



# DANTE NEWS Gold Coast

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Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast Inc.

February/febbraio 2017

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Thank you for renewing your membership. We appreciate your support and that of newsletter sponsors. Thank you to Canale Travel Service for sponsoring our Web page Please check out the Sede Centrale Rome web site to see where you can get discounts in Italy. ([www.ladante.it/associati](http://www.ladante.it/associati))

Members enjoyed attending the Summer Classes offered as well as the Immersion Day. Thank you to Ester Ceron and Vilma Andriani for the pasta making lessons. Next time we will include gnocchi making and it will be in winter time!

The *Nonne*, June, Luisa, Rena and Clelia in collaboration with the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club organized a very successful *Befana* party on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. I only included a couple of photos here but all photos of our events are on the Web Site and on the Facebook page. The School is now also on Instagram.

Our classes resume on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. There are still some places available (see School News on Pagina 2). Please contact Rita, our School Director, for class information.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February there will be a children's Carnevale Party. (Details in flyer on Pagina 3). It is very important that you RSVP to Martina if attending.

Last year our students were able to attend the Opera at the Gold Coast Art Centre at Student Prices showing their Dante Membership Card as well as their 2016 Student Card. Connie is trying to get the same deal for our students for the Opera on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. We will give you more information when we have it.

After the Classes commence I will prepare the 2017 Student Card for current students. We also have a 2017 sticker to go on the back of your Dante Membership Card. Please let me know if you don't get it. Please read this newsletter for all information about our Society. All information is also on our web site. Ci vediamo presto.

Cordiali saluti,

*Giovanna*

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**(discounts in Italy for members)**

**DATE CLAIMER 2017**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester starts**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Carnevale**

**Easter holidays 1<sup>st</sup> April – 17 April**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – AGM**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Opera – sung in English**

**“The Marriage of Figaro”**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to welcome all students to our 2017 Italian classes. It was very pleasing to hear from several students who are returning from a break from studying with us.

Thank You to all who took advantage of the Early bird price and those who enrolled before classes commenced. The whole online system is now working extremely well and it is great that so many of you are now taking advantage of this.

All classes that were advertised are running.

We do have some spaces in *Advanced 1 Monday 7-9pm*; *Beginners 1 Wednesday 7-9pm* and *Intermediate 2 Thursday 7-9pm*. If you are interested, please contact me.

Finally, a big Thank you to Martina M and Martina B for their presentation of a variety of mini courses offered over our break.

### Course Dates for Semester 1 2107

#### **Semester 1**

Term1 commences Monday 6 February

Easter break-1 April – 17 April

Term 2 commences- Tuesday 18 April

Course concludes - 29 June

#### Public Holidays

Over the semester, there are a few public holiday Mondays and a Tuesday. Your teacher will organize with the class when the class will be caught up

#### Refunds for classes

You are reminded about the Terms and Conditions at the Dante. The Society cannot be held responsible for any changes in personal circumstances so no refunds will be given after you enrol for a course.

#### Missed Classes

If you miss attending your regular class, you may attend the day or night class of the same or lower level in that week. Please contact me should this need to happen.

#### Private Classes

The Dante offers private classes to persons requesting private tuition. This could be for an individual or group.

#### Expression of Interest

If you are interested in a Beginners 1 Day class, please contact me. With enough interest, we will commence this very soon.

*(Ora la scuola e` anche su Instagram)*



### 2 Chiacchiere

We will recommence these day and evening get-together again meeting at different locations on the Gold Coast. This is suitable for *all levels* and for all those who need to practice speaking Italian. These get-togethers are enjoyable and non-threatening. Even though you may feel you can't say much, just the experience of being put into the situation where you have to listen and respond is of great benefit. Stay for as little or as long as you wish.

We will announce the first location soon

### Tea and Coffee at Breaks

After approximately 25 years at 50 cents, tea or coffee and biscuit will increase to \$1. You are kindly reminded that Australian currency needs to be used!!

### The outside Pinboard

Please feel free to use this to sell your Italian books and advertise Italian things!

*If you have any questions or concerns- please call me on 55270797*

Or Email- [info@dantegoldcoast.com](mailto:info@dantegoldcoast.com)

*Rita*

*School Director*



### **Immersion Day Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

Thank you to Astrid and Giovanna for organising the day. Thank you to Ester and Vilma for being in charge of the pasta making. Thank you to the students who attended. Next time it will be held in Winter! It was such a hot day!!

