



# LA PAROLA

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August / Agosto 2022



Brothers and Sisters,

As the long hot summer begins to wind down, activities at the Lodge are ramping up! Our annual Summer Picnic will be held on our September General Meeting night, Wednesday September 21st. A steak dinner will be served with all the fixings, down in the picnic area, next to the Bocce Courts. We will play some Corn Hole and of course, Bocce Ball!

On Saturday September 17th we will be putting on our 10th Annual Car Show in the parking lot. As always, we could use a few volunteers for this very special event. Keep an eye on your email and the La Parola for more events this fall including a Spaghetti Dinner, a Special Bingo Night and of course the Annual Craft Show.

Take Care and God Bless!

Fraternally yours,  
President Sal

## All about Italians....

*By Cyndi Lubrano*

Italy, the land of contemporary fashion, historical art and... men who adore their mothers, hand-gesturing enthusiasts, and gatherings about Dante?

The most common Italian stereotypes include a love of pasta, expressive hand gestures, love of family, passion for football, that Italians have a passion for coffee, the opera, and Dante's Divine Comedy. While these are broad generalizations, many of them are based on certain aspects of Italian, and Italian American, culture. Let's take a closer look.

### 1. Italians Can't Live Without Pasta

Italians live for food—in particular pasta. This is a common Italian Stereotype that is based in reality. In fact, Italians consume the most pasta in the world, averaging 60 pounds a year for every man, woman, and child in the country.

While most Americans cook dry pasta out of a box, Italians make pasta with precision from scratch. This dedication to quality plus the fact that Italians are the top consumers of pasta makes Italy the champion of pasta.

### 2. Italians Talk With Their Hands

What if you could communicate with someone only through hand gestures? Well, in Italy, you can! Italians use hand gestures to enliven, strengthen their point, and communicate on a non-verbal level.

There's a running joke in Italy that you can understand a conversation that's out of hearing range just from watching someone's hand gestures. This endearing habit makes Italians some of the most expressive and passionate speakers in the world.

### 3. Italians are All About 'La Famiglia'

Family is so important in Italy that you'll find that many either live close to their parents or in the same house. In fact, it's common for adults in their 20's and 30's to live with their parents.

The ties that bind families together are undeniably strong. Families often gather weekly for a meal or stay in close contact. *mamma rules the roost. (CONT'D on page 6)*



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2023 is starting to fill up with rentals. If you're thinking about having an event next year, please contact Anna Vann at 303-618-8023.



## 2022 - 2023 Membership Information

by Anna Vann

The membership cards are in! Cards will be available at the next General Meeting and then will be sent via the postal mail to your home. Thanks to all for your timely renewal!



## Come Polka on Sundays!

Sunday afternoon Polka dancing is back in full force!! If you're interested, dancing is from 2-5:30 pm Sundays. Need information, contact Al Weidman at 720-412-9277 or email [coloradopolkaklub@gmail.com](mailto:coloradopolkaklub@gmail.com).



## Book Club by Pam Wright

Book club meets first Monday of the month. For more information, please call Pam 303-210-6277 or email Pam at [pcake@comcast.net](mailto:pcake@comcast.net)



## Dancing at the Lodge – Come and Enjoy!

Sponsored by our own Maggie Francucci! Ballroom dancing is back in full swing too! They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of most months. To verify or check with Cathy and/or Maggie at [Http://danceconnectioncolorado.com](http://danceconnectioncolorado.com) There is a one-hour class for various types of dances followed by open dance the rest of the evening.

## Fun facts about August

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning “the sixth month” in Latin. It wasn’t until around 700BC that August was rudely shoved back in the order of months when [January](#) and [February](#) were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.

August has also changed its number of days multiple times. In the ten-month Roman calendar, the months all had either 30 or 31 days, totaling 304 days in the year. Not only did Pompilius add January and February to the calendar, but he also reduced the number of days in August down to 29. It wasn’t until Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar that it was left with 31 days, and it’s stayed the same ever since!

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

Many countries in Europe see August as a holiday period. So much so in fact, that you’ll find major European cities such as Paris almost completely empty of locals. Don’t get your hopes up too much though, these cities are still packed full of tourists at this time of year!



## Welcome to our new members !

Welcome new members...

