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Dear Dante Alighieri Members,



Happy New Year to all of you! I wish you and your families good health and happiness in 2025. The Dante Board has hit the ground running for our upcoming events this year. We are looking forward to the Carnevale celebration at the Pueblo Union Depot (132 B St.) on February 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

I would like to thank past president of the Dante, Barbara Ferrero, and Vice President, Anissa Madrill, for planning a successful cultural dinner at the PCC Ballroom, as well as a fun holiday celebration at the Walking Stick Golf Course - the food, white elephant gift exchange, and photo opportunities made this a truly festive occasion; thanks to all those who were able to participate.

I am pleased to say that the Dante Alighieri Society Italian language lessons were a success! Thanks to Lisa Jansson and Fr. Michael of the Shrine of St. Therese church for allowing us to use space in the church for our classes. Please stay tuned for information about additional Italian language classes in the future. Members interested in studying at the DA headquarters in Rome may contact me for further details (chris.picicci@csupueblo.edu).

You will read in this newsletter the direct impact that the Dante Alighieri of Pueblo scholarships have had on 2 students from CSU Pueblo. I hope you will reflect on how your membership helps to change students' lives. Traveling with students abroad has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my professional work. I am looking forward to promoting an overseas travel experience for DA Society members in 2026. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting opportunity for our membership.

We are grateful for our membership and will continue to sustain the promotion and the preservation of Italian language and culture throughout the world. Remember that the Dante Alighieri Society is present within over 60 countries around the globe. You are a member of an organization that is home to thousands of Italophiles.

I encourage you to renew your membership, if you haven't done so already, either online (<https://dantealighieripueblo.org/>) or by mail (Dante Alighieri Society, PO Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002). As we reflect with gratitude this month, let's be mindful that January is named after the god Janus, who had one face looking forward and one face looking backwards. As we begin the new year, we can remember the numerous members that have built and led the DA Society of Pueblo over the years and be mindful of their stewardship and dedication. Janus is also known as the god of beginnings, encouraging us to be forward-thinking. I hope you will consider an active role in our organization this year and encourage your family and friends to join us as members and/or as participants in our events.

Grazie tante e felice anno nuovo a tutti!

Respectfully,  
Chris Picicci





# Dante.global. la nostra pietra angolare...

The Dante Alighieri Society has a new look! Since 2021, the Dante Alighieri Society, headquartered in Rome, has changed their visual branding. They have a new look, a new website and a new logo. Gone is the red, white and green color scheme and in its place are the new colors you see here and in our logo at the top of the page. Watch the Dante.global launch video that is posted on our website. Also, take a look at <https://www.dante.global/en> which is headquarters in Rome's website and what we refer to "Dante.global" <https://www.dante.global/en> Dante.global has exciting new Italian language classes online and in person (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2), PLIDA certification, ambassador programs, and so much more! Stay tuned for a recurring segment in our quarterly newsletter where our Dante.global liaison, Anissa Madrill, will explain and highlight offerings from headquarters in Rome.

*Tutte le strade portano a Roma!*

## Italy: Food & Wine Tour 2026



Dr. Picicci would like to sponsor a food and wine tour for Dante Alighieri Members, family and friends in 2026. We have two options:

1. Northern Italy and the Italian Riviera
2. Southern Italy and Sicily

# ITALY

These tours would be hosted by EF Go Ahead Tours and roughly 12-14 days in length. We are seeking feedback from the Membership as to which tour would be more popular and gauge the interest in each as we plan for this exciting tour through Italy.

Email [notiziariodas@gmail.com](mailto:notiziariodas@gmail.com) to request detailed tour pamphlets and express your interest in either the Northern Italy tour or the Southern Italy tour (we will be choosing only one).

*Andiamo!*



## *Il Ballo in Maschera. A Carnevale ogni scherzo vale!*

Carnevale is back! Dante Pueblo's time honored tradition is back and its going to be better than ever! **SAVE THE DATE** and plan on attending.  
(see flyer insert )



**When:** Friday, February 28, 2025  
**Where:** Union Depot  
**Time:** Doors open at 6pm



RSVP by Feb. 17th to Barb Ferrero (719 )250-6898 or [notiziariodas@gmail.com](mailto:notiziariodas@gmail.com)

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY OF PUEBLO  
PRESENTS

# IL BALLO IN MASCHERA



## 2025

*A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale!  
Anything Goes at Carnevale!*

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

PUEBLO UNION DEPOT - 132 B ST., PUEBLO, CO 81003

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

**\$65 PER PERSON**

**CASH BAR**

RSVP TO BARB FERRERO

AT (719) 250-6898

NOTIZIARIODAS@GMAIL.COM

#### MENU:

**ROAST BARON OF BEEF**

(PRIME CUT OF BEEF ROASTED TO PERFECTION SERVED WITH AUJUS AND HORSERADISH)

**BORSAN CHICKEN**

(HERB AND SPINACH STUFFING WITH PROVOLONE AND BORSAN CHEESE, TOPPED WITH SWEET RED PEPPER SAUCE)

**ROASTED GARLIC POTATOES**

**ROASTED GREEN BEANS WITH CASHEWS**

**DESSERT**

LIVE MUSIC BY CARLOS CRULL AND THE BOYS

BEST COSTUME CONTEST

PHOTO BOOTH

DOOR PRIZES

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Learn Italian with Dr. Picicci every Tuesday  
at Thunderzone Pizza 7pm to 8pm