### DANTE SINGERS

Just a friendly reminder that our Singalong group commences again on **TUESDAY FEB 7 at 5:45pm.** If you have any interested friends, do bring them along. Ciao, *Virginia*

## L'ANGOLO DELLA POESIA

(a cura di Connie Canale)

TANTI AUGURI PER SAN VALENTINO

14/2/2017

**Quel giorno lontano ti vidi arrivare  
E' nella mia vita sei voluta entrare.  
Due strade diverse si sono incrociate  
Le nostre labbra si sono sfiorate.  
Da allora ho capito che vuol dir amare  
Ed or senza te non posso restare.**

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**FRIDAY 10TH MARCH**

**CARNEVALE PER GLI STUDENTI**

When Classes commence, each class will be given a Carnevale Mask to decorate. Judging of Class Mask will be on the 10th March when we will be having a get-together for the start of the school year. (More details in class.)

## 2017 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE

If you are going to Italy make sure your membership card is up to date to receive discounts in Italy.

Look up the site: [www.ladanteit/associati](http://www.ladanteit/associati)

Click under the heading **CONVENZIONI**. Below are some discounts available:

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**ITALIAN SPOKEN**

*Una storia di 7 capitoli, "Amore e Mistero a Venezia" è stata scritta da Carlina, Loredana, Gerard, Nella, Marilena, Dora, Pamela e Nick (Advanced 2). E' una storia divertente ed un po' "per adulti". Qui sotto c'è il secondo capitolo. Buona lettura.*

### AMORE E MISTERO A VENEZIA

#### Capitolo 2 "Sorpresa!"

Il mio palazzo sembrava essere molto trascurato: I muri fuori avevano bisogno di tinteggiatura, erano sporchi e la vernice era sfadata. L'edificio era affondato un po' nell'acqua del Gran Canale. L'insegna al neon diceva che il palazzo era un hotel o qualcosa di peggio.

Sono entrata nel palazzo con apprensione e ho subito incontrato un uomo disordinato che mi ha ricevuto con una voce rauca ed il quale era puzzolente di alcol e di sigarette. "Chi sei, signora?" Ho risposto con voce seria "Sono la principessa Loredana Cini, la proprietaria di questo palazzo. Lei chi è?"

"Sono Luigi Campese e sono il manager di questo hotel". In quel momento una donna vestita appena è uscita dalla camera da letto. "Dai Luigi, vieni qui, devi ancora pagarmi". E lui "Va bene Lusietta". E dopo "Va' via!" ha gridato.

"Signor Campese, puo' spiegarmi domani ma ora devo trovare il presunto proprietario del palazzo. Lo conosce?" "Si' signora, ma il Signor Dandolo sta' cercando le piu' belle ragazze per stasera". Il mio palazzo mi sembrava piu' un incubo che un guadagno "Va bene Signor Campese. Per favore dica al signor Dandolo di farsi trovare domani alle 9 esatte in Piazza San Marco e di non essere in ritardo".

Ho lasciato subito quell'edificio risoluta a scoprire di piu' su questo hotel e sul misterioso signor Dandolo il quale sembrava gestire un bordello nel mio palazzo.

La mattina seguente mi sono alzata alle 6 e mezzo e mi sono preparata per una giornata interessante. Mi sono messa in ghingheri e le scarpe coi tacchi alti. Insieme la combinazione era stupenda. L'avevo fatto per avere un vantaggio all'incontro con un uomo che aveva comprato delle ragazze per lavorare in un palazzo- casa di appuntamenti.

Ma che sorpresa! Alle nove esatte l'uomo e' arrivato bello, vestito benissimo ed accompagnato da una bellissima signorina. Ero stupefatta. Il mio diavolo era qui. Forse questa ragazza lavorava nel bordello. "Buon giorno signorina. Sono Simone Dandolo. Sono contento di conoscerla. Le presento Martina, la mia compagna. "Va bene signor Dandolo, verro' al punto. Sono la principessa Loredana Cini, il palazzo Loredan mi appartiene. L'avvocato del Signor Malatesta, Antonio Cascano, mi ha detto che io sono la proprietaria del palazzo e che ne ha le prove."

