

# La Voce della Dante

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December 2013

## December English Meeting – Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11th, 6:30-8:30 pm, Headquarters House



Please join us for our annual Dante Alighieri Society celebration of the Christmas season on the evening of Wednesday, December 11th from 6:30-8:30 pm.

In December we do not schedule a program nor serve a pre-Dante pasta dinner. Instead, we hold a potluck and enjoy the evening with our Dante friends. So, bring your favorite homemade Italian dish– the special occasion food your nonna prepared. If it's a busy week, bring some salumi, formaggio, olives or other goodies to share with everyone. Also bring a beverage to share and while you're at it, bring along a friend. We look forward to an evening of delicious food and wine, good music, singing, and playing games.

Buon Natale a tutti!

Benvenuti!

You are invited to join us  
for the 18th annual celebration of  
Festa di Natale per i Bambini  
Saturday, Dec 7th, 2 pm  
Headquarters House

Pre-registration required

Questions, call Caterina Murone Wartes at 360-638-2500

See page 7 for further information

## Upcoming Events

Sat, Dec 7th,  
Festa di Natale  
per i Bambini, 2-  
5:30 pm, Head-  
quarters House

Wed, Dec 11th:  
Christmas Party,  
6:30 pm

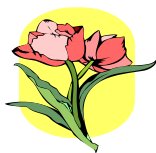
There is no Italian meeting in December.

Wed, Jan 8th: Annual Wine Tasting  
dinner with Chris Zimmerman from  
Vias Wine



*Wishing  
you and  
yours a  
wonderful  
holiday  
season.*





## Welcome to Our New Members

### Benvenuti Nuovi Membri

Deborah Crosetto  
Cristina Ryser

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

### \* DAS Star List 2013\*

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

- \* Crawford, Dick & Barbara
- \* Gillett, Debra Rovetto
- \* Hoffman, Pat
- \* O'Leary, David & Kathryn
- \* Pellegrini, Frank
- \* Schwartz, Peni

#### Argento \$26 to \$50

- \* DeMatteis, Dan & Carol
- \* Favre, Diana & Alfred
- \* Hoffman, Pat
- \* Hundertmark, Louise
- \* Rodriquez, German D.
- \* Sportelli, Domenic & Louise
- \* Viegel, Alan

#### Oro \$51 to \$100

#### Platino—over \$100

- \* Boothby, Mimi
- \* Borriello, Rosa
- \* Cottrell, Dave & Jane
- \* Forte, Giselda
- \* Harmon, Gini
- \* Minotti, Dominick
- \* Napoli, Toni

## From the President's Desk

**B**uon giorno del ringraziamento e buon natale! The fall this year has been gentle and while the temperatures have started to dip, the weather remains pleasant, our programs at Dante remain wonderful, and the friendship and sharing we have at our meetings remains a true joy. If you were able to attend the November English program presented by Joshua Balvin, entitled "Rome Survivors of the Holocaust", I know you had a great time. The program was very well researched and very informative. Joshua's personal stories and those he shared from the Holocaust survivors he interviewed were very moving. There was no Italian language program in November as it is our tradition to allow everyone to spend time with their families.

The Dante Alighieri Society was a sponsor for SIFF again this year. The lineup of films was very good. I hope you were able to attend many of them! Sponsoring this program is something I know that we are all very proud of; helping to bring these shows to our community to help share the Italian culture is great way for us to fulfill our mission.

Mark your calendars for Festa di Natale per i Bambini on December 7th. Our traditional children Italian Christmas party is a lot of fun for kids and parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles alike. I hope to see you there!

This year's annual Christmas party, held in lieu of our December English meeting will be on December 11th. Please join us for this wonderful party. We will have a great time visiting, singing, and our annual game of Tombola. I hope that Giuseppe will join us again for his annual calling of the numbers for Tombola, the game and his calling numbers makes the party so much fun! There is no program and the party is potluck so please bring something to share; it's always fun to share your favorite vino, antipasti, or dolce. There is no Italian language program in December so this will be our last chance to get together before the end of the year; I hope you can make it!

