

# La Voce della Dante

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May 2012

## May English Meeting - Joyce Ramee, Lecture and Live Performance: Italian Composers

Wednesday, May 9th, 6:30 pm, Headquarters House

**D**ante Society member Joyce Ramee, co-director of the Max Aronoff Viola Institute, will be the presenter at the May 9<sup>th</sup> English meeting of Dante. Her program will be about two Italian composers, one rather well-known, the other not so well-known. There will be brief anecdotal information about the men and their music and lots of beautiful live chamber music performed by Joyce and MAVI friends.

In addition, Joyce invites you to her 2012 Aronoff Festival Concerts at Bastyr University Chapel, June 22 and 23 at 7:30 PM and June 24 at 4:00 PM. Bastyr Chapel is located at 14500 Juanita Drive, Kenmore. Joining Joyce will be featured performers Seattle Symphony Clarinetist Larey McDaniel, Pacific Northwest Ballet concertmaster, Michael Lim, and Washington D.C. violist and fiddler Ellen McGlone, as well as colleagues from Seattle. Programs include Mozart's "Kegelstatt Trio", Brahms' c-minor piano quartet, Beethoven's Serenade, Op. 8 and more. For the third year, the Aronoff Festival Concerts are co-sponsored by Kirkland's Parklane Art Gallery. Works from Parklane are on display and available for purchase at all concerts!



Now for the fun part!! Dante members can get TWO FREE passes to the concerts. (This saves you the \$10/person/concert donation at the door!) Joyce will have program flyers and these passes at the May 9th Dante English meeting. Just ask her that night, or email her at: [mavijramee@aol.com](mailto:mavijramee@aol.com) (put Aronoff Concerts in your subject line).

For specific program and artist listings, please see our website at [www.viola.com/aronoff](http://www.viola.com/aronoff) You can also check out Parklane Gallery's beautiful work at [www.parklanegallery.com](http://www.parklanegallery.com).

## Upcoming Events

Wed, May 9th:  
Joyce Ramee,  
Lecture and  
Live Performance:  
Italian Composers



There will be no Italian meeting for the month of May.



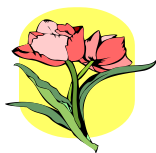
## New Activity Line Phone Number

**E**ffective immediately, the phone number for DAS, including the Activity Line, has changed to:

425-243-7663

The email to make for pre-Dante pasta reservations remains the same:

[dante.reserve@gmail.com](mailto:dante.reserve@gmail.com)



## Welcome to Our New Members

### Benvenuti Nuovi Membri

Janna Wachter  
Gary & Anne Wright

**We thank you for your  
support of DAS.**

## \* DAS Star List 2012\*

While we appreciate those who support our Society through membership dues & volunteering, stars are awarded to those making extra cash contributions which allows us to provide additional services.

Grazie Mille for supporting the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington.

### Bronzo up to \$25

- \* Borriello, Rosa
- \* Gillett, Debra Rovetto
- \* Orsi, Catherine
- \* Schwartz, Peni

### Argento \$26 to \$50

- \* Caldirola, Dennis
- \* Crawford, Dick & Barbara
- \* Cottrell, Dave & Jane
- \* DeMatteis, Dan & Carol
- \* Hoffman, Pat
- \* Hundertmark, Louise
- \* Napoli, Toni
- \* Sportelli, Domenic & Louise
- \* Tobe, Robert & Magdalena

### Oro \$51 to \$100

- \* Fonzo, Emilio
- \* Forte, Giselda
- \* Mascio, Marcella
- \* Minotti, Dominick

### Platino—over \$100

- \* Harmon, Gini
- \* Pietrafesa, Louise

## From the President's Desk

And it really is spring ... welcome to May! The warm sunny days have started to show themselves and the days are getting longer. I hope you are able to enjoy our recent sunshine as much as I have.

