



# LA PAROLA

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*July 2010*

## The Denver Lodge Gives Scholarships to Deserving Students



### Meet the Recipients

The Denver Lodge presented this year's awards at the June general meeting. All of recipients received a \$1000 scholarship. Congratulations to Brandon, Rose, and Chiara and good luck in your future endeavors.

#### Chiara Del Piccolo

Chiara graduated from Basalt High School with a 4.0 grade point average. She will attend Williams College in Massachusetts where she will major in biology. Chiara is the granddaughter of sister Juliana and brother Mario Del Piccolo.

#### Rose Chipman

Rose graduated from Broomfield High School with a grade point average of 3.06. She will attend Colorado State University where she will major in psychology. Rose is the granddaughter of sister Rose Foster.

#### Brandon Finamore

Brandon graduated from Wheat Ridge High School with a 3.79 grade point average. He will attend the University of Denver and will major in art education. Brandon is the grandson of brother Duke Finamore.

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According to Denver By-Laws, Article 1-Paragraph 4,  
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### 2008-2010 Lodge Officers

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Pauline Carochi for being inducted into the National Forensics League Hall of Fame. Pauline is the wife of our State President, John Carochi.

## **Health & Condolences**

### **Get Well Wishes**

Brother Doug Wilder had surgery and is recovering.  
Brother Duke Finamore was in the hospital and is recovering.

### **Deepest Sympathy**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with several families who have suffered a loss.*

Past President, brother Lou Polidori passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family..

*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**

The discussion for July is the book *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. The book to read in July is *Sail* by James Patterson. The Book Club meets the 1st Tuesday at noon at the hall.

Also, in September, the book club will be having a book sale. If you have any books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the hall and the book club will put them in the book sale. All proceeds will go to the lodge.

## **Food Drive Continues**

Please bring non-perishable food items for our food drive. The junior members and the food bank appreciate your donations!

## **Attendance Prize**

June attendance prize was won by brother Paul LoNigro. Every month at the general meeting we'll be pulling tickets from all those that attend. Don't miss your chance to win a cash prize! See you at the next meeting.

## **Speaker's Bureau**

Who's in your family tree? Need help with your genealogy? Where to start? Are you stuck? We have an expert in genealogy who will be speaking at our July general meeting. This will help you if you use the internet or don't use the internet. Guests are welcome! Come listen to Barbara Cimino Larson with Trace Your Family Genealogy.



# Save Your Ink

If you are getting our newsletter by email, did you know you can save your ink and print it out in black and white, or, of course, just print certain pages?

## A Message from the President



I hope you are all enjoying your summer. The OSIA Colorado Foundation held its scholarship and Golden Lion Award ceremony during the month of June and many of our members were in attendance. Thank you to those of you who made donations to the foundation and those of you who attended the luncheon.

At our June general meeting, sister Addie Napier presented scholarships to three young graduates and as usual did an outstanding job. Thank you sister Addie.

We will be holding a membership drive from June until the 15th of December. Anyone who brings in a new member during this time period will receive a t-shirt with our new logo. Also, the member that brings in the most regular members will receive a \$100 VISA card, second place will receive a \$50 gift card and third place will receive a \$25 gift card. Although our membership has dropped we are still very strong and would like to remain strong. Talk with your family and friends and encourage them to be part of our extended family.

The hall rental is moving along nicely; we have three events booked in July and two in August. The sign that brother Matt Vergano placed outside on W 32nd Ave. is bringing lots of phone calls and brother Rich Newton is keeping busy with those calls.

We will have a guest speaker at our July general meeting – Barbara Cimino Larson with Trace Your Family Genealogy. Many members have asked how to trace their genealogy and she will be here to answer any questions that you may have.

August 1st will be our lodge picnic at Prospect Park and Friday, August 20th will be our annual golf tournament. Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting.

Fraternally,

Pam Wright, President



## Past President Louis Polidori 1917-2010

### President 1961-1963

*Virginia Culver wrote the following article for the Denver Post.*

Louis Polidori, who was in the Italian-sausage business in Denver for most of 80 years, died at a care center June 23. He was 93.

He had been in good health until three years ago, when he suffered neck injuries in a car accident.

Polidori and his wife, Carolyn, ran a "corner grocery store," Polidori's Grocery and Meat Market, owned by his father and his uncle.

Carolyn Polidori made sausage and "customers would come in and smell the sausage cooking and ask for samples," said Melodie Polidori Harris, his granddaughter, in a 2007 interview with The Denver Post. Before long they were asking to buy it for their homes or their restaurants.

Today it is a wholesale meat business, Polidori's Meat Products, run by Louis Polidori's grandchildren, Steve Polidori and Melodie Polidori Harris.

They sell meats to King Soopers as well as to dozens of restaurants, said Louis Polidori's daughter, Joanne Knoll of Nashville, Tenn. The company makes Italian sausage, bratwurst, chorizo, meatballs and breakfast, or patty sausage. Louis Polidori preferred sausage in tomato sauce.

