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Upcoming EVENTS

JUNE 6, 2018 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Italian Cultural Center
43843 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township

JUNE 25, 2018 • MONDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

35th ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING Honoring Jim Timpa

TIME

- Lunch served 10:30 AM
- 12 Noon Sharp Shotgun Start

LOCATION

- Fern Hill Golf Club
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Twp.



SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Zuccaro's Banquet Center
46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield

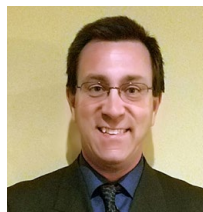
OCTOBER 3, 2018 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Rivercrest Banquet Center
900 W. Avon Road, Rochester



Notes from the PRESIDENT

Hello chamber members,

Spring/Summer is finally here and so are our two most important fundraisers. The Festa Della Lira was a great success and the golf outing, held at Fern Hill on June 25th, will be here before we know it. As you may remember the Festa is our biggest fundraiser that helps support our operations and keeps our dues as low as possible. The golf outing raises funds that mainly go towards our scholarship recipients. This year we will be giving away \$15,000 to our local Italian students heading off to college. Hopefully you and a guest will join us for these great events.

The networking and vision committees have been hard at work exploring new ideas to help our members network together as well as advertise for new members. Thank you to Matt Baffo and Mike Locricchio for heading up these committees. Coming up in the next few months will be having new networking events at our regular meeting as well as outside events. Please look for the announcements and bring your guest to network with us. As you may have notice we are now trying to make our meeting more open for networking between our members. Please feel free to bring any advertising you have to our meeting so we can support your business. One of the items we have been asking at the end of our monthly meetings is if anyone has any events, promotions or announcements they would like to share about their businesses. We want to get to know you. Please be ready to share at any of our meetings.

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Chairman's CORNER

Well, I hope everyone survived the winter that was. It sure took its sweet old time moving out of here. Now that the worst April weather in over 100 years is finally behind us it's time to look forward to some warmer and sunnier days ahead. We will also look forward to our 2 major events of the year. The Festa Della Lira, along with the golf outing that supports the scholarship fund.

As I mentioned in the last Grapevine, our 100 year anniversary celebration will be taking place on October 19, 2019, at The Detroit Athletic Club. As part of the planning for this event we are asking members to give us any photos that they may have from any of our past meetings or events that have taken place over the years. Paul Calcaterra will be creating a slide show that will be playing the night of the party. The more photos he can get the better... especially older ones from the pre-1960's. Our archives unfortunately only go back to around the mid 60's.

Also that night will be the debut of a video on the history of the IACCM. This film will be approximately 10 minutes long. To fund this film we are asking the membership to become part of the 100 year club. For a \$100 donation, your name will be listed as a supporter in the credits for the movie. This space could also be used to list your company or honor a loved one. Also available for a \$500 donation would be a 15 second video which could be utilized as a commercial for your business, or to commemorating a loved one or some other kind of family message. With your donation you will also receive a commemorative 100 year anniversary lapel pin. The donation form is on our website, IACCM.net. There will also be other sponsorship opportunities available as well. Those details will be coming soon.

I hope to see everyone at the Festa Della Lira.

Ciao,

David F. Galli

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Notes From The President

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As always, I ask that you bring in potential new members. We are always looking for new members and the greatest way to grow our membership is through you. The first dinner is free anyway.

The next newsletter does not get published until the fall. Please look for various emails to come out. We look forward to working with everyone. Otherwise, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
David Lazzara, CPA
President

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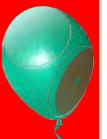
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Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:



May

5/4 Russo, Agostino
5/5 Morelli, Jr., Frank
5/7 Agosta, Anthony Allan
5/7 Valente Jr., Mark
5/12 Russo, John
5/14 Calcaterra, Paul R.
5/16 Velardo, Armand
5/17 Giarmarco, Julius H.
5/17 Paglia, Enzo
5/19 Varanelli, Jeffrey
5/23 Scalzi, Frank
5/30 Lawroski, Eric

7/4 Scaglione, Albert P.
7/14 DeCarolis, John
7/15 Varano, Sal Mario
7/15 Fontana, Carl
7/18 Galli, David F.
7/18 Timpa, James
7/18 Mazza, Thomas
7/19 Viviano, Paul
7/22 Baffo, Matthew
7/24 Schnepfer, Roy
7/29 Simone, MD, Piero A.
7/30 Bartolomeo, Dawn
7/30 Grimaudo, Joseph
7/31 Lucido, Peter J.