Tome Warne (reinstatement)

Raylene Carbone

Michael Garioto (reinstatement)

Charla Gonzalez

William & Debra Miller

**Remember** – general meetings are every third Wednesday, there are plenty of fun things going on at the lodge and across the community. For now – come down on Monday evenings to watch bocce – and maybe even sub ... we always need subs! The official initiation will be either July or August – we will let you know!

## Italian American – Summer Edition

by Elanor Gaccetta

As a new member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, I was particularly impressed with the summer edition of the Italian American. The small, slick production magazine is your Uncle Vito, arms folded across his chest, smoking his cigar saying, “If you can do better, let’s see it.”

The articles about an Italian celebrity chef, an Italian (female) film maker, and an immigrant who has achieved success operating Italian American (I AM) bookstores in Boston were enjoyable and informative reading. I was educated by the introductory letter from the national President explaining the purpose and goals of the Sons of Italy Foundation to open doors for young people and acknowledge achievements of Italian Americans in public service and leadership roles in their chosen professions. But I was most impressed by the headshot bios of the youth from the US and Italy who were awarded the national leadership grants. They are smart, ambitious, and driven to succeed in their chosen professional and educational endeavors. Many are graduating college with dual degrees (such as a medical doctor and biomedical researcher). Some are graduating high school with academic honors and expecting to graduate college in four years with both bachelor and masters' degrees. These young Italians will be tomorrow’s leaders.

I look forward to the next issue of Italian American and the stories asking us to embrace and acknowledge our heritage with pride.

Found at - <https://www.osia.org/italian-american-magazine/about-italian-american/>





**Ending the Summer with a bang....events around the Community!**

*from Dr. Rita DeFrango*

### August

**August 7th** Prima Domenica at Mt. Carmel, sponsored by Potenza

**August 1,** Caruso Family Charities Golf Outing

**August 10th,** IABA, Rockies evening

**August 13th,** Carnation Festival Parade (Festivities all weekend long!)

**August 14th,** Altar & Rosary Bocce and Brunch 11 AM - 2 PM

**August 15th-** Mt. St. Vincent - 16th Annual Golf Tournament @ Rolling Hills Country Club

**August 19th, 20th, and 21st,** Potenza Lodge, St. Rocco's Feast

**August 22nd** - IOA Fall Bocce League Starts

**August 27th** - Busnardo Bocce Tournament benefiting Caruso Family Charities

### September

TBA-Fiori Fall Bocce League

**Labor Day weekend - see not from Angelo**

**September 4th,** Prima Domenica sponsored by Sons & Daughters of Italy

**September 10th,** Sons & Daughters are running a Bingo!

**September 17th** - Sons & Daughters Car Show

**September 17th** - Mt. Carmel Alumni Trivia Night

See our website [osiadenver.org](http://osiadenver.org) for more information!



### Italian Baseball Night at the Rockies!

*On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Sons & Daughters got a little screen time from the Rockies!*

### An all-time favorite Refreshment....The Mojito!

*from LeAnne DiTirro*

Although the Classic Mojito Recipe only includes a few basic ingredients, nowadays because it has gained so much in popularity there are so many variations to the Cuban Mojito....

or better known as the Passionfruit

Mojito!

**Ingredients: (Use equal parts of all liquids)**

Fresh Mint Leaves

Stir in a spoon of Raw Sugar

Coconut Rum (white rum is the traditional choice:

Passionfruit puree

Fresh lime juice

Club soda

Mint and lime for garnish and ice





## Tirolesi Trentini Del Colorado

### ★ 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary ★

### Polenta Fest Celebration!!!

Come join us as we celebrate 40 years as a club in a Trentino organization that has clubs all over the world! Enjoy a night of great food, dancing, the crowning of polenta royalty, and just good camaraderie!



**Saturday, October 15, 2022 6-11 pm**  
**Sons of Italy Denver Lodge #2075**  
**5925 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80212**



Tickets: Members \$35,  
 Non-Members \$40  
 Admission includes supper,  
 wine/beer, & dancing to a live band

Questions and/or to Purchase Tickets:  
 call 303-618-8023 or email [tmvenv@msn.com](mailto:tmvenv@msn.com)



## Mark your Calendars!!!

We are planning a Bingo Extravaganza on **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002**....there will be Bingo, Pickles, Food and much more! Stay tuned for details!

