



LA PAROLA

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June/ Guigno 2022



Our Pres....holding the moon in the palm of his hand!

Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is now just a few weeks away and there is much to look forward to here at the Sons and Daughters of Italy as well as the community. Bazaar season is coming fast, and we will have a list of all Bazaars on our website very soon.

I hope you didn't miss our 64th Anniversary Party on Saturday June 4th! It was a great party headlined by the great Derek Evilsizor. Look for the article about our celebration in this issue of the La Parola.

Our July General Meeting will be a baseball themed party! Wear your favorite team colors to the meeting! We will have burgers and hotdogs for dinner along peanuts and crackerjacks!!!

Hall Rentals have been on the increase lately and we can always use VOLUNTEERS to help cook and clean up.

See me or Anna Vann if you would like to give some time to your LODGE!

Fraternally yours,
President Sal

64th Anniversary Dinner – What a Great Party!

By Sal Siraguse

On Saturday night June 4th we celebrated our 64th Anniversary with a party including great food and drinks, and exceptional entertainment provided by the one and only Derek Evilsizor. Derek is an outstanding singer and entertainer.

The Denver Lodge was founded in 1958 by Joe Cianco, John DiCicco and Al DiCredito. One of our original member was in attendance on Saturday! Mario Del Piccolo came to the party accompanied by his lovely wife, Juliana.

About 150 guests were treated to a high energy show provided by Derek, who looks, sings and entertains like a young Frank Sinatra. Derek interacted, danced and sang with guests for two solid hours.

Thank you to our committee chair Ed Mendicello and his wife, Beverly (and her sister Debbie Orton) for pulling off this great party. And special thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day and night of the party including Rita DeFrange, Patrick Lubrano, John Remigio, Bev Lilly, Diana Williams, Steve Green, Joe Marino, John Gargano, Leanne and Danny DiTirro.

And a big thank you to all that attended this party. We would love to see ALL OF OUR MEMBERS attend these special events!

We had a great time! I hope you can come to the next big event!



La Parola

June/ Giugno 2022

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Hall Inquiries by Anna Vann

Hall Rental- I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped with all the events that we have held at our hall these past few months. With setup, facilitating, cooking/serving when we cater, bartending, clean-up... There's a lot that goes into running any kind of event. Without your help, it would not be possible, and we wouldn't be making the money we are at this time. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! If anyone else is interested in helping out with any part of the hall rental experience, please reach out to me by email at tmvenv@msn.com or call me at 303-618-8023. Whether it's only for a few hours or a full day when we cater, any and all help is greatly appreciated. I don't want our regular workers to get burned out! Grazie! Anna



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.



Book Club

by Pam Wright

Discussion for June will be on the book "The Disappeared" by C.J. Box. If interested in any of the books or if you would just like to join us for lunch, please join us on the second Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Location is Panera Bread-7739 Wadsworth Blvd. at noon. Write pcake@comcast.net for more information!

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.



A Clean-up Day – SUCCESS!

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

In 2022 this group kicked it up a notch! Planted flowers in the boxes, planted roses in the front of the building, trimmed back trees, edged near the sidewalks, sprayed the weeds, new cushions on the front porch and a complete clean-up of the garden area by the Bocce Courts...whew! A heartfelt thanks goes to Chuck, John, Desi, Patrick, Joe, Tony, Beverly, RJ, Sal and Steve. Rose had to scoot early, but she planted all the flowers in the front donated by LeAnne and



Dayna. I have to say it was a true pleasure working with each of these folks! Joe, Steve and TJ are competing for who has the most toys (LOL) they all showed up with a truckload! Rose was smart – she brought knee protectors. Sal ran around with a backpack sprayer – no weed will live through that! Tony moved the ties for a perfect rose bed outline! Pat and John told us fun stories while Desi was like a kid in a candy store with his new edger! The rest of us ran wheelbarrows, carried clippings and well – had a great day!

Thanks to everyone!



