

La Voce della Dante

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May 2016

May English Meeting:

"Gone But Not Forgotten: The Italian Immigrants of Newcastle"

Presented by Vickie Olson

Wednesday, May 11th, 6:30 pm, Headquarters House

In 1860 rich coal deposits were discovered on the east side of Lake Washington, in the area today known as Newcastle. The discovery prompted California investors to claim that the Newcastle coal beds were "unsurpassed by anything of the kind in any part of the world."

And, so they came to Washington Territory hoping for a better life; if not for themselves, then perhaps for their descendants. They came from all parts of the United States, and Canada, joining immigrants from Ireland, Finland, Wales, Italy, Belgium, and later from China. They came to work in the mines and the related industries with little more than what they could carry. Between 1884 and 1898, when the mines were most active, the town of Newcastle was comprised of more than 600 houses, and its population was said to rival that of Seattle.

Today, the only extant reminder of those immigrants and their families who came to Newcastle is the historic Newcastle Cemetery.

Vickie Baima Olson, a descendant of Italian immigrants who worked in Newcastle's coal mines, invites you to her presentation of the narrative, "Gone But Not Forgotten" on May 11, 2016. Her focus will be the cemetery and the stories of those who are buried there.

This presentation will conclude our program year. A new year of programs will begin in September 2016. This also means the May issue of La Voce is the last one until September.

We hope you enjoy summer and all things Italian.

Join us once again in September.



Upcoming Events

Wed, May 11th:

"The Italian Immigrants of Newcastle", presented by Vickie Olson, Pre-Dante Pasta at 6:30 pm, Presentation at 7:30 pm, Headquarters House



There is no Italian meeting in May. The next meeting will be in September when a new program year begins.

DAS Board Meeting

Board meetings are held on a Wednesday every other month from September through May with a planning meeting in August.

The next board meeting will be held August 17, 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.





Our New Members

**Benvenuti
Nuovi Membri**

Tom and
Josephine Dorsch

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

* DAS Star List 2016*

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, Barbara
- * Crosetto, James & Deborah
- * Gillett, Debra Rovetto
- * Hoffman, Pat
- * Whaley, Terrance & Sandra

Argento \$26 to \$50

- * Morton, Lorraine
- * Reinert, Harry

Oro \$51 to \$100

- * Borriello, Rosa
- * Bosi, Lawrence
- * Cottrell, David & Jane
- * DeMatteis, Dan & Carol
- * Fonzo, Emilio
- * Greenfield, Peter
- * Larsen, David
- * Minotti, Dominick
- * Shiroyama, Sylvia
- * Sportelli, Domenic & Louise

Platino—over \$100

- * Harmon, Gini
- * Rodriquez, German

From the President's Desk

Ciao tutti -

We're coming to the end of another successful year. One more English meeting in mid-May, one final Board meeting to review the past year (2015-2016) and to plan for the upcoming year (2016-2017) - and we're done. I hope that you've enjoyed the programs (and the food!), met some new friends, deepened your appreciation of Italian and Italian-American culture and got a chance to practice and expand your Italian.

I want to thank you all for your help and support over the year – setting up tables and chairs before the meetings and putting them away afterwards, providing a generous and ever-changing feast of *antipasti*, *dolci*, and *vini*, volunteering for the Board or one of the Committees, welcoming new and returning members so warmly, and helping in so many other ways. Your generosity makes the whole thing work.

And you're not alone. Our chapter of the DAS is one of 480 affiliated clubs around the world, all with the same objective: the diffusion of Italian language and culture around the world. Or as our website has it: "Your door to all things Italian - we embrace all who enjoy all things Italian and desire to expand their knowledge of a beautiful country, its people and its language." DAS worldwide boasts 120,000 members and provides Italian language training to 65,000 students – quite a community that we're a part of.

Of course, the work of preparing for the 2016-2017 year goes on over the summer. The Program chairs, Anita Bingaman and Melinda Jankord-Steedman, and Toni Napoli, the Festa Italiana Chair, will be particularly busy getting things ready for September. As will Giuseppe Tassone, who works year round to coordinate our Language Classes.

