

La Voce della Dante

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May English Meeting “Michelangelo’s Pietà in St. Peters” presented by Rob Prufer

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



Upon completing his Pietà, now in St. Peter's, Michelangelo wrote to his father that he had made the “impossible possible.” Indeed, the contract had assured the patron that Michelangelo would produce the most beautiful work in Rome. And all agreed that he had. But when he got the job he was only twenty-two with very little on his resume. He was penniless and sleeping on friends’ couches, un-

able to put up his brother visiting from Florence. How did Michelangelo get this choice commission, which he completed astonishingly in under one year? And how did he intend for us to experience the work? He didn't create it for St. Peter's, either the original, 4th-century church or the current basilica. And he certainly didn't want us to look up at it, as we do now. And what are the circumstances that led to its placement behind bullet-proof glass? Join us to explore Michelangelo's Pietà.

Rob Prufer is a long-time Dante member. He is an avid student of the Italian language and Italian art history. He shares his passion for art history with his students at Newport High School and the wider public in his lecture series at the Bellevue Arts Museum, The Loggia Lectures.

In the picture above taken in August 2017, Rob is beside Botticelli's “Mystic Crucifixion” located in the Art Study Center at Harvard's Fogg Museum. Being all alone with Botticelli's art work was quite an experience for Rob.

*Enjoy your summer and
see you in September...*

Upcoming Events for May:

May 9th: English Meeting, Rob Prufer, Michelangelo's Pietà in St. Peters”



There is no Italian meeting in May and the May English meeting is the last DAS meeting until September 2018.

Other Upcoming Events:

Jun 12th: 12th Annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night, 7:10 pm, Safeco Field, See page 8.

Aug 18th: Seattle Trentino Club Annual Polenta Picnic, Des Moines, WA

Picture from the DAS annual general meeting, April 11th



* DAS Star List 2018 *

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.

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

The names on the donation list will remain through December 31, 2017. If you make a donation after May 2017, your name will be on the donation list through 2018.



From the President's Desk

Again, another program year is almost over. Just one more program meeting to look forward to—one more pasta dinner with Dante friends, and one more Italian-themed presentation.

I know that many of you are looking forward to hearing Rob Prufer again this year on May 9th. His art lectures are always a highlight of the season - interactive, full of curious and intriguing facts, great slides, and provocative insights. This year Rob is focusing on Michelangelo's Pietà, the statue of Mary holding her dead son Jesus which is installed in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. So, be sure to come along and deepen your appreciation of one of Italy's - and the world's - most beloved masterpieces.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held as scheduled on April 11th, 2018 and a new slate of Officers and Consiglieri were elected. I'd like to welcome Janet Lenart to the Board as the 2018-2019 Secretary. And thanks to her for volunteering her time and experience so generously. *Benvenuto*, Janet.

And I'd like to thank as well Linn Crosetto, our retiring Secretary. Linn did a great job of minute-taking and of organizing the tools that a Secretary needs to do his or her job efficiently. *Mille grazie*, Linn.

At the AGM I asked the members what they would like to see Dante do in the future that we haven't done previously. There was a lot of interest in supporting the San Gennaro Festival at the beginning of September by having a booth there. Members who had gone previously reported having a great time and it is fast becoming a major Italian cultural event here in Seattle. I'll be talking to members over the summer to see whether we can get a team together to staff a booth. Expect my email!

Speaking of volunteering, there are still two open Chair positions, the Italian Program Chair and Hospitality Chair. There are notices for these further on in *La Voce*. Please consider volunteering and helping to make Dante such an enjoyable and informative experience for all.

Have a great summer with family and friends. We'll be in touch. Statemi bene.

