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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear members,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. I hope you enjoy the "Eggplant Lasagne" that Robin has included. I invite you to send us your recipe to share.

While I was in America visiting our daughters and 7 grandchildren the Dante Gold Coast had an Italian visitor from the school in Camerino where many of our students go to study in Italy. Professor Angelo Liberati came to our classes and enjoyed his time on the Gold Coast. Thank you to the Committee and teachers who organised his programme here and looked after him very well. A few photos in the newsletter and more on the web.

We have a new sponsor. Roberto Biasoli is an Attorney at Law in Italy and can help with Inheritances, Wills, Real Estate & Property Law etc. If you have need of his services please contact him directly on: avvocatobiasoli@gmail.com

In August we will be co-hosting with Brisbane Dante the bi-annual Dante Conference. More details later.

In September I will be taking a small group to Italy, 15 people maximum and in October there is the Venice with Luisa study group. Details on these on page 5 and on our web. Please let Luisa or I know if you are interested.

We would like to start a Dante Giovani on the Gold Coast. Some other Dante Societies have these. This young input ensures the promotion of Italian. They decide how often to meet and what topics to discuss. Please let me know if you are interested in this.

The Opera "Barber of Seville" at the Gold Coast Art Centre is on the 29th and 30th July and our students receive a very good price for admittance. You need to show your Dante membership card as well as your Student Card when you purchase your ticket. Please let me know if you have not received your Dante and student cards

Cordiali saluti,

Giovanna

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2016 DATE CLAIMER

17th June end of Semester 1 classes
29th & 30th July – Opera – Barber of Seville
19,20,21 August – Bi-annual Dante Conference

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SCHOOL NEWS

Bentornati a Term 2.

We were very privileged to have had professor Angelo Liberati from Dante in Camerino come to Australia to visit most of the Dante Societies. Several of our students knew him from their studies in Camerino. For anyone not familiar with Camerino, we learnt a lot about the town and the school. Many students enjoyed the challenge of listening and comprehending a native speaker.

Important Course Dates for Semester 1 2016

Semester 1 Term 2 concludes - 17 June

The BIGGEST Morning Tea- Fund Raiser

We have been supporters of this annual event for several years now. As per past years, our tea/coffee money from day and night classes will go towards this Cancer Council fund raiser in Week 15 in May. Please support with a gold coin donation.

End of Semester Dinner

Keep the date free- Friday 17th June
More details in the next newsletter.

English lessons for Italians

There are many new Italians on the Gold Coast and we have been approached to offer English lessons. We are able to offer these new courses as soon as we have numbers. If you know anyone who may be interested please let us know.



2 Chiacchiere

Date and venue for next session to be advised.

Any questions - please call me- 55270797
Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com

Rita School Director

RICETTA DEL MESE

Eggplant lasagne

This is a simple, tasty and adjustable recipe which my family enjoys. It is important to use the best quality ricotta and tomatoes, whether tinned or as passata. Half a cup total of grated tasty cheese and/or mascarpone are great additions to the ricotta.

Ingredients

2 to 3 eggplants (peeled or unpeeled, cut into 1 cm slices)
1 onion or a little more, finely chopped
1 or 2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tin of chopped tomatoes or 2/3 bottle of passata
Tub of ricotta
1/2 cup or more of grated Parmigiana
Salt, pepper, olive oil, nutmeg

Method

Preheat oven to 350C
Prepare a lasagne dish with olive oil drizzle or spray
Fry the sliced eggplants in a little olive oil until soft, semi transparent and slightly colored OR roast 10 minutes each side with a little olive oil. Drain on kitchen paper.

Fry the onions and garlic until soft, then add tomatoes, a little salt and pepper and teaspoon of sugar and simmer for about ten minutes until the sauce is slightly thickened . Check seasoning. Set aside.

Mix half a teaspoon or less of grated nutmeg into the ricotta, and add other cheeses if wished.

Begin layering with sauce first, then eggplant then cheese. Repeat. Sprinkle the final cheese layer with parmigiana or parmigiana and tasty cheese or grated mozzarella. Some basil leaves in the layers are good too.

Bake for about 25 minutes until the top is bubbly and slightly brown. Buon appetito!

Robin Cook

L'angolo della Riflessione

A cura di Connie Canale

*"Nel mezzo delle difficoltà
Nascono le opportunità'."*

Albert Einstein

MAMMA



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Un petalo per ogni anno di assenza,
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E per ogni domanda senza risposta.
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E sostiene il centro della rosa
Che conserva ancora il profumo speciale
Che mi hai dato tu
Il profumo della vita.

Romina Power

**TANTI AUGURI A TUTTE
LE CARE MAMME
DOMENICA 8 MAGGIO 2016.**

L'Angolo della Biblioteca



The Facing Windows is a sensitive movie that covers many aspects of life. A married couple with two small children facing financial stress, resulting in unhappiness and bitter arguments. The wife watches a handsome single man across the way with envy. Inevitably they meet and there is a strong attraction.

