

La Voce della Dante

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December 2015

December English Meeting:

"Christmas Celebration"

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

Please join us for our annual Festa di Natale. It's a special evening, different from all the other meetings, more informal and yet more festive.

The highlight of the evening is a game of *tombola*, a sort of Italian bingo. Many Italian families gather around the dining room table to play this rousing after-dinner game at Christmastime. Giuseppe Tassone will draw and call out the numbers for us in Italian and English. Each number has its own Italian name: number one is *Italia* for example. Then there's *Sant'Antonio, il maiale* (pig), *L'umbriaco* (the drunk), *il caffè* (coffee) – and on and on. And there are prizes for *ambo* (1st person to cover two numbers on the same row), *terno* (three numbers on the same row), all the way up to *tombola* (first person to fill the card). It's quite an entertaining and engrossing game.

As we usually do for an Italian meeting, all the members are requested to bring an *antipasto* or *dolce* and a bottle of *vino* if they'd like. Since Italians love to feed each other, it's a special meal – a splendid potluck. There'll be Italian carols and abundant opportunity to mix, mingle, talk, and visit. So mark your calendar for December 9th.

Ci vediamo la!

Festa di Natale per i Bambini

We look forward to those pre registered guests who are participating in Festa di Natale per i Bambini on December 5th. We are fortunate to enjoy a second year at Christ the King Parish in North Seattle. We will welcome guests of all ages to enjoy a traditional Italian Christmas celebration that will include the beautiful procession of the terra cotta statues by our children, the story of La Befana, star making, singing, pizzelle, Tombola (with prizes), and a special Italian dinner. There is an article in this month's La Voce about the history of Festa di Natale per i Bambini written by Caterina Wartes as well as an article about La Befana by Dominick Minotti. We hope you enjoy.

For those attending, please note the church address:
402 117th St, Seattle (Note the street is 117th and not 177th)

Benvenuti a tutti.

Upcoming Events

Wed, Dec 9th:

"Christmas Party
7:30 pm, Headquarters House,
No pre-Dante
pasta



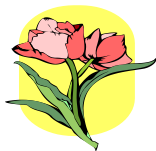
There is no Italian meeting in December.

Sat, Dec 5th:

20th annual Festa de Natale per i Bambini, Christ the King Parish, 402 117th St, Seattle. Pre-registration required.

Have a
Happy
Holiday
Season





Our New Members

**Benvenuti
Nuovi Membri**

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

*** DAS Star List 2015***

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

- * Crosetto, James & Deborah
- * Gillett, Debra Rovetto
- * Hoffman, Pat
- * Marino, Martha
- * Schwartz, Peni

Argento \$26 to \$50

- * Crawford, Barbara
- * Hundertmark, Louise
- * Jankord-Steedman, Melinda
- * Larsen, David & Akiyama, Patricia
- * Minotti, Dominick
- * Morton, Lorraine
- * Sportelli, Dom & Louise

Oro \$51 to \$100

- * Borriello, Rosa
- * DeMatteis, Dan & Carol
- * Fonzo, Emilio
- * Moscovici, Giovannella
- * Napoli, Toni
- * Shiroyama, Sylvia

Platino—over \$100

- * Cottrell, Dave & Jane
- * Harmon, Gini
- * Rodriquez, German D.

From the President's Desk

Ciao tutti -

It's incredible to me but we're nearing the end of the calendar year as well as the middle of the Dante Alighieri Society's meeting program year. Coming up on December 9th is our traditional *Festa di Natale*, our annual Christmas party, featuring an always enjoyable game of *tombola*, called in his inimitable fashion by Giuseppe Tassone, the Director of our Language School. There'll be holiday food, music, *vino* and, of course, special gifts for the lucky *tombola* winners. It's always a great way to usher in the holiday season. Be sure to mark your calendar.

