



DA Notiziario

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PRESIDENT REPORT Our picnic held last Sunday afternoon was a huge success with numbers we haven't seen in years. Seems that people want to get out and socialize again. Thanks to Chairperson Rhonda Hopkins and to everyone who worked so hard to put it together. As a member of Italian Heritage Month (IHM) Committee, I've attended several meetings in the past few weeks. October will be here before you know it, so plans are well underway to bring many exciting and informative events to not only the Italian community but to anyone interested in the Italian culture. I recently attended the Italian American Business Association (IABA) monthly meeting at Balistreri Winery where I encouraged members to participate in October's IHM. IABA is one Italian organization that supported IHM in the past and will do so again. In talking to one member, we discussed how we could get other organizations to also participate. That's a topic Dante is currently working on with some success. John Giardino johncgiardino@comcast.net 303-378-9736.

COOKING CLASS IN AUGUST There will be a cooking class on Saturday August 14 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Hall from 9:00am-1:00pm. The instructor for *Cena Magica a Base di Funghi* will be Adam Giardino, a professionally trained chef who has previously taught a Dante Alighieri Society cooking class. This five-course meal will include antipasto, secondi of cross rib roast, homemade gnocchi/sauce, green bean salad and dolce-each enhanced by one type of mushroom or another. And with Adam you can always expect a surprise finish to the festivities. Attendance is limited to twelve people so make your reservations early before all the spaces are filled. If all the spaces have been filled, you will be placed on a cancellation list. The price is \$50 per person all-inclusive. The event will take place at Mt. Carmel parish hall. Sign up now by contacting Ronda Hopkins at rhop626@gmail.com or 720-596-4169. Buon Appetito!

MATCHING GRANT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND In memory of his Parents, Dr. Frank J and Mary J. Giardino, Dr. Frank W. Giardino has offered a \$1000 matching grant to be used for the Dante Alighieri Scholarship Program. All donations up to that amount in total will be matched. Donations to the Dante Alighieri Scholarship Fund should be sent to Carol Marsala, [1696 Garland St., Denver, CO 80215](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1696+Garland+St.,+Denver,+CO+80215).

BENVENUTI The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver gives a warm welcome to the following new members: Giuliana Brunner, Najat Boudiz, Alberto Cuminelli, , Loretta DiTirro, Marta Gaylord, and Virginia O'Neill.

SEPTEMBER CULTURAL MEETING

On Friday, September 10, 2021, the Dante Alighieri Society will present a play written and performed by our own members Silvio and Rosalie Caputo. Details will be in the September Notiziario.



Buon appetito

AUGUST 2021 PICNIC After several years off from the summer picnic event for Dante Alighieri Society members and families, we resumed this get-together on **Sunday, July 25**. Hats off to Chairperson Rhonda Hopkins for organizing a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. A foursome of cooks served up a great barbecue, and members contributed delicious side dishes and desserts. Long-time members welcomed many new ones, and all enjoyed conversation and catching up after months of being together only virtually. (Photos courtesy of Romolo Conversano)



Grazie altrettanto!

FALL SESSION OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.

The Society's ten-week summer session of Italian language classes is currently underway on Zoom. The fall session of Italian language classes will begin the week of September 20, 2021. The schedule for fall classes will be posted on the Dante Alighieri website by August 20, and the schedule will state whether fall classes will be in person or on Zoom. The registration deadline for the fall session is September 13. 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. If the Society resumes in person classes, they will meet at 3549 Navajo Street, Denver, in the parish office of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Cost is \$115 for members and \$145 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 . To register for classes, visit the web site: <http://dantealighieriofdenver.com/classes/language-classes/>

AUGURI DI BUON COMPLEANNO We wish our members a Buon Compleanno during their birthday month:



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| Connie Schafer | August 2 |
| Andrew Wilson | August 3 |
| Giulianna Giorno | August 5 |
| Suzanne Fasing | August 9 |
| Rhonda Amann | August 10 |
| Rosalie Caputo | August 12 |
| Anna Jensen | August 14 |
| Lisa Prassack | August 17 |
| Judy LaSpada | August 17 |
| Paul Bonacci | August 18 |
| Joanna Esposito | August 18 |
| Ida Casagranda | August 19 |
| Lisa Tadiri | August 26 |
| Joshua Campora | August 31 |

We want to include more members in this column, so please send a quick email, with your birthday month and day, to Dante Society board member, Suzanne Fasing, at suzannefasing@yahoo.com Grazie!

Mese del cuore

Io sono Agosto dai raggi brucianti
abbronzio la pelle di tutti I bagnanti,
rallegro le gite di chi va in montagna,
di lucciole accendo la mite campagna.
Con rossi tramonti e notti stellate
lodato e rimpianto io chiudo l'estate.

Month of the heart

I am August with hot rays
I tan the skin of all swimmers,
I brighten outings to climbers,
With fireflies I light up the gentle countryside.
With red sunsets and starry nights
I end the summer with praise and regret.

INDOVINELLO: (Riddle) Answer on last page.

Non posso lavorare se non ho molto caldo. (I cannot work if I am not really warm.)

