



**2025 resolution:
Participate in Dante
Club activities**

DANTE'S INFERNO



**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**

Pat Orelli

*Inferno coordinator
dies unexpectedly
on Christmas Eve*

It is with immense sadness that I inform our Dante Club members of the sudden passing of John Caselli, a longtime board member and *Dante's Inferno* newsletter coordinator. After suffering a stroke on Saturday, Dec. 21, John died at 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.



John Caselli

Born June 6, 1952, he was only 72 years old.

Sponsored by member Eric Luchini, John joined the Dante Club on March 16, 2010. He served as chairman of the publicity and marketing committee. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

John's son, Anthony "Tony" Caselli, shared that he and his family are absolutely

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CHRISTMAS AT THE DANTE



More than 250 club members and auxiliary friends enjoy the Dante Club's 2024 Christmas dinner held Dec. 22 at the Dante Event Center. Attendees enjoyed a sumptuous meal featuring four entree choices.

ENHANCING OUR CULTURE

New Year's resolution: Preserve, share and treasure those family stories

By Susan Pricco

It's a new year and time for resolutions, reflections on the past and hopes for the future.

It's also a good time to remember family traditions and events—the heartaches, victories and stories of ancestors and the Old Country.

Consider these activities for the new year:

- Go through old family photos. Check the backs for names and dates.
- Got any old letters or postcards from Italy? Many Italians had postcards with family photos on them with a note or a date on the back.
- Talk to friends and relatives. Ask them to relate stories about family members, things you may have forgotten or maybe never knew.
- Read a book about the times and places your family lived in, including clothing, songs, activities and lifestyles.

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NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

General manager's report

December was another great month at the Dante Club. We were honored to host more than 30 holiday events for various organizations. These included Bagatelos Glass, Sacramento Court Reporters, the Bottley family annual Christmas ball, the Arberesh Club and Piemonte Reale's Christmas Party, among others.

We also had the annual Dante Christmas dinner on Dec. 22, with 250 attendees.

Thanks to all our members and guests for supporting the Dante Event Center throughout this tough year. We look forward to hosting again in 2025 and beyond.

Coming up is the Dante Club crab feed on Jan. 18 and the cioppino feed in March.

We are working closely with members to build a full events calendar for the year to potentially include quarterly wine dinners, a murder mystery event, a casino night and a pasta sauce competition.

The center is booking into 2026. See Page 9 for information on the member discount for bookings.

Ongoing reminders: The Sunday Family Dinner price is now \$22 for adults and \$12 for children. Members dinners are \$25. In addition, reservations for Sunday and members dinners are due by midnight Fridays rather than Saturdays. Reservations for Women's Auxiliary dinners are due by midnight Thursdays.

Advisory and finance

We are finally making progress on the transition to our new financial support efforts.

Steve DeCristofaro is leading the management of ongoing contracts. We believe there should always be a backup, so if someone is willing to assist him, let him or the committee know.

We do not want to overwork Joe Pasquinelli—but we will just a bit. Joe has volunteered to serve as club treasurer until we can find a permanent person, plus an assistant. Pat Orelli and Ron Pane are reviewing club expenditures. Joe—with the help of Dan Calcagno and our bookkeeper, Kelley Wyckoff—will make sure our member bills are paid.

John Apostolo, a former treasurer for the California Pharmacists Association, is willing to sit with Joe on our

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Call 916-925-8230 or reserve and pay online at:
danteclub.com/members-event-calendar/

January 5

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: 4 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner

Menu: House salad, meat lasagna, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$22 adults, \$12 children age 12 and younger

Reservations are closed.

January 13

Women's Auxiliary Members Dinner and Meeting

Times: 4:30 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner

Menu: Italian lentil soup, herb-roasted pork loin with penne alla vodka, roasted asparagus, garlic herb-roasted focaccia breadsticks, Italian chocolate eclair

Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for guests

Reserve by midnight Thursday, Jan. 2.

January 18

Dante Club Annual Crab Feed 2025

Times: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

Menu: All-you-can-eat crab with cocktail sauce, clarified butter and lemons; Caesar salad; rigatoni with marinara; seasonal vegetables; rolls with butter; chef's choice dessert bar

Cost: \$80 per person (open to public)

Reserve by midnight Friday, Jan. 10.

January 20

Dante Club Members Dinner and Meeting

Times: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, followed by meeting

Menu: Italian lentil soup, veal Parmesan with spaghetti, roasted Brussels sprouts, rolls with butter, Italian chocolate eclair

Cost: \$25 per member

Reserve by midnight Friday, Jan. 10.