The April English meeting was our annual business meeting and election. Thanks to Bruce Leone for preparing a financial report and to Sylvia Shiroyama and Carol DeMatteis for preparing a wonderful meal, both lasagne were great! Also thanks to Norizan Paterra for the heavenly tiramisu and to all who brought antipasti and vino to share. Most importantly thanks to all of you who were able to attend and participate in our board election.

The election started with Toni Napoli's presentation of the slate of candidates, which consisted of most of your 2011-2012 board, the only change being that Louise Pietrafesa tossed her hat in the ring for the position of Secretary. All who were nominated were accepted and elected.

Joyce Morinaka, after serving as our Secretary and previously as a Consigliere has decided to take some much deserved time off from the board. Thank you Joyce for all that you have done for Dante and for all of your help with the sponsorships and support from Tutta Bella. We are looking forward to seeing you at our English and Italian meetings and, as with all members, you are always welcome to attend board meetings any time you would like.

I enjoyed our Italian meeting on April 25th featuring our very own Giuseppe Tassone who gave a presentation about the PLIDA certification. As you may recall our language school was recognized this year and granted the distinction of being a PLIDA testing center, a real acknowledgement of the strength of the program.

Our final meeting of the season will be our May English program and it will be a very special one indeed. Joyce Ramee will be presenting a program called "Lecture and Live Performance of Music by Italian Composers". You may recall Joyce's last program and performance, it was truly amazing and something you just can't get anywhere else. This is a program you do not want to miss! I know you will enjoy it and I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. The program will be on May 9th and the pre-Dante pasta dinner will start at our usual 6:30 pm.

It has been my honor to serve this organization and I look forward to continuing in our next season. The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington is strong, vibrant, and fun because of all the passion and interest that each of you bring to all of our events. I want to thank our board for all that you have done and continue to do in helping to steer our organization. It can not be overstated how much our success comes from your hard work and dedication. Thank you all.

*Frank Paterra*



## Language Program News by Giuseppe Tassone Italian Language Program Director

**S**pring quarter started on March 29<sup>th</sup> with three sections of Italian taught by Laura Ciroi, Michela Tartaglia and Daniel Zanchi. The Italian language program of the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington runs from October to June with a class break every ten weeks. This quarter is the third and last quarter for all levels. Students completing the elementary level are eligible to take the intermediate level in the fall while students in the intermediate level can continue with the advanced level. Students have also the option of repeating a level if they think that they didn't reach the language proficiency required to go to the next level.

We do not offer summer courses, however Dante students can consider taking summer courses at the University of Washington since during UW's Summer Quarter anyone can enroll. In addition, Washington residents 60 years or older can attend class as auditing students through the ACCESS program. To find out more about these options go to: [www.summer.washington.edu/summer/home.asp](http://www.summer.washington.edu/summer/home.asp)

If a student decides to take a summer Italian class at the University of Washington, we can then place the student in the appropriate level in our program in the fall.

The 2012-13 Italian Language Program schedule will be posted on our website ([www.danteseattle.org](http://www.danteseattle.org)) mid-June. If you are interested in registering for fall quarter try to do so at the beginning of the registration period. Classes fill up quickly.

Complete information about our program is available at: [www.danteseattle.org](http://www.danteseattle.org)

For questions, contact the director Giuseppe Tassone at: [info@danteseattle.org](mailto:info@danteseattle.org)

### DAS Star List

**T**he names noted on the donation list on page 2 are those donations received from September 2011 through this publication date. These names will remain on this list through December 31, 2012.

Consider making a donation to DAS as these donations help DAS maintain the excellent programs and activities sponsored. Everyone benefits!

## Election Results

**B**oard members for 2012-13 were elected at the April English meeting. The May English meeting concludes programming for the year and will resume in September.

This will be the last La Voce until September.

