
La Voce della Dante

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Ciao a Tutti!

Our last meeting

We had a great opening meeting on September 14 at St. Clement's, with about 40 people for dinner. A wonderful dinner prepared by Suzanne Klein! There were many new folks in attendance, several of whom have already decided to join Dante officially. So we welcome our newest members and hope to see such a good turn-out repeated at the upcoming meetings.

Festa Italiana

Festa Italiana was a success. I offer special thanks to Domenico Minotti who helped me set up and tear down the booth, and to all who covered shifts to greet our visitors: Toni Napoli, Dom Sportelli, Max Foley and family, James and Sharon Hoffman, Houghton Lee and Anh Hau, Emilio and Stefania Fonzo, John and Melinda Jankord-Steedman, Harry Reinert and Cecilia Paul and Giuseppe Tassone.

Our Dante booth saw several people who happily "pinned" their ancestral hometowns on the map of Italy and took Nico's latest quiz (join us for more on this at the October 12 English meeting!) The number of people inquiring for more information, or to be put on our mailing lists totaled two full pages. Additionally, there were several inquiries and a few subsequent sign-ups for the Language Program.

So even though the number of vendors with booths at Festa is not yet back to pre-covid size, there was much Fgood spirit present for “all things Italian,” great gelato and other snacks, and cordial colleagues from Casa Italiana, Sister Cities, Sons of Italy, the La Stella Foundation, and other groups/merchants.

Ride sharing

As for Dante business moving forward, we’re still hoping to help people find rides to our live meetings. A small group of people interested in carpooling began emailing each other, but there are more folks needing rides than able to offer to drive as yet. But we won’t give up. Please, be in touch ahead of time, wherever you live, if you know you’re going to attend a meeting and can offer someone a ride. Maybe you can help someone attend who wouldn’t otherwise be able to. We are also still working on developing a roster and hope to have it ready before the Christmas party.

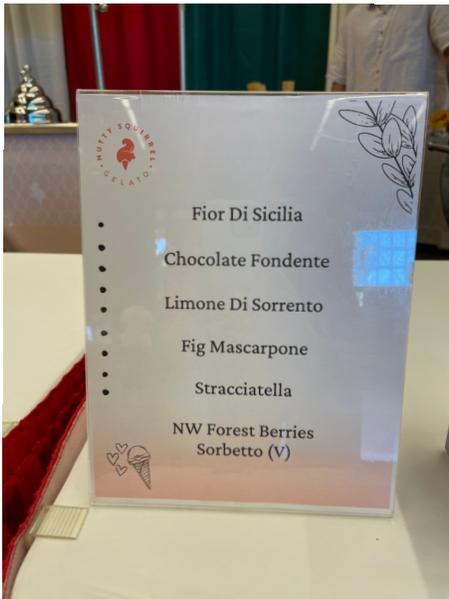
Travel stories?

If you’ve been travelling and have pictures and stories to share, send them to Stacey Howe-Lott stacey@danteseattle.org.

Meanwhile – enjoy the Festa booth pictures and candid shots of the gelato dealer, his menu and my annual Festa breakfast! Hope to see you at our live meetings October 12, 26, November 9 and December 14!

A presto ~ Joyce

FESTA ITALIANA 2022



Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

 *Your Door to All Things Italian* 

2022-2023 Program Calendar

2022	2023
<p>September 14 - English Meeting Welcome Back Party / <i>Festa di Bentornato</i> - pasta dinner, door prizes</p> <p>September 28 - Italian Meeting Stefania ed Emilio Fonzo - <i>Cose da Vedere in Campania</i> doors open 6:30, presentation 7:30</p>	<p>January 11 - English Meeting (Zoom)</p> <p>January 25 - Italian Meeting (Zoom) Prof. Sergio Mauro, former Professor at UNESP in Brazil - <i>"Il nuovo populismo mediatico"</i></p>
<p>October 12 - English Meeting Domenico Minotti, Festa Quiz - <i>Tidbits and Trivia of Italian Cuisine</i> doors open 6:00, dinner by reservation 6:30, presentation 7:30</p> <p>October 26 - Special English Meeting Alessi Perfetti - <i>Some Major Milestones in the History of Italian-Americans in Seattle</i> doors open 6:30, presentation 7:30</p>	<p>February 8 - English Meeting (Zoom) Heather Stoven, OSU Extension Service - Yamhill County, <i>Olives in the New World: An Agricultural perspective</i></p> <p>February 22 - Italian Meeting (Zoom) Elizabetta Valentini, Germán Rodríguez - <i>Seattle-Perugia Sister City: The Migration Project</i></p>
<p>November 9 - English Meeting Sam Ciapanna, <i>Abruzzo - a great place to visit, an even better place to live</i> doors open 6:00, dinner by reservation 6:30, presentation 7:30</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in November</p>	<p>March 8 - English/Italian Meeting (Zoom) A end of the school year presentation by the students of our Language School</p> <p>March 22- Italian Meeting Mario Cazzanti, Seattle - <i>Ravenna and the Perpetual Reading of Dante's Comedy</i> doors open 6:30, presentation 7:30</p>
<p>December 14 - English Meeting <i>Festa di Natale</i> - our annual Christmas party, featuring a festive game of tombola doors open 6:00 for potluck dinner</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in December</p>	<p>April 12 English Meeting Annual General Meeting along with a pasta dinner doors open 6:00 for dinner and meeting</p> <p>April 26- Italian Meeting</p>
	<p>May 10 - English Meeting Claudio Mazzola, French & Italian Studies, UW - <i>The Villas of Veneto</i> doors open 6:00, dinner by reservation 6:30, presentation 7:30</p>

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held on Wednesday evenings in St. Clement's Church, 1501 32nd Ave S. Seattle, 98144, in the Mount Baker neighborhood.