"Altezza reale, lei si sbaglia. Il palazzo Loredan e' una proprieta' della mia famiglia da ottocento anni e piu'. Infatti l'uomo piu' grande nella storia di Venezia e' Enrico Dandolo, un doge. Lui costruì il palazzo nel dodicesimo secolo ma il Signor Malatesta lo ha affittato dopo.

"Contattero' di nuovo l'avvocato. Arrivederla Signor Dandolo.

Non potevo dimenticare il signor Dandolo e speravo che Martina non fosse la sua compagna. Il bellissimo Dandolo mi interessava molto.

*(Continua nella prossima newsletter)*

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## NOTABLE AUSTRALIANS OF ITALIAN HERITAGE (1)

### Sir Raphael West Cilento (1893 –1985)

Often known as "Ray", Dr. Cilento was a notable Australian medical practitioner and public health administrator. He was born in Jamestown, South Australia in 1893, son of Raphael Ambrose Cilento, a stationmaster, and grandson of Salvatore Cilento who had emigrated from Naples, in 1855. His mother was Frances Ellen Elizabeth West. He was educated at Prince Alfred College, but although he was determined from an early age to study medicine, he was initially unable due to lack of money, so he trained first as a school teacher, sponsored by the Education Department, initially teaching in Port Pirie in 1910 and 1911. He eventually entered the University of Adelaide Medical School on borrowed funds, and while there won so many scholarships and other prizes that he ended his course having a respectable bank balance.

Initially Dr. Cilento's interests were mainly in public health and specifically, tropical medicine. He served with the Australian Army's Tropical Force in New Guinea which superseded the German administration after the First World War, and later he joined the British colonial service in Malaya. On his return to Australia he was Director of the Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine in Townsville, Queensland from 1922 to 1924. He went on to do a further stint in Papua New Guinea and on his return in 1928 became Director of Commonwealth Government Division of Tropical Hygiene in Brisbane a role he held until 1934

The Queensland Government in 1934 set out to create of the world's first universally free public health system and the then Minister for Health recruited Dr. Cilento to achieve this goal as Director General. Despite his subsequent identification with the political right wing, Dr. Cilento never lost his belief in government-funded health care. To assist in his policy-making objectives he went on to study law and was admitted to the Bar in 1939. Dr. Cilento and as well as the State's Medical Board and other professors of University of Queensland opposed the anti-polio methods of Sister Elizabeth Kenny.

Dr. Cilento was knighted in 1935 at age 42, for his contributions to public service and tropical medicine. He achieved international fame after the Second World War for his work in aiding refugees with the United Nations Relief Administration. In 1945 he was the first civilian doctor to enter Belsen concentration camp. He did considerable work on malaria control in The Balkans and was Director for Refugees and Displaced Persons, and in 1948 was Director of Disaster relief in Palestine. He retired from these positions in 1950 and returned to Australia in 1951.

In his later years, he was unable to find appropriate employment in government or academia due partly to the consequence of his racist and ultra-conservative views which had firm basis at that time, and for his involvement with the Australian League of Rights, particularly The White Australia Policy. Ideals of which he hung on to until his final years.

Dr. Cilento and his wife had six children – 3 sons and 3 daughters. The 3 sons - Raphael C.F. Cilento became a Neurosurgeon; Ruth Yolanda Cilento; Carl Lindsay Cilento and David Cilento all became doctors, whereas Phillis Margaret Cilento became a painter and print-maker; and Diane Cilento became a film star, was married to actor Sean Connery, and is the mother of actor Jason Connery.

Lady Phyllis Dorothy (McGlew) Cilento (1894-1987) married Dr. Raphael Cilento in 1920. She also was a doctor, a journalist and medical writer, and was especially interested in children's health. In 2013 The Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in Brisbane was named in her honour in recognition for her work in children's health.

Dr. Raphael Cilento died in 1985 in Brisbane where he is buried.

*Connie Canale*

*(Sir Raphael Cilento was one of the founding members of the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators, one of the colleges that I am a fellow of. Each year in Brisbane the College has a "Cilento Oration" in honour of Sir Raphael. Brian Bell)*

**OPERA** - THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO - sung in English - Gold Coast Arts Centre

Friday 21st July 2017 - 7.30p.m. Costing is now being negotiated for all Dante students.

**LA SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA NEL MONDO** - This year's theme ...

L'ITALIANO AL CINEMA, L'ITALIANO NEL CINEMA. October 2017.