



# Northwest Italian News

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## From the Office of State President Linda Buccini Anderson

### Coming Events!

**January 11th, 2024**  
**American-Italian Club #2172**  
**\*\*Changed\*\***  
**General Meeting at 6:30pm**  
**See Info Ad Block for Regular**  
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**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Casa Italiana Italian Cultural Ctr  
Free series. ITALIAN STORIES:  
A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME  
AND RESILIENCE  
Antipasti & no host bar - Free  
To register call or email  
Therese Bianchi 206-735-7152  
info@CasaltalianaCC.org

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**  
10:00am - noon  
Bellevue Lodge, #2377  
Free webinar by Italian Interest  
Group (genealogy)  
Register: <https://egs-iig.com>  
Mary DeMatteo Sangalang  
425-649-2250

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
Grand Lodge Crab Dinner  
Holy Family Church, Auburn  
Contact: Debbie Sonstele  
Sonsteli4@hotmail.com  
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*Buon Anno a Tutti!* 2023 was a wonderful year to continue revitalizing the Sons and Daughters of Italy, & I am excited. I see so much opportunity for 2024 to follow up in many ways. We have made our meetings better, more welcoming, and comfortable in all ways that build membership. Last year was a great start to building, strengthening, and showing pride in being a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

If you look around at your meetings and events, I am sure you can see more attendance and excitement to be a part of this great organization.

How have we all done this? **First**, you are excited about being a part of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. **Second**, having fun at your meetings. People always want to be a part of an organization that they enjoy. **Third**, be a welcoming group not only via the Ambassador but each one of us, walking around and saying hello to other members & or guests. A Feeling of connection and being a part of a family. I have seen more lodges welcoming young families with their children. Now, I want to ask that we focus on ways to help our older members continue to be a part of your lodge. Just telling them you will pick them up if they ask is not enough. Reaching out before a meeting or an event and making that offer will mean so much more to a member who cannot drive, or not when it is dark or is not comfortable coming on their own will allow us to benefit from the richness of their Italian experiences. The new year is your opportunity to step forward and become an officer in your lodge. People are there to help you take on the position. January is the month when the nomination committee presents its recommendations for your February elections. Also, January dues are due. Remember, a GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP is a great gift. Get a family member or friend involved.

Our Crab dinner is on Saturday, Feb 10, 2024. Please see the details in this newsletter. We are offering dinner-in as well as a takeout option. It will be a great, fun event. We would appreciate each lodge as well as individuals providing a donation (items, giftcard, etc.) for the raffle. We are also in need of volunteers to make this event successful. Please contact me if you can help. Also, note that the Grand Lodge Scholarship application details are in this newsletter as well as at our [glnw.org](http://glnw.org) website. Lastly, please remember all those whom we have lost this past year & are now in Heaven! Fraternaly,

Linda Buccini Anderson, President, GLNW  
(253) 225-2483 or [linda@glnw.org](mailto:linda@glnw.org)





Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

*Grand Lodge of the  
Northwest*

# Annual Crab Dinner

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Holy Family Church - 505 17th St, Auburn, WA



**\$60.00 per person**

Doors open at 6pm - Dinner served at 7pm

Crab, Pasta, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Bottled Water, Beer & Wine \* Raffle Prizes Galore!!!



**Seating Limited to 250 People  
Buy Your Tickets Early!**



**THIS EVENT SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR - DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.**

*Ticket sales will end February 1, 2024 or when sold out.*



*To-go pick-up sales are also available separately- also \$60 ea.*

For Information and Ticket Sales - Contact:  
Debbie Sonsteli (253) 797-9515 [Sonsteli4@hotmail.com](mailto:Sonsteli4@hotmail.com)

## American-Italian Club

#2172 Spokane WA

Ciao Amici,  
Spokane is glittering brightly through the raindrops as we welcome the New Year. Buon Anno a tutti! Club members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party, as we tabled all December business until our January 11th, 2024 meeting. Members brought in Christmas items they wished to donate for a raffle. And we received a lovely collection of Santas, Snowmen, and beautiful globes, ornaments, and handmade quilts. As always, members brought in delicious dishes for sharing, with extra added festive flair and touches to keep the meeting merry. There were a lot of yummys going around. We closed the evening with a White Elephant exchange that was very entertaining. Da casa nostra all atua Buon Anno! From our house to yours Happy New Year! Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Marcus



