



DA Notiziario



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JUNE CULTURAL PRESENTATION On Friday, June 10, Professor Steven Hughes returns to talk to us about **Why Italian Switzerland? And why it's important in Italy's history.** We will meet as usual at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Mt. Carmel Church at 3549 Navajo Street, Denver.

By most metrics of national identity Italian Switzerland (specifically the canton of Ticino) should be part of Italy. Surrounded on three sides by Lombardy and Piedmont, it appears on a map as an odd Swiss appendage thrusting down into the Bel Paese almost to Milan. Its language, culture, cuisine, and economics have long Italian roots, and during the unification movement of the nineteenth century it was a refuge for Italian nationalists, like Giuseppe Mazzini, and a font of subversive patriotic propaganda. Volunteers from Ticino even went South to fight for Italian freedom during the revolutions of 1848. Yet, when Italy finally became a country in 1861 and some patriots called for the Italian Swiss to join the new union, the Ticinesi steadfastly refused to leave the Swiss Confederation. As this talk will demonstrate, understanding this apparent paradox is important not only for Swiss history but also for understanding the making of modern Italy.

DONNE DI MERITO AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS MAY 2022

Friends and family abounded on May 1 at the Mt. Vernon Canyon Club as the Dante Alighieri Society honored its Donne di Merito recipient, Alisa DiGiacomo, and its three scholarship winners.



Alisa DiGiacomo was recognized for her many significant and enduring contributions, not only in her profession but also in the promotion and continued support of the Italian culture in our community.

The Giulio Marcantonio Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ireland Rose Dunlap, who will be studying at the Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, Italy. The Dr. Frank J. & Mary J. Giardino Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Marjorie Moessbauer, who will study at ISA at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy. The third scholarship was presented to Brianna Faughnan, who will also study at the Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, Italy. All three winners are students at the University of Denver. Since its inception the Dante Alighieri Society of Denver has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to worthy college students, who will study some aspect of Italian culture in Italy.

Alisa with Susan



Veronica, Pamela, Marjorie, John,

Roberta, Brinna, and Ireland

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: With the Awards Luncheon at the beginning and the Angela Papale recital in the middle, May was a busy month to say the least. We're looking at a somewhat slower pace in the upcoming months, which is not to say there's not much going on. Plans are well underway for Italian Heritage Month in October, a summer picnic in July, cultural programs in June, August, and September, a soup exchange in November and the Christmas party in December. In addition to all that activity, election of officers will be held at the November general meeting. Positions up for election are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. A Nominating Committee has been identified and notice will be going out soon seeking nominations for these positions. If you have interest in running for any of these positions, please let the Committee know so your name can be put in nomination. Again, I'm always available for your questions or concerns so don't hesitate to contact me. Grazie. John Giardino

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES SUMMER SESSION BEGINS JUNE 20, 2022

The Summer 2022 session of Italian language classes offered by the Dante Alighieri Society of Denver 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, beginning the week of June 20, 2022. The class schedule is listed below, and it is also posted on the Society website. 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. For more information, please contact the Education Chair Suzanne Fasing at suzannefasing@yahoo.com. To register and pay for classes, visit the web site: <http://dantealighieriofdenver.com/classes/language-classes/>

The registration and payment deadline for the Summer session is June 13, 2022.

Beginner 1. Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, beginning June 23, 2022 through September 1, 2022 (no class on July 14) (Brunetti). 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 New Italian Project 1a](#)

Beginner 2. Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, beginning June 22, 2022 through August 31, 2022 (no class on July 13) (Brunetti). 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 New Italian Project 1a](#)

Beginner 3. Mondays, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, beginning June 20, 2022 through August 29, 2022 (no class on July 4) (Brunetti). In this class, students will build upon their prior studies through listening, reading and writing activities. Topics include past and future verb tenses, and the required text will be covered in its entirety. Emphasis will be placed on everyday conversational situations using grammar and vocabulary from the textbook. **Required Text:** [The New Italian Project 1a](#)

Beginner 4. Wednesdays, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, beginning June 22, 2022 through August 31, 2022 (no class on July 13) (Brunetti). In this class, students will build upon their prior studies through role plays, listening, reading and writing activities. Topics include future verb tenses and learning about holidays and train travel in Italy. Intermediate level material will also be introduced. **Required Texts:** [The New Italian Project 1a](#) And [The New Italian Project 1b](#)

Intermediate 4. Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning June 23, 2022 through September 1, 2022 (no class on July 14) (Brunetti). 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](#)

BENVENUTI The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver gives a warm welcome to the newest members: Linda Battalora, Diane Magliolo, and Claire Tebockhurst.

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



Codey Fredenhagen	June 3
Antigone Vigil	June 3
Tammy Sneed	June 6
Joanne Valvano	June 6
John Giardino	June 11
Marie Vine	June 12
Leah Becton	June 13
Debra D'Adamio	June 19
Molly Grasso	June 21
Mark Tylutki	June 23
Laura Horesh	June 27



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

Sono Giugno, a tutti quanti
porto doni consolanti,
promozioni agli studenti
anche a quelli inconcludenti,
Porto frutti profumati
con i prezzi maggiorati

Month of the heart

I am June, to everyone
I bring comforting gifts,
advancements to students
even to unsuccessful ones.
I bring scented fruits
with increased prices.

