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Mission Statement

The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan

"To nurture an environment for business and professional growth inclusive of our Italian history and culture, that provides our members the commercial, educational, and charitable forums necessary to inspire pride throughout the Italian community, and to establish a relationship of trust and service between our members and our fellow citizens."

FESTA DELLA LIRA

May 19, 2010 6:00 pm -11:00 pm

Eastpointe Manor • 24611 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe

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Upcoming EVENTS

MARCH 3, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- The Palazzo Grande
54660 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Township

APRIL 7, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Andiamo Italia
7096 East 14 Mile Road, Warren

May 5, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- DeCarlo's Banquet Center
6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren

MAY 19, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • FESTA DELLA LIRA

TIME

- 6:00 PM -11:00 pm
See Page 8 for FESTA DELLA LIRA Details

LOCATION

- Eastpointe Manor
24611 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe

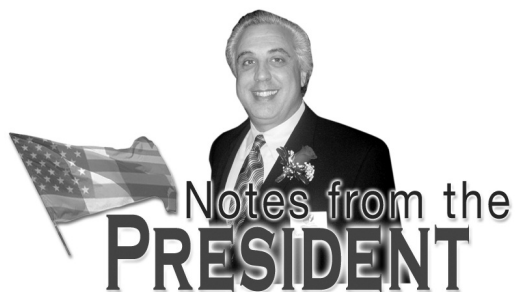
JUNE 2, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

- 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Club Venetian
29310 John R Road, Madison Heights



God, My Family, My Health, My Vocation, My Recreation...

How do you prioritize your life? What is really important to you? If you stood at the edge of a cliff what is so important to you that you would climb out to attain? If you knew you were going to be stranded for several years, who would you like to be with? What books would you bring? Only you know the unhealthy things you do to your body, or, are you striving for better health each day? If you were to pass away tomorrow, how do you want people to remember you?

These are some really tough questions for each of us to consider as we begin this New Year. I always take time at the beginning of the New Year to look back at the previous year and look forward to the endless possibilities of the future. At all times, we are free to change our course of action, but it seems that most people tend to do a year end review and assessment of their lives. Hence, the New Year's Resolution.

This year, I encourage everyone to take a few extra minutes to examine what is truly important in your life, and ask yourself if you are "Living what you Believe". Does your daily schedule reflect your priorities? Sometimes we need to take a fresh look at things and figure out what we can do to make us the BEST we can be. Do we walk in Faith? Have we told our spouse or kids how much we appreciate them? Are we improving at work or just on cruise control? Do we take time for ourselves?

It is my hope and prayer that all of our members have the best year ever; only you can determine what that means in your life...
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Thomas Bommarito
President

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Why do the Chamber Presidents serve only a One Year Term?

Our by laws actually allow the President to serve for 2 years. However, it is up to each President to decide if he would like a second year.

The Chamber is primarily a "Board Driven" organization, so even though each President brings his own ideas and personality, the major decisions are made by Board action.

In order to run for President, a member usually works on a committee or two, runs for at least one 3 year term on the Board, then becomes an officer, then runs for First Vice President, then to President elect and the following year will become President, and he will stay on the Board one more year as Immediate Past President. This process takes a member about 10 years to complete his service to the Chamber.

Therefore, in order to get as many members active as officers and board members, many of the recent Presidents have decided to run for only one term. There will remain consistency because of the Board and it gives more members opportunity to serve.

Each year the Chamber brings on new board members and some "seasoned" members are retired from the Board. There are always at least 3 Past Presidents on the Board along with the members who have become officers. It is their jobs to help teach and mentor the new Board members.

We encourage all members to join a committee and get involved, run for Board and help us move the Chamber into the future.

FESTA ITALIANA 2010 JULY 16-17-18

At Macomb Community College South Campus In Warren

Everyone! Join the Italian American Cultural Society for a true Italian celebration! On Friday, July 16, 2010, the Italian American Cultural Society begins its three-day Italian Festival at Macomb Community College South Campus, 12 Mile Road, in the City of Warren.

