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ELECTION YEAR The 2009 election of new officers should have taken place in November. Since there has been very little interest, our President Veronica Goodrich has postponed the election until Spring of 2010. This is just a reminder to ask you to think about being on the the Board. The Society needs you and your new ideas. The two members from the Board on the Committee will be Alice Hinckley (303-771-1636) and Carol Marsala (303-237-0688). The three members at large are that complete the committee are: Vera Buffalo (303-422-5757), Phyllis Greb (303-278-2724), and Mary Ignelzi (303-431-9321). One of the five might be contacting you to serve on the Dante Board. If interested, kindly call one of them as the Dante needs your help now more than ever.

MARCH CULTURAL MEETING

On Friday, March 12, 2010 there will be an evening of Italian Music and Poetry. The meeting will feature Italian guitarist Nicolo' Spera and Italian poetry readings by students of the University of Colorado. You don't need to speak Italian to enjoy it, because music is an international language and there will be translation of the poems projected on a screen. We thank Chiara Torriani of CU for bringing this delightful program to our Society.

As always, the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Consolidated Mutual Water Company, 12700 West 27th Avenue, Lakewood. In case of inclement weather please contact Veronica Goodrich at 303-421-1547 or Giulio Marcantonio at 303-466-0460. Those of you with an e-mail address will be notified as well.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL According to our Bylaws, the renewal of the yearly dues is payable anytime between January 1 and March 31. Our treasurer Joe Adducci has sent out notices in a timely manner, and we ask that you please do the same by renewing your membership immediately. (12795 West 19th Place, Lakewood CO 80215) We are planning to print a 2010 edition of the Bylaws and Membership Directory in the next few months. Don't be left out!

SPECIAL CULTURAL MEETING IN APRIL Over the years we have heard that some members cannot attend our evening meetings because they don't drive at night. We have reserved the Consolidated Mutual Water Company for Sunday, April 11, 2010 for an afternoon dedicated to "Scopa and Tombola". The first is an Italian card game and the other is similar to American bingo. We have had requests in the past for "Scopa" and now we are ready to oblige. The Society will supply Italian cards (very unusual and interesting) and rules for the games. You will not be disappointed as we assure it will be "fun and games". The games are easy to learn and anyone can play.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE Applications for Dante's 25th annual scholarship program were e-mailed to colleges and universities on Feb. 1, 2010. Completed applications are due on April 9 with winners to be notified by the 23rd. We will be having our annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Ranch Country Club on May 2. Formal announcement, reservation form and the luncheon menu will be available in the next "Notiziario". Plan now to attend the celebration to honor our winning students. For more information contact John Giardino, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 303-378-9736 or by e-mail at j.e.giardino@comcast.net.

ITALIAN CLASSES The Spring enrollment is just around the corner and if you are interested in any of the classes offered by the Dante Society, please contact our Education Chairperson, Carol Marsala at 303-237-0688 or e-mail her clmarsala@gmail.com . All classes are 10 weeks.

VIDEO LIBRARIAN We are very pleased to announce that video librarian position has been filled by University of Colorado Senior Instructor Tina Pugliese. We thank Tina not only for volunteering but also for bringing to the Society her knowledge and expertise in the field of Italian Cinema. Tina Pugliese, Carol Marsala and the rest of the committee are in the process of assembling an electronic version of the Society's library. Eventually, a complete list of videos, CD's, etc. will be published and mailed to all members, and this list will also be available on line. We are working on a plan whereby requests can be made (by phone, e-mail or online) and then the film may be picked-up at the following cultural meeting. We ask for your patience as it is quite a task.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 6, 2010 This is the date when the Dante Alighieri Society of Denver will host the breakfast following the "*prima domenica*" Mass at Mount Carmel Church. "*La prima domenica*" has become a favorite of members of the Italian community, and the Board of the Dante has decided to support it by paying the expenses while the Mt. Carmel Men's Club will take care of the cooking, serving and cleanup. We encourage our entire membership to attend Mass on June 6 at 9:00 a.m. It is a great opportunity to practice the Italian language and a challenge to keep up with Fr. Tim's Italian. Handouts include both Italian and English prayers, so it's easy to follow.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER We encourage members with internet access to forward your e-mail address to Gianfranco Marcantonio glm3942@yahoo.com or call Veronica Goodrich at 303-421-1547. Members with an e-mail address will receive the *Notiziario* via e-mail which will include a link to the Dante web page (www.dantealighieriofdenver.org/notiziario.htm) where they can also access the newsletter. **Members with no e-mail address will receive a hard copy. Members with e-mail addresses who still prefer a hard copy of the newsletter will continue to receive it, but they must notify Gianfranco at 303-494-3080 or at glm3942@yahoo.com .**

EDITOR'S REQUEST Roberto Marcantonio, editor of *I Due Mondi*, encourages members to submit articles that may be of interest to the membership. His e-mail address is roberto_marcantonio@yahoo.com or mail to: 3762 W. 99th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80031 Roberto informs us that the next edition of *I Due Mondi* is in its final stages and will be mailed to all next week via US mail.

ADVERTISEMENTS In order to defray the cost of our publications, we are encouraging business card size ads for only \$15 for three months. If interested please contact Joe Adducci at 303-232-7949.

CINEMA BUFFS For those of you interested in Italian movies, the only remaining movies are: *Il Divo*, Paolo Sorrentino, director, to be shown on Thursday, April 1, 2010, and *La seconda notte di nozze*, Pupi Avati, director, on Thursday April 29, 2010. They are sponsored by Tina Pugliese and the University of Colorado Cinema Club and are both shown at the Humanities Bldg. 250 at 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

Cultural Meetings:

March 12, 2010 Friday
April 11, 2010 Sunday

Events:

May 2, 2010 - Scholarship Banquet
June 6, 2010 "La prima domenica" Mass
August 1, Golf Tournament

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