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**Order Sons of Italy
Pikes Peak Lodge**

Ciao!

Lodge Events

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Our **5th Annual Anniversary Dinner** was held on August 20th at the Warehouse Restaurant. There were about 30 of us having a great time with a good ole' fashioned Texas BBQ. The fabulous menu included: Smoked Chicken, Pulled Pork and a very tasty Peach BBQ glazed Colorado Striped Bass fillet! Dessert was a decadent Palisades Peach Cobbler a la Mode. A big thanks to our chef and restaurant owner James Africano for this fabulous meal!

Entertainment was provided by the raucously, dynamic Major Mandolin, as well as the soulful, smooth voice of Bill Otto.



Happy attendees!

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Major even had on the costume he wore when he posed for the mural on the west side of The Warehouse restaurant!

Lodge Picnic

Our lodge picnic was held at Nancy Lewis park on September 11, 2016. About 25 of us gathered together to share great food, laughs, and of course, Bocce Ball! Sister Diane Varlesi led us in prayer, we had a moment of silence in honor of 911, and Lila Mori led us in singing "God Bless America".



What a spread!!



Great conversations and laughs!



Bean Bag Toss (tougher than it looks)! Jim Rozzi makes it look so easy!

Bocce!



"It's the red ball!"

"No it's definitely the yellow"



"It's kissing! Two points for us"!

The cheering section!!



"Get the tape measure"!

Winning teams: **1st round winners** were, Tony Rodasta, Joe Spinelli, Gina Knaack, and Cheryl Malenky. **2nd round winners** were, Carlo Montera, Giovanni Rozzi, Diane Varlesi and Bill Otto! Way to go to all our players. Competition was fierce!!

Cultural notes by Maura Fontanini Rodriguez

UMBRIA: Cuore Verde Del Italia (Part II)

****Earthquake; damage but no casualties in Umbria; The earthquake In Umbria caused damage mainly in the municipalities of Norcia and Cascia, while there are no reports of deaths or injuries in this region.”



Assisi:

Assisi is famous as the home town of Saint Francis, or San Francesco, the patron saint of Italy. The San Francis Basilica in Assisi holds the tomb of Saint Francis and is a popular tourist and pilgrimage destination.

Orvieto:

Sitting atop huge tufa cliffs, the hill town of Orvieto makes an impressive sight. Inhabited since Etruscan times, Orvieto's monuments and museums cover millenniums of history. Its stunning *duomo* (cathedral) with its mosaic facade is one of the best medieval monuments in Italy.



Spoleto:

Spoleto is a walled hill town and one of the largest towns in southern Umbria. Spoleto has Etruscan, Roman, and medieval sites. Above Spoleto is a medieval Rocca and spanning the deep gorge to one side of the Rocca is Spoleto's most famous sight, Ponte delle Torri or Bridge of Towers. The ancient Longobard Church of the San Salvatore is a UNESCO World Heritage site. *Festival dei due mondi*, two worlds festival, is held in Spoleto in late June through early July.

Lago Trasimeno:

Lake Trasimeno is one of Italy most beautiful lakes. Three picturesque islands can be reached by ferry and there are beaches around the lake. One of the prettiest towns is Castiglione del Lago with a medieval center and castle by the lake. The lake was the site of a famous battle between Hannibal and Rome.



Cultural notes (cont.)



Norcia:

The word *norcineria*, a type of Italian deli, comes from Norcia, a town known for its cured meats. In some regions of Italy, mostly north and central it is the “*Norcino*” who sell salame, mortadella, prosciutto etc... in his “*bottega*” (Small neighborhood stores)

Gubbio:

Gubbio is a well-preserved medieval hill town built of gray limestone. Gubbio's center has an abundance of medieval, Gothic, and Renaissance monuments. Just outside the town is a Roman amphitheater. Gubbio is famous for the legend of “Brother Wolf” and the current series of “Don Matteo” filmed in this picturesque town.



Un terremoto nel cuore dell'Italia! (An earthquake in the Heart of Italy) —Maura Fontinini

The following article was published in a blog/page by Dianne Hales. I contacted her personally to get her approval for publishing this wonderful well written article in our “Notiziario.” She graciously give me the approval to do so, but did asked me to publicize her page, “Becoming Italian Word by Word” - (Link at end of article)



“L'Italia piange ancora una volta” (Italy weeps again), reported La Repubblica, describing Italy as *“scossa e dilaniata da un altro terribile terremoto che ha colpito il cuore del Paese”* (shaken and torn after another terrible earthquake that struck the heart of the

country). The world feels the same, especially the many millions who love Italy and its people.

The earthquake *di magnitudo 6.2* (with a magnitude of 6.2)) struck at 3:36 a.m. on August 24, *provocando morti e feriti* (causing deaths and injuries) throughout the regions of Lazio, Marche, Umbria e Abruzzo. *La scossa violentissima* (the most violent shock) was felt as far north as Rimini and as far south as Naples.

