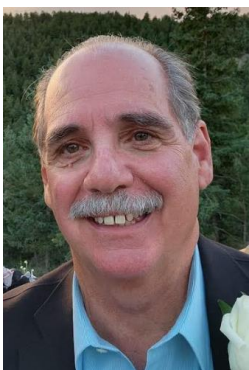




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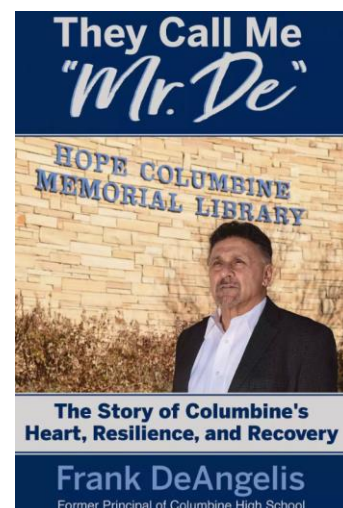
Brothers and Sisters,

I trust that you are all having a wonderful summer! I hope that you were among the many members who were fortunate enough to attend the July General Membership Meeting and were able to hear Frank DeAngelis speak to the assembly. The former Columbine High School principal talked about his personal history as well as that fateful day in April of 1999. To learn more about Frank, pick up his book, pictured below.

Our summer picnic will be held on our September meeting night, Wednesday September 19th. Steak and Chicken off the grill will be served, cold beer and pop, as well as a specialty cocktail! We also play a little bocce and corn hole! Hope you see you all there!

MANGIA BENE, RIDI SPESSO, AMA MOLTO!

Fraternally Yours, President Sal



The Annual Golf Tournament

from Pam Wright

On Sunday, July 7th 85 golfers gathered at Hyland Hills Golf Course to play in the Joe Ciano, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament. Registration began at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast, Tee time was 7:00 a.m. Each foursome played best ball.



After a round of golf, the golfers arrived at the Sons & Daughter's of Italy for an Italian lunch prepared by our kitchen crew. Prizes were plentiful with each golfer receiving at least one door prize and a live auction with two signed basketballs by the Denver Nuggets. Wine for the day was donated by Bonaquisti Winery and the sausage from Paisano's Italian Deli.

A huge thank you to everyone that spent the day working on the golf course, in the kitchen preparing lunch and to those that worked the floor and the bar to make sure everyone was served and happy. Also, a big thank you to my family and committee members; Joey & Scott Regan, Tami and Dominic LoSasso, Michael LoSasso, Sarah and Jake Regan, Sal Siraguse, Diana Williams, Beverly Mendicello, Michalyn Romero, Gio Brienza, and Susan Giamarvo. This year's proceeds will benefit the Jeffco DeAngelis Foundation. Last but not least thank you to all the golfers. See you next year!

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LeAnne DiTirro, , Eleanor Gaccetta, Cyndi Lubrano,
Kathy Holt, Beverly Mendicello and Dr. Rita DeFrang

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According to Denver By-Laws, Article 1-Paragraph 4, “The
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law or change submitted in writing by a regular member in
good standing by March 1 of each calendar year.

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Having an Event this Year? by Dr. Rita DeFrang

If you are interested in renting the hall, please
use the “[contact us](#)” from the website or call
303-238-8055. We are already booking up for
2024 and want to be able to accommodate all
inquires! Grazie!



Membership Information

Are you enjoying your membership with this great
lodge? Do you know of anyone else that might enjoy
meeting new people, joining in on fun activities and
events, and eating some great Italian food? (there's
always food involved with any event for Italians!) Give
them a membership application and sign off as their
sponsor. You can obtain an application from our website
or at the lodge directly. The more, the merrier!!



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 Bev Meyer at 970-
222-4331 or email coloradopolkaklub@gmail.com.

Book Club

by Pam Wright

Book Club meets the second Monday
of the month. Meeting place Panera
on 64th & Yank, 12:00 p.m. everyone welcome.



Becoming ADA Compliant

In the State of Colorado, legislation has all Public
Agencies pursuing ADA compliancy. That means we will
begin to ensure 12 Point font, Calibri text, using links
and making sure our colors can be read by those in our
community with disabilities. More to come in future
issues.



