



DANTE NEWS GOLD COAST

July/August 2022



LETTERA DEL PRESIDENTE

DATE CLAIMER

Amici della Dante lunch
12th August

HOTA
Falling for Figaro – **now showing**
Venice Infinitely Avant-Guard
20th August

Seniors' Week Free concert
1st October

Dear members,

I hope you are all keeping well. Another semester has started. A special welcome to new members. Most of the information about our Gold Coast Society is on the web and Facebook page. The Italian classes for adults are our main activity but we also organise social and cultural events. If you know anyone who may like to learn Italian please ask them to contact us.

June was a very busy month with "Amici della Dante" lunch, "Visione Sarde" night, Students' end of semester dinner, Mini courses and gnocchi making workshop. Photos of some of these are shown in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who helped organise these and who participated to make them such successful events.

We were in America, spending time with our daughters and families. It was more than two years since we last hugged them. Many of you have taken the opportunity to travel to Italy again. We look forward to seeing you come back to our classes on your return.

Thank you to our Webmaster, Dr. Brian Bell, for sending out the information about "Keeping Healthy at Societa' Dante Alighieri Gold Coast". If everyone takes care we will be able to continue having our classes face to face.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter with photos and articles.

We don't have classes on a Thursday night. Can we have suggestions from you about what activities you would like on those nights – maybe different things each Thursday. In our resources we have "Scarabeo" Scrabble, Italian playing cards, "Tombola" bingo cards. I look forward to hearing your suggestions.

On the 1st October we will be hosting a free afternoon concert for Seniors' Week featuring internationally renowned talented violinist Frank Fodor and amazing Soprano Judit Molnar (more information in next newsletter)

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna

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Ciao a tutti, Bentornati alle nostre classi !

Thank You to all who took advantage of the early-bird special and completed online enrolment forms. This makes life easier to establish demands for classes.

Our classes have recommenced for semester 2. They are a little smaller than usual due to many finally taking the opportunity to travel. We hope to see them rejoin on their return.

Unfortunately, we did not get the response for the Italian for Travellers courses so will start those classes as soon as there are the numbers.

Thank You to all who attended the Student dinner and Visioni sarde. Both evening were enjoyable and well supported.

Important Course Dates

Semester 2

- * Semester started - Monday 11th Jul
- * Mid-semester break - 17th Sept to 2nd Oct
- * Course ends - Fri 25th Nov

Any questions or concerns about the school, please call me on 55270797 or email me: info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita – School Director

Dante website

Please remember that at the website you will find.....

- * Semester calendar
- * Enrolment & Membership forms
- * Private class application form
- * Prices of courses
- * Monthly newsletter
- * The latest News from La Repubblica Newspaper
- * Info on scholarships to study at Italian language schools



Photo above

Italian for Travellers' Tuesday morning
students receive their certificates

Photo on the Left

Beginners 1 Thursday morning
Students receive their certificates

STUDENTS' END OF SEMESTER DINNER

Pizza veramente squisita da Double Zero a Robina, una serata tra simpatici amici, per incontrare nuove persone e scambiare storie di avventure italiane, straniere e viaggiare con l'immaginazione tra racconti e gnocchetti al pesto o al pomodoro e un bicchiere di vino rosso o una peroni. Con Martina che ha orchestrato con diplomazia la serata assicurandosi che tutti i studenti fossero soddisfatti, tranquilli poi con Gerardo che ha fatto quadrare i conti, il nostro oste Sara tuttofare, che svolazzando tra un tavolo e l'altro, in locale di grande successo, ha accolto i nostri studenti sulla corsia preferenziale. Siamo rimasti tutti soddisfatti auspicandoci che si ripeterà presto, Buon appetito!! **Andrea**



Mini courses



Charlotte's Monday morning class



**CORO
CELEBRATIONS**





Thank you Rita for organising this event. The 6 short films were produced in and promoted Sardinia, discovering and enhancing young and new Sardinian talent.

Thank you for organising the Sardinian wine and making the Sardinian biscuits.



Serata del Cinema Sardo

Che piacere andare al cinema in compagnia. Una serata al completo davanti allo schermo di otto film a cortometraggio, tra cui *Margherita*; un tuffo nell'acqua smeraldo della Sardegna che ci ha rammentato di quand'eravamo ragazzini. Seguito poi da due comici banditi principianti che hanno finito per consolarsi con una pastasciutta, ed in seguito le realtà di un'Italia e Sardegna sempre più multiculturali, siamo stati ritrasportati nell'Italia moderna. Grazie a Rita con tutto il suo impegno organizzativo alla Dante; dalla locandina, alla logistica e coordinazione di tutta la serata e a Martina con il suo spunto culturale. Abbiamo concluso la serata tra una chiacchierata e un vino sardo accompagnato da papassini, preparati da Rita, e altri deliziosi dolci sardi. Buona visione e alla prossima. **Andrea**

GNOCCHI MAKING WORKSHOP

Thank You Clelia Zilli for this wonderful class. Thank you Gianni Ceccato of Global Liquor for Prosecco.



In this cooking class, we were guided by expert Clelia Zilli on how to make gnocchi that was light, soft, delicious and textured to perfection. We learnt how to choose the right kinds of potatoes for gnocchi and to pair it with delicious sauces. At the end of the class, we sat down together and enjoyed the fruits of our labours paired with a glass of wine and conversation. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks Clelia.

Carolann

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PRANZO PER GLI AMICI DELLA DANTE



The **Amici della Dante** lunch in June was a great success, 30 attended enjoying the food and companionship. Mark **August 12** in your diary Let Maria or Ester know to reserve a place. **0418750232**

ITALIAN MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

This has been suspended for 3 months while Padre Angelo is on sabbatical for 6 months. Fr Savino Bernardi, a Scalabrinian priest from Sydney, will supply the Italian Sunday Mass for the months of October, November and December 2022, starting on the 2nd October at 4 p.m.

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Masculine or Feminine?

An Italian teacher was explaining to her class that in Italian, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. For instance:

House is feminine: la casa *Dish* is masculine: il piatto

A student asked, “What gender is *computer*?”

Instead of giving them the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked the students to decide for themselves whether ‘computer’ should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give 4 reasons for its recommendation.

The men’s group decided that ‘computer’ should definitely be feminine because:

- 1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
- 2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
- 3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval, and,
- 4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women’s group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine, because:

- 1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
- 2. They have a lot of data but still can’t think for themselves.
- 3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time, they ARE the problem, and,
- 4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The women won!!

You speak English to do
business.
German to train dogs
Spanish to train horses
French to make love and
Italian to talk to the stars.

Anon.

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