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# La Voce della Dante

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## *Jack Hamann—Italian POW's*

Wednesday, September 10th, 7:30 - 8:30 PM  
Headquarters House, 2336 15th Ave. S., Seattle  
Pre-Dante pasta, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

**J**ack Hamann will join us tonight to talk about the Italian Prisoners of war that were in Washington during World War II. Jack lives in Seattle, where he is an author and journalist. A graduate of UCLA (B.A. Economics, 1976) and the University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 1980), his career spans twenty-eight years, including a decade as a network correspondent and documentary producer for CNN and PBS. His work has earned dozens of national, international and regional journalism honors, including ten regional Emmy awards.

Jack is the author of *On American Soil: How Justice Became a Casualty of WWII* (University of Washington Press, 2007 & Algonquin Books, 2005), a nonfiction investigative account of one of the largest and most controversial events in American civil rights and military justice history. *On American Soil* was selected as the outstanding investigative book of 2005 by Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. He won the 2007 Horace Mann award, an honor bestowed on those who have achieved "victories for humanity."

Jack and his wife, Leslie, have lived near Fishermen's Terminal since 1983. For the past twelve years, Leslie has been the head volleyball coach at Garfield High School; Jack is her assistant. The Hamanns have been married 32 years, and have two grown children.

## *Giovanni Nardone— Nardone Italian Wines*

Wednesday, September 24th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM  
Headquarters House, 2336 15th Ave. S., Seattle

**S**ignore Giovanni Nardone of Nardone Wines will be the presenter at our September 24th Italian meeting. A native of Caserta, in the Campania province, Signore Nardone imports wine from Italy, which he will share with us as he tells us about his business and his wines.



# Upcoming Events

(see page 5 for the complete year)

## Board Meeting

September 8th

7:00-8:30pm

Faerland Terrace—1421 Minor Ave

## September English Program

### Jack Hamman

Reservations by phone:

206- 320-9159

Wed. September 10th

5:30-6:30; Dinner preparation,

6:30; Dinner, 7:30; Meeting

Headquarters House

## September Italian Program

### Giuseppe Nardone

Wednesday, Sept 24th

Antipasti and Social; 7- 7:30pm

Meeting; 7:30;

Headquarters House

## October English Program

### Jim Severino

Wed. October 8th

5:30-6:30; Dinner preparation,

6:30; Dinner, 7:30; Meeting

Headquarters House

## October Italian Program

### Fr Bruno Segatta

Wednesday, October 22nd

Antipasti and Social; 7- 7:30pm

Meeting; 7:30;

Headquarters House

## La Voce Submission Deadlines

If your story, article, photos or poem is submitted via email by Sept. 25th, 2008, it can be published in the newsletter that will be mailed at about the 1st of October. Send to: [danteeditor@gmail.com](mailto:danteeditor@gmail.com)

## From the President's Desk

While most of us were enjoying the summer sun, traveling at home and abroad, our remarkable Program Committee met in July to put together a marvelous slate of speakers for the 2008-2009 year. I was very happy to be among the first to see the program selections and I know that you will have many enjoyable evenings ahead of you. There has been such an infusion of excitement, and new people who hold the Dante Alighieri Society in high esteem and who want to make our Italian community a success. That excitement is contagious and I want you all to have the opportunity to participate in some role to reach out to newcomers who may be interested in learning more about all things Italian, and to continue to nourish friendships made here. Check out the programs listed here in *La Voce*, come to the meeting on September 10 and please sign up to help out during Festa Italiana at Seattle Center in September. I especially want to thank Donna Lipsky, Barbara and Dick Crawford and the members of the past Board for keeping us afloat over the past 2 years. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Jane Cottrell



Grazzano Visconti—photo by Donald Boothby

*Language Program News*  
*by Giuseppe Tassone*  
*Italian Language Program - Director*

The 2008-2009 school year will start on September 30th.

All classes (elementary, intermediate and advanced) run continuously over 3 quarters with a class break every 10 weeks. Prospective students who wish to start from the beginning are encouraged to start fall quarter. People with little or no knowledge of Italian who would like to learn some Italian but are not able to commit to the year-long elementary class may enroll in Introduction to Italian. This class is a one-quarter long introductory class ideal for those planning to travel to Italy. Pre-registration deadline for fall quarter is September 24.

Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at Seattle University's Administration building from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Introduction to Italian class meets only on Tuesdays (7:00-9:00). Class fee is \$110 per quarter (all levels) and \$ 90 for the Introduction to Italian class.

To register go to <http://www.danteseattle.org/register.html> . We accept payment either by online payment using PayPal or by mail. We also offer gift certificates to give the gift of learning Italian to a loved one. For more info: <http://www.danteseattle.org>

Autumn Quarter Schedule for all levels:

Pre-registration deadline: September 24,

September 30 - December 11

Veteran's Day Observed - No classes 11/11

Thanksgiving - No classes 11/27

Pre-registration deadline: September 24

If you miss the deadline send an email to [info@danteseattle.org](mailto:info@danteseattle.org) and if space is available, we will add you to a class .

To request a brochure with a registration form or for any other questions call 206-320-915 or contact the director at [info@danteseattle.org](mailto:info@danteseattle.org)

## DAS Board meeting Schedule

We are very fortunate to be able to use the Community Room at no charge at the retirement facility at 1421 Minor Ave on Capital Hill. The current schedule is Monday at 7 PM on the following dates:

September 8, November 24, January 26, March 23, May 11 (optional)

If you are not familiar with the location, please google Faerland Terrace, Seattle to get directions.

2008 – 09 Calendar of Presentations

The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington presents our Calendar of Presentations for 2009

<b>September 2008</b>		<b>February 09</b>	
10th	Jack Hamann Italian POWs & US servicemen	11th	Joe Zavaglia Finding Family in Calabria
24th	Giovanni Nardone Nardone Italian Wines	25th	Claudio Mazzola (Italian Cinema)
<b>October 08</b>		<b>March 09</b>	
8th	Jim Severino Making fresh mozzarella	11th	Paolo Tosolini Using social media to learn about Italian culture
22nd	Fr. Bruno Segatta The Art of Frescoes	25th	Annalisa Minichiello La Lingua Neopolitana
<b>November</b>		<b>April 09</b>	
12th	David Walddon Italian Renaissance	8th	<b>Annual business meeting</b> (No speaker)
		22nd	Nicoletta Macchiavelli Growing up in Italy
<b>December 08</b>		<b>May 09</b>	
10th	<b>Christmas Party</b> (No speaker)	13th	George Gibbs Italians and bicycle culture
<b>January 2009</b>			
14th	Louise Sportelli "Marcia Podistica"		
28th	Albert Sbragia Italian Cinema		

## Le Notizie



### La Voce needs you!

Tell a story, write an article, share your Italian heritage; send it to [danteeditor@gmail.com](mailto:danteeditor@gmail.com). You can also mail it via regular US mail to Mimi Torchia Boothby, 8018 36th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98118, USA. Keep it coming! Thanks to everyone who is helping!

## New Nametags

In May, Magdalena and Robert Tobe enthusiastically accepted the job of revamping our nametags. Not only did they print out new nametags for everyone and organize them into attractive basket files, but they also set up a system for adding new names. They provided the computer forms, and outlined the instructions for uniformly printing the names. They look grand and the print is large enough to see easily. It was a time consuming labor of love and they insisted that it was all a donation to DAS. Please be sure to seek out Magdalena and Robert and express your thanks for a job superbly done.

## 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 (206) 320-9159 by 5 pm on the Monday before the meeting.**

*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, plus BYOB, if reservations are received on the activity line by 5pm 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 Ave. S., Seattle. (map and directions on page 11)



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## Club Alpino Italiano Pacific NW:

- John Burnett and Bev Riter

June got off to a great start this year when Ron Riter & John Burnett joined fellow CAI members Sandro Subissi (CAI Exchange to PNW Participant 2003) – (Pisa) and Giovanni Bertini – (Livorno) for a hike of the M. Tambura Loop in the Apuane Alps, beginning and ending at Campocatino. Campocatino sports its own mountain meadow views while the hike over Tambura gave views all the way to La Spezia. Our return brought additional rewards as we passed the Saint Viviano Hermitage. To the delight of all it was open. Good company and an all-in-all great day! Earlier in the week, Sandro and Piera visited us at our house in Roggio, Bev and Flo's ancestral village. It's always a pleasant experience to "connect" with our friends in Italy!