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 2nd and 4th 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.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars! Submitted by Dr. Rita DeFrango

August

August 4th - Prima, Potenza sponsoring

August 16th, 17th and 18th - St. Rocco's, Potenza Lodge

August 22nd - Leonardo Event sponsored by the [Dante](#)

August 24th - Mt. Carmel Men's Club Golf Tournament

September

Sept 1st - Prima Domenica, Sons & Daughters Sponsoring

September 7th - Sons and Daughters Annual Car Show

Sept 13th - 15th - Assumption Bazaar

Sept 13th - Cultural Presentation sponsored by the [Dante](#)

Sept 21st - Mt. Carmel Trivia Night - begins at 5:30PM



Corporate Greed, from our own Ellie Gaccetta

According to Forbes Magazine, there's been a social media post passed listing corporate profits of certain companies that is driving inflation. I posted it on my Facebook page. The contents are enough to get any reasonable person angry thinking of how much we pay for goods and services. Just in case you wondered why the cost of everything was going up and mistakenly concluded it was inflation. It is not inflation, don't blame the government. Blame corporate greed.



The figures are outrageous. I often hear others complain how much money athletes are being paid to entertain us. You can choose to buy tickets for a game or not. But we need food and other commodities to live. How much profit does a company have to make? A more interesting question might be, how much do they *actually* make. The list below is comprised of large publicly held (think stock market) corporations whose financial filings are easily located online. Let's start with the profits by company. Forbes listed the 2023 figures from S&P Capital IQ, which among other things, pulls together public financial filings of public companies. Some in the list were far too high, some actually far too low. All reflect *net* income (the financial term for *profit*) at the end of their 2023 fiscal year. That may be the full calendar year or might end in 2023 but before year's end. Forbes rounded the figures to one decimal point. Here's the profit list for companies we all recognize.

*Apple, Inc. \$97 billion (an iPhone 15 costs \$1,000); *JP Morgan Chase & Co. \$49.6 billion; *Exxon Mobil Corporation: \$36.0 billion (all in the name of research and development – and \$3+ at the pump.); *Kroger Corporation \$31.8 billion (now you know why groceries are so high.); *Amazon.com Inc.: \$30.4 billion (ode to online shopping.); *Wells Fargo 17.9 billion; *Home Depot \$15.1 billion; *Tesla, Inc.: \$15.0 billion (get an electric vehicle.); *Walmart Inc.: \$11.7 billion (making money on cheap goods.); *Verizon Communications, Inc \$11.6 billion (and your cell phone still doesn't work.); *Lowe's 7.7 billion; *Costco 6.3 billion; *Nike, Inc.: \$5.1 billion (they need money to sponsor overpriced athletes); *Delta Airlines \$4.6 billion; *Starbucks \$4.1 billion (go ahead – tip the barista so they don't have to raise wages.); *Kraft Heinz Company \$2.9 billion (that's a lot for ketchup and mustard); *Target Corporation \$2.8 billion; *Albertsons Companies, Inc. \$1.5 billion. This covers a lot of places we shop and services we use.

For some reason, Forbes singled out Starbucks for a closer "analysis." The initial report indicated Starbucks profits of \$24.5 billion. Speculation for that number included employees pushing for union representation or investors trying to short the stock. However, it is relatively easy to fact check the claims. The company's 2023 fiscal year ended October 1. Net profit income was about \$4.1 billion. Starbucks has 381,000 employees worldwide with 148,000 in company-operated stores in the US. They could give all their US employees a raise and still post a generous profit. But they, like many companies, rely on customer tips instead. *Continued on page 6...*



Fresh Strawberry Cake, from the kitchen of Kathy Holt

This strawberry cake is one of most delicious and easiest cakes you can make this summer! Servings: 8-10 **For the cake:**

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened **plus** another 1 tablespoon unsalted butter for greasing the pan
- 1 cup sugar (for the cake)
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- About ¾ to 1 lb. of pound strawberries, hulled and halved (Use enough to cover cake)
- 2 tablespoons sugar (for topping the cake before baking)



Preheat the oven to 350°F and butter a glass 9-inch-deep dish pie pan with the 1 tablespoon of butter. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and the 1 cup of the sugar until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla and beat on low speed until well combined. Gradually add the flour mixture, alternating with the milk, and beat on low speed until smooth. (Note: the batter will be rather thick.) Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and smooth with a spatula. Arrange the strawberries on top, cut side down, so that they completely cover the batter. You might have some leftover. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar evenly over the strawberries. **(Important to use the sugar, it creates the crust).** Place cake on a cookie sheet. Bake for ten minutes, **then reduce the heat to 325°F** and bake until the cake is lightly golden, and a tester comes out clean, about 50 minutes. Let the cake cool in the pan on a rack. Serve with sweetened whipped cream, or vanilla ice cream.