As of Sept. 21, 2022

Language Program News

By Giuseppe Tassone

The Italian language program of the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington resumes on October 4, 2022 after the summer break.

I am happy to report that we were able to enroll over 120 students in our courses at various levels while others are on the waiting list to maintain a good student-teacher ratio. I am so proud of all these students who decided to devote their time twice a week to the joy of learning Italian now from the convenience of their home. Many students are returning students who are advancing in our program by taking A2, B1 and B2 courses while others, in addition to the beginning students enrolled in level A1, are new to our program. Our new online class format Zoom-Canvas, after last year implementation, satisfied our students and part of the success of this year enrollment is due to the advantages that this model offers when well-managed, and the unreplaceable interaction with our talented instructors.

Our instructors, with many years of experience in teaching Italian to adults, are able to transform their classroom into a welcoming, reassuring, and relaxing piazza where everybody can speak and communicate in Italian according to their level. This is the spirit and mission of our program: sharing the gift of learning Italian with all.

Auguro a tutti i nostri studenti un anno ricco di soddisfazioni e ai nostri insegnanti un grazie di cuore per il loro continuo impegno con il nostro programma di lingua italiana.

Oct 12 English meeting: Festa Quiz

At the Wednesday, October 12 English meeting, our longtime Festa Quizmaster, Domenico Minotti, will walk us through this year's Festa Quiz: Tidbits and Trivia of Italian cuisine. There's always a backstory to the questions and answers on the Quiz and Domenico will fill in the context for us. Learn more about the food we love to make and eat!

Oct 26 English meeting: Some Prominent Early Italian–Americans Immigrants to Seattle



Property of Rainier Valley Historical Society, Seattle WA

Some Prominent Early Italian-American Immigrants to Seattle

Speaker: Alessi Perfetti

Alessi Perfetti is a second-year undeclared undergraduate student at the University of Washington, pursuing a major in the arts and humanities. In English, they use they/ them pronouns, and in Italian they use the masculine pronoun lui. They are a third-generation Italian American, a first-generation Seattleite, and a passionate creative and student of history and culture.

Their research covers the role of Italian immigrants in building the city of Seattle, including their labor in regrading the land the city is built on, the Italian management of Pike Place Market, the development of the Italian American Atlantic community, and the impacts of major events on the Italian American community including the second World War and the building of I-90. The presentation will provide a chronological depiction of the experiences of Italian Americans in central and south Seattle through the present day, and it will provide critical context through the lenses of race, ethnicity, and immigrant status.



Dante Alighieri Society of BC

In occasione della “Settimana della lingua italiana”, la Società Dante Alighieri Society del BC, in collaborazione con l’Istituto italiano di Cultura a Toronto, la invita alla conferenza online del sociologo Francesco Morace “L’alfabeto della rinascita. Viaggio nell’eccellenza italiana”.

Venerdì, 21 Ottobre 2022, 12.00 pm-1.00 pm (PST), 3.00 pm-4.00 pm (Toronto Time) – In italiano – Online via Zoom

RSVP: <https://www.dantesocietybc.ca/event-details/lalfabeto-della-rinascita-viaggio-nelleccellenza-italiana>

Or send an email at: info@dantesocietybc.ca

Prendendo spunto dal suo ultimo libro, il Prof. Morace ci accompagnerà in un viaggio nel cuore dell’imprenditoria e dell’eccellenza italiana toccando i seguenti punti:

- Italian Human Design: la creatività italiana incontra l’empatia quotidiana
- Valori e stereotipi italiani: an extra-ordinary common place
- Il senso del gusto e l’amore per il dettaglio (Alessi e Zanotta)
- L’ingegno applicato a settori diversi (Herno e Inglesina)
- La cooperazione che parte dalle famiglie (Granarolo e Melinda)
- Fatto su misura (Cosberg e Opto Engineering)
- Estetica ed Etica aumentata (Kartell)

Francesco Morace, sociologo e scrittore, è il fondatore di Future Concept Lab, istituto di ricerca e consulenza strategica sull’innovazione. È docente in materia di innovazione sociale al Politecnico di Milano e di Culture & Stili di Vita all’Università di Trento. È autore di oltre 20 libri, fra cui L’alfabeto della rinascita. 20 storie di imprese esemplari (Egea, 2022)

The Italian Book Club

Secondo appuntamento della stagione con il Book Club Italiano organizzato dalla Dante Alighieri Society of BC in collaborazione con l’Istituto Italiano di Cultura a Toronto, 15 ottobre 2022, 10 AM-12.00 PM (PST, Vancouver Time), 1.00 pm-3.00 pm (EST, Toronto Time).

Libro che verrà discusso: Giulia Carcasi, Io sono di legno, Feltrinelli. 2007.

Conduce: Rossana Cople

Per registrazioni e informazioni: info@dantesocietybc.ca

The Italian Book Club is sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society of BC and the Italian Institute of Culture in Toronto. It is FREE and OPEN to all those in Canada and beyond interested in friendly and thought-provoking discussions of Italian books: fiction, non-fiction, classics, prize-winners, etc.

Next meeting: Sat, 15 October 2022, 10.00 am-12.00 pm (Pacific Time); 1.00 pm-3.00 pm (Eastern Time)

Book Discussed: Giulia Carcasi, *Io sono di legno*, Feltrinelli. 2007



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