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FAMILY OUTING WITH BOCCE The potluck and bocce will be held on Sunday, August 18. Jackie and Tony Lombardi have graciously offered their beautiful house and backyard so that we may have a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon. It will be held at 3:00 p.m. at 17311W. 54th Place, Golden. Members with last name A to H are to bring an entrée, I to O side dish or salad, O to Z dessert. The Dante Society will provide water, soft drinks, wine and beer. IT IS IMPORTANT that you RSVP with number of persons to Veronica Goodrich no later than **Wednesday, August 14** at 303-421-1547 or goodveron@comcast.net. See you there.



MOLISE PRESENTATION Our member Dave Puzo is scheduled to give a presentation on the region of Molise on Friday, September 13. He returned recently from Italy and toured the region while snapping over one thousand pictures. He would like to include photos of many "home/root" towns of members. He is requesting that members with Molise ties contact Dave with names of cities and/or towns your family is from. He will make sure to include those places in his presentation. You may call 303-776-6526, or email davepuzo@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE October will be declared Italian Heritage Month once the proclamation I delivered to Governor Polis' office is signed in September. As a member of the organizing committee for the October celebration, I have been working with other members to arrange for a number of events to celebrate the Italian culture. A schedule of events will be coming soon, so plan now on taking advantage of as many as possible. Early in July I met with Pamela Marcantonio and Veronica Goodrich, who are co-chairing the Scholarship Committee, to gear up for the 2020 Dante Alighieri Scholarship awards. We're confident that 2020 will be another successful year for the program. Be sure to check the *Notiziario* for all upcoming events as we have lots planned for all our Dante Alighieri Society members. John Giardino

MICHELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL FRESCOES ON DISPLAY IN AURORA

Reproductions of Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel are on display at the Stanley Marketplace in Aurora, located at 2501 Dallas Street. The exhibition, which has been shown in cities around the world, is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., until August 13, 2019. There are 33 museum-quality reproductions of frescoes at near original size, including the Creation of Adam, and the Last Judgment, which recreate the awe and wonder of one of the greatest artistic achievements. Visitors can view all of the reproductions up close, at a distance that is impossible to achieve at the Sistine Chapel in Rome. There are signs posted that describe each fresco, and a 90-minute audio guide is available for an additional charge. Admission is \$16 for adults and \$12 for seniors. You can buy the tickets on-line, <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/14892/the-hangar-at-stanley> or at the ticket counter at the exhibition.

BENVENUTI The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver expresses a warm welcome to our latest members Giuseppina Nachira and Romolo Conversano.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Dante Alighieri Society will offer a 10-week fall session of Italian language classes, beginning the week of September 23. The schedule for fall classes will be posted on the Dante Alighieri website by August 16, and the registration deadline is September 16. Students must register for classes through the website. The classes are taught by experienced and talented bi-lingual teachers, and include beginner, intermediate, advanced, and conversation 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. Dante Society members receive a class discount and 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 or call 303-810-9042. To register for classes, visit the web site: <http://dantealighieriofdenver.com/classes/language-classes/>

NEW ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP BEGINNING JULY 27, 2019

The Dante Society will launch the first meeting of a new Italian conversation group on July 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Brew Culture Coffee Shop, 3620 West Colfax Avenue in Denver. The conversation group is open to all Dante language students and Society members from beginners to fluent speakers, and it will meet monthly. There is no charge to meet. This conversation group will give students and members a chance to practice speaking Italian in a welcoming and supportive environment. It will complement the very robust program of Italian language classes offered by the Society. If you would like to participate, or if you would like more information, please contact the Education Chair, Suzanne Fasing at suzannefasing@yahoo.com

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF EVENT

Reserve your spot now! You don't want to miss out on the kick-off event for this year's Italian Heritage month on Thursday, October 3rd at Spero Winery from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 3316 W. 64th Avenue. Not only will you have the opportunity to taste Spero's award winning wines, you'll be treated to antipasti followed by a tour of its facility. All for \$25. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Call Susan Gurule at 720-484-1014 for more information.

Spero wines have won hundreds of awards at domestic and international competitions. From Double Gold to Best-of-Show, its wines have received recognition competing against wine from all over the world. These competitions include: Taster's Guild, Finger Lakes International, Indy International + Many More.

Dante Alighieri Society of Denver Celebrates Italian Heritage Month

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting with Antipasti and Tour

Spero Winery, 3316 W. 64th Avenue

Reservations Required - \$25 per person prepaid

Saturday, October 5, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gelato Social

23rd Avenue Sculpture Studio, 3500 W. 23rd Avenue

\$5 per person or \$20 for a group of five

All tickets must be purchased in advance as no tickets will be available at the event.