And before I close I wanted to shout out a specific thank-you to Linda Heimbigner, who puts *La Voce* together each month. It really is quite remarkable that an organization as modest as ours has such a high-quality newsletter. And we can thank Linda for that. She - and her network of "correspondents" - are tireless in ferreting out news about our activities as well as fascinating articles on "all things Italian" in our area and putting it all together in an attractive and readable format. *Brava, Linda, e mille grazie!*

I wish you all an enjoyable summer, relaxing times with family and friends, lots of tasty Italian food, good wine, and all the stuff that will make up pleasant memories for the fall. Until then – *statemi bene!*
Alla prossima!

Dan DeMatteis



Language Program News by Giuseppe Tassone Italian Language Program Director

Winter quarter started on January 5th with 54 students enrolled and four levels of Italian (A1, A2, B1, B2) taught by Dida Berretta, Marina Gagliardi, Michela Tartaglia and Nicla Rivero. Winter quarter is the second quarter for all levels. Most of the students attended fall quarter while others, who studied Italian previously, joined the program in the winter and were placed in their appropriate level.

Once again Seattle University is hosting our program and as a result our students have multimedia classrooms with Internet, in addition to the printed text, and are exposed to videos, news, commercials, and music in order to enhance their learning experience. We are very fortunate to be able to use their facilities and classrooms and are very grateful to the administration for allowing us this use.

The use of multimedia has many benefits such as improvement of students' listening comprehension skills. When taking the PLIDA exam students find the oral part pretty challenging, especially at level B1 and above as we experienced last November. Their exposure to spoken Italian through both listening to the instructor and follow up exercises is fundamental for a successful completion of the exam. Other skills tested in the PLIDA are reading, writing, and speaking.

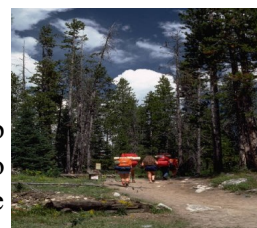
Last May we offered the PLIDA A2 exam and in November we offered the PLIDA B2 exam. The students who took the exam received the official certificate issued by the *Società Dante Alighieri* with the seal of the *University of Rome – La Sapienza* and the *Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*. I encourage our students to consider taking the exam in May or November not only for practical reasons, such as to satisfy the language requirement for the permit of long stay in Italy or to enroll to Italian universities, but also for personal gratification and to formally assess proficiency in Italian. Although the Rome Headquarter administers the exam, students can take the exams in Seattle since the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington is one of the few institutions in North America to offer it under my coordination. The exam is open to everyone not only to students, and the fee is very reasonable. If a student fails any of the four skills he/she can re-take only that portion of the exam instead of taking the entire exam again.

To conclude, I want to thank Seattle University for hosting the courses, our students for their dedication to the program, and our instructors for their excellent work. Students in their evaluations praised their skills and their ability to create a friendly atmosphere in the classroom that enable them to make progress and attend class regularly even after a day at work. Class meets from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.!

Here are some excerpts of their comments at the end of fall quarter 2015: *I enjoyed the exercises in this class, and the reading was easily understandable. The handouts were helpful, and I LOVED the cultural notes and presentations that Dida gave to us (A1). Marina is VERY encouraging and supportive and kind. She makes the classroom a safe place to practice*

Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) PNW

Club Alpino Italiano monthly hike for May:



May 14th: Beaver Lake Hike

Classification: Easy

Distance/Time: Up to 9 miles

Elevation Gain: < 200 ft

Contact: John Burnett
(johnsb42@hotmail.com)

A spring river walk with some mountain views, old cedars, and a beaver lake await.

June 11-12th: Weekend Retreat in the Leavenworth area. Contact: Ron Riter (ronriter@hotmail.com)

July 9th: Mt. Rainier National Park, Mazama Ridge/Lakes Loop

Classification: Moderate

Distance/Time: 5 miles/4 hours

Elevation Gain: 1300 feet

Highest Point: 5700 feet

Contact: Toni Williams
(hikernw@yahoo.com)

This hike is the best day long hike in the park to sample the unique and spectacular alpine country.

August 13th: Oyster Dome, Bellingham

Classification: Moderate

Distance/Time: 6.5 miles RT

Elevation Gain: 1900 ft

Highest Point: 2025 feet

Contact: Norizan Pattera
(norizan@norizan.com)

A beautiful hike on Blanchard Mountain with the possibility of seeing the San Juans, Olympic Mountains, and Samish Bay from the top.

