 74. It was a very intimidating task but with perseverance I completed the application, and I am proud to announce that our lodge was awarded a \$3,500, grant for Expo 74's 50th Anniversary. This event opens on May 4th and continues through July 4th, 2024. During this 9-week period Spokane will be underway with a city-wide celebration honoring its impactful transformation to our community. It will showcase Spokane's local, regional, and international communities through various venues such as Arts and Culture, Food, History and Recreational Infrastructure. So, there will be lots to report on in the future. Stay Tuned! In the Spirit of St. Patty's Day: May the winds of fortune sail you, May you sail a gentle sea, May it always be the other guy who says, The Drinks are on me!

Respectfully submitted, Linda Marcus
Assistant Recording Secretary #2172
linda-amarcus@hotmail.com

Amerigo Vespucci #1814 Aberdeen, WA

February was a very busy month for Amerigo Vespucci Lodge with the election of new 2024-2026 officers and our Valentine Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. Amerigo Vespucci



Italian Exchange Student
Katerina Esposito

Lodge held a short meeting on February 15, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall to finalize planning for Saturday, February 17, 2024, Valentine Dinner and have our 2024-2026 officers' election. The following members were elected: President Joe Chicano; Vice President David Aldrich; Orator/Chaplain Judith Braddon; Past President Richard Luzzi;

Secretary Connie Chicano; Financial Secretary Kristine Finazzo; Treasurer Patti Percini; Trustees: Eva To, Mark Percini, Sylvia Percini, Joe Cornell, and Kameron Covall, Mistress and Master of Ceremony Kerin and Ron Covall; Sentinel Ted Daniels, A HUGE "thank you!" goes out to meatball chef, Dennis Rogers and sauce specialist Eva To,



Wheelbarrow Winner
Troy Rector

St. Mary's School students who served, as well as, Italy exchange student, Katerina Esposito, and all our wonderful members who assisted in making the Valentine's Dinner such a great success. Music was provided by R&K Covall. Safeway of Aberdeen donated the garlic bread, Home Depot

in Hoquiam, Dennis Co. in Aberdeen and Elma, Opal Arts in Cosmopolis, Pat's Barber Shop in Hoquiam, Domino's in Hoquiam and Coffeeman in Aberdeen all donated major prizes to our raffle. We are grateful to all the wonderful members who also donated raffle items. Amerigo Vespucci Lodge was honored to have National Fourth Vice President Tony Anderson, Grand Lodge President Linda Buccini Anderson, and Bella Vita Lodge's President Aaron Smith in attendance at our Valentine's Dinner. Past President Richard Luzzi did a great job organizing the raffle and entertaining everyone when calling the numerous raffle winners. Congratulations to Troy Rector, winner of the wheelbarrow raffle! Amerigo Vespucci Lodge will hold its next meeting on March 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.
Reporter, Judith Braddon

Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA

Quick note: Dues are due! Please contact us if you haven't paid, need assistance, or have questions. In February, the Auburn Lodge enthusiastically welcomed new members Eric and Adalinda Vaona. Member (and Auburn city council member) Yolanda Trout graciously pledged \$100 toward the scholarship fund. Freezer update: the new freezer is paid for, running, and currently full of meatballs lovingly made by our wonderful kitchen crew (in case you needed another reason to come to the March meeting)! Speaking of, special thanks to Antoinette for the pasta e fagioli, which was beyond delicious! 2024 election report:



First, we want to thank Dan Chicketti, our 2023 Vice President, for all his service to the lodge, even after moving across the state! Huge thanks also to Tony Anderson, who stepped in for Ronnie and helped us when we needed him most. That said, congratulations to our new officers for 2024: President: John Partridge; Vice President: David Manning; Immediate Past President: Francesco Ortenzo; Orator: Barbara DeCaro; Recording Secretary: Amy Ciliberto Barrett, Financial Secretary: Michelle Binetti; Treasurer: Debbie Sonstelie; Trustees: Lina Gagnon, Frank Scarsella, Joanne McDaniel, Phil Celver, Joe Ripollone; Master of Ceremonies:



Sharon Lufkin; Mistress of Ceremonies: Carolyn Jones; Sentinel: Natale Stella; Bartender: Sam Kamphaus. Thank you all for your service to our lodge!

