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Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Scholarship Awards Celebration

Pueblo Country Club
Sunday, May 6, 2018
12:30 pm

BENVENUTI!

WELCOME NEW DANTE MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming our new Dante members:

Jeffery Marrone and Dawn Putaturo

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Dante Friends,

Our next event, the annual scholarship lunch, is one of my favorites. The reason is that it underscores and emphasizes something Dante has done more effectively than any other during our 40 years of existence. That is to both assist in the education of our young and to do so in a way that promotes and preserves our precious language. Remember, ours is the language of fashion, music and romance. Mozart may have been German but he wrote his operas in Italian!

To receive a Dante scholarship a student must not only demonstrate proficiency in Italian but agree to continue that Italian education in college! Remember, we are one of the few cities in America where all of our high schools teach Italian. Without the support of Dante and our scholarships it is not likely that would be the situation.

In addition Dante and its members are the biggest supporters of the Italian language endowment at CSU Pueblo which allows Dr. Chris Picicci and his staff the opportunity to provide a quality Italian language education.

Our funding and the funding of organizations like the Sister City Commission allow for our students to further enhance their knowledge of our language and culture with travel abroad to our sister city of Bergamo to study at its university.

In addition the scholarship luncheon (details are elsewhere in our newsletter) will be the occasion to name our Italian Citizen of the Year.

To top all of that off, the food is really good!

Please plan to set aside some time the first Sunday in May for this great event. While you're at it, make a donation to our scholarship fund!

Ciao!

Michael G. Salardino, President
Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo



*The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo
Proudly Announces Its 38th Annual Italian Language
Scholarship Awards Celebration*

To Be Held

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 12:30 pm

At

The Pueblo Country Club

*3200 8th Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado*

*The Presentation of Scholarship Awards, Congratulatory Remarks,
And Person of the Year Award will begin at 12:30 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 26.

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 please send a check to:

Dante Alighieri Society
P.O. Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002

TOUR ITALY IN JUNE 2019

Join us for a "Taste of Italy" Tour of in 2019! Dante Alighieri Members who are interested in eating and drinking their way through central and northern Italy are encouraged to enroll. The program is sponsored by Education First College Study Tours, a leader in international travel.

For more information about the itinerary, dates, and cost of the program, visit: www.efcollegestudytours.com/2088264wn

THE TRIP INCLUDES AN EXPERT TOUR DIRECTOR, CSU-PUEBLO GROUP LEADERS, CAREFULLY PLANNED GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCES WITH LOCAL, FRESH CUISINE, WINE TASTINGS, HANDPICKED COMFORTABLE HOTELS, SIGHTSEEING WITH NATIVE LOCAL GUIDES, PRIVATE GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AND ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE WITH PERSONALIZED FLIGHT OPTIONS.

Enroll Now And Take Time To Smell The Basil!



SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The Dante Alighieri Society is pleased to give members the opportunity to donate to the scholarship fund either as a personal gift or in memory of a loved one. If your donation is \$500 or more we will dedicate a scholarship in the name that you specify. Please remember that tax deductible contributions are accepted throughout the year and may be sent to Dante Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002. If you wish to donate a scholarship at this year's event on May 6 at the Pueblo Country Club, please contact Donna Stutzman at 545-2870 by April 13, 2018.

Devo Tornare in Italia!

If you would've told me two years ago that I would be going to Italy in Fall 2017, I would've told you that you're crazy, but that's exactly what I did. From the time the plane landed to the very last day, every moment I was there was amazing. Being in Bergamo, I wanted to take pictures every second, but I didn't want to seem like a tourist. I felt like I was stepping onto a movie set. Walking down those streets every day, looking into the little shops where clothing in the typical Italian fashion was displayed, I came to enjoy this city so much that I didn't want to leave.

Part of the city, Città Alta was built on a hill and surrounded by walls. In Città Alta, the streets are all cobblestones and narrow. Here, no cars are allowed, unless they're delivery trucks. All my classes were up there, so I was able to enjoy the beauty of this part of the city more. There are so many restaurants up there, but I think that my favorite was Funaiao. They had so many different kinds of pizzas! There are also a lot of bakeries in Città Alta and, I must say, if I hadn't walked all day every day, I may not have come back as skinny as I am.