Board members for 2012-13 are as follows:

President: Frank Pattera  
Vice President: Sylvia Shiroyama  
Secretary: Louise Pietrafesa  
Treasurer: Bruce Leone

Counselors:

Dan DeMatteis  
Mike Foster  
Houghton Lee  
Toni Napoli

### Board Meeting

**T**he last board meeting for the 2011-2012 year was held May 2nd, 2012. The next board meeting will be in the fall.

Meetings are held from 7:00-8:30 pm and are open to all members.



## La Voce

Spring is here in Georgia but it's feeling like summer already as we're into the 80s temperature wise. It means the a/c was turned on early!

If you traveled and found something or a place interesting and related to the Italian culture, send photos or an article about your experience. Or maybe you've tried a great new Italian restaurant or read a great book. We would love to hear about it. These are all things that make a great La Voce so submissions are welcome. Submit, submit . . .

*Linda*

## Delivering La Voce to Members



Just a reminder that La Voce will not be sent to the membership via an email attachment. For many emails, the file size is too large. Instead, an email will be sent to members that includes a link to the current issue of La Voce on the DAS website. Just click on the link and you will have La Voce to read for your pleasure.

Adobe Reader is necessary to be able to view La Voce. You can download this program from the DAS website.

And be sure your email box isn't full.

## Inclement Weather Procedure

With winter not over yet, weather can still be prickly. Let's hope there is no repeat of the ice and snow storm of January and the snow again in March. Hopefully, spring is just around the corner! In case it's not when schools, community centers, and businesses are closing early or remain closed, we



will postpone any scheduled meeting for Headquarters House. We will do our best to have a message on the DAS reservation line, 425-243-7663, to let you know if our meeting needs to be canceled. If the weather is treacherous in your area, PLEASE DO NOT attempt to travel to Headquarters House, we want everyone to be safe.

## Reminder: New DAS Mailing Address

Please remember to use the DAS new post office box address that took effect last year:

Dante Alighieri Society  
PO Box 9494  
Seattle, WA 98109

Even better is to mail membership checks and new memberships or reimbursement requests directly to Bruce Leone, Treasurer, at:

Bruce Leone  
2522 2nd Ave West  
Seattle, WA 98119

## Membership Roster Available

DAS has a membership roster available for those interested. It's a pdf file that can be emailed as an attachment and then printed out.

To have one emailed to you contact Bruce Leone at:

[bruceleo@earthlink.net](mailto:bruceleo@earthlink.net)





## La Voce Needs You!

**T**ell a story, write an article, share your Italian heritage; send via email (as a Word document) to LTHdesign@comcast.net. You can also mail it via regular mail to Linda Heimbigner, 4355 Little Falls Drive, Cumming, GA 30041. Keep things coming!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles.

Article submission deadline:

<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u>
Sept 2012	August 20th, 2012

Let's see some articles come in for the new season that begins September 2012!

### Dante on the Internet!

Check our website. It has links to our recent newsletters (including this one) as well as information on speakers and other matters of interest. Our web address is:

<http://das.danteseattle.org/>

## Pre-Dante Pasta

**J**oin us for the pre-Dante Pasta dinner preceding the English language programs. **To attend the dinner, reservations are required. The only way to make these reservations is by calling the activity line at (425) 243-7663 by 5 pm on the Monday before the meeting or send your request via email to: dante.reserve@gmail.com.**

*Please remember to bring your homemade Italian desserts to finish off this great meal.*

This is a communally prepared meal – the preparations start at 5:30 and the meal is served at 6:30. People who come early help with set up and cooking, those who come late help with the clean up.

Pasta dinner cost is \$8 per person, \$15 per couple, if reservations are received on the Activity Line by 5 pm on Monday before the meeting. Late reservations and walk-ins are charged \$10 per person and subject to availability. We meet at Headquarters House, 2336 15th Avenue, Seattle, WA. DAS will not be providing wine for the pre-Dante pasta dinners so bring your own wine to enjoy and share with others.



### Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

*"Società per la diffusione della  
lingua e della cultura italiana  
nel mondo"*

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PNW**



The following is information about the scheduled hike for May:

May 12th

*Destination:* Cedar Butte

*Classification:* E

*Distance/Time:* 3 miles RT

*Elevation Gain:* 900 feet

*Highest Point:* 1880 feet

*Contact:* John Burnett

(johnsb42@hotmail.com or 425-881-5736)

Please contact John by Thursday, May 10th if you plan to go.

Cedar Butte may be the least visited mountain in the Snoqualmie Pass corridor. The smallish butte stands between the popular Rattlesnake Lake and the remote Chester Morse Lake in the Cedar River watershed area. This butte's lack of popularity, though, has more to do with the lack of publicity than its dearth of scenery. Indeed, Cedar Butte offers plenty of scenic spectacle. Bring your lunch and meet at the trail head 10:00 am. A WA Discover Pass is necessary to park.

*Directions:*

Drive east on I-90 to exit 32 (436th Avenue SE). Turn right (south) on 436th Avenue SE (Cedar Falls Road SE) and drive about 4.5 miles, passing the Rattlesnake Lake parking area, until you find the Iron Horse Trail head parking area on the left.



## DAS Cookbook

The Dante cookbook is work in progress. The following is a recipe from the cookbook that was submitted by Adele Lord.

### Panzanella (Bread Salad)

The Italians have a great respect for bread and feel very guilty if they have to waste any, so the *panzanella* was created to use up old bread.

Leftover, good Italian bread, cubed

A little parsley chopped

A few leaves of basil, torn

Tomatoes, in bite size pieces

Greek and black olives

A head of fennel

A hard-boiled egg

Cucumber and celery, cut in pieces

Small bunch of arugula, chopped

Whatever left over things you find in the refrigerator

Dressing: Oil and vinegar

Dip the bread in cold water for just a few seconds. Put in bowl, add rest of ingredients and toss together.

In a bowl, mix 3/4 parts of a good olive oil and 1/4 part of red wine vinegar. Mix and pour over salad and keep tossing until very well mixed. Let it stand for a short while before serving to absorb all the flavors. Serve with a good red wine. *Buon appetito!*

NOTE: No measurements are necessary. Use your own taste and ideas because you cannot go wrong!

## La Voce Contributors Needed

May concludes the program year so this will be the last La Voce until September. During this break, do consider what articles, pictures, reviews that would work for La Voce. Maybe you've read a great book by an Italian author or traveled somewhere that had some great finds related to the Italian culture. And, by nature, Italians love great food so have you run across a neat little Italian restaurant in Seattle or even somewhere else in the U.S.

Articles are always welcome in advance via email. Please send to: LTHDesign@comcast.net

Enjoy your summer and hope to hear from some of you.



# Seattle's Top 10 Italian Restaurants

These were the top 10 Italian restaurants listed by Courtney Shannon Strand who is a former About. Com guide. How many have you been to, do you agree with the review, or do you have other restaurants you feel should be added? Let me know at [LTHDesign@comcast.net](mailto:LTHDesign@comcast.net).

1) *Assaggio Ristorante*, 2010 4th Ave, 206-441-1399

With Michelangelo-inspired décor, the place is a buzz with welcoming chatter. You may just meet owner Mauro Golmarvi there, he's known to travel from table to table ensuring each diner's satisfaction. The carefully composed menu of central and northern Italian cuisine has received praise since Assaggio first opened its doors. Choose from pasta, chicken, veal, and seafood entrees.

2) *Café Juanita*, 9702 NE 120th Pl, Kirkland, 425-823-1505

Café Juanita is named for the creek it sits beside, and is influenced by true Italian cuisine, not the red sauce-and-cheese kind. Featuring smooth foie gras, sweetbreads in Marsala sauce, perfectly seared yellow fin tuna, and bacon-wrapped roasted rabbit. The excellent wine list offers choices for a perfect pairing.