While enjoying the scrumptious gelato, you'll also be treated to the talents of Reid Belstock, a nationally touring juggler and visual com

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Friday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Book Musings – Stories by local authors about their own or their family's Italian American experience.
NorthPark East Clubhouse, 9996 Grove Street, Westminster CO 80031

Free Event

Relax in an easy chair and listen to excerpts from books detailing real-life experiences of a war bride, presented by Gina Oldenburg; a child growing up in Italy, presented by Tony Lombardi; and Rich Sabell will relay his cousin's adventures living in North Denver

Friday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Small Villages of Italy
Location: TBD

Free Event – Reservations Required

Most visitors to Italy make it a point to go to Rome, Florence, Venice and other large cities. Daniela DeGarbo will highlight the unique and enticing smaller villages of Italy.

Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Cooking Class
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, 3549 Navajo Street, Denver

Reservations Required - \$50 per person prepaid

Menu selections to be announced later

Sunday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Genealogy Workshop & Dual Citizenship Presentation
Location TBD

Genealogy Workshop

Free Event – Reservations Required

Joe Beine will discuss his USA death indexes website, tips for finding your ancestor on ship passenger lists from Europe to the USA from 1820-mid 20th century, and on-line civil registration records from the Italian State Archives. Dual Citizenship, Joe Mauro who recently completed the process and received his dual citizenship will provide insights into the procedure.

Friday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Movie Night – *Noi e la Giulia*
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, 3549 Navajo Street, Denver

Free Event

Diego, Claudio and Fausto don't know each other, but they are all looking for a turning point in their lives, each one for a different reason. The occasion comes with an offer for an abandoned agritourism, for which they cannot afford to purchase individually. The project is joined by Sergio, a communist-nostalgic middle-aged man. Some trouble with the local Camorra will make them sort it out in a dangerous way. Comedy produced in 2015.

Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Children's Italian Singing & Tarantella Lessons
Location: TBD

Free Event – Reservations Required – Limited Seating!

6 years of age and older. One parent or guardian must accompany up to 3 children. Rosalie Caputo, who teaches Italian language to children and adults, will teach the children some Italian songs and the Tarantella.

Saturday, October 26, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Italian Card Games
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, 3549 Navajo Street, Denver.

Free Event – Reservations Required

Learn how to play Scopa and Briscola.

To make reservations, purchase tickets or need additional information, please call Susan Gurule at 720-484-1014, email her at susangurule@msn.com or mail her at 2424 Stuart Court, Denver CO 80212.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Joanne Valvano.

1. What region in Italy were your ancestors from? Have you been there and what was your experience?

Both of my grandfathers immigrated from Guardia dei Lombardi, a commune in the province of Avellino, in the region of Campania. My husband, Mike Lovette, and I visited Guardia in 2015. (Guardia is in the background of our picture.) It is a beautiful town overlooking a picturesque valley. Many of the town structures, including the chiesa, were rebuilt after the Irpinia earthquake in 1980.



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

My grandparents arrived in the US via Ellis Island in the early 1920's and settled in Scranton, a town in upstate Pennsylvania. I have learned that Scranton and Guardia have been declared sister cities due to the great number of Guardiesi who settled in Scranton. My paternal grandfather worked in the coal mines and my maternal grandfather did heavy work on the railroad. They married and raised their families in Scranton. My immediate family moved from Scranton to Philadelphia when I was a preschooler.

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

Caring. My close family taught me to be sensitive to needs of others. The sisters in my Catholic school instilled compassion for others. Caring was fundamental to my work in rehabilitation. I was inspired by the caring of my mentors and colleagues.

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

My parents, especially my father, set a high standard for hard work, family commitment and academic achievement. My extended family taught me loyalty to our family and Italian heritage.

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

I have been married to Mike, since 1985. We moved to Colorado in 1995. We are blessed with 8 nieces and nephews and their children. I am now a retired physical therapist. I enjoyed clinical work with children, then academic teaching and research.

6. How would you most like to be remembered?

As a person who made a difference, even in a small way.

7. What attracted you about joining Dante Alighieri Society?

I treasure my Italian heritage and I love the opportunity to celebrate Italian culture with the wonderful members of the Society. Mike and I have enjoyed Italian language classes and social activities. We hope to participate more in the future.

CHANGES TO THE KING SOOPERS REWARDS PROGRAM – DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY ACCOUNT # BF884

Just a reminder to all members – this is an easy way to help the Dante. If you shop at King Sooper and have their reward card, be sure you set up an account with Kings Soopers by going to their Community reward page and register your card number. You then can do a search on the charities listen and click on the Dante Alighieri Society of Denver. Now every time you swipe your card, the Dante will receive credit for your purchase. It costs you nothing but the Dante gets a charitable contribution after certain goals are met.

If you have questions, or need help enrolling, contact Veronica Goodrich at 303-421-1547 or Carol Marsala at 303-237-0688.

FOR YOU TRAVELING TO ITALY IN 2019



Once again, the agreement between the Vatican and the Dante has been renewed once again for the year 2019. 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, or Gianfranco Marcantonio at 303-494-3080 glm3942@yahoo.com. For additional privileges for Dante members while in Italy, please visit the following site: <http://ladante.it/diventa-socio/le-convenzioni>.

2019 Calendar

Cultural Meetings

September 13

Events

July 26 – Da Vinci Exhibit

August 18 – Bocce/potluck

October - Italian Heritage Month

Classes

Language – Fall begins September 23

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.

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