On Saturday, February 10, the Auburn Lodge was proud to host the Grand Lodge Crab Dinner. The dinner, as always, was a lively, festive event full of fun and fellowship. It was especially heartwarming to see Kenny Beyersdorf taking over for his father, Ronnie, to announce the raffle. Coming events: The Auburn Bocce Club will host the 20th Annual Washington State Bocce Tournament on April 6th and 7th. Please contact Salvatore Cascone to register your 2 or 4-person team. Cabrini will be opening in theaters on Friday, March 8. All are encouraged to go see this film. David Manning will head up the team for this year's Auburn Clean Sweep, happening April 20th. Please consider signing up for

**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
President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano
360-581-1072
cjchicano@comcast.com

**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 John Partridge
jpartridge427@gmail.com
253-350-4922

a morning of fun and service. Applications for the Auburn Lodge scholarship will be due April 15th.
Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo, Immediate Past President

Bella Vita

#2285, Olympia, WA

Buona Primavera, Bella Vita! Happy Spring, Bella Vita! February Lodge meeting was well attended with lots of delicious foods and wine to share! Thank you to all who made this a wonderful evening! We were thrilled to have a group of young adults visit us during dinner and meeting: Gabriella, Josh, Jacob, Ben, and Coulton! They were packed with youthful spirit and energy! We hope they visit soon again. Sunshine Committee: Pam Daudet continues to need prayers and support, she continues to heal, hoping to return to our lodge next month. Joe Marmo had minor surgery and medical issues; we wish him a speedy recovery. Tony Anderson had his gall bladder removed and we wish him fast healing. Several of our members attended the Crab Dinner and the Aberdeen Spaghetti Dinner in February. We encourage everyone to visit other lodges and enjoy their events. It's a great way to connect with lodges! Bella Vita Welcomes other lodge members to come visit our Lodge and connect as well! On Saturday, April 6 the Tacoma Lodge will present their first: "Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament" at the Slavonian Hall in Tacoma. If you like Poker, food, or just want to socialize consider attending and supporting this lodge.

Don't forget: Dues are Due! If you have not paid your \$40 for dues, please do so. Please bring a check to our next meeting on March 7 or send a check to our Financial Secretary- Last Chance to remain a member of Bella Vita: Mathew Williams, 3738 Kinsale Ln SE, Olympia Wa 98501 The election for our New Bella Vita Officers was held. The decision was made to install our new Officers immediately that night! Why wait when the new officers are ready, willing, and able to get started! You will see some new faces at Bella Vita, here are Bella Vita's 2024-2026 officers- President: Aaron Smith, Vice President: Shirley Garrison Secretary: Amber Dahl, Financial Secretary: Mathew Williams, Trustees: Ludi Cristofaro, George Stefanini, Pam



Daudet, Donna Cristofaro, Maria Marabella, Sergeant of Arms: Jim Vettori and Gary Haney. We now Welcome President Aaron! Our members are looking forward to his excitement and creative ideas! Bella Vita anticipates new



Fun and Special Events happening soon for all to enjoy! Past President Sophia and Sunny have resigned and will be busy with other activities in our community. She and Sunny have enjoyed Bella Vita, the people, the parties, and the relationships made. She appreciates Bella Vita and each member, with wonderful memories shared. This will be the last newsletter written by this anonymous writer. And here is a Spring Wish I share to All: Benvenuta Primavera, che la brezza di primavera soffi nei vostri cuori quell'energia vitale che vi permetta di realizzare I vostri sogni! Wishing everyone a Spring full of Joy, Smiles, and Fun! Ciao!

Bellevue

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, The Bellevue Lodge started off our Lodge meeting with a delicious dinner of salad, chicken, and pasta with vodka sauce made by Michele Guerrini and Cathy Mettler. Joan Carson brought appetizers, Antoinette Folino brought ice cream, and Linda Jacobin baked two King Cakes. For those who don't know, King Cakes are associated with Mardi Gras in New Orleans and are a ring of twisted cinnamon roll-style dough, topped with icing or sugar and colored in with the traditional Mardi Gras colors: purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. Keeping with tradition, a baby figurine was placed in each of the two cakes Linda made. The baby symbolizes luck and prosperity and whoever finds the figurines receives a prize. Joan Carson and Nello Prissinotti found the figurines and received prizes.

**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

Aaron Smith, President
253-227-6432 gutterman@comcast.net

Shirley Delauranti Garrison, Vice President
253-677-8420 shirleygarrison46@gmail.com

Amber Dahl, Recording Secretary

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

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

UNITY CHURCH

16330 Northeast 4th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

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

Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.
(206) 979-9147 / guerrini@aol.com

**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

At the meeting, we had two new people come to check us out. Laura Zarro found out about us through Meetup.com. She lives in Juanita, is a second-generation Italian-American, and is originally from Detroit. Olivia Becker found out about us at Festa. She lives in Redmond but was originally from Southern California. Her Italian roots go back to Abruzzo and Sicily and currently runs her own Italian food and wine website: <https://dallafonte.com/>. Olivia applied to be a member of our Lodge, the Lodge voted to accept her, and she will be initiated at a future meeting. In sunshine news, Joe Jacobin, Anna Montecalvo, and Pete Edgar were all sick and missed our Lodge meeting.

