




DA NOTIZIARIO

Dante Alighieri Society of Denver, Colorado, Inc.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS On Friday, November 9, our President Veronica Goodrich presided over the election of the officers who will guide our Society for the next two years. It was brief but important and we are proud to announce that the following officers were elected unanimously: President John Giardino, Vice President Nick Napoli, Treasurer Carol Marsala, and Secretary Vera Buffaloe. We wish the new officers a very productive term.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Unlike past years, the event will take place Friday evening, January 11 at Mount Carmel Parish, 3549 Navajo Street, Denver. The Society is planning on serving food and drinks. More details will be in the January *Notiziario*. Please plan to attend and support the new elected officers. Grazie.

CHRISTMAS PARTY The annual event will be on Saturday, **December 8** at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the **NorthPark East Association Clubhouse, 9996 Grove Street, Westminster**. As usual, the Society will be providing wine, coffee and sodas along with cups, plates and plastic ware. Members whose last name begins with **A through N** are asked to bring heavy *hors d'oeuvres*, and members with last names beginning with the initial **O through Z** are asked to bring a dessert. **For additional information and RSVP please contact Vera Buffaloe at 303-886-0608, buffaloev@gmail.com.**

We are asking that you bring a **white elephant gift for the member exchange**; no need to go shopping, just look around your house for something you wondered why you bought in the first place.

Street Directions to NorthPark East Association Clubhouse: The best and easy way is to go North on Federal Blvd. to the **street light of Northpark Ave. (100th)**, (if you pass 104th Ave., you went too far) turn left (West) at Northpark Ave., go one block and turn left at 99th Ave., turn left again at Grove St., go 2-1/2 blocks. The clubhouse will be on your right side.

If you would rather use Map Quest or Google Map, use/enter 9897 Grove Street.



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ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES WINTER SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 7, 2019

The Dante Alighieri Society will offer a 10-week winter session of Italian language classes, beginning January 7, 2019. The schedule for winter classes will be posted on the Dante Alighieri website by December 1, and is listed below. Students must register and pay for classes through the website. The classes are taught by experienced and talented bi-lingual teachers. Each class meets for 90 minutes, once a week, at 3549 Navajo Street, Denver, in the parish offices 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. For more information, please contact the Education Chair Suzanne Fasing at suzannefasing@yahoo.com or call 303-810-9042. To register and pay for classes, visit the web site: <http://dantealighieriofdenver.com/classes/language-classes>

The registration deadline for the winter session is January 2, 2019.

Beginner 1. Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning Jan. 9, 2019 through March 13, 2019 (Jensen). In this class students with little or no knowledge of Italian will learn to communicate in simple everyday situations. Students will study the basic building blocks of the Italian language, including the alphabet, rules of pronunciation, basic syntax, and grammatical structures. Topics include subject pronouns, definite and indefinite articles, regular verbs in the present tense, and noun-adjective agreement. **Required Text:** [The Italian Project 1a.](#)

Beginner 2. Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, beginning Jan. 9, 2019 through March 13, 2019 (Jensen). In this class students will build upon their existing knowledge while incorporating new vocabulary and grammatical structures through conversation, role plays, listening, reading and writing activities. Topics include irregular and modal verbs in the present tense, articulated prepositions, and possessive adjectives. **Required Text:** [The Italian Project 1a.](#)

Beginner 3. Mondays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, beginning Jan. 7, 2019 through March 11, 2019 (DiMaggio). In this class, students will cover the topics in Units 4 and 5 of the textbook, including past and future verb tenses, the adverb “ci,” train travel, and ordering in a restaurant. **Required Text:** [The Italian Project 1a.](#)

Intermediate 1. Mondays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning Jan. 7, 2019 through March 11, 2019 (DiMaggio). In this class students will build upon their prior studies through role plays, listening, reading and writing activities. Topics include the imperfect, the past perfect, demonstrative adjectives, “volerci” and “metterci.” **Required Text:** [The Italian Project 1b.](#)

Intermediate 2 will be offered in the Spring 2019 session.