## Amerigo Vespucci

#1814 Aberdeen, WA

Buon Anno to all the Northwest Sons and Daughters of Italy, from the members of the Amerigo Vespucci Lodge! Grazie mille to everyone who attended our Christmas Party meeting. A fun and festive time was had by all. The appetizers, drinks, dinner, and desserts were amazing! A special shout-out to our festive prime rib chef, Dennis Rogers. The silent auction provided additional fun to the evening, and was a great success, raising funds for Aberdeen and Hoquiam schools' McKinney Vento Program. Lodge members were



reminded that those who pay their dues by December 19, 2023, will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Safeway gift card. President Joe Chicano also reminded everyone about the wheelbarrow raffle and Valentine Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on February 17, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The Valentine's Dinner is \$20 and is limited to 120 people seating. Take-out dinners will also be available. Contact Mark Percini for

dinner tickets at (360) 532-1983. Wheelbarrow Raffle tickets are \$5 or 6 for \$20. We are still collecting wheelbarrow items at the January meeting. New officer nominations will be presented at our January 18, 2024 meeting. Don't forget about the GLNW Crab Dinner, on February 10, 2024, in Auburn



Amerigo Vespucci wishes Rena Gegen well. She is now living in Olympia. Her address is 3467 Stanfield Rd. SE, Lacey, WA. Her phone number is (360) 580-4555 if you would like to give her a Christmas greeting during her recovery. Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2024!

Judith Braddon, reporter



## Auburn

#1955 Auburn, WA



Auburn Lodge had an abbreviated meeting this December. Most lodge business was deemed a "2024 problem" and we took a moment to celebrate the season together. We did, however, collect a substantial amount of food for the Auburn Food Bank. In addition, we collected over \$700 between donations and raffle proceeds. We also took the time to call up and wish Auburn member Joe Audino a very happy 99th birthday! Kids got a chance to decorate cookies during



the short meeting, and then were in for a real treat... Babbo Natale himself! Santa stopped in to deliver presents to all the kiddos and spread cheer and goodwill to the lodge. We all had a lovely dinner, complete with homemade meatballs and

sauce, and a bevy of homemade desserts. Throughout dinner, we had the lovely Marcella serenade us with live Christmas music on the piano. My friends, this was one for the ages! Thank you to all who made this a special night! In closing, I wanted to wish all Auburn members the happiest of holiday seasons and a prosperous



2024! Please take some time to celebrate with your loved ones and then come celebrate with us, too! (Remember, we're back to our normal meeting date of the second Thursday of the month once again!) Sincerely, Francesco Ortenzo  
Immediate Past President

**Note:** - Auburn Lodge is saddened to report the passing of a former lodge president and member since 1955 - Theresa Payne. We offer our sincere condolences to her family in this time of loss.



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

Buon Anno a Tutti! Happy New Year to All! Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas! At our December meeting, we enjoyed a special Turkey dinner prepared and flown in by Pam Daudet. Thank you for preparing this Big Bird! We appreciate everyone who added to this meal! Welcome to our December guests: Dennis Rogers from Aberdeen Lodge, Bill and Jackie from Cataldo Lodge, and Guest Tony Esquego. December was our Cannoli night! Many Thanks to Bill and Jackie Haberstock for preparing and selling these freshly baked cannoli to our Lodge! We all enjoyed it! Sunshine Committee: We send well wishes to Tony Anderson, Mathew Williams, and Joe Marmo, wishing you all speed in healing! Special Prayers for Pam Daudet who will be undergoing a long-awaited surgery. She needs prayers for recovery and to be back roaming her farm. Has everyone received our new email? We



have a new email system. If you are not receiving emails from the lodge or Grand Lodge please make sure you check your Junk file for our Lodge's new email. The server is IMembers.