We will start 2014 with our annual Wine Tasting dinner on January 8th. This program sells out fast so be sure and register early! The program will be lead by Chris Zimmerman of Vias Wines and the theme is Italian Superstars. It is going to be a great night!

However you spend the holiday season I hope that you have a great time and are able to reflect back on last year, all of the wonderful times we have had together, and then look forward with me to 2014. It's going to be a great year!

As we wind down this year I want to take a moment to say thank you again to all of you for what you do for our organization. I'm looking forward to working with you again in 2014.

*Frank Paterra*



## Language Program News

by **Giuseppe Tassone**  
Italian Language Program Director

**T**he Italian Language Program offers classes in fall, winter, and spring. Classes are held at Seattle University in the Administration Building. Class fee is \$180 per quarter unless indicated otherwise in the class description.

*Fall Quarter 2013:* October 1st - December 10th

*Pre-registration Deadline:* September 27th

*Winter Quarter 2014:* January 7th - March 13th

*Pre-registration deadline:* December 28th

*Spring Quarter 2014:* April 2nd - June 6th

*Pre-registration Deadline:* March 22nd

### Classes Offered:

*Beginning Italian (Level A1)* - For people with little or no Italian language. Students will be introduced to the basic phonetic, grammatical, and lexical structures through conversation and simple dialogues. Held Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

*Elementary Italian (Level A2)* - This is the continuation of the beginning class or for those who have already studied some Italian. Students will become familiar with more difficult grammar structures. Held Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

*Intermediate Level (B1, B2)* - B1 reviews grammar covered in the previous levels; B2 is the continuation of B1. Both are mainly conversation-based to expand students' vocabulary and increase their ability to understand newspapers, magazines, and literature. Classes are conducted entirely in Italian. Held Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

*Additional Classes* - Additional levels of Italian (C1, C2), Italian for Travelers (An introductory class for people planning a trip to Italy or for those who want to learn some Italian in one quarter), or Italian for Children courses can be scheduled for groups of at least 8. Class fee, location, and schedule may vary based on the request and number of students. To organize a class, please contact the director at least 30 days before the beginning of the requested quarter. Contact Giuseppe Tassone at [tassone@danteseattle.org](mailto:tassone@danteseattle.org) or call 425-243-7663.

For more information, check the language program website at: <http://www.danteseattle.org>. Registration can be done by mail or by Pay Pal on the school website.

If you would like to give the gift of learning Italian to a friend or a loved one, gift certificates are available on the school website.

The Dante Alighieri - Italian Language Program is a non-profit self-sustaining program operating exclusively with the income from the tuition.

## \* DAS Star List 2013\*

**A** new year began a new DAS Star List for 2013.

The names on the donation list will remain through December 31, 2013. If you made a donation after May 2012, your name will be on the donation list through 2013 then a new DAS Star List begins January 2014.

Consider making a donation to DAS today. Your donation helps DAS maintain the excellent programs and activities sponsored. Everyone benefits!



## DAS Board Meeting

**B**oard meetings are held on a Wednesday every other month from September through May.

The next board meeting will be in January 15th.

Meetings are held from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Community Room at Faerland Terrace, 1421 Minor Avenue on Capitol Hill. Meetings are open to all members.



## La Voce

It's feeling like winter here. Atlanta had the coldest Thanksgiving on record since 1911...brr.

If you traveled and discovered something or a place of interest that's related to 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*

La Voce Editor  
LTHDesign@comcast.net

## Delivering La Voce to Members



La Voce will be sent as a pdf file attachment to your email address. Or you may log onto the Dante website to see the latest issue as well as back issues of La Voce. The website is:

[www.das.danteseattle.org](http://www.das.danteseattle.org)

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

Be sure your mailbox isn't full otherwise you will have to check the Dante website.



## PLIDA

*PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri)*

The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington in Seattle is an official examination center of the Società Dante Alighieri and provides its students and others the opportunity of taking PLIDA exams in order to obtain a PLIDA certificate.

