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Ciao!

Exciting member news!

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On Sunday, February 12, the Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society awarded our sister, the incredibly talented Lila Mori, with the



Alice Award. The Alice award is named for a beloved local musician, vocalist Alice Cardozo who died in 1996. As many of you know, Lila has performed for 23 years at The Broadmoor's Penrose Room. She also appears from time to time with the jazz society.



The Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society hosts their events the second Sunday of each month at the Olympia Reception and Event Center, 975 S. Union Blvd. from 1-4pm. Cost to listen to the jazz is \$10 per



person at the door. Food tickets for a fabulous Greek buffet are also sold at the door for \$15. Visit ppjass.org for more information. Congratulations, Lila!

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On March 4, 2017, Pueblo Lodge presented Jay Cimino with their Citizen of the Year Award. Jay, a Colorado Springs businessman and philanthropist, is a member of Pikes Peak Sons of Italy Lodge #2870. Citizens throughout southern Colorado are familiar with Jay's extensive involvement with United Way, the Marian House Soup Kitchen, and the Komen Race for the Cure in Colorado Springs. He has also been a huge supporter of the Trinidad Community, supporting Holy Trinity Academy and the redevelopment of La Puerta de Colorado Project in Trinidad. Jay was instrumental in the creation Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness, and Community Center in Las Animas, which he considers his greatest achievement. Mt. Carmel Health provides much needed medical service to southern Colorado's every day of the week. Jay's philanthropic efforts are well documented and it goes without saying that he has had a far reaching positive impact in southern Colorado. Pikes Peak Lodge joins Pueblo Lodge in congratulating Jay Cimino on his lifelong achievement in helping others.

La Festa della Donna—International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a popular holiday in Italy, celebrated each year on March 8. It is a day on which to celebrate women's economic, political and social achievements. Its roots lie in the feminist struggle for equal rights and recognition of the dignity, value and contributions of women worldwide in every area of society.



The holiday began as a day of memory and protest following a tragic event in New York in 1908. In early March of that year, the workers (all women) at a textile factory went on strike to protest the substandard conditions in which they were forced to work. On the 8th, the owner blocked all of the exits to the factory and set the building on fire. The 129 factory workers trapped inside, for the most part Italian immigrants, all died.

Today the celebration of "La Festa della Donna" has become more similar to Mother's Day or Valentine's Day. Women receive bouquets of mimosa flowers from the men in their lives, be they husbands, sons, friends, or employers. This flower was chosen by Italian feminists as the symbol of the holiday in 1946, to mark the first occasion of the holiday after the end of World War II. It was chosen because of its bright color and fragrant scent, and because it is in bloom at this time of year and is inexpensive.

<http://www.charmingitaly.com/article/international-womens-day>



At our last general meeting on March 7th, President Gina Knaack presented the women of our lodge with yellow flowers in honor of International Women's Day.

Upcoming Events:

Fellow Lodge events:

Canon City Lodge 2866:

April - 10 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Canon City Elks Lodge - 11 am till 6 pm

Our Lodge Events:

March 25th—Bunco 2pm VFW. This will be a soup pot-luck! Bring your favorite soup recipe! Our last Bunco raised \$115 for OSIA national charities with \$60 paid out to winners!

Tuesday April 4th, Next General meeting—\$5 dinner at 5:30 with meeting at 6:30 Dinner will be brought by Chef Pete! You don't want to miss this one!

Announcements:

On March 18 and 19, Tony and Josephine Martellaro will be hosting a St Joseph's Day Table at their home. Open house will begin on March 18th at 1:00 until 7:00 pm. March 19th will be from 8:00am until 12 noon. Address is 30949 County Farm Road, 81006. For questions, please call them at 719/821-3923 or 719/ 321-5283

On April 29, 2017, the American Culinary Federation Pikes Peak Chapter will hold their annual Culinary Passport dinner. Come out help support this fundraiser and have some amazing food prepared by local chefs including our own Chef Pete. For tickets and information visit PikesPeakChefs.com.

Lila is still collecting dues for 2017. \$60 dollars for regular members, \$40 for social members, \$10 for junior members. You may send payment to our PO Box. Make check out to Sons of Italy Lodge 2870.

Rich Ward is still looking for someone to sign up for the pre-meeting dinner for our September general meeting. Let him know if you are interested at our next general meeting.

Announcements (con't)

Jim Mesite will not be able to head up the Territory Days Booth on Memorial Day. Mark Fini has graciously stepped up to take over the job this year. If you are interested in helping out in the booth during Territory Days and were not at the meeting, please contact Mark at mark.fini@comcast.net

Tony Rodasta has started selling Sky Sox tickets for OSIA night on June 17th. Tickets are \$27 and he needs money by our May general meeting. If you have any questions you can contact Tony at 719/ 260-8773.

Our State convention delegates are: Mark Fini, Jennifer Strand, Rich Ward, Frank Locissano and Cheryl Malenky is our alternate. The State convention will be held at the Colorado Springs Marriot Hotel June 2– 4, 2017.

Recipe of the Month—Torta Mimosa Cake

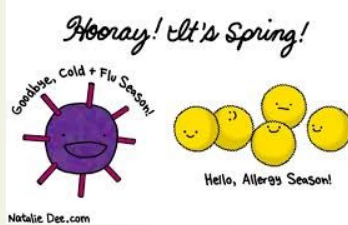


The brilliant yellow of the sponge and puffy structure alludes to the Mimosa flower, from which the cake gets its name. Controversially, the mimosa flower is so named for being delicate to touch, while it was women who boldly fought against enforced stereotypes of sensitivity who were honored through this tradition.

The recipe is too big to fit in the newsletter, so I have copied a link to a recipe I found, which sounds delicious! If anyone would like to try it, let us know how it turned out!

<http://www.fettadicasa.co.uk/torta-mimosa-tohr-tah-mee-moh-sah-mimosa-cake/>

Funnies in honor of the soon to be arriving spring on March 20th!



Buy a lodge shirt!



All colors of the Italian flag!



- Polos \$20 including embroidery
- Hoodies \$40 pullover \$45 Zippered
- Patch \$10 Large



You can also order a large patch for the back of your hoodie.

Contact Tony Rodasta for information at 719/ 260-8773

If you have any exciting news you would like to share or to contribute to a section, please send an email to one of the editors listed on the front and we will do our best to get it in the next publication. ***A presto !!!***

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