Everyone will soon be able to access this program which allows communication among members of our lodge. Instructions will be provided later in the year. Dues are Due! We will be collecting dues at our January lodge meeting. If you would like to continue as a Bella Vita member, please remember to pay your dues. Our dues remain at \$40 for the year. Please bring a check of \$40 made out to "Bella Vita Lodge" or mail a check to Mathew Williams, our Financial Secretary: Mathew Williams, 3738 Kinsale Ln SE, Olympia Wa 98501  
2024 Elections for Officers are approaching. Officers will have a 2-year term. We have several vacating positions. Participation in our lodge is important for Bella Vita to stay active and alive. We hope more members step up to fill these open positions. Consider



being the president, Vice President, or Financial Secretary. Thank you to Shirley Garrison, Ludi Cristofaro, George Stefanini, Aaron Smith, Pam Daudet, Jim Vettori, and Gary Haney for remaining as Bella Vita officers.

If you would like to know more about our open positions you can contact President Sophia, Vice President Vera, and Financial Secretary Mathew. At this time we would like to appreciate and thank all 3 members: Sophia, Vera, and Mathew for their hard work, dedication, and accountability that they provided over the years for Bella Vita!

See you in January! Wishing Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! Buon Anno!



**Bellevue**

#2377, Bellevue, WA

Hello Friends, on December 10th the Bellevue Lodge had our Christmas party at Enzo's in Issaquah.

The party started with appetizers: bread, charcuterie, and arancini, followed by a buffet-style main course of two types of salads: Insalate Mista and Caesar, ravioli with ricotta and spinach, fettuccini Alfredo, and chicken Marsala with mushrooms. And if that wasn't enough it was followed by a dessert selection of either Crème Brûlée, Tiramisu, or gelato. The meal was all so wonderful and afterward, I was ready to take a nap, but then we had our White Elephant gift exchange, which is always the highlight of the party. Many wonderful gifts were exchanged. All the gifts were very nice, unlike one year when someone gifted a pair of squirrel underpants. If you're thinking that sounds crazy, then you know exactly what the face of the person who received the squirrel underpants looked like. The Christmas party was great, but the best part was that we all got together, dressed up a bit, and spent some time together and to share the Christmas spirit. We were grateful to have

**AMERICAN-ITALIAN CLUB NO. 2172**  
**Spokane, WA**  
Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM  
ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH, O'MALLEY HALL  
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Spokane, WA 99202  
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**Judy Anselmo, President**  
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**Linda Marcus, Recording Secretary**  
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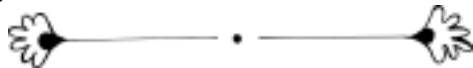
**AMERIGO VESPUCCI LODGE NO. 1814**  
**Aberdeen, WA**  
Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month  
5:30 PM Social, 6:00 Dinner,  
6:30 PM Meeting  
**ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER**  
306 East 3rd, Aberdeen, WA  
**President Joe "Chiacchieri" Chicano**  
360-581-1072  
[cjchicano@comcast.com](mailto:cjchicano@comcast.com)

**AUBURN LODGE NO. 1955**  
**Auburn, WA**  
[www.auburnsonsofitaly.org](http://www.auburnsonsofitaly.org)  
Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month  
Doors Open at 6PM for Social Hour  
Meeting at 7:00PM  
Dinner and Raffle following  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL**  
505 17th Street SE - Auburn, WA. 98002  
**President John Partridge**  
[jpartridge427@gmail.com](mailto:jpartridge427@gmail.com)  
253-350-4922

Laura Cosacchi who had returned from her trip to Italy and brought her son Ricky. Laura had planned to spend a year in Italy but had to return because of visa issues. We're sorry that Laura's trip was cut short, but so happy to see her. We were also grateful to have Tessa Floreano for the first time since she returned from her book signing tour for her book *Italians in the Pacific Northwest*. And we are especially grateful to have Mila Sangalang join us. Mila is our President, Mary DeMatteo Sangalang's, grand-daughter and Mary's son Paul brought Mila to her first Bellevue Lodge Christmas Party. We hope that she will come to many more.

We have sent out applications and instructions to our members for our Lodge Scholarship. There is one \$1000 scholarship available for eligible applicants: children and grandchildren of members who will be attending college or vocational school. The applications need to be sent in no later than February 29th, 2020, and one scholarship for \$1000 will be awarded in May 2024.