### *The PLIDA Certificate*

The PLIDA certificate is an official Diploma issued by the Società Dante Alighieri under an agreement with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University of Rome *La Sapienza*. It is recognized by the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies and by the Italian Ministry of University and Research as a qualification for the proficiency in the Italian language for foreigners.

The PLIDA certificates attest proficiency in Italian as a foreign language on a 6-level scale according to the parameters established by the Common European Framework for Languages (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2).

### *Why Take the PLIDA Exam*

Students who may wish to be certified include those who plan to study at Italian universities (which accepts PLIDA Certification as proof of proficiency), American high school and college students who may seek college credit, or persons wishing to be certified for obtaining an application for the Italian Permit of Stay in Italy. Certification may also interest students who see the examination as a capstone experience after taking their language courses.

For more information on the PLIDA certificates, visit the official PLIDA website: [www.plida.it/plida/](http://www.plida.it/plida/)

### *Dates, Registration, Location, and Exam Fees*

PLIDA certificate sessions (Levels A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) will be held every year in May and November. Candidates may choose to take an exam at the level they feel is closest to their proficiency. Registration does not require having taken lower-level tests.

Candidates need to register approximately 30 days prior to the exam date. Exams are held at Seattle University. For further information and more on the dates of each exam, registration deadlines, location, exam fees, and registration instructions check the Language School's Plida website at:

[www.danteseattle.org/plida.html](http://www.danteseattle.org/plida.html)

For any questions, email: [plida@danteseattle.org](mailto:plida@danteseattle.org)







## 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> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| January 2014      | December 18th              |
| February 2014     | January 20th               |

**NOTE:** Please keep in mind the above submission deadlines as I will be traveling a lot for the next several months and will have a tight schedule. December's deadline is earlier this year.

### 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"*

Mailing address:  
PO Box 9494  
Seattle, WA 98109  
(425) 243-7663

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## Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) PNW



CAI-PNW will be holding a Christmas potluck for members, their spouses, and significant others on December 14th at the Whyel's home in Bellevue.

For contact information and further information, please check the CAI website at:

<http://cai-pnw.com/images/pdf/newsletter%20november%202013.pdf>

## Inclement Weather Procedure

With winter here, weather can be unpredictable. Let's hope there are no severe weather issues of ice and snow this winter. In case weather



is bad DAS will follow school closure guidelines. Thus 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.



## La Cucina della Dante Cookbook Update

by Nancy McDonald

Sales have gone very well on our Dante cookbook. We introduced *La Cucina della Dante* during Festa Italiana in Seattle and sales were especially brisk during our meetings and at *Festa di Natale per i Bambini*.

With 138 pages and six categories of delicious Italian recipes: Antipasti e Insalate, Zuppe, Pane, Primi Piatti, Secondi Piatti, and Dolci, plus a complete index cross-referencing the recipes, the cookbook made a very popular Christmas gift.

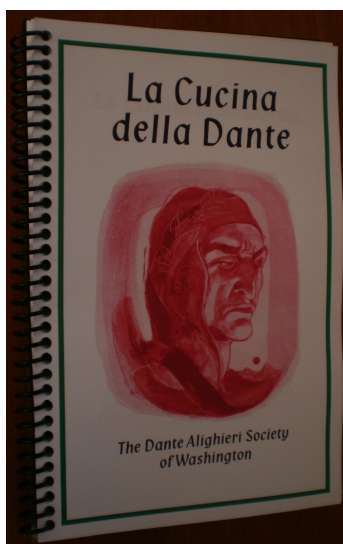
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members who worked on the cookbook: Jane Cottrell, Gini Harmon, Linda Bavisotto, Louise Sportelli, Linda Heimbigner, Carol DeMatteis, and Dante president Frank Paterra. Carol DeMatteis also created the amazing index with its invaluable cross referencing so that recipes are ultra-easy to find.

We are all really proud of the Dante cookbook and the months of hard work that produced it. Even though we all proofread it many times, I've found at least one error: the Sesame Cookie recipe on page 134 is missing vanilla from the list of ingredients.

