



Societa Nativi di Potenza Basilicata Newsletter::Volume 2
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Comments From The President:

Buon Giorno,

It is my first message to you the membership, and I wanted to make it good. I am very proud to be your president and I will do my best to make your lodge the best it can be. I have had a very interesting 1st month. We have had a very successful Carnival, a plumbing problem, and we have seen some great weather for it being the middle of winter. I am working thru the plumbing problems, and by the end of April we should be done with all the work, as we can get on with the next event, "Casino Night". As you all know it's usually a good event for us, and I hope to make it a big hit. This year I want to set the tone early like we did for Carnival, with a reserved seating chart, **(tickets will ONLY be held if they are paid for in advance, as we had quite a time keeping them straight without having the money until the night of Carnival).** Also I am asking all who help on the night of the event, to make the atmosphere even more like a 1st class casino, to set us apart, we will have some dress changes. All who volunteer I ask that you wear a white shirt, button down or open, with long sleeves, black pants (men), ladies a skirt or slacks in black and a dark colored solid vest. Men if you want to wear a black long tie or bow tie, and ladies a black scarf if you have these, that would be fine but not required. I will have tri colored hats for us all to wear, and I hope this will get our guests in the mood to play and spend money! We will talk more about this soon. Well, with the recent improvements we are doing at the lodge, I hope to bring it back to the prominence it has always had.

We have a great summer ahead of us, and I will be introducing some new and I believe exciting things for the lodge, and I hope that you all will enjoy them. As we all know, our feast last year was anything but great, however that is history and it is a new year. I am also introducing a new look newsletter. It will contain some words of wisdom from past presidents, information from some of our sister clubs, and associations, favorite Italian recipes, sayings, and comments from our editor. I want to hear from you so I have put up a suggestion box by the bar in the lodge, as well as your comments are always welcome on the web site. Please feel free to use them. No idea is unwelcome weather positive or negative. I won't always be able to make all suggestions happen, but you will at least be heard.

I also want to encourage you all to be membership directors, as we need to increase our ranks. Please remember without you we do not have this great lodge, and we need your friends, relatives, sons and daughters, and grandchildren. Let's work together to make this once again, the "Premier Italian Organization" in Colorado.

Well so long for now, I will stay in touch, and please stay in touch with me.

Yours in Christ,

Ciao,

Rod

Ladies Auxiliary President

Dear Ladies,

We had a great Carnival. Many Thanks to Ralph Acierno Jr. for the delicious meal with all the trimmings. And special Thanks to Tony Acierno, Dick Weatherford for their help in the kitchen. We are so grateful to all those who helped to make this event such a great Success. Without their help and dedication this event would not have happened.

Please make sure to check your calendar for the next 2 months events. We have gotten off to a great start and I look forward to serving you as your President.

Many Thanks,
Lou Bishop



Happy Birthday

To all our ladies auxiliary members celebrating a birthday in the next 2 months!

Note !

The auxiliary will treat the celebrants to a luncheon T.B.A.
RSVP to Lou Bishop

Te Amore Italia

- Fiori D'Italia is hosting a Spring Spin at Elitche Gardens Sunday April 9th from 10AM to 6PM. Tickets are \$19.95 ea. Contact: tomtrelora@MSN.com
- Trentini Spaghetti Dinner at Pearl Mack Rec. center on April 19th, 11- 5pm contact Anna Vann for more information
- Italians of America invite you to the Rodders Ball and Car Show, on May 16th 2999. Tickets are \$20.00 ea. Please contact Dick Weatherford for more details.



Congratulations New Members

Helen Halinin, Jodie Carpinallo, Debbie Allen,
Christine Maul
Welcome to the Potenza Lodge!

Charity Committee

Chairwomen: Theda Aecher-303-771-8602

New Charity News, The Joy House is corporate owned and has new leadership. They are going in a different direction with their programs. Thus it is time for a change. The ladies board met and discussed the need for a new worthy project: **Mount Saint Vincent Home** was selected!

This is a residential program for children in need. 44 kids, ages 5 to 15 are currently living there. Sherry Crawford is the volunteer director, and it seems to be a good fit for us! **For the APRIL meeting** we need the following supplies: Construction paper, Tempera paints, Finger paints, Expo dry erase markers, Crayola washable markers, Sharpie permanent markers, glue sticks, pipe cleaners, glitter, band aids, and masking tape !

Charity begins at Home: The lodge needs a kitchen shower, for Junes meeting please bring: Dish towels, dish cloths, pot holders, electric can openers, kitchen utensils, lg serving spoons, spatulas, lg serving forks, pie servers, slotted spoons, knives, and hand held strainers....