10th Annual  
 Sons & Daughters of Italy

## Car Show

Classics, Hot Rod's, Collectibles and More!!!

Prizes



Food

### Saturday September 17

Son's of Italy Parking Lot  
 5925 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Wheat Ridge

### From 10 am to 2 pm

Car Entry Fee: \$15 (pre-registered)

Pre-registrations are entered into a calendar drawing.

\$20 the day of the event

\*\*\* Free to the Public \*\*\*

(fee) includes Food, Raffle Ticket & First 50 cars receive Dash Plaques  
 A percentage of the proceeds goes to Caruso Family Charities & Sons & Daughters of Italy Charities.

Music

For more information,  
 Contact:  
 Sal - 720-908-7701

Vendors

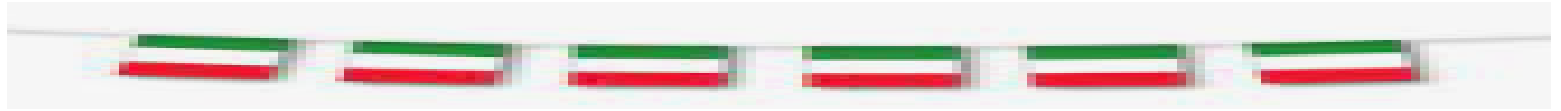
## Mark your Calendars!!!

The **Dante Alighieri** will be hosting the **Piazza Italiana** at our Lodge on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

(The event will also commemorate Columbus Day.)

Stay tuned for more events in the month of October for Italian Heritage Month.





#### 4. Italians are Habitually Late

Everything in Italy happens on its own timeline, including work and appointments. If you comment on someone's tardiness, most Italians will tell you that they just wanted to stop for a coffee or smoke a cigarette before arriving, and that they were in fact on time—Italian time!

This relaxed mindset can also be seen on the streets, as most people walk at a relatively leisurely pace. While habitual lateness is viewed as a negative thing in the United States, it is a reflection of taking life slowly and appreciating the moment.

#### 5. Italians are Die-hard Football (Soccer) Fans

Juventus, Milan, Inter—these are just a few of the most famous names you'll hear being thrown around when Italians are discussing football. Italians take soccer very seriously, and when there's a game on, all attention is directed toward it. Italians can't get enough of football because it's a chance for them to unite with their local team and express their regional pride. Since Italy was first composed of individual regions, Italians mostly identify with their regional culture rather than with Italy as a whole.

#### 6. Italians Love a Good Cappuccino

One Italian stereotype that may be familiar is that breakfast in Italy is sacred. Unlike a typical American breakfast, which includes eggs, bacon, and toast, an authentic Italian breakfast usually includes a *cornetto* (similar to a croissant) and a cappuccino. The quality of cappuccino in Italy, and coffee in general, is taken very seriously as well. Italians love the mix of coffee, milk and foam, and it's an art in itself. Italians will travel blocks to find the best cappuccino.

#### 7. Italians are Obsessed with Fashion

Like coffee, fashion is wildly popular in Italy. Just look at all of the famous designers that hail from Italy, including Prada, Armani, and Versace...the list goes on. Italians feel an obligation to "*fare la bella figura*," or appear nicely in all respects, and fashion is a big component of that.

While everything doesn't have to be designer, Italians like to wear high-quality fabrics. Individualism is also valued in Italy, and men aren't afraid to wear bright colors. In fact, don't be surprised if you see men wearing orange, blue, or pink pants.

#### 8. Italians Aren't Scared of Public Affection

Italians are no strangers to affection. In fact, it's very common to see lovers embracing and kissing one another in public. What's more, don't be surprised to see two male friends expressing affection by walking closely together, perhaps with one arm across the other's back for a few moments as they talk and stroll.

The warmth and outgoing nature of [Italian culture](#) encourages the expression of emotions, whether it's crying, screaming, or showing affection. This is one of the reasons why Italians greet one another with the classic kissing of the cheeks.

#### 9. Italians Love the Opera

A nation riveted by Puccini, Rossini and Bellini; Italians love the opera. Hordes of people attend outdoor performances in amphitheaters, and it's not surprising to find people discussing their favorite opera composer or the last performance they saw. Italians are very well-versed in opera and have strong opinions about the art form. Opera is similar to soccer in terms of its widespread appreciation, attendance, and passion. It also showcases the beauty of the Italian language, which is another reason why it is beloved throughout Italy.