A presto,

Dan DeMatteis



Volunteer Positions Available

Hospitality Chair

Do you enjoy entertaining and making your guests feel at home? Consider volunteering for the position of **Hospitality Chair** for Dante meetings, both English and Italian. Terry Hanlon, who has served as Hospitality Chair for many years has stepped down from the position for personal reasons so the opportunity for you to step in is open. The duties of the Hospitality Chair include:

- Supervise the buffet table at our Program meetings (ensure all the food is plated appropriately and the table is kept organized during the entire meeting)
- Make coffee and provide sugar and creamer as needed (you'll be reimbursed for this)
- Be prepared to supplement the antipasti and dessert as needed (and be reimbursed for this as well)
- Help those who bring antipasti and dessert to display their food attractively
- Help our guests to get what they need from the buffet table
- Ensure the antipasti and dessert plates get to the dishwashers in a timely manner
- Help the clean-up crew after the meeting by clearing the buffet table

If you are interested in helping to create a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere at the meetings, please contact Dan DeMatteis at ddematteis@danteseattle.org. Or speak to Dan at one of the upcoming meetings.

Italian Program Chair

Would you like to have a say in the presenters for our Italian meetings? Consider volunteering for the position of **Italian Program Chair** for the 2018-2019 program season. Anita Bingaman, our Chair for the last couple of years, is taking a well-deserved break, so the opportunity for you to step in is open. The list of duties below may be short, but the position—and the speakers you get—are key to the success of our Italian meeting program. The duties of the Italian Program Chair include:

- Identify speakers for the Italian meetings (Sept, Oct, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr)
- Get bios and presentation summaries from the speakers to put in La Voce and on the DAS website (need to be cognizant of the “deadlines” for these)
- Handle communications with the speakers regarding presentation logistics, A/V needs, etc.
- Work with the A/V volunteer setting up for the meetings
- Introduce and thank speakers at the meetings
- Secure speaker gifts and present them to the speakers
- Coordinate with the English Program Chair as needed

If you are interested in helping to put together the Italian meetings, please contact Dan DeMatteis at ddematteis@danteseattle.org. Or speak to Dan at one of the upcoming meetings.



Our New Members

Benvenuti Nuovi Membri

David Bacon &
Simona Gardani
Sam Ciapanna &
Dean Williamson
Debbie Connell
Diana D'Antuono
Martha Klayman &
Judy Rost
Victoria Olcott &
Graciela Castillo
John Lenart
Julia Normand
Joan Tupper

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

DAS Board Meeting

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday every other month from August through May with August being a planning meeting.

The next board meeting will be held May 2, 2018.

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.





Language Program News

*Giuseppe Tassone, Italian
Language School Director*

The last day of classes for the school year 2017-18 will be on Tuesday, June 12th. The school year ends with an excellent result with 129 students enrolled in our program; exactly the same number as the previous year. Retention throughout the year has been remarkable and the few students who have not been able to continue was the result of changes in their work schedule, travel, or personal matters. It is with great satisfaction that I report this result that rewards the dedication of the teaching staff and the management. The Italian language program of the *Dante Alighieri Society of Washington* has a long history and over the years we have built experience and competence in teaching Italian. This probably explains why our program is favored by so many people. Tuition, due to our non-profit status and mission, is another advantage for our students. We strive to keep tuition low to make the program affordable to all. The endorsement of our program by the *Società Dante Alighieri* in Rome and the support of the *Consulate General of Italy in San Francisco*, prove the quality of our program and our methodological standards. Being part of the *Società Dante Alighieri* is a great honor. The society is the leading institution in Italy for the promotion of the Italian language as shown by the recent agreement on April 24th between *Società Dante Alighieri* and ADI (*Associazione italianisti italiani*) or the partnership signed a few days ago between the *Società Dante Alighieri* in Turin and *Politecnico di Torino* to offer language instruction to their foreign students. Students will be able to learn Italian or improve their knowledge through frontal courses and video courses and will have access to PLIDA certification. Students will be able to take advantage of multimedia didactic material developed ad hoc: in fact, it is planned to create 299 video lessons that will facilitate the learning of Italian and can be used as a teaching resource available to members.

If you are interested in reading about this and many other news from the *Società Dante Alighieri* headquarter, I recommend you read the Dante's online magazine called *A Naso* (<http://www.anaso.it>) where you can find, among other things, the events organized by the committees around the world such as my recent presentation *La Cultura del bello. The concept of made in Italy*. Since the magazine is in English it is a great way to improve your comprehension skills and to practice Italian during the summer break.

