

Newsletter ~ Fall 2021

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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 the Italian language at the university level and to sponsor cultural and social activities to enhance the Italian American community.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Amici

Summertime this year was molto caldo so the cooler temperatures of autumn are certainly welcome. In addition, it's football season! Of course, in the homeland they think football is soccer except, maybe, in our Sister City of Bergamo where the top American football team in Italy resides. On one of my visits to Rome, I had clerk in a clothing store describe American football to me thusly. "It looks like they have a meeting in the middle of the field. The boss tells them what to do. Then they all run around and then they have another meeting." Actually, that is pretty close!

Speaking of Rome, our regional dinner, Nov. 13, will feature food from Lazio and that means Roman cuisine. Italian chef Dominic Manino of East Coast Pizza will prepare the meal. He has catered for us before and his cooking played to rave reviews. We have not set the menu yet so it will have to be a surprise. There is an ad elsewhere in this news with details. We will also be in a new location this year, River's Edge, located, appropriately next to the Riverwalk on Oneida St. next door to Walter's. The city parking garage nearby provides ample parking.

I am very excited to feature Rome. Our vice president, Dr. Chris Picicci has an article elsewhere in this newsletter about Lazio. Rome is one of my favorite places in the world to visit for many reasons but, primarily, because of the Vatican. For historical as well as religious reasons it is my favorite place in Italy. The first time I saw Michelangelo's Pieta I almost broke into tears! A traveling companion told me he came to tell me something but backed away because "you were clearly having a moment!"

Of course, the food in Rome is also indescribable, as you will find out next month!

So come to the region dinner, enjoy autumn and football and andiamo Broncos!

Michael G. Salardino, President

Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo

<u>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</u>

Michael & Lydia DePalma

Robert & Julie Fife

Brandon Martin

Mary Elizabeth Torres

Carol & Yvonne Centa

Lazio Italy

Lazio is a central Italian region bordering the Tyrrhenian Sea. Its principal city is Rome but there are also four other provinces within the region named after Rieti, Frosinone, Latina, and Viterbo. Often overlooked by Italy's largest city, Rome, the smaller cities and countryside of Lazio offer stunning scenery and culturally important sites. In Lazio, one can also find vestiges of the ancient Etruscan culture, especially in places like Tarquinia, with its famous painted Etruscan tombs. On the coast, the ancient port of Ostia Antica possesses detailed mosaics and remarkably preserved ruins of the ancient Roman past. Other coastal cities like Gaeta, Sabaudia and Sperlonga are all worth a visit; their enchanting beaches and gorgeous surrounding natural beauty are sure to inspire. Inland one can find rolling hills and the Apennine Mountains, nature reserves, lakes, and stone-built villages. Lake Bolsena, is the biggest volcanic lake in Europe and contains two little islands, Bisentina and Martana.

Some of the most well-known culinary specialties of Lazio include spaghetti all'amatriciana, spaghetti alla carbonara, spaghetti a cacio e pepe, carciofi alla romana (stuffed artichokes), stuffed tomatoes with rice, abbacchio alla romana (roast lamb), saltimbocca alla romana, and porchetta. Wine is a worthy accompaniment to the delicious dishes found in Lazio. I vini dei Castelli are famous throughout Italy and well-known to wine connoisseurs. A few other names of wines in Lazio include: Frascati, Est! Est! Est!, and Malvasia.









Items above are examples of Roman food. Not necessarily what will be served Music by Alan Polivka Mangia, canta e sii felice con I tuoi amici!



Saturday - November 13th 5:30 PM RSVP: (719) 544-0704

