



LA PAROLA

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Brothers and Sisters,

We had some great events the last few months, I hope you were able to attend some of them. Our 10th Annual Car Show was big fun for all who attended, and we raised a healthy contribution for Caruso Family Charities.

On Wednesday September 21st we held our Annual Summer Picnic. The weather kept us inside, but we enjoyed a great meal in the main hall, and some nice raffle prizes for members.

On Saturday October 1st we had our big Bingo Extravaganza! We had a nice crowd, and everyone had a great time! And we gave away a \$5000 must- go!!

The October meeting, we will be initiating several new members and in honor of Italian Heritage Month, we will enjoy a nice Italian meal. Hope to see all of you there!!

Take Care and God Bless!

Fraternally yours,

President Sal



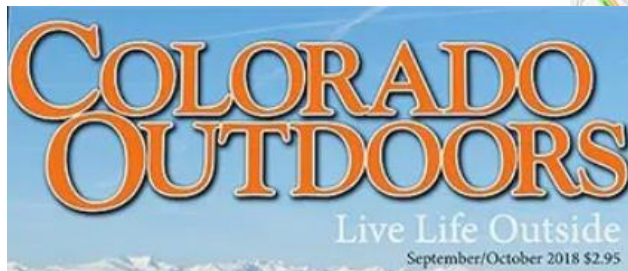
Colorado Parks and Wildlife Turns 125!

by Dr. Rita DeFrange

For anyone who lives in Colorado – the “OUTDOORS” is part of your vocabulary. This year Colorado Parks and Wildlife is celebrating their 125th year in operation which is a major milestone. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has some great information on their [website](#) for all ages and for those in our membership who are Hunter’s the big season is upon you!

CPW along with the Department of Agriculture is making strides to improve our waterways, prevent bug infestations and offer Colorado Residents a rich environment to live and play in. For our membership that like to walk, hike or bike – Colorado Trex is a mobile application you should not leave home without. For those who like to look at photos of beautiful landscapes or see animals in the wild the Colorado Outdoors magazine is for you. And finally, anyone who lives in the foothills should access the website regularly. CPW is publishing information regularly on the bears and cats and how to live with them safely.

I worked for CPW for over a year and the Department of Natural Resources, of which CPW is an organization in the hierarchy cares about Coloradans. They pull together activities and information for all ages. So for anyone with kids or grandkids, check out their website for activities in every season!



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Hall Inquiries by Anna Vann

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

Book Club by Pam Wright



Book Club continues to meet the second Monday of each month. This month we will meet at Panera on 64th & Zang. The book we will be discussing will be "The Paris Apartment" author Lucy Foley, along with the book "The Shoemakers Wife" author Adriana Trigiani. We did not have enough to have a good discussion last month on Trigiani's book. We will select a book at book club for next month discussion. Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please call Pam 303-210-6277 or email Pam at 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 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.



Trivia for October!

By Beverly Mendicello

October in other languages

Most other languages have followed suit and also have named October after the number 8. In German and Danish, it's Oktober. In French, Octobre. In Italian, Ottobre. In Spanish, Octubre. In Swahili, Oktoba. In Albanian, October is known as Tetor. You guessed it. Albanian for 8? Tetë.

The leaves are stunning

The changing of the leaves is one of the most spectacular events of October. It is also quite a draw for tourism as well. In the United States, people travel to the northeast where large swathes of maples, birches and poplars turn from green to dazzling reds, yellows and oranges.

If you've been in our Colorado mountains in the Fall, you've also seen aspen trees changing to gorgeous.



WELCOME

Welcome to our new members !

Welcome new members, Raylene Carbone, Charla Gonzalez, William and Debra Miller, Roberta and Larry Casarez, Nancy Orr, Zachary Utting, Christian O'Canina, Lanissa & Gregory Blevens, John Napoli, Mary Lou Andrews, Lindalee Schwinnen, Cindy Towle and Ron and Roseanne Gahauf (reinstatement) along with Tom Warne (reinstatement).

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! We are working to schedule an official initiation...stay tuned for details!

Red Point, Green Point

by Sal Siraguse



The Italians of America Monday Night Fall Bocce League is in full swing. We have 18 teams playing 2 games per night. The Fiori D Italia Bocce Club has 2 leagues going at Mickey's Top Sirloin. Tuesday and Wednesday nights, 8 teams on each night. If you are interested in learning how to play or want more information about bocce, look me up!!

Until then, throw it Nice Nice and don't be CORTO!!

Something to do...Visit the Botanic Gardens

by Dr. Rita DeFrange



For those who enjoy looking at trees, plants and flowers or just plain like the outdoors the Denver Botanic Gardens is for you! [The York Street Gardens](#) has 24 acres of unique plantings.

