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**GROUP OUTING.** Reminder to those members who signed up to attend the play *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy*. It will be on **Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison, Lakewood.** . If you have any questions please contact Susan Gurule at 303-524-9502, (cell 720-484-1014) or [susangurule@msn.com](mailto:susangurule@msn.com). See you at the play.

**SUMMER GATHERING AT THE LOMBARDI'S** The Society would like to thank Jackie and Tony Lombardi who so graciously offered their house and bocce court on Sunday, July 23. It was indeed a great outing and chance to socialize with our members. We all enjoyed the dinner, fellowship and the beautiful setting. The mini bocce tournament was simply a blast as everyone played at their best. *Molte grazie* to Jackie and Tony for a memorable day and to our participants for the delicious food they prepared. Of course the day was a success thanks to the efforts and planning by Vera Buffaloe, Rhonda Hopkins, and Gianfranco Marcantonio.



*Bravi e grazie a tutti!*

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18, 2017.**

The Dante Alighieri Society will offer a 10-week fall session of Italian language classes, beginning the week of September 18. The schedule for fall classes will be posted on the Dante Alighieri website by August 18. Students must register for classes through the website. The classes are taught by experienced and talented bi-lingual teachers, and include beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. Each class meets for 90 minutes, once a week, at 3549 Navajo Street, Denver, in the parish office of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Cost is \$100 for members and \$130 for non-members. New members are welcome to join the Dante Alighieri Society when they register for classes. Please register early because classes do fill up. For more information, please contact the Education Chair Suzanne Fasing at [suzannefasing@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannefasing@yahoo.com) or call 303-810-9042. To register for classes, visit the web site: <http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.org/languageclasses.htm>

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Committee is still looking for one or two new members to assist in the process of selecting scholarship winners. We are currently planning a Committee meeting in August so it would be nice if any new people could attend to get up to speed. If you have interest or questions, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss the logistics of the Committee. Grazie. John Giardino, Scholarship Committee Chair 303-378-9736 (C).

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU** Charter member **Camilla Marcantonio** with daughter and grandchildren.

**1. What region in Italy were your ancestors from? If you do not have Italian ancestors, what is the ethnic background of your family? Have you ever been there and what was your experience?**

*All my ancestors are Italian from the region of Abruzzo and still live there. I myself was born in Cansano, in the province of Aquila, and lived there until I came to Denver in 1972 as the young bride of my dear husband Giulio. I have been back to Italy numerous times where I still have family including my mother, my brother and his family, and many cousins.*



**2. When did your ancestors arrive in America, and where did they settle originally? Did they come right to Colorado?**

*The only time my ancestors were in America was when my maternal grandfather worked in the mines of Colorado in the early 1900s.*

**3. If you had to describe yourself in one word, what word would that be, and why?**

*Generous. I love my family and friends and would do anything to bring joy to their lives.*

**4. Who was most influential to you growing up, and why?**

*During the years I grew up in Italy, my parents were most influential. Even without formal education, they taught my brother and me the value of school and saw that we achieved our educational goals. Once I came to Denver, it was my husband Giulio who taught me how to live happily and successfully in this country.*

**5. Tell us a little about you, employment, family, interests and so on.**

*My first and most important job was and still is that of wife and mother. My children Colomba (Bina) and Sandro were born when I was young, and I did not work out of the home until they were older. When I went to work, I chose the health care field and was employed as a technician for many years in some of the biggest hospitals in Denver. I have recently retired and am now enjoying a number of new activities. Travel has been an ongoing interest for me and my family. Thanks to my husband Giulio, I grew to enjoy sports, especially soccer and football.*

**6. How would you most like to be remembered?**

*I would like to be remembered as a loving wife, mother and “nonna” to Alessia, Luca and Aubrie and as a person truly dedicated to my whole family.*

**7. What attracted you about joining the Dante Alighieri**

*Thirty-two years ago my husband Giulio founded the Dante Alighieri Society. Through all the years, I have been proud to support him and the organization as best I could.*

## **NEWS FROM ITALY Giovani scienziati italiani vincono medaglie d'oro e d'argento a Genius Olympiad di Oswego.**

Più di un migliaio di finalisti accreditati con oltre 400 progetti; cinque le tematiche ammesse, compresa la robotica; rappresentati 51 paesi dei cinque continenti e 39 stati Usa; l'Italia partecipa con due lavori ed entrambi vengono premiati. Tutto questo alla 7a edizione di "Genius Olympiad" svolta dal 12 al 17 giugno a Oswego, stato di New York, negli Usa.