Welcome to our new members !

Welcome new members Cindy Acierno, Jennifer Anderson, Susan Gurule, Joe Marino, Linda Villano and a hearty **Welcome Back** to Matt Vergano who took a break to raise his kids!

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!

In the meantime – TJ our FUN director has secured July as our “Let’s get out to the ball” game meeting. We will be having fun with Baseball – so wear your favorite team jersey or hat or whatever....and come to the general meeting to enjoy a hamburger and hotdog from the grill with all the fixings’! See you then!



Did you know?!

by Beverly Mendicello

Only the male is called a peacock, while the female is called a peahen.



Which vegetable can reflect WIFI signals? Potatoes

Music helps plants grow comparatively faster – true or false? True....so you should be singing to your plants every day!

Office Make-Over!

A big shout out goes to John and Tony Naccarato for helping move office furniture. Mike and Taylor Vann laid the carpet in the office, and it looks fabulous! Slowly but surely, we're getting everything organized and ready to go!



Spring is here....events around the Community!
from Dr. Rita DeFrango

- June**
June 6th, SOI Bocce Summer League
June 8th, IABA, Bocce at the Sons & Daughters
June 15th, Son's & Daughters General Meeting
June 19th, Father's Day
June 19th, Juneteenth (June 20th is a state holiday)
June 25th, Mt. Carmel Men's Club Golf Tournament
June 26th, Trentini Sponsors the "All Club Picnic" (see flyer on page 6)

- July**
July 3rd, Prima Domenica Sponsor TBD
July 4th, Independence Day
July 10th, Sons & Daughters Joe Ciancio Memorial Golf Tournament (see flyer below)
July 13th, IABA Ballesteri's - maybe an all-club meeting
July 16th & 17th Mt. Carmel Bazaar
July 17th, IABA Automezzi
July 23rd, IOA, Car Show

See our website osiadenver.org for more information!



Support the Italian Community and cheer on our hometown Rockies!
 Join the Italian American Baseball Foundation, Italian American Business Association, Dante Alighieri Society, Potenza Lodge, Sons and Daughters of Italy, and Mt. Carmel Mens Club at Coors Field.
 Contact your club for info on McGregor Square Meetup.

Wednesday, August 10th @ 6:40pm
Colorado Rockies vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Lower Level Tickets- \$32
 Tickets available online only at:
ROCKIES.COM/IABF

Please note that pricing is subject to change, so purchase early to get the lowest rate!

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY GOLF TOURNAMENT
JOE CIANCIO MEMORIAL
HYLAND HILL GOLF COURSE
 9650 Sheridan Blvd.
 Sunday, July 10, 2022

6:30 a.m. Check in/Continental Breakfast
 7:30 Shotgun Start

\$125 per player
 Includes cart, continental breakfast and family style Italian lunch served at Sons of Italy Hall
 Price includes lunch for golfer and one guest. More than one guest \$20 extra.

Memory Sponsor \$75
 Sign of a loved one placed at tournament

Hole Sponsor \$100
 Sign with your name or company name placed on a hole
 Recognition at lunch

Tournament Sponsor \$300
 Sign recognition placed on a hole
 Recognition at lunch, in the lodge newsletter
 And on lodge website

Lunch, raffle and prizes at the Sons of Italy Hall, 5925 W. 32nd Ave, Wheat Ridge
 All proceeds will go our scholarship fund.