Elections were held at the February meeting. At the January meeting the nominees were Greg Osgood for President, Linda Caputo for vice president, Peter Edgar for Orator, Linda Jacobin for Financial Secretary/Treasure, Michele Guerrini for Secretary, Laura Cosacchi, Michael Brewer, Joan Carson, Brandee LaBarbara, and Joe Jacobin as Trustees, Nick Wheeler and Ron Sangalang as Masters of Ceremony and Nick Montecalvo as Sentinel. Because all the positions were uncontested, so we voted to accept the entire slate of officers and the whole election went faster than you can say Wine Tasting.



Speaking of Wine Tasting, we have finalized all the details of our annual Lodge Wine Tasting. It will be on Saturday, April 20th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Unity Church of Bellevue, 16330 NE 4th Street, Bellevue WA. Since it is a Wine Tasting it's limited to people 21 and older and costs

\$25. To get tickets contact Linda Jacobin (lindakitten@gmail.com/206-725-9494), Michele Guerrini (Guerrini@aol.com/206-979-9147), or Mary DeMatteo Sangalang (collectingroots@msn.com/425-649-2250). Tickets are also available online at <http://bellevue-sons-of-italy.square.site/>. The Lodge Wine Tasting is also a lot of fun with some really great food and an opportunity to try some really great wines. A final reminder that applications for the Bellevue Lodge Scholarship need to be sent in no later than February 29th, 2020, and one scholarship for \$1000 will be awarded in May

2024. Our next Lodge meeting will be March 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.

Buon Cannoli!
Greg Osgood



Black Diamond

#1809, Black Diamond, WA

La Festa d'Irlanda (St. Patrick's Day) will be observed on March 17 from Bolzano to Bologna to Bari with music, dance, and food. The Italians believe pasta fagioli should be included to commemorate St. Patrick who was the son of an Italian diplomat living in England . . . perhaps adding fish and chips to the menu, also. Following the festivities above, we wish you a solemn March 31 Easter celebration, including agnello (lamb) dinner in the Dolomites and Sardegna, Scoppio del Carro (Burst of the Cart) in Firenze, Settimana Santa (Holy Week) traditions, and Processione del Venerdì Santo (Good Friday processions) in paese e città throughout Italy. Black Diamond introduces the following 2024 - 2026 Board of Officers elected and installed at our St. Valentine's meeting on February 9— Venerabile Janice Malvesti-Cole; Assistente Venerabile Linda Pinto Osborne; Ex-Venerabile Marlene Palazzo; Oratore Joan Verzani Woodruff; Segretario di Finanza Janet Young; Tesoriere Tom Cole; Segretario Archivista Leonardo Folino; Curatori Maddalena Costanzo, Janet Furlan Henkel, Salvatore Spirito, Mary Ann Fondi Webb, and Harvey Woodruff; Maestri di Cerimonia Barbara Cloud and David Savant Hamrick; and Sentinella Darrell Vacca. [Officer titles researched from Ordine Figli d'Italia in America Rituale revised and authenticated on 1 November 1945 by the Supreme Lodge.] In February I promised this edition would culminate my journey of becoming an American ITALIAN. I apologize for the erroneous term. Never can I "culminate" the admiration, respect, and love that continues into the seventh decade. Upon return to our respective hometowns (Michele to Castellaneta in Taranto Province and myself to Camano Island), we commenced our formal presentations to

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

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Bremerton, WA 98312-0243

Bill Haberstock, President

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CLE ELUM LODGE NO. 1968

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

CLE ELUM COMMUNITY CHURCH

201 East 3rd Street

Cle Elum, WA

Michael Butorac, President

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South Cle Elum, WA 98943-0361

MILLE CUGINI LODGE NO. 2659 Marysville, WA

MARYSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

6805 Armar Rd, Marysville, WA

Patrick Jacoby, President

(425) 478-0757 patrick@glnw.org

Rebecca Helling, Recording Secretary

(425) 422-7434 txt

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

disseminate our goodwill and accrued cultural knowledge, while maintaining professional contact with one another. Michele's compassionate expressions of sympathy during the death of my stepfather and our mutual cultural observations increased the respect we initially shared during my entry/his exit orientations in Rome and his exit/my entry luncheon hosted by the National Grocery Convention in New York. (He has held true to his word that his licking stamps ended immediately after our four years of handwritten U.S. postal letters!) Three years following my Cultural Ambassadorship, I returned for three months to reunite with province officials and host families. I arrived at the train stations with a reticence that they may have forgotten me. On the contrary, the receptions during that trip and every return thereafter more intensely expressed their unconditional love and respect. It is an extraordinary experience to receive these heartfelt emotions from nieces and nephews who I bicycled to school as toddlers. Many dear ones have now departed, and on each trip, I look forward to accompanying my families who regularly visit the mausoleums with prayers and flowers.



