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President's Letter

Dear members,

Last month we lost two good friends of the Dante. On the 4th August, my mother, Giuseppa Castellana, and on the 13th August, Dante Gold Coast Life Member, Carlo Zincone. My mother came to many of our early functions making Italian donuts, crostoli and home made sausages. There are a couple of photos of my mother in this newsletter with parts of an interview Luisa Liussi did with her 6 years ago after the Gold Coast Dante celebrated 25 years from the foundation and when I received my gold medal from the Sede Centrale. I learned my Italian from my mother. It was a lovely surprise finding the video clips Luisa had recorded.

Carlo was one of the people who helped us start the Dante society and classes on the Gold Coast. He and Dante President, Enzo Belligoi, were very supportive. In this newsletter, we include a letter about Carlo from Dante Brisbane President, Liz Jarvis.

Thank you to the students who wrote articles for this newsletter and to Connie for sharing her personal experience regarding Saint Padre Pio.

Attached is information on Italian Referendum.

Cordiali saluti

Giovanna Santomauro



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19th September – holidays

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Dante will be closed during the break except for private classes and *Xtra classi* planned by teachers.

Course Dates for Semester 2 2020

Course commenced - Monday 13th July
 Term 3 - 10 weeks
 September break - 18th Sept to 5th Oct
 Term 4 - 8 weeks
 Course concludes- Friday 27th November

Public Holiday - 5th October - Queen's Birthday

Morning classes -

Adv 2 Martina M - going ahead
 Inter 3- Charlotte - postponed

Evening Classes-

Inter 2 Andrea- going ahead - check start time
 Martina M Adv 2 - going ahead - check start time

Mini Courses for the September Break

Teachers available during the break were asked to offer an *Xtra Classe* in place of mini courses.

Teachers offering them should have given to each student in the class a flyer advertising it with topic, price, time, Zoom or in class etc

Price: \$25 for a 90 minute lesson.

It is imperative that the course is prepaid by Wednesday 16th September. There is a minimum requirement of four students for the class to go ahead.

Sickness

Please remember that if you have any signs of being sick, do not come to classes. With enough notice zoom can be organized for you.

*If you have any questions or concerns-
 please call me on 55270797
 Or Email- info@dantegoldcoast.com*

Rita School Director

GIRONZOLARE - OUT AND ABOUT

Sono andata a una merenda bellissima (high tea/afternoon tea) poche settimane fa.

Era in una fattoria vicino a Beaudesert e si chiama Towri.

La fattoria fa il formaggio di pecora. Il formaggio è buonissimo e il mio preferito è Ewehurt.

Ci sarà un mercato con agricoltori il 20 Settembre. Si può comprare un biglietto a:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/towri-spring-farmers-markets-tickets-111904988834>

Ci vediamo lì...

Hannah Fitzpatrick Beg3.



Nasce il Museo della lingua italiana a Santa Maria Novella a Firenze

<https://ladante.it/comunicati-stampa/3476-finalmente-anche-il-museo-della-lingua-italiana-diventa-realta.html>

***The Gold Coast Italo Australian Club
 18 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters
 Marco's Italian restaurant
 Entertainment
 Phone 55751966 for bookings.***

PAGINA DEGLI STUDENTI – Notizie**Il Ponte San Giorgio**

Il 14 agosto 2018 il Ponte Morandi a Genova e' crollato. Purtroppo il numero delle vittime e' 43.

Dopo questa tragedia Renzo Piano (un famoso architetto italiano di Genova) ha progettato il nuovo ponte, che adesso si chiama Ponte San Giorgio. Il Ponte San Giorgio e' stato costruito in 15 mesi e molte persone si sono sorprese per la velocita` della costruzione.

Questi fatti potrebbero essere d'interesse per i lettori:

Il costo per demolire il Ponte Morandi e' stato 19 milioni euro

Il costo per costruire il Ponte San Giorgio e' stato 202 milioni di euro

Ci sono 43 lampioni sul ponte, uno per ogni persona che e` morta nel crollo del ponte Morandi

Il nuovo ponte ha 240 sensori per monitorare la sicurezza del ponte

Due robot controllano la struttura del ponte
Renzo Piano ha installato i pannelli solari per dare energia al ponte durante il giorno e la notte

La struttura sembra lo scafo di una nave

1000 operai hanno lavorato nella costruzione del ponte e la lunghezza del ponte e' 1067 metri

Come protezione contro le cadute e gli effetti del vento, c'e' una barriera di vetro lungo il ponte.

Renzo Piano e` un architetto brillante.

Gerard Wilkes(LCS morning class)



Renzo Piano , il famoso architetto italiano, e' nato a Genova nel 1937.