If you find other errors, please let me know so that we can share them with our members. Also, if you like a particular recipe, we'd love to hear all about it.

Cookbooks will continue to be available for sale at Dante meetings. If you'd like me to mail them to you, just let me know by phone or email: [nancymick@yahoo.com](mailto:nancymick@yahoo.com)

Thank you for supporting our Dante cookbook fundraiser.



*You can still buy  
copies of the  
Dante cookbook.  
They make won-  
derful gifts for  
family and  
friends.*

Members: \$12  
Non-Members: \$15

# What is Festa di Natale All About?

by Caterina Murone Wartes

The word “natale” has a few related meanings: native, native land, nativity, day of birth, and most familiar: Christmas.

And so we celebrate the birthday of the “Jesu Bambino” on this day. In the different regions of Italy families create a nativity scene particular to the customs of their area, in their homes, usually on the first floor or entry way, where friends can stop by to view their “presepio” or nativity scene, and visit with each other.



Italian customs include other traditions: a gift is left for children who have shown good behavior by someone called “La Befana”, but a piece of coal is found by those who have not! Of course, wonderful traditional food and pastries are made especially for this celebration. And on Christmas Eve, some families play Tombola, a card game similar to American bingo.

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Dante Alighieri Society’s Festa di Natale per I Bambini, we re-create each of these traditions for your family.

What crafts will we make? What stories will be told? And exactly who is La Befana? All your questions will be answered when you come to Headquarters House from 2 to 5:30 pm. And don’t be late — there is much to celebrate and it all begins promptly at 2 pm!

Here is how everyone – adults and children - can enjoy a Festa di Natale celebration:

1. Read the registration info below.
2. Send Dante your family name, number of adults, number of children, contact phone, and your check to:  
Dante Alighieri Society, 2522 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Seattle, WA 98119
3. Bring your whole family (and neighbors) to 2336 15<sup>th</sup> Ave South (Headquarters House) in Seattle at 2 pm on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine.

Questions? Contact me any time!

Chairperson: Caterina Murone Wartes

Ph: 360 638 2500 or email: speranza.se@gmail.com

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## REGISTRATION FORM

To assure you and your family of a reservation and to give our friends at Tutta Bella Pizzeria an accurate head count for the food service, please mail us this info:

How many children will attend? \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults will attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your family surname? \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact info (Name, phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

### COST:

*Tickets purchased by mail before event: (Adults are free)*

1 child - \$5.00

2 or more children - \$10.00 (2 or 7 – still only \$10.00-bring several friends!) Please mail your registration to us by Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> or call us for late changes!

*Tickets purchased at the door: (Adults are free)*

1 child - 7.00, 2 or more children - \$12.00

*Looking forward to seeing you!*



## Mimi's Haiku

*he gave me a bike  
lovingly, now he is gone  
I still ride with him*

This is the touching haiku Mimi Boothby, a DAS member and avid biker, submitted for the Takeaway Bike Haiku Challenge in September. On November 29th, Mimi was on a segment of The Takeaway hosted by John Hockenberry. You can listen to this broadcast at the following:  
[www.wnyc.org/radio/#/ondemand/329904](http://www.wnyc.org/radio/#/ondemand/329904)

Over 1200 haikus were submitted. Three judges narrowed this to 97 and then the top 10 were selected, one of which was Mimi's. The top 10 received a bike helmet.