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In Il Centro, or the Center, there are many stores and restaurants as well. This was my favorite place to walk around, as long as I didn't go into Zara every time. In this part of the city is where they set up Il Mercatino di Natale, or the Christmas Market. This was my favorite part of being there because I was able to see what the city looked like at Christmas. They set up a huge Christmas tree and had Christmas music playing all the time around it. In Il Mercatino di Natale they sold lots of candies, cheeses, prociuttos, jewelry, books, hats and Christmas ornaments. They also set up an ice rink near one of the museums. The city was decked out in Christmas lights down every street they could hang them.

When I left the city to return home, I felt like my heart was sick because I had such a good time that I never wanted to leave. Someday I will go back, whether as a tourist or maybe to retire. Whichever way I return to Italy, I will return someday to the beautiful land of pasta, fashion, wine and pizza. Italy is one of the most beautiful countries in the world, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise!

–Cassandra Castillo, Dante Scholarship Recipient 2017, CSU-Pueblo Italian Minor



Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo

New and Renewal Application for Calendar Year 2018

The Dante Alighieri Society was formed in Italy in July 1889 to “promote the study of the Italian language and culture throughout the world...independent of political ideologies, national, or ethnic origin or religious beliefs. The Society is the free association of people -not just Italians- but all people everywhere who are united by their love for the Italian language and culture and the spirit of universal humanism that these represent.” The Society was named after Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), a pre-Renaissance poet from Florence, Italy. Dante, the author of *The Divine Comedy*, is considered the father of the Italian language. The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, Colorado was founded by Father Christopher Tomatis on October 24, 1977 and ratified by the Dante Alighieri Society in Rome, Italy on December 3, 1977.

Mission Statement

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- Scholarships will be awarded to selected senior high students who have completed two or more years of Italian language classes in the Pueblo area high schools.
- Cultural and social activities will be sponsored to enhance the Italian-American community.

Activities of the Society

Cultural Dinner Meetings	Regional Italian Dinner (November)
Carnevale Dinner Dance (February)	Annual Christmas Party (December)
Scholarship Awards (May)	Artistic Performances and Speakers
Dante Summer Festa (August)	Sister City Festival Participation
Italian Conversation Classes	Italian Language Scholarships

To join the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo or to renew your membership, please detach and mail with your check. Dues are payable between January and March of each calendar year.

Dante Alighieri Society Membership Application Calendar Year 2018

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

_____ Please check here if you prefer to receive the Dante newsletter electronically.

(Check one)

___ \$25 (Single)

___ \$40 (Couple)

___ \$10 (Student)

___ \$50 (Family)

(Check one)

___ New Application

___ Renewal Application

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for the 2018 calendar year dues.

Mail to: Dante Alighieri Society Treasurer, PO Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002

Corporate Sponsors

The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo is fortunate to have generous corporate sponsors who continue to support our goals of sustaining Italian language studies at area high schools and Colorado State University-Pueblo by providing scholarships to area students. Since the founding of our organization in 1977 we have endeavored to promote and preserve the Italian language and culture by sponsoring cultural events for the community.

Please consider becoming a sponsor at one of the following levels by sending a check to the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, PO Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002 or bringing your check to the scholarship event at the Pueblo Country Club on Sunday, May 6, 2018. In order to ensure that your business is recognized in the scholarship program, please contact Chris Picicci at chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu or 719-549-2243 by Friday, April 13.

Diamond Level:

A contribution of \$200 includes having your business name displayed on the scholarship program and a business card ad in our quarterly newsletter.

Gold Level:

A contribution of \$100 includes having your business name displayed on the scholarship program and a business card ad in our quarterly newsletter.

Silver Level:

A contribution of \$50 includes having your business name displayed on the scholarship program and a business card ad in our quarterly newsletter.

BARCELONA, SOUTHERN FRANCE & ITALY JUNE 2019



Join us for a European adventure in 2019! Dante Alighieri Members who are interested in eating and drinking their way through three countries and visiting the French and Italian Riviera are encouraged to enroll. The program is sponsored by Education First College Study Tours, a leader in international travel.

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