



# LA PAROLA

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Brothers and Sisters,

This year is flying by! Halloween and even some Christmas stuff has begun to show up in stores?

As I'm writing this article, the heat wave appears to be ending and there is a hint of fall in the air. I hope you were all able to make the Baseball themed August General Meeting. We enjoyed burgers, hotdogs, as well as peanuts and Cracker Jack!! Dessert was Apple Pie and Vanilla Ice Cream! We also had a very special guest speaker, David Piacenti, who represents the Italian-American Baseball Foundation. David also spearheaded the Italian American Heritage Night at Coors Field.

The meetings are not all business, sometimes we have some fun!! Don't miss the next one! Mark your calendars!! Our Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on Saturday November 12th!!

Take Care and God Bless!

Fraternally yours,  
President Sal

## Member Spotlight....should be *"members in the spotlight"*!

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

At the beginning of the summer Sarah Regan presented to the membership requesting \$750 to sponsor their softball team for the season. The membership approved! The team designed the shirts which publicized the Sons & Daughters of Italy. In the pictures below you are looking at the league champs with a final gam score of 18 – 17. Congrats to the team and our members Scott Reagan, Jake Reagan and Sarah Reagan...Way to GO!



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According to Denver By-Laws, Article 1-Paragraph 4, "The by-law commission shall accept for consideration any by-law or change submitted in writing by a regular member in good standing by March 1 of each calendar year.

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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 Al Weidman at 720-412-9277 or email [coloradopolkaklub@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.





### Trivia...putting things into perspective!

By Ellie Gaccetta

The average Italian drinks 26 gallons of wine annually.

Let's put this into perspective. There are 16 8-ounce glasses of wine in every gallon. So, doing basic math that equates to everyone drinking 416 eight-ounce glasses of wine annually. That doesn't sound like a lot, a glass a day with a few days where you go overboard and have a full two cups of wine! Generally, you will receive four to six ounces of wine. But there are those occasions where it flows freely for a long time – like Sunday dinners with a table-full of Italians engaged in multiple conversations simultaneously.



The name "September" comes from an old Roman word, "septem," which actually means 7. That's right – September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar – It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar. The Romans believed that September was looked after by the god of fire.

Here's one of the more interesting September facts: Not only is it the month with the most letters; its nine total letters also equal its position in the calendar, the ninth month of the year. September is the only month who can claim this strange bit of trivia.



### Welcome to our new members !

Welcome new member, Carol Rondinelli! I understand there are more to this list...see your names next month!

**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



Our Monday Night Summer Bocce League wrapped up on August 1st. 24 teams, 8 weeks! It was a party every Monday night!!

La Banda (including members Mike Bellio, Roger and Laurie Creason) were league champs. Godfather IV (including member Mike Falagradly) came in 2nd place, followed by Some Ringers in 3rd.

Some Ringers won the season ending tournament, led by our very own Dr. Rita DeFrange!! The Chimbones took 2nd place followed by St Anthony in 3rd. A great season was had by all!!

On August 14th, the Altar and Rosary Society from Mt Carmel held their 3rd Annual Bocce Tournament at Sons and Daughters of Italy.

St Anthony came in 1st place, followed by the New Ringers (including members Teresa Henderson, Laurie Creason and Dr. Rita DeFrange) in 2nd place, and the Real Italians (including members TJ Henderson, Russ and Kathy Parisi) came in 3rd place. The tournament raised nearly \$3000 for Our Lady of Mt Carmel!

The Italians of America Fall Bocce League has started up on Monday Nights, 18 teams playing for 8 weeks. If you are interested in playing bocce or learning how to play bocce, come find me!!

Until then, throw it Nice Nice and don't be short.



### Members in our Memories....

This past month we lost Brigadier General Sal Villano – a member for many years.

Additionally, Leo Almendenger lost his brother and Barbara Smith lost her husband.

As you hear about information on members, please reach out to a council member to let us know what is going. We want to ensure we remember everyone or send prayers to those in need!



**Fall events around the Community!***from Dr. Rita DeFrango***September****September 4th**, Prima Domenica sponsored by Sons & Daughters of Italy**September 17th** - Sons & Daughters Car Show (see flyer on page 5)**September 17th** - Mt. Carmel Alumni Trivia Night (see information on page 5)**September 21st** - Sons General Mtg, Social Meeting and Annual Picnic and we are grilling steaks!**October - Italian Heritage Month (see page 7 for information from the Dante)****October 1** - Sons & Daughters are running a Bingo! (see page 5)**October 2nd**, Prima Domenica sponsored by **All the Italian Clubs****October 8** - Jerry Caruso, Caruso Family Charities Gala**October 8** - Dante celebrates Piazza Italiana (see page 7)**October 9th**, A&R Member Meeting,**October 12th**, IABA Member Appreciation Night (member appreciation)**October 15** - Trentini Polenta Fest (see page 5)**Save the Date, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, for the December Children's Christmas Party with Santa!See our website [osiadenver.org](https://osiadenver.org) for more information!**October is Italian Heritage Month**  
Share to show your pride

Go to

<https://www.stmichaelsociety.com/purchase-tickets> to save your spot!