Intermediate 3. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning Jan. 8, 2019 through March 12, 2019 (Jensen). In this class, students will continue to expand their studies of increasingly complex grammatical structures and vocabulary through listening activities, role play, readings, videos, conversation and written assignments. Topics include reflexive verbs, impersonal form and review of Italian Project 1a and 1b. **Required Text:** [The Italian Project 1b.](#)

Intermediate 4. Tuesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, beginning Jan. 8, 2019 through March 12, 2019 (Jensen). In this class students will continue to expand their vocabulary and understanding of more advanced grammatical concepts through listening activities, role play, readings, videos, conversation and written assignments. Topics include the present and past conditional tenses and review of Italian Project 1a and 1b. **Required Text:** [The Italian Project 1b.](#)

Advanced 10. Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning Jan. 10, 2019 through March 14, 2019 (Brunetti). This class will be predominantly in Italian, and will introduce more advanced vocabulary and grammar. Students will continue to develop their reading, listening, writing and speaking abilities. **Required Texts:** [The Italian Project 2a.](#)

Conversation 202. Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, beginning Jan. 10, 2019 through March 14, 2019 (Brunetti). This class will be full immersion. Students will be able to converse, understand, and write on a variety of subjects including but not limited to art and literature. Emphasis will be on becoming “linguistically flexible.”
Required Text: The Italian Project 2b.

SPRING SESSION OF CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN MARCH 2019.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: With the end of the year fast approaching, I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to all who have so generously contributed their time, talent and treasure to support the Dante Alighieri Scholarship Program. As Scholarship Committee Chair for the past ten years, I have been continually amazed by your generosity in supporting students who are pursuing a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Italian culture. Now that I have been elected to be president of the Dante Society, I will be turning over my chairman position to Dr. John Sadler, a long-time member of the Scholarship Committee and a generous donor to the program. Having been involved with the scholarship program for so long, I plan to remain on the Committee to share my experience with the other members. But more importantly, to continue to be a part of the process in rewarding deserving students of Italian history, art, culture and music. And finally, I make my last appeal as Scholarship Committee Chair, to ask that you make a year-end contribution to the Scholarship Program. Again, my heartfelt thanks for all your support.
John Giardino

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE It's that time of year again. Membership renewal cards will be going out at the end of the month. I hope you will join us for another year of interesting lectures, movies and fun. Please review the information on the card and make any corrections before mailing it back to me with your payment.

ATTENTION STUDENTS! If you plan to continue taking language classes in 2019, it will be necessary for you to renew your membership regardless of when you joined the DAS. Please pay for your class and membership at the same time. If I receive payment prior to mailing the renewal cards, I will not send a card to you. Instead I will check your current information from your registration and fill the card out for you. Grazie, Rhonda.

FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND Next time you head out to King Soopers, be sure to take a Dante Society King Soopers gift card with you. King Soopers offers organizations a simple way to raise money by returning 5% of grocery sales made on the card to the organization. The cards initially cost \$25 but can be reloaded for any amount at checkout. **Every time you reload your card, King Soopers/Kroger adds the amount to Dante's Reward account. When the account balance in any given month reaches \$5,000, Dante gets a check for 5% of the total. If we don't hit \$5,000 in that month, the balance rolls forward to the next month. The card can be used for purchases at King Soopers/Kroger Stores including gas.** (You cannot use the card for services such as Western Union, lottery tickets, stamps, money orders, ticket master or any other gift cards). By continuing to use the cards for purchases, Dante members will provide an on-going source of income for scholarships. If you give gift cards to friends, family or charitable organizations, consider giving a Dante Society King Soopers gift card. The Dante Society cards cannot be purchased at King Soopers. The Dante Society cards must be purchased through Dante by calling Veronica Goodrich at 303-421-1547

NEWS FROM ITALY **Leaning Tower of Pisa is leaning less than before, say experts.**
It is half a degree straighter after restorative work, and its stability is better than feared. Stabilization work means the Leaning Tower of Pisa is leaning slightly less than it used to, experts have said.

The tower, which has leaned to one side ever since it began to take shape in 1173, has lost 4cm of its tilt over the past two decades, according to a report from the surveillance group that meets every three months to give updates on the monument's condition.