Our program will resume in the fall celebrating 34 years; the last 20 under my directorship. The first day of class for the 2018-2019 begins October 2nd at 7:00 pm. Register early starting late June for fall quarter at: www.danteseattle.org/classes. Beginner students with no or little knowledge of Italian must enroll in the fall in order to begin the sequence.

Arrivederci!

Pictures from the annual general meeting, April 11th, 2018



Italian Language Program 2017-2018:

Beginning Italian Level A1 - This course is for people with little or no Italian language. Students will learn basic phonetic, grammatical, and lexical structures through conversation and simple dialogues. Students will be engaged in a variety of fun activities as they begin their journey of learning Italian.

Elementary Italian Level A2 - This course is for those who have already studied some Italian. Students will finish exploring essential grammar structures while learning appropriate and useful words and expressions. By the conclusion of Level A2, students will 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 basic knowledge of Italian while increasing vocabulary and the ability to understand written and spoken language. Students will be exposed to cultural and literary readings which builds greater understanding of Italian culture, lifestyle, and ways of thinking.

Upper Intermediate Level B2 - This course builds on the foundation of B1. It enables students to read and understand newspapers and Internet, song lyrics, literary excerpts, videos, movies, and commercials. At the course conclusion, you will be able to engage effectively in conversations, express opinions, and give simple explanations.

Intermediate—Advanced Conversational Italian—NEW - This is a multi-level conversational course open to students who have completed A2, and recommended for those with a level of proficiency above B1. The course will advance your fluency, listening comprehension, and conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and improve your grammar.

Course Schedule:

<i>Fall Quarter 2017:</i>	September 28- December 7
Thanksgiving—No classes 11/23	
Registration Deadline:	September 25
<i>Winter Quarter 2018:</i>	January 11- March 20
Registration Deadline:	December 18
<i>Spring Quarter 2018:</i>	April 5 - June 12
Registration Deadline:	March 19

Class Fee:

Level A1 & A2 - \$180 per quarter

Level B1 & B2 - \$275 per quarter

Intermediate-Advanced Conversational Italian—\$300 per quarter

For further information email: info@danteseattle.org

To register: www.danteseattle.org/classes.html

www.facebook.com/danteseattle

La Voce

The program year for DAS ends with the May 9th English meeting. Plan to attend the presentation as Rob is a dynamic speaker.

I hope to explore Cleveland's Little Italy in May and will be here and there throughout the summer now that Brian has retired. Hopefully, new discoveries will be made and hope you, too, will make some new discoveries this summer.

If you find in your explorations something related to the Italian life that may be of interest to our members, 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

La Voce Editor

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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:

<http://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.

Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) PNW



May 12th: Teneriffe Falls
Jun 9th: Ebey's Landing
Jul 14th: Little Si
Aug 1th: Otter Falls??
Sep 8th: Evergreen Mt. Lookout

Contact: hike@cai-pnw.org

Check the CAI PNW website for further information on current and future activities:

www.cai-pnw.com

Pasta News

Pasta packages could soon indicate where exactly the noodles originated. Why? The Italian government decided that “Made in Italy” labels aren’t specific enough for products like pasta and cheese, so the government passed measures requiring companies to be specific, sometimes getting right down to the factory address.

Pasta Necklaces

Now you can wear your favorite pasta as jewelry. Barilla has partnered with Delicacies Jewelry and has introduced the Al Dente collection. This collection includes made in sterling silver or 14-karat gold pendants shaped like farfalle, penne, rotini, and bucatini to name a few. They sell for \$85 at delicaciesjewelry.com.

This site advertises “tasteful jewelry for people who love food.” Besides the pasta pendants they have food related bracelets and other food related pendants. Check their website to see what it’s all about.



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.

Planning to study at an Italian University? Do you need to demonstrate your proficiency in Italian for a job or an extended stay in Italy? Or do you want a certificate to recognize your accomplishment in learning Italian? Then, our PLIDA exam may be just the thing for you. PLIDA is widely recognized as a qualification of proficiency in the Italian language for foreigners in Italy to study, work, and live.