Check the CAI PNW website for further information:

cai-pnw.com

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speaking Italian and she makes the concepts much more clear and easier to understand (A2). I found Michela to be a fantastic instructor. She sets a good pace and does a great job of accommodating to all skill levels within the class. I am looking forward to continuing on with her (B1). Nicla did an exceptional job with handouts, activities, videos, sharing of cultural exchanges, grammar explanation, and the small group activities were great. We learned so much under her expert tutelage (B2). Laura inspired lively and engaged conversation, and carefully included every student in it. Laura's ability to make this work is exceptional. Although the fluency of the individual students varied significantly, all were challenged and all made progress (C2). This is a great program and I would definitely recommend it. Excellent, I would recommend it!

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.

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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

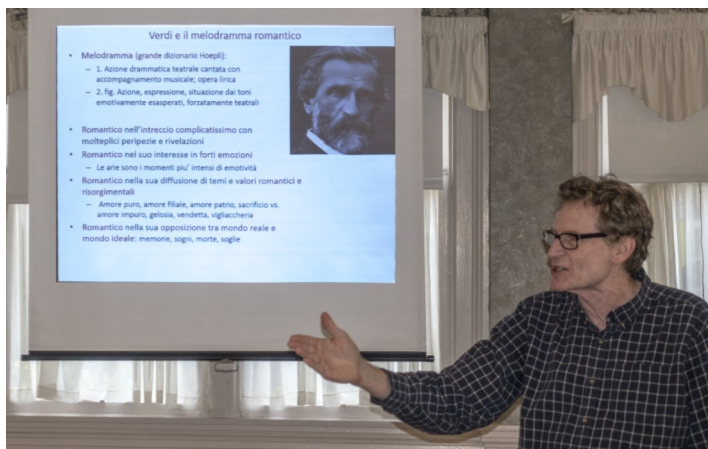
For further information email: info@danteseattle.org
To register: www.danteseattle.org/register.html



www.facebook.com/danteseattle

Picture from April Italian Meeting

taken by Stephen Stimac



Stephen Stimac, a Dante member, has provided us with some wonderful pictures of the meetings throughout the year. He posts them on One Drive and for the April Italian meeting he also included some video. To see pictures and videos go to the following on the internet:

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AFQCZkxh2ljWA2U&id=2CE1EA1C6E8F65CA%2164940&cid=2CE1EA1C6E8F65CA>

La Voce

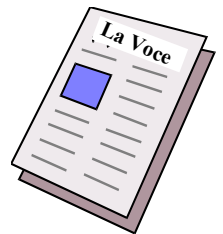
Summer weather has come early to the Seattle area. Enjoy this while you can. With summer truly around the corner, I hope you will have the chance to explore some new places and try some new adventures. And, do include some Italian related things. Consider sharing these new finds with the readers of La Voce.

If you find an interesting article, event, book, 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. The sooner the better!

Linda

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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.

15 Best Italian Sodas in Seattle

I found this list published on the internet on April 29, 2016. If summer proves to be another scorcher, you may want to indulge and try an Italian soda or two at one of these places. And if you do, why not write a review and email me at: LTHDesign@comcast.net

Linda

- 1) *Voxx Coffee*
1200 6th Ave (University)
- 2) *Espresso Vivace*
227 Yale Ave N (btw John & Thomas)
- 3) *Trophy Cupcakes*
1815 N 45th St, Ste 209 (in Wallingford Center)
- 4) *Van Gogh Coffee*
8210 35th Ave NE (NE 82nd St)
- 5) *Gelatiamo*
1400 3rd Ave (at Union St)
- 6) *Uptown Espresso Gameporium – Delridge*
3845 Delridge Way SW (Andover)
- 7) *Sip and Ship*
1752 NW Market St
- 8) *Cherry Street Coffee House*
320 E Pine St (at Bellevue Ave)
- 9) *Empire Espresso*
3829 S Edmunds St
- 10) *Uptown Espresso*
500 Westlake Ave N (at Republican St)
- 11) *Makeda & Mingus Café*
153 N 78th St (Greenwood Ave)
- 12) *Central Cinema*
1411 21st Ave (at E Union St)
- 13) *SIFF Cinema at the Uptown*
511 Queen Anne Ave N
- 14) *Toast*
5615 24th Ave NW (57th St)
- 15) *Hi Spot Café*
1410 34th Ave



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/bar

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:

ISSUE DATE	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
September 2016	By August 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.



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Catherine Ann Orsi

March 9, 1958—March 14, 2016

The following was from Lew, Catherine's brother. It's more complete information than what was previously noted in La Voce.