“Since restorative work began, the tower is leaning about half a degree less,” said Nunziante Squeglia, a geotechnics professor at the University of Pisa who works with the group. “But what counts is the stability of the tower, which is better than initially predicted.”

The structure, which was badly damaged during the second world war, was closed to the public in 1990 over safety fears and did not reopen for 11 years.

The surveillance group was set up in 2001 ago after Michele Jamiolkowski, an engineer of Polish origin, coordinated an international committee to save the landmark.



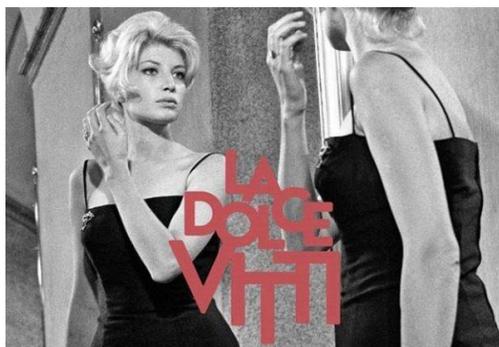
The bell tower, a symbol of the power of the maritime republic of Pisa in the Middle Ages, was defective from the beginning due to the porous clay soil beneath its foundations. After three floors were completed, construction stopped and did not resume until 90 years later when workers started building additional floors on a diagonal to offset the lean. But work was again disrupted before finally being completed in 1372.

The tower, located behind Pisa’s cathedral, attracts more than 5 million visitors a year. Reaching the top requires climbing 269 steps.

The surveillance group’s work, which is funded by the non-profit Opera della Primaziale Pisana, includes improving the quality of the structure’s conservation and promoting research. (*The Guardian*)

NOTIZIE DALL’ITALIA La Dolce Vitti apre a Los Angeles per Cinema Italian Style.

‘La Dolce Vitti’, la mostra multimediale che presenta un ritratto di una delle attrici più amate del cinema italiano, ha aperto i battenti a Los Angeles in concomitanza con il festival Cinema Italian Style. Ospitata dall’Istituto italiano di cultura e con il patrocinio del Consolato, la mostra è ideata dall’Istituto Luce Cinecittà in collaborazione con il Centro sperimentale di cinematografia, Rai teche e l’Archivio Enrico Appetito.



Fino al 15 febbraio i visitatori potranno seguire un percorso espositivo che si snoda attraverso i 40 anni della carriera di un ‘attrice che è riuscita con le sue interpretazioni a riunire le due anime del cinema italiano, quella d’autore e quella della commedia. Non ci sono solo le 30 magnifiche foto, anche rare, che la ritraggono in scena e fuori, ma anche l’accompagnamento di quella sua voce roca diventata uno dei suoi tratti più riconoscibili e cari al pubblico. Grazie ad uno schermo touch si accede ad una serie di preziosi filmati, tra cui un’intervista ‘a tu per tu’ con la videocamera, di Donatella Baglivo, in cui è la stessa Vitti a raccontare svolte e momenti della sua vita artistica.

La sua presenza in teatro, cinema e tv è racchiusa dai curatori Nevio De Pascalis, Marco Dionisi e Stefano Stefanutto Rosa, in tre grandi filoni: il teatro, Antonioni e la commedia. Dai primi anni alla Accademia Silvio d’Amico si passa al sodalizio personale e artistico con Michelangelo Anonioni che nei primi anni ’60 ne fa l’incarnazione della sua arte ne ‘L’Avventura, La Notte, L’Eclisse, Deserto rosso. Poi i film brillanti con le tante testimonianze di chi ha lavorato con lei da Alberto Sordi a Ettore Scola, da Dino Risi e Steno, da Dacia Maraini a Michele Placido, da Giancarlo Giannini a Enrico Vanzina. (ItalPlanet News)

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.com>

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.

2018 Calendar

Cultural Meetings

Events

Classes

Language – Winter begin Jan. 2019

Christmas Party – Dec. 8

Installation of Officers – Jan. 11

February 8

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.