DAS Seattle and its Language Program is an official examination center of the *Società Dante Alighieri (SDA)*—enabling students and others to take exams leading to a PLIDA certificate.

PLIDA exams are designed by the Società Dante Alighieri staff to assess Italian as a foreign or second language.

Every year thousands of candidate throughout the world test their language competence and get a certificate recognized by the Italian government and accepted globally.

What is PLIDA?

Società Dante Alighieri promotes best practices in teaching Italian as a foreign and second language and has a full range of resources to practice Italian and get ready for the PLIDA exam; SDA provides regularly training sessions, refresher courses, and guidance to syllabus design. PLIDA exams are aligned with international standards and the Common European Framework of Reference levels (CEFR).

To Register

PLIDA certificate sessions are held every year in May and November. Candidates choose to take an exam at the level closest to their proficiency. There are no age limits for exam registration. Registration does not require having taken lower level tests. Candidates need to register 30 days in advance of exam date. More info at: danteseattle.org/plida

Why take a PLIDA Exam?

- To request a resident permit for Italy (from level A2).
 - To obtain a longer residence permit of Italy (EC residence permit) from level A2.
 - To register with Italian University without taking the Italian examination (levels B2, C1, or C2).
- The level required depends on the University and type of faculty.*
- To obtain exemption from the Italian exam for the bilingual “patentino” in Trentino Alto-Adige.
 - To explain your level of Italian more clearly on your curriculum vitae.

PLIDA Certificate Recognition

Plida is recognized by:

- The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
- The Italian Ministry of Interior
- The Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
- The Sapienza University of Rome

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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 2018	By August 12th

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

NOTE: Please keep in mind the above submission deadlines and it's great if articles are 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://danteseattle.org>

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Where can I take the PLIDA Exam?

PLIDA exams are offered by more than 310 center across the world including the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington. For other centers search on www.plida.it

ONLINE RESOURCES

On www.plida.it you'll find:

- News and information about PLIDA certification
- Documents and materials for PLIDA certification
- Programs for PLIDA refresher courses for teachers
- Textbook in Italian for foreigners and other works published for PLIDA by the publishing house Alma Edizioni.
- Video, presentations and educational materials

2018 PLIDA Exam Dates

May 23: Levels A1, A2, B1, C2 (Registration Deadline: May 5)

June 13: Level B1, B2, C1 (Registration Deadline: June 8)

November 28: Levels A1, A2, B1 (Registration Deadline: Nov 17)

November 29: B2, C1, C2 (Registration Deadline: Nov 17)

For further registration info and exam fees see:

www.danteseattle.org/plida

For any questions, contact the PLIDA coordinator in Seattle Giuseppe Tassone at: plida@danteseattle.org

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Mariners Italian Heritage Night

The 12th Annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night will be on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:10 pm when the Mariners will be hosting the Los Angeles Angels. This evening is sponsored by Casa Italiana which Dante Alighieri Society has been a member since its inception.

The giveaway item for this year will be a blue t-shirt. New this year, the t-shirt will be printed on both front and back. "Mariners" in an *il tricolore* color scheme on the front and "Italia" on the back.

Casa is in talks with the Mariners regarding Bocce in the outfield, the return of Peroni beer, first pitch, and the national anthem.

Main level seats are \$35, View level seats are \$26. Tickets may be purchased through the Mariners web site:

<http://mariners.com/italian>



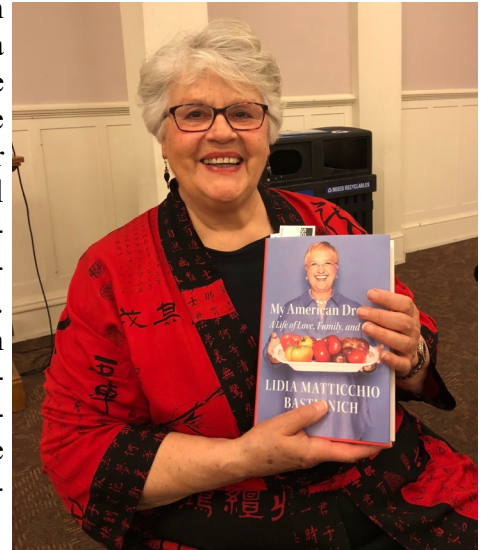
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A Life of Love, Family, & Food