L'epicentro (the epicenter) of the quake was in Rieti, near the towns of Accumoli and Amatrice. **Il danno** (the damage) was so severe that entire villages have been **polverizzati** (pulverized).

“La situazione è drammatica” (the situation is dramatic), said a government official, who described villagers as **“scavando a mani nude”** (digging with their bare hands) to pull people from the wreckage. As the mayor of Amatrice put it. **“Il paese non c'è più.”** (The town no longer exists.) In Accumoli, the church's bell tower (**campanile**), although recently reinforced, collapsed, killing an entire family (**una famiglia intera**) in a nearby home.

“Il bollettino è destinato a crescere” (The toll is destined to rise), say public health officials. Many of the victims (**molte delle vittime**) were babies and young children (**neonati e bambini**) and the elderly (**anziani**). The narrow roads (**strade strette**) in the mountainous region hampered the efforts of firefighters (**vigili del fuoco**) and other rescue workers (**soccorritori**), who at first could reach the villages only by foot (**a piedi**). Aftershocks (**scosse di assestamento**) as strong as 5.4 in magnitude continue to rock central Italy.

Nella tragica notte del terremoto (on the tragic night of the earthquake), a friend just 25 miles from Amatrice described the **“interminabile scossa”** (endless shock) as **“lunga, violenta, paurosa”** (long, violent, frightening). Fleeing into the piazza, he breathed a **“umano sospiro di sollievo”** (a human sigh of relief) to have escaped harm, yet immediately recognized **“la pena terribile”** (the terrible anguish) of those who had not been so fortunate.

Italian Words and Expressions

Scossa di terremoto -- earthquake shock
Movimenti sismici -- seismic movements
Crollare -- to shake, crumble, collapse, crash
Venire in soccorso -- to come to the rescue
Macerie -- ruins, rubble
Disperso -- missing, lost

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September (*Settembre*) Proverbs - (borrowed from Dianne Hales)

"Io sono Settembre" (I am September), a classic Italian *filastrocca* (children's rhyme) begins. **"Ai poverelli rifaccio le spese"** (I do the grocery shopping for the poor--by leaving fruit on the trees), **"bagno le botti"** (I wash, or fill, the barrels) and **"porto le mele, i fichi, l'uva ed ogni piacere"** (I bring apples, figs, grapes and every pleasure).

According to the ancient Roman calendar, in which the year began in March, September was the seventh month and took its name from the Latin *septem*. As one Italian saying goes, ***Settembre, caldo e asciutto, maturare fa ogni frutto*** (September, warm and dry, makes every fruit ripen).

But change is in the air, as the hours of sunlight diminish and those of darkness increase. According to another proverb, ***In settembre, la notte al dì contende*** (in September, the night competes with the day).

Many of September's holy days are linked to the harvest (*il raccolto*). ***Per la Santa Croce*** (for the feast of Santa Croce, the Holy Cross) on September 14, ***la pertica sul noce*** (the walnuts are ready for harvest by knocking them down with a pole).

Per San Matteo piangi le ultime pesche che mangi. (For Saint Matthew's feast on September 21, you cry for the last peaches that you eat.)

September 29 celebrates the ***Santi Arcangeli***: the Archangels Michele (Michael), Gabriele (Gabriel) and Raffaele (Raphael). But beware of rain on this day! ***Se l'angelo si bagna l'ale, piove fino a Natale.*** (If the angel gets its wings wet, it will rain until Christmas.)

Member News



Brother Bert Carrolo was chosen as one of the Top Doctors of 2016!

Although there is no single definition of quality care, quality medicine or what makes a quality physician, Colorado

Springs Style's Top Docs' survey, provided annually in conjunction with the El Paso County Medical Association, gives local physicians the opportunity to acknowledge those doctors, who in their judgment, are outstanding in their fields.





Lodge members, Beverly Turner, Scott Turner (Trustee) and Jennifer Strand (Vice President) attended the Korean American Independence Day Celebration at Memorial Park on August 20th, 2016. Beverly's husband, Col. James A Turner, Jr. USAF was posthumously awarded the Ambas-



sador of Peace medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to American service men and women who served in the Korean War. In attendance were Senator Doug Lamborn and the Korean Ambassador from San Francisco along with other Korean dignitaries. Also in attendance were American Korean War veterans, one of which also received the award.



One of our “own” Italians, stands in for another Italian!



Sister Diane Varlesi has the job of “Stand In” for non-other than Jane Fonda in the upcoming feature film, “Our Souls at Night” The film stars Jane Fonda and Robert Redford and is based on the novel of the same name, written by the late Colorado Author, Kent Haruf. The film began filming in Colorado Springs Monday and will soon be filming in many locations around the state, including Florence. The film can be seen on Netflix next year.

Doesn't she look like Jane???