The story covers an old man suffering amnesia, a holocaust survivor who is taken into care by the couple. This old gentleman, with a wonderful history, becomes a mentor to the young woman, who finally quits her mundane and exhausting job to follow her dreams. Homosexuality in the 1940's was not accepted, causing pain and heartache. The marriage survives, but does it have a happy ending? That is the big question..

Jenny (Adv. 1B)



Intervista a Gerard Wilkes – Tesoriere (Comitato Dante GC)

Chi è Gerardo Wilkes? Sono sposato da quasi 45 anni e ho due figli maschi ed una femmina e otto nipotini. Sono un dottore commercialista. Da 39 anni ho un mio ufficio ed i miei figli sono partner commerciali. Il mio piano di successione ora è completo.

Dove sei nato? Sono nato a Manchester, in Inghilterra, nel 1948.

Studi italiano da parecchi anni, vero? Studio italiano da 3 tre anni. Mi piace tanto la lingua.

Da dove viene questa passione per “il tutto italiano”? Mi sono sempre piaciuti gli italiani. Avevamo vicini di casa italiani....i miei amici di scuola erano italiani. Alla scuola superiore ho studiato l'italiano ma non mi ricordo niente, solo la pronuncia.

Hai una città, un luogo preferito in Italia? Mi è sempre piaciuta la storia di Roma antica. Ci sono altre città - per esempio Venezia, Firenze, La Spezia ed i luoghi del Friuli. Comunque al momento è difficile scegliere. Penso che mi piacerebbe una città italiana se potessi viverci per molti mesi. Al momento non posso farlo, ma nel futuro, forse!

Quando sei in Italia fai la colazione all'inglese o all'italiana? In Italia facciamo la colazione all'italiana e generalmente il cibo è sempre buonissimo. Oggi giorno gli italiani finalmente hanno capito che i turisti hanno bisogno del buon cibo per iniziare la loro giornata.

Vivresti in Italia? Sì vorrei abitare in Italia. Sfortunatamente, lavoro circa 4 giorni alla settimana, e la mia famiglia è qui sulla Gold Coast. Non so se potrei lasciarli. Chissà nel futuro!

Cinema, opera o ristorante per te? Generalmente, mi piacciono i ristoranti. Non vado all'opera perché preferisco la musica moderna. Mi piace la musica country, un pò di heavy metal (ACDC Solo) ed il pop.

Te o caffè? Tutti e due. Generalmente al lavoro bevo due tazze di caffè al giorno; il fine settimana bevo il te'.

Da giovane, chi erano i tuoi eroi? Penso che Superman fosse stato il mio eroe. Non sono il tipo di persona che ha bisogno di eroi.

Quale personaggio inviteresti alla tua tavola, per cena? Vorrei invitare William Shakespeare perché fu (e' stato) un uomo che ha influenzato tantissimo la lingua inglese.

Cosa cambieresti nella vita? Sono stato molto fortunato - ad eccezione degli sbagli fatti da giovane, non cambierei niente. Generalmente sono contento di tutto.

In poche parole per te: "La vita" e' per aiutare gli altri meno fortunati di me, e per fare un cambiamento nel mondo.

Luisa Liussi

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Recentemente in occasione di un viaggio in Australia la Dante Alighieri Gold Coast ha ricevuto la visita del professor Angelo Liberati, insegnante della Scuola Dante Alighieri Camerino. Il Prof. Liberati ha incontrato le classi serali di *Lingua, Cultura e Società*, *Beginners 3* e *Intermediate 1* ed ha inoltre partecipato a “2 Chiacchiere” appuntamento graditissimo agli studenti e soci, che la nostra scuola organizza ogni mese. Alcuni membri del comitato si sono offerti di accompagnarlo in un giro della Costa (da Currumbin a Surfers Paradise) conclusosi poi a pranzo nel ristorante Seaduction a Surfers Paradise. Il Prof Liberati è rimasto incantato dalla bellezza della Gold Coast e piacevolmente colpito dalla calorosa accoglienza ricevuta dalla nostra scuola. “Ritornero” è la promessa fatta a Judith Roberts, membro del comitato nel suo accomiarsi a Brisbane. **Martina Medda**

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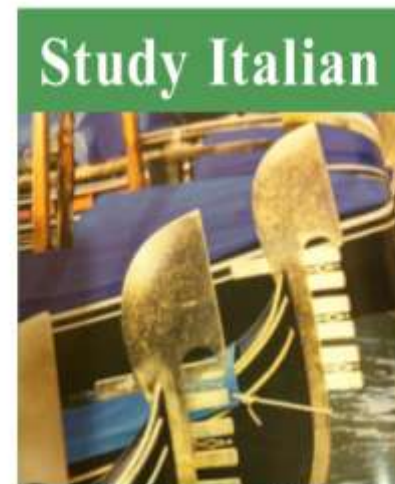
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