Two tickets for an evening with popular Italian TV chef, Lidia Bastianich, were donated to the Dante Alighieri Society by Seattle Arts and Lectures. A drawing for the prized tickets, held at the April English meeting, was won by member, Barbara Dahl. Sharing the second ticket was Anita Bingaman. The evening began with a reception featuring appetizers and wine provided by Spinasse Italian restaurant. Lidia circulated among the guests and cameras were busy capturing the occasion.



Following the reception, Lidia shared stories of her early life in Italy, stories detailed in her newly published memoir, *My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family and Food*. Following WWII, Lidia's Italian hometown in Istria became part of communist Yugoslavia and residents were forbidden to speak Italian and had to relinquish their Italian names. Eventually the family escaped and spent two years in an Italian refugee camp before receiving their USA visas. Lidia credits Nonna Rosa as the source of her knowledge and love of food and cooking now served in two popular Manhattan restaurants and one in Pittsburgh and another in Kansas City. She has published several cookbooks and has appeared on TV for twenty years.



Anita, Lidia, and Barbara

Cannabis Flowers Legal in Italy but...

A recent article in the New York Times stated how cannabis flowers are legal in Italy, but no one can eat or smoke them. One may wonder how this works as it is indeed a curious dilemma.

Italian specialty shops carry small jars of cannabis flowers and for the past year these jars have been selling like hot cakes in a phenomenon that's described as "green gold rush." Sold under the label "cannabis light" as the THC (compound that causes people to become high) is under 0.2 percent in cannabis light compared to 15-25 percent more found in cultivated strains of marijuana. Once bought, these aromatic hemp flowers cannot be smoked or eaten and if there are seeds, these seeds cannot be grown. The labeling on the jars state products are for "technical use" only and "not for human consumption." So, how can they be sold? Creativity—they are sold as "collector items" which shows the current, perplexing status of legal cannabis in Italy.

Italy has long raised hemp. In 1940, it was said to be the world's second largest producer of industrial cannabis, after the Soviet Union. Industrial cannabis has minute levels of THC but can be used for food, clothing, fabrics, biofuel, construction material, and animal feed. To help revive the hemp crop, a series of laws went into effect in December 2016 and Italy's cannabis mania went wild thereafter. But, the caveat is this law did not regulate the use of cannabis flowers and an entire economy emerged from this legislative void. It will be interesting to see how Italy handles this in the future as the two parties governing Italy for the next five years have opposing views of whether to legalize cannabis light or not.

Claudio Del Vecchio

Who is Claudio Del Vecchio? He is an Italian who grew up in Milan who brought back the reputation of Brooks Brothers, a privately held American retailer of classic men's wear and known as an outfitter of 40 of 45 of our nation's presidents. Del Vecchio has been a Brooks Brothers wearer for over 31 years after learning about Brooks Brothers through the stylish Fiat founder, Gianni Agnelli, who started wearing Brooks Brothers original oxford shirts in the early 1960s. Generations of Italian men copied what he wore as they idolized Agnelli and his stylish sense of fashion.

In 1982, Del Vecchio came to New York to run the North American operations of Luxottica, the famous Italian eyewear company that includes brands such as Oakley, Prada, Ray-Ban. He headed to Brooks Brothers on Madison Avenue to buy his wardrobe. Then in 1992 he got to know the store's executives when he signed Brooks Brothers to be Luxottica's first eyewear licensee in the U.S. But he noticed how the merchandise quality had fallen under the previous owner, the British retailer Marks & Spencer. In 2002 he became the new owner and chief

executive officer and set forth to bring back Brooks Brothers to what it had been. This he has done and in the course of the years they have established 27 airport shops which he credits for helping win back business people and he calls the shops a "great showcase" for the brand. A case in point, the 2009 movie "Up in the Air" had George Clooney's character looking over a display of striped ties at a Brooks Brothers airport shop.