St. Michael's <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup>  
Holiday Dinner Dance

*Save the Date!!**This Event sells out fast so purchase your seats before  
October 24th, 2022*<https://www.stmichaelsociety.com/event-details>

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**  
**CHECK IN & COCKTAILS 5:00PM**  
**LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

**A Blueberry Delight, Out of the ordinary Refreshment!***from LeAnne DiTirro*

A cocktail for a "speakeasy" event! This is the season for such a refreshing and smashing quick cocktail! Just mix the liquids and add the Blueberries for garnish and sweet flavor!

Blueberries

Use equal parts of  
Lemon Simple Syrup,  
Bitters & Bourbon and  
Absinthe! Pour over  
Ice and enjoy!

**By-law information from our Orator – Pam Wright**

By-laws are available if any member would like a copy, they can email Pam at [pcake@comcast.net](mailto:pcake@comcast.net). She will send an electronic copy. If you have any questions, please contact Pam at 303-210-6277.





## 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



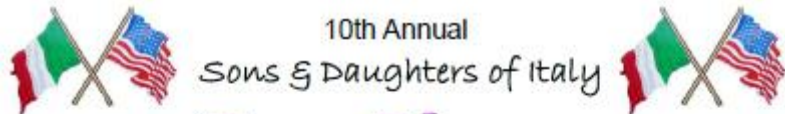
Tickets: Members \$35,  
Non-Members \$40  
Admission includes supper,  
wine/beer, & dancing to a live band

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



Mark your  
Calendars!!!

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, we are hosting a Bingo Extravaganza!!! There will be a “must go” Bingo of \$5000K, Pickles, Food and much more!



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

Mt. Carmel Annual Trivia Night...a must “go to” event!

Email [Barb Pietrafeso](mailto:Barb.Pietrafeso) for information!

Mt. Carmel Alumni Association

### Music Trivia Night

Saturday,  
September 17, 2022  
5:30 PM - 9:00PM  
Mt. Carmel Parish Hall ■ 36th & Navajo

\$25.00 per person  
(Includes dinner)  
**All are invited!**

Featuring music of the 50s, 60s, & 70s!

Call: Barb Pietrafeso at 303-358-5708 or the Parish Office at 303-455-0447 for reservations or questions.

[ourladyofmountcarmel.com](http://ourladyofmountcarmel.com)





# 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 Matorano 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:**

Bruschetta of Portobello, 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 Batternet 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](mailto:susangurule@msn.com)

[www.dantealighieriofdenver.com](http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.com)

\*\*\* **October 8<sup>th</sup> event is hosted at the Denver Lodge #2075!**



\*\*\* See the [Andiamo](#) for additional information!





## Italian Grand Prix September 11, 2022

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

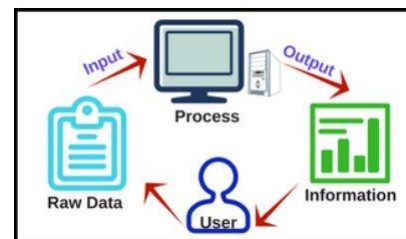
In the US, September 11<sup>th</sup> is a day where we remember all those lost in the twin tower fall, the crash at the Pentagon and the plane that went down in Pennsylvania. The shows focus in on September 11<sup>th</sup> activities throughout the US and only if you have a channel with car racing would you be able to watch the Grand Prix....nothing something shown on a major network. The Italian Grand Prix is 53 laps of the 5.793-kilometre Autodromo Nazionale Monza. You can find snippets from the race, the latest information and celebration for the winner at this [link](#).

## Electronic Documents

by Dr. Rita DeFrango

Technology continues to evolve and some days we like the transition and other days it comes a bit of a pain! With the internet growing in popularity, newspapers, newsletters and paper print is becoming “irrelevant”. Recently, your Sons & Daughters Council had a long discussion about our newsletter. There are some members of our lodge that are not “up” on technology and others that really want to use technology to benefit the lodge. Well, with some of our membership without access to the latest and greatest technology we want to do our best to make sure “ALL” our members receive communications. Our Worthy President Sal and a few others are going to reach out to all our members that do not have an email address. We are going to devise a way to ensure everyone receives information about our Lodge...and really get those who use technology the latest and greatest in electronic documentation!

Throughout this newsletter links are inserted and notated with either the work link or blue text that is underlined. You can click on those links, and you will be presented with web page or document with more information. Is there a topic you are curious about? Is there a topic you would like more information on? Any way you slice it – we are going to work to get you TONS of information! For those who want to learn more about reading documents electronically, feel free to catch any Council Member and they will get you the help you need!



## Colorado Corn.....a local favorite!

by Kathy Holt

*This is wonderful dish to take advantage of summers late corn crop*

- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 ½ cups fresh (about 5 ears) or organic frozen corn kernels
- 3-4 sundried tomatoes, soaked until soft, drained and chopped
- 3 Tbsp finely chopped fresh basil
- 2/3 C scallions, including green part, chopped
- Salt & freshly ground pepper

In a medium skillet, heat butter over medium high heat until foam subsides.  
Add corn and tomatoes and cook, stirring, about 4 minutes.  
Add the basil and scallion, season with salt and pepper to taste. Toss to combine.  
Serve warm or at room temp. Serves 4



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

### **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 is a Social meeting and **our annual picnic, Dinner starts at 5:15**....come enjoy a steak and all the fixins' with entertainment!

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

### **October / Ottobre – Italian Heritage Month**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – All Club Prima Domenica at Mt. Carmel

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting Dinner at 6:15 PM,  
Social Meeting at 7 PM

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