Nonostante venisse da una famiglia di imprenditori edili, lui ha scelto di studiare architettura con un interesse particolare per le strutture moderne e per la costruzione con materiali leggeri ma forti.

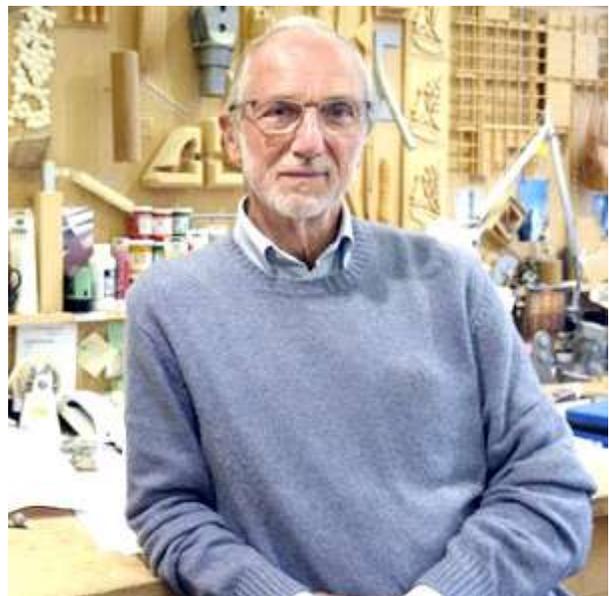
Appassionato per la tecnica e per il costruire, questo e' evidente nei famosi edifici che ha progettato come il Centre Georges Pompidou a Parigi, The Shard a Londra, il Whitney Museum a New York, il Porto Antico ed il ponte San Giorgio a Genova, solo per citarne alcuni.

Renzo Piano ha vinto, tra gli altri, il prestigioso premio Il Pritzker e nel 2013 e' stato nominato Senatore a vita della Repubblica italiana, per il suo contributo all'architettura.

Ha creato l'agenzia The Renzo Piano Building Workshop (RPBW) e la Fondazione Renzo Piano. La prima da' impiego ad architetti e ad altro personale per fare progetti con la filosofia che ogni spazio e' per la gente.

Nel 2013 ha fondato il G124 fatto per incoraggiare i giovani architetti a trovare gli strumenti per migliorare le periferie delle grandi citta'. Tutti gli stipendi vengono pagati usando il pagamento senatoriale di Renzo Piano.

Robyn (LCS morning class)



There is a Renzo Piano building in Sydney, too.

Aurora Place is the common name of Renzo Piano's award-winning office tower and residential block on Macquarie Street in Sydney, Australia. Its official name is the RBS Tower building. The 41-storey structure is 218 metres high to the top of the spire and 188 metres to the roof. [Wikipedia](#)

24/6/2014 Luisa Liussi intervista GIUSEPPINA CASTELLANA

Vilma fa gli gnocchi, Giuseppina fa le salsicce



Giuseppina fa gli sfingi (Italian donuts)

Sono tutti in Australia i figli?

Si, Si...tre sono a Brisbane, e Giovanna si trova sulla Gold Coast. Giovanna ha tre figli, tre ha Maria Pia, quattro Aldo, e Rosanna ha solo un maschietto.

Posso farle questa domanda, cos'è la vita per lei, secondo lei?

Per me la vita ormai, dico la verità, io sono rimasta orfana di padre e di madre - avevo soli 5 anni. La ringrazio sempre per quello che mi ha dato. La mia vita ormai sono i miei figli. Tante volte mi chiedono, mamma di cosa hai bisogno? Non mi manca niente. Voglio solo l'affetto e il rispetto. I miei figli mi stanno vicini. Per me la vita quando arriva il tempo, sono pronta. Stamattina parlavamo del mio funerale. I miei figli non ne vogliono parlare, ma io dico bisogna parlarne. Una mia amica mi ha detto "quando muoio ci pensano i miei figli" Ma io ho detto, no, devi pensarci te, meno disturbo ai figli meglio fa. Io ormai ho la tomba pronta.

Preferisce vivere in Italia o in Australia?

Quello che dico io l'Italia per me è sempre la mia patria ma veramente venire in Australia mi ha dato molta soddisfazione. Ho lavorato, come dico, sono stata sulla *farma*, ho lavorato peggio di un asina, ma sono soddisfatta di quello che ho fatto. I miei figli mi hanno dato una grande gioia e molta soddisfazione come si sono sistemati come li vedo con le loro famiglie. Ma ti dico la verità, tra i nipoti e figli non mi posso lamentare.

Luisa Liussi



**Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Road,
Witheren, via Canungra, Qld. 4275**

The Pauline Fathers are custodians of this area where there are many beautiful chapels (shrines) donated by generous benefactors including different ethnic communities. One of the most beautiful and inspiring aspects of Marian Valley are the outdoor Stations of the Cross with their lifesize figures that move you to humility, devotion and prayer. Below is the Saint Padre Pio shrine which was donated and maintained by the Italian Community of Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

See Connie Canale's story about Saint Padre Pio on Pagina 6.