June

6/1 Viviano, Anthony J.
6/2 Locricchio, Michael
6/3 LaRosa, Dominic J.
6/7 Benenati, Dr. Anthony V.
6/9 Burke, Joseph A.
6/12 Pavlick, Marty
6/15 Kozlowski, Christina M.
6/19 DiGiorgio, Frank
6/22 Provenzano, Nunzio
6/25 DeAngelo, Peter C.
6/26 DiGiuseppe, Jr., John
6/26 Bonaldi, Ezio
6/27 Lombardo, Kenneth
6/28 Monicatti, Timothy
6/29 Ruggeri, Philip

8/2 Seleno, Andrew A.
8/3 Toia, Joseph
8/4 Pascaretta, Antonio
8/7 Belcastro, Domenico
8/9 DiPiazza, John
8/11 Maceroni, Hon. Peter
8/12 Ventimiglia Jr., Salvatore
8/12 Bossio, Alan J.
8/14 Rubino, Daniel
8/17 Bergmann, John P.
8/18 Talluto, II, Michael
8/19 Militello, Stefano
8/22 Giordano, Anthony
8/23 Zuccaro, Dino
8/25 Salerno, Sr., Ramo A.
8/26 Petruzzello, Frank
8/29 Ventimiglia, Sam P.

July

7/1 Pompa, Frank
7/2 Bernabei, Frank A.
7/2 Morelli Sr., William A.



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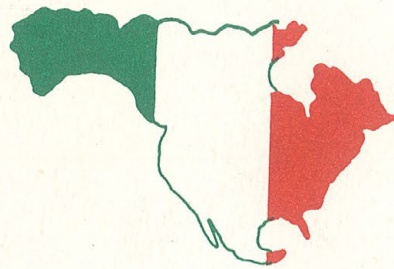
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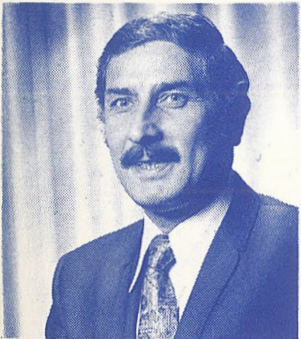
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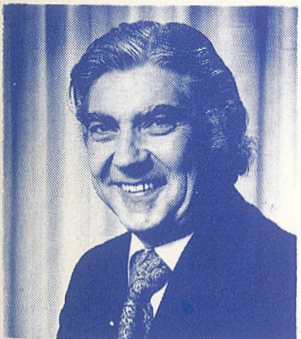
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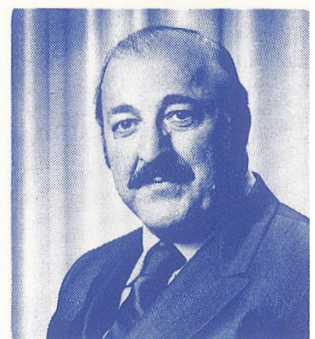
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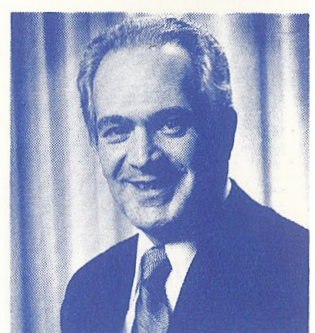
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1972 Convention