Visit a variety of your favorite local vendor booths offering breaded steaks, sausage, pizza, homemade pastas, and much more. There are beer and wine tents, Espresso – Cappuccino Café, ice cream, and desserts! Sunday Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Have fun with the 8th Annual Meatball Contest and the 8th Annual Beautiful Baby Contest. The Family Fun Zone features spacewalks, giant slide, bungee run, and other fun stuff. Listen and enjoy continuous entertainment on the Lucido Family Stage. The 2nd Annual Car Show and a motorcycle display are also being planned.

Admission to the festival is free; however, there is a \$7 parking fee, and the entrance to the parking lot is on Hayes Road only. For programming and scheduling information, please visit their website at www.iacsonline.net or call the IACS office at 586/228-3030.

The Italian American Cultural Society is a non-profit organization, which hosts cultural events, such as the Italian Festival, designed to preserve our Italian ancestry.



MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS Spring 2010

By William A. Morelli, Sr.
Thought's to Live By:

It may be hard to believe but we have already entered into the Lenten Season and have had a fairly decent winter- if you can have a decent winter. The beginning of Lent signals that the fresh breath of Spring cannot be far off – no matter what the ground hog predicts. In 2008 I wrote: . . . With the advent of the Easter Season, I remember (that) we are celebrating the greatest gift ever given to the world and the promise of a better life to come – and I am not referring to the upcoming election. That still holds true today – we have a promise of a better life – but not as a result of any election here on earth. Hope springs eternal and we have the obligation to try to "do better" for our selves, our children and our God

With that thought in mind I have again turned to one of my favorite books, "A Father's Book of Wisdom" for the inspiration for this writing to try to achieve the above.. So – here we go – some words to live by for the next few months:

- Achievement:** *Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all-time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.* **Vince Lombardi**
- Aging:** *Two stone cutters were asked what they were doing. The first said, "I'm cutting this stone into blocks." The second replied, "I'm on a team that's building a cathedral."* **Just an old Story**
- Challenges:** *Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them –* **Unknown**
- Character:** *It's not that you won or lost, but how you played the game.* **Grantland Rice**
- Courage:** *Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.* **Mark Twain**
- Criticism:** *Praise in public. Criticize in private.* **Dad**
- Excellence:** *Good enough – Isn't.* **Bill Morelli**
- Failure:** *Don't judge those who try and fail. Judge only those who fail to try.* **Unknown**
- Friendship:** *A friend is a gift you give yourself.* **Robert Louis Stevenson**
- Happiness:** *Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.* **Abraham Lincoln**
- Honesty:** *Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.* **Thomas Jefferson**
- Kindness:** *There are no unimportant jobs, no unimportant people, and no unimportant acts of kindness.* **Dad**
- Love:** *Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after fold and good health have vanished.* **Og Mandino**
- Marriage:** *Marriage is an empty box. It remains empty unless you put in more than you take out.* **Dad**

More to follow – but that will come in the next issue.

Have a great Spring. **And remember: "Smile, Give Hugs and Tell Some One that You Love Them."**

William A. Morelli, Sr.

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Andy Agosta
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For ONLY \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business in the directory.**



Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010



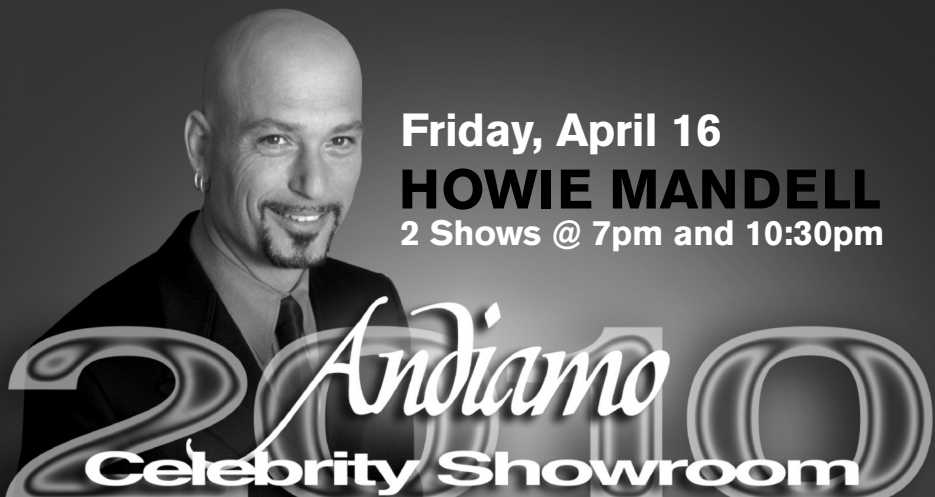
Mother's Day

May 9, 2010

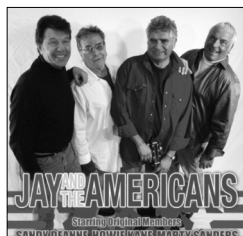
Join us! Each of our Andiamo locations and Mesquite Creek has something special planned to help make these lovely days even more memorable for your family.



Make your reservations at Andiamo early! Visit andiamoitalia.com for specific location information.



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03/12 THE ULTIMATE DOO WOP

The Ultimate Doo Wop Show starring Jay and the Americans (pictured left), The Vogues, Deke and the Blazers and more. Jay songs include *Only in America*, *Cara Mia*, *This Magic Moment*, *Let's Lock the Door*, *Come a Little Bit Closer*, and more. Vogues songs include *Five o'clock World*, *You Are My Special Angel*, *Magic Town* and more. Deke sings songs from their new album *Doo-Wop Straight From the Heart!*



03/13 LOU GRAMM

former lead singer of FOREIGNER

Among the most distinctive and powerful voices to emerge from Rock and Top 40 radio, Gramm—the lead vocalist and co-writer of the multi-platinum band Foreigner—as well as a successful solo artist in his own right—remains one of the most recognizable performers in music today! Hits include *Feels Like The First Time* in 1977 followed by *Hot Blooded* and *Jukebox Hero* to name just a few.



04/16 HOWIE MANDEL (7pm and 10:30pm)

Howie has done countless comedy specials both on cable and network television. He has also hosted his own syndicated talk show, *The Howie Mandel Show*, and continues to be a mainstay on the talk-show circuit. While Howie has remained a constant force in show business for over 30 years, he has been thrust back in the spotlight as the host of what has become a national phenomenon *Deal or No Deal*.



05/14 SOUNDS OF SINATRA

featuring Mark Randisi

Close your eyes and you'll swear the voice you hear is the original "Chairman of the Board." On the 12th anniversary of Frank Sinatra's passing come celebrate all of the classic standards such as *My Way* and *New York, New York*.

TICKETS AND EVENT INFORMATION:

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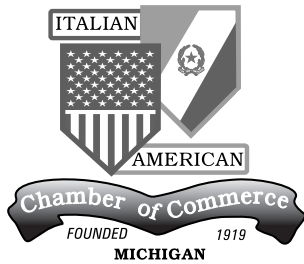
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Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

March

3/3 Pini, Ray
3/4 Fuciarelli, Pietro G.
3/5 Shermetaro, Charles G.
3/6 Pippi, Angela M.
3/7 DiGiovanni, Frank
3/8 Carnaghi, Donald
3/14 Piccinini, Ned R.
3/17 Bommarito, Benedict
3/17 Rubino, Anthony M.
3/18 Vicari, Joseph
3/21 Colombo, Charles F.
3/23 Santeufemia, Michael
3/24 Esposito, Gino
3/27 Ferrera, Gene P.
3/27 Palumbo, Charles
3/27 Grosso, Jr., Peter M.
3/30 Picano, Domenic
3/31 Scaccia, John

April

4/3 Aiello, Mark
4/5 Monti, Mario
4/7 Calcaterra, Michael J.
4/8 Marinelli, Charles L.
4/12 Poliuto, Valerio
4/13 DiBartolomeo, Richard D.
4/16 Cerroni, Dante
4/18 Lazzara, Michael