John Burnett, Friend from Pisa, and Sandro Subissi



Sandro Subissi, Ron Riter

## Di Madre In Figlia

UW World Series Concerts

Sunday, September 28, 2008 - 7 PM

Single-ticket price: \$33; \$30 for subscribers; \$20 for students

Mondine di Novi, an Italian female chorus from the Modena lowlands, teams up with Italian/Celtic folk band Fiamma Fumana for an unforgettable concert experience. Beginning in the early 1900s, the "mondine" sang together as they weeded the rice fields of the Po Valley. Here an older generation of music-makers meets a younger in a celebration of survival and song.

Did you know? Some members of Mondine di Novi worked in the Italian resistance movement during World War II, smuggling messages to the partisans in their hair curlers, shopping bags, and the handle bars of their bicycles.

## \* DAS Star List \*

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 services without having to raise membership dues. Grazie Mille for supporting the Dante Alighieri Society of Washington.

### Bronzo up to \$25

- \* Crawford, Dick & Barbara
- \* Cottrell, Jane & David
- \* Van Tilborgh, Peter
- \* Mazzola, Arthur
- \* Munizza, Joseph
- \* Shiroyama, Sylvia
- \* Tobe, Robert & Maddalena
- \* Rosa Borriello
- \* Veronica Huggins

### Argento \$26 to \$50

- \* Gallucci, Ron & Delia
- \* Canorro, Anthony & Cathy
- \* Eileen Cooney

### Oro—\$51-100

- \* Lipsky, Donna

### Platino—over \$100

- \* Harmon, Gini

## Bicincitta- Roma

**T**ourists and Romans alike are being urged to join a new bicycle-sharing scheme in an attempt to reduce congestion and smog in Italy's capital.

About 200 distinctive red bicycles have been distributed at 19 stands across the city's historic center. Locations include the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon.

As in Paris, where a similar system is in place, anyone wanting to use the bicycles must leave a deposit of 30 euros (£23.75) at one of seven information points, including Termini station, to entitle them to a smart card that unlocks the bikes and stores credit. Subscription is also available online at

<http://www.roman-bike.com>

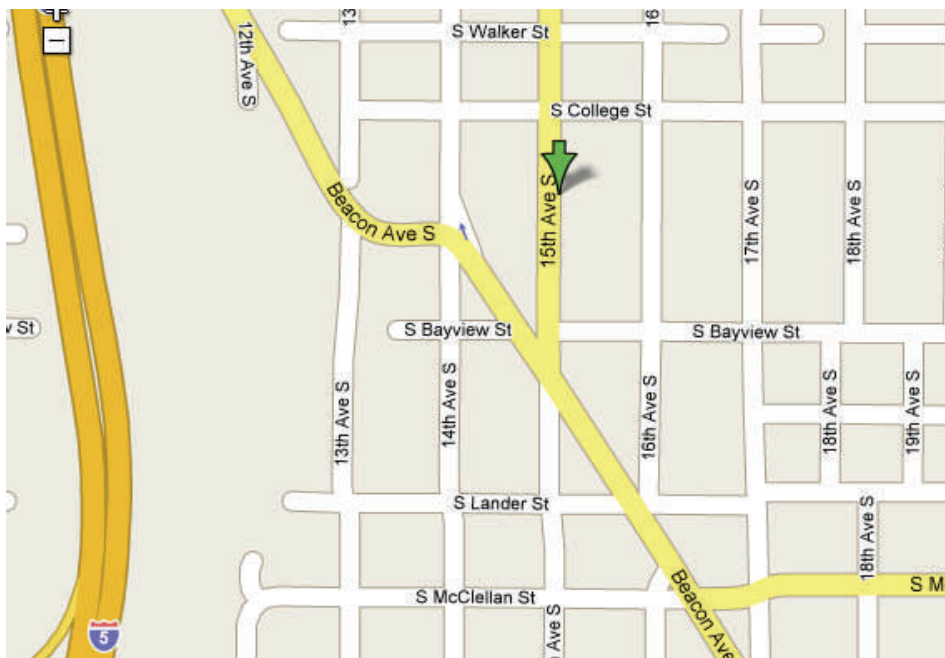


### Dante on the Internet!

We have a website. We have all the more recent newsletters there (including this one!), as well as the latest information on speakers. Our web address is:

**<http://das.danteseattle.org/>**

**Note address has changed!**



### 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.

**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 (\$30.00 for individual, \$40.00 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:

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