
SEATTLE TRENTINO CLUB

June 2010

Dates to Save

July 23 - 25

ITTONA Convention in Toronto

August 15

Ferragosto Polenta Picnic

September 24 - 26

Festa Italiana Seattle

Some Faces from ITTONA Meet & Greet in April at Café Revò



From left to right: Row 1 - Mary Beth Moser, ITTONA Past President Gene Pellegrini, Gayle Maganzini, ITTONA President Ben Maganzini, Cindy Franch Spengler, Richard Rotruck, Savanna Barker; Row 2 - Christy Newhouse, Denny Johnson, Maggie Newhouse, Sean Barker, Shantelle Barker, Bruce Johnson, Alexia Johnson.

**See next page for some details on the Polenta Picnic --
more coming in July. Kids, don't miss Celeste's column!**

**As a paid member you are being sent a roster of the
current membership -- 43 households, 105 individuals!**

Thank you for your support!

An application form is included for friends or family.

Ferragosto Polenta Picnic Site Selected

The board has selected a site in Des Moines for our Polenta Picnic on August 15. Landmark on the Sound, the former Masonic Home, is a classic Edwardian-style building which has a nice rustic picnic grounds in the woods behind it.

There is a covered kitchen area, another larger shelter and loads of picnic tables with attached benches.

In addition, there is a nice large lawn ideal for volleyball, badminton or *bocce*.

There will be more details in the July newsletter. You might want to familiarize yourself with the song *La Bella Polenta* (see next column) so we can all join in the singing to accompany the kids' dance.

Do You Play a Portable Musical Instrument?

The club now has three accordionists, a drummer and a violinist that we know of. If you play a portable musical instrument, now is the time to get it out, dust it off and practice a little in preparation for the picnic.



Joan Barker Yesterday, 1:32
PM



Attention kids! This is OUR Song!

"La Bella Polenta"

I'm working on a number for us to do at the Polenta Picnic. I'm hoping all of you school-age kids will be a part of this. We will have fun and get to know each other better.

The song can be found online at:

<http://italiasempre.com/verita/labellapolenta1.htm>
When you open the site, you will see the words (in Italian), for the song and you will hear the music with singing in Italian. It is a catchy tune and I hope you'll take the time to get familiar with it and to learn to sing along with it.

Some of the words are in dialect rather than proper Italian, so they may be spelled differently, or even be completely different words. Here are the song's words and their translations: *quando*=when; *la bela polenta*=the beautiful polenta; *cosi*=like this; *si pianta*=it's planted; *la cresce*=it grows; *fiorisce*=it flowers; *si smissia*=it's mixed; *si taia*=it's cut; *si mangia*=it's eaten; *si gusta*=it's enjoyed; *fenisce*=it finishes. *Cia cia pum* is sort of like la-di-dah. So, the first verse would be "When the beautiful polenta is planted, it's planted like this" and so on until it's "finished".

I'm going to put together a simple dance to go with it. Soon we will set a couple of dates to get together and practice before the Polenta Picnic. I can't wait to see how it comes together!

Celeste Henry
Youth Representative

Do you want to “grow” your family tree?

There is new help online. On April 12, the province of Trentino posted *Nati in Trentino* <http://www.natitrentino.mondotrentino.net/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=23739&mode=2>, a database of births in Trentino between 1815 and 1923. This has been in the works for quite a while, and they expect eventually to add records of marriages and deaths. This makes the information available from the comfort of your own home (or library).

It is necessary to register to use the site. Once that is done you can search by specific person or by surname only, and either by village or all villages. The info has the person's name, date of birth, and names of both parents.

A couple of helpful hints: 1. Sign in with your e-mail address, then click on “Forgot password”. This will take you to another screen where you can enter your password, which must consist of 8 characters -- at least one each of upper case letter, lower case letter and numeral. 2. Once you have signed in, enter the requested information. If you do not find the information on the first try, start eliminating information fields -- i.e. your grandmother may be Beppina to you and show up in church records as Giuseppina; the baptism may have taken place in a neighboring town, etc. In my case my grandmothers siblings were all found with ease by showing their last name only (Fellin), but going back another 20 - 40 years, there was almost nobody with that last name born in the town. I finally managed to locate their father and his siblings listed under the name Fellini.

Good luck in your search!



It's not too late to go to Toronto!

Time is growing short, but it is still possible to register for the ITTONA 2010 Biennial Convention in Toronto. The absolute latest date when registrations will be accepted is **July 9**. It is my understanding that the convention hotel is booked, but there is a possibility of other nearby accommodations. Some highlights of the program are:

North American premiere of the film *The Klondike's Calling* which features elements of the book *Gold* written by Seattle brothers Silvio and Clemente Boldrini.

Italian Citizenship Forum covering issues and questions with Trentini nel Mondo legal expert Lara Olivetti.

Worldwide launch of *Beyond the Threshold of Time* with an autograph session by author Alberto Folgheraiter. Complimentary book given to full-package registrants only.

Seattle Trentino Club members attending so far include Joe Zuech, Clete Boldrin (a member of the aforementioned Boldrini family), and STC President Joan Barker.

Are you sure you don't want to go too?

SEATTLE TRENTINO CLUB

Application for Membership

Name of Trentino/a _____

Name of partner _____

Names and ages of children in household:

Street address _____

Telephone(s) _____

E-mail address(es) _____

Relationship to emigrant(s), their names and the town(s) from which they
emigrated, if known: _____

We are collecting stories of the emigration and subsequent histories of our members' families. We hope you will share this information with the group. Please use the back of this page.

Please send completed Application for Membership with \$25/household 2010 membership fee to:

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