I have no sunshine news this month, but I would like to wish everyone great happiness in the New Year. Our next Lodge meeting will be January 4th 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



Relaxing from the vibrant Christmas celebrations and pensive past year reflections, Black Diamond welcomes you into the New Year 2024. Our OSDIA members gathered with their

families and friends for a delicious potluck Christmas feast that included a competitive ornament exchange, a fun-generated unique Christmas sweater contest, and an abundant holiday raffle. President Janice and Treasurer Tommaso gifted everyone with a surprise door prize as they prepared for their trip to Italy for the holiday festivities from which they sent the following greetings. We kicked off our holiday in Rome where



we visited the Fontana di Trevi (a memorable location for our past President Marlene and her husband Michele). We then ventured off to Sulmona, home of President Janice's great-

grandparents to stay four nights at Sei Stelle Bed and Breakfast. From this momentous location, we headed to historic Alberobello, where we stayed in a unique trullo Airbnb before ending our trip in Caserta, known for the baroque Royal Palace and home of our members Salvatore Spirito and Maddalena Costanza. We always return filled with sentimental energy from our great visits to beautiful Italy.



With Black Diamond's proximity to spectacular Mount Rainier, it is most appropriate to introduce you to La Settimana

Bianca which literally translates to mean "the white week," a winter getaway in Italy's alpine wonderlands, i.e. the Dolomites Mountain range and the Northern Italian Alps, before the snow starts to melt and spring arrives. Typically, Italians plan for this weeklong holiday vacation just after they have settled back home following their famous Ferragosto summer holiday break which is normally three weeks off in mid-August. . . how sweet la dolce vita really is!

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

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

**Meeting starts at 6:30pm  
MCLANE GRANGE**

931 Delphi Rd SW, Olympia 98512

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(360) 581-9856

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

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

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

#### **UNITY CHURCH**

16330 Northeast 4th Street  
Bellevue, WA 98008

**Mary DeMatteo Sangalang, President**  
(425) 649-2250 / [collectingroots@msn.com](mailto:collectingroots@msn.com)

**Michele Guerrini, Recording Sec.**  
(425) 746-2487 / [guerrini@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jmalvesticole@gmail.com)



Nominations are actively being encouraged for the 2024-2026 Black Diamond Board of Officers. If you would like to nominate or be a nominee for any of the offices, please contact Leonardo Folino (lennyfolino@yahoo.com) or Marlene Palazzo (mmpalaz@msn.com) who will enthusiastically place the names in nomination. President Janice Malvesti-Cole  
Treasurer Tommaso Cole  
Past President Marlene Palazzo



### *Cataldo*

#2280, Bremerton, WA

Good morning to everyone as we pass from December to January. Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo Our Lodge is serving quite a nice meal for everyone with additional foods such as salads, side dishes, vegetables, and/or desserts to share. Also please donate non-perishable food items to Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank. Many folks are in need of



additional food. The cannoli crew at an indoor area was able to sell quite a bit of cannoli. This has been a new record that has a total of \$1312.00

cannoli, including the Belavita Lodge for \$325.00 dollars and a donation of \$5.00 for pizzelle cookies. That is quite a record for our lodge. The next Bazaar will occur in May. Santa is scheduled to be in force at our meeting on Wednesday the 20th. I have been told there will be lots of activities from Santa and should be wonderful for the children!. We are hoping for lots of children to have some fun with Santa! Another business is that this reminder that our annual dues of \$40.00 are due in January and must be paid no later than March 31, 2024. Cash or a check should be used. If you want to mail a check, please mail it to Cataldo Lodge #2280.

Be safe and don't mail cash. Also, Nominations will be held in January. The election is held in February. Steve Lebeda is our Chairman for the upcoming elections. There will be additional information discussed at our lodge meeting. Birthdays include the following: Frank Lara, Gabe Herndon, and Tommy Thompson are the January Birthday Members! Buoni Compleanni a Tutti ! Sincerely, Diane Clementi



### *Cle Elum*

#1968, Cle Elum, WA

On Sunday, December 10th members of Cle Elum Lodge gathered at the Sunset Café in Cle Elum in friendship and fraternity and to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. Attendees enjoyed a menu of Prime Rib, Salmon, or Chicken along with choices of the Sunset's celebrated desserts.