And, speaking of DAS traditions, I hope you were fortunate enough to attend our last meeting, in November. Caterina Wartes started off with the fascinating and informative history of the *Festa di Natale per Bambini* - how it developed and has grown over the years. This will be the 20th anniversary of that annual *Festa*, now coordinated by a dedicated group of volunteers members: Caterina Wartes, Nancy McDonald, Gini Harmon and Terry Hanlon. Nick Minotti explained as well the pre-Roman origins of La Befana - talk about Italian traditions, this one goes back centuries. And finally, Gini read us Tomie Da Paola's version of the La Befana story that featured an inspired and entertaining appearance by that benevolent *strega* herself, looking remarkably like Terry! All this was preceded by another delicious pre-Dante pasta dinner, this time Mediterranean Pasta, prepared by Bruce and Sharon Leone with the able assistance of Rosa Borriello. *Grazie mille a tutti.*

A lot of tradition over the last couple of months. But DAS changes over time too. So I'd like to tell you about a new option now available to you as Dante members. A lot of us make a donation to DAS when we pay our annual dues. Traditionally this donation goes to the general fund which supports our overall operations. Starting in December, it's now possible for you to earmark some or all of your donation to the operations of the Language School. This will help us keep tuition low and class sizes lower than average in Seattle. Just ask Bruce Leone, our Treasurer, about this when you pay your annual fee. As always, with anything financial, he'd be happy to help you out.

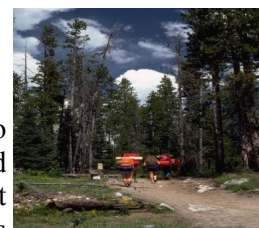
I hope you have a festive holiday season, surrounded by friends and family, good food and good cheer. *Buon feste a tutti e tanti auguri!*

Dan DeMatteis



Language Program News by Giuseppe Tassone Italian Language Program Director

Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) PNW



Club Alpino
second
Saturday event
for December is
as follows:

No hike, having a holiday party at Casa Paterra on December 12th. This will be a potluck and sharing of photos of participants' trips.

Walk through Bridle Trails State Park before party if the weather permits.

Contact: Norizan Paterra
(norizan@norizan.com)



The Italian language program of the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington resumed on October 1, 2015 after summer break.

I wrote this just a few days before both the beginning of the 2015-16 school year of the Italian language program and the publication of the October issue of La Voce.

I am happy to report that more than 55 students registered for our Italian language program at various levels. I am so proud of all these students who decided to devote time from their busy schedules twice a week to the joy of learning Italian. A good number of students are returning students who are continuing in our program by taking A2, B1, B2, and C2 courses while others are new to the program and are just starting their journey to learn this beautiful and musical language in level A1. *Benvenuti a tutti!* Our instructors, with many years of experience in teaching Italian to adults, are able to transform their classroom into a welcoming, reassuring, and relaxing *piazza* where everybody can speak and communicate in Italian according to their level. This is the spirit and mission of our program: sharing the gift of learning Italian with all.

Auguro a tutti i nostri studenti un anno ricco di soddisfazioni e ai nostri insegnanti un grazie di cuore per il vostro continuo impegno con la Dante!

If you are reading this newsletter and are unsure about taking a course through the Dante language school, don't hesitate. You will be highly rewarded, as is evident from some excerpts from students at the end of spring quarter:

The instructor uses a multitude of instructional materials from hand-outs, visuals, power points, blackboard, etc. The list goes on. It is obvious that the teacher goes out of her way to make sure we have materials which will help us understand whatever concept we will be learning.

The teacher is wonderful, so engaging and clear about the grammar, lots of stories and antidotes to help keep it interesting.

I would recommend the Dante Program. In the past, I have studied Japanese and Russian through the UW and the pace for those classes is very difficult when you are working fulltime. This is a much better pace and time commitment for me.

The instructor mixes up her instructional activities and does it in a way where a community is being built and everyone is accountable. Her approach is non-threatening. The instructor walks around while we carry out an assigned task listening to us and providing support.

The program moves more slowly than a college course, but that's okay,

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DAS Board Meeting

Board meetings are held on a Wednesday every other month from September through May.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2016.

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



because I'm busy and not able to put in the same amount of time as a college student.

We were able to get together at a classmate's home after each quarter, talking about Italian food, Italian movies/books. Though our Italian was not good enough to carry the conversation in Italian, we tried. I think we were very lucky to have a classmate who was willing to take us all to his house.