OCTOBER - ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH October will be here before we know it, and the Italian Heritage Month (IHM) committee wants you to keep your Fridays and Saturdays in October open for some exciting activities (we've avoided any conflict with Bronco games). But first, I want to give a huge shout out to the IHM committee for its commitment to putting together a great line up of events to highlight the Italian heritage.

The Dante Society will kick off the event with an educational program on Dante Alighieri, the man after whom our organization is named. Another program will highlight Rome. The gelato social will be back with Reid Belstock providing entertainment as well as a balloon twister to keep adults and kids alike entertained. A wine tasting will be followed by two cooking classes as well as two movies. And back by popular demand is another class in playing the Italian card game Scopu. We may also get together at a local restaurant to enjoy a traditional Italian meal the way only Italians know how. Hopefully, we've whet your whistle! Stay tuned for more details.

If you want more info, please contact Susan Gurule at 720-484-1014 or susangurule@msn.com

KNOW A FACE PAINTER? We are currently looking for someone who does face painting or knows someone who does for an activity to be held in October during Italian Heritage Month. Please contact Susan Gurule with any suggestions. 720-484-1014 or susangurule@msn.com

ITALIAN LANGUAGE TIPS by Tonya Clement

This month I am going to offer a very simple tip that I believe you might use quite often. In an email to a dear Italian friend I signed off with *buona sera*. My friend quickly reminded me that *buona sera* is a greeting vs. a wish. If I wanted to send a wish for him to enjoy his evening I would say, *Buona serata*.

Both the greeting and the wish can be used in either formal or informal situations and it will vary by region as to the ideal time to use the phrases. In Northern Italy it is typical to use the phrases any time after 2-3 pm and in Southern Italy it is more often used after 4-5 pm.

In summary you say: *Buona sera quando tu saluti qualcuno nel momento di arrivare/entrare in una casa o quando tu incontri una persona. Buona serata quando tu saluti una persona alla fine di una conversazione.* For example: "*Ti auguro una buona serata.*"

Note that "*Buon giorno*" and "*buona giornata*" are used in a similar way. *Buon giorno* is a general greeting during the day whereas *buona giornata* means "Have a nice day!"



BRIEF NEWS FROM ITALY



Italy claims the second title of European soccer champions since 1968. Italy beat England 3-2 on penalties kicks after the match finished 1-1 after extra time. Italy's midfielders dominated possession, as widely predicted before the match. The Italian sport newspaper front page of La gazzetta dello Sport, (shown at the right) described the feat as *tropo bello* (too good). As you may imagine all cities and regions of Italy exploded in joy until early hours after winning the title.

Earlier in the day **Matteo Berrettini** 25, from Rome, becomes first Italian to reach men's singles final at the All England Club. Berrettini lost to Djokovic in his first Grand Slam final in Wimbledon. After his media commitments were done, he and girlfriend Ajla Tomljanovic raced off to Wembley for the football final. Following his defeat, Berrettini said: "I had a really great run during the two weeks, so I couldn't ask for more... but maybe a little bit more!" And he was almost immediately granted his wish, as Italy came from behind to beat England.

The region of Abruzzo receives honor. The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) is pleased to announce its 2021 Region of Honor: Abruzzo. Each year, NIAF collaborates with a region in Italy by promoting its culture, business and tourism in the United States, while also traveling to the region to promote cultural exchange.

Luca, the latest Disney film directed by Enrico Casarosa who based the story on his own childhood memories, about picking the songs and breaking Pixar’s unwritten rule against needle-drops. Luca might be a movie about sea monsters, but where the sound of Pixar’s films is concerned, it’s the closest thing to one set in the real world. True, teenage Luca lives underwater with his fish-finned family, but when he steps out of the water and into an Italian fishing village, he becomes a human boy in the very recognizable 1960s,

Italy is welcoming tourists again from around the world. Italian health minister Roberto Speranza announced that Italy will allow Americans into the country under the same requirements as the EU's Green Certificate. That means US travelers who can show either proof of vaccination, a certificate of recovery from Covid-19 or a negative PCR- or rapid-antigen test taken within 48 hours of arrival can travel to the Mediterranean country without having to quarantine upon arrival.



THE SHOWCASE OF ITALIAN VEHICLES RETURNED AFTER A YEAR OFF. 120 Italian cars and motorcycles participated to Automezzi XXXI, A Celebration of Italian Motoring which was held on Sunday, July 18, at the Denver Kickers Sport Club in Golden, Colorado.

2021 CALENDAR

CULTURAL MEETINGS

September 10 - Play

EVENTS

Cooking class – August 14

October – Italian cultural month

Answer to *Indovinello* (riddle): *Il ferro da stiro* (Iron)

CLASSES

Fall Session begin September 20

SOME PHOTOS OF 2021 PICNIC



CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Rhonda Hopkins, Camilla Marcantonio and Pamela Marcantonio.



COOKS
Gianfranco Marcantonio, Frank Giardino
Joe Mauro, Bob Badovinac, and Mike Lovette.



Veronica Goodrich and Anne Cucchi visiting with new members.