3) *The Pink Door*, Pike Place Market, 1919 Post Alley, 206-443-3241

You know you've found the restaurant when you see the metal pink door in the Post Alley of Pike Place Market. Call ahead for reservations; this place gets booked, but it's worth it. Enjoy a martini on the rooftop overlooking Elliott Bay, or have a cozy dinner indoors in an Italian atmosphere.

4) *Serafina*, Eastlake, 2043 Eastlake Ave. E, 206-323-0807

The lush heated outdoor garden in the back is the place to be. If you want a seat there, you must make a reservation. Otherwise, you can view the bustling traffic of Eastlake out front while you dine. Either way, you'll find the antipasti heavenly.

5) *Café Lago*, 2305 24th Ave E, 206-329-8005

There is always a line for the cuisine at Café Lago. It's been a local favorite for many years. Their homemade lasagna has diners coming back for more. And their wood-fired pizzas with crisp crusts and savory toppings are top notch. Pastas are house-made.

6) *Il Terrazzo Carmine*, 411 1st Ave S., 206-467-7797

Nestled in historic Pioneer Square, the romantic atmosphere here is surely enhanced by the musical guitar. The aroma of authentic Italian dishes wafts your way as you enter. The menu includes a plethora of pastas and antipasti, along with roasted duck, rack of lamb, beef tenderloin, and fresh fish. There is complimentary valet parking after 5 pm. Outdoor seating is seasonal.

7) *Palomino Euro Bistro*, 1420 5th Ave, 206-623-5752

Known as an upbeat city restaurant and winner of "Best Downtown Lunch" by *Seattle magazine*, it is popular for its location and combination of Mediterranean and Northwest fare. Try the paella, fire-roasted garlic chicken, or poached seafood ravioli. They also offer traditional and exotic pizzas.

8) *Sostanza Trattoria*, 1927 43rd Ave E, 206-324-9701 (Now closed)

9) *Tulio Ristorante*, 1100 5th Ave, Hotel Vintage Park, 206-624-5500

The open kitchen creating wonderful food is guaranteed to lift your mood. Tulio is well-known for its unique cuisine and excellent service. The menu

includes Washington lamb sirloin, salmon ravioli, and sweet-potato gnocchi. You can enjoy your meal upstairs or downstairs. And keep your eyes open as celebrities have even been known to dine here.

10) *Volterra*, 5411 Ballard Ave NW, 206-789-510

Volterra is named after the Tuscan town where the owner/chefs met; they brought a fine slice of Italy to the Pacific Northwest. On the menu are truffles, homemade pasta, beef tenderloin, and lamb ragu. Don't be intimidated by the large wine selection; let the knowledgeable staff narrow it down for you.



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*Have a  
great  
summer!*

# DANTE CALENDAR 2011-2012

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

<p><b>September 2011</b></p> <p>14 Anita Bingaman <i>Puglia, The Sturdy Heel of Italy</i></p> <p>28 Claudio Mazzola <i>Giuseppe Tornatore: From Cinema Paradiso to Baaria</i></p>	<p><b>February 2012</b></p> <p>8 Louise Sportelli <i>Italian Gardens from the Renaissance to Today</i></p> <p>22 David Chapman <i>Edmondo De Amicis- "Amore e ginnastica"</i></p>
<p><b>October 2011</b></p> <p>12 Julie Coen, Europe Through the Back Door <i>Tour of Venice</i></p> <p>26 Marcella Nardi, <i>Castles of Duchy of Parma &amp; Piacenza-Towns of Ravenna &amp; Gradara</i></p>	<p><b>March 2012</b></p> <p>14 Dan DeMatteis <i>Shakespeare and Italy</i></p> <p>28 Executive Chef Brian Gojdics, Front of the House Manager, Alessandro Albi, Tutta Bella <i>Neopolitan Pizza</i></p>
<p><b>November 2011</b></p> <p>9 Vicki Olson <i>Searching Italian Roots</i></p> <p>No Italian meeting in November</p>	<p><b>April 2012</b></p> <p>11 Election night (no speaker)</p> <p>25 Giuseppe Tassone <i>PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri)</i></p>
<p><b>December 2011</b></p> <p>3 Natale per i Bambini</p> <p>14 Christmas party</p> <p>No Italian meeting in December</p>	<p><b>May 2012</b></p> <p>9 Joyce Ramee <i>Lecture &amp; Live Performance: Italian Composers</i></p> <p>No Italian meeting in May</p>
<p><b>January 2012</b></p> <p>11 Chris Zimmerman, Vias Wine <i>Italian Wine Tasting</i></p> <p>25 Seneca Garber, Seattle Opera <i>Italian Operas in 2012 Seattle Opera Season</i></p>	<p><b>June - August 2012</b></p> <p>Summer Break - No meetings held</p>