Long after retiring, Polidori made frequent visits to the place, "always willing to give advice" said his son, Gary Polidori and father of Steve and Melodie. "Sometimes they listen; sometimes they don't," he said, laughing.

"The business was his life," said Gary Polidori of Morrison. "He always believed he should treat people nicely and work hard."

Louis Polidori was born in Magna, Utah, on Feb. 27, 1917, the son of Italian immigrants, and moved with his family to Denver in 1925. His parents, Rocco and Anna Polidori, ran the store until 1945 when Augi and Louis took over.

Louis worked in his parents' store, then at 3401 Shoshone St., then took time off to work as a salesman for a firm that sold imported foods. He later went to work for a construction company rebuilding Pearl Harbor, then returned to the business and ran it for decades. "He was the butcher," Knoll said.

He graduated from Horace Mann Middle School and attended North High School, earning a GED later.

He married Carolyn Dispense on Feb. 27, 1938.

In addition to his son and daughter, he is survived by two other sons: Daniel Polidori of Chandler, Ariz., and Steven Polidori of Greenwood Village; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and his brother, Augi Polidori.



**Presents**

# **Annual Golf Tournament**

**to benefit Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia and other charities**

**Friday, August 20th, 2010**

**Hyland Hills Golf Course, Westminster**

**\$110 per player includes:  
Green Fees • Golf Cart • 1 Bucket of Range Balls  
Continental Breakfast • Lunch • Awards & Prizes**

## **Application**

**Team Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this application and mail it with fees to:**

**Sons of Italy, Denver Lodge #2075**

**5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80212**

**Make checks payable to "Sons of Italy"**

**For more information contact Ernie Marranzino at 303-884-6538**

**or Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535.**

**To volunteer or make a donation, please call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308.**

**See You on the Course!**

# Family Picnic

Sunday, August 1st

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. We hope you'll join us this year for fun with family and friends. **Please note that we will not be having a pot luck this year.** Bring your side dishes to share among your families and friends. Please also consider bringing a cake for the cake walk.

**When:** Sunday, August 1st, 11am - 4pm

**Where:** Propect Park at 44th Ave and Robb in Wheat Ridge

**Bring your Family & Friends.  
Everyone Welcome!**



## 2010 DENVER LODGE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### *Growth is Our Only Option*

We're launching a membership referral campaign that could benefit the lodge AND you. It's simple, bring in a member and you'll get a t-shirt that you can wear proudly at our next meeting, lodge event or while you mow the lawn. It's yours to do what you want with. Plus, any member that joins between now and December 31st won't have to pay an initiation fee! That's a savings of \$10 per person! But that's not all, we're also giving \$100, \$50 and \$25 in Visa gift cards to the top three sponsors who bring in the most members. We all know a family member, neighbor or co-worker that could benefit from the many things our lodge and organization has to offer. Do them, your lodge and yourself a favor, invite them to be a part of the largest organization of Italian-Americans in the United States. While we always welcome new faces, this incentive offer is only available for a limited time.



**For an application visit the lodge at  
5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge  
or go online to [www.osiadenver.org](http://www.osiadenver.org)  
and click on "Application"**

### Why the Sons of Italy Denver Lodge? How can you promote our organization?

Try discussing these highlights:

- The Order Sons of Italy in America is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States.
- Founded in 1905 as a mutual aid society for the early Italian immigrants, today OSIA has more than 600,000 members and supporters and a network of more than 650 chapters coast to coast, making it the leading service and advocacy organization for the nation's estimated 26 million people of Italian descent.
- Its missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.
- Since 1958, the Denver lodge has been uniting Americans of Italian decent and making a difference in the community.
- More than just a social club, the Denver Lodge has donated thousands of dollars to local and national charities, held more events than can be named and has been responsible for numerous friendships.

# 2010 Calendar of Upcoming Events

## 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**

## AUGUST

**Sunday, August 1st**

### **Family Picnic at Prospect Park**

This is our annual picnic with the usual cake walk, kids' games, games of bocce and so much more. Don't miss this event and don't forget to invite your families and friends!

**Starts at 11:30am**

**Wednesday, August 18th**

### **General Meeting**

Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a friend!

**Dinner - 6:30pm**

**Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Friday, August 20th**

### **Golf Tournament**

You're invited to get your clubs together and play in our annual golf tournament at Hyland Hills golf course. There will be breakfast and lunch in addition to prizes. Call Ernie Marranzino to register your foursome or just yourself.

**Shotgun Start at 7:00am**

**Saturday, August 21st**

### **Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade**

**Starts at 10:00am**

## SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday, September 15th**

### **General Meeting**

Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a co-worker!

**Dinner - 6:30pm**

**Meeting - 7:00pm**

**Saturday, September 18th**

### **Fashion Show**

We hope you can join us at the Denver Lodge fashion show. The latest styles will be presented by models from our own lodge. Please call sister Linda Wilder at 303-465-3535 if you'd like to participate or for more information.

**Mark your calendars  
for these future events**

**November 6th and 7th  
Craft Fair**

**December 11th  
Lodge Christmas Party**

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