Jane Fonda at Tribeca Film Festival
(Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/AP, File)



Gearing up for our Spaghetti Dinner! By Gina Knaack



We've all heard the joke, "How many (fill in the blank) does it take to screw in a light bulb?" Well, now that question has a new twist! How many Italians does it take to make 741 meatballs? And the answer is...SIX! On Sunday, August 28, "The Meatball-Makin' Six" met at Tony and Jennie's home for a delightful antipasti lunch and



four hours of assembly line meatball-making. Of course, we took a short break to enjoy a couple of these delizioso creations! A big thanks to our meatball makers: Tony and Jennie Rodasta, Lila Mori, Carl Montera, John Nicocia, and Gina Knaack.



Please remember our spaghetti dinner fundraiser is coming up on Sunday, September 25th, noon to 5 pm at Elks Lodge 309. We still have plenty of tickets for sale and are asking all members to sell some tickets in order to make this fundraiser a success. You can contact Lila Mori at springsinger@earthlink.net for tickets. Let's all work together to make this event a success!]

Funnies

Well I didn't get any answers, so no winners!! Here are the answers though:

1. What are the only two words in the English language with three consecutive double letters?

Bookkeeper and Bookkeeping

1. Here on earth, it is true that yesterday is always before today; but there is a place where yesterday always follows today...where is it?

In a dictionary!



Ha!

Upcoming Important OSIA Events:

Saturday, October 8th—Denver Columbus Day Parade — parade participants meeting at the Denver Lodge #2075 at 10:30am. The participants will then head downtown. The parade will circle Civic Park and stop at Broadway and W. 14th Ave. for the reading of the Presidential Proclamation in Lincoln Park. Following the parade, all are welcome to the Italian Festival starting at 2pm at the Denver Lodge. See the back page of the September Andiamo for more information.

October 10th—Pueblo Columbus Day Ceremony at the Columbus Monument starting at 10 am, evening activities and cocktails at 6 pm, 7pm dinner at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. Dinner tickets are \$40 each. Please contact Gina at 719-290-9586 by Monday September 26th if you're interested in purchasing tickets. The Pueblo Lodge is planning some new and exciting things for this year. Meet at Grome Park 2 blocks west of the Columbus Monument on Abriendo (NOT LODGE), then take the shuttle service to the monument where you will find cookies and coffee under tent. We need a LARGE CROWD especially in the morning after all the legislative action this year. Invite everyone you know. They do not need to be lodge members or even Italian.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016— King Soopers' "Taste of Italy." Stop by and check it out!

September 25— Colorado Springs OSIA Lodge #2870 Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the Elks Lodge 309—3400 N. Nevada Avenue. 12—5 pm \$10 for adults \$5 children under 12.

Montana State Representative Bridget Smith is proposing a bill this legislative session to eradicate Columbus Day in Montana. National OSIA Commission for Social Justice is asking all members to contact Montana State Representative Bridget Smith, and let her know we oppose such action. Her email address is: repbsmith@gmail.com. Address: Montana House of Representatives, Attn: Rep. Bridget Smith, PO Box 200400, Helena, MT 59620-0400

Announcements (cont.)

Ciao a tutti!

This is to announce that yes, our FREE Italian classes for beginners are back!

We meet every Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 pmat Armstrong Hall on CC Campus. We will meet you (from 6:15 to 6:30) at the entrance of Armstrong Hall. I hope you are as excited as we are!

Grazie, ci vediamo presto!

Sara & Dario
CC professori

Meet out new members!

Hi! My name is Cindy Corsaro and I'm happy to be part of the Sons of Italy. I was born in Frankfurt, Germany to Ettore and Doris Corsaro. The interesting thing about my parents is that neither one of them were born US Citizens. My father was born in Tripoli. My family was relocated there when Mussolini invaded during WWII. My grandparents were from Catania, Sicily. My father was sent to live with relative in California when he was a teenager. From there he eventually joined the United States Army and fought in Vietnam. He met my Mother while stationed in Berlin, Germany (where she was born and raised). My Father died in March 2016 and was proud to know that I endeavor to maintain my Italian heritage.



I have spent the majority of my career working in disaster/emergency management, and currently am proud to work for the citizens of El Paso County. I have a Master's Degree in Business Administration and am thinking about going back to college to pursue a paralegal degree as I have always been fond of the legal profession.

I've never been married or have any children (I'm an endangered species, or spinster depending on how you look at it), but I am the proud mom of an 8 year old English Bulldog named "Trevi" who I adopted from the National Mill Dog Rescue as well as my kitty cats "Louie" and "Strype".

I enjoy the outdoors and especially enjoy going to sport events.

Thank you for welcoming me and I look forward to participating more in all the fun activities and events with you!

Recipe of the Month— Barbara Ambuehl

Corn Dip

Ingredients:

- 2—11 oz cans Green Giant Mexicorn (drain)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2—3 cups grated Cheddar Cheese (I use three)
- 1— 4 oz can diced green chilis (drain)
- 1—4 oz can diced jalapenos (drain)
- 1 cup mayo—not light
- 2 green onions finely chopped



Mix and refrigerate overnight.
Serve with Frito Scoops and
Enjoy!

Buy a lodge shirt!



All colors of the Italian flag!



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| 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.

Call Tony Rodasta for order—719/260-8773

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