



Newsletter ~ April 2017

## *Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo*

*P.O. Box 1561, Pueblo, Colorado 81002*

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### **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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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

*Ciao Amici!*

*We head into our second quarter and the annual scholarship luncheon following a successful transition of officers and a fun Carnavale. Thank you Barbara Ferrero, Warren Diodosio, Rocky DeNiro, Frank Sagona and all who made the event such a fun evening. Chris Picicci and his students provided excellent education. For me, the food was the best part!*

*One of our goals for the coming year is to grow our membership. All Italian Americans and lovers of Italian language and culture should have the opportunity to celebrate in the excellent fashion it is enjoyed by the almost 40 year old Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo. In fact, our Festa on Aug. 1 at LaTronica's will be a recruiting event. Any potential new members will be our guest and we are having a contest for the current member who signs up the most new members.*

*We will be telling you more about our 40th anniversary celebration which will take place at the regional dinner in November in future newsletters. In the meantime, godere primavera!*

**Michael G Salardino**

*President, Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo and Southern Colorado*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Felice Anno Nuovo!*

<i>Scholarship Awards</i>	<i>Pueblo Country Club</i>	<i>Sunday, May 7, 2017</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>
<i>Summer Festa</i>	<i>LaTronica's</i>	<i>Tuesday, August 1, 2017</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>40th Anniversary Dinner</i>	<i>Pueblo Country Club</i>	<i>Friday, November 10, 2017</i>	
<i>Annual DeNiro Christmas Party</i>		<i>TBD</i>	

## Princess Yolanda Lodge

*Submitted by Phyllis Gardner, Library Volunteer.*



*Societa Femminile Di Mutuo Soccorso Della Principessa Iolanda was founded on February 20, 1920 in Pueblo, Colorado by 80 Italian immigrant women who left their homes to live in Pueblo, Colorado. The organization was named after Princess Yolanda of Savoy, the daughter of Italian King Victor Emmanuel III. The group was founded "in consideration of the moral and material benefits that could be derived by every Italian joining together to benefit each other." Members were required to be Italian ladies of good moral character who knew the Italian language or dialect. Benefits included financial assistance for illness, and a death benefit of \$500. Social events such as dances, picnics and parties were much anticipated and enjoyed by the members and their families. The group was very organized and included elected officers, monthly meetings and both regular and funeral dues. The group disbanded around 1986 once their membership had decreased. The complete archived collection is stored in the archive at Rawlings Library, and can be viewed at [archive.pueblolibrary.org](http://archive.pueblolibrary.org).*

*On December 30, 2016 the Colorado Collections Connection announced the hand-fashioned banner from the Societa Femminille Di M.S. Principessa Yolanda had been selected as one of the top ten significant artifacts found in Colorado archives. The 46"X 60" India ink colored cotton face and crimson colored silk back features a hand painted portrait of Princess Yolanda of Savoy, the daughter of King Emmanuel III. Crewel stitching and gold work embroidery throughout, with metallic bullion fringe and moiré banding. It was carried on a nine-foot oak pole covered with black velvet to parades and special events by the Society Members. The banner is located in the Rawlings Library archive.*

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Courses at the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center

### Italy and the Grand Tour

Instructor: Chris Picicci / Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:00 pm / May 4, 11, 18, 25

The Grand Tour was a formational journey to major European cities undertaken by young men of means as part of their formal education. This class will focus on the history of this cultural phenomenon and consider why it became such a popular and important part of European culture. We will also take an in-depth look at the major Italian cities that were considered *da non perdere* (not to be missed) as part of the tour. Students will learn about the culture and monuments of Venice, Rome, Florence and Naples and their importance to the itinerary. We will also read short first-hand accounts of travelers who chronicled their experiences in diaries and letters. Finally, we will discuss basic Italian pronunciation and useful everyday phrases for those thinking about taking their own Grand Tour of Italy!