1. TEAM CAPTAIN _____ PHONE# _____ EMAIL _____
 PLAYERS
 2. _____ PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____
 3. _____ PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____
 4. _____ PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

Please add your one complimentary guest under your name on this form
 Add extra guest (\$20) to back of form.
 Type of Sponsorship
 1. IN MEMORY OF _____
 2. HOLE SPONSOR _____
 3. TOURNAMENT SPONSOR _____
 More sponsorships are available for more info on types of sponsorships contact Pam Wright.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
 PLEASE REMIT GOLF FORM, FEE AND OR SPONSORSHIP TO:
 SONS OF ITALY DENVER LODGE
 C/O PAM WRIGHT
 7878 W. 62nd PLACE
 ARVADA, CO 80004
 303-210-6277



20 FUN FACTS ABOUT DENVER

from Ed Mendicello



1. Louis Ballast, who operated the Humpty Dumpty Barrel Drive-In in Denver, was the first person to trademark the cheeseburger.
2. The first permanent structure in Denver was not a hospital, bank, or house—it was a saloon.
3. Denver brews more beer than any other city in the nation, with over 200 different beers brewed daily.
4. In Denver's rarified air, golf balls fly 10% farther than they would at sea level.
5. Because of Denver's air and altitude, it's also easier to get drunk. Alcoholic drinks can sometimes feel 1.5 to 3 times more potent in the Mile High City.
6. The 1976 Winter Olympics were originally going to be held in Denver, however, after the community voted against it, the city withdrew their bid, making it the first place to ever turn down hosting the Olympics.
7. Famed music group Led Zeppelin played their first show in America at the Denver Auditorium Arena on December 26, 1958.
8. In 1902, the police at Denver Union Station started enforcing a "no kissing" rule on platforms because it slowed down departure of the trains.
9. William McGaa, one of the first settlers of Denver, named several downtown streets, one of which was called Wewatta for his original Sioux wife. However, he also named another street Wazee, after his mistress---AWKWARD.
10. Denver is one of the 12 US cities to have teams from 6 major sports, baseball, basketball, football, hockey, lacrosse, and soccer.
11. The National Western Stock Show, held in Denver, is the largest stock show in the world. The National Western Rodeo is also one of the biggest rodeos on earth.
12. Denver has been named as the "Baby Boomer Capital of America" boasting a higher number of baby boomers than any other US city.
13. The dome of the Colorado State Capitol is plated with real 24 carat gold.
14. However, the real rarity of the Colorado State Capitol is on the inside because the building's interior has large amounts of Colorado Rose Onyx. The world's entire known supply of this material was used in constructing this building.
15. Denver was rated as the healthiest city in the country for pets by Purina, ranking high in categories like veterinarian to pet ratio and low number of fleas.
16. Denver has the largest park system in the nation, with 14,000 acres of mountain parks and 2,500 acres of natural area.
17. Denver collects more money for the arts per capita than any other US city.
18. Except for Calvin Coolidge, every US President since Teddy Roosevelt has visited Denver's Brown Palace Hotel and Spa.
19. Denver's nicknamed the Mile-High City because it sits at an elevation of exactly one mile, 5280 feet.
20. Denver has the 10th largest downtown in America.

Recipes

from Dr. Rita DeFrango

Dana Meredith from the Taste of Home wrote that June recipes are all about summertime salads, lighter sides and grill-friendly favorites. This [website](#) has a day-to-day guide of 30 favorites to cook for family and friends. And for those who like to stick with the Italian flavors – check out the Food & Wine "[15 Fast Italian Recipes for Summer](#)"! From left to right below: bowties and veggies, Grilled Eggplant parm, Italian Sausage Burgers with Garlicky Spinach, and finally Giardiniera with Ham and White Beans.





June Refreshment....The Sunburn Cocktail

from LeAnne DiTirro

Three simple ingredients!

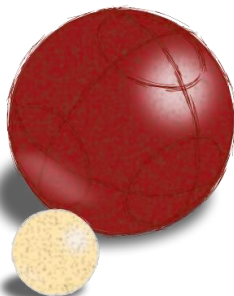
1 ounce of Tequila

1 ounce of Triple Sec

2 ½ ounces cranberry juice

Shake all the ingredients with ice and strain into a Martini glass to enjoy!

Red Point, Green Point from Sal Siraguse



Summer Bocce returned to the Sons and Daughters of Italy on Monday June 6th. We have 24 teams this season playing an 8-week season. Subs and spectators are always welcome! Games start at 5:30 and finish up at around 8:30. Snacks and refreshments are also available.