Michele and I were engaged after three years of writing and married in Castellaneta the following year. Prior to our marriage, we had seen each other in person for a total of fourteen days and will be celebrating our 56th anniversary on July 20. I have been an OSDIA member for 30+ years because of my affiliations

in Italy and primarily for my incredible husband who left his partnership in the family azienda, an instructor position for the Ministry of Agriculture, and leadership of multiple organizations to dedicate his life to me as we established our family of daughter Lucia, son Ettore, their families, and a multitude of individuals who are drawn to his exemplary graciousness. How pleased I am when people denote a bit of Italian accent in my English, and I hear the quote from Michele's family members that was posted in my high school yearbook, "With a willing spirit and a winning way." He continues to be my unconditionally loving support,



encouraging me to aspire to achievements I had never imagined. It is my sincere honor to have represented the GLNW as a National Delegate and National Trustee at the OSDIA Supreme National level, realizing that my spoken Italiano was graciously accepted by the executive leaders, as it was heartwarming welcomed in Italy. A major highlight was to read "I Am An Italian American" first at our local lodge, then at GLNW State Conventions, and finally to receive a signed poster from the author Angelo Bianchi Esq. at the 2013 National Supreme Convention. Con Libertá, Ugualianza, e Fraternitá

Dr. Marlene M. Palazzo, OSDIA American ITALIAN Imm. Past President, Former GLNW National Trustee

Cataldo

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Hello to all! It is nice to not be engulfed by snow and ice. Some of us were unable to attend our last meeting due to the inclement weather. Our meeting on the 21st will be Chef Tony Bisceglia Anderson who is cooking pasta with red meat sauce and either sausage or meatballs and gluten-free pasta will also be available. Members are asked to bring salads, side dishes, or desserts to share. There are openings left for other dates for members too, we're just waiting to know who else will step up to organize and cook for our lodge. In March, Tony is also providing corned beef in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and Bill is preparing the corned beef and cabbage. Lodge meetings start at 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Final nominations and elections of Lodge Officers. The lodge has openings for Recording Secretary, Trustee, and Master/ Mistress of Ceremony. Your help and ideas to make our lodge bigger and better would be greatly appreciated greatly. A new member installation will take place during the meeting. We will welcome Mrs. Diane Mahoney. Some



OLYMPIC PENINSULA LODGE NO. 2733

Port Angeles/Sequim, WA
Meets 3rd Sunday of each Month
Social begins at 12:30pm
Meeting begins at 1:00pm
Bethany Pentecostal Church
508 S. Francis St, Port Angeles
WA 98362

Armando Muggia, President
muggiaac@gmail.com 360-461-5574

SEATTLE FEDELE LODGE NO. 1390

Seattle, WA
Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month
Dinner at 6:15 PM
Meeting Follows at 7:00 PM
OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH HALL
2800 S Massachusetts St
Seattle, WA 98144

Michael Croce
crocem@pacificfoodimporters.com
206-391-1122

TACOMA LODGE NO. 1175

"The Mother Lodge of the Northwest"

Tacoma, WA

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

David Madrid, President
(253) 961-6526
motherlodge@yahoo.com

of our members have made some changes due to the need to take care of spouses and/or unplanned events. We will keep everyone in our prayers. At our February meeting, we will be voting on our set of lodge officers for the coming 2 years. Birthdays for February include Carolyn Crabtree, Steven Haberstock, Antonia Lebeda, Joseph Maggi, Matti Maggi, and Nick Wancowicz. Buon Compleanno Amici !!! A Cannoli fundraiser starts at 10:00 until 4:00 p.m. and also a Handmade bazaar at Crossroads Church, 7555 Old Military Road, Bremerton, WA. Also, remember Cataldo Lodge's annual picnic that starts at 11:00 until 5:00 p.m., at the picnic Shelter, Elks Lodge at 4131 Pine Road, NE, Bremerton, WA 98310 We always have a great time at our lodge picnic and lots of fun for everyone! Flowers are showing up and indicate spring is on its way.

