



LA PAROLA

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May 2010



Let's Play Bocce!

Don't Miss the Tournament

It's spring and that means Bocce! Get a team together and enter the Denver Lodge's spring Bocce Classic on May 15th.

See the application on page four or visit the Denver lodge website at www.osiadenver.org.

Meet Sister Helen Phillips & Brother Ellio Zanolli, Our Lodge Caretakers



Sister Helen was born and grew up in Denver. Her mom was born in Colorado; her father was born in Potenza, Italy. Her father worked for the C&S railroad for 40 years. Her mother was a homemaker. Helen is the oldest of 5 children. There were 4 sisters & 1 brother. Helen's brother who is 82 and her baby sister are still living.

Sister Helen enjoyed playing volleyball & baseball growing up. Among her jobs were working at Western Novelty which made toys for the circus, like cupie dolls. Sister Helen married when she was 18. She had two daughters and a son. She lost one daughter to cancer at age 11. This was a very difficult time. Her youngest daughter is now 65, lives in Denver and has two sons. Helen has two great grandsons. Her older son has no children.

Sister Helen has worked in our lodge kitchen for 20 years. She used to help with the newsletter. She still works bingo one day a week (used to do two days a week); she was a caller at bingo. Sister Helen says she has worked so many things, "I can't remember them all!" Sister Helen enjoys playing bingo too, and enjoys eating out. She even won a bingo jackpot two years ago!

Brother Ellio was born and grew up in Southwick, Massachusetts. His parents had five children, and brother Ellio was the youngest. His mother was born in New York, and his father was born in

Verona, Italy. Ellio's mother worked selling tobacco. His father worked construction and did work similar to lumber jacks-cutting down trees. He still has one living sister who lives in Southern Massachusetts. Brother Ellio visits her, as it's too difficult for her to come to Colorado.

Brother Ellio recalls that when he started school, his parents told him "to speak English from now on. We are given the privilege of being in the U.S.A. and we will speak English."

In the summer months, Brother Ellio would do chores first: clean the house, make the beds, then he could go swimming in the nearby Congemond Lakes which were three blocks away. He enjoyed swimming with his friends.

Brother Ellio has worked many custodian positions including at a helicopter plant, and even worked as a night watchman. He has worked in the tobacco fields in every position associated with tobacco. In 1982 he moved to Colorado and likes Colorado. Being the caretaker of our lodge includes many duties. Brother Ellio works closely with the building committee, and addresses building maintenance issues. He repairs things that are broken, and he is in attendance at lodge events when the hall is rented out to ensure that everything is running smoothly. He sees that the snow is removed, and keeps the lawn manicured. He is the glue that keeps the lodge together and running smoothly.

In his spare time, brother Ellio enjoys playing bingo and eating out. He used to play bocce, but shoulder pain keeps from playing now.

Piacere sister Helen & brother Ellio!

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By-Laws

According to Denver By-Laws, Article 1-Paragraph 4,
"The by-law commission shall accept for consideration any
by-law or change submitted in writing by a regular member
in good standing by March 1 of each calendar year.

2008-2009 Lodge Officers

President Pam Wright	Recording Secretary Karen Buffalo	Guard Vince Gagliardi
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Health & Condolences

Congratulations

Brother Brandon & Michelle Mencini are the proud parents of
Nicolas Raymond, born on February 22, 2010. Proud Grandparents
are brother Raymond & wife Gail Mencini.

Sister Melissa Marty & husband Eric are the proud parents of Henry
William, born on April 12, 2010.

Get Well Wishes

Brothers Lou Alonzi and Frank Busnardo have been ill.

Sister Gloria DeFrange has been ill.

Deepest Sympathy

Sister Nikki Rossi's mother, Nancy Walrath, passed away.

Brother Tony Ficco passed away.

Please contact sister Joey Regan for Health & Condolences at
303-994-0445. If you need the Sons of Italy banner at a funeral service
for a loved one, please call the Lodge Hall at 303-238-8055.

