

La Voce della Dante

December 2014

December Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 pm, Garden / Headquarters House

The December Dinner Meeting will be our annual Christmas Party and there will be no speaker. But, it is a party not to be missed. We will begin at 6:30 with a potluck dinner. This is your opportunity to make that special holiday dish to share with friends and to taste those of other attendees. Bring a main dish, an antipasti dish, dolce, cheese, nuts, vino, whatever strikes your fancy. The building will be open by 5:30 pm for anyone who needs to do last minute preparation of their dish before the dinner and for seating setup.

There is no cost, but please 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. This will help us know how many places to set.

Reminder: There is no Italian meeting in December due to the holiday. We will be back to our regular schedule on January 14th, when we learn how to buy a house in Italy.

Directions:

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.

President's Letter

Dante Members and Friends,

This month's La Voce substitute comes to you in abbreviated form. Linda is

dealing with a family emergency, so I am putting out this bare minimum informational issue. On the upside, it will make us appreciate the fantastic job Linda has done as our La Voce editor for at least 6+ years now, despite the fact that she has moved to Atlanta. She provides us with an amazingly professional job of gathering, generating and presenting an informational newsletter. Be sure to express your thanks to her the next time she is in town or by email.

This does point out that this organization is run entirely by volunteers - board members, cooks, program director, pasta dinner coordinator, Festa Italiana booth coordination and staffing, Festa di Natale, dinner setup and cleanup, and many more acts of commitment to making Dante the wonderful organization it is for promoting Italian language and culture.

Over the years, I've found that the more I volunteered and worked with fellow members, the more wonderful people and friends that I met. The Italian film festival was a great opportunity to realize how much my personal Italian community has grown through involvement with Dante. I highly recommend being active in the organization with your fellow members and participating in our meeting and events. Just as I finally realized that the reason I keep going back to Italy is at least as much about the wonderful people I meet as the beautiful scenery, great food and wonderful wine, so it is with Dante that while I joined to learn about the country and culture and polish my language skills, it is the members that keep me coming back.

December brings our annual Christmas party with a potluck dinner, tombola and traditional Italian Christmas carols. Join the fun. And don't forget the special Festa di Natale event on Saturday, December 6th at our new venue. See related article for details.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sylvia Shiroyama

Festa di Natale

[Exciting changes for our 19th annual Christmas party for children](#)
[Festa di Natale per I Bambini](#)
[Saturday, December 6th at 1:00 p.m.](#)
[Christ the King parish: Brannon House](#)

11544 Phinney Ave North @ 117th NW
1 block east of Greenwood

Children and adults are invited to enjoy Italian music, pizzelle cookies, games and crafts at the Society's 19th annual Christmas party for children. Learn about Italy's beautiful and traditional nativity set, called the presepio, hear the enchanting tale of La Befana, play a rousing game of tombola, and relax and enjoy this unique and special celebration of Italy. With pizza, of course, and gift bags for each child.

Several important changes...

- Festa di Natale is moving to Christ the King Catholic parish in the north Seattle Greenwood neighborhood. The party is in Brannan House, on Phinney, around the corner from the parish office on 117th NW. It's a central location that's easy-to-find whether you're in Seattle, or headed north or south on I5.
- Brannan House is a beautifully remodeled meeting center at Christ the King parish, and will be perfect for Festa di Natale. Also, there is plenty of parking!
- Guests are required to pre-register and pre-pay this year. The cost is a very nominal \$3 for each attendee, adults as well as children. Please help us by planning ahead. Right now is the perfect time.

Please make checks out to Dante Alighieri Society and mail by November 29)*, 2014 with the registration form to:

Mrs. Caterina Wartes

DAS (Dante Alighieri Society)

37381 Hansville Rd NE

Hansville, WA 98340

Everyone is welcome! For questions, call or email

Caterina Murone Wartes @

[\(360\) 638-2500](tel:3606382500) or speranza.se@gmail.com

*** if you have let this date get by you, please contact Caterina directly at speranza.se@gmail.com to make optional arrangements.**

Holiday Cookbook Special

A reminder that the La Cucina delle Dante cookbooks with precious family recipes from Dante members is on sale during the holiday period for only \$10 to members. Normally, the price is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members, so this is a great time to pick up a few or more to give as gifts for Christmas or holiday of choice to friends, family and business associates.

Copies will be available at the December Christmas party. Credit cards will be accepted.

2015 Membership Dues are Due January 1

Membership has its privileges. Reduced prices for the cookbook and eligibility for free Italian SIFF movie tickets, for starters just on the monetary savings side. And more importantly membership supports the programs and activities of Dante that make it possible to achieve our mission of promoting Italian language and culture.

Membership is on a calendar year basis so renewals are effective January 1. See the form below for easy payment. Also, memberships can now be paid by credit card at any meeting.

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: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Contribution Categories (For recognition stars):

Bronzo (bronze) - Up to \$25

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

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

Platino (platinum) - Over \$100

Please return completed membership application with check to:

Dante Alighieri Society of Washington
PO Box 9494
Seattle, WA 98109

If you have any questions, please call (425) 243-7663 and leave a message.