Thank You for your HELP !!!

Happy Birthday

To all our men lodge members celebrating a birthday in the next 2 months!

DeCarlo, Jr	Joseph	4	10
Mancinelli	Thomas	4	17
Pastore	John	4	24
Tricarico	Michael	4	21
Clapp	Steve	5	24
DeCarlo	Matthew S.	5	8
DeCarlo	Mark	5	25
DeNuzzi	Michael	5	8
Gioso	Michael	5	16
Marino	Michael J.	5	13
Marino, Jr	Michael A.	5	30
Metzger	Anthony	5	23
Pastore, Jr.	Jerry	5	29
Smaldone	Michael	5	20

Memories of the Men's Past Presidents

Clyde Archer President, January 1997-1998
Occupation: Owner, Clyde's Sausage Company
Joined February 14, 1991:

Joining the Potenza Lodge, and becoming president was a highlight in my career, it was a dream come true. I was elected at a time when I felt the lodge was in need of some changes. I am very proud of my 2 greatest accomplishments: My first order of business was to bring on Kay Ponzio as the Potenza Lodge Hall manager. Hiring Kay has proven to be the best decision I ever made as she has become our greatest asset and the most amazing gift from God to all of us. She is truly one of God's living angels. Kay's husband Anthony had been the manager for many years, and after his passing, we felt an instant flow from him to her. The Ponzio's will always be a part of the Potenza Lodges history. (Thank you Kay). My second order of business was to have our meals before the meetings instead of after. It was silly to think that we would eat our sandwich's after the end of a long meeting, and then go home to bed with all that good food in our ponzions it gave me adgudda and nightmares! And I like to have sweet dreams about the lodge!!! After all, the lodge is our second home. I continued on as trustee and have since formulated friendships with many of the members. It is Theda and my hope to remain very active members of this great lodge, as long as our bodies hold up and our sausage is plentiful....

"Buona Fortuna" fellow Potintini,
Clyde

Memories of the Ladies Past Presidents

Julia Pacifico President 1979-1980
Occupation: Homemaker
Joined Lodge: 1950

My fondest memory of being President of the Ladies Auxiliary was the night I was sworn in. Rocco Gioso who was voted in as the President of the Potenza Lodge, as we were about to share our terms together, presented me with a bouquet of Roses, and to my knowledge I have not seen that happen since. It was a great feeling to be that appreciated. Rocco knew how to make the ladies feel important. We then forged a very good relationship throughout our terms in office. I felt that we were a great team in bringing the lodge together as one family for the next generation. We have come a long way since those days, as back then the men would eat their sandwiches downstairs, while the ladies would have cake and coffee upstairs. One of my accomplishments: I started what I believe to be one of the funniest traditions for the ladies...May Hat Day. The ladies would spend all meeting long making their special creations, and then parade downstairs' and have the men vote on the best hat. We giggled and laughed, and we continue with this tradition today. We also had "make up" parties as well as fashion shows, I would bring in guest speakers who would teach the ladies "tricks of the trade". That was something the ladies really appreciated, as it brought out their inner beauty, while having fun with their outer beauty. Another fun adventure that Rocco and I did (with a lot of help from Shirley, his wife) was to have outdoor BBQ's. We grilled the steaks outside and baked the potatoes in the ovens, then for desert we had popcorn balls that the ladies made. Boy was that fun! One of the things I remember during my term, was the Feast was rained out, so I sure can empathize with Billy and Adeline. We did not have any way to store the food that would have spoiled, God bless Leprino Foods, they saved the day and stored our food in their freezers. I love being a member of this lodge. I am related to just about every one anyway.....

God Bless,
Julia

For those of you that have missed a meeting, or two.....A Brief Recap!

Men

Sewer pipe replaced, two new toilets added. The bar area to be completed by the end of April. A very successful Carnival was held on Feb. 21st., a sell out to be sure. All in attendance had a wonderful time and really enjoyed seeing their new president in a Tuxedo.. Kudos to our President for putting IT out there! Thanks to the Great team of Actors, Organizers, and all that helped to make it a Great Event that we will not soon forget.

Coming soon: 'Potenza's Crystal Casino'.... Get your tickets now, for the greatest Casino night of 2009 \$30 per ticket, for a night of food, fun, and prizes! To purchase tickets please contact: Teri Carlson (720)379-6067 or Rod Fiore (720)883-6913. (ALL tickets must be purchased prior to the event night, no tickets sold at the door as we will sell out!!!

