

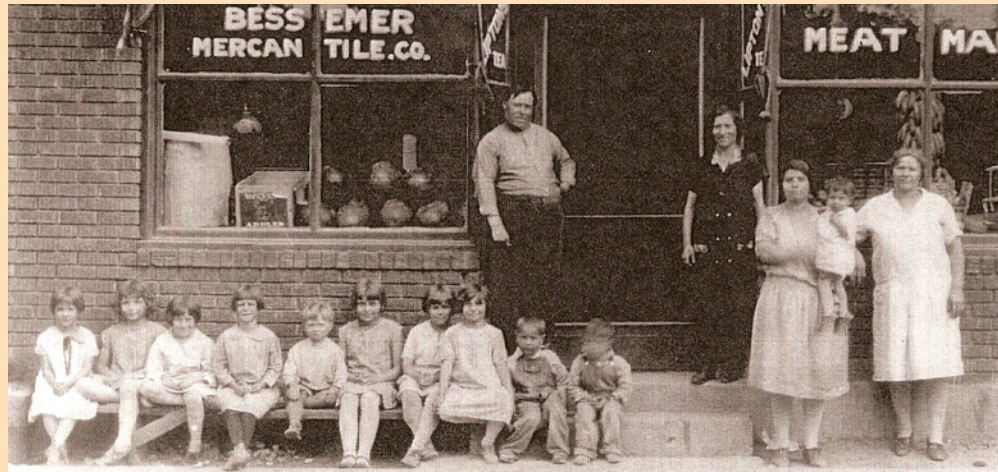


LA PAROLA

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Meet Sister Gerri Buffalo



The Elm Street Gang. Gerri is the 4th child from the left. Her mother is the woman on the far right.

Gerri was born at home and was delivered by Mrs. Abernathy "who delivered all the babies in Pueblo." Gerri's given name was Geraldine and Mrs. Abernathy couldn't spell Geraldine, so she put "Jenny" on the birth certificate. When Gerri went to 1st grade, she insisted her parents correct her birth certificate and they did. Gerri and her younger sister Carrie grew up in Pueblo, Colorado, in the Bessemer neighborhood, on Elm Street. Gerri was very good at playing jacks and also played kick the can. The neighborhood kids were called "The Bessemer Gang." She went to Central High School and graduated in 1940. It would make her mad when she'd walk to school on a snow day, only to find out that school was closed and she had to walk back home. Gerri participated in archery, baseball, and volleyball. She joined the Girls Athletic Association in order to play sports. She even went as a delegate to Colorado University in her senior year. Gerri took piano lessons at the Pueblo Conservatory of Music. She was in a concert of 20 pianists playing the same song, all wearing formals. Gerri wanted to go to college and be a music and physical education teacher, "but several old Italian men talked my Dad out of sending 'a girl' to college. Never underestimate the power of words, because those men affected my life."

After graduation, she worked two jobs, one as a clerk at the Bessemer Department Store and the second job at Kress and Company, "a 10 cent store." She met her husband, Sylvester Buffalo at age 8 or 9 years old when her cousin Dominic Pisciotta married Syl's sister, Mary Buffalo. In those days, the weddings took place on a Sunday. For the reception, they moved all their furniture in the dining room and living room outdoors in order to dance at home for two

days, Sunday and Monday. Now that's a party! Gerri and Syl were married February 20, 1944. It was during the war. They had more bridesmaids than groomsmen, because so many of Syl's brothers were in the service. Gerri recalls that when the war ended, people danced in the streets, "just like in New York City." Everyone was glad to have Syl's brothers home: Richard, Joe, and Charlie, several cousins and her uncle. After getting married, she and her husband worked at her parents' bar, the Pioneer Bar. Marian was born, they later moved to Denver in 1952, and in 1957 they bought Syl's bar, and then Karen was born. The years flew by, and when Syl became ill with colon cancer they sold the bar in September of 1979. He then passed away in March of 1980. Gerri's first grandchild, Andrea, was born and she and her Nanee were very close. Nanee was chief babysitter.

Gerri joined our lodge when her childhood friend Cecelia Rotollo asked her to join. The lodge filled a big void in someone who had just retired and lost her spouse with whom she had worked side by side for years! Gerri was very active in our lodge. She joined the choir, helped with the newsletter, volunteered at functions, held several offices, went to several conventions, and helped with bingo once a week. She also babysat for Michael & Gerri Kutz, and now thoroughly enjoys her great granddaughter Lizy. Gerri is a lifetime member and has made beautiful friends at the Sons of Italy Denver Lodge 2075.

Piacere sister Gerri!

Don't Miss the Annual Spring Bocce Tournament Saturday, May 14th!
See Inside for Details.

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By-Laws

According to Denver By-Laws, Article 1-Paragraph 4,
"The by-law commission shall accept for consideration any
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Health & Condolences

Deepest Sympathy

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

Get Well Wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are with sister Helen Phillips. Please keep brother Ellio Zanolli in your thoughts and prayers as well, as his heart is very heavy.

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.

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Sunday Fellowship

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

Attendance Prize

Brother Mike Daddato won the attendance prize and donated it to his wife Dorothea. Happy wife, happy life!