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Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at Headquarters House, 2336 15th Ave S, in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Seattle. Directions are on the back page of La Voce.

## Membership Application

I (We) want to promote Italian language and culture and request membership in the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington. Enclosed is my (our) check in full payment of annual membership dues (\$40.00 for individual, \$50.00 for a family).

Mark one : ☐ New Membership    ☐ Membership Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

Membership Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Categories (For recognition stars):

Bronzo (bronze) - Up to \$25

Argento (silver) - \$26 - \$50

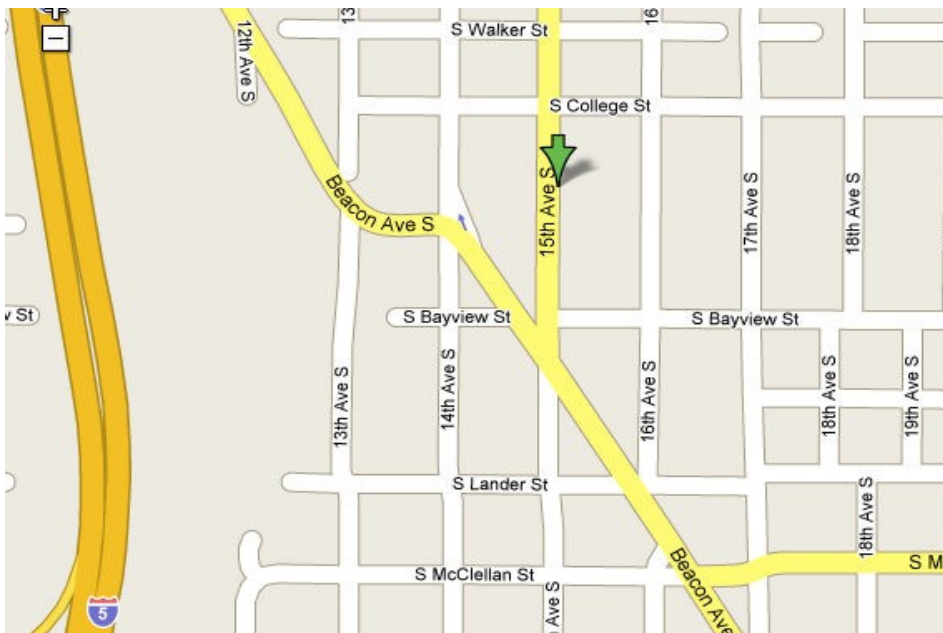
Oro (gold) - \$51 to \$100

Platino (platinum) - Over \$100

Please return completed membership application with check to:

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington  
PO Box 9494  
Seattle, WA 98109

If you have any questions, please call (425) 243-7663 and leave a message.



## Directions to Headquarters House

Headquarters House is located at **2336 15th Avenue South** in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Seattle. From I-5, take the Columbian Way/Spokane Street exit, eastbound. Turn left at the first light, Spokane Street and left again at the next light, 15th Avenue S. After crossing Beacon Avenue, Headquarters House will be on the right side between Bayview and College Streets.