JOIN US ON TUESDAY EVENINGS  
THIS SEMESTER

**CIRCOLO  
ITALIANO @  
Thunderzone  
Pizzeria from  
7-8 pm**

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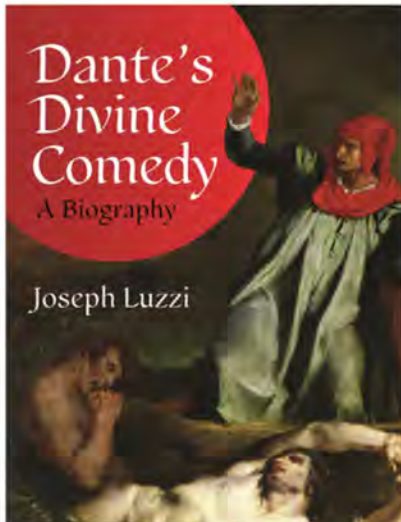
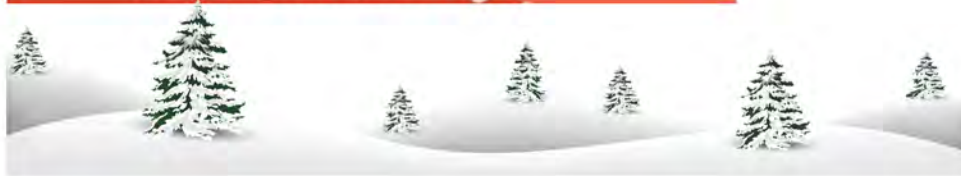
**WE WANT**  
*you!*

Open positions:

- Marketing Liaison
- Historian
- Membership Committee Chair

If interested, please email:  
[notiziariodas@gmail.com](mailto:notiziariodas@gmail.com)

Join our team!



## Book Recommendation:

Tracing the many afterlives of Dante's epic poem, Joseph Luzzi shows how it left its mark on the work of such legendary authors as John Milton, Mary Shelley, and James Joyce while serving as a source of inspiration for writers like Primo Levi and Antonio Gramsci as they faced the most extreme forms of political oppression. He charts how the dialogue between religious and secular ideas in *The Divine Comedy* has shaped issues ranging from changing conceptions of women's identity and debates about censorship to the role of canonical literature in popular culture.

(Princeton University Press)



*Save the Date*

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2025

PUEBLO COUNTRY CLUB

# Regional Spotlight: Lazio

The Region of Lazio, located in central Italy, is a captivating area renowned for its rich history and cultural significance. It is home to the iconic city of Rome, the nation's capital, which boasts landmarks such as the Colosseum, the Vatican, and the Pantheon, each a testament to the region's profound influence on art, architecture, and religion throughout history.



Flag of Lazio

Beyond Rome, Lazio encompasses charming cities like Tivoli, famous for the stunning Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa, and Viterbo, known for its medieval architecture and thermal springs.



The 5 provinces in Lazio region (Frosinone, Latina, Rieti, Roma, Viterbo)

The region is also celebrated for its picturesque landscapes, including the serene shores of Lake Bracciano and the lush hills of the Castelli Romani.

With a history that spans thousands of years, Lazio has been a cradle of civilization, contributing to Italy's cultural mosaic through its traditions, gastronomy, and festivals.

This blend of historical depth and vibrant contemporary life makes Lazio a vital area for anyone interested in exploring the essence of Italian heritage.



Villa d'Este in Tivoli (45 mins from of Rome)



Colosseum



Pantheon

Everyone is invited to a special presentation at the Rawlings Public Library (100 E. Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004) on **Thursday, February 6th at 6pm** to hear **Dr. Sara Tagliagalamba**, a renowned art historian, deliver an exclusive talk about Leonardo da Vinci's ground breaking contributions to science and art. With advanced degrees from prestigious institutions like the University of Pisa, the Sorbonne in Paris, and the University of Urbino, Sarah's expertise spans robotics, hydraulics, and Renaissance engineering. Her extensive research on da Vinci in her role as editor and chief of the Leonardo Studies book series makes her an unparalleled guide to da Vinci's legacy. Following her talk, Sara will be available to answer questions from attendees. This activity is in conjunction with the Leonardo da Vinci museum of North America centered here in Pueblo, Colorado. For more information about the museum, check out the link below.

<https://leonardomuseumna.org/>



For questions about this speaking engagement please email: [info@leonardomuseumna.org](mailto:info@leonardomuseumna.org)



# From the Heart: Students Express Gratitude



Brenda Grijalva Rodas pictured  
in green shirt and glasses



This past summer, I traveled to Italy. Before my trip, I didn't believe I would actually go, but now that I have been there, I can hardly believe it was real; it felt almost like a beautiful dream. Italy was everything I expected and more; it truly embodies its nickname, "Il bel paese."

During my time in Italy, I took an Italian class for three weeks at the University of Bergamo. I believe that was the best decision I made, as it allowed me to learn in depth about Italian culture while experiencing it firsthand each day. As a student at the university, I could see how dedicated every instructor was to their students. I truly enjoyed my time in Italy.

I often walked everywhere because everything was so close. I could reach the university in just a 20-minute walk. Each journey was exciting, as I passed many shops along the way, and if I looked up, I could see Città Alta, which is breathtakingly beautiful. If I ever got tired, there was the option to take a bus or rent a scooter, but I preferred to walk.

Another highlight of my trip was the food. Whether it was the gelato I enjoyed every day on my way back from school or the delicious dinners, the food was always on point. On weekends, when I wasn't in class, I traveled to other regions of Italy, usually with other CSUP students in the same program. While exploring or even just staying in Bergamo, we met many different people from various places.

I would definitely say that the best aspects of Italy are its people, food, sights, and overall culture. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to study abroad, which I wouldn't have been able to do without Dr. Picicci, and the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo. I truly appreciate their support.

Thank you.  
Brenda Grijalva Rodas



Pay your Membership Dues online!

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