Sunday Fellowship

We continue to meet at the lodge every Sunday at 2 p.m.

Book Club

Come and join in on the fun, everyone is welcome!

Book club will meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 12:00
p.m. The book to be read for the month of May is *The Punjabi's Wife*
written by Lara Lyons. The book for June reading is *Three Cups of
Tea* written by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

On June 1st, book club will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Author Lara Lyons, will be a guest speaker. Our reading for May is
a true account of Ms. Lyons life as *The Punjabi's Wife*. All members
are invited to attend this special evening of book club, it is not
necessary for you to have read the book. If you would like to read
the book before you hear the author, it can be purchased from
Amazon.com or Ms. Lyons will have copies available the evening of
June 1st. Refreshments will be served, so if you plan on attending,
please call sister Dorine Garrimone at 303-421-4505 so that we have
plenty of refreshments.

Food Drive

Don't forget to bring your canned, non perishable foods to the hall.
Our junior members are still collecting food for the local food bank.

Columbus Day Newsletter

If you would like to keep up with the happenings of the Columbus
Day Parade committee you can sign up for their newsletter.
Contact Rich SaBell at 720-323-4260 or email him at
president@columbusdayparade.org

Attendance Prize

April Attendance Prize was won by sister Rose Foster.

Shop with Scrip

You can pick up King Soopers Cards at the General Meetings.

You can also go to www.shopwithscrip.com to set up an account
and order specific cards & the lodge will have them for you at the
General Meeting. This is a great fund raiser for the lodge!

Speaker's Bureau

We will have speaker on genealogy next. Date to be announced.

Bingo Help

The Bingo workers are in desperate need of help. Bingo is held on
every Wednesday & Thursday. The hours are 11 a.m. to around 2:30
p.m. We need people to be the callers, sell packets, sell pickles, walk
the floor and sell additional bingo cards. Even if you could help one
day a week, every two weeks, once a month... anything would be
appreciated! Our bingo staffing has come to a point where it is of
utmost importance to get some help for these volunteers. Please call
sister Pat Salvucci at 303-235-8466.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th

The History (Her-story) of Mother's Day



Celebrating
motherhood is a
historical tradition
dating back almost
as far as mothers
themselves. A
number of ancient
cultures paid tribute
to mothers as
goddesses, including
the ancient Greeks,
who celebrated
Rhea, the mother
of all gods. The
ancient Romans also
honored their mother
goddess, Cybele, in a

notoriously rowdy springtime celebration and the Celtic Pagans marked
the coming of spring with a fertility celebration linking their goddess,
Brigid, together with the first milk of the ewes.

During the 17th century, those living on the British Isles initiated a
religious celebration of motherhood, called Mothering Sunday, which was
held on the fourth Sunday during the Lenten season. This holiday featured
the reunification of mothers and their children, separated when working
class families had to send off their young children to be employed as house
servants. On Mothering Sunday, the child servants were allowed to return
home for the day to visit with their parents. The holiday's popularity
faded in the 19th century, only to be revived during World War II when
U.S. servicemen reintroduced the sentimental (and commercial) aspects of
the celebration's American counterpart.

A Message from the President



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrated our 52nd Anniversary on
the 17th of April with a wonderful dinner
prepared by Rossi's Catering, danced to the
tunes of Terry Narona and made a toast for
another 50 years. The night was filled with
laughter and good times. Our past presidents
and past queens were introduced and honored

for their service and dedication to our lodge. Thank you to Andrea
Buffalo Thomas and Karen Buffalo for all of their hard work in
putting the evening together.

Tony Iozzo and Mario DelPiccolo will once again chair the bocce
tournament on the 15th of May. Get your reservation in early you
don't want to miss this fun filled day.