If you are up for a short drive out to Littleton, you can visit the [Chatfield Farms](#) Location. This time of year, they have a great set of fun events for the younger crowd which includes a corn maze!

The Botanic Gardens has a wonderful website and offers a [calendar](#) with activities for all age ranges. Check it out – a visit is guaranteed fun!



Remembering...

by Angelina Sether



We lost a long time Member this month – Lillian Lombardi. Lillian supported the Denver Lodge through her support with bake sales, being our cashier at Spaghetti Dinners and much more.

Lillian's son would like to do something in her name, so if you want to donate funds towards a scholarship, please send your donation to Lillian Lombardi Family
10913 Meade Ct., Westminster, CO 88

Lillian will not be forgotten!



Celebrating Italian Heritage Month... events around the Community!*from Dr. Rita DeFrango***October - Italian Heritage Month****October 1** - Sons & Daughters are running a Bingo TODAY!!!**October 2nd**, Prima Domenica sponsored by **All the Italian Clubs****October 8th** - [Jerry Caruso, Caruso Family Charities Gala](#)**October 8th** - Dante celebrates Piazza Italiana (*see information attached*)**October 9th**, A&R Member General Meeting**October 12th**, IABA General Meeting - *Member Appreciation Night***October 15th** - Trentini Polenta Fest (*see flyer attached*)**October 15th** - Potenza appreciation Dinner**October 19th** - Sons & Daughters General Meeting**October 20th** - Italians of America General Meeting**October 30th** - Cafe Jordano dinner for Caruso Family Charities**November****November 6th**, Prima Domenica at Mt. Carmel**November 5th**, Sons & Daughters Craft Fair**November 12th**- Mt. St. Vincent - [Silver Bell Ball](#) @ Grand Hyatt Denver**November 19th** - St. Michael's 10th Annual Holiday Dinner Dance @ Lakewood Country Club - *make your reservations NOW!***Save the Date, December 10th, for the December Children's Christmas Party with Santa!**See our website osiadenver.org for more information!**October is Italian Heritage Month
Share to show your pride****REAL ID***by Anna Vann*

For those of you who travel, this information will interest you! Colorado is ready...get your new Driver's License....

REAL ID deadline was moved to May 3, 2023, due to the pandemic. TSA (Transportation Security Administration) organized this enhanced form of identification using driver's licenses. Renewed licenses that are REAL ID-compliant have a star imprinted at the top of the license. This ensures ease of traveling by air through security and boarding planes. This process is for travel within the United States. If a traveler does not have a driver's license or identification card, a passport will then be acceptable. Any other questions regarding REAL ID?? Go to the following link: <https://www.tsa.gov/real-id>

Boozy Salted Caramel Apple Cocktail*from LeAnne DiTirro*

¾ oz. of Remy Martin

1 oz. Butterscotch Schnapps

4 oz. Apple Cider

1 tsp caramel

Whipped Cream for garnish

Coarse salt for garnish

Cinnamon stick for garnish

**ENJOY!!!****Website and Tech Corner***by John Callor*

The Denver Lodge [Website](#) undergoes constant changes. We would love to hear from our membership what they would like to see posted! [Contact](#) us and let us know!



Tirolesi Trentini Del Colorado

★ 40TH 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



Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy Craft Fair

5925 W 32nd Ave

Date: November 5, 2022

Time: Opens at 10:00 AM

Handmade Gifts

Dotti's amazing scoopes

Handmade Jewelry

Gift Ideas From:

Peppered Chef

Tupperware

Mia Bella Candles

US Borne Books

Colorstreet Nails

And Much More

Bake sale and a luncheon "café"

Heart warning recipe as the temperatures begin to chill
Tomato Parmesan Soup

By Kathy Holt



Well, the temps are dipping into the 40's at night and not getting too too warm during the day. This recipe will warm the soul as the weather begins to chill down.

- 1 stick of butter
- ½ cup finely diced onion
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon dried rosemary
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon of pepper
- ¾ cup flour or Wondra (better)
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 teaspoons Magi seasoning (or soy sauce)
- 2 (32 oz) cans pureed Marzano tomatoes
- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup fresh basil, chopped



Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat.

Add onions, oregano, salt and pepper and cook until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute. Stir in flour or Wondra and cook for 1-2 more minutes.

Whisk in broth and cook, bring to a boil, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Lower heat and stir in tomatoes and heavy cream. Whisk until smooth.

Add Parmesan and just heat through until the cheese is melted. Season with additional salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in basil just before serving.

ENJOY!!!