Great Job, Billy!



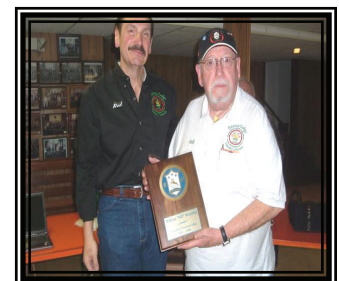
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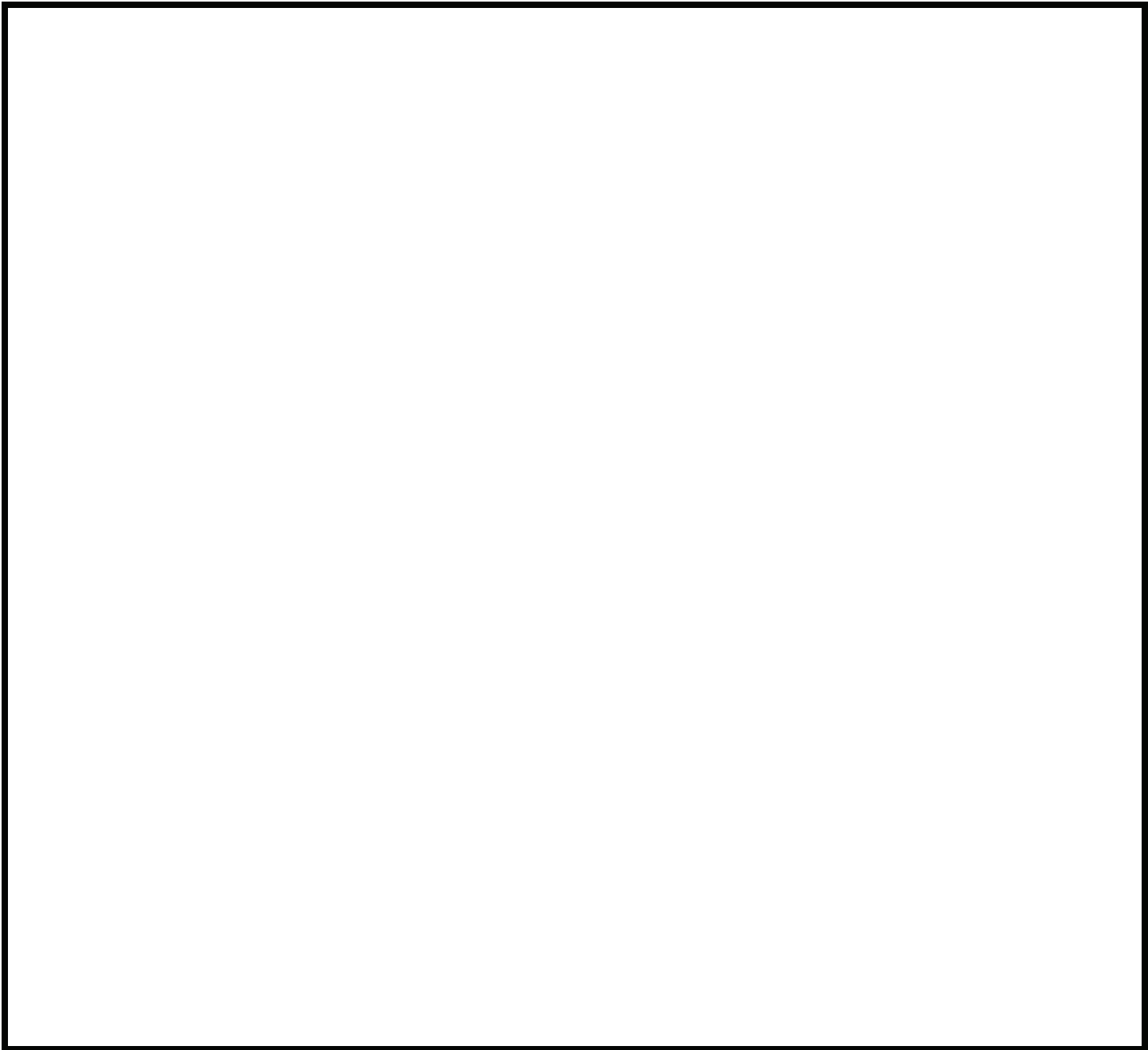
No information Given!

!!! It's a SECRET, Just be at the May Meeting !!!

** GET WELL **

To all our members who have been under the weather!
We look forward to your return to our meetings!