The Arvada Center

The Arvada Center has offered to give our lodge a discount group rate for those attending their events. Please see President Pam if you're interested in getting a group together.

Scholarships

It's that time again. Our lodge will be giving three \$2000.00 scholarships this year. Please get the applications and requirements from our website or see sister Addie Napier.

Book Club

Book club meets every 1st Tuesday of the month. Please join us for lunch and great conversation. The book to read in April is *Knock Out* by Catherine Coulter.

Scrip

King Soopers and Safeway cards can be purchased at the lodge. King Soopers cards are reloadable and will continue to help our lodge. Each time you reload the card. Please help by purchasing one of these cards.

Mistress of Ceremony

Congratulations to Sister Janice Queen who is our new Mistress of Ceremony.

Going Bald for a Good Cause



First and foremost I would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to St. Baldrick's foundation. I personally raised \$375 for kids with cancer. At the event, I got to actually meet a 5 yr old battling Leukemia, what a brave little boy with a great attitude. So again thanks to all who donated to such a great cause. On a personal note, I have noticed that being bald does have some advantages, the girls love to come up and rub my bald head.

Jake Regan
Junior Member

A Message from the President



Brothers and Sisters,

Well, spring is right around the corner. Soon we will see trees budding and flowers blooming. I don't know about you, but I am ready for warm weather.

On Saturday, March 12th a group of us attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had a great time. Thank you to all that helped us celebrate.

The committee for the Anniversary Dance is working hard to provide an enjoyable evening. I hope you will be able to attend. Please call Anne Ciancio for tickets. Remember all reservations must be made and paid for in advance. Since we have had some problems (in the past) with reservations being made and then that person or their party not showing up, we are asking all to pay for their reservations in advance. If you do not show up for your reservations we are still obligated to pay for your dinner. With a caterer, we are locked into a guaranteed number. If you make a reservation and cannot attend the event your money will be returned only if the chairperson has not given the caterer the final count. The evening will also be a night of recognition for our past presidents and, of course, our past queens.

Once again I am going to ask for your help with our bingo. Bingo helps to pay the bills here at the Denver Lodge. We have a new manager Fred Marzano and he is great to work with. Our regular bingo workers are in need of help. We could use another caller and more people on the floor. I have been calling bingo on every other Wednesday and have enjoyed getting to know the players. If you can give us two or three hours once a week or even once a month that would help out greatly. Please think about it, come by and see what is involved and get to know our workers; they are a very dedicated group.

We are planning a very special recognition day for our lifetime members. Sunday, July 17th will be our general meeting. The council would like to hold this Sunday meeting so that our members that cannot drive at night will have the opportunity to attend a general meeting. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss out on this very special day.

Wishing all a very Happy Easter,

Pam Wright

Pam Wright, President

Recipe of the Month

St. Joseph's Day Bread
 Courtesy of Italiansrus.com



Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups of warm water
- 2 packages of dry yeast
- 2 tablespoons of shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 1/2 cups flour
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

Directions

Combine in a bowl the warm water, yeast, shortening, sugar, oil and salt. Let this sit for 5 minutes. In a mixing bowl put 2 1/2 cups of flour and add the yeast mixture. Beat together until all ingredients are completely blended. Stir in enough of the remaining flour to form dough. Turn dough onto a floured board. Knead in more of the flour to form stiff and smooth dough. Shape it into a ball. Place it in a greased bowl, cover and let it rise in a warm draft free location until dough doubles in size. Punch dough down and divide the dough into 6 equal pieces. Cover and let the dough rest for 10 minutes. Roll each piece of dough into a 12 inch long rope. Take 3 of the ropes and braid together to form a long braid, you will get 2 loaves of bread. Place on a greased baking sheet, cover and let rise in a warm draft free location until double in size. Brush top with beaten egg and bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from cooking sheets and cool on wire racks.

Get Your Italian License Plates Before They're Gone



My name is Sammy Johnson. I started this license plate rage back in 2004. I have worked long, hard & had many hard knocks along this adventure to get this license plate approved through the State of Colorado. Finally my dream came true and the plates became available in Colorado Motor Vehicle Offices July 1st 2008. They are still currently available at your Motor Vehicle Offices for a one time fee of \$50. You do not have to wait for your current plates to expire. You can go in anytime and get your beautiful plates.

You do NOT have to be a member of any Italian organization or prove you are Italian to get the license plates. The problem is: These plates will no longer be available to purchase IF they do not sell 3000 sets of plates by June 30, 2011. At present there only have only been 1985 sets sold. Not many for all the Italians in State of Colorado! IF these plates do not sell 3000 sets by June 30th and you have them, you can keep them. No more will be made. Show your Italian Pride and purchase yours soon!