August Trivia

from Beverly Mendicello

1. Spanish Red is a variety of what? Tomato
2. What berry can be red, golden or black in color? Raspberry
3. Which ingredient is not found in cobb salad? Eggs, bacon, chicken, tuna – answer is tuna
4. The average strawberry has 200 seeds.
5. Did you know watermelon is 92% water?
6. Did you know the drink, Mojito, was invented in Cuba?
7. When you are grilling burgers, remember they originated in Germany!
8. Rock melons in Australia are called cantaloupes in the United States.

**Pink Lemonade**

from LeAnne DiTirro

Ingredients

- 1 oz Vodka
- ½ oz Lime Juice
- ½ oz Cranberry Juice
- 1/3 oz Coconut Rum you can use Malibu
- 6 oz Lemonade





I love watching the Olympics – Summer or Winter, doesn't matter. But did you know... *by Cyndi Lubrano*

1. The first Olympic Games took place in 776BC - The original Olympics began as part of an Ancient Greek festival, which celebrated Zeus, the Greek God of sky and weather. The whole competition lasted for up to six months, and included games like wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.

2. In 393 AD, the Olympic Games were cancelled and didn't start again for over 1,500 years! Emperor Theodosius I, a Roman ruler, banned the Greek Olympics due to the religious element of the celebration. He considered the Olympics to be a pagan festival, which had no place in his Christian country.

That was the end of the Olympics until 1896, when a man named Baron Pierre, de Coubertin started a revival of the Games. He called this new event the 'modern Olympics' – and it's still going today!

3. The Olympic torch is a reminder of the Games' Greek origins - In ancient times, a flame burned throughout the Games as a tribute to the goddess, Hestia. Since 1928, this tradition has continued in the modern Games, but instead of an altar, the flame burns in a special torch. The torch flame is always lit by the sun in Olympia, Greece, as this is where the first Greek Games was held. Then, it's passed from torch to torch in a massive international relay that ends in the host city – wow! New torches are designed for each Olympics, and several thousand copies are made. It's a great honor to become a torchbearer, and lots of inspiring people get a turn each time.

Lit Olympic torches have flown on planes, stayed alight underwater, and scaled Everest! Some unlit torches have even gone into space, too. Amazing!

4. The first Summer Olympic Games had just 14 participating countries - Teams from 11 European countries originally joined those of Australia, Chile, and the USA at the first host city, Athens. Now, more than 200 countries compete in the Olympics each year!

5. The Olympic symbol was designed to include everyone - The Olympic rings were first produced in 1913, from a design created by the Games' modern founder – Baron Pierre de Coubertin! Their five colors (along with the white backdrop) reflect colors found on the flags of all participating nations, so everyone is represented. The overlaps also represent international cooperation, and the coming together of athletes from all over the world!

6. Motorboat sailing, hot air ballooning, and tug of war all used to be Olympic sports! Over time, different sports and events are voted into (or out of) the Olympic Games. Some disappear, then return (like golf, or rugby), while others (like running deer shooting, or dueling pistols) go out of fashion forever – *thankfully!*

7. The first Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924, in a different city to the Summer Olympics. At first, the Winter Olympics took place in the same year as the Summer ones, but organizers soon realized that it made more sense to hold them in different years! As a result, the Winter Olympics now occur two years after the Summer Olympics.

8. From 1921-1948, artists participated in the Olympics too - In these games, painters, sculptors, architects, writers, and musicians all took part. They competed for medals by creating works of art, that often celebrated the sporting successes going on at the same time. While artists stopped officially competing in 1948, many still design posters and other merchandise for the Games today!

9. Until 1912, first-place Olympic medals were made of **solid gold!** One of my favorite facts about the Olympics! Sadly though, it's no longer the case. Recent Games have given out around 5,000 bronze, silver, and gold medals in total. Instead of being created from solid gold, the heavy first-place medals are now covered in 6 grams of it.

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, medals will contain a piece of original iron from the Eiffel Tower – one of Paris' n famous landmarks. How cool is that?! *Continued on the top of Page 6...*



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10. The modern Olympic Games aren't just about sporting glory – they're about making friends too. While competitive spirit is important, the Games are also about international cooperation. They're a great chance for people from countries around the world to meet up and get to know each other! For the 16 days of competition, athletes from all sports, religions, nationalities and cultures live and work together – and they often have gained a friend for life.