Lodge President Mike Butorac welcomed all those present. Following dinner, a Gift Exchange was held and managed by members Dee Saldin and Kathi Butorac. It proved to be entertaining and a lot of fun. With the coming of the new year dues of \$40 will be payable in January. Ciao! Respectfully submitted, Rich Grillo, grillogo1@msn.com



### *Mille Cugini*

#2659, Marysville, WA



Our Christmas party was a lovely gathering, complete

#### **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](mailto:habpal@hotmail.com)

#### **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

(509) 674-2940/

[mbutorac\\_cabin@hotmail.com](mailto:mbutorac_cabin@hotmail.com)

Mailing Address: PO Box 361  
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](mailto: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



with Christmas caroling! The many good cooks and bakers in our lodge brought beautiful, yummy food to share. Mark and Chris Gerling came and joined us in a friendly gift exchange.

I hope everyone was happy with how that turned out. We are sad to announce the passing of **our Founding President, Louise Branch**. Thanks to Louise and her husband Barrie, along with Wayne



Harkness, our lodge was started on November 13th, 1991. She passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. She was 91 years old. God bless you Louise.

And may God bless everyone around the world during this Holiday Season, especially those who are enduring sickness, the recent loss of a loved one, or other traumatic events. Happy New Year! Buon Anno!  
Paula (Dellino) Jacoby, Mille Cugini Reporter

*Olympic Peninsula*

#2733, Port Angeles, WA



Greetings from the gateway to the Olympic National Forest. We've had milder temperatures than last year this time and as a result no snow yet. We shall see if it is a White Christmas in 2023.



The November and December meetings found us missing our trusty Treasurer and Secretary, Joe and Yvonne Schipani as they trek throughout Sicily and Calabria Italy, hoping to walk the same streets that Joe's grandparents did. We have been following their adventures on Facebook, but can't wait to have

them back after the first of the year and hear of all their experiences in person. Yvonne does a great job of summarizing our Lodge activities for the newsletter and in her absence, we will attempt to do the same.



We were happy to have State Deputy Jackie Haberstock and Bill Haberstock, President of the Cataldo Lodge in attendance for our holiday gathering on December 17th, and not only because of the delicious food they always contribute. We were delighted to have Bob and Charlotte D'onofrio from the Tacoma Lodge as guests. They shared their joy of being long-

time members of the OSDIA throughout Washington and other states, even Bob holding the position of President at one time. We enjoyed having them with us. We were happy to welcome a new member, Connie Marzovilla into our lodge and hope she is feeling better soon and able to attend future meetings. The Sunshine Committee had a "get well" card signed by all and sent to Connie.

We were pleased to hear that long-time former

**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](mailto: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  
Laura Salle  
[Lsalle@comcast.net](mailto:Lsalle@comcast.net)  
206-371-1662

**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](mailto:motherlodge@yahoo.com)



members, John and Rose Andriolo have purchased a home and settled in Mobile, Alabama. They send their regards to all and are doing well. Member Sandy Mangino has graciously agreed to be the Ambassador for our Lodge. She will work closely with President, Armando Muggia to provide outreach to the community to increase membership and visibility of the Lodge. As a follow-up to old business, President Armando Muggia gave an update as to a location secured for Bacci Ball games in the spring. We will all be looking forward to this activity which will surely be a highlight for the Lodge. Armando also gave a brief history and



explanation of how to play the Italian card games Scopa and Briscola. He has many fond memories of playing these games with family, although watch out. The game can be very competitive! Armando and OSDIA member Claire, who also happens to be his daughter, sported their “Dominick the Italian Christmas Donkey” shirts for the occasion. A good time was had by all as we shared many delicious dishes and all joined in for a “sing along” of the song “Dominick the Italian Christmas Donkey” as performed by Lou Monte. As we close out the year, we at the Olympic Peninsula Lodge wish everyone a festive and happy holiday season. Buon Natale!

