

# La Voce della Dante

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## **October English Meeting “Festa Quiz Review: Where in Italy is Guido Mondobello”**

**Presented by Dominick Minotti**

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

**D**AS member, Dominick Minotti will do a presentation that is an expanded version of the quiz he created for the DAS booth at Festa Italiana this year. It is based on the old children’s game, “Where in the world is Carmen Santiago?” A clue to the location (city, province, area) will be given and the audience will have to find the picture and name that fits the clue. Dominick will do the presentation in powerpoint and will include additional slides with clues and information about the locations on the quiz. Guess correctly and you may win a prize!

Dominick is a Dante member and a consigliere who has given an English presentation each year for the past 4-5 years. He is a retired physician, is active in volunteer work for St. James Cathedral, and sings in the choir. He also tutors high school kids with special needs in math as well as serving on various boards.

## **October Italian Meeting “La ‘ndrangheta nel film ‘Anime’ nere di Francesco Munzi”/“The ‘Ndrangheta in the Film ‘Black Souls’ by Francesco Munzi”**

**Presented by Albert Sbragia**

Wednesday, Oct 25th, 6:30 pm Headquarters House

**A**lbert Sbragia, Associate Professor of Italian and Comparative Literature at the University of Washington, will give a brief introduction on important things to know about the ‘Ndrangheta and then screen a couple of clips to show what strategies Munzi decided to use on how to portray it in a narrative film. The film does not depict violence.

The ‘Ndrangheta is an organized crime group centered in Calabria, Italy. Despite not being as famous abroad as the Sicilian Mafia, and having been considered more rural than the Neapolitan Camorra and the Apulian Sacra Corona Unit, the ‘Ndrangheta became the most powerful crime syndicate in Italy in the late 1990s and early 2000s. While commonly tied together with the Sicilian Mafia, the ‘Ndrangheta operates independently from them, though there is contact between the two, due to the geographical proximity and shared culture and language between

## **Upcoming Events for October:**

Oct 11th:

“Festa Quiz Review: Where in Italy is Guido Mondobello”, presented by Dominick Minotti, Pre-Dante Pasta (Pre-registration required) 7:30 pm; presentation (Pre-registration not required); Headquarters House

Oct 25th:

“La ‘ndrangheta nel film ‘Anime’ nere di Francesco Munzi”/“The ‘Ndrangheta in the Film ‘Black Souls’ by Francesco Munzi”, presented by Albert Sbragia, 6:30 pm, Headquarters House



Calabria and Sicily. A US diplomat estimated that the organization’s narcotics trafficking, extortion, and money laundering activities accounted for at least 3% of Italy’s GDP in 2010. Since the 1950s, the organization has spread towards Northern Italy and worldwide. According to a 2013 “Threat Assessment on Organised Crime” of Europol, the ‘Ndrangheta is among the richest and most powerful organized crime groups at a global level.

(If you wish to watch the film in advance of the lecture, it can be rented or purchased and downloaded from Amazon, YouTube, or Google Play.)

## \* DAS Star List 2017\*

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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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

*Salve a tutti –*

We're off to a great start for another year with the Dante Alighieri Society.

Festa Italiana is on this weekend as I write. The weather is cooperating this year and the zeppole and meatball sandwiches are as good as ever. Lots of people came by the booth and learned about our program meetings and the Language School, many took the quiz, and a couple of visitors signed up for classes and/or expressed an interest in this year's speaker program. Thanks, especially to Toni Napoli and Nick Minotti as well as to everyone who volunteered at the booth.

We also were distributing our redesigned brochure at Festa for the first time. It is quite eye-catching and the text has been rewritten to be even more engaging than in the past. Thanks to David Larsen and Giuseppe Tassone for their hard work and dedication.

The Festa di Natale per i Bambini brochures were also available. This year Festa Natale will again be at Christ the King Parish, Saturday, December 2nd. If you have any questions please contact Caterina Wartes: speranza.se@gmail.com

For those who were at the first program meeting in September, you'll have noticed that we have a new wireless microphone system - and it worked! Nice, clear sound, without static. Thanks to Harry Reinert, Bruce Leone, and John Steedman who took on the task of updating the sound system for us.

Finally, I hope you'll be there for our October program meetings. On October 11th, Nick Minotti will emcee the program as quizmaster for another year. There'll be prizes for the winners.

And, on October 25th, Professor Albert Sbragia, from the University of Washington, will be our Italian language presenter with a look at how the 'Ndrangheta is portrayed in the film "Black Souls" by Francesco Munzi. The 'Ndrangheta, as you may know, is a criminal organization centered in Calabria that now spans the globe. They are famous for kidnapping the son of John Paul Getty and demanding \$17 million US in ransom money.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October meetings.

