
La Voce della Dante

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President's Message



Photos: Ferragosto Celebration hosted by Casa Italiana on August 12. Dante had a booth, as did 4 other Italian organizations. Along with food, wine and gift vendors, the Italian Ice vendor was very popular on the 90-degree afternoon!

Ciao a Tutti!

Greetings at the beginning of a new Program Year for Dante! I hope everyone has had a restful – or exciting – summer, depending on which you wanted. It's hard to believe it, but September is upon us, and our La Voce Newsletter resumes monthly distribution, thanks to Board member Stacey Howe-Lott. La Voce is our primary means of communication within the Seattle Dante Society, and it's nice when stories, articles, photos, travelogues, recipes, etc, come from many Dante members. Please send your interesting items to Stacey at: stacey@danteseattle.org.

In this issue, please take note of dates and presenters for our season. Our new Programming Chairs from the Board are Janet Lenart and Joan Tupper, along with volunteer Andrea Sehmel. They have an exciting season planned for us. As usual, we will host in-person meetings throughout the fall and in the spring, with dinner on English meeting nights and antipasti on Italian nights. January's and February's meetings will be held on Zoom.

FESTA ITALIANA is happening at Seattle Center on September 23 and 24. Dante will have a booth and I will be looking for volunteers to staff it. Staffers are needed for Saturday and Sunday, in 2-hour shifts, from 10 AM- 6 PM. If you already know you want to help with this, it's not too early to email me! joyce@danteseattle.org If you have not done this before, it's a great entry-level volunteer job. You just sit at our booth, look charming, and talk to passers-by about all the fun we have in the Dante Society! What could be easier? Please consider helping out this year, and thanks.

COLLABORATIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS! Our annual Festa di Natale potluck and Tombola game will be held jointly with Il Punto this year. Plan to attend and make new friends from another local Italian organization. December 13 is the date, Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Club is the location. Details will be sent out in the fall.

Lastly, to the subject of VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to all who have stepped up so far. We happily have almost enough cooks for our Pre-Dante Pasta dinners. One vacancy for a cook remains for April 10; we have one cook for that date but need a partner. More significant is our continued need for MEETING SUPPORT Volunteers – people to help set up and clean up. As you look at the programs for this season, please consider whether you can help for any of them. It's easy work, just involves a bit of extra time. Email me for details, please! joyce@danteseattle.org.

The first in-person Dante English Meeting will be Wednesday September 13, at St. Clement's Church, 1501 32nd Ave S., Seattle. Doors open at 6:00 that night and the Pre-Dante Pasta dinner will be prepared by Dan and Carol DeMatteis. Remember, our meetings are open (you don't have to be a Dante member to attend) so invite your friends! Watch for a reservation email to be sent before the date, and plan to be with us.

Welcome Back!

Joyce

2023-2024 Program Calendar

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<p>September 13- English Meeting w/ dinner Rebecca Albiani speaks about Perugino</p> <p>September 27 - Italian Meeting John Giuliani, singalong with accordion!</p>	<p>January 10 - English Meeting (Zoom) Gabrielle Orsi speaks about author Elsa Morante</p> <p>January 24 - Italian Meeting (Zoom) Prof. Sergio Mauro speaks about Italian Genius, from Dante to Montale</p>
<p>October 11- English Meeting w/ dinner Trevor Pogue speaks about Sausage Making in Italy</p> <p>October 25 - Italian Meeting Marco Zuccari speaks about Dante</p>	<p>February 14 – English Meeting (Zoom) TBA</p> <p>February 28 - Italian Meeting (Zoom) Beatrice Arduini speaks about Dante’s works</p>
<p>November 8 - English Meeting w/dinner Domenico Minotti speaks about Notable Men of Italian Heritage</p> <p>No Italian Meeting in November</p>	<p>March 13 – English Meeting w/dinner Seattle Opera representative speaks about The Barber of Seville</p> <p>March 23 - Italian Meeting Giorgio Calanni speaks, scientific topic TBA</p>
<p>December 13 – Festa di Natale Potluck – Collaborative event with Il Punto!! Bring a dish to share and join in the <i>Natale</i> spirit with Dante and Il Punto for this festive evening. Traditional <i>Tombola</i> game with prizes awarded! Reservations required. LOCATION: Jefferson Park Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, 4101 Beacon Ave S. Seattle, 98108</p> <p>No other meeting in December</p>	<p>April 10 - English Meeting w/dinner Annual General Meeting of Dante Society of Washington. Important business conducted and Board elections held.</p> <p>April 24- Italian Meeting Alessandra Arosio speaks about Gestures in Italian communication</p>
	<p>May 8 - English Meeting w/dinner Donald DeSantis speaks about Travel in Rome</p>

In-person programs are held on Wednesday evenings at **St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 1501 32nd Avenue South, Seattle, 98144**, in the Mount Baker neighborhood, unless otherwise noted. Doors open 6:00 with presentations at 7:30. Reservations are required for English meetings where dinner is served (\$8/person). Italian meetings are preceded by potluck antipasti. Winter programs are held on ZOOM, Zoom-room opens 7:00, presentations 7:30. All programs subject to change.