February 2

Sunday Family Dinner

Times: 4 p.m. cocktails, 5 p.m. dinner

Menu: Italian sausage and vegetable soup, chicken marsala with asparagus risotto, seasonal vegetables, garlic herb-roasted focaccia breadsticks, chef's choice dessert

Cost: \$22 adults, \$12 children age 12 and younger

Reserve by midnight Friday, Jan. 24.

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financial oversight committee. We have asked the Women's Auxiliary if one of their members might also wish to assist.

We'll keep members posted on these efforts.

Lastly, we offer huge thanks to Bruce King for his time looking over the Dante Club's accounting system and providing improvements.

Newsletter advertising

Tom Mezzanares, vice chairman of the Dante publicity committee, and the board thank our *Dante's Inferno* advertisers.

Anyone interested in advertising in the newsletter in 2025 can email Tom at tjmezzan@gmail.com.

Bocce update

The bocce committee will meet soon to schedule 2025 sessions.

Our spring season will begin in March. The existing Dante league will play Saturdays, and a new league, Columbus, will play on Tuesday nights.

Plenty of spots are available for new teams or for individuals to join existing teams.

We invite all Dante members to take part in our bocce program. Come out and give the game a try.

Annual dinner payments

Members can pay monthly or annually for monthly meeting night dinners.

When paying in advance, members cannot receive a refund or a credit for any dinner they don't attend, but they don't need to

tell the event center if they can't attend as they have already paid.

For reservation substitutions, members must call 916-925-8230 by noon the day of the event and give the substitute's name.

Any substitution not confirmed by noon can't be honored.

Club apparel

The Dante Club works with Julie Brown at Premier Graph-x to brand clothing with the club logo, including hats, T-shirts, jackets and aprons in a wide array of colors.

Members can order clothing at danteclub.shopgraphx.com or they can contact Mark Pedroncelli at peddc@surewest.net or 916-812-6729.

For special orders, club members can call Julie Brown at 916-787-0603 or send her an email at julie@premieregraphx.net.

Pull-tab program

Ron Cristoni, president of the pull tab committee, reports that collection efforts by the Women's Auxiliary and Dante Club members have increased compared to those of the previous year.

Donations now approach the 1,675-pound mark.

Pull-tab donations benefit the Ronald McDonald House, a 50-year-old global program that has provided more than 2.7 million overnight hotel stays for families needing accommodations when they have to travel to a hospital for their children's care.

Scholarship program

High school seniors who will graduate in June should mark

March 31 on their calendars. That's the deadline to apply for a Dante Club scholarship.

Students can obtain scholarship information on the Dante Event Center website or pick up applications at the center.

Students with questions can call or email Richard Battistessa.

Social report

Social committee members finished up a strong year of activities full of camaraderie and fun and look forward to 2025.

The committee announced at the December meeting that a planned casino night will be set for later in the year in hopes of a strong turnout.

Also planned is a pasta sauce cook-off early in the year, with the possibility of serving the winning sauce at our dinners throughout the year.

In addition, our general manager is partnering with local wineries for wine-pairing events in 2025. We look forward to everything the year has in store.

Buildings and grounds

No major repairs were needed during December, only small minor issues.

In the first few weeks of January, the Dante Event Center has only a few scheduled events, so during this time the buildings and grounds committee will address many small projects.

Thanks to all who added their names to the volunteer list to help with these projects.

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2024 Committees and Assignments

COMMITTEES

ADVISORY AND FINANCE

Dan Calcagno, chairman; Ron Pane, vice chairman

Members: Tom Mezzanares, Richard Battistessa, George Procida, Tom Novi, Pat Orelli

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

George Procida, chairman; Don Agostinelli, vice chairman

Members: Matt Longo, Tom Mezzanares, Joe Porata, Ron Pane, Bill Maffei

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Member: Steve DeCristofaro

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Members: George Procida, Don Agostinelli, Dennis Noble, Tom Mathews

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Member: Mark Pedroncelli

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Members: Matt Longo, Joe Porata, Ron Pane, Mark Pedroncelli

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Frank Buccola, chairman

Members: Bill Maffei, Rich Battistessa, Frank Bartucco

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Rich Battistessa, chairman; Jim Dimino, vice chairman

Member: Don Agostinelli

ENHANCING OUR ITALIAN CULTURE

Ralph DiLibero, chairman

Member: Rich Battistessa

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Women's Auxiliary liaison: Tom Novi
- Check-in desk for club events and raffle: Open position, chairman; Matt Longo, vice chairman; and new members
- Club apparel: Mark Pedroncelli
- Sergeant-at-arms: Colin Orelli

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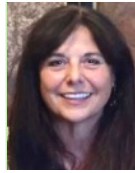
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December meeting full of welcomes and goodbyes

Almost 200 women attended our December auxiliary dinner. The St. Francis High School Italian Club sang Christmas carols in Italian and surprised member Helen Manfredi Pierson by singing behind her. On Jan. 6 every year



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

Debra Cattuzzo

for the past 26 years, Helen has dressed as La Befana and visited the Italian classes at St. Francis.