Today, their online presence represents their largest revenue source. They have added some high profile capsule collections for both men and women but its business remains rooted in its classic men's wear, which accounts for 80% of its business. Dress shirts comprise 30% of sales and now include about 1,000 varieties in four fits: the Traditional, the Madison, the Regent, and the slimmest, the Milano.

Even though much of their clothes are imported, they do make things in the U.S. For instance, ties are manufactured in Long Island City and an American flag and the words "Brooks Brothers. Proudly Made in New York United States of America" is embroidered on the tie label. Two U.S. factories produce men's suits, sport coats, trousers, and the classic \$140 oxford shirts. In the past they also have produced clothes for another designer and uniforms for United Airlines.

With the current retail climate of big box stores closing, Brooks Brothers holds steady and these results can be considered an achievement for Del Vecchio and his management team. Brooks Brothers has become the retailer to emulate and just celebrated its 200th anniversary.

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.

There is NO pre-Dante pasta dinner for the December Christmas celebration.



Host Families Needed for Soccer Players

from Dennis Caldirola

Seattle OSA FC has been bringing young Italian men and women soccer players to Seattle for the last 6 years. The players are mixed with talented high school and college players to form men's and women's teams. The men play in the NPSL and the women in the WPSL, both renowned top-tier national leagues. The players practice at Starfire Sports in Tukwila and the matches are in various locations.

Take part in the hosting experience to bring a new culture into your home, to better your Italian language skills, or just for the love of soccer.

See flyer on page 11 for further information and contact info.

DAS Officers Elected for 2018-2019

At the April 11th meeting, the following were elected to serve on the DAS Board for the 2018-2019 period.

Officers:

President: Dan DeMatteis
Vice President: Harry Reinert
Secretary: Janet Lenart
Treasurer: Bruce Leone

Consiglieri: (Start of 2-year term)

Dave Larsen
 Houghton Lee
 Nick Minotti
 Stephen Stimac
 John Steedman (2nd year of 2-year term)

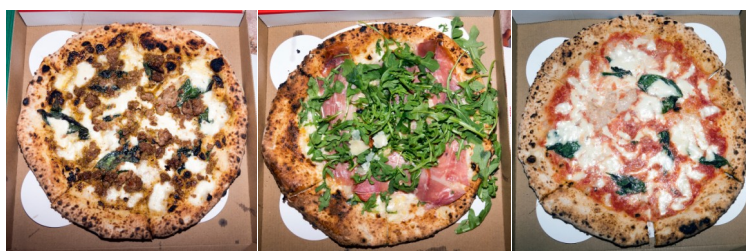
Non-elected Board members:

Past President: Sylvia Shiroyama
Language School Director: Guiseppe Tassone

All members enjoyed wine and pizza from Tuttabella.



(Pictures on page 1 and 10 taken by Stephen Stimac)





**An exciting summer experience!
Welcome an Italian boy or girl
into your home for the summer.**



Hosting an Italian boy or girl is a fun and rewarding experience: you will learn about Italian culture and language while sharing your family's traditions and lifestyle.

Hosting is simple: you only need to be open minded, and have a caring spirit to welcome someone into your home.

Hosting is an exceptional experience that will last only one summer but will create a lifelong friendship!

PacNW-OSA FC is a non-profit soccer club based in Seattle that aims to promote cultural exchange opportunities among young people on and off the soccer field.

For the past 5 years PacNW-OSA FC has invited young Italian boys and girls passionate about soccer to be part of PacNW-OSA FC's teams, along with local American players, and play in top level national summer leagues.



