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Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Thank you to the committee, teachers and all members for your support in 2016. As well as our language classes there were two earthquake appeals for the victims of the Italian earthquakes. Thank you to everyone who attended, bought raffle tickets and gave donations. At the recent Camerino fundraiser, the lucky door prize was won by Maria Barrett and of the main raffle prizes, - \$50 voucher at Golosi Food Emporium was won by Trish Sims and the hamper donated by M.P. Steven Ciobo was won by Ester Ceron. Everyone was generous in purchasing raffle tickets and people who couldn't be present sent donations. Thank you to Liz Jarvis from Brisbane Dante Society who also sent a donation. After consultation with Wynne and committee members it was decided that funds collected (\$1000) would be sent to the *Croce Rossa Camerino*. This has now been done. I will let you know when I get a report back from them.

There are some summer courses on offer this month and regular courses recommence in February. Specialty mini courses are available for all members, not just student members. Details are in **School News** and further details of courses as well as any last minutes news are on our website.



(*In piedi - Tony, Gino, Brian, Giovanna, Anna, Rita, Astrid. Seduti - Judith, Gerard, Connie e Martina*)

Augurandovi felicità, serenità, amore e pace per il 2017

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna Santomauro

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www.ladante.it/associati
(discounts in Italy for members)

DATE CLAIMER 2017

Thursday 5th January – La Befana
Saturday 14th January – Immersion Day

Enrolment sessions:

Tuesday 17 January 4.30 -6 p.m.

Saturday 21 January 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Monday 6th February – 1st Semester starts

Easter holidays 1st April – 17 April

THE GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB

18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

Tel 55751966

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5th January – “La Befana”

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SCHOOL NEWS

I hope you had a merry Christmas with family and friends and hope that the new year brings you good health and lots of happiness.

There is some information regarding 2017 classes in this newsletter but everything is posted on the website so please check it for semester dates, commencement dates etc and re-enrol online or print out forms from there if necessary. Hoping to see lots of you back for our classes again next year.

Summer Courses

The courses running are listed on the website. If you would like to still participate in one, please contact me.

1. *Exercises for Italian Conversation* with Martina M.

DAY CLASS- commencing Monday 9th January for 4 wks

Intermediate level 10- 12 noon

Advanced level 12.30- 2.30pm

NIGHT CLASS- commencing Thursday 12th Jan for 4 wks
7- 9 pm

2. *Le meraviglie del Veneto* with Martina Barzan

Thursday 7-9 pm- commencing 12th Jan for 3 weeks

3. *Beginners Conversation* with Martina M.

10- 11.30am Friday 20th January

Immersion Day - SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY 2017

9.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. with Astrid & Giovanna

\$40 includes lunch. For bookings or further information please Call Giovanna on 55395528

or email gianna52@hotmail.com

Semester 1 2017

'Early bird special': \$400

Includes \$20 annual membership

**** Must be received on or before Friday 13 January****

Late direct deposits will pay the higher rate.

Payment - Cash / Cheque / Direct Debit

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SCHOOL NEWS (Cont.)

2017 Semester 1 courses

Timetable and enrolment form are available on the web.

We welcome the return of students from previous years to participate in our courses. Here are all the levels we have available

| <u>TIMESLOT</u> | <u>LEVEL</u> | <u>TEACHER</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday AM | Inter 1 Inter & Adv Convers | Martina M Charlotte P |
| Monday PM | Adv 2 Adv 1 | Martina B Oriana |
| Tuesday PM | Beg 3 Introduction | Luisa Astrid |
| Wednesday AM | Adv 2 Adv 1 | Martina M Oriana |
| Wednesday PM | LCS * Beginners 1 | Oriana Astrid |
| Thursday PM | Inter 2 | Giulia |
| Friday AM | Introduction | Astrid |

* *Lingua, Cultura e Societa`*

Enrolment Days-

You can come and see the rooms, have a chat with us, pick up textbooks and enrol on these specific days only-

Tuesday 17th Jan 4.30-6.00pm

Saturday 21st Jan 9.00-10.00am

Enrolling

Every student either new or returning must complete a new enrolment form.

Classes commence the week beginning Monday 6th February.

Private Classes

Over the break, you may be interested in private classes. Please contact me for prices, and teacher availability.

Any questions - please call me- 55270797

Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita School Director

L'ANGOLO DELLA POESIA*(a cura di Connie Canale)***LA BEFANA – 6 Gennaio 2017**

Viene viene **La Befana** – vien da monti a notte fonda.
 Com'è stanca! La circonda neve, gelo e tramontana.
 Viene viene **La Befana**, e la neve è il suo mantello.
 Ha le mani al petto in croce, ed il gelo è il suo pannello,
 ed il vento la sua voce.
 Ha le mani al petto in croce.
 E s'accosta piano piano alla villa, al casolare,
 a guardare, ed ascoltare, or piu' presso, or piu' lontano.
 Piano, piano ... piano, piano.

Giovanni Pascoli.

GOLD COAST ITALO AUSTRALIAN CLUB
 18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters
THURSDAY 5th JANUARY FROM 5 P.M.

Celebrate the Italian Tradition of "**La Befana**"
 Come and listen to the story of la Befana,
 games and colour in activities.

Kids Disco from 6.30 p.m.
 Buffet Dinner
 \$10 Children \$20 Adults

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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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

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

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(Karol Wojtyla)



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ITALIAN SPOKEN

Una storia di 7 capitoli, "Amore e Mistero a Venezia" e' stata scritta da Carlina, Loredana, Gerard, Nella, Marilena, Dora, Pamela e Nick (Advanced 2). Per renderla piu' credibile hanno voluto aggiungere 2 documenti. E' una storia divertente ed un po' "per adulti". Qui sotto c'e' il primo capitolo. Buona lettura.