L-R
Joe Grimaudo, Joseph Spina,
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Jeannette, Lawrence Carino,
Joe Ferriolo, Imperio Carli
Kneeling – Frank Pompa, Joe Spano



1975 Convention

L-R
Peter Bartholomew, Mark Valente,
Marion Macioce, Elio Pedini,
Gino Esposito, Ilio Benvenuti,
Frank Pompa, Sam Ripepi,
Charles Palumbo, Albert Mazzei,
Joe Grimaudo, Joseph Ferriolo
Kneeling – Gino Paluzzi,
John DeNardo



1978 Convention



L-R
Ilio Benvenuti, Mark Valente,
Marion Macioce,
Charles Palumbo,
Frank Pompa, Elio Pedini,
Sam Ripepi, Frank Jeannette,
Russell Gambino,
Anthony Sanfemio,
Joe Grimaudo,
Gino Esposito, Anthony
Tersigni, Joseph Ferriolo,
Gino Paluzzi, Albert Mazzei,
Ray Pellegrino

February 7, 2018, Andiamo Banquet Center



Michael Peraino of Killer Creations Photography and Cinematography meeting long time member Joe Pellegrino



President David Lazzara going over tonight's agenda



Michel Tenaglia, Angela Pippi-Soave, David Lazzara, Dave Galli, and Vito Pianello enjoying the fine meal and each other's company

April 11, 2018 San Marino Club



Dan Galli, Membership Chairmen R.J. Koss and Matt Baffo with newest member Tim Monicatti, just sworn in by Pete Maceroni



Membership Chairman R.J. Koss, Honorable Joseph Toia, and newest member Frank DiGiorgio, Century 21 AAA North along with President Lazzara



Angela Pippi-Soave and Michel Tenaglia with potential members Alexandria Crump and Aaron Marentette, both with Caliber Home Loans



Gary Minoletti, Larry Rocca, Gino Esposito and Anthony Palazzola awaiting dinner

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Pete Maceroni, Vito Pianello, Al Marino, and Tony Rubino



Ray Salerno Sr., Mark Garagiola, and Dr. Ray Salerno



Lucky Festa Della Lira raffle ticket winner Val Poliuto with Dan Galli and Festa Chairman Dr. Tony Giordano

Festa Della Lira • May 2, 2018 • Mirage Banquet Center



Festa Chairmen Dan Galli, Dr. Tony Giordano and Maryann Giordano



Festa Chairman Dr. Charles Shermetaro with his daughter Gina and son Joe



Honorable Joseph Toia swearing in our newest members; Frank DiLorenzo, Aaron Marentette, and Alexandria Salvaggio-Crump



Final 10 reverse raffle finalists; Sherry Provenzano, Andy Agosta, David Lazzara, Ed Toarmino, Joe Divozzo, Frank Pompa, Mike Tenaglia, Anthony Licata, Ryan Houlihan, Tom Lanni



10K Four way split winners; Sherry Provenzano, Joe Divozzo, Anthony Licata, Mike Tenaglia



Thank you to John DiGiuseppe and the staff of The Mirage for a stupendous evening!

A great time was had by all.





IACCM 100TH Year Anniversary

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(Second in a series of 6)

Looking at our Honor Roll there are not many of us that reach a status of fifty years of IACCM membership. Why?

There are many reasons that people have joined our Organization. Let us list some of these reasons.

Business opportunity or means of providing financial growth for yourself or your employer. This is a normal approach and sometimes can work for one's enrichment. It is unlikely that all will enjoy this kind benefit; some have, but I am guessing that most do not and therefore exit early.

Social – your friends or business associates convinced you this is a great way to sit down to a great Italian meal, enjoy a glass of wine and meet some fine Italian Americans. Nothing wrong with that reason and many of us stay around until we can no longer navigate the circuit. I think this category fits my purpose.

Death, or the need to relocate (move out of State) for business or employment opportunity.