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PAGINA DELLA CULTURA**PADRE PIO DI PIETRALCINA**

Before 1968 I had never heard of Padre Pio. He came from Pietralcina, Lazio, and my parents came from the region of Abruzzo, so they also did not know about him.

I was married earlier that year, and my husband and I went to meet and visit his relatives in Cassino, Lazio. His parents still had not met me, apart from only talking on the phone and writing letters.

While in Cassino my mother-in-law said she wanted to go to a Mass at San Giovanni Rotondo as they had heard about this saintly priest who made everyone feel wonderful especially at confession, and that his sermons at Mass were ones that everyone talked about afterwards. They said he is a Saint for sure.

The following Sunday we did go to San Giovanni Rotondo, over two hours drive from Cassino, and my mother-in-law and I decided we would also like to go to confession with Padre Pio. In the church we were shown stairs going to a floor below where there were many confessionals. There were many people already there and the queue to Padre Pio's confessional was very long. There were other priests hearing confessions and some who spoke many languages and it was written on the confessional which language. I noticed that the people queuing had come from many distant countries and as I waited, I tried to figure out their languages.

Before we knew it, the bell rang for Mass to start soon, so I quickly got my elderly mother-in-law to go to the top of the queue hoping that some kind soul would let her in. Someone did, and I went to another priest for my confession. My mother-in-law was so excited when she came out. She said he talked like a saint and gave her a blessing like she never had before. She was all smiles the whole day. We returned upstairs and Padre Pio not long afterwards started saying Mass.

From the beginning we knew this was special. He had an aura about him and when he gave the sermon it was all about love, compassion, kindness, and the will of God. He also greeted all the people who had come from distant countries and he named several countries including Australia. (My mother-in-law must have told him).

On our way home we all felt we had been to heaven and back. On our return home, those who had not come with us wanted to know if what people were saying about Padre Pio was true. My mother-in-law said "yes he spoke like a Saint".

When we returned home to Australia, we often spoke of Padre Pio to my friends and relatives who did not know about him. Later in September that year my mother-in-law called to advise us that Padre Pio had passed away. I was incredibly sad to think I would not see him again in this life, but thankful that I had that opportunity.

In 1970 we went back to Cassino. This time it was my husband's sister and niece who wanted to go to Mass at San Giovanni Rotondo as it was the second anniversary of Padre Pio's death (my mother-in-law had since passed away). We were told that the church had been enlarged due to the huge volume of people who went there for Mass at any given day. Upon arriving at the church (double the size I remembered) parking was all taken up but we were able to park in a local person's driveway and walked to church.

The number of people in the Church that day was amazing. I could tell some of them had come from afar. It was a very hot day and no air-conditioning. With many people crowded in the Basilica it made me feel a little lightheaded. The sermon was wonderful and concentrated on Padre Pio, his achievements, how he would surely be canonized a Saint as it was already a work in progress but would take some time. As soon as the sermon and Holy Communion was over, I just had to go outside to get some fresh air as I was feeling faint. A kindly man who had been sitting in a chair outside the Church listening to the Mass on the external loudspeakers— gave me his chair and some water. I said thank-you to him and to Padre Pio. It was an experience I will always remember. I hope one day to return to San Giovanni Rotondo and again to feel close to Padre Pio, but so happy that I had seen him in this life.

Saint Padre Pio was canonised in 2002 - a Saint for the everyday man. I pray to him every day to look after me and my family.

Connie Canale



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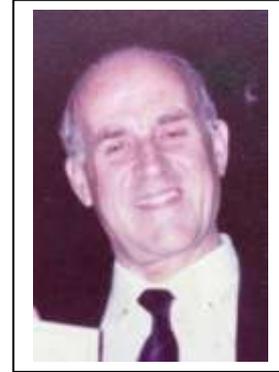
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23 August 2020

Dear Members and Friends

It is with deep sadness that we advise you of the passing on Thursday 13 August of the great friend and supporter of the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society, Dott Carlo Zincone.



Carlo created the School of the Dante as we know it today and many students, teachers and members will reflect happily on time they spent with him. Over very many years, and from within a number of premises, Carlo guided the School as Director and subsequently as a friend and mentor.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Margreet and family. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time and we trust that loving memories will provide comfort. At Carlo's request there will not be a funeral.

As a tribute to Carlo's contribution to the 'diffusion of Italian language and culture' and his place in our lives, the Dante would like to put together a special edition of the Dante News. If you have a special memory of Carlo that you would like to share, please write to our email: info@dante-alighieri.com.au in the next week or so.

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