April

4/19 Lanni, Angelo S.
4/23 Giacalone, Leonard
4/23 Palazzola, Anthony
4/25 Tundo, Samuel A.
4/29 Randazzo, Sonny
4/29 Vitale, Vincenzo
4/30 Roselli, Antonio

May

5/2 Caccamo, Gaetano
5/4 Russo, Agostino
5/5 Morelli, Jr., Frank A.
5/7 Agosta, Anthony Allan
5/7 Valente Jr., Mark
5/12 Russo, John
5/13 Lucido, Paul G.
5/14 Calcaterra, Paul
5/14 Lucido, Sebastian
5/15 Pirrone, Joseph
5/16 Velardo, Armand
5/17 Giarmarco, Julius H.
5/19 Tudisco, William S.
5/19 Varanelli, Jeffrey
5/23 Scalzi, Frank
5/26 Marino, Frank
5/28 Maniaci, Frank
5/29 Polsinelli, Vincenzo
5/30 Cattaneo, Michael S

The Italian American Cultural Society

Ladies Only Night

Thursday, March 4, 2010, 6 P.M.

Italian American Cultural Center
43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township

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We agree to purchase _____ tickets. Amount enclosed _____

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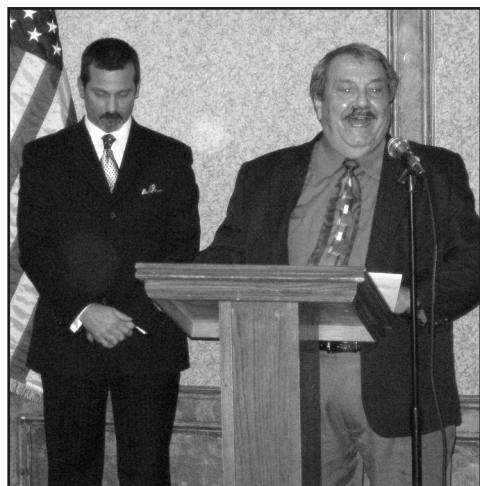
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We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover/Cash or Checks Payable to the IACS.

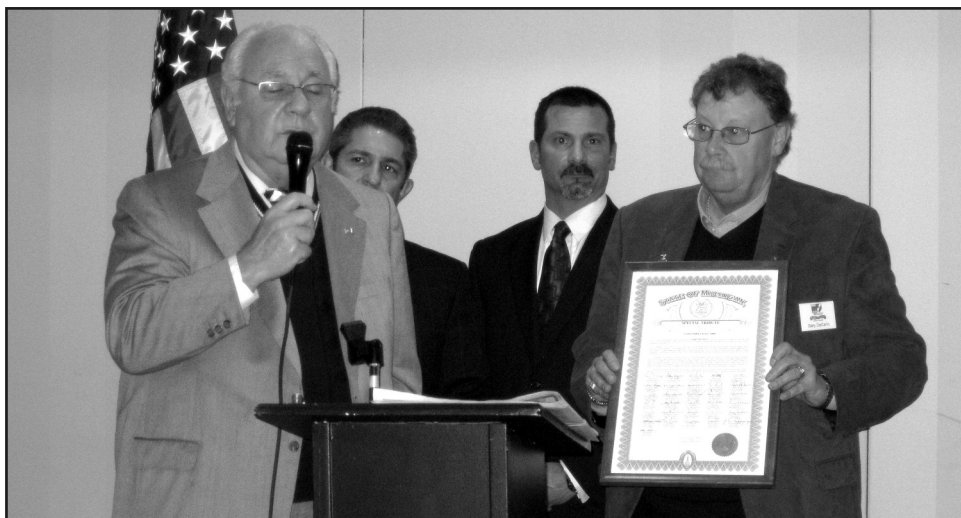
Proceeds from this fundraising event to benefit The Italian American Cultural Society.
The IACS is a registered 501 (c) (3) organization and is eligible to receive charitable contributions.