Pride of Heritage - this should be our number one reason for joining and staying in the Chamber until our Maker decides otherwise. What better reason than to be proud of where you, your parents or grandparents came from. The Italians have made great contributions to mankind. When we think of great food, there is no better memory than your Mothers Pasta; which she learned from her Mother etc. When you think of art and architecture, it is very difficult to compete with the Italians. When you think of love of Family, the Italians are great providers and good at dishing out discipline when it is needed. When you look at construction of homes and even the high buildings of New York and other American Cities, the Italians played a large role in bringing those skills to the level of today's world. When you think about fine Automobiles, it is tough to beat the Alfa Romeos, Ferrari, Maserati, and Lamborghini, wow beautiful vehicles. On the other hand when you look at basic transportation the Fiat 500 has been moving people for more than 100 years.

We could go on and on; the point being, our people have made (and continue to) make great contributions to the World. We therefore have many reasons to be proud of our heritage. Remember in spite of our many differences and current social problems, we are American's first and foremost and have the privilege to live in the best Country in the World. But we also can boast of our Italian Heritage. So as the saying goes "mange pasta and be happy, love your Family and fellow mankind. God bless you all and be proud of the IACCM. Convince your IA friends and associates to join the Chamber. Enjoy some of the old archives photos we have intermixed with the above.

Frank Pompa

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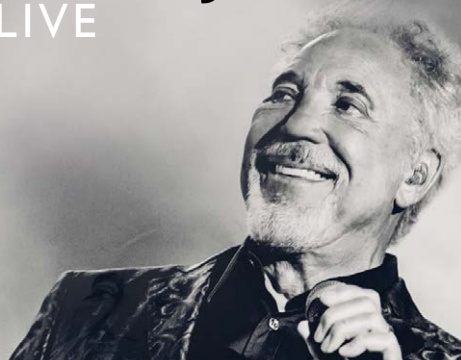
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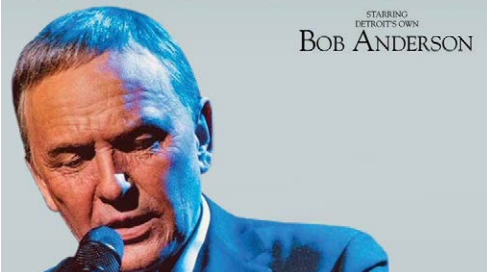


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IN MEMORIAM

William A. Morelli, Sr.

William (Bill) A. Morelli Sr., 79, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 15th, with his family by his side. Bill was a long time member of the Chamber, joining in 1980. He loyally served as a Board of Director, Chairman of the Board and President. Beloved husband of Angie Ventimiglia D'Aleo. Loving father of Paula (Mike) Williams, Melissa (Carter Waide), Cathi (Charlie) Phillips, William Morelli Jr. (Heather), Jack D'Aleo, Angela (Joe) Cipriano. Brother-in-law of Sal (the late Charlene) Tony (Beth), Jack (Brigid) and Joe (Joanne - Tiny) Ventimiglia. Grandfather of 14.



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IN MEMORIAM

IACCM former member and friend to many....

Raymond "RAY" Pini .Sr., passed away peacefully at home in Shelby Township, Michigan March 1, 2018, two days shy of his 81st birthday. Ray was a long time IACCM member, joining the organization in 2003.



Beloved husband of Genevieve (Bolas) Proud and Loving Father of Gina (Peirre) Savoie, Raymond P. Jr. and Jeffrey (Shannon) . Proud grandfather of Haley and Kelsey Savoie, Jenna, Ryan, Jeffrey Jr., and Kyleigh.



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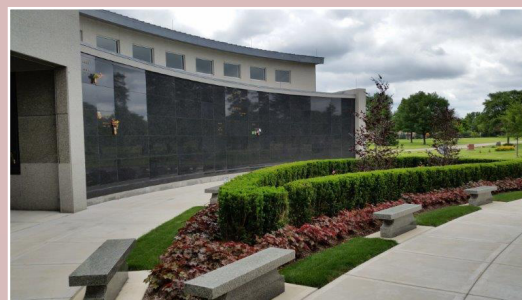


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