



Il Grifone

Seattle-Perugia Sister City Association News

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New website launched

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our new website. [View the new website here.](#)

The redesigned site allows us to incorporate many new features. Here are a few:

- **Mobile friendly.** You can easily view the site on mobile phones and tablets.
- **News blog.** This new feature allows us to post short features and updates on SPSCA, upcoming events and news of interest to our members. Make this one of your go-to pages on the site.
- **PayPal updates.** Join or renew your membership online. And we added a new Donation option where you can make an additional financial gift to SPSCA to help fund all the great activities and programs we offer.



- **Scholarships.** Information on scholarships is now more prominently featured in the site navigation. (See related story, below.)
- **New photography.** The Home page banner photo rotates so you'll see a new image each time. Lots of new photos sprinkled throughout the site, as well. Hats off to past president Alan Veigel and member Jill Greco Bodnar for providing many of these fabulous images.

Thank you for your patience while we underwent this critical site redesign. We invite you to spend time on the new site. If you have comments or suggestions, [send us a note.](#)

March 24 field trip to Umbra Cuscinetti

We have a special opportunity for our members to tour the Everett-based Umbra Cuscinetti plant. The tour will be Fri.,

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Follow on social media



SPSCA news and other items of interest to our members are posted regularly on [Facebook](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#), too, and check out all the great photos on Instagram. Stay in touch and we will, too!

Benvenuti



A warm welcome to our newest members. Thank you for your support:

- * Mary Bayley
- * Sandra DiAngi
- * Janet Dindia
- * Carolyn Law & Andrew Weisbecker
- * Scott Mathews
- * Mike Matysik
- * Laura Pfeifer
- * Chris Simmons

March 24, from 1-3 p.m.

Um bra Cuscinetti has been a long-time supporter of the Seattle- Perugia Sister City Association, and we are pleased to give our members an opportunity to know them better.

Um bra Cuscinetti is a leader in the design and production of aerospace and industrial screws, ball bearings, gears and other precision instruments. The Everett-based location is the U.S. affiliate of the Italian aerospace firm, Um bra Group, headquartered in Foligno, not far from Perugia.

The company purchased the U.S. plant in 1999 and in 2013 moved into a new 68,000-square-foot building. This strategic location puts the firm close to one of its key customers, The Boeing Company.



During a behind-the-scenes tour, we'll learn more about Um bra's history and products and see its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.

Date: Friday, March 24, 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: 6707 Hardeson Rd, Everett WA 98203

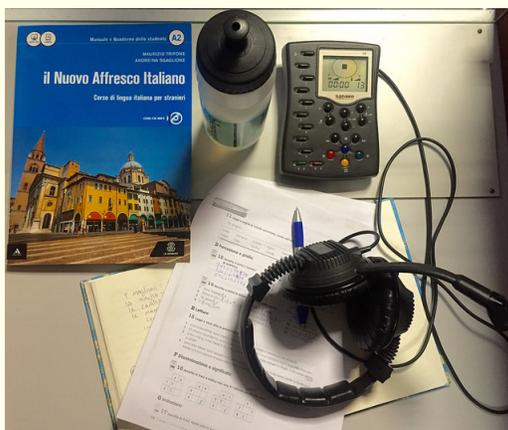
Other details: Visitors' parking onsite. After the tour, we'll enjoy an aperitivo, courtesy of our hosts.

RSVP: [Please RSVP](#) by Tues., March 21.

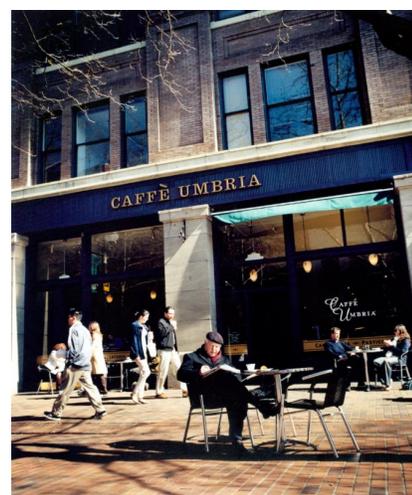
Four members awarded scholarships for 2017

Four members received word in January that they are headed to Perugia. They are: Lucia Lanzolla, Debbie Lawson, Jen Provenzano and Helen Williams-Ginsberg. Congratulations to all!

Each will receive one month tuition at the famed Università per Stranieri in Perugia, plus a stipend to help defray the cost of room, board or airfare.



Lucia Lanzolla was named the 2016 Hans Lehmann Scholar. Dr. Lehman was a seminal force behind the creation of our sister city relationship. Jen Provenzano is the 2016 Caffè



La Tavola Italiana

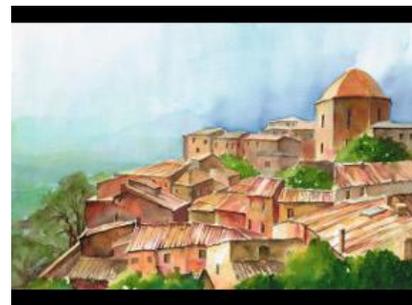
Want to practice your Italian? Join us at Caffè Umbria in Pioneer Square. You'll meet like-minded people who love all things Italian and you'll improve your language skills, too. All levels welcome.

Monthly 1st and 3rd Sundays

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

[Caffè Umbria](#), Pioneer Square

Call for artists at Festa



Le Arti della Festa Italiana has just issued its call for artists. The juried exhibit will be on display during the Festa Italiana weekend, Sept. 23-24. The call for art includes original two or three-dimensional art. For more information and an application, visit [the website](#). (Artwork above by Jen Rees)

L'Italo-Americano now offers bilingual edition

L'Italo-Americano, a news source serving the Italian-American community, has been redesigned so that all articles are now available in both English and Italian. What a great way to learn the language! Stories are side-by-side in the print version, and online readers click on the language they want. The nonprofit newspaper, published in Los Angeles since 1908, offers a community section that highlights Northwest people and businesses. [Learn more here](#).

Umbria Scholar, thanks to the generous support of Caffè Umbria.

The four awardees come from all walks of life and each brings her own talents and interests to her study of Italian. One recipient is a UW student and part-time barista; another is a retired professor of French Language and Literature. The third is a jewelry designer, and the fourth works for an international insurance company.

Want to study in Perugia in 2018? Start thinking about your application now. [Learn more here.](#)

Update on Piazza Perugia

Planning and design for Piazza Perugia are progressing smoothly. The piazza, created to recognize our nearly 25-year sister-city friendship with Perugia, is part of Julia Lee's Park in Madison Valley, at E. Harrison St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S.



Currently, ceramic artist Giorgio Moretti of Antica Deruta, Italy, is cutting the volcanic stone pieces for the bench. We expect the stone to arrive in April and installation will begin soon thereafter. The Moretti work will incorporate the Perugino griffin and traditional Umbrian designs. A detail from Moretti's original sketch is below



The board will organize a dedication event later this year, and we hope our friends from Italy will be here to join us. Date and more details to be announced soon. Stay up-to-date by reading future issues of *Il Grifone* and [on our blog.](#)

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Scenes of Venice at SAM exhibit "Seeing Nature"

The Seattle Art Museum exhibit, "Seeing Nature," displays 39 historically significant European and American landscape paintings from the past 400 years. Included is a stunning group of evocative Venetian scenes by Canaletto, Manet, Monet and J.M.W. Turner, among others. The exhibit will be up through May 25. [Learn more here.](#)



We are always happy to hear from you. If you have any feedback, email [board president Leslie Keller](mailto:board.president@lesliekeller.com).

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