Paula Muggia, for Yvonne Schipani – Rec SecSec

*Seattle Fedele*

#1390, Seattle, WA

To start, I want to let you all know that this Crazy Sorella (Elaine) likes to watch Hallmark Christmas Movies, which I do not apologize for, and by the way, I am listening to one now as I type! I hope everyone had

a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed all the good things that brings (I think this newsletter comes out after all the holidays so that is why I am saying it that way).

As promised in the last newsletter, I am starting with the Children's Christmas Party event that was on December 2nd at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Hall. A joyous time was had by all the little ones and a few of the kids (who not be named) thought that Santa was “Papa”. They were assured it was not (good one Mom and Dad). And what about La Befana - she was a pretty classy witch in her designer boots! Thank you for the wonderful food provided by the cooks.



On December 17th, the 1st Annual Christmas/Advent Italian Mass was held at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church, arranged by Angela Peranzi and Cristina Zappoli Ryser (to name a few). There was a reception following which served some traditional Italian sweet & savory treats and a few other things. I was not able to go, but I heard that everyone enjoyed the gathering. Keep an eye out for an announcement of any further events like this. Our lodge meeting on December 21st was our Christmas Party. We had a short meeting to make announcements for upcoming events and then we all got down to the music, eating, drinking, and raffling! Thank you to Bonnie Burch and the two musicians she brought along for the wonderful music. Thank you to the members for bringing the great raffle prizes and

**TRE CITTÀ LODGE #2881  
TRI-CITIES, WA**

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month  
Social/Dinner 5:30 pm

Meeting follows at 7:00 pm

**Bella Italia Restaurant**

7000 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick, WA

**Marcel Bergeron**, President

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**VANCOUVER LODGE NO. 2690  
Vancouver, WA**

Meets the 2nd Thursday  
of each month

**FAMILY OF CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

3500 N.W. 129th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98685

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**ROSANN GRZESIEWSKI**, President

360-601-8410 [ro\\_gar@comcast.net](mailto:ro_gar@comcast.net)

**YAKIMA LODGE NO. 2732  
Yakima, WA**

Meets the  
3rd Thursday  
of each month at 5:30 PM

**HARMAN CENTER**

101 North 65th Avenue  
Yakima, Washington 98908

**Robin Costanzo-Miller**, President

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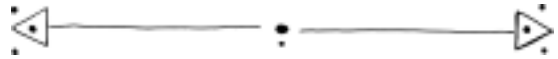
buying all the raffle tickets. I hope everyone was happy with the dinner (I know I was!) of stuffed shells, Italian sausages, salad, and bread. Thank you to the cooks in the kitchen for this meal. And who could forget all the wonderful desserts brought in by the members? I know I had too many! Money was raised by donations to be given to the local food bank.



Travels: Ken Volpone, Danny Volpone, and myself, Elaine Volpone, spent a few days in a Seabrook Vacation Home called the Appleseed. We had a wonderful time driving up and down the coast on the "Beach Highway" and watching the crashing waves come in, playing board games, eating, watching a few Christmas movies (Polar Express and Scrooged), and enjoying each other's company. We hope to do it again soon! If anyone else has travel news or any other news, please let us know.

Upcoming events: Attention all winemakers! Time to pick out your best vintage. It is time for the Big John's Wine Festival event on March 3, 2024, at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Hall. More information will be provided soon. Mark your calendars. Our Banquet is set for April 27, 2024, at Kennedy High School. We know the Grand Council Meeting is also that day, but all who are at the meeting, come on down south and let us fill your evening with more food, music, and raffle prizes, and enjoy how much fun we Italians can have!