Catherine Ann Orsi passed away peacefully with her family by her side on March 14, 2016, after fighting a brave five-year battle with brain cancer.

Although conceived in her father's native homeland of Italy, she was born in Corvallis, Oregon on March 9, 1958. She was the first child of Vincenzo and Margaret (Atwood) Orsi. Catherine grew up in Albany and Corvallis. While attending Oregon State University, Catherine decided to pursue the profession of her late father and in 1983 received a degree in civil engineering.

Upon graduation, she married fellow engineer Phillip Wurst. After a few years, they divorced.

Catherine began her engineering career with the U.S. Forest Service in Ashland, Oregon. After several years, she accepted an engineering position in Seattle, Washington working for City Light on landfill closure projects. She was one of the few women in the field at the time.

Through mutual friends, Catherine met and married Chelo Winfred Schal in 1995. They made several trips to Europe to visit his family in Germany, her family in Italy, and explore her maternal roots in Finland.

Catherine had a lifelong interest in scuba diving and was a volunteer diver at the Seattle Aquarium

for over 18 years. Her other aquatic pursuits included sailing, kayaking, and swimming. She harbored a dream of becoming a mermaid.

During a personal illness, she became disenchanted with Western medicine and sought help through naturopathy. This journey led her to change careers in midlife and she enrolled at Bastyr University where she received her Doctor of Naturopathy Medicine degree in 2003. She opened her own practice in her beloved West Seattle and served hundreds of clients. Despite divorcing in 2005, Catherine and Chelo remained dear friends. Catherine maintained her medical practice until being stricken with cancer in the spring of 2011.

She was proud of her Italian-American heritage even obtaining dual Italian citizenship and volunteering for many years with the Festa Italiana celebration in Seattle, and remaining active in the Italian-American Association. She was a devoted member of her church, Plymouth United Church of Christ Congregational in Seattle.

After developing cancer and despite significant obstacles, Catherine filled the intervening years with activities, love and connections with people. Although never able to practice Naturopathy again, she continued her life of healing, connection, and advocacy through support groups, online communities and friends until her death. Dancing in her colorful outfits was one of her favorite activities. She was walking to a dance class on December 22, 2015 when she fell, never able to walk again. And this is how we will remember her, dancing and grooving at the least provocation and in pure joy.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret, her siblings, Lewis (Kathy), Barbara, and Stephen, her nephew, Nick, her niece, Kate, and her ex-husband, Chelo Winfred Schal. Her beloved father, Vincenzo, preceded her in death in 1972, and her American grandparents Hulda and Harlow Atwood and her Italian grandparents Luigi and Olimpia Orsi.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests offerings are directed to her remembrance project. People can donate on PayPal using catherinere-membranceproject@gmail.com or mail checks to "Catherine Remembrance Project" care of Lew Orsi 10617 NE 30th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686. A service was held April 30, 2016 at Plymouth United Church of Christ in Seattle WA.



April 13th Business Meeting Minutes

by Jane Cottrell

After a delicious dinner prepared by President Dan DeMatteis and assisted by the Executive Board, he called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

The focus of Dan's talk was to recap the 2015-2016 year of activities of the Dante Alighieri Society of Seattle. He first recognized the volunteer PreDante Pasta cooks, the Antipasti Chair, Terry Hanlon, the special events, like the annual Wine Dinner, Festa di Natale per i Bambini, a special shout out to Linda Heimbigner, who publishes our monthly newsletter from across country, Sylvia and Rob's roll out of the new and vastly improved Dante website, the badges that Stephen makes for our members, and the Program Chair, Melinda Jankord-Steedman. He noted Dante's community support of events like Festa Italiana at Seattle Center each September, the SIFF Italian film festival, our loaned books to the library of Il Punto, our representation at Casa Italiana, (Sylvia is the representative), CAI, Ida Callahan and the Language School at Seattle University that was established in 1984. He noted that our Language School educates more students in Italian studies than at the University of Washington. Giuseppe guides our involvement in PLIDA. Bruce, Jennifer Trenk, and Giuseppe have improved the financial reporting for the Language School, even though it is still a work in progress.

David Larsen and Rob Prufer have been working on a marketing plan for DAS as a way to introduce more people to the education and enjoyment of all things Italian.