Sincerely Diane Clementi

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Cle Elum

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

On Sunday, January 21 members and guests of Cle Elum Lodge met in friendship and fraternity to enjoy a potluck dinner of favorite Italian dishes and local iterations of recipes from the European melting pot that is Upper Kittitas County. Guests joining us for the evening were Bob Bullock, spouse of lodge members Linda, Dan, and Kathy Rempe, and 8-year-old Stella Butorac, granddaughter of lodge members Kathi and Mike. Making time for shared stories of travel and visiting family over the holidays, Lodge President Mike Butorac gaveled the room to order to discuss upcoming activities and business of the Lodge. With our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Scholarship Auction coming up on Saturday, March 16th, plans were confirmed for food preparation and setup, kitchen staff, and auction prizes. Guest status was short-lived by Dan and Kathy Rempe as lodge member Sally Graham motioned acceptance for membership and was seconded by Linda Bullock. Lodge Vice President Craig Savio serving as Herald and President Mike initiated our newest members into the Cle Elum Lodge. Welcome Dan and Kathy. Nominating Committee Chairperson Dee Saldin presented the slate of officers for 2024 which will include Mike Butorac, President; Craig Savio,

Vice President; Cheryl Ficele, Past President; Kathi Butorac, Recording Secretary; Patrice Swofford, Orator; Joe Saldin, Financial Secretary; Rich Grillo, Treasurer; Sally Graham, Chaplain; Craig Eilers, Guard; Quannee Eilers, Mistress of Ceremony; Tony Marinich, Master of Ceremony; and Trustees; Paul Graham, Jeannie Precious, Rachele Rogalski, Linda Bullock, and Char Savio. Sunshine Committee Chairperson Char Savio has communicated with and sent condolences from the Lodge to those in time of need. Also, many thanks to Char for putting together a donation basket for the GLNW Crab Feed. For the Good of the Order report, Stella Butorac presented birthday cookie treats prepared by Rachele Rogalski to those present having a December or January birthdate. Ciao!

Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillo1@msn.com

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Mille Cugini
 #2659, Marysville, WA

Our guests last month were Dave Dellino and also Mark and Chris Gerling. Thank you to our guests. We hope you will join us again in the future and invite others to come along as well. We had a very productive meeting in February. We



elected and installed our new and returning officers. Thank you, Chris Gerling, our Deputy, for acting as Herald during our installation of officers. Thank you to Nate Pioli and Robert Jacoby for stepping into the positions of Trustee. Thank you to Katt Branting for becoming our Mistress of Ceremonies. And last but not least, thank you to Bob Branting for taking on the duties of Treasurer. Larry Pirone, our past Treasurer, has offered to assist him while he gets familiar with his new and critical role. Larry served for many

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years for which we are grateful. We must also thank all the returning officers. Without these volunteers, new and old, we could not continue our mission. Speaking of our mission, we will again be participating in Sorticulture, the Everett Garden Arts Festival from June 7th through 9th. More information about the festival will be shared as we get closer and learn more. I got a chance to view the “Sneak Peek” of the Cabrini movie. I strongly urge everyone to see it, especially your sisters, daughters, nieces, and anyone wishing to see how much one person can accomplish, against all odds. The scenes that they showed were truly inspiring, so I can only imagine what the full movie will be like.

“La vita e bella, Life is beautiful.” Reporter, Paula (Dellino) Jacoby



Olympic Peninsula

#2733, Port Angeles, WA

Hello from the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. Our February meeting had a lower-than-normal attendance. We did miss those who couldn't make it as we all enjoy catching up with each other. As we move on into 2024, we celebrate February birthdays; Master of Ceremonies, Bob McGonigel as well as me have birthdays this month. The celebration cakes provided by Peni Cenedella were simply delicious – so many people asked her “what did you add to this cake.” Bob wasn't able to make it to the meeting, but we send wishes to him for a wonderful coming year. Vice President, Luigi Nicoloso provided the adult supervision for the meeting stepping in for President Armando Muggia. Luigi did a great job keeping the meeting flowing. We will be installing our officers at the March meeting. Those currently in their officer positions will remain in these roles. It was a short meeting, so then it was on to the feasting! Let's talk about roasted red peppers. That is the dish our long-time Lodge member Frank Buonpone brings each month. They have become an anticipated dish, much like having salt and pepper on the table. Something is missing if there are no roasted red peppers. Frank and I had a short conversation, and he shared a little of his story with me. I

think you'll get the idea his life was quite interesting. He was born in Brooklyn, New York to an Italian father and a Sicilian mother. His mother passed away when he was just 8 years old, and he lived much of his young life in Catholic orphanages. When he became a young adult, he and a friend hitchhiked across the U.S. mostly on the famous Route 66. They made their way to Missouri and decided they needed a quicker way of traveling. With what little money Frank had, he bought an old coupe, but he couldn't drive, so his friend drove, and they ended up in LA. After a trip to Reno and a bit of bad luck gambling, Frank went to Portland, OR where he started working in the logging business. He continued as



a logger until his retirement. He estimates he got injured at least 40 times in the logging business. It was hard work, with no advanced machinery like there is today. He met his wife Elena in Aberdeen, WA and they eventually moved to Forks, WA where he lives today. When Elena passed away, Frank set up the Elena Buonpone Memorial Fund to be used for benevolent

causes. Elena was very active in the Lodge, and he wanted to honor her with this tribute. Frank has made trips to Italy with the Rick Steves tours every year from 2007-2019. He allowed me to tell his age.. he is now 96 years old. Last year, Frank took another trip to Torino, Italy, and Holland without the benefit of a tour; just by himself. That's pretty amazing and very inspirational. When asked what his secret is to keep having birthdays, he said he doesn't eat a lot of meat, drinks a small glass of red wine each evening, (only Italian wine of course), and stays active. Frank still to this day chops wood. I asked Frank why he brings the peppers each meeting, and he said, “Because Elena made them.” His fond memory is now our fond memory. Thank you, Frank. Frank's story and adventures remind us quite vividly that Life is Beautiful. Ciao for now!