[Here's a link to the yearly calendar.](#)

Language Program

by Giuseppe Tassone

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The 39th school year of the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington resumes on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (PT) with all levels of Italian offered online from Seattle to the comfort of student's homes or wherever they are.

Our evening classes continue to be held online with the aim of allowing everybody in the Seattle area, in Washington State and in the West Coast and beyond to begin or advance their study of the Italian language.

Students and teachers meet synchronously on Tuesday and Thursday evening via Zoom in a positive and friendly classroom environment.

Class and supplementary material is available for students on our Canvas platform which we refined over the years to meet the needs of students and teachers. Synoptical pages for each lesson guide students to prepare, participate and practice after class.

Registration is open until September 25th. Don't miss the deadline. We would love to have you in our program as a new or continuing student. Arrivederci!

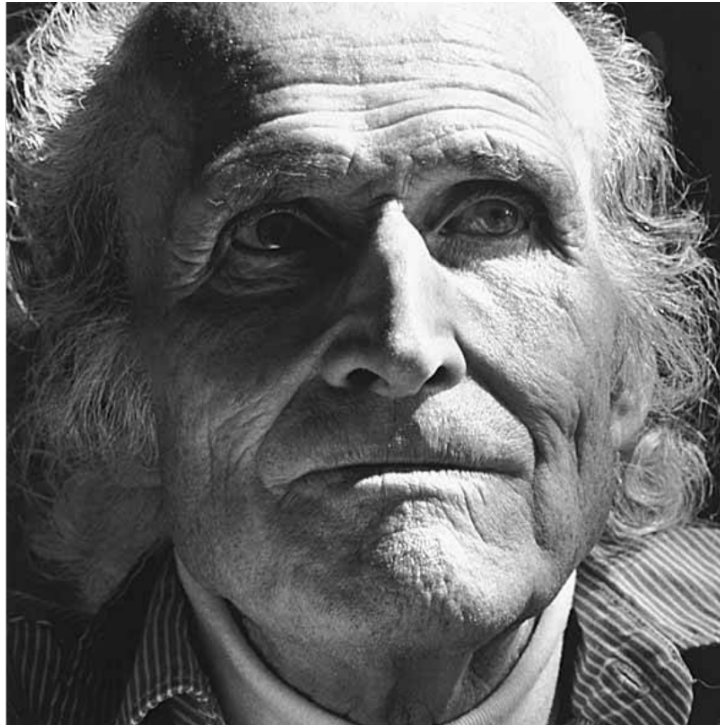
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The Italian Connection: Seattle Through the Decades

by Rita Cipalla

Josef Scaylea: NW Photography Icon



Stark, dramatic, bold. These words describe the work of Josef Scaylea, a Seattle Times photographer for more than 35 years.

The son of Italian immigrants, Scaylea grew up in Connecticut. His family name was originally Scaglia, but it was changed so it was easier to pronounce. During World War II, Scaylea was stationed at Paine Field where he experienced for the first time the

natural beauty of the Northwest. He told himself he'd return some day – and he did, eventually becoming chief photographer for The Seattle Times.

Scaylea was known for his portraits of everyday men and women, working on a ferry or fishing boat, in front of a barn or gathering hay in the fields. He also specialized in outdoor photos -- fishermen at Snoqualmie Falls or a skier doing a backwards flip. His landscapes looked more like abstract art than photography.

Besides more than three decades as a photojournalist, Scaylea published seven books and won more than 1,000 awards. He died in 2004. [Read the full story here.](#)

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Expanding our families across an ocean

by Francesca Agnello and Ron Oldfield



This summer my husband and I hosted a 16 year old boy from Milan. Enrico stayed with us for a month while his best friend Riccardo stayed with our neighbors.

At first we were a little hesitant to host a teenager since we are grandparents and have no children living at home. However our neighbors have two boys and so we thought a herd of four boys who all play soccer might work out. So we gave it a try.

Our month was full of laughter, trips here and there to see Seattle, camping escapades, lots of playing Scopa, making pizza in the pizza oven my husband and Enrico bought, hamburger and corn dinners with the other exchange students from Italy and more and more and more!

Enrico took great pride that I couldn't understand his Milanese intonation and rhythm when he spoke Italian with Riccardo but Riccardo whose mother was born in Calabria translated both the intonation and rhythm into a more southern Italian style so I could understand what Enrico was saying. Then I could pleasantly insult him in the manner I had learned from my Sicilian family and friends! It was so fun and I greatly improved my Italian swear word lexicon. My husband also learned how to play four person Scopa which is much more fun than two people!

In October we are going to Italy and are planning to visit both Enricos and Riccardos families in Milano. What a wonderful way to expand our families across the ocean!

Connect with us!

You can find past meetings on [our You Tube channel here](#).

You can find [our website here](#).



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