We introduced several new members in December: Leea Moreau (Longo), granddaughter of longtime member Barbara Longo; Linda Leonard (Galli), daughter of the late Marie Galli Leonard, also a longtime member (Marie was a

delight, always the first to arrive at dinners to save seats for her friends); Cyndi Soares (Lonzieri and Buglione); and Judy Christen (Masi).

We said goodbye to Laura Scarrone, our resident Elf, Grinch, Ursula, Leprechaun, Easter Bunny and more.

Laura came in costume for various holidays and provided all auxiliary members with a treat each month. She is getting married and moving to Arizona.

We presented Laura with a bottle of Prosecco and a \$100 gift certificate to an Italian restaurant in her new hometown. Susan Kasimatis and I made Laura a scrapbook filled with photos and auxiliary messages.

Laura had tears in her eyes when she saw the scrapbook.

We will miss Laura's antics and treats, but we wish her well in her future home.

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Happy to be together at the December meeting are Panattoni family members, standing left to right, Fran Koscheski, Ann Marie Faires, Sharon Romanello Sequeira and Tiffany Kowalski; and, seated, Elaine Schaedler. A framed family photo of their nonna, Paolina Panattoni, who founded the Dante Women's Auxiliary, can be seen at right.



Members of the St. Francis High School Italian Club sing Christmas carols for the Women's Auxiliary.

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Women's Auxiliary

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Member Phyllis Keilholtz was one of the callers who retired when we started our online registration process.

We honored Phyllis with a bottle of wine and a free auxiliary dinner for dedicating eight years as a caller.

Many thanks go to these six auxiliary members who brought in aluminum pull tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House: Anna Tenderella, Linda Raridan, Edith Deasy, Kathryn Beltrami, Adele Solander and Judy Kasminski.

We had some wonderful raffle prizes in December. Winners were Barbara Longo, free dinner; Nicole Fauvor, carving set and cutting board; Jessie Lima, poinsettia and panettone; Joanne Wilcox, Christmas basket for two; Lori Cappello, See's candy with Duckhorn wine; Natalie Harding, holiday gift basket; Cathy Maffei, poinsettia and panettone; Bobbie Olwell, car wash gift card; and Joanne Wilcox, Christmas basket for two and \$50 Vince's gift card with wine.

Our Dante fundraiser of selling Italian Varietal Extra Virgin Olive Oil kicked off at the meeting. Many members purchased bottles.

Olives are grown and the oil is produced in Santa Cruz County. The oil is made from three Italian olives—Leccino and Frantoio from the Tuscan region and Taggiasca from the Ligurian region.

Our special guest in December was Paulette Wyllie, executive director of the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home.

Auxiliary members donated a huge amount of items needed by the home, as well as enough cash to present Wyllie with checks totaling \$2,300.

Thanks to all for their generosity.

President's Corner

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devastated by this shocking and untimely loss. He asks for the thoughts and prayers of anyone who knew and loved his father.

John's funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, with a reception immediately following at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento.

To read John's obituary, go to <https://www.gormleyandsons.com/obituaries/john-caselli>.

December was an active month for the club. Our Sunday night dinner was booked to capacity once again. The Women's Auxiliary had a large turnout for its Dec. 9 prime rib dinner, which I've been advised was very enjoyable, and over 90 members attended our December

members meeting, where we enjoyed prime rib and wonderful meat raviolis.

I've been pleased to see attendance at members meetings increase over the past few months.

We closed out 2024 with the ever-popular Dante Christmas dinner on Dec. 22. Over 250 members and guests were able to choose among four entries.

According to our bylaws, this dinner should have been held on the Sunday before the members meeting, but we decided to put space between the two meals in hopes of better attendance at both. This appears to have happened, and I think we should consider this timing for the future.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy

New Year. We will start 2025 with a crab feed on Jan. 18 as our first fundraiser. We'll have a raffle during the event and would be grateful for donations that could be used as prizes. What better way to repurpose that Christmas gift that just wasn't right?

The reservation deadline is midnight Jan. 10. Please make reservations early. We really need a large turnout for this event.