Annual Spring Bocce Tournament

Saturday, May 14th, 2011

Denver Lodge Hall - 5925 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge

Registration 8:00am

Entry Fee \$120 per team of 4 players

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

Guaranteed two rounds of play, Cash Prizes

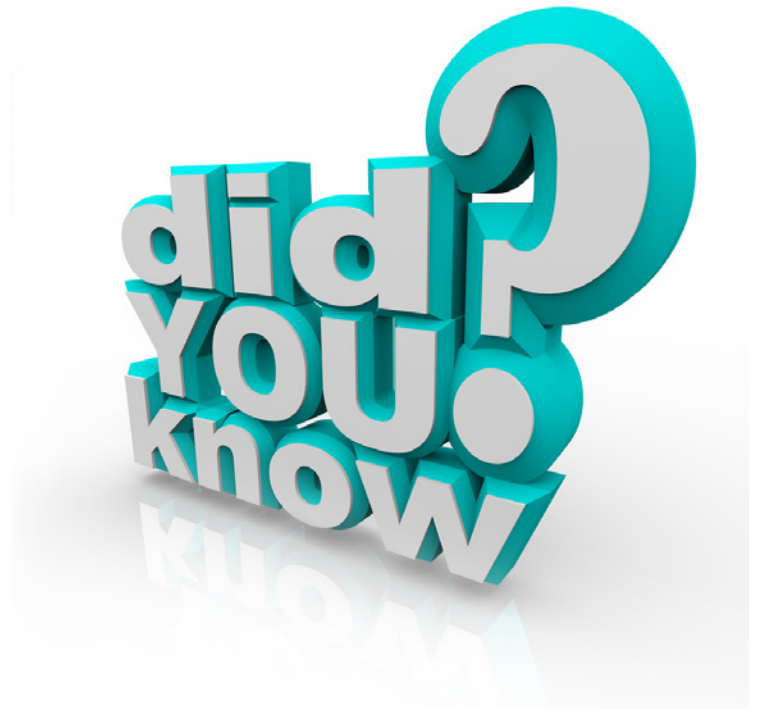
For more information, contact Mario Del Piccolo at 303-421-4109 or Tony Iozzo at 303-467-0274.

Trivia Time

Many popular songs originated as numbers in musicals on the stage or on the screen.

See if you can identify the musical origins of ten popular songs with the Songs from the Musicals.

1. 'I Feel Pretty'
 - a. South Pacific
 - b. West Side Story
 - c. Carousel
 - d. Gypsy
2. 'Secret Love'
 - a. Calamity Jane
 - b. Funny Girl
 - c. The Sound of Music
 - d. Evita
3. 'A Couple of Swells'
 - a. Guys and Dolls
 - b. Porgy and Bess
 - c. High Society
 - d. Easter Parade
4. 'Send in the Clowns'
 - a. Gigi
 - b. Cats
 - c. A Little Night Music
 - d. Camelot
5. 'Luck Be a Lady'
 - a. Carousel
 - b. Mary Poppins
 - c. Paint Your Wagon
 - d. Guys and Dolls
6. 'Younger than Springtime'
 - a. South Pacific
 - b. Oklahoma!
 - c. The King and I
 - d. Damn Yankees
7. 'I Could Have Danced All Night'
 - a. Easter Parade
 - b. My Fair Lady
 - c. Oliver!
 - d. Man of La Mancha
8. 'Too Darn Hot'
 - a. Pal Joey
 - b. Babes in Arms
 - c. Kiss Me, Kate
 - d. Annie Get Your Gun
9. 'You'll Never Walk Alone'
 - a. Man of La Mancha
 - b. Carousel
 - c. The Music Man
 - d. Sweet Charity
10. 'I Get a Kick Out of You'
 - a. On the Town
 - b. On Your Toes
 - c. Can-Can
 - d. Anything Goes



2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL

Saturday, April 9th
53rd Anniversary Dinner Dance
Dinner - 7:00pm Denver Lodge

Wednesday, April 20th
General Meeting
Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a friend!
Dinner - 6:30pm
Meeting - 7:00pm

MAY

Sunday, May 1st
Grand Lodge Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, May 14th
Annual Spring Bocce Tournament

Wednesday, May 18th
General Meeting
Join us for our monthly meeting open to all members and guests. Bring a co-worker!
Dinner - 6:30pm
Meeting - 7:00pm

YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

JUNE
Friday - Saturday, 3rd-4th - Ninth State Convention, Pueblo

JULY
Sunday, 17th - General Meeting, Special Recognition for Life Time Members

AUGUST
Sunday, 7th - Denver Lodge Family Picnic
Sunday, 21st - Annual Golf Tournament/ Hyland Hills

SEPTEMBER
Sunday, 4th - Prima Domenica Mass & Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sunday, 25th - Spaghetti Dinner

OCTOBER
Saturday, 15th - Columbus Day Dinner Dance

NOVEMBER
Saturday - Sunday, 5th-6th - Annual Denver Lodge Craft Fair
Chairs: Karen Buffalo, Kathleen Williams and Andrea Buffalo Thomas

DECEMBER
Saturday, 10th - Adult Christmas Party - Chair Anne Ciancio
Saturday, 17th - Children's Christmas Party - Chairs Nikki Rossi and Janice Queen

Watch your LaParola for more events. Chairpersons are needed for some of the above listed events; if you would like to chair one of these events or work on the committee please call Anne Ciancio at 303-235-9308.

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