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COLORADO'S ITALIAN COMMUNITY
DIRECTORY





Italian American organizations originally formed in the United States out of necessity—a way to provide much-needed support and camaraderie to Italian immigrants trying to make their way in a brand new country.

They helped members navigate the road to citizenship, learn English, find work, afford education, connect with friends and family, and so much more.

Today, Italian American groups continue to do great things for our communities.

Some focus on advocacy and charity work; while others exist to promote friendship and fun. No matter what their aim; Italian American groups keep us united through our shared heritage and are important to us all.

The following directory has been compiled and provided by *Andiamo!* (for free), as part of our ongoing mission to help keep our community connected.

Groups are listed alphabetically with information ***as provided by the group***.

Please note this is an *ongoing* effort and while we work to keep this directory continuously up-to-date and correct to the best of our knowledge, *each group is responsible for sending us their current information*. If you belong to a group that isn't listed yet, or have an update for an existing listing, please contact us!

Please contact groups directly for more information or any questions you may have.



 Denver Columbus Day Parade Committee**Year Established:** 2001**City / Location:** Denver (meetings travel to various restaurants/locations)**Website:** www.denvercolumbusdayparade.org**Organization Summary:**

Denver's Columbus Day Parade Committee is responsible for organizing events to raise money to sponsor the annual parade and celebration. The Parade is held in Denver, and includes the presentation of colors, proclamation, and singing; while a celebration is held at the OSIA Denver Lodge #2075 immediately following – both on the Saturday prior to the actual holiday.

Type of Organization: (501 c 3) Charity/Community Service**How to Join:** No cost to join. Just a willingness to help and plan and volunteer at the events**Contact Info to Learn More:** Rita Defrange – ritadefrange@gmail.com** Fiori D'Italia****Year Established:** 1995**City / Location:** Westminster, CO**Website:** <http://www.fioriditalia.com>**Organization Summary:**

We are a non-political, nonsectarian Organization, to learn and promote our Italian Heritage, including the game of bocce. We are involved with different charities, including Caruso Family Charities, Mt. St. Vincent, and different schools.

Type of Organization: Social, Charity/Community Service**How to Join:** Anyone can join. Cost is \$20 a year.**Contact Info to Learn More:** Pete Aiello - paiello@agent.shelterinsurance.co or Sandra Busnardo: nardo2@msn.com

 Italians of America**Year Established:** 2001**City / Location:** Denver, CO**Website:** NA**Organization Summary:**

IOA is a cultural society but not exclusive of Italian heritage. We are open to all those who share our mission. "We work together with our peers in the community to preserve heritage and strengthen fellowship."

Type of Organization: Social**How to Join:** Cost is \$50 to join. See webpage and contact us for forms and details.**Contact Info to Learn More:** Rita DeFrange - ritadefrange@gmail.com** OSIA Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #1309****Year Established:** 1924**City / Location:** Salida, CO**Website:** NA**Organization Summary:**

We provide annual scholarships to local high school seniors with Italian heritage. We provide charity donations to other local clubs. New members and ideas are always welcome. WE currently offer a \$20 Italian cookbook as our fundraiser which includes many old pictures of Salidan families.

Type of Organization: Social, Charity/Community Service**How to Join:** Dues are currently \$45 a year. We accept Italian heritage as well as social members interested in Italian culture.**Contact Info to Learn More:** Bernard A Post - bernardapost@gmail.com

 OSIA Denver Lodge #2075**Year Established:** 1958**City / Location:** Wheat Ridge, CO**Website:** www.osiaroyalgorge2075.org / osia2075 on facebook**Organization Summary:**

An organization made up of those of Italian descent, social members as well as junior members with activities and events for all. Centrally located in Wheat Ridge, CO, the hall can hold over 300, has a large parking lot, and both indoor and outdoor bocce courts.

Type of Organization: Social, Charity/Community Service**How to Join:** \$50 per year (as of 2018) and prorated quarterly. No restrictions or requirements, just go to the website and contact us for an application**Contact Info to Learn More:** Fred Marzano – marzano711@aol.com / Rita DeFrangé
ritadefrange@gmail.com** OSIA Royal Gorge Lodge #2866****Year Established:** 2010**City / Location:** Canon City, CO 81212**Website:** www.osiaroyalgorge2866.com**Organization Summary:**

A group of Italian Americans promoting Italian culture and heritage in our community. A major component of our organization is awarding scholarships—to date 29 \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded.

Type of Organization: Fraternal**How to Join:** Man or woman born Italian, married to an Italian, or adopted by an Italian may join. Dues are \$40 per year per person. A simple application form must be completed.**Contact Info to Learn More:** Robie Scutti – rscutti46@charter.net 719-269-3519

 OSIA Pikes Peak Lodge #2870**Year Established:** 2011**City / Location:** Colorado Springs**Website:** <http://www.sonsofitalypp.com/>**Organization Summary:**

The Pikes Peak Lodge is committed to preserving and celebrating Italian culture, language, heritage, and traditions. To meet these goals, we host potluck dinners and have various group outings which celebrate our culture. We have a cultural moment during our general meetings. We offer college scholarships to students with connections to our lodge. We raise funds for national and local charities with various activities including spaghetti dinners and wine tasting events. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at the VFW Post #101, 702 S. Tejon in Colorado Springs.

Type of Organization: Fraternal, Charity/Community Service,**How to Join:** Please visit our website for information on how to join and contact information**Contact Info to Learn More:** Mark Fini – mark.fini@comcast.net 719-964-5374** Potenza Lodge (Societa Natiri di Potenza, Basilicata)****Year Established:** 1899**City / Location:** Denver, CO – 1900 W. 38th Ave.**Website:** <http://www.potenzalodge.com> Facebook – Potenza Lodge**Organization Summary:**

The purpose set forth by the founders of the society was to help other Italian immigrants from the Basilicata Region become familiar with America while socializing with their fellow countrymen.

Type of Organization: Social, Business, Charity/Community Service**How to Join:** 1. Must be sponsored by a current member, must have Potentini ancestry on either father or mother's side. 2. Can join as a "social" member. Call for details.**Contact Info to Learn More:** 303-477-1722

 Saint Michael's Society**Year Established:** 1912**City / Location:** Denver, CO**Website:** www.stmichaelsociety.com**Organization Summary:**

Saint Michaels the Archangel is a non-profit, religious organization. Its purpose is to unite its members in a single body for mutual benefit and to better relations between members. The society sponsors dinners, bocce tournaments, support of cultural events, and a wine tasting where all profits are split equally between Laradon Hall and Mount Saint Vincent. The lodge has also donated over \$100,000 to scholarships throughout the years.

Type of Organization: Social, Religious, Charity/Community Service**How To Join:** Potential members must be Catholic and of Italian descent. Minimum age is 18 years old.**Contact Info to Learn More:** Frank Yantorno – frank@centergreenhouse.com 303-288-1209 /
Mike Paulino – mpaulinoiii@icloud.com 303-888-2108

ONLINE COMMUNITIES & OTHER ENTRIES:

Little Italy of Denver - Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/littleitalyofdenver>

The Little Italy of Denver Association is a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation established with the hope of celebrating the history of the area.

Andiamo! Colorado's Italian Community Newspaper

<http://www.andiamocolorado.com/>

Andiamo! is published monthly as a celebration of all that makes us proud to be Italian and Italian American. With every issue, we seek to provide a uniting source of news, information, entertainment, and pride for all in Colorado's Italian American community!