



DA Notiziario

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Recently, Dottore Thomas Botzios, the Italian Consul General out of Chicago, visited the Denver area to introduce himself and some of his initiatives to the Italian community. At a breakfast gathering hosted by Giovanna Carriero-Contreras, our Honorary Vice-consul, Dr. Botzios explained that while he has been in position in Chicago for over a year, he has been unable to personally visit with his constituents due to the pandemic. Further, he explained that, as one person with limited staff, he can't resolve every issue before him, but he named the facilitation of better communication and working relationships among all Italian organizations as a major focus of his efforts. I had the opportunity and honor of having a one-on-one conversation with the Consul General at a lunch I attended the following day at the University of Colorado's French and Italian Department. Our visit, which covered everything from our family's origins in Italy to my sharing of the activities of the Dante Alighieri Society of Denver. We ended the afternoon with pictures and Thomas's sincere promise that he will do everything he can to be available to all in his jurisdiction. As a result of that meeting, I feel fairly confident that we will see an improved relationship with our new Consul General. Grazie, John Giardino

OPERATIC RECITAL MAY 15, 2022 The Dante Alighieri Societies of Denver and of Pueblo, Colorado, will present an operatic recital on Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m., at Green Mountain United Methodist Church, located at 12755 West Cedar Drive, Lakewood, Colorado.

The two Societies accepted the invitation to host directly from Sanremo Italy, soprano **Angela Papale** and pianist **Fabio Marra**. They will be performing in Colorado as part of their 2022 tournee with performances which include Paris (France), Hamburg (Germany), Madrid (Spain) Detroit and Boston.

In the 1980's and 1990's The Dante Alighieri Society was fortunate to be able to host many musical groups from Italy as the Italian economy was strong and the government subsidized performers to entertain overseas. This situation has changed, and we no longer see many Italian performers here in Colorado. We are proud to say that we welcome back Angela Papale and Fabio Marra for an operatic recital.

We strongly encourage our members and friends to mark your calendar as you will enjoy a great live performance. We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

- \$20 per person. For tickets contact: Rhonda Hopkins: 720-596-4169, rhop626@gmail.com 13738w. 62nd Dr., Arvada 80004.
- To pay via PayPal: <https://dantealighieriofdenver.com/paypal/>
- For more information, please call or e-mail: Gianfranco Marcantonio – 303-494-3080 or glm3942@yahoo.com



Please share the poster below with family and friends. Grazie

APRIL CULTURAL PROGRAM **Grazie** to Professor Wayne Ambler for an enlightening presentation at our April cultural meeting on the Emperor Constantine and his role in making Rome the center of Christianity. Our society is fortunate to host these excellent programs, and we appreciate the generosity of those who share their expertise with us.



JUNE CULTURAL PROGRAM On June 10, Professor Steven Hughes returns to talk to us about "Why Italian Switzerland? And why it is important in Italy's history." This is the presentation we cancelled in January due to weather and Covid.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES SUMMER SESSION BEGINS JUNE 2022

The Dante Alighieri Society is currently offering the 10-week Spring session of Italian language classes, which began the week of March 28. The Summer 2022 session of Italian language classes, beginning in June 2022, will be in-person language classes at 3549 Navajo Street, Denver 80211 in the parish office of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Each class meets for 90 minutes, once a week, for 10 weeks. Beginner and Intermediate classes will be offered. The class schedule will be posted on the Society website in mid-May. Classes are taught by talented bi-lingual instructors who have significant experience teaching Italian. 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. Information about the classes is also available on the web site: <http://dantealighieriofdenver.com/classes/language-classes/>

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



Erin Hough	May 1
Terrence Watkins	May 6
Jeff Shaver	May 12
Camilla Marcantonio	May 13
Phyllis Ursetta	May 23
Patty Paul	May 24
JM Wands	May 24
David Chapin	May 25
Giovanni Palmieri	May 29



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

Son Maggio, mi chiamano il mese piu' bello
di fiori e colori io porto un mantello
odoro di glicine e di biancospino,
di tutte le rose che ho sempre vicino:
sul cuore mi splende, divina armonia,
La mistica Rosa di nome Maria.

Month of the heart

I am May, they call the most beautiful month
I wear a cape of flowers and colors:
I smell of wisteria and hawthorne,
of all the roses always close to me:
the mystic Rose named Mary
shines harmony upon my heart.

INDOVINELLO (Riddle) *Qual e' la citta' che ha tre occhi?* Which Italian city has three eyes?
La risposta a pagina tre - (answer on page three)

BENVENUTI

The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver gives a warm welcome to our newest members: Daniel Cavallari, Jonah Deschants, Robert Jackson, Susan O'loughlin, Andrew Selvaggio, and Judy Taggart.

TIPS ON ITALY By Tonya Clement.

Each evening that I attend my Italian language class with DAS, I am reminded by my fellow classmates how much we joy we find when our instructor teaches a slang word or phrase. It seems it makes us feel "in the know" or perhaps "more Italian." This month I am choosing to share a few examples of slang that will help you feel more authentic when speaking with or listening to your Italian friends. As you read these, remember every region in Italy has its own dialect. Most of these words or expressions will cross all borders and be understood everywhere in Italy but there is certainly no guarantee.

- Dai* = dah eeh = Go! Come on!
- Figo* = fee goh = Cool!
- Che figata* = keh fee-gah-tah = How Cool!
- Bon* = bon = OK!
- Che schifo* = keh skee-foh = Disgusting!
- Non esiste* = non eh-see-steh = No way!
- Cavolo* = cah-voh-loh = Crap!
- Bo = boh = who knows

Perhaps if someone yells *dai* to you, you will not jump and you will understand they are simply telling you it is your turn.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, July 24 – Annual picnic

Wednesday, August 10 – Rockies Baseball Game. Italian-American Baseball Foundation Heritage Night at Coors Field. The Dante Alighieri Society is participating. Special ticket prices. Details later.

PRESENTATION ON ROME DU Professor Roberta Waldbaun is cordially inviting members of our Society to a talk on Rome set for Tuesday, May 4th by the Maglione-Sie visiting scholar, Raffaello Palumbo Mosca, from the Università di Torino. Refreshments at 4:00 p.m., and lecture at 5:00 p.m. will be held at Sturm Hall 451. **Kindly double click below, then to register use the QR code.**



Rome -Paper flyer
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APRIL 23 COOKING CLASS Once again chef Adam Giardino held a fantastic cooking class. The class put together a huge spaghetti frittata but we made Adam flip it over which he did perfectly. The main dish was cod with a tomato, caper and anchovy sauce. Dessert was a delicious Easter bread covered in a zabaglione sauce and fresh berries. Everyone had a great time and needless to say, no one left hungry.



2022 CALENDAR

**CULTURAL MEETINGS
CLASSES**

June 10

EVENTS

May 1 – Scholarships and awards
Luncheon

May 15 – Operatic recital

Answer to *Indovinello* – Treviso = (three eyes)

Summer session June 2022

DEAR MEMBERS, KINDLY SUPPORT THE SOCIETY BY ATTENDING THIS SPECIAL EVENT. GRAZIE



The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver, Colorado

The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, Colorado



Proudly present from Italy



Angela Papale, soprano

M° Fabio Marra, piano

Opera Recital

Celebrating the 100-year anniversary of renowned soprano Renata Tebaldi's birth. Arias from the operas of Donizetti, Verdi, Puccini, Mascagni, Zandonai e Tosti

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