A presto,

*Dan DeMatteis*



# Lidia's Rice and Zucchini Crostata

This was the recipe used for September's pre-Dante pasta meal prepared by Susan/Daniel Kearnes. It's a Lidia Bastianich recipe. Enjoy...

32 oz container ricotta  
1 lb small zucchini shredded on the large holes of a box grater  
1/2 c Arborio rice  
2 c all purpose flour, more for handling  
1 t kosher salt  
1/2 c extra virgin olive oil  
Up to 1/2 c cold water  
1 c grated Grana Padano (or Parmesan if you can't find Grana Padano)  
2 c finely chopped scallions, about 2 large bunches  
3 large eggs beaten  
2 c whole milk  
2 t kosher salt  
Butter to grease half sheet pan (12x18 inches)



The night before, place ricotta in a cheese cloth placed in a strainer hung over a bowl. Refrigerate and let drain overnight.

The day of, mix shredded zucchini with raw rice in a large bowl and let sit for one hour at room temperature.

In a food processor, place flour and salt and pulse a few times to mix.

In a measuring cup, add 1/2 c extra virgin olive oil and 1/3 c cold water together. The remaining water will be added as needed but in her batch, she used all of the 1/2 c of water.

Run the food processor and add the oil and water mixture with machine running. Add the remaining water if needed to bring the dough together.

Pour out onto a floured surface and knead for one minute.

Shape into a rectangle, cover tightly with plastic, and let sit at room temperature for one hour.

After the hour has elapsed, preheat oven to 375 degrees F. The rack should be at the very bottom of the oven with a pizza stone on the rack if possible.

Add the drained ricotta, grated cheese, scallions, eggs, milk, and salt to the zucchini and rice. Mix to combine.

Flour the counter and roll the dough out so it is longer and wider than your 12x18 inch buttered pan. (The recipe as written yielded a very thin dough. It is, however, soft enough that it stays together so make sure it gets rolled larger than the pan. You may want to increase the amount of dough by about 25%.)

Roll the dough up on a floured rolling pin then unroll onto the prepared sheet pan, letting the excess hang over. Tuck the sides and corners in but do not cut off excess.

Pour the ricotta batter onto the dough and spread to the edges.

Fold the overhanging dough over the top of each edge, pleating the four corners.

Place on top of the pizza stone and bake for 60-70 minutes or until slightly browned and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool 30 minutes and cut into 20 pieces.



**Our New Members**

**Benvenuti  
Nuovi Membri**

**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 planning meeting.

The next board meeting will be held November 1, 2017.

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*

**T**he Italian language program of the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington resumed on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, after the summer break. About 50 students enrolled in our program and we are happy to announce that we were able to offer all levels from A1 to B2. Two new instructors joined our program: Federica Gabardi from Milan and Tommaso Nencetti from Florence. We will have their full profile in the next issue of *La Voce*. They are assigned to teach level A2 and B2 respectively. A warm welcome to them and a big thank you to our long-time instructors, Laura Ciroi teaching level A1 and Michela Tartaglia in charge of level B1, for their dedication to the program. As usual, having been approved as a hosted program for 2017-18, our classes meet on the *Seattle University* campus (Madison St E and 10th Avenue). Our gratitude goes to Seattle University for hosting our classes since 1984 as well as to the *Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento* and the *Consulate General of Italy* in San Francisco, who for the second year honored the program with a grant. All of this and our mission help to keep our tuition affordable for everyone, the lowest compared to other programs, and it makes the DAS Italian language program the best investment students can make in learning Italian in a non-credit program. Classes are small and our instructors are qualified native speakers. The *Società Dante Alighieri* in Rome endorses us and we are one of its PLIDA certification centers. Fall quarter is an exciting time for our program not only because we start a new school year, of which 19 are under my supervision, *il tempo vola ...*; but also because the *Dante Alighieri Society of Washington* is one of the sponsors of the Italian film festival at *SIFF* and it is a tradition for the instructors to organize class activities and viewing of films with the students in November. If you have missed the registration and you are interested to join the program, please contact us immediately since we just started and October 2<sup>nd</sup> is going to be our second lesson.

### **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 except the new class “Intermediate-Advanced Conversational Italian” that meets Monday & Wednesdays.

### **Italian Language Program 2017-18:**

*Beginning Italian (Level A1)* - This course is for people with little or no knowledge of Italian. Students will learn basic phonetic, grammatical, and lexical structures through conversation and simple dialogues. This course features a variety of fun activities as students 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, you will be able to use the basic language structures with confidence with the ability 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 Level A2, and recommended for those with a level of proficiency above B1. This course will advance your fluency, listening comprehension and conversational skills, expand vocabulary, and improve your grammar.