The Program:

Since 1984, the local chapter of Dante Alighieri Society has offered a comprehensive Italian Language Program for all those interested in learning or perfecting their Italian language skills. Our instructors are qualified and native speakers, classes are small and our per hour instruction cost provides you good value.

Classes Available:

Six class levels from A1 to C2, each level consisting of three quarters—Fall, Winter, and Spring, are offered during the year as enrollment permits.

Schedule:

The school year extends from late September or early October to June with a class break every 10 weeks. **Each class level begins in the fall and lasts for three quarters or 30 weeks.** Classes meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Location:

Seattle University campus, Administration Building

Class Descriptions:

Beginning Italian (Level A1) - This course is 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. During the three-quarter course, students will be engaged in a variety of fun activities and begin their journey of learning Italian.

Elementary Italian (Level A2) - The elementary level is the continuation of the beginning class or for those who have already studied some Italian. Students will finish exploring essential grammar structures while learning appropriate and relevant words and expressions. At the end of the three-quarter course, students should be able to use basic structures of the language with confidence and be able to communicate well in daily situations.

Intermediate (Level B1) - This course will review and reinforce the student's basic knowledge of Italian. Students will review and reinforce their knowledge of the language in addition to expanding their vocabulary and ability to understand written and spoken Italian. Students will be exposed to cultural and literary readings and will develop a greater understanding of Italian culture, lifestyle, and way of thinking.

Upper-Intermediate (Level B2) - This course is the continuation of B1. It completes the review and reinforcement of grammar covered in the previous beginning and elementary levels in addition covering any missing structures. This course will help students understand articles from newspapers and the web, song lyrics, literary excerpts, videos, and excerpts from films and commercials. At the end of the three-quarter course, students will be able to engage effectively in a conversation, express opinions, and give simple explanations.

Intermediate—Advanced (Level C1) - This course is designed for students who have completed the grammar topics reviewed and expanded in level B1 and B2 or have a good grasp of them. Students will perfect their grammar and greatly improve their comprehension, conversation, and writing skills. Students will read and discuss literature, watch films and videos in Italian and converse about the cinema, art, Italian news, and current events. At the end of the three-quarters course, one will be able to interact with Italian speakers fluently and spontaneously.

Advanced Italian (Level C2) -

Level C2 is the capstone of our program. It is designed for students who have completed level C1 and wish to continue for an additional year. The goal of the three quarter course is to deepen and perfect the student's existing knowledge of the Italian language.

Course Schedule:

<i>Fall Quarter 2015:</i>	October 1 - December 10
Thanksgiving—No classes 11/26	
Pre-registration Deadline:	September 27
<i>Winter Quarter 2016:</i>	January 5 - March 10
Pre-registration Deadline:	December 21
<i>Spring Quarter 2016:</i>	March 31 - June 7
Pre-registration Deadline:	March 21

Class Fee:

Level A1 & A2 - \$180 per quarter
Level B1 & B2 - \$275 per quarter
Level C1 & C2 - \$300 per quarter

For further information email: info@danteseattle.org
To register: www.danteseattle.org/register.html



www.facebook.com/danteseattle

La Voce

The holiday season is upon us. Hopefully, we will find peace and happiness in what should be a joyous time of the year. Enjoy your family and for those of you traveling, may you have safe travels.

If you've come across an interesting article, event, book, or anything related to the Italian life, please consider sharing this through La Voce. Submissions are always welcome and by all means send the articles to me any time.

Linda

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Happy Holidays

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

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.

Inclement Weather Procedure

It's not winter yet but weather can still be prickly. Hopefully, there will be no repeat of winter pasts but in case there is, keep in mind 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.



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2015 Plida Dates

November 2015 Session

Nov 25th:

Levels A1, A2, B1

*Due to Thanksgiving the date will change

Nov 26th:

Levels B2, C1, C2

*Due to Thanksgiving the date will change

Registration Deadline: Nov 13th

Exam Fees:

Level A1 (\$72)

Level A2 (\$72)

Level B1 (\$96)

Level B2 (\$108)

Level C1 (\$156)

Level C2 (\$156)

Registration:

Mail the registration form available at:

www.danteseattle.org/plida along with your check or money order made payable to Dante Alighieri Society of WA - PLIDA

Mailing Address:

Dante Alighieri Society of WA - PLIDA

PO Box 16257

Seattle, WA 98116

Registration form with payment must arrive on the day of the registration deadline or before.