Here is what Mimi wrote about the contest:

*I was on Facebook one day and I saw some people talking about the bike Haiku contest; winners could win a bike helmet. It was being put on by a radio show on NPR called "The Takeaway." I didn't know how to write a Haiku so I looked it up on Wikipedia. The contest rules said we could enter up to three Haikus, so I did just that. I wrote three. The last one, of course, was the best one. I wrote about how my husband got me into cycling. Unfortunately, he died in July 2012 so that made the story rather poignant.*

*The next thing I know, I am one of the 10 finalists, so MY voice read my haiku over the air. People came out of the woodwork, they recognized my name or voice and told me they heard it. And then my helmet came in the mail.*

*A few weeks later, I got another email from The Takeaway asking me if I wanted to be interviewed on the air. Apparently, a lot of listeners wanted to hear "the rest of the story" behind my Haiku.*

## Dr. Claudio Mazzola Presentation on Dante's Inferno

by Jane Cottrell

On Sunday, November 17th, Dr. Claudio Mazzola, professor of Italian studies at the University of Washington and a past speaker at DAS, gave an exciting talk at the Bellevue Regional Library regarding the upcoming performance, Dante's Inferno, the Ballet on February 21-23, 2014 at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA. Terri Hanlon, Nancy McDonald, and Jane Cottrell from the Dante Alighieri Society were in attendance and were educated on Dante's Inferno. It was a lively lecture as Dr. Mazzola had so much to impart and a small amount of time to get it across. He went past his 45 allotted minutes and spoke for another 45 minutes.

Why is the Inferno more often studied and regarded more than Purgatorio or Paradiso? Frankly, he said the Inferno is just more interesting and lends itself to great art. Truly, the etchings or folios that he showed us were quite imaginative and descriptive.

The poet, Virgil, is Dante's guide. He asked for what the lowest or 9th circle of hell is reserved? Someone answered that it was perhaps murder but in Dante's opinion the most offensive sin is the sin of betrayal and treachery. The art piece that illustrated this Circle shows a most gruesome and grotesque Satan eating three famous betrayers, Brutus and Cassius on the side of his mouth for they betrayed Julius Caesar which destroyed the possible unity of Italy. In the very center of Satan's mouth is Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus Christ. Satan is gnawing on Judas' head and raking his back, skinning it with his enormous claws.

Wikipedia has an excellent overview of the 9 Circles of Hell with which you can familiarize yourself until you are able to read the book in its entirety.

The woman who introduced Dr. Mazzola, said that it was her young son who read the Divine Comedy and insisted that the Inferno needed to be choreographed into a ballet. Hence, the world premier February 21-23, 2014. While the three of us were able to get free tickets to the Saturday, February 22nd matinee, tickets may be purchased through [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or by calling 800-838-3006.

Dr. Mazzola may be giving other lectures throughout the region and if you can set aside the time to see him, it would be totally worth learning about one of the greatest works of literature, "The Divine Comedy."





# ISSNAF—Seattle Chapter Upcoming Fall Meeting

**M**ark your calendar for the upcoming quarterly Italian Scientists and Scholars in North America Foundation (ISSNAF)-Seattle Chapter fall meeting to be held at the Bellevue Arts Museum (BAM, 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004) December 11th, 2013 beginning at 5:30 pm.

At this time, thanks to the generosity of the BAM, attendees will have the chance to access for free the exhibit, “A World of Paper, A World of Fashion: Isabelle de Borchgrave Meets Mariano Fortuny.” See more at: <http://www.bellevuearts.org/exhibitions/upcoming/index.html#sthash.ma9sWjof.dpuf>

After the visit, enjoy talks from four outstanding speakers. Claudio Mazzola, PhD and senior lecturer at the Department of French and Italian Studies at the University of Washington, will talk about the health of Italian cinema. Luca Cazzanti, PhD and principal scientist at Globy’s Inc., will talk about shaping consumer behavior with big data. Maureen Hoffman, designer and photographer, will delight us with her talk on language and visual exploration in Italy. Roberto Nicosia, MD, PhD, will guide us through the fascinating history of angiogenesis research.

A few tables were booked at the restaurant, Palomino, for a social dinner after the event. This time, however, we did not agree on a particular menu or price. Anyone will be free to order from the menu according to their preferences and everyone will receive an individual check for their food. If you wish to join us for dinner, please contact Lorenzo Giacani, PhD and chair of the Seattle chapter at [lorenzogiacani@gmail.com](mailto:lorenzogiacani@gmail.com).