### Power and Vision in Baroque Art: A Lecture Series

Instructor: Adrienne Picicci / Saturday, 4:00 – 5:30 pm / May 6, 13, 20, 27

In anticipation of the Rembrandt exhibition (*Sorted and Sacred*, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>), at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, this series of lectures will focus on works of art produced in the seventeenth century, a period that is commonly identified as the Baroque. Defined by its dramatic realism, Baroque art is filled with puzzling contradictions that unfold with great theatricality. Through dynamic compositions, extreme contrasts and sensationalized subjects, Baroque art stirs the viewer's senses and demands complete participation in the "truth" of the depicted narrative. The course will be broken up into a series of four lectures examining the work of Caravaggio, Velazquez, Rembrandt and Vermeer.

## MOVIE NIGHT



Join us on the CSU-Pueblo campus for an Italian Movie Night! Dante Alighieri members are invited to watch Gabriele Salvatores' comedy *Happy Family* (2010). The film was inspired by the Sicilian intellectual, Luigi Pirandello's play, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*.

**When – Thursday, April 20th, 2017 from 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Where – Language Center (Psychology –Room 147)**

"A different language is a different vision of life." - Federico Fellini, Italian film director

## Dues Renewal for 2017

Thank you to those members who have already sent dues for 2017. We kindly request that members pay dues by the end of March each year. We value all of our members and hope that you will continue supporting our organization. We are making a concerted effort to sponsor Italian cultural events in our community and we need your continued support. For questions concerning your dues, please contact Barbara Ferrero at 719.250.6898. On the dues form, please indicate if you would prefer receiving the Dante Newsletter Electronically. You may also indicated this preference by sending a message to

[dantesocietyofpueblo@yahoo.com](mailto:dantesocietyofpueblo@yahoo.com). Grazie Mille!

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*Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo*  
*Scholarship Application for Italian Students at CSU-Pueblo*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

CSU-Pueblo PID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Current Academic Standing: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: (Month, Day, Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: (City, State, Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Study Abroad Program Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Study Abroad Program \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Statement: On a separate sheet of paper, describe how this award will benefit you and how it will impact your studies in Italian.

Please check the following to ensure you are eligible for this monetary award:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am currently a student at CSU-Pueblo and enrolled in Italian

\_\_\_\_\_ I am planning to study abroad in Italy

\_\_\_\_\_ I will submit a short summary (300-400 words) describing my experience abroad for the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo Newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ I completed the mandatory personal statement on how the scholarship will benefit me.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected, I will attend the Dante Alighieri Society Scholarship Awards Presentation on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 12:00 pm, at the Pueblo Country Club. Winners should be prepared to say a few words in Italian thanking the organization for the scholarship.

**Scholarship Deadline: April 5, 2017**

**Applicants should bring this application form, an unofficial transcript, and one letter of recommendation to Professor Picicci on or before this date.** If you have any questions please contact Professor Picicci at (719) 549-2243 or [chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu](mailto:chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu).

# *Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo Scholarship Application 2017*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Italian Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Italian Language Study \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average in Italian \_\_\_\_\_ Overall Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

University you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (for certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities, Volunteer Work, Awards (List below or attach a résumé.)

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Describe how this award would be meaningful to you. (If you prefer you may type your response and attach it to this application.)

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*The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo  
Proudly Announces Its 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Language*

*Scholarship Awards Celebration*

*To Be Held*

*Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 12 pm*

*At*

*The Pueblo Country Club*

*3200 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

*Pueblo, Colorado*

*The Presentation of Scholarship Awards, Congratulatory Remarks,  
And Person of the Year Award will begin at 12 pm*

*Followed by the Little Italy Buffet*

*You and Your Guests are Cordially Invited to Participate in this  
Most Important Function of Our Dante Alighieri Society*

*Cost \$30 per person, \$15 for children 5 to 12*

*Complimentary luncheon for scholarship winners*

*Please call reservations to Phyllis Gardner at 564-1628 by Thursday, April 27.*

*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 ahead of time.*

*We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.*

*If you are unable to attend and wish to send a tax deductible contribution to the Scholarship  
Fund please send a check to:*

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