Exam Location:

Seattle University campus

Seattle, WA

Further Information:

Contact the PLIDA Coordinator, Prof. Giuseppe Tassone at: plida@danteseattle.org



PLIDA

The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington is one of the few institutes in North America authorized to offer PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri-Dante Alighieri Italian Language Project) certification.

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 - level B2 minimum - 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 (level A2 minimum). 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/

Dates, Registration, Location, and Exam Fees

PLIDA certificate sessions 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. 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

For any questions, email: plida@danteseattle.org





La Voce Needs You!

Tell 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 2016	December 18th
February 2016	January 20th

(La Voce is not published June, July, or August)

NOTE: Please keep in mind the above submission deadlines and it's great if articles were submitted as early as possible.

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

Join 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

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Festa di Natale Celebrates 20 Years at the Dante Alighieri Society

There are two events in which Dante takes part every year. One is Festa Italiana and the other is Festa di Natale per i Bambini. By participating in these events we are responding to our mission statement: To spread the culture and language of Italy to the world.

At Festa di Natale we are sharing this knowledge of culture and language with very important people who, in their futures, just might remember this moment and cherish this moment! It is our gift to them, our children.

The program at Natale is not only about delightful stories, fun games, a delicious meal, gifts, and prizes. It is also about how a culture remembers or commemorates a centuries-old tradition. We want to give our children an opportunity to experience how Christmas is celebrated in Italy.

When I look at the history of Natale at the Dante Society, four dates stand out which have influenced how we presented this event. They are 1223 AD, 1979, 1994, and 2015.

I considered the date 1223 AD very important, because this was the year a man named Francis from a town called Assisi made a journey to the Holy Land and specifically to Bethlehem. Here he visited the place where tradition proclaims the Christ Child was born. He was so moved by this experience that when he returned to Italy, to Greccio, he enlisted the help of his friend Giovanni to try to replicate the story he was told in Bethlehem. Together they succeeded in finding an ox and a

donkey and a cave or grotto. This was the first presepio and it was live! Historians cannot tell us much more about this moment. Was there a live baby in the scene? We do not know. We do know that the townspeople response to Francis' story of his journey to Bethlehem and came with candles and torches to the grotto that night. The scene in Greccio was repeated again and again, there and in nearby towns and then across the region, country, continent, and the rest of the world. Over the centuries it took many forms, many different constructions both simple and exquisite. And it came to us right here in our neighborhood during Festa di Natale per i Bambini.

The next date important to the course taken by our members is 1979. Sandra Bordin is president of the Dante Society and she decided that their Society should have a Nativity scene! The Board could afford only \$50.00 but she enlisted the help of Betty Williams, a member who had a summer home in Naples. Betty was able to go to the famous street where presepio figures were sold. She was able to afford the main characters, some townspeople and market vendors, but did not have enough to buy animals. Then she went directly to the U.S. military base nearby and found a kind person who volunteered to send everything to the US on an air hop! Everything arrived well! The figures were then used for meetings and parties with Dante families, but there was no specific celebration in which the focus was the teaching of the children about Natale tradition.

This all changed in 1994 when a new idea emerged. Gail Longo, director of the Cinquegranelli Montessori School in Ballard, wanted to give her students an Italian Christmas experience. She already was teaching the Italian language to her little students. Gail researched the idea and decided on a few activities, discovered the "Tu Scendi dale Stelle" song and read about La Befana. Tomie Di Paola had not yet written his book.

Cinquegranelli celebrated one Festa di Natale that year at a church across from the school with children carrying the figures up to a presepio. Tony Longo slowly played the Tu Scendi song on his accordion, while Gail and the students sang. This hymn was written in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Ligouri, a scholar and priest living in Foggia, Italy.