Free parking is available at the BAM (only until 8:30 pm) or at the Bellevue Square Mall across the street from the museum. This is the recommended parking solution.

If you have not done so yet, please consider joining ISSNAF at [www.ISSNAF.org](http://www.ISSNAF.org). It’s free and full of opportunities to make our community in Seattle stronger and more compact. ISSNAF meetings are open to the public.

A copy of the flyer with all the specifics and program information can be found on page 10.

## Ricotta Cookies

*from Lidia’s Italy*



**T**hese cookies are moist and delicious and simple to assemble. In the Italian cuisine, ricotta seems to be able to resurface deliciously in every course. Since it is a by-product of making cheese, the shepherds had plenty of ricotta. Hence, many desserts are still made from it, like these delicious cookies. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen.

2 1/4 c all-purpose flour  
1 t baking powder  
Pinch Kosher salt  
1 c granulated sugar  
1/2 c unsalted butter, room temp  
2 large eggs  
8 oz fresh ricotta, drained  
1/2 t vanilla extract  
2 t lemon zest plus 1/4 c lemon juice  
2 c confectioner’s sugar, sifted

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt into a bowl and set aside.

Cream sugar and butter in a mixer with the paddle attachment on high speed til light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Reduce speed to medium and add eggs, one at a time, beating well between additions. Plop in the ricotta, vanilla, and lemon zest; beat to combine. Add the flour mix, and beat on low til just combined, but do not over mix.

Drop dough in heaping tablespoons onto baking sheets. Bake, rotating pans halfway through the baking time, til cookies are puffed, golden, and cooked all the way through, about 20-22 minutes. Remove from oven; cool on wire racks. When cookies are completely cool, make the glaze. In a bowl, whisk together the confectioner’s sugar and lemon juice to make a smooth glaze. Adjust the consistency with a little water or more confectioners’ sugar to make the glaze thick enough to stick to the cookies when dipped. Hold each cookie with two fingers, then dip the top of the cookies in the glaze and let dry on racks til all are done. Let dry for 2 hours before storing.

*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year’s*



Italian Scientists and Scholars in North America Foundation

## SEATTLE CHAPTER FALL MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 11th 2013

At the BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM



UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

Consulate General of Italy  
in San Francisco



42<sup>nd</sup> CRAFT DESIGN  
BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM



### - PROGRAM -



#### ISSNAF SEATTLE CHAPTER - FALL MEETING

5.30-6.00 pm

Free guided visit of the exhibition

"A World of Paper, A World of Fashion:  
Isabelle de Borchgrave Meets  
Mariano Fortuny"

6.15-6.30 pm

"Introductory Remarks"

Paola Querzoli  
Bellevue Arts Museum Docent  
Vice Chair of ISSNAF-Seattle Chapter

6.30-6.50 pm

"Pareva morto ma e' solo svenuto  
(Does Italian cinema still exist?)"

Claudio Mazzola, PhD  
Senior Lecturer in Italian  
University of Washington

6.50-7.10 pm

"Shaping Consumer Behavior with Big Data"

Luca Cazzanti, PhD  
Principal Scientist-Machine Learning  
Platform, Globys Inc.

7.10-7.30 pm

"Language & Visual Exploration in Italy"

Maureen Hoffmann  
Designer, Photographer, Traveler

7.30-8.00 pm

"A Brief History of Angiogenesis Research"

Roberto Nicosia, MD, PhD  
Director and Professor  
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
University of Washington

8.00-8.10 pm

"Closing Remarks"

Lorenzo Giacani, PhD  
Chair of ISSNAF-Seattle Chapter  
Assistant Professor of Medicine and  
Global Health, University of Washington