To the organizers of these events: one of us Sorrelle can not help with the physical work but will step up the the thinking part. Just putting that out there. Well, time to finish up, the movie is over, and I'm hungry. So in closing, thank you all for putting up with my ramblings! Good night. Elaine Volpone and Christina Volpone Gerling (who provided me with notes)



## Tacoma

#1175, Tacoma, WA

"Oh by gosh by golly in Tacoma we keep it Jolly" Yes, we closed out the year with a hell of a dinner party. There were over 100 jolly attendees and fun and frolic were had by all. Past president Saint Nick/ Nick Santelli (get the connection:) made a fantastic appearance as he Ho Ho'd the crowd. Now we were blessed to



have the kitchen crew and cooks, prepare a feast, consisting of three types of ravioli, mushroom, cheese, and sausage that were to die for, compliments of Laura Macaluso, board member and owner of the incredibly wonderful "Macaluso's Italian Restaurant" but wait Laura also prepared a fantastic marinara sauce, Gina Costanti made her famous pesto sauce and our festive loving president provided his homemade meat

sauce complete with beef, pork ribs, sweet Italian sausage and a bit of veal. Members brought salads, desserts, and antipasto all in all as I said before it was

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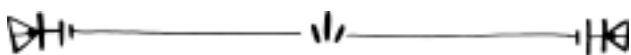


a feast. Leader of the kitchen crew who shows up every meeting at 3:30 and gets everything set to match the theme for the month, then cooks, does dishes, cleans, and locks up...Our own board member the lovely, CINDY ANDERSON we have no idea what we would do without her, we are going to miss you Cindy and we LOVE you. A big end-of-year thank you to the rest of the crew who work so hard Thomas Huff, Tony Camarodo, Gina Costanti, Jef Macaluso, Gloria Tucci, and Egido Fuoco. Any success our lodge dinners have is a direct result of this great group.

Time of year of giving I have to acknowledge, our incredible board members, who continue to just always come through for our lodge. They are VP Janet Fritz, past president Janis Stauffer, and the two extra effort ladies Gail Messina and Judi Bambini (money girls). The ever so cute and dependable Garitone girls, Mary and Julie, newest and most fun Vicki Zink. What a fun group. Our State deputy has been very patient the last four years putting up with my not-so-traditional way of running the lodge but his diplomacy with me has proven to right the ship during my stormy times, for this, I'm very grateful, thank you Mr. Bill Haberstock.

Thank you to National and State officers for coming to our dinners Mr. Tony Andersson Grand Lodge president Linda Anderson and Rosetta Beyersdorf, I think they almost have heart attacks every time I speak. but they are always there to help and kinda keep me on course. Merry Christmas to all of you and your families. Thank everybody for making this last year so exciting and fun, I pray for peace and happiness to you all.

God Bless and Happy New Year Everybody  
David Madrid, President of the 100-year-old "Mother Lodge of the Northwest"



### *Tre Città*

#2881, Tri-Cities, WA

This past month, our Lodge had our Annual Christmas Party that was hosted by Jack and Julianne Barnaby on Sunday, Dec. 10th. It was a great social event that was attended by many of our lodge members including three new lodge members who will be joining us in January. We had lots of wonderful vino, tasty



appetizers, side dishes, and wonderful dolce that was enjoyed by all who came. Our heartfelt thanks go to Jack and Julianne for hosting this magnificent annual event and to all our members who brought some delicious food and treats to share. I have included a few pictures of those who attended.



This past year was a very productive one for our Lodge. Through the generosity of lodge members and the patrons to our Annual Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle, we awarded three, \$1,500 scholarships to some local

students and made several donations to some worthy local charities that make our lodge immensely proud. They included: \$600 to 4 local chapters of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. \$500 to Grace Kitchen, a nonprofit bistro and store that sells pasta and other food products in Pasco that offers hope and opportunity for change to women survivors of trafficking, addiction, homelessness, and poverty. \$500 to Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities (TROT). TROT promotes the physical, psychological, and social well-being of people with special needs by providing animal-assisted therapies and activities in the Tri-Cities area. \$500 for Modern Living Services (MLS). MLS seeks to provide independent housing options, life skills, and educational resources for developmentally disabled individuals in Benton and Franklin Counties. \$500 to Tri-City Prep, a local Catholic High School, whose students provided table service at our Annual Pasta Dinner and Basket raffle.

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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. From our lodge to yours, Felice Anno Nuovo!!! Ciao for Now.  
Marcel P. Bergeron, President



### Vancouver USA

#2690, Vancouver, WA

Buon Anno Nuovo!! A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT ROSANN GRZESIEWSKI, "Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday! Wishing you many blessings in the New Year. Just want to thank you all for your support and hard work in 2023! Looking forward to a great 2024!"

OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2024 will be on Thursday, January 11th with speaker Joe Cavelli, a history professor at Clark College who has spent extended time in Italy. Dinner at 6:30 PM. We will be serving Ravioli, Salad, Bread, and Dessert. If you can bring a salad or dessert, please let Barbara Blair know. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. RSVP to Barbara Blair at blairbjb@comcast.net or (360)253-7984 no later than Monday, January 8th.

TIME AGAIN for our annual dues of \$38.00 this month. Please mail your check of \$38.00 payable to OSDIA to PO Box 823295, Vancouver WA 98682 or you can pay at the January meeting.

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO will be on Tuesday, January 9th 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 a \$1.00 to participate

GAME NITE will be Saturday, January 19th at 7:00 PM

at Bruce and Barbara Blair's home. RSVP at (360)253-7984 if you plan to attend.

DINE OUT this month will be at a new Italian restaurant in Vancouver, Nostra Tavola, located at The Mill (old Garrison Square) 8070 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver 98664, (360) 433-9315. Check out their menu on nostratavola.com. We will meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 23rd. RSVP to Barbara Blair at (360)253-7984 or blairbjb@comcast.net no later than Saturday, January 20th if you plan to attend.

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, January 15th at Star Bucks in Barnes & Noble, 7700 E. Fourth Plain Blvd at 2 pm to discuss our book selection, Book One of author Camilla Trinchieri's Tuscan mystery series entitled Murder in Chianti. We have selected The Lady of Lake Como by author Terrence Williamson for our March meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024. Both books are available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

CLUB NEWS: Dee Newbern visited with family in California in December. Louise Rammuno-Johnson with her sister spent the Christmas holidays in Colorado. Buon compleanno to our January birthdays!! SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: It is with sadness that long time Judy Johnson passed away on December 6th. She was a hard worker and volunteer and made the best macaroni salad. Please keep her family in your prayers. Linda Cherney is home recovering from knee surgery. Blessings for good health in 2024 to all our members and their families. Tante auguri per 2024!!!  
Barbara Blair



### Yakima

#2732, Yakima, WA

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! We truly hope that you are all healthy and happy this year. The decision was made to not have a December meeting this year, but instead to have a combined Christmas and New Year meeting in January. The decision was based on the amount of illness in our community and among our members.

This Christmas season has brought some very sad news for our lodge. On December 17th our long-time member Joanne Wells passed away. Joanne has lived

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in Spokane for the past few years to be close to family and returned to a facility in Yakima this past year. Joanne was the Yakima Treasurer for several years and will be remembered for

her beautiful smile and generous heart. Her service will be at St Paul's Cathedral in Yakima on January 6th at 11:00 AM with a reception following at Brookside Funeral Home in Moxee. The following day, December 18th we lost our beloved Joe Ficele. Joe and his sister Eleanor have been members of the Yakima Lodge nearly since its inception. Joe was also a member of the Aberdeen and Auburn Lodges. Joe served as the Yakima Deputy for several years. He was always there



for information and advice based on his past active work within the Grand Lodge. Information will follow on service arrangements for Joe. Joe and

Joanne will be greatly missed and leave a tender spot in our hearts. Others to remember in your thoughts and prayers are Beverly Arralde, Dick Picatti, and Stephen Fancuillo. Our January meeting will be on Jan 18th at the Harman Center at 5:30 PM. Watch your email for further details. We will look forward to seeing everyone! Love and blessings to all of you. Raffle item for paying our rent is always appreciated. Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Fasano

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- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or enrolled in a post – secondary course of study.
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- Letter of recommendation from sponsor (or if applicant is self-sponsored, from another OSDIA member)
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, coach, or community leader.
- One recent photo of applicant for the Northwest Italian News.
- One copy of the applicant’s most recent transcript.
- A personal statement in three parts (each should be fewer than 150 words).
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  - 3) How have you given back to the community? How will you give back after your studies?
- A copy of the signed Acknowledgement at the bottom of this form.
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