Accepting Nominations for the 2023 – 2024 Denver Lodge Council *By Pam Wright*

The October meeting will bring nominations of officers for the 2023/2024 term. If you are interested or know of someone that would like to hold a position on the council, please contact me before the October general meeting. I can be reached at 303-210-6277 or pcake@comcastnet. In order to hold a position on the council you must have been a member for 6 months. In order to run for President or V.P. you must have served one complete term on the council. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the October meeting only. If you would like to be an officer but will not be attending the October meeting, you must accept your nomination in writing. You can send that acceptance by email or text to above information. No nominations will be taken after the October meeting. Election will be held the night of our November meeting. As you know, our November meeting is a social meeting which includes tribute to our first responder, all levels of law enforcement and veterans.

***** October 8th event is hosted at the Denver Lodge #2075!**

THE DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY OF DENVER

Italian Heritage Month

Come Experience The Culture Of Italy




OCTOBER 1 5:00pm
Celebrazione Italiana
Welcome to Italian Heritage Month
Let's celebrate the first event with food, wine and music by The Four Amicis featuring Mark Giarratano and Sal Matarano at:
Bonacquisti Winery • 4640 N. Pecos Street, Unit T, Denver
\$50 per person - Reservations and Prepayment Required
RSVP and Pay by Sept 23

OCTOBER 8 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Piazza Italiana
An afternoon in an Italian town square:
Enjoy gelato from Parisi, Italian games, caricatures by artist Chad Straka, and a musical program featuring local talent.
Dance the Tarantella with Colette Wagner of Destination Dance.
Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Hall • 5925 W. 32nd Ave, Wheat Ridge
Gelato tickets: \$6 per person or \$25 for a group of five
Purchase your tickets in advance; information below

OCTOBER 14 7:30pm
Presentation on Dual Citizenship
Interested in acquiring Italian Citizenship?
Paula Coffee, Italian Citizenship for Dummies Founder and General Manager, and Joe Mauro will share their expertise and experiences to help you in obtaining your very own Italian citizenship.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
Free Event – Refreshments will be served

OCTOBER 21 6:30pm, pizza; 7:15pm, tombola
Tombola! Bingo Italian Style
Giochiamo a Tombola: Play the game similar to Bingo that is a tradition of Italian holidays since the eighteenth century.
The evening will begin with pizza and then on to Tombola.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
Free Event – Reservations Required

OCTOBER 28 7:30pm
Film Italiano
Movie night – Un boss in salotto
A comic look at the modern Italian family but with a nod to the camorra and to the imperfections of family life, proving however that the love of family conquers all.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
Free Event – Popcorn and beverages will be served

OCTOBER 7 7:30pm
Presentation on Dante Alighieri
Dr. Seth Fabian, Dante Alighieri Scholar, presents:
"Synthesizing Western Culture: Dante and Europe's Christian, Classical, and Germanic Roots"
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
Free Event – Refreshments will be served

OCTOBER 9 3:00pm
Dante Alighieri Society Dinner
Dinner includes: salad, choice of entrée, dessert and glass of house red or white wine.
Colore Restaurant • 2700 S. Broadway, Englewood
\$50 per person – Reservations and Prepayment Required
Deadline for dinner reservations – Monday, October 3

OCTOBER 15 9:00am
In Cucina con Chef Adam Giardino
Cooking Class
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
\$55 per person - Reservations and Prepayment are Required
(Limit: 12 individuals)
MENU:
Fried Ravioli Stuffed with Italian Sausage and Mascarpone served with a Fresh Tomato Basil Sauce.
Garlic and Sage Roasted Pork Tenderloin served with a Savory Pan Sauce, Smashed Baby Potatoes and Winter Vegetables.
Italian Amaretto Apple Cake served with Espresso Whipped Cream

OCTOBER 16 2:00pm
Concerto dall'Italia
A concert of classical music from Matera, Italy, entitled "Maestri all'opera".
Performing will be pianists Giulia Olivieri and Paola Montemurro and Davide Olivieri on violoncello.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
Free Event – Refreshments will be served

OCTOBER 29 9:00am
In Cucina con Chef Adam Giardino
Cooking Class
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall • 3549 Navajo Street, Denver
\$55 per person - Reservations and Prepayment are Required
(Limit: 12 individuals)
MENU:
Briozzole of Portabella, Gorgonzola and Cream Cheese wrapped in Pancetta.
Pan Roasted Chicken and Gnocchi served with a Brown Butter Sauce and Warm Spinach,
Almond and Dried Cranberry Salad, Butternut Squash and Olive Oil
Doughnuts served with Caramel Gelato

Visit us online for More Information and Event Registration!