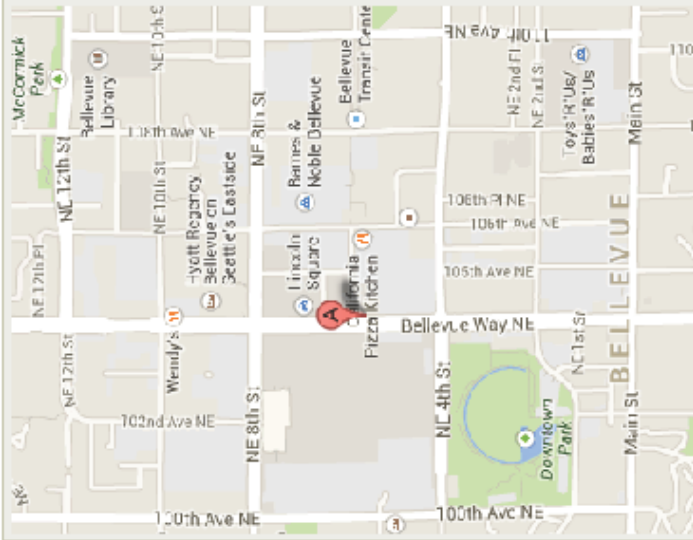
### - SOCIAL DINNER -



8.30 pm

Ristorante Palomino of Bellevue  
610 Bellevue Way NE Bellevue, WA 98004  
(425) 455-7600

Please contact organizers as soon as  
possible for reservations.



### Driving Directions to BAM

**ADDRESS: Bellevue Arts Museum**  
510 Bellevue Way NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
[www.bellevuearts.org](http://www.bellevuearts.org)

#### FROM SEATTLE VIA I-90

Take I-90 east over Lake Washington to Bellevue Way Exit. Follow Bellevue Way for approximately 2 miles.

#### FROM POINTS NORTH

Take I-5 south to Exit 182 onto I-405 south, then take Exit 13A onto NE 4th and continue west for four blocks. Turn right at Bellevue Way NE.

#### FROM POINTS EAST

Take I-90 west to Bellevue Way Exit. Follow Bellevue Way for approximately 2 miles.

#### PARKING

Complimentary parking is available on two underground levels beneath the Museum. Approach on Bellevue Way from the south, and enter the garage from the south side of the Museum.

### Contacts

ISSNAF Seattle chapter e-mail: [seattle@issnaf.org](mailto:seattle@issnaf.org)  
ISSNAF web: [www.issnaf.org](http://www.issnaf.org)  
BAM: [www.bellevuearts.org](http://www.bellevuearts.org)

# Italian New Year's Eve Party in Portland, OR

If you are traveling for the holiday season and find yourself in Portland for New Year's Eve, you may want to attend what has become a tradition among Italian-Americans in Portland, a New Year's Eve party at the Crown Plaza in the Rose Quarter. The host is radio personality and Festa Portland emcee, Lucia Galizia, who promises good food and lots of danceable music. Special room rates are available.

**BRING IN**  
**2014**

**Dinner and Dancing**  
40s, 50s, 60s  
and much more!

**Celebrate...**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
*with Lucia Galizia!*

**Wide variety**  
of music &  
takes requests

**Lots of prizes**  
to give away

**WHEN:** DECEMBER 31, 2013  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
BUFFET DINNER  
(ANTIPASTO, 2 MEATS/FISH, VEGETABLES, SALAD, DESERT, TEA/COFFEE)  
PARTY FAVORS & CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT (NO HOST BAR)  
MUSIC BY 'DIRTY DAVE' McGLOETHIN (KISN DISC JOCKEY)

**WHERE:** CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
1441 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - Portland, OR

