



# Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo

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## Newsletter October 2016

### **Mission Statement**

**The mission of the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, Colorado is to promote and preserve the Italian language, culture and customs in Pueblo and Southern Colorado regions. To achieve this mission, the following goals are set forth:**

*\* To award scholarships to Pueblo area senior high school students to continue the study of Italian language at the university level.*

*\* To sponsor cultural and social activities to enhance the Italian American community.*

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Dear Dante Alighieri Society Members:

Please join in the celebration of Italian Heritage Month by continuing to promote and preserve the Italian language, culture, and customs including the preservation of Columbus Day in Southern Colorado. Your membership in the Dante Alighieri Society helps to sustain our goals of awarding scholarships and sponsoring cultural and artistic events in the community.

Dante members recently enjoyed a "Night of Celebration" with talented pianist Daniel Espen from Brescia, Italy. We wish to thank Dorothy and Rocky DeNiro for welcoming members to their home for this special evening.

In August, members enjoyed the Summer Festa at LaTronica's. The traditional Italian cuisine, musical entertainment by J.A. Skul and delicious dessert provided by the Diodosio's made this evening one to remember.

As always we wish to promote the Italian language and culture in our community and our success is ensured by recruiting new members. Please continue to extend invitations to friends, family and coworkers, or consider bringing someone new to an event. Also please consider running for a position on the board. Your input and new ideas are vital to our organization. Please see the article on elections for further information.

Please mark your calendars for the Regional Italian Dinner to be held at the Pueblo Country Club on Friday, November 11, at 6 pm. This year we are featuring the region of Molise and look forward to sampling an authentic menu featuring specialties of the region. This is one of our signature events and certainly a wonderful opportunity to showcase our organization to prospective members.

Finally we will celebrate the holidays at our annual Dante Christmas Party hosted by Rocky and Dorothy DeNiro on Sunday, December 4. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a joyous evening of friends, food, and music.

## Calendar of Events

**Regional Italian Dinner**      **Pueblo Country Club**      **Friday, November 11, 2016 6:00 pm**

**Annual Christmas Party**      **The DeNiro's - 3101 High St**      **Sunday, December 4, 2016 6:00 pm**

**Carnevale Dinner Dance**      **Historic Pueblo Union Depot**      **Friday, February 24, 2017 6:00 pm**

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### **WEBSITES TO VISIT**

Società Dante Alighieri di Roma – Sede Centrale: <http://www.dantealighieri-roma.it>

Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo: <http://www.dantealighieriofpueblo.org>

News from Italy: <http://video.sky.it/news/diretta>

Italian Traditions in the United States: <http://www.wetheitalians.com>

Language classes and cultural events in Denver: [info@italianinstitute.com](mailto:info@italianinstitute.com)

Italian art: <http://www.arte.it/>

Colorado's Italian-American community: <http://www.italianamericanheritage.com/index.html>

Dante Alighieri Society of Denver: <http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.org>

News from Italy in English: <http://thelocal.it/>.

### **Italian Movie Night at CSU-Pueblo**

**Dante Members and Friends are cordially invited to join Italian language students and faculty on Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 pm in the Language Center, Psychology Building, Room 147**

*Il giovane favoloso (The Fabulous Youth)* is a 2014 film directed by Mario Martone about the life and works of the nineteenth-century poet, Giacomo Leopardi. The young Giacomo possessed an extraordinary intelligence and grew up surrounded by books in his family library in the small town of Recanati. The film depicts several relationships that the poet has throughout his life – familial, social, amorous and literary. Join us on for an exciting intellectual journey of Italy's most important romantic poet. The film is in Italian with English subtitles. Running time 2 hours, 17 minutes.

### **Election of New Officers**

If you would like to help continue the legacy of the Dante Alighieri Society, we strongly encourage you to run for a position on the board or sign up for one of our committees. We would love to have your ideas on improving our organization. We will elect new officers in December and encourage you to nominate yourself or another member to serve on the board. Please call Frank and Vivian Sagona, Nominating Committee, at 561-1113.

### **THE GRAND TOUR OF ITALY**

Have you ever thought about visiting Venice, Florence, Rome and Pompeii? Now is your opportunity with Colorado State University's Education First College Study Tour. Join faculty and students on a fun-filled tour of the Italian peninsula from June 8 to June 20, 2017. On this journey from northern to southern Italy, you will experience some of the country's most iconic landmarks and savor several examples of its regional cuisines. Wander the winding cobblestone streets of Venice or take a gondola ride on its sparkling crystal blue canals. Enjoy views from the top of the Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence and sip on a cappuccino at Caffè Rivoire in Piazza della Signoria in front of the original spot where Michelangelo placed his David in 1504. Inspire your spirituality in Assisi with visits to the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi and the Basilica of Saint Clare, the latter church houses the actual San Damiano Cross that supposedly spoke to the Franciscan saint. Visit Pompeii, the most well preserved city of antiquity and see first-hand Roman frescoes and plaster casts of the victims of the 79AD eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Finally, imagine yourself standing in the Coliseum, looking up at the Sistine Chapel or experiencing nightlife on the recently renovated Spanish Steps like a Roman. Rome is truly an unforgettable city and its treasures and people will never cease to amaze you.

For information contact Dr. Picicci at [chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu](mailto:chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu) or (719) 549-2243. Or visit the webpage: <http://www.csupueblo.edu/Communications/Media/PressReleases/2016/Pages/09-19-2016-2.aspx>

# The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo

Cordially invites you to the annual

## Regional Italian Dinner

Featuring the Region of

### Molise



Pueblo Country Club

Friday, November 11, 2016

Cocktails 6 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Guests will be entertained by renowned musician John Turner

Menu features the typical cuisine of Molise

Zuppa di Scarola (escarole, meatballs and cannelli beans)

Cavatelli with diced pumpkin

Braised Lamb

Selected verdure

Dolce Molisano (fritters with grape jam, almond, walnuts and chick peas)

Tea or Coffee

\$30 per person payable by cash or check at the door

Please call Michael Salardino for reservations at 719-544-9071 by Friday, November 4

*All proceeds to benefit the Dante Alighieri Society Scholarship Fund*

*Please note that you will be required to pay for your reservations unless you cancel in advance.*

*We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.*

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