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### Course Schedule:

*Fall Quarter 2017:* September 28- December 7

Thanksgiving—No classes 11/23

Pre-registration Deadline: September 25

*Winter Quarter 2018:* January 11- March 20

Pre-registration Deadline: December 18

*Spring Quarter 2018:* April 5 - June 12

Pre-registration Deadline: March 19

Classes held at Seattle University, Administration Building

### Class Fee:

Level A1 & A2 - \$180 per quarter

Level B1 & B2 - \$275 per quarter

Intermediate-Advanced Conversational Italian—\$300 per quarter

### To Register:

Online using PayPal: [danteseattle.org/classes.html](http://danteseattle.org/classes.html)

By Mail:

DAS Italian Language Program

PO Box 16257

Seattle, WA 98116-0257

### Further Information:

Call: (425) 243-7663

Contact: Giuseppe Tassone, Director ([info@danteseattle.org](mailto:info@danteseattle.org))

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

### La Voce

Fall is in the air...welcomed after those hot days of summer and with a sigh of relief for all the firefighters battling forest fires in the area. I was in Portland when smoke drifted from Canada so was glad to miss the Gorge fire smoke. I recently traveled I-84 and if you didn't know about the Gorge fire you really couldn't see too much damage. But, you knew something was up with all the closures to trail heads and the Multnomah Falls area. The Gorge beauty is still there, thank heavens.

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

[LTHDesign@comcast.net](mailto:LTHDesign@comcast.net)



Students and instructors celebrate the end of the school year 2016-17. Congratulations to the instructors for their excellent work and to the students for their accomplishments in 2016-17. *Ci vediamo il 28 settembre!*

## 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.



[www.facebook.com/danteseattle](http://www.facebook.com/danteseattle)

## Club Alpino Italiano (CAI) PNW

Club Alpino activities:

**October 14th: Hike**

*Destination:* Wallace Falls

*Distance/Time:*

*Elevation Gain:*

*High Point:*

Contact: hike@cai-pnw.org

### Future 2017 Activities:

Nov 11th: Discover Park walk

Dec 9th: Holiday party

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

[www.cai-pnw.com](http://www.cai-pnw.com)

## Photos from September Italian Meeting

taken by Stephen Stimac



## 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*—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](http://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!

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

Article submission deadline:

<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u>
November 2017	By October 20th
December 2017	By November 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 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 centers across the world including the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington. For other centers search on [www.plida.it](http://www.plida.it)

## ONLINE RESOURCES

On [www.plida.it](http://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

## 2017 PLIDA Exam Dates

Candidates need to register 30 days in advance of exam date.

Nov 29 (Levels A1, A2, B1)

Nov 30 (Levels B2, C1, C2)

For registration deadlines, registration info, and exam fees see:

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

For any questions, contact the PLIDA coordinator in Seattle Giuseppe Tassone at: [plida@danteseattle.org](mailto:plida@danteseattle.org)

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

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## Pictures from Festa

Outside Food Court Area:



Children's Activities:



Can you spot Guido?

## It Happens on the Radio

by Andrea Aldrich

Late last year, when attending “Italian Saturday” at the Sicilian bakery, Dolce Si, I met Tony La Stella and David Madrid, co-hosts of the NW Italian Radio Show. After chatting a bit with Tony, he asked to interview me on their live show regarding my tour company, Travel in Italia. The interview took place a few weeks later and I sat in for the remainder of this enjoyable two-hour talk show.



L-R: Tony La Stella & David Madrid

After that interview, Tony approached me about doing a weekly call-in segment having to do with my travel experiences, I agreed and now, at home or traveling, I call in to the NW Italian Radio show each week (when in Italy that means I am calling after midnight to reach the show live) and share snippets of my travel exploits. It is an amusing and sometimes perplexing experience talking to this entertaining and hilarious duo each week. Self declared as a not necessarily politically correct broadcast, one never knows what to expect. The format idea is like having a conversation with your Italian family at Sunday dinner, and we all know how that can go.

It has been an idea of Tony's for some time to take the radio show on the road *in Italy*. They would do interviews and broadcasts and Tony, a fabulous singer and musician, would perform at various venues along the route. But the best part would be inviting some of their listeners and friends to join them on the trip! They approached me with the idea and I got to work putting together a very different kind of tour, combining the show with a tour of central Italy. So, along with exploring cities, villages and cultural sites, we will drink exquisite wines, dine on tasty traditional foods and produce radio shows!