Hospitality Chairperson seeking volunteers: Camilla Marcantonio has agreed to serve as Hospitality Chairperson for our Society and will be recruiting members to help with refreshments at our monthly cultural meetings. If you are willing to contribute to our social hour following the cultural program by bringing a dessert to share, please email Camilla at: giulio1937@msn.com

OPERATIC RECITAL On Sunday, May 15, Italian Soprano Angela Papale and Maestro Fabio Marra performed for members and guests of the Denver and Pueblo Dante Alighieri Societies in an operatic tribute to Renata Tebaldi, celebrating the life of one of the great protagonists of Italian melodrama. The Colorado recital is part of their international tour with performances in Paris, Hamburg, Madrid, Detroit and Boston and will continue throughout 2022 in other world capitals.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, July 24 – Annual picnic

Wednesday, August 10 – Rockies Baseball Game. The Dante Alighieri Society is participating in Italian-American Baseball Foundation Heritage Night at Coors Field. There are special ticket prices so please see details below and in attached flyer.

Important Notice about the Italian American Night at the Rockies

The Dante Alighieri Society of Denver is co-sponsoring an Italian American Night at the Rockies with five other organizations. It is a group effort and a fundraiser for our respective organizations. Tickets can only be purchased through the Rockies; however, the DAS needs to track the number of tickets it sells. We want to be sure to have an accurate count of number tickets sold when the game is over. **When you buy your tickets, please phone, text or email Susan Gurule** with your name and the number of tickets you purchased. Susan's phone number is: **720-484-1014** and her email is susangurule@msn.com.

INDOVINELLO (Riddle) *Si osservano senza guardarli. Cosa sono? We observe them without looking at them. What are they?*

La risposta a pagina quattro - (answer on page four)

TIPS ON ITALY By Tonya Clement.

One of the best methods I have found for learning the Italian language is to correspond with friends in Italy. The rule is they must write me in Italian and I write them in English. This forces us both to practice our language skills. Over the years I am noticing my friends are utilizing many different ways to say “Thank You” in Italian. This got me thinking that this would make a good topic for our *Notiziario*.

I figured with Summer fast approaching, many Dante Alighieri Society members may be going to Italy to visit. There will certainly also be ample opportunity to practice the many ways to say thank you. Here is my short list.

Grazie = This covers almost every situation and is easy to remember. You do not need to worry about being formal or informal.

Grazie Mille = Many people mistakenly think they are saying thanks a million.....but “mille” means a thousand. You are really just saying a thousand thanks.

Molte Grazie = many thanks!

Grazie di Cuore = This is my favorite and it really express genuine gratitude with all of one’s heart.

Grazie Ancora = Ideal for when you are thanking someone for the second time as it means thank you again.

Grazie Infinite = Is an expression to show infinite thanks.

Grazie di Tutto = When you want to thank someone for doing multiple good deeds. You are in essence saying thank you for everything.

Grazie Tanto = You may want to be careful with this one as it is often used to express sarcasm as in thanks a lot. It is easy to determine the meaning if you listen carefully to the tone.

La (ti) Ringrazio Tanto = The more proper way to say thank you so much. Formal (familiar).

Italians are not only very expressive but they are very grateful people. It will delight them to hear you express your gratitude with a little more than just *grazie*. These are phrases that you can practice multiple times each day.

BRIEF NEWS FROM ITALY Why is Italy called Italy. Readers who know their history will be aware that modern- day Italy only came into being in the 19th century with the country’s gradual unification (known in Italy as the Risorgimento) between 1848 and 1871, thanks to a series of successful military campaigns led by General Giuseppe Garibaldi.

But the name *Italia* – referring to different parts of the peninsula at different points in history – has been in use for several thousand years.

In his text ‘On Italy’ the Greek historian Antiochus of Syracuse, writing in around 420 BC, reportedly identified Italia as the southern part of modern-day Calabria – the toe of Italy’s boot.

Most of Antiochus’ works are lost to us today, but the Greek historian Dionysius of Halicarnassus, writing several hundred years later in the early first century AD, quotes parts of them in his text ‘[Roman Antiquities](#)’.

Here Antiochus recounts the legend that sixteen generations before the Trojan war, the region we now know as Calabria was inhabited by the Enotri or the Oenotrians. The Enotri had a king named Italus, and subsequently changed their name to the Itali.

2022 CALENDAR

CULTURAL MEETINGS

June 10
July 24
August 10

EVENTS

Annual picnic
Rockies baseball game

CLASSES

Summer session begin June 2022

Answer to *Indovinello*” – *I dieci comandamenti* - (The ten commandments)

THE MONTH OF MAY 2022 IN REVIEW

MERITO DI DONNE



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



SOPRANO ANGELA PAPALE AND PIANIST FABIO MARRA