AMORE E MISTERO A VENEZIA

Capitolo 1 : "Arancione o viola?"

La mia amica Anna mi ha fatto una domanda. Vuole il mio aiuto per scegliere il colore di un vestito per un'occasione speciale. Pensa che sia molto difficile scegliere. "Quei colori sono molto carini, le dico, ma non sono sicura che siano appropriati". Anna sa che deve portare il bianco. Sua madre sara' commossa nel vedere sua figlia scendere la navata laterale con suo padre. E probabilmente sara' molto fiera.

Anna e' venuta a trovarmi nel mio piccolo negozio. Lavoro in un'agenzia di viaggi e sto organizzando il viaggio per la sua luna di miele. Anna ed il suo futuro marito andranno in Italia a trovare i familiari. Da quando sono arrivata qui dall'Italia lei e' diventata la mia migliore amica.

Sono un po' titubante nel raccontare la mia storia perche' potreste non credermi. Sono nata a Venezia e sono una principessa...veramente. Ho abitato in un palazzo con i miei genitori e per molti anni abbiamo viaggiato per il mondo. Poi un giorno un malfattore ha rubato i nostril soldi. Che orrore!

Avevo con me una piccola somma di denaro allora ho deciso di andare in Australia per studiare e poi aprire la mia agenzia. Stamattina, dopo che Anna e' andata via, il mio cellulare ha suonato. Pensavo lei avesse dimenticato qualcosa invece...la voce al telefono era in dialetto veneziano che non avevo sentito da molti anni. Era la voce di un uomo "Parlo con la principessa Loredana Cini?". Quando sono arrivata in Australia usavo questo nome ma mai il titolo di principessa. Esitante ho risposto "Si', io sono la principessa Loredana Cini. Chi parla?" "Sono l'avvocato Antonio Cascano di Venezia. Rappresento il patrimonio del signor Malatesta che occupava per molti anni il palazzo Loredan sul Canal Grande. Tra le sue carte abbiamo scoperto che il signor Malatesta non era il legittimo proprietario del palazzo. Abbiamo fatto ricerche in tutto il mondo e crediamo che lei sia la legittima proprietaria". Ero sbalordita. L'avvocato mi ha poi detto che dovevo tornare a Venezia per reclamare la mia eredita'.

Ho telefonato ad Anna immediatamente e le ho raccontato le mie incredibili notizie. Ero euforica ed Anna mi ha invitato a partire per Venezia con lei e Paolo. Così' ho prenotato tre biglietti invece di due.

Quando siamo arrivati a Venezia ero felice ma anche triste. Tutto sembrava familiare ma erano avvenuti dei cambiamenti mentre ero in Australia. Come avrei trovato la mia casa d'infanzia?

Abbiamo fatto un giro in gondola lungo il Canal Grande. Improvvisamente ecco il Palazzo Loredan Cini, la casa dei miei ricordi e dei miei sogni! Com' era accaduto a tanti altri palazzi antichi di Venezia, gli anni non erano stati gentili. Ma la cosa piu' strana di tutto era una grande insegna al neon sul tetto. Che cosa era successo?



Palazzo Loredan Cini



La classe Adv. 2 di mercoledì mattina

(Continua nella prossima newsletter)

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ITINERARY (subject to change)

Departure date ex Australia 13 August 2017

- * **3nts Rome** - (Naples - Pompeii) * **1nt Terni** -we stay in a ancient former Abbey * **7nts Tuscany** - (Siena - Florence - Assisi - San Gimignano -)
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STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS 1 CLASS



Bianca Antonioli, Kate Stacey, Rita Lo Presti (School director), Diana Varcoe, Marita Stambe, Campbell and Juliet Smith. Some students chose to receive their certificates in class others received them at the end of year dinner. This class has just finished chapter 4 of the Buongiorno Italia text book. If you have done some of the Buongiorno Italia book previously this may be the class you could join.



Intermediate Class – Monday morning



Intermediate Conversation Class – Monday morning



Adv 1 Class – Wednesday morning

CAMERINO EARTHQUAKES FUNDRAISER

Survivor, Wynne Armstrong gave a very interesting presentation and showed us some of her photos. She would like to thank everyone who came or sent donations.



Dante students with Wynne in Piazza Dante



Maria (lucky door winner), Gilda and Jana



Astrid, Ester(hamper winner) and Giovanna



Wynne Armstrong and the audience

(More photos on Facebook and our website)

We have been asked “What do we get for our membership?” “Why we should become a member of the Gold Coast Dante Alighieri Society?”

Firstly you are supporting a non profit organisation that promotes Italian Language and Culture. We do not receive funding from any government bodies in Australia or Italy.

You must be a member to attend our courses.

You receive discounts in Italy using your card.

Members get discounts on any events we organise.

Other than regular Italian Classes, we also offer Specialty Mini courses, groups to the Opera and Social and Cultural Events. Last year students were able to attend the Gold Coast Art Centre Opera at student prices showing their Student and Dante cards.

Monthly newsletters are emailed to all members. Only a few are now sent by mail.

Please renew your membership and encourage your friends to become members.

Thank you to all who have already renewed their membership. Students will complete the membership renewal as part of their enrolment.

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At the Camerino fundraiser, June, Rita, Connie, Wynne, Giovanna and Judith

Auguri di Buon Anno da Giovanna, Gino, Anna, Gerard, Rita, Brian, Martina, Connie, Astrid, Judith e Tony