

SEATTLE TRENTINO CLUB

August 2011

Dates to Save

August 28

September 24 - 25

Ferragosto Polenta Picnic

Festa Italiana Seattle



Join us for this special day! Second Annual Ferragosto Polenta Picnic

Sunday, August 28, is the date for Seattle Trentino Club's Second Annual Ferragosto Polenta Picnic. You should have received a flyer which contains details and driving instructions to reach our site at Landmark on the Sound in Des Moines. If not, please call Joan Barker 206-878-4502 or e-mail at joanbarker@mac.com

We do need some help from members to put on this event. Please let us know if you can help with the following items:

- ★ **Sound system** - Last year we used a boom box and it didn't quite do the job. We have microphones and the boom box. Perhaps all we need is adequate speakers. Can you help?
- ★ **Canopy** - Last year we experienced temperatures in the 90s and we could have used an EZ-UP-type canopy to shelter the food service tables from the direct sun. Of course there is always the possibility of rain as well. Do you have a canopy we could use for the day?
- ★ **Helpers** - We will need volunteers to help fill the following time slots:
 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - four (4) persons to help with picnic setup
 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - four (4) persons to help with food preparation
 - 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. - two (2) persons to help with kitchen/food preparation
 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - eight (8) persons to help with clean up.

When you pre-register for the picnic, please let us know where you could help out!

Plans for Festa Italiana booth progressing well

Our request to the Province of Trentino for materials for our booth at Seattle's Festa Italiana was answered with a shipment of 20 boxes of wonderful brochures, posters, books, flashlight/keyrings, ball-point pens, and tote bags. It will be very surprising if there is not a surge in tourism between Washington State and Trentino as a result of our display!

We thought this would be a good way to introduce ourselves to the other Italian groups and to the community at large. Many of them seem completely unfamiliar with the beautiful countryside of Trentino and all the opportunities it presents for recreational pursuits. We are planning on distributing information about our club, as well as the materials from the province. Hopefully we will find more folks of Trentino origin who will want to become members.

We will need volunteers to man the booth on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, of course. We haven't received information about set-up times as yet, but I'm assuming they will be on Friday, September 23. We will definitely need help for that and also for take-down after the Festa closes on Sunday. More on this later.

Dante Aligheri Society Italian Classes Now Registering

All levels Italian language classes meet at Seattle University campus. Classes fill quickly. Act now! For information and/or to register go to: www.danteseattle.org.

We've included a Membership Application

If you have received a membership list with this newsletter, your dues are paid, but maybe you have a friend or relative who would be interested in joining the Seattle Trentino Club. If you have not received a membership list with this newsletter, it means your 2011 dues have not yet been received. We would love to have you become a part of our group and help us to honor, celebrate and pass on the traditional legends, music, arts and foods of Trentino.



By Tom Agosti

Have you ever thought about tracing your Trentino heritage, but wondered just how to start? Ever wondered what genetic testing (Y-DNA, mtDNA) might add to your genealogy research? Or are you well versed in the tools and techniques, and want to share resources?

Then this is your corner, as I would like to share and swap what I have discovered over the course of my Italian research. If interested, please contact me at tagosti@autovat.com

Here is a fun website for starters - here you can look up your family name in Trentino (or any other region), and find the towns where that name is most common. <http://italia.indettaglio.it/eng/cognomi/cognomi.html>

Conversely, you can look up your family's ancestral town or village and find the five most common family names there, as well as other information like photos, maps, video, real time news, and weather. <http://italia.indettaglio.it/eng/comuni/comuni.html>

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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 2011 membership fee to:

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