Susan Gurule - 720.484.1014 | susangurule@msn.com www.dantealighieriofdenver.com

***** See the [Andiamo](http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.com) for additional information! *****

Update on the La Parola

by Pam Wright

Beginning in January of 2023, the LaParola will no longer be sent out by the postal service. All members will be receiving the LaParola electronically. We are aware that some of you do not use email or have access to a computer, therefore, we are asking you to provide us with an email address to a relative or a neighbor that would print out the newsletter for you. This has become necessary because of the rising costs due to postage and printing. If you have any questions or would like to give us an email address, please contact Pam at 303-210-6277.



Italian Heritage Month

by Eleanor Gaccetta



October is Italian Heritage Month whose patronage has undergone numerous changes in recent years due to political implications. For many years Columbus Day was a national holiday that represented the Italian heritage. Denver Italians organized one of the first Columbus Day Parades in the United States and other cities soon followed. Columbus eventually would be seen not as a discoverer but as a colonizer where he set the stage for death and destruction of the Native peoples already in this country. In 2021 Indigenous Peoples Day replaced Columbus Day as a national holiday. Indigenous Peoples Day is a “sanitized” version of the devastating impact of Columbus arrival on Indigenous peoples and opportunity to reconcile tensions between these two perspectives.

In 2020 during the pandemic, the little known “Cabrini Day” replaced Columbus Day in Colorado. Two Adams County Italian politicians who worked together legislatively to somehow find a non-political way to maintain the October focus on Italian heritage. There are three diverging trains of thought either for or against this development. 1. “Cabrini Day”, denotes someone loved, respected, and close to Colorado’s Italian heritage. 2. Some say Cabrini Day does not adequately give special recognition to the first canonized US Saint or reflect her name appropriately. 3. A certain sector of the Italian population wanted Columbus Day to remain. Cabrini Day was a compromise with legislative members of a Colorado house committee who said the holiday should not bear a religious connotation but respect her love of air, land, and water. The bill sponsors give accolades to the saint in the “holiday” website. Who was Francis Xavier Cabrini?

Born in 1850 in Lombardy, Italy she founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1880. In September 1887, Cabrini sought the pope's approval to establish missions in China. Instead, he urged that she go to the United States to help the Italian immigrants who were flooding to that nation, mostly in great poverty. "Not to the East, but to the West" was his advice.

She arrived in the US in 1889 with six other nuns. They encountered disappointment and difficulties with New York City Archbishop Michael Corrigan who did not support their papal mission. Eventually they opened the Sacred Heart Orphan Asylum in West Park, NY. She founded 67 missionary institutions in New York; Chicago and Des Plaines, Illinois; New Orleans; Denver and Golden, Colorado; Los Angeles; and Philadelphia to serve the sick and poor, long before government agencies provided such services. In 1937 the nuns opened a missionary institute in China fulfilling her original mission. Cabrini was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1909.

She founded the Queen of Heaven Orphanage in Denver in 1905 and it would remain open for 65 years serving girls. The orphanage was located on a large parcel of land at what is currently Federal and I-70. My Grandma Spano always said that shortly after she married my grandfather in 1909, the Mother Superior of the orphanage would often visit the family home by horse and wagon with orphans and nuns in tow. My grandfather would load the wagon with hay and provide the nuns wine and vegetables. This same scene occurred with other Italian farmers in that region. That Mother Superior was Mother Francis Cabrini. The folklore has it that she took the orphans to the mountains for an outing in Golden – when they were thirsty, she noticed water bubbling in a field and began digging until the natural spring revealed itself. That is the location of the Mother Cabrini Shrine where the spring still runs through pipes and taps.

Her journey to sainthood began with Pope Pius XI in 1938 and the decree for her canonization was signed by Pope Pius XII in 1944. Because of WW II her actual ceremonies were delayed until 1946. She was the first saint of the United States with Elizabeth Ann Seton being the first American-born saint canonized in 1975

Whether you still think Christopher Columbus or Saint Francis Cabrini as the appropriate Italian icon we need to celebrate our Italian heritage. Honestly, it is irrelevant as Indigenous Peoples Day has replaced Columbus Day as the National Holiday. For Colorado, Cabrini Day is the law.



Please Join Us at the Denver Lodge for These Events

October / Ottobre – Italian Heritage Month

October 2nd – All Club Prima Domenica at Mt. Carmel

October 20th – General Meeting Dinner at 6:15 PM,
Social Meeting at 7 PM

November / Novembre – Celebrating Veteran's

November 16th – General Meeting Dinner at 6:15 PM,

Recognizing Veteran's Social Meeting at 7 PM

December / Dicembre – Holiday Celebrations

December 3rd – Mark your Calendars for the Christmas Party

December 10th – Mark your Calendars for the Kids Party with Santa

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