The next year, 1995 Gail decided to approach the Dante Society with her idea. After talking to several members about the Festa, one person was inspired. His name was Sam Ciapanna, future president at Dante. Together they developed a way for the children to participate in creating a presepio using the terra cotta figures that Dante had purchased in Naples years before. They found that Italians were very particular about the construction of their presepi. Each region had a specific item that was required for the building of a presepio. Sam found that in Sicily one needed to have a grape root. So, one was given us by a vineyard on Bainbridge Island. The residents of the Trentino Alto-Adige area re-

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uiured moss for their presepi – as told to us by our Italian Dante member Pina Trentini, who with her sister searched the woods near their Trentino home for moss to decorate their grotto.

That first Dante celebration of Natale, at which Sam organized us all, was at Mt St Virgin Parish in South Seattle. After two more years at that location we began a long period of searching for a school or church or community hall to have our celebration. Every year the program was in a different location. We went all over the city!

During this time a talented friend of the Dante Society offered to build a grotto for our display of the presepio! Susan Ingallina created a large paper mache` grotto that we still use today. This and several fresh branches, leaves, moss, rocks, and wood creates a natural setting to our presepio.

Finally, about six years ago we were able to have Natale at Headquarters House. But, in order to reach more families with children, last year in 2014, we decided to find a more centrally located space where we would be close to parishes and schools. We were so fortunate to be offered the use of the lovely Brannan House at Christ the King Parish in North Seattle.

So, here is the last important date. After 20 years, we are still together, still loving our Festa di Natale celebration and it is 2015.

Several people are deserving of special thanks in this history of our Festa di Natale at the Dante Society. The Natale committee has several devoted members: Gini Harmon, Nancy McDonald, Terry Hanlon, Jane Cottrell, and Linda Bavasotto.

Our language School Director, Giuseppe Tassone guides us through a rousing game of tombola every year. Netta Brown, Antonella Mancini, Patricia Cooke, Jackie Leone Pleasant and Terry Hanlon have all acted the role of La Befana with charm and humor. We had excellent photographers, Hugh Lee and Norizan Paterra. Anh Lee, Dave Cottrell, Linda Bavisotto, Paul Wartes, Debra Gillett, Mike Foster, Frank Paterra, Linda Barnett, Sheryl and Bruce Leone, Linda and Brian Heimbigner have given time and talent graciously for several years. Joyce Morinaka has been a patron of Natale and involved in many capacities since the first Natale. She is director of special events at Tutta Bella Pizzeria, from which she orders a delicious meal for all the families and volunteers, sometimes up to 60 people. Every year she provides the wonderful Italian meal for Natale per i Bambini.

Finally, our matriarch, Adele Lord, welcomed us into her home every year to make the little Befana gift bags for the children. She was beloved by us all.

We look ahead to the future, graced by new members who will carry on this important tradition at the Dante Society.

Con speranza,
Caterina Murone Wartes
Chairman, Festa di Natale per i Bambini

Mediterranean Pasta

submitted by Bruce Leone

For the November pre-Dante pasta Bruce and Sharon Leone prepared a delicious pasta dish using tuna. Here's the recipe.

2 T fresh parsley
1 can Metropolitan Market
Premium tuna (5 oz)
1/2 c caper berries, chopped
2 T fresh lemon zest
1/2 c kalamata olives, chopped
1/4 c olive oil
3 T fresh lemon juice
1 box penne pasta
Salt and pepper to taste
Feta cheese optional (Bruce leaves out)

Cook pasta according to instructions on package, set aside.

Mix remaining ingredients in a bowl.

Toss with pasta until well mixed.

Top with feta cheese if desired.



Photos from November English Meeting

taken by Stephen Stimac



Dominick Minotti put together a very detailed and wonderful presentation called "The History of La Befana for the November English meeting. The intent was to include a print version as part of La Voce but due to formatting issues it was not possible so you will instead find the pdf file as a link on the Dante web-site. And for those who are emailed La Voce, the pdf file was included in the email. Enjoy...