If you are interested in this unique opportunity or would like more information please visit
www.osafootballclub.com/italian-experience or contact info@osa.fc

DANTE CALENDAR 2017–2018

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

<p>2017: September 13th: English Meeting Claude DaCorsi, Auburn City Councilmember His family's immigration to the US as told in his book, "<i>Alba Nuova</i>"</p> <p>September 27th: Italian Meeting Ornella De Stavola "<i>Maremma una Toscana quasi sconosciuta</i>" (A Little Part of Tuscany)</p>	<p>2018: January 10th: English Meeting Joyce Ramee Musical Presentation</p> <p>January 24th: Italian Meeting Beatrice Arduini, UW "The Portrait of Dante, Poet & Pilgrim"</p>
<p>October 11th: English Meeting Nick Minotti "Festa Quiz Review: Where in Italy is Guido Mondobello?"</p> <p>October 25th: Italian Meeting Albert Sbragia "How the 'Ndrangheta is Portrayed in the Film 'Black Souls' by Francesco Munzi"</p>	<p>February 7th: English Meeting Wine Tasting Dinner w/Arnie Millan of Esquin Wines</p> <p>February 28th: Italian Meeting Fr. Tom Lucas, S.J., Rector of Seattle University Jesuit Community "Roman Baroque Painting"</p>
<p>November 8th: English Meeting Member presentation of recent trips to Italy</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in November</p>	<p>March 14th: English Meeting Lloyd Howard, Prof. Emeritus at University of Victoria "An Intro to The Divine Comedy"</p> <p>March 28th: Italian Meeting Cecilia Stretto "Literature about WWII and the Italian Resistance"</p>
<p>December 2nd: Festa di Natale per i Bambini</p> <p>December 13th: Annual Christmas Party</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in December</p>	<p>April 11th: English Meeting Election Night</p> <p>April 25th: Italian Meeting Giuseppe Tassone "La cultura del bello. The Concept of Made in Italy, the Prestigious Label for Italians"</p>
	<p>May 9th: English Meeting Rob Prufer "Michelangelo's Pietà in St. Peters"</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in May</p> <p><i>June-August 2018: 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

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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): _____

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Membership Amount: _____

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School: _____

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Contribution Categories (For recognition stars):

Bronzo (bronze) - Up to \$25

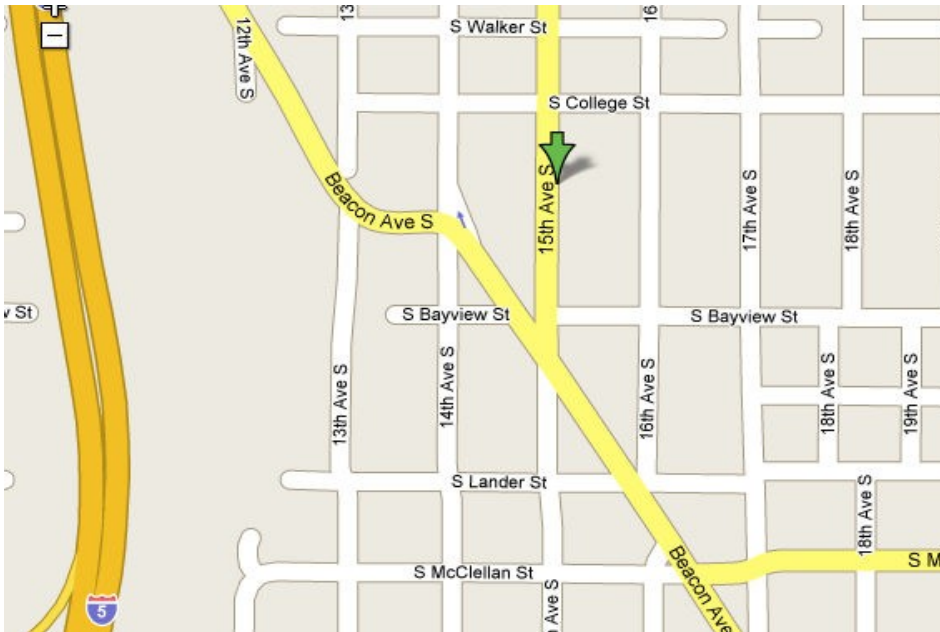
Argento (silver) - \$26 to \$50

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

Platino (platinum) - Over \$100

Please return completed membership application with check to:

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



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