**PRICE:** \$65 PER PERSON (PAYMENT DUE DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup>)

**TICKETS:** CALL (503) 284-6989 FOR MORE INFORMATION

# DANTE CALENDAR 2013-2014

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

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| <p><b>September 2013</b></p> <p>11 John &amp; Melinda Jankord-Steedman<br/><i>Valchiavenna</i></p> <p>25 Andrea Florissi of Caffè Torino<br/><i>Torino in Piemonte</i></p>                    | <p><b>February 2014</b></p> <p>12 Giuseppe Tassone<br/><i>Garibaldi and Lincoln</i></p> <p>26 Albert Sbragia<br/><i>Spazi domestici e pittura romana</i><br/>(Domestic space &amp; Roman painting)</p> |
| <p><b>October 2013</b></p> <p>9 Nick Minotti<br/><i>Italian Superstitions</i></p> <p>23 Bill Halsey<br/><i>Pipe Organs of Italy</i></p>   | <p><b>March 2014</b></p> <p>12 Rob Prufer<br/><i>The Mothers of Rome in Art</i></p> <p>26 David Chapman<br/><i>Italian Jazz During the Mussolini Years</i></p>   |
| <p><b>November 2013</b></p> <p>13 Joshua Balvin<br/><i>Non Puoi Capire: Accounts of the Shoa (Holocaust) from Roman Jewry</i></p> <p>No Italian meeting in November</p>                       | <p><b>April 2014</b></p> <p>9 Election night (no speaker)</p> <p>23 Jennifer Allen<br/><i>La Commedia Italia—films of the '50s &amp; '60s That addressed Italy's social problems</i></p>               |
| <p><b>December 2013</b></p> <p>7 Natale per i Bambini</p> <p>11 Christmas party</p> <p>No Italian meeting in December</p>   | <p><b>May 2014</b></p> <p>14 Nick Minotti/Joyce Ramee<br/><i>Italian Games—Bocce, scope &amp; more</i></p> <p>No Italian meeting in May</p>  |
| <p><b>January 2014</b></p> <p>8 Chris Zimmerman of Vias Wines<br/><i>Italian Superstars (Annual Wine Tasting Dinner)</i></p> <p>22 Marcell Nardi<br/><i>Medioevo in Giallo (her book)</i></p> | <p><b>June - August 2014</b></p> <p>Summer Break - No meetings held</p>  |

At the first meeting of each month (English program), pre-Dante pasta is communally prepared at 5:30 pm & served at 6:30 pm. Call the Activity Line (425) 243-7663 by the Monday before to reserve your spot(s) or email your request to: [dante.reserve@gmail.com](mailto:dante.reserve@gmail.com). Cost: \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple

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

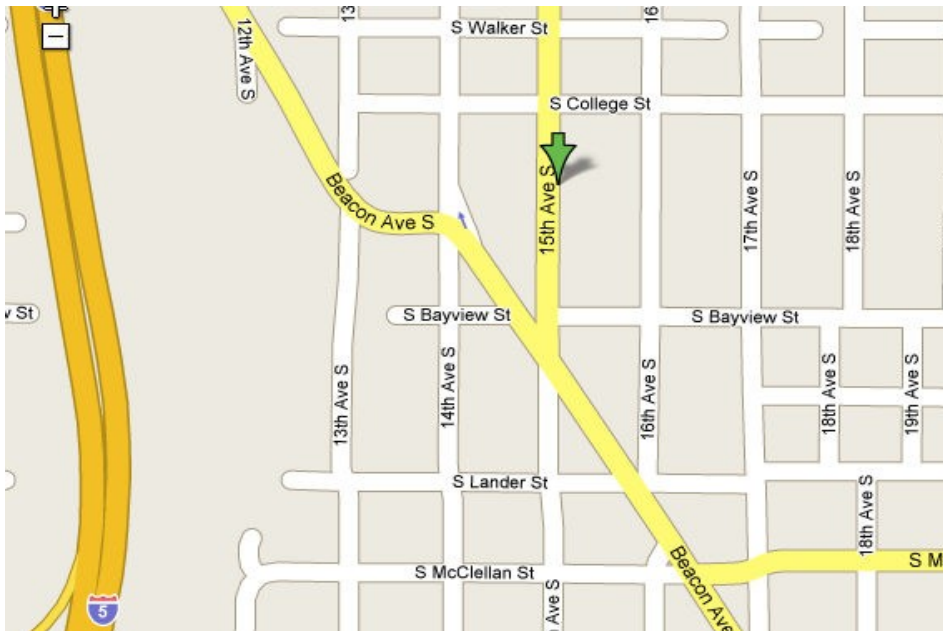
Oro (gold) - \$51 to \$100

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.