Over the past year, we've created a wonderful working rapport with the Women's Auxiliary, whose members are a significant part of the Dante Club. I want to thank auxiliary members for their contributions and efforts toward the success of the club and look forward to furthering this relationship.



Ham adds a twist to nourishing Italian lentil soup

This month's recipe is for a comforting, nourishing lentil soup that comes from Women's Auxiliary member Linda Norce's family cookbook.

In Italy, the New Year is often celebrated with lentils, for good luck, and served with cotichino or another type of pork sausage.

This Italian American version of Italian lentil soup calls for bacon, hambone and ham shanks, ingredients that are more readily available in the United States.

"My mother always made this for New Year's Day," says Teresa Norce Kimsal, Linda's sister. "She would use the leftover Christmas hambone. We were told to eat the soup so we would have good luck in the coming year. Of course, lentil soup is good anytime."

AMERICAN-STYLE LENTIL AND HAM SOUP

Ingredients:

- ¼ pound bacon, chopped coarsely
- 1 large onion, chopped coarsely

JUST LIKE MOM USED TO MAKE

Adrienne DeFazio

- Hambone and ham shanks (amount can be as desired)
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 carrots, peeled and chopped coarsely
- Salt and pepper
- 1 pound lentils, rinsed and sorted
- Optional: 1 15- or 28-ounce can diced or stewed tomatoes
- Optional: Rice, small pasta or potatoes, cut in chunks

Directions:

Sauté bacon and onion in a soup pot or kettle. Add hambone and ham shanks. Cover with water; about 3 to 4 quarts. Bring to boil and simmer for about two hours. (Some cooks soak the lentils before cooking them. If this is done, cover lentils with water in a bowl and let them soak while the ham stock is simmering. Drain them when ready to use.) Remove hambone and ham shanks from soup. Remove any meat from the bones and shank and add it back to the soup. Add lentils

(soaked or unsoaked) to soup along with tomatoes, if desired. Let soup simmer, stirring occasionally, until lentils are soft, about 40 minutes to an hour.

The recipe serves eight.

If rice, pasta or potatoes are added to the soup, they may be cooked in the soup or separately and added when the soup is ready to serve.

Preparing them separately can prevent them from cooking too long and getting mushy.

Other ideas to consider:

- Linda likes to add spinach to this soup.
- In Istria, barley is added. Cook the barley first, then add to soup.
- In Ustica, Sicily, some cooks add Swiss chard and potatoes to their signature lentil soup.
- For a thicker soup, some cooks like to remove some of the lentils and some broth from the soup, purée them together with an immersion blender and then return the purée to the pot.

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WHY I'M PROUD TO BE AN ITALIAN

"Godfather" films pose intriguing paradox

By Tom Novi

Many will remember the 1950s and 1960s Congressional hearings when the nation was captivated by stories of organized crime and the Mafia.

Cultural stereotypes and prejudice, painted with the broad brush of criminal behavior, haunted ordinary Italian Americans.

Coupled with this negative perception was the concern among many Italian Americans that a forthcoming film, "The Godfather," would add fuel to the fire of prejudice.

What actually occurred was a paradox.

Originally a novel written in the 1970s by Mario Puzo, "The Godfather" was translated by filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola into several award-winning films that captivated the imagination of millions of Americans.

The films tell the story of Don Vito

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Auxiliary member Susan Pricco found this undated postcard from Mercallo, Italy, among her family memorabilia. The area was the home of her great aunt, Angelica Caluschi Balconi.



Gen. Daigleish, GEORGETOWN, COLO.

This 1898 photo, taken in Silver Plume, Colorado, shows Susan Pricco's great grandfather, Giovanni Pricco; his wife, Rosa; and three of their children, Pietro, Martino and Mary, Susan's grandmother.

Stories

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- Make a recipe that was passed down in your family.
• Start a family journal to keep memories fresh for the future.
• Share the stories.

Remember that you may not always have the whole story, so keep asking.

I recall a tale about a young woman who always cut the ends off her roasts before cooking them. When asked why she did this, she said, "Because that was how my mother did it."

Then she got to thinking about this and asked her mother about it. Her mother said, "It was how my mother did it." So they both asked Nonna why she cut the ends off her roast. "So it would fit in my pot," Nonna explained.

This is how we make memories and pass on our customs. These are your stories. Find them, remember them and share them.

Felice anno nuovo!

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Membership

In 2024, the Dante Club added 13 new members. We encourage existing members to reach out and introduce themselves to these newcomers in our ranks.