Please take the time to tune in to these two outrageous Italian Americans a long with their very Italian roving reporter, Marzia Clyons, every Monday 3-5 PM. (My segment is called “What Happens in Italy...”) KKNW 1150AM Seattle, KLAY 1180AM Tacoma and simulcast live on-line (and past programs) at [1150kknw.com](http://1150kknw.com).

For information about the tour, “Invade Italy with the NW Italian Radio Show,” call/text Andrea at 206-225-7750 or write to [info@travelinitalia.com](mailto:info@travelinitalia.com) or visit [www.travelinitalia.com](http://www.travelinitalia.com).



L-R: Marzia Clyons & Andrea Aldrich





# Festa Italiana Seattle

Here's some pictures taken at Festa on Sunday, September 24th. The weather was perfect and showcased the Space Needle.



Brian and I always enjoy Festa Italiana and take our grand daughter when we can as she, too, enjoys the children's activities and great food. She loves the meatballs, as we do, and has a fun time, as can be seen in the pictures on page 7. In the above photo, Brian is at the Dante booth with Gini Harmon and Nancy McDonald.

The chef demo picture is of the special guest chef, Rosella Rago of "Cooking with Nonna."

## 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](mailto: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.



Linda



## Inclement Weather Procedure

Winter will be here before long bringing prickly weather. Hopefully, there will be no repeat of winters past, 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.



## Did You Know...

The Governor Albert D. Rossellini Bridge at Evergreen Point is the longest floating bridge in the world. The bridge connects Seattle and Medina across Lake Washington.

Only Murano, an island near Venice, Italy, has more glass blowing studios than found in Seattle. Some studio names you may recognize are:

- Glass Eye Studio
- Glasshouse-Studio
- Seattle Glassblowing Studio
- Museum of Glass (Tacoma)
- Pratt Fine Arts Center
- Blowing Sands Glass Studio

## General Meeting Photos

taken by Stephen Stimac

These are photos taken at the September Italian meeting:



# Study Italian in Perugia

Each year, the Seattle-Perugia Sister City Association awards up to four scholarships for one month of language study in Perugia, Italy. Each scholarship is worth approximately \$1,200. It includes one calendar month of intensive language study at the University for Foreigners (Università per Stranieri) located in the historic heart of Perugia. There is also a stipend that can be used for room and board or to defray the cost of transportation.

The application process is easy. You can fill out an application form and email it to the SPSCA scholarship chair Erica Mallin at [gbee2u@msn.com](mailto:gbee2u@msn.com).

You can also download the application form as well as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at the Association website. Go to [www.seattle-perugia.org](http://www.seattle-perugia.org) and click on Scholarships.

You'll need to hurry, though. The application deadline has been changed in order to allow winners who might want to go in the first months of 2018 the opportunity to do so.

**The application deadline is now October 31st, 2017.**

If you are not a member of the Seattle-Perugia Sister City Association, not to worry. You can still apply for the scholarship and join the association via the website at the same time.

If you are one of the lucky recipients, you can choose which month you want to travel. SPSCA board members will provide suggestions for apartment rentals and share their favorite Umbrian restaurants and sight-seeing tips with you.

There is no age limit or proficiency level required, though some basic knowledge of Italian is helpful. While in Perugia, you'll have the chance to improve your language skills, meet students from all over the world and see what it is like to live in one of Italy's most historic and well-preserved cities.

# Lavazza Coffee Making It's Way in the U.S. Market

Lavazza, Italy's biggest coffeemaker, is trying to break into the U.S. market, challenging the world's largest coffee consuming country and where Starbucks reigns. But, known for its espresso, can Lavazza change American consumer's way of thinking and giving up their "grande" size?

Plans are to open up to 15 stores around the world as it takes on Starbucks but there are no plans to go head-to-head in Seattle, Starbucks' home town. Their products are now in Publix super markets, which is based in Florida and in Texas and they continue to seek partnerships with restaurants, hotels, and coffee shops.

The 122 year old Italian company bought an 80% stake in Kicking Horse Coffee, based in British Columbia, in a push to build its reputation in other countries.

We will have to see how they do in the American market.

# Seattle Perugia Sister City Association Scholarship Application

You will need to include the following information:

- 1) Name
- 2) Address
- 3) City/State/Zip
- 4) Phone
- 5) Email
- 6) Are you a current SPSCA member

Please answer the following questions:

- 1) Why are you applying for an SPSCA scholarship?
- 2) List your interest in, and experience with, Italian-related activities in Seattle and (if relevant) Italy.
- 3) Have you studied Italian before? Where and at what level?
- 4) How do you think a scholarship award will help you strengthen the ties between the sister cities of Seattle and Perugia?
- 5) If you were awarded the scholarship, in what ways would you see yourself getting more involved in the work of the Sister City Association? How would you like to contribute?
- 6) How did you hear about the scholarship program?
- 7) What is your current occupation?