Italian American Chamber of Commerce A Pictorial Meeting Review



Ned Piccinini delivers his customary blessing of the meal at the December 2, 2009 Fern Hill meeting



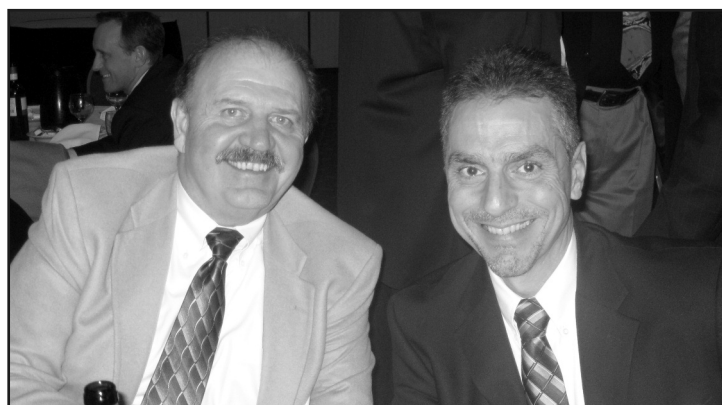
Raymo A. Salerno, Sr. acknowledging Gary DeCarlo, the 2009 Columbus Day Man of The Year.



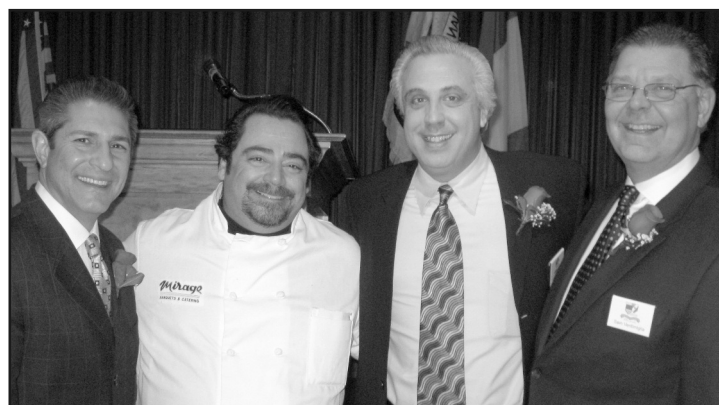
Michel Tenaglia, Ned R. Piccinini, Judge Martha D. Anderson with new members Paul Viviano and Michael Cardella.



Ned R. Piccinini along with his wife Sarah at the January 7, 2010 meeting.



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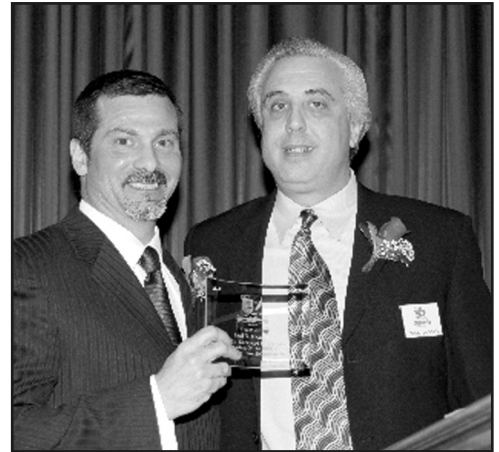
(L-R) Joseph Toia, John DiGiuseppe owner, Mirage Banquet Center, Tom Bommarito and Sam Ventimiglia



Italian American Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers January 6 at Mirage Banquet Center



Judge Peter Maceroni swears in the newly elected 2010 Officers and Board of Directors



(L-R) President Tom Bommarito presents Past President Ned R. Piccinini a plaque for his service as President in 2009



(L-R) First new member of 2010 Angela Pippi receives her membership plaque from Judge Maceroni and Membership Chairman Michel Tenaglia



(L-R) 2010 Officers: Secretary David Galli, Financial Secretary Andrew Agosta, 1st Vice President Joseph Toia, President Thomas Bommarito, 2nd Vice President Joseph Ventimiglia, Chairman Ronald A. DiBartolomeo, Treasurer Antonio DeLuca



(L-R) President Tom Bommarito presents Paul Calcaterra a plaque for his services as Chairman of the Board from 2008-2009

(L-R) Judge Peter Maceroni swears in Angela Pippi, an Attorney at Herness Dickey & Pierce, PLC