The new members are Vince Nocito, John Angella, Matt Bruce, Paul Turner, Gary Savelli (of the most recent bocce season champs), Ken Lewis, Paul Ciccarella, Vince Mastracco, Tony Giusti, Dave Rizzardo, Corey Carskaddon and, in December, Mark Caso and Matt Campanelli.

We can proudly say that all of the new members are active in our gatherings, meetings, Sunday dinners and special events. Thank you, sponsors, for bringing these men into the club.

In December, we inducted Mark Caso, sponsored by Randy Canova, and Matt Campanelli.



New members Matt Campanella and Mark Caso, with Mark's sponsor, Randy Canova, present themselves at the meeting.

We plan to interview Andrew Varanelli, sponsored by Roy Jones, this month. Awaiting induction is Rafael Ruano, sponsored by Al Manfredi.

We have a few irons in the fire but always encourage members to bring their family and friends into the club.

Our 2025 club dues are a bit higher than in the past. The base amount is still \$100, but we have also added a \$50 assessment to help reduce our outstanding debt.

Of our 233 active members—we also have 21 Lifetime members, six of whom are very active—92 did not attend a single event of the 30 offered in 2024.

We count members meetings, Sunday dinners and special events, including bocce, crab feed, cioppino dinner, Easter egg hunt, sausage feed, Martinelli/Calcagno golf tournament, Italian Heritage Night and Christmas dinner.

We ask non-participating members to let us know why they're unable to attend.

We're a social club and hope these members can become more social in 2025.

We hope we don't see a significant decline in memberships because of the dues increase. We will provide updates in subsequent *Inferno* articles on how things are working out.

Want to book a personal event? Don't delay

The Dante Event Center is booking into the 2026 event season. Any club members interested in hosting a personal event at the center should inquire as early as possible.

To host an event, a member must first schedule a meeting with general manager Jennifer Peretti or Dante event coordinator Ashley

Perham. Available dates and rooms, type of event, estimated guest count, timing, catering needs and other pertinent details will be discussed.

The member's desired room and date will be placed on hold for two weeks to allow time to decide if the center is the place for the event, without the date getting booked in

the meantime.

At the end of the two weeks, if a security deposit has not been received, the date will be released.

To confirm an event, a deposit must be paid and a contract signed and dated.

Members can rent a banquet room at a 50% discount for a personal event for themselves, for family members—

limited to spouses, parents and children—or for a personally owned business.

Members with questions about the discount may contact club president Pat Orelli at 916-369-2327.

For event inquiries, send an email to info@danteclub.com or call 916-925-8230.



Paradox

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Corleone, an Italian immigrant who survives abuse and prejudice to achieve greatness for his family.

The films introduced famous lines into American culture, including “I’m going to make him a deal he can’t refuse” and “Luca Brasi sleeps with the fishes.”

“The Godfather” starred two great American actors—Marlon Brando, who won an Academy Award for his performance, and a young Al Pacino in his first major role.

The paradox is that two of the greatest films in American film history described many of the negative stereotypes that had

haunted Italian Americans in a way that captured America in an almost mythical way.

The movies might be seen as justification for organized crime. But, in many respects, the businesses of Don Corleone and his family differ very little from the businesses of many American capitalists who simply find a need and fill it.

From Congressional hearings to more recent movies and television series, such as “Goodfellows” and “The Sopranos,” America has almost romantically embraced the myth of the Italian crime family.

But in many respects, earlier prejudices against Italian

In many respects, the businesses of Don Corleone and his family differ very little from the businesses of many American capitalists who simply find a need and fill it.

Americans have largely faded, despite the glorification of Italian crime families in film and television. That’s the “The Godfather” paradox.

DANTE'S REMINDERS



Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact George Procida for anything related to buildings and grounds and Steve DeCristofaro for anything related to social events. Reach Procida at 916-455-4738 or gprocida@gplandscape.com and DeCristofaro at 916-752-3247 or stefanodad@gmail.com.

Donations

Donate to our scholarship or building funds in memory of a loved one or a friend to keep their legacy going. And buy raffle tickets! Donations can be made online at <https://danteclub.com/donations/>.

Dante Club apparel

To purchase club shirts and other clothing items, contact Mark Pedroncelli at 916-812-6729 or peddc@surewest.net or speak to him at a members meeting. Cash or checks are needed to place orders. Members also can order through the Dante Club website at danteclub.shopgraphx.com.

Newsletter photos and news

Submit photos and news items for *Dante's Inferno* to Tom Mezzanares at tjmezzan@gmail.com. Items must be received by the 20th of each month to be considered for the following month's newsletter. Publication depends on available space and is not guaranteed. Members also can post news and photos on the Dante Club's Facebook page.

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