Pictures from Carnival



Upcoming Calendar of Events

April 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Pot luck side dish meeting! 6:30	3	4
5 Prima Dominica, Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 Holy Saturday
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 6 - 11pm Casino Night !
26	27	28	29	30		

April 2nd - Please take Note!!! Pot luck side dish dinner meeting moved due to it falling on Holy Thursday, bring your favorite side dish. and we will provide the ham

April 12th - Happy Easter !!!

April 25th - CASINO NIGHT ! \$30.00 per person ,6pm to 11pm, Must purchase tickets prior to event To purchase tickets .Please contact: Teri Carlson (720)379-6067 or Rod Fiore (720) 883-6913

Volunteers for casino night needed : If your going to help, we need you to wear a white long sleeved shirt, a dark vest, and black pants or skirt. (feel free to wear a tie or scarf) Any questions contact Rod Fiore

(720) 883-6913.

SPECIAL NOTE: President Rod Fiore would like to try a two month format to give more informative . What would you like to see in your newsletter? Two months or three months? Do you like the Past Presidents corner? How about information you may have missed if you were unable to attend the meetings?

May 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3 Prima Dominica @ Mt. Carmel Church 9:30 am	4	5	6	7	8 Mystery Dinner theater 6PM Fiori Di Italia. 3/940-7455	9
10 Mothers Day	11	12	13	14 Hamburgers Lodge Meeting !	15	16 I.O.A. Rodders Ball 5:30-11pm @ Potenza Lodge, call Kay
17 Mothers Day Brunch!	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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May 14th - Special Surprise Mothers Day meeting. Ladies, it promises to be a good time! (Please Come!) Hamburgers will be served by the men, so husbands and significant others please come help grill the burgers!

May 9th- OSIA Mothers Day Bocce Tournament. \$120.00 per team. Contact Tony Iozzo 303-467-0274.

May 16th - Italians of America Rodders ball 5:30 to 11pm at Potenza lodge, tickets \$ 20 per person proceeds benefit Tennyson House !

May 17th - Mothers Day Sunday Brunch , at Cinzetties 11am. 104th and I-25. R.S.V.P. no later than May 5th to Lou Bishop (303) 477-0780

Special Note - Summer Picnic will be on Fathers day June 21st at Prospect Park, due to park being booked up!, also... June 11th Lodge meeting will be a Lodge Kitchen Shower. Please bring kitchen supplies as

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Prima Dominica Mass	8	9	10	11 Kitchen Shower Lodge Meeting	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Fathers Day Summer Picnic	22	23	24	25	26	27 I.O.A. Bocce Tournament 9am.
28	29	30				

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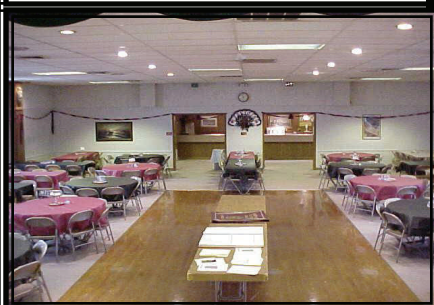
June 21st - Summer Picnic June 21st Fathers Day, as the park was booked up only opening.

June 27th - Italians of America Bocce Tournament, 9am at Softball Country 2101 W. 64th Ave. 32 teams, \$20 per player. Proceeds to benefit Developmental Pathways.

How do 'WE' Thank You

After 20+ years of being the editor of our news letter Tom Mancinelli, has decided to take a break and devote more time to his wife and family . Tom took this duty on as a favor as it was never part of his job description as the recording secretary, but he did it to help out. Well after 20 years, he has finally chosen to step down . Tom has changed the format many times from it's beginnings, as just a single post card, to a single sheet to the product we currently have. His ideas, his art work, and his many changes to our logo, have been delighting our members for years. Tom truly gave his heart and soul to the news letter, and we will do our best to continue in his footsteps in producing a quality product. Tom asked me to take over the news letter, as it was just getting to be too time consuming, and he would like to devote more time to his wife. If not for Angies devotion to the lodge, her understanding, and her support of Tom, he could not have been able to take the time to do the news letter. Tom will remain actively involved as our lodge web master and our corresponding secretary, so don't think he is going away. Tom will always be a part of the communication department. This lodge could never show enough appreciation for this humble loving man who stands as a tower of strength to each and every Pontintini at the Societa Nativi di Potenza Basilicata. Going forward, our new editor Teri Carlson will always have "Tom's trade mark" somewhere in the news letter, so please watch for it. He will always have a hand in this letter. Tom we thank you for all you have done, you are truly a blessing to us all.

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