#### 10. Italians Can't Get Enough of Dante's Divine Comedy

Ask any Italian to recite the Divine Comedy and chances are they will be able to recite at least some, if not a substantial amount. Italians are required to dedicate a significant amount of time studying each part of the Divine Comedy—Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise.

Dante is idolized in Italy for writing in the purest form of Italian, the Tuscan dialect. The famed poet is so popular you'll find societies devoted to studying the medieval text.





## It's Bazaar Season

by Eleanor Gaccetta



Summer is the time of year when crowds gather to support the local parish through the annual church bazaar. In years past many Colorado churches have included \$100 raffle tickets for cars or trucks to be randomly drawn at the end of the event. Church bazaars are not unique to the Catholic church. Many religions raise funds through community gatherings. However, the bazaar did originate with Catholics.

The first Catholic Bazaar was held in 1897 at the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Bahamas. It was held two afternoons in the school yard. It was so successful that it became an important part of fund-raising. In 1899 Eighteen new Catholics received the sacrament of confirmation under the new gas lights at the church.

In 1899 Father Joseph Lynn from New Jersey visited the church in the Bahamas and planted fig trees in the church yard. American priests started visiting the church regularly and became enamored with the idea that fund raising through social gathering could benefit the parishes. In the early 1900's St. Francis became a silent arm of the Archdiocese of New York. Thus, the first "sister parish" was born. Through the years many Episcopal and Presbyterian ministers visited St. Francis as guests of the New York diocese. The clergy learned how important these fund-raising activities were to both the church and the community.

Through the annual bazaars and donations from Mt. St. Vincent Academy in New York, St. Francis eventually opened the Madonna Day Nursery (now the Parish Centre.) The church building which once housed pre-natal and general medical clinics serving anyone who came is now the Princess Margaret Hospital.

In 1911 Rockville, Minnesota granted approval to 35 families to hold dinners, bazaars, and raffles to raise money to build Mary of the Immaculate Conception church. Much of the labor was provided by parishioners and friends. The notion of holding bazaars was no longer confined to east coast churches.

Today, many religions host annual gatherings, dinners, raffles, and bazaars. The monies raised are used to augment church budgets and fund community activities. In New York City they celebrate various saints' days with community "feasts" which are identical to our bazaar tradition. Entire city blocks are closed from Friday afternoon until Sunday evening and the public is invited to enjoy foods of that region, games of chance and make a donation in the name of asking for intercession. On separate occasions, I have been visiting New York City when the feasts of St. Michael and St. Anthony were celebrated. The smell of sausage and peppers permeated the air, and the sound of music and laughter were no different than what we enjoy.

The Denver area Catholic Churches are once again celebrating the annual church bazaar season. These gatherings are back in full swing after being cancelled during the pandemic. Many events and booths have been scaled back due to lingering virus fears. Even in 2022, communities can support their local parish, visit with old friends, have a sausage sandwich and beer, and maybe win on a game of chance. The conception from the original bazaar in the Bahamas to augment the church's ability to serve parishioners continues.

## Tomato, Basil, and Cucumber Panzanella with Grated Tomato Balsamic Vinaigrette

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

August is the last full month of summer – why not celebrate with something VERY different for that pallet! Food and Wine has all the details in this [link](#), but here is the summary.

You can purchase croutons, or make your own croutons, using the recipe in the link.

The vinaigrette includes shallots, red wine vinegar, tomatoes, fresh basil, and cloves.

And finally, the salad itself which can be basic greens with cherry tomatoes, or again, following the directions in the link from the Food and Wine link above!





## **Please Join Us at the Denver Lodge for These Events**

### **August / Agosto**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting – Dinner at 6:15 PM, Mtg 7 PM  
Wear your Baseball Attire!

### **September / Settembre**

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** - Prima Domenica at Mt. Carmel,  
Brunch served at 10 for a donation

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – General Meeting, Social meeting and our annual picnic,  
Dinner starts at 6:15....come enjoy a steak and all the fixins!

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – Sons & Daughters Car Show from 10 to 2

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