Alessandro, Gabriele e Roberto del Liceo scientifico Q. Ennio di Gallipoli ricevono la medaglia d'oro per il lavoro "A passo...di lumaca! Utilizzo di un antimicrobico naturale per il miglioramento della self-life di prodotti di 4a gamma".

Medaglia d'argento invece a Sara, Alberto e Marco dell'ITI A. Sobrero di Casale Monferrato per "Il blu di Prussia: un alleato contro la radioattività e l'inquinamento ambientale".

Immediato il commento del presidente della Fast Roberto Cusolito, anche nel suo ruolo di coordinatore della Giuria de "I giovani e le scienze 2017": "I due importanti riconoscimenti a giovani scienziati italiani confermano la qualità dell'istruzione in molte scuole d'Italia", sottolinea Cusolito. "Ricompensano gli sforzi di docenti motivati e responsabili; stimolano ragazze e ragazzi a scegliere carriere scientifiche".

Al segretario generale della Fast Alberto Pieri piace sottolineare come il successo conseguito a Genyus Olympiad arricchisca i brillanti risultati ottenuti a Isef di Los Angeles, dove ben due lavori sui tre presentati hanno ricevuto riconoscimenti compreso uno dei 3 "top winners" e la menzione di merito a ISWEEEP di Houston.



I due progetti premiati: (1) A passo ... di lumaca! Utilizzo di un antimicrobico naturale per il miglioramento della shelf-life di prodotti di IV gamma. Alessandro Bruno (1999), Roberto Leone (1999), Gabriele Mariello(2003). Liceo Scientifico 'Q. Ennio', Gallipoli, Lecce.

(2) Il blu di Prussia: un alleato contro la radioattività e l'inquinamento ambientale. Sara Binello (1999), Marco Peletta(1999), Albert Todeschino(1999. ITI 'A. Sobrero', Casale Monferrato, Alessandria.

Negli ultimi anni la consapevolezza che un sano stile di vita deve prevedere una dieta caratterizzata dall'assunzione di una maggiore quantità di frutta e verdura è indubbiamente aumentata. Gli attuali ritmi, a dir poco frenetici, motivano un maggior utilizzo di prodotti offerti in porzioni, utilizzabili in modo facile e veloce, senza penalizzare l'aspetto qualitativo e sensoriale della frutta e della verdura fresche: i cosiddetti prodotti alimentari di IV gamma. Questi, tuttavia, sono più deperibili poiché il taglio ne aumenta notevolmente la sensibilità alle alterazioni microbiche.

Alessandro, Gabriele e Roberto pensano ad un edibile coating, un rivestimento commestibile con proprietà antimicrobiche che possa rendere più sicuro il loro consumo, preservare le proprietà organolettiche e aumentare i tempi di conservazione. Per la realizzazione del biofilm edibile utilizzano la bava di *Helix aperta*, chiocciola allevata nel Sud-Salento, dopo averne verificato le proprietà antibatteriche. Quindi, estraggono manualmente la bava, la sanificano, trattano diversi campioni, analizzando vari parametri come il calo di peso, il deterioramento visivo e la carica batterica superficiale. Con l'intento di ottimizzare l'efficacia dell'edibile coating, aggiungono la bava a soluzioni contenenti alginato di Sodio, gel di Aloe vera, e anche oli essenziali. Arrivano così a dimostrare che l'aggiunta di piccolissime quantità dei metaboliti naturali presenti nella bava di *Helix aperta* riduce notevolmente il tasso di crescita di microrganismi specifici e porta significativi vantaggi nella conservazione degli alimenti permettendo di migliorarne la shelf-life, senza apportare alcuna alterazione in 13 termini di colore, gusto ed odore. (*ItalPlanet*)

**"Italy is the most photographed country on Instagram"**. It is a country where everybody wants to go to sooner or later, to enjoy a first-hand experience of what it means "Vivere all'italiana" (The Italian way of life) and enjoy our countless beauties. Tourism accounts for 11.8% of the Italian GDP and 12% in terms of jobs. In 2015, 52 million people visited Italy, making it the 5th most popular destination in the world. It is an achievement that makes us proud but also launches a challenge. To stand up to it, we have developed a Strategic Plan for Tourism, to which the Farnesina has greatly contributed together with the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, the Regions, ENIT (Italian Tourist Board) and all the stakeholders involved in promoting Italy. The Strategic Plan focuses on innovation, digital technologies, capitalising on our heritage and our country, bringing the whole tourist system and economy back to centre stage in our national policy-making." (*We the Italians*)