Yvonne Schipani, Recording Secretary



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Seattle Fedele

#1390, Seattle, WA

Good Morning, Afternoon, or Evening to All! It's us again! I, Elaine, am doing the typing work again, while Chris gave me the high points to talk about. I will also let you know I am not watching the Hallmark channel, I am watching Lifetime - it is the reruns of Castle. It is one of my favorite shows from the past. Our February meeting was the Election of Officers for the next year. It was a unanimous vote among all the officers. The Officers for the next year are as follows: President - Michael Croce, Vice President - Holly Croce Cochran, Immediate Past President - Jeff D'Amelio, Orator - Joanne Spino Marchese, Secretary - Laura Cochran, Financial Secretary - Steve Fontana, Treasurer - OPEN - Any takers?, Trustees: Christopher Alfieri, Joseph Megale, Christina Volpone Gerling, Kenneth Volpone, and ONE MORE OPEN SPOT - Come on someone, step up and join the fun!, Guard - Paul Pioli, Master of Ceremony - Bruce Leone, and Mistress of Ceremony - Sharon Leone. Congratulations to all of the Officers. May you lead us to fun! Now on to activities we are organizing for all: The first is the Seattle Fedele/John Croce 51st Annual Homemade Wine Festival. It is on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at Our Lady



of Mount Virgin Church Hall, 1531 Bradner Place, Seattle, WA, 98144 (on the corner of S. 28th St & S. Massachusetts St.), From 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Admission: \$25.00 tickets may be purchased at the door, Winemakers: \$15.00 ticket with entering One Gallon of their homemade wine. Winemakers: Please have your entries in by

1:00 pm. Categories of wine are White Wine, Red Wine, Zinfandel Wine, and The Best in Show. Come and join us for an afternoon of wine tasting, great Italian food, music, raffle, and lots of fun! Who makes the best homemade wine in the Northwest? Join us to find out!!! The second of the activities happens at our next meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church Hall. We will be celebrating St. Joseph's Day by donating non-perishable food to a food bank. So everyone bring some type of non-perishable foodstuff to help people in need. The third of the activities is our annual Banquet. It is on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Kennedy High School, 140 S. 140th St.,

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Two individual scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each and the Therese Bianchi Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 will be awarded after a comprehensive review of each applicant's transcript and essay. The Scholarship Committee also reserves the right to award additional scholarships depending on the strength of the applications received and the amount of funding available, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of #1390.

Application information and requirements:

1. Scholarship awards are open to students who are currently full-time high school seniors, college graduate or undergraduate students, or vocational/trade school students. High School seniors must submit a letter of acceptance from a college, university, or trade school.
2. The applicant must be a member or have a parent or grandparent with membership in #1390 for a minimum of two calendar years. Dues for 2024 must be paid.
3. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 and must submit a current sealed transcript and essay along with the application below. This must be received by the committee no later than Monday, April 15, 2024.
4. Selection of the winners will be made by the Scholarship Committee after a blind review of the applications.
5. Winners cannot apply two consecutive years.
6. Scholarships must be used the year they are awarded.
7. Awards will be deposited in the **student's name directly to the accredited college/university or trade /vocational school** selected by the student. The Scholarships will be awarded or announced no later than April 27, 2024.

Essay prompt:

In a 300-400 word original essay, describe an experience that generated pride in your Italian heritage. Please note that essays will be scored on the understanding of the prompt, original thinking and literary style, grammar, and spelling.

Complete the application below and sent it with a sealed transcript and printed essay to:

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Scholarship funds come from fundraisers and donations.

Burien, WA, 98168. Tickets are available by calling/letting Joanne Spino Marchese know how many you would like to purchase - they are \$50 each. There will be appetizers, dinner, and raffle. You can reach Joanne at 206-284-6938. We also will be having our brochure again. So we are taking orders for advertisements to be included. For a half-page advertisement it is \$60.00, for a Full-page advertisement it is \$110.00, and for a Patron advertisement, it is \$10.00. Please contact Christopher Alfieri at 360-307-8372. The advertisements are due by April 15, 2024, but the sooner the better! Now for a lodge member accomplishment: Kathy Logsdon was honored with a 25-year pin from Safeway. She has worked at the Crown Hill store on N.W. 85th St. and 15th Ave. N.W., I think for all of those years, but I may be wrong. I guess I will have to ask her!! Congratulations!!!! That is all for now, I am going to go lay my head on my pillow and have pleasant dreams until my alarm goes off and and ruins everything! Oh well, got to make a living! Ciao!

