

Italian Businessmen's Club

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L'angolo Della Cultura

Italy is well known for its veneration of local saints. The Neapolitans have San Gennaro, the Florentines San Giovanni, and the Milanese Sant' Ambrosio. But the most widely known Italian saint hailed from Rome, St. Valentine. There is much controversy surrounding St. Valentine. The exact dates of his life, deeds, and martyrdom are still debated. The official Catholic version has St. Valentine living in Rome circa 280 AD. He was a bishop during the Diocletian persecution. Having tried to convert the Emperor himself Valentine was decapitated on February 14th. He was buried near the Flaminian Gate (Porta del Popolo) that at one time was called the Gate of Valentine. It wasn't until Geoffrey Chaucer's *Parliament of Foules* did St. Valentine gain popularity. Today St. Valentine's day is for lovers. St. Valentine is often confused with the Roman god Cupid, the offspring of the god of war Mars and the goddess of love Venus.

Attention – Dues are Due!!!

It's that time of year again. Dues are due. Please mail a check to the address above in the blue field, or bring cash to the next general meeting on 10 February at Giovanni's. Dues this year are \$50.00 a head. However you can donate as much as you like to the scholarship fund, which is tax deductible. There will be no Government bailout on this one. So pay your dues and donate freely to the scholarship fund.

Next General Meeting

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, 10 February at 6.00 p.m. sharp. The venue will be at Giovanni's Restaurant located in downtown Beaverton off of Hall Blvd. Come meet your new chain of command. Your input is important so please attend. – Don't forget to wear your IBC shirt.

New Officers

Congratulations to the new IBC officers!

Chairman of the Board:	Roger Cherry
President:	Frank Genovese
Vice President:	Guido La Cesa
Secretary:	Bob Iannacone
Treasurer:	George Spada

Please welcome Massimo Corona to the Board as well.

Upcoming Events

February is chalk full of events. Here are just a few;

Films

Feb. 6, Friday, 6:30 (and again Monday, Feb. 9 at 6:00). The International Film Festival presents Italian film, "Gomorra" based on Roberto Saviano's bestselling 2006 book about the Camorra, set in Naples. Portland Art Museum's Whitsell Auditorium; 1219 SW

Park Ave. Vice Consul Andrea Bartoloni will introduce the film and PBSCA co-director Angela Zagarella will say a few words about PBSCA on Feb. 6.

Feb. 14, Saturday, 8:30 (and again Monday, Feb. 16 at 7:00). The International Film Festival presents Italian film, *Il Divo*, about the life and times of Giulio Andreotti. Whitsell Auditorium; 1219 SW Park Ave. For more information, please see <http://www.portlandartmuseum.org/nwfilm/piff/32/faq/>

Events

On Saturday the 21st of February there will be a **Sweetheart Dinner Dance** at the Paisano Club. Cederville Park in Gresham 6:00 until... Cost is \$11.00 per person, come and join Donna and I for a fun evening. Tickets at the door or from Bill Marinelli 503-244 8558 or 360 600-8855.

The Family Festa di Carnevale: Date: Sunday February 22nd, 2009

Time: doors open at 2:45 pm

Where: Mountain Park Clubhouse

2 Mt. Jefferson Terrace

Lake Oswego OR 97035 ---Ticket prices-Afternoon only: \$10 per person (adults and children 2 years old and older)

Dinner only: \$10 per child (2 to 15 years old); \$20 adult and children 15 and older. --- To reserve your spots and purchase tickets mail payment (checks only please) to:

Festa di Carnevale

Scuola Italiana di Portland

PO Box 6507

Portland, OR 97228-6507 --- There will be a silent auction in the afternoon.

Visions of Venice – When? 21 February is a masquerade ball benefitting Samaritan Counseling Centers. The venue will be the Rose Room at the Rose Garden in Portland. 6:30 p.m. is a silent auction with a banquet and live auction following shortly at 8.00 p.m. Ticket prices are: \$125 per couple and \$75 for singles. Johnny English – Doug Feller and Beth Donnelly along with Gabriel Guerrero will provide the entertainment. For tickets and more information please visit www.unicopdx.com. This is a UNICO sponsored event.

Ci Vediamo alla Prossima Volta