**A Gold Rush Revival in Italy, With Nuggets the Size of Bread Crumbs.** Vermogno di Zubiena, Italy — Italy may not be the first place that leaps to mind when you hear the words gold rush. But for thousands of years this neck of the northern Piedmont region, what some call Italy's Klondike, has attracted prospectors seeking gold flowing down the Elvo River from deposits left eons ago by receding Alpine glaciers. Gold rushes in the area have ebbed and flowed over the centuries, but they have seen a revival in recent, recession-hit years. Increasing numbers of people have been contacting local gold-seeking associations hoping to get rich quick. Last weekend, panners from around the world even descended on

a clearing for the Italian Goldpanning Championship. Under a hot sun, they stooped knee deep in mucky water, swishing sand and gravel around a flat grooved pan in search of gold specks. (*New York Times*)

**No swimming! Rome braces for summer of tourists at its fountains.**

Police in the Eternal City have their work cut out preventing the 'New Barbarians' from making a splash at monuments such as the Trevi fountain. And these overenthusiastic visitors are discovering their dip in the **water** can be expensive as well as refreshing

Already, the warm weather has brought a menacing whiff of tourists behaving badly. For months, stiff fines failed to stop a fountain-bathing fad in a city blessed with and born of flowing water. (*New York Times*)



**To save its cliffside towns, Italy revives the art of terracing.**

After several years abroad, Margherita Ermirio, 32, has returned to her hometown, **Vernazza**, one of five villages that make up **Cinque Terre**, the stunning, vertical, gravity-defying cluster of homes that cling to the cliffs of Italy's northwestern coast. She has since become the pillar of a local battle to restore and preserve an old and essential but dying art in much of Italy: terracing. The dry stone walls she is teaching young people to build do more than form the picturesque landscape that has made Cinque Terre famous. The different-size plots angled to dovetail harmoniously, positioned to carefully caress

the contours of the hillsides and bordered by dry stone walls prevent this unique and improbable place to live from sliding into the sea. (*New York Times*)

## GOOD NEWS AGAIN FROM ROME AND THE VATICAN...FOR YOU TRAVELING TO ITALY.

The agreement between the Vatican and the Dante has been renewed once again for the year 2017. It allows us to visit the museums at a lower price and get in front of the long lines simply by presenting the Dante Society membership card. The cost to visit the Museums is 16 euros per person, and 1 euro if you decide to purchase the Art and Faith DVD on the Treasures of the Vatican. The Dante membership card may be obtained by contacting Rhonda Hopkins at 720-596-4169, [rhop626@gmail.com](mailto:rhop626@gmail.com), or Gianfranco Marcantonio at 303-494-3080 [glm3942@yahoo.com](mailto:glm3942@yahoo.com).



For additional privileges for Dante members while in Italy, please visit the following site: <http://ladante.it/diventa-socio/le-convenzioni>.

## WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR MORE ABOUT ITALIAN CULTURE

Societa' Centrale Dante Alighieri – <http://ladante.it>

Societa' Dante Alighieri di Roma - <http://www.dantealighieri-roma.it>

Dante Alighieri Society of Denver, Colorado – <http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.org>

Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo: <http://www.dantealighieriofpueblo.org>

DAS of Denver in Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dante-Alighieri-Society-of-Denver/153670041417079>.

News from Italy – <http://video.sky.it/news/diretta>.

Italian art - <http://www.arte.it/>.

Italy news in English – <http://www.thelocal.it/>.

Travel and Events – <http://www.i-italy.org/>.

The World of Dante – The study and teaching of the Divine Comedy, <http://www.worldofdante.org>.

Web site for TG5 (Mediaset) *Notizie dall'Italia* – <http://www.mediasetitalia.com/nazioni/colorado.shtml>.

US Citizenship – <http://www.uscitizenship.info/italian-american-history-and-culture/>.

Contemporary art and culture – (Arte e cultura contemporanea), <http://www.artwireless.it>.

First Web TV on Italian language and culture – <http://www.alma.tv>.

Italian American Museum - <http://www.ItalianAmericanMuseum.org>.

Radio Italia – <http://www.radioitalia.it/player.php>.

Stations based in Italy as well as international stations – <http://www.italiansinfonia.com/stations.htm>.

Wikipedia's list of Italian radio stations – [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_radio\\_stations\\_in\\_Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_radio_stations_in_Italy)

### 2017 Calendar

#### **Cultural Meetings**

September 8

October 13

#### **Events**

August 16 – Play- group outing.

#### **Classes**

Language – Fall begin September 18.

**NOTE: Cultural meetings, movies, and cooking classes take place at Mt. Carmel Church Parish Hall, 3549 Navajo St., Denver. Language classes are taught at Mt. Carmel Church Office.**