Elaine Volpone and Christina Volpone Gerling



Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

We here in Tacoma are seeing our famous daffodils starting to bloom and small buds on our various trees. Spring is on its way YIPPEE !! At the Mother Lodge, we did our elections a bit differently this year. We held the elections and did the installation all on the same night. Our chairman and past president Nick Santelli, along with orator Thomas Huff and past orator Tony Camarodo, were able to make it a very smooth and effective election. We welcomed two new board members Lisa Tucker as our Mistress of Ceremony and Steve Tucker as a trustee. They both have helped in so many ways it was a cinch that a wonderful couple like them become board members. We are sad at the loss of our two incredible and longtime board members Julie and Mary Garitone, as they are stepping down after many years of service, but they are still going to be active and working in other areas of the lodge business. We LOVE you both and thank you for all you've done for the lodge. A big thank you goes out to our State Deputy Mr Bill Haberstock !! He is always there for 100% support and advice for our lodge and especially to me, and you may know I need all the help I can get. Thank You, Bill. Please support our TEXAS HOLD EM POKER TOURNAMENT, over \$2500



dollars in cash prizes, an incredible Silent Auction, fun food, and an evening of just letting loose. See our ad in this edition and contact me with any questions @ 253-961-6526. Well that's all for now God Bless and be seeing you all soon. David Madrid, President

Tre Città

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

Our Lodge held our second meeting of this year on February 6th at Bella Italia restaurant in Kennewick.



We had a total of twenty-four members and visitors in attendance. Our membership ended this past year with a total of fifty-three members on our roster and our membership renewals so far this year have already risen to twenty-five members. We sadly announced to our Membership that one of our dear members and current Trustee, Sam DeRosa, passed away on January 1, 2024. Sam enjoyed his involvement with the Sons and Daughters of Italy, where he shared and learned more about his Italian heritage. Sam will be missed by all of us who got to know him as a part of our lodge. A celebration of Sam's life will be held at Einan's Sunset Gardens Event Center, 1451 Cemetery Road, Richland, WA on March 16, 2024, at 3 p.m. At the meeting, we also had a report from our Scholarship committee chair, Jack Barnaby, who discussed the distribution of the scholarship applications to local high schools and colleges.

The deadline for receipt of applications for our three \$1000.00 scholarship awards in 2024 is March 15, 2024. We also had a report from our social committee which discussed our next social event which was a lodge meet-up at a local Italian bakery, Layered Cake Artistry. A total of sixteen members met at the bakery at 10:30 am on Saturday, Feb. 10th. This bakery, which is located at 117 W Kennewick Ave in Kennewick, is owned by the daughters of one of the members, Maria Gulluni. They have pastries, bread, focaccia, pizza, etc. that are amazing!!! A wonderful time was had by all who attended. We hope to make a visit to this bakery a regular event for our lodge. During our meeting, we also elected a new slate of officers for our Lodge for the coming two years. Our newly elected officers are as follows: President: Jack Barnaby, Vice-President: Gregg Lumetta, Treasurer: Marcel Bergeron, Financial Sec; Michele Lumetta, Recording Sec: John Cacioppo, Trustees: Rick Boarder, Charles LoPresti, Al Pardini, Orator: Bob Carosino, Guard: Leonardo Luzi, Mistress of Ceremonies: Margie Garner

Our congratulations and thanks go out to our new President Jack Barnaby and all our new officers who stepped up to provide new leadership for our Lodge over the next two years. At the end of our meeting, we also had our monthly

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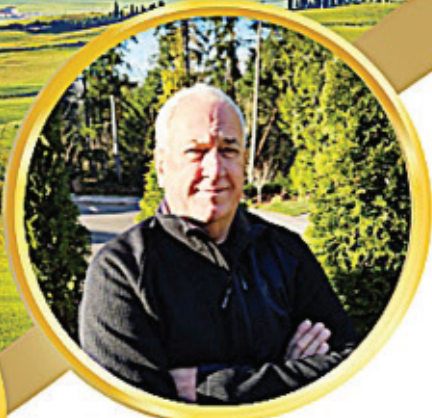
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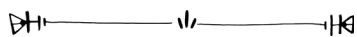


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raffle, as we usually do, for items of various kinds donated by lodge members. With the generosity of members, we were able to raise \$167 from the raffle. Our charity fund has continued to grow, and we agreed to donate to another worthy local cause. We are looking for a new donation to a local cause in our upcoming meeting.