DANTE CALENDAR 2015–2016

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

<p>2015:</p> <p>September 9th: English Meeting Rob Prufer “Great Italian Artworks of Parties & Feasts”</p> <p>September 23rd: Italian Meeting Giuseppe Tassone “Maratona infernale: in viaggio con Dante”</p>	<p>2016:</p> <p>January 13th: English Meeting Terry Tazioli, Journalist of TVW’s <i>Well Read</i></p> <p>January 27th: Italian Meeting Anna Veraldi, Architect “Renaissance Gardens of Lazio”</p>
<p>October 14th: English Meeting Adrienne Bandlow “Holy Cannoli”</p> <p>October 28th: Italian Meeting Cecilia Stretto “The American Way and the Italian Way: Differences in Every Day Life”</p>	<p>February 10th: English Meeting Dan DeMatteis “Donizetti’s <i>Maria Stuarda</i>”</p> <p>February 24th: Italian Meeting Beatrice Arduini “Dante Today: Dante’s Presence in Contemporary Culture”</p>
<p>November 11th: English Meeting “Festa di Natale per i Bambini: It’s Origin & Preview of our Celebration December 5th”</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in November</p>	<p>March 9th: English Meeting Wine Tasting Dinner w/Chris Zimmerman</p> <p>March 23rd: Italian Meeting David Chapman “La Pantera Biondo, Italian Comic Book”</p>
<p>December 5th: Festa di Natale per i Bambini</p> <p>December 9th: Annual Christmas Party</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in December</p>	<p>April 13th: English Meeting Election Night</p> <p>April 27th: Italian Meeting TBD</p>
	<p>May 11th: English Meeting Vickie Olson (Newcastle Historical Society) “The Italian Immigrants of Newcastle”</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in May</p> <p><i>June-August 2016: Summer break, no meetings.</i></p>

At the first meeting of each month (English program), pre-Dante pasta is communally prepared at 5:30 pm and 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. Cost: \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at Headquarters House, 2336 15th Avenue 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: _____

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Amount Enclosed:

Membership Amount: _____

Contribution: _____

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Contribution Categories (For recognition stars):

Bronzo (bronze) - Up to \$25

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

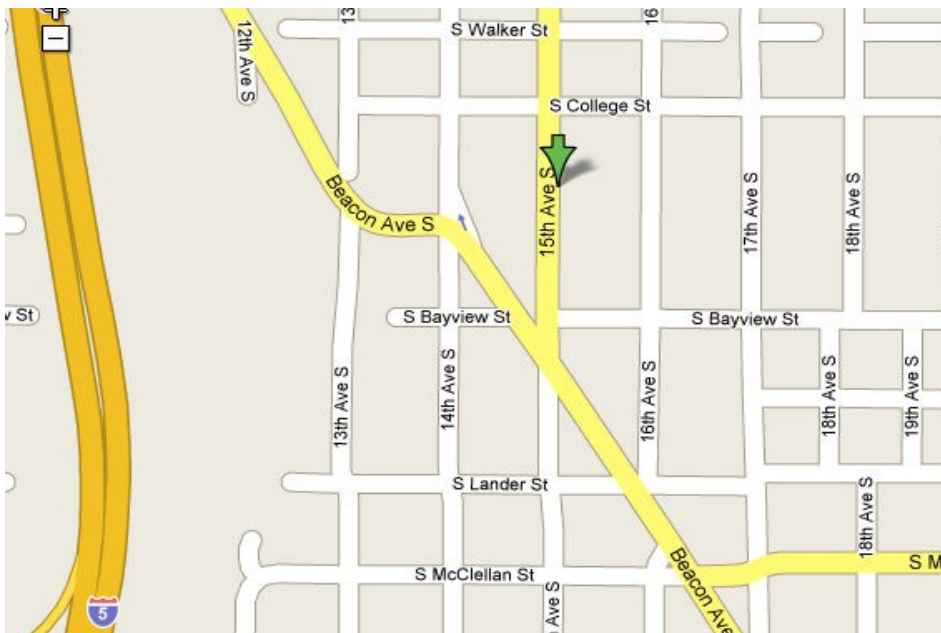
Oro (gold) - \$51 to \$100

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.