Please complete, scan, and email your application to Erica Mallin, SPSCA scholarship chair, at [gbee2u@msn.com](mailto:gbee2u@msn.com). Only emailed applications will be accepted.

Application deadline is Oct 31st.

For more information on the Seattle Perugia Sister City Association, visit their website at: [www.Seattle-Perugia.org](http://www.Seattle-Perugia.org)



## If Traveling to Italy...

Cam Bradley sent this flyer for anyone interested in expanding their Italian language skills while in Italy.

# Italian Residential Language Courses in Bellagio this October



- Weekly courses held from October 23 to November 12
- Elementary, intermediate, upper intermediate levels with maximum 7 students in each course.
- With Antonella, a very qualified teacher, journalist, with a master from Perugia University for foreigners; who hiked in the Pacific NW with CAI-PNW;
- Classes run Monday through Friday
- 19 lessons each week - 15 in the classroom and 4 out in town
- The cost of the course: 310 euros a week (plus 25 euros for the study book), including a visit, together with the teacher, to one of the historic villas of Lake Como. For those wishing to continue to perfect their knowledge of Italian, the cost of a subsequent week's course is 280 euros.  
The cost of the hotel: 65 euros per night, with half board, in a two bed shared bedroom. 15 euros per night extra for a double room used as a single room.

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# DANTE CALENDAR 2017–2018

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

<p><b>2017:</b>  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  "Maremma una Toscana quasi sconosciuta"  (A Little Part of Tuscany)</p>	<p><b>2018:</b>  January 10th: English Meeting  Joyce Ramee  Musical Presentation (TBA)</p> <p>January 24th: Italian Meeting  TBA</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  Beatrice Arduini, UW  Some aspect of Dante, including "The  Divine Comedy"</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 13th:  Annual Christmas Party</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in December</p> <p>December 2nd:  Festa di Natale per i Bambini  1:00 to 4:00 pm,  Christ the King Church &amp; School—  Brannan House  Prepayment required</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 19th: English Meeting  Rob Prufer  "Michelangelo's Pieta in St. Peters"</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in May</p>
	<p><i>June-August 2018: Summer break, no meetings.</i></p>

**A**t 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](mailto:dante.reserve@gmail.com). Cost: \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple

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

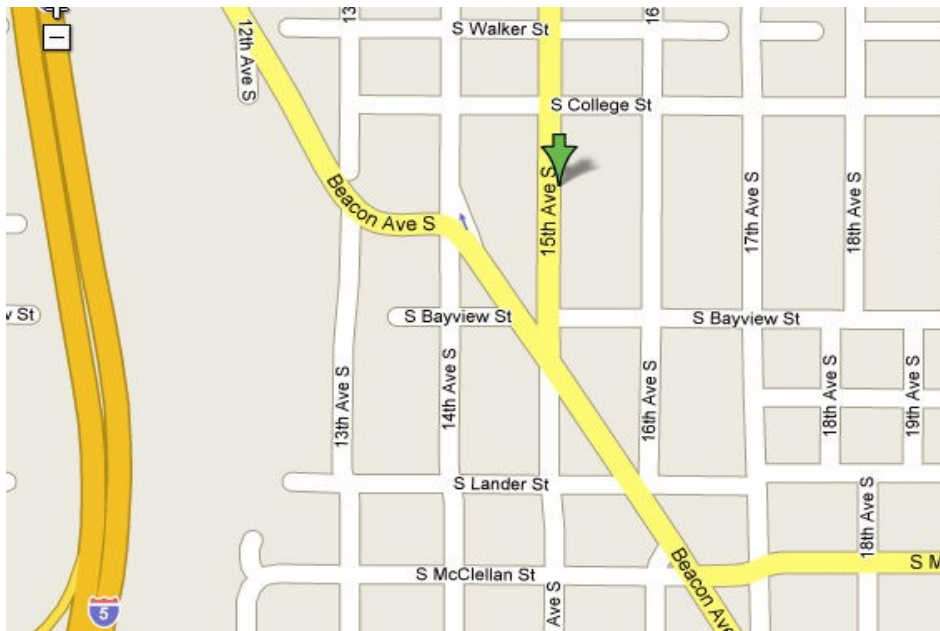
Oro (gold) - \$51 to \$100

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

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.