On Sunday, June 13th the OSIA Colorado Foundation will present
scholarships to 5 young men and women along with presenting the
Golden Lion Award and the Life Time Achievement Award. This
year's Golden Lion Award recipient is Dan DeRose. Mr DeRose
is from CSU Pueblo and is credited for breathing life back into
the athletic program at CSU Pueblo. Dan is also a member of the
Southern Colorado Lodge. The Life Time Achievement recipient is
Jim Saccomano. Mr. Saccomano is the Vice President of Corporate
Communications for the Denver Broncos. Jim Saccomano is

CORATOR'S CORNER



by Brother Tony Iozzo
Orator, Denver Lodge #2075

It's By-law Change Time

This month we will vote on proposed by-laws changes
submitted by the council and members. In summary,
the changes will include:

1. Streamlining of the membership classifications,
eliminating the "associate" membership classification.
2. Allowing the council to review and recommend
changes in the annual dues each year at the November
general meeting.
3. The annual adult Christmas party to be open to
members and their guests.
4. An article dealing with the memorial display for
deceased members.
5. A change in dues for lifetime members.

All of these proposals will be explained, in detail before
the vote at the May general meeting. Please plan to attend
and cast your vote.

recognized as one of the most accomplished public relations men in
NFL history, as well as the longest tenured pro sports administrator
in Colorado history.

The awards will be presented during a luncheon at the Denver
Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd. The emcee for the afternoon
will be Irv Brown the go-to-guy for sports talk radio. Guest speaker
for the afternoon will be Sonny Lubick former head coach for CSU.
Tickets are \$50 per person. I hope you will plan on attending; this
is the biggest fundraiser that the Foundation holds. All monies
earned from this event go to local scholarship recipients as well as
OSIA national charities of Alzheimer's and Cooley's Anemia. All are
invited. If you wish to attend please contact sister Anne Ciancio at
303-235-9308.

The OSIA Colorado Foundation is a 501 C (3) and your donation to
the foundation is tax deductible under the IRS guidelines.

Fraternally,

Pam Wright, President



presents

Annual Spring Bocce Tournament

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

Denver Lodge Hall
5925 West 32nd Avenue
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80030

Registration 8:30

Entry Fee \$120 per team of 4 players

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, beer, wine, soft drinks & coffee

Guaranteed two rounds of play
Single elimination after the first round

Cash Prizes

For more information, contact Mario Del Piccolo at 303-421-4109 or Tony Iozzo at 303-467-0274

OSIA Denver Lodge #2075 Bocce Tournament Entry Form

Team or Club Name: _____

Captain: _____ Captain's Phone Number: _____

Players (4): _____

Entry fee is \$30 per player (\$120 total). Make checks payable to: OSIA Denver Lodge #2075
Mail this entry form and payment to: Tony Iozzo, 13850 West 64th Drive, Arvada, CO 80004

For administrative use only. Do not fill-out this portion.

Entry Date: _____ Date Fee Paid: _____



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The smell of sausage cooking, the kids games, the raffle and of course the cake walk. These are all things that bring us together every summer at our family picnic. Please mark your calendars to join us this year for fun with family and friends. Watch La Parola in coming months for details.



We will need models & male escorts. Save the date. Call sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535 if you would like to participate.

2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

MAY

Tuesday, May 4th
Book Club at the Lodge Hall

Saturday, May 15th
Annual Spring Bocce Tournament
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Registration - 8:30am

Wednesday, May 19th
General Meeting
Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a co-worker!
Dinner - 6:30pm
Meeting - 7:00pm

JUNE

Tuesday, June 1st
Book Club at the Lodge Hall

Wednesday, June 16th
General Meeting - Scholarship Night
Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a sibling!
Dinner - 6:30pm
Meeting - 7:00pm

JULY

Wednesday, July 21st
General Meeting
Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a neighbor!
Dinner - 6:30pm
Meeting - 7:00pm

**Mark your calendars
for these future events**

August 1
Family Picnic at Prospect Park

August 20
Golf Tournament at Hyland Hills

September 18
Fashion Show

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