As always volunteers are needed to help on all game nights. See me for details!

Until then, throw it nice nice and don't be short!



You're Invited!!!!

To the Italian Community Picnic

Sunday, June 26, 2022 noon to 9 pm

Tanglewood Park South

20th Avenue & Denver West Blvd., Golden, CO



Bring our Italian Community together!!

This picnic is sponsored by the Tirolesi Trentini del Colorado. The park/pavilion, polenta (until it runs out!), music and games will be provided. Please bring food items for lunch (and something to accompany the polenta) and dessert, your own paper products, and drinks (alcohol is allowed at this park but no glass bottles please), extra chairs, just in case, and please donate a prize for the raffle. Net proceeds will go to a charity.

Wear your club shirts. Raffle: 6 tickets for \$5

Bring the kids. Also bring bocce balls and/or horseshoes, if you have them.

For more information, please call Anna Vann at 303-618-8023 or email tmvenv@msn.com.



Scholarship Banquet a Big Success

by Bob Giusto

The General Meeting on May 18 was a nice reminder of life before CoVid, as we had a strong crowd of members and guests attend our annual scholarship dinner. The past few years health and safety concerns had put a crimp both in the number of applicants for the scholarship as well as our ability to host the event. May 18, however, was a great step back to “the good old days.”

President Sal Siraguse and his crew in the kitchen “banged it up a notch” and prepared an outstanding lasagna dinner for the occasion, and we were honored to award five one-thousand, dollar scholarships to five much-deserved students. Those awarded, left to right in the picture below, were:

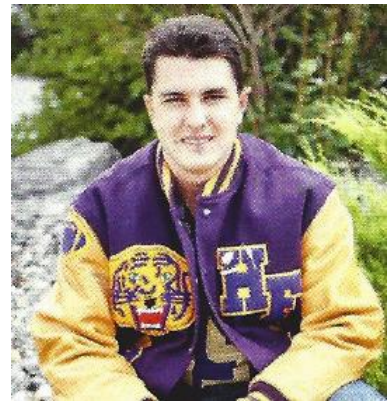
Emiliana Capra of Mullen High School, attending the University of Wyoming

Samuel “Sammy” Tompkins of TF Classical Academy, attending the University of Oklahoma

Jenna Blottiaux of Horizon High School, attending the University of Colorado

Talia Archer of Pomona High School, attending New York University

(off to the right) Rocco Gabriel of Holy Family High School, attending Western Colorado University



All of the scholarship recipients had stellar high school careers and came highly recommended by counselors, teachers, and, in some cases, past employers. Based on her outstanding grade point average (she hasn't had a grade lower than A in any class since sixth grade!), the rigor of her academic work, and commitment to extracurricular activities and community service, Talia Archer, our NYC-bound dancer from Pomona, was awarded the Joe Ciancio Scholarship as the year's most outstanding scholar. The competition was worthy enough, however, that any number of our scholars could have earned that distinction. Sarah Regan (past scholarship recipient and recent Metropolitan State University graduate) and Michael LoSasso helped present the Ciancio Scholarship.

We thank all the lodge members and those who support our activities for helping to fund this annual event. Without their work and funding, we could not award these scholars as we do. We were very pleased to return to our typical well-attended scholarship celebration, and we wish this year's bounty of students the best of luck in their future endeavors.



Please Join Us at the Denver Lodge for These Events

June / Giugno

June 6th – Summer Bocce Begins!

June 8th – IABA General Meeting for Sons Bocce

June 15th – General Meeting – Dinner at 6:15 PM, Mtg 7 PM

June 26th – All Italian Club Picnic

July / Luglio

July 4th - Independence Day!

July 6th – Bocce Starts

July 10th – Annual Golf Tournament

July 15th – General Meeting – Dinner at 6:15 PM, Mtg 7 PM

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