We continue to be delighted that our members and the public can follow us on Facebook for some wonderful content on Italian food, culture, people, travel destinations, holidays, and other topics on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OSDIAtrecitta>. We schedule our monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month. Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 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 Bergeron, Past President



Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER will be on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be baked ham, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert. Cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Louise Ramunno-Johnson at alamunno@gmail.com or (360)281-0915 no later than Monday, March 12th if you plan to attend. Please bring a prize for the raffle tonight.

DUES DUES DUES We must receive your dues for 2024 no later than March 31st if you plan to continue with your membership. That is our yearly cut-off date from OSDIA. Please mail your check of \$38.00 payable to OSDIA to PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682 or you can pay at the March meeting. OUR LOCAL CHARITY is the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center in downtown Vancouver. We help them throughout the year. In March, we will be collecting "personal hygiene for women" for the vets. This is strictly voluntary. If you wish to participate, please bring your donation to our meeting.

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 PM at Barbara Blair's house. You can RSVP at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net. Please bring a white elephant prize in a paper bag and \$1.00 to participate.

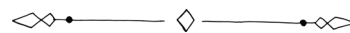
ITALIAN BOOK CLUB Our selection is The Lady of Lake Como by author Terrence Williamson for our March meeting

on Monday, March 18, 2024. We will gather at Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, 7700 E Fourth Plain Blvd at 2:00 PM on that date for discussion. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. DINE OUT will be at Bortolami's Pizzeria, 9901 NE 7th Avenue (at 99th Street) on Monday, March 25th at 5:30 PM. RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net to give her a heads up as they do not take reservations.

CLUB NEWS: A good time selling raffle tickets and dinner was had by Barbara Blair and her son Jeffrey at the Crab Dinner in Auburn. Grazie to Jeffrey for helping put chairs and tables away! Linda and Mike Cherney have been catching the sunshine in Arizona. Greg and Cathy Rafanelli have been cruising the coast of South Africa on the Queen Mary 2 this winter. Mirella Rizzatti will be spending the month of March at her home in Gorizia, Italy. Buon compleanno to our March birthdays!!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: The doctors finally decided after five weeks that when Rosann Grzesiowski fell, she fractured her hip. She had a partial hip replacement on February 9th and is home in recovery. Please give her a call if you get a chance to cheer her up (360) 601-8410. It has been a long road for her to get this far. Please keep all our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Blair



Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

The Yakima Lodge met at the Harman Center in February after missing the December and January meetings due to illness and weather. It was wonderful to be together again, those that were not in attendance were missed. Eleanor Ficele generously provided lasagne and cake for the meeting and members brought side dishes for a delicious meal. A guest at the meeting was the granddaughter of an over 50-year Yakima fixture, the C&H Hardware on Fruitvale. Members of Connie's family still own and operate the hardware. Nearly all members present knew the hardware and talked of the great, friendly service. Jeanne has played cards at the Harman Center with Connie for over a year, but only recently learned she was Italian. Mike and Kathi Butorac commented that their lodge has grown to a large membership through this type of word of mouth and people becoming acquainted at their annual spaghetti feed.



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Those who are under the weather and need our thoughts and prayers are Stephen and Jan Fancuillo, Marty Borello's wife Connie, and Beverly Arralde. Discussion was held regarding the amount of our dues for 2024. No decision was made, however, with the deadline for dues being March 31st, we will need a decision at the March meeting. Please come prepared to participate in the decision and pay at the meeting. The election of officers was also not completed. Our current officers have been in place for over 5 years and stated that this is their last year in office.

President Robin Constanza Miller and Treasure Sarah Judd gave a presentation on the anticipated lodge expenses and income for 2024. Thank you ladies for your work putting this information together. If anyone not in attendance has

questions, please call Robin or Sarah. The Harman Center did something very nice for the February meeting. They noticed that our regular meeting room was very cold that day so moved us to a warmer room. The Harman Center is so accommodating and is such a lovely facility. The March meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 at the Harman Center. Watch your email for the suggested menu. A raffle item to help cover our rent is always appreciated. The raffle covered the rent again in February. The financial information by Robin and Sarah showed how important the raffle income is as well as being fun! Looking forward to seeing you in March!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Fasano

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Holy Family Church
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No one under 21 years of age
John Partridge 253-350-4922
partridge427@gmail.com

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Sorticulture 2024
Mille Cugini #2659
Plant, Gift, Garden, and
Italian Food Booth
Downtown Everett on Colby Ave
between Everett & Pacific avenues
Contact: Paula Jacoby
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All Italian Picnic
Royal Arch Park, Maple Valley
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