Bruce Leone presented the Treasurer's Report from the beginning of this year from September, 2015 to yesterday. We are \$1,439 in the Black. We had \$966 in donations and another \$810 from Casa Italiana that covered some of our rental at the Garden House. These two contributions help to keep us as prosperous as we are for a nonprofit. We have 140 people on our roster, but only 58 members who are paid up. There are 19 people who have not paid since 2015, however Bruce is reluctant to scratch them as every once in a while, one of those delinquents will renew. There is a school preliminary budget readied for next year. Bruce gave a lot of credit to Giuseppe Tassone for all the hard work he does to keep our Language School operating.

Dan opened the meeting to questions on what we have done right and where we need to improve. The major topic was Festa di Natale per i Bambini. It was recommended that we shorten the length of the program. We discussed how we advertise; to whom we should we open it. Do we want to include the larger community? How can we help Caterina to make her job less stressful and easier? Has Festa run its course? Some people wondered if we shouldn't have the celebration closer to the Epiphany instead of during December which is a time when everyone gets booked up with one thing or another.

Rob Prufer's, and Leslie's talks were applauded and it was hoped that Rob will continue to present more programs to our group.

Election:

Jane Cottrell, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of candidates for Board officers and counselors and opened the floor for nominations. The vote for election was called and the following Board candidates were unanimously approved:

President: Dan DeMatteis
Vice President: Harry Reinert
Treasurer: Bruce Leone
Secretary: Linn Crosetto
Counselors:
Houghton Lee
Stephen Stimac
Dominic Minotti
David Larsen
Micela Tartaglia

The following were declared *ex officio* Board members:

Past President:
Sylvia Shiroyama
Italian Language Program Director:
Giuseppe Tassone

Committee Chairs were also announced:

Casa Italiana Representative:
Sylvia Shiroyama
La Voce della Dante Editor:
Linda Heimbigner
Programs-Chairs:
Anita Bingaman and
Melinda Jankord-Steedman

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Cottrell



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 Movie & Antipasti “Pane e Tulipani” (Bread and Tulips)</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 Albert Sbragia, Associate Professor of Italian Studies, Univ. of Washington “Opera Lirica”</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: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed:

Membership Amount: _____

Contribution:

Social Programs & Activities: _____

School: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Contribution Categories (For recognition stars):

Bronzo (bronze) - Up to \$25

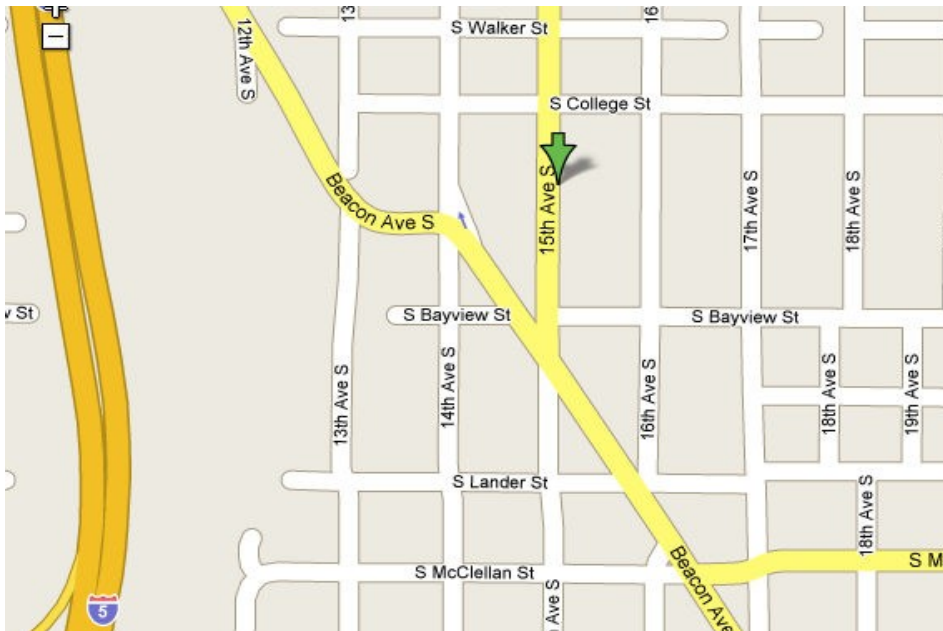
Argento (silver) - \$26 to \$50

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

Platino (platinum) - Over \$10

Please return completed membership application with check to:

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington
c/o Bruce Leone
2522 2nd Ave W
Seattle, WA 98119



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.