Attention Business Owners!!!!

Did you know that this year the Federal Government has a requirement for any business listed under the Secretary of State of Colorado, to file a report by the end of 2024. Through the Department of the Treasury, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network are requiring these forms to verify business ownership. For more details and to file a report, go to <https://www.fincen.gov/boi>. If this report is not completed by the end of the year, fines could start at \$531/day until the report is filed. Be sure to get an ID number prior to completing the report.



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Corporate profits, referred to as corporate greed, is what is driving inflation in the American economy. We, the consuming public, are at the mercy of these large companies. You can't even say these companies are trendy and cater to the wealthy. The reality is that almost all of them offer goods and services we every day Americans rely on, use, need, and buy.

Companies could defend that during the early part of the pandemic many had to close locations and laid off staff. But the pattern post-pandemic seems clear. These posted figures aren't revenues, which could arguably be covering higher costs, they are profits. They represent corporate greed. There is no way to stop this pattern of profiting off consumers. We are at their mercy.

Dinner Club from Sal Siraguse



Anyone interested in a Dinner Club? Once a month, we get a group together to have dinner at a local restaurant. The first Thursday of the month, but if that doesn't work, we can figure something else out. May be a group of 10-15 people? You don't have to be a couple; you just need to be a foodie like me that likes to eat! Call or text, or flag me down at the next meeting.

Bon Appetit, Sal - 720-908-7701

From the Orator, Pam Wright

This November we will be electing new officers for the lodge. Article II of Denver By-laws

1. In accordance with Article 49 of the Grand Lodge by-laws, "in order to be eligible to be elected President, or Vice President, of a lodge, a member must have served an entire term in a subordinate position of the council, and in order to be eligible for any other office of the council, a candidate must have been a member of the order for at least six months prior to nomination to office.

a) All terms of office will be limited to two consecutive terms unless the person (s) runs for a different office or there are no nominations for that office.

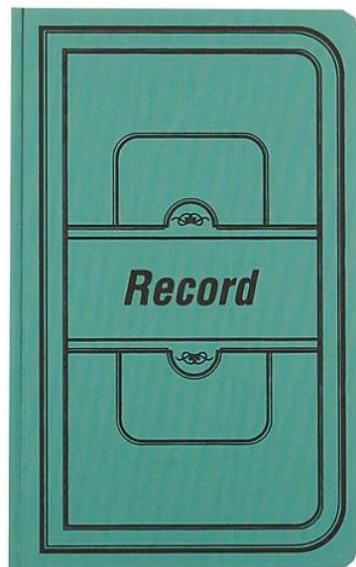
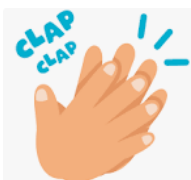
A nominating committee will be chosen by the president. Nominations take place in October and elections will be held in November.



Membership, membership and more membership!

from Anna Vann

Thank you to Regal Nicholas and Jamie Yantorno for volunteering to Co-Chair the Membership Committee. Anna Vann greatly appreciates the help. Grazie!!!





12th Annual
Sons & Daughters of Italy



Car Show

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

Prizes



Food

Saturday September 7

Sons of Italy Parking Lot

5925 West 32nd Ave, Wheat Ridge

From 10 am to 2 pm

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

Pre-registrations receive a free lunch.

\$20 the day of the event

*** Free to the Public ***

(fee) includes Raffle Ticket & First 100 cars receive Dash Plaques

The proceeds go to Caruso Family Charities

Music

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

Vendors



Please Join Us at the Denver Lodge for These Events

August / Agosto

August 10th – Carnation Parade

August 16, 17, and 18th - St. Rocco's supporting Potenza Lodge

August 21st – Social Meeting – Dinner at 6:15, Social time to follow!

August 23rd through September 2 – Colorado State Fair!

September / Settembre

September 1st - Prima Domenica, Sons & Daughters Sponsoring

September 7th - Sons and Daughters Annual Car Show

Sept 13th - 15th - Assumption Bazaar

September 19th – Social Meeting & Annual Picnic (*Steaks on the grill!*)

Sept 21st - Mt. Carmel Trivia Night

See page 3 for additional events throughout the community!

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