



Upcoming EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Petruzzello's Banquet Center
6950 Rochester Road, Troy

MARCH 6, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Zuccaro's
46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield

APRIL 3, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Eastpointe Manor
24611 Gratiot, Eastpointe

MAY 1, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING



FESTA DELLA LIRA

(see page 2)

TIME

- 6:00 PM General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

- Italian American Cultural Center
43843 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township



Notes from the PRESIDENT

Celebrating 100 years!

It is an honor and a privilege to be your President for 2019, I am truly humbled. And what a special year it is as the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan celebrates our 100 year anniversary. I would like to congratulate the Officers and Directors that will be serving the Chamber with me this year.

Our story begins in 1919 when the Italian Consulate and a group of Italian American men got together to form the Italian American Chamber-Detroit, known today as the Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Michigan. In 1919 Technology was evolving slowly, although the people of that era would likely say otherwise. The production of automobiles was over one million units, most of which were built right here in Detroit. In sports there was no Stanley Cup champion named because of a flu epidemic and 1919 was also the year of the Black Sox scandal. This is just a glimpse of the era when our group began. Over the next several decades the IACCM evolved with the times and became an organization that we can be very proud of today. The pride of our Italian heritage is the one thing that ties us to the founding members of this group. There are many reasons to join the IACCM, but our Italian pride has to be number one.

This year we will continue our traditions with the Festa Della Lira May 1st at the IACS and the John B. Agosta Memorial Golf Outing June 24th at Fern Hill. Our general membership meetings will continue to be a forum for networking and I will do my best to keep you informed of important happenings of interest. Increasing membership is always a focus of our organization and this year is no different. I would, however, like to see more women join the IACCM as their roles in the business and professional landscape is not something new, so why not join us.

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Chairman's CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I wish all members and their families a healthy and prosperous new year. I would like to thank David Lazzara for his leadership this past year as President and look forward to his participation with the Past Presidents.

Congratulations to Dan Galli as he takes over as President for our 100th year. This year we've had quite a large turnover of Board Members, five to be exact. Welcome Joe Divozzo, Jim Timpa, Philip Maniaci, Charles Moran and Mike Divozzo to our Board of Directors. Once again, it is my honor to serve as the Chairman of the Board for 2019 and I look forward to working with them and all the Officers and Board Members.

If you were at the January meeting you heard the announcement of DTE Energy being the presenting sponsor of the 100 Year Gala to be held on Oct. 19, 2019 at the DAC. We are grateful to DTE for their sponsorship of this momentous occasion. Acquiring DTE as a presenting sponsor would not have been possible if not for the efforts of Sam Ventimiglia. Thank you Sam.

By now you are all aware of the 100 year club. I'd like to thank all of you who have participated in this and encourage those that haven't to consider doing so. Information regarding this and other sponsorship opportunities for the 100 Year Gala have been emailed to all members and is available on our website iaccm.net.

Also announced at the January meeting was the passing of long time member and past President Frank Pompa. Frank, as many of you know, was the keeper our Chamber archives and wrote articles for this newsletter about our history and other facts about the Chamber. His last article is in this paper. RIP Frank. You will be missed.

David F. Galli

Chairman of the Board

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(in conjunction with the general membership meeting)

MAY 1, 2019

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2019 OFFICER/BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the January 9th IACCM meeting, the newly elected 2019 Officers and Board of Directors were sworn in. Congratulations to the following:

OFFICERS

- President – Daniel Galli
- 1st Vice President – Michael Locricchio
- 2nd Vice President – Dr. Charles Shermetaro
- Secretary – Angela Pippi-Soave
- Financial Secretary – Peter A. Fuciarelli
- Treasurer – Michel Tenaglia

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

- David F. Galli

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

~ Term Ending 2021

- Joseph Divozzo • Philip Maniaci • James Timpa
- ~ Term Ending 2020 (Matt Baffo resignation)
- Charles Moran

~ Partial Term Ending 2019 (Ralph Koss resignation)

- Michael Divozzo

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PAST PRESIDENTS 2019

- Vito Pianello • Joseph P. Ventimiglia

Notes From The President

The Past Presidents Council has been working/planning for the last several years on the celebration of our 100 year history. The Anniversary Extravaganza will be October 19th at the Detroit Athletic Club. This group's dedication and leadership to the IACCM is the driving force to our continued success. I would like to thank them for their commitment and support. My goal for this year is simply to have a meaningful impact on our organization as we move forward into the next century.

Daniel Galli, President



IN MEMORIAM

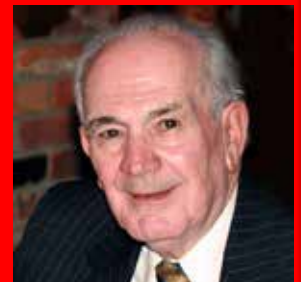


Anthony "Tony" Palazzola, long time IACCM member and owner of Wit-O-Matic and Clarkston Carbide Tool, passed away on December 20, 2018 at the age of 84. Tony was a friend to many members and a true gentleman. He will be sadly missed. Please keep his family in your prayers!

Frank Anthony Pompa passed away January 9, 2019 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of Lina.

Mr. Pompa served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps following World War II. He worked his entire career at Chrysler Corporation retiring in 1988.

He served the Italian American Chamber of Commerce as a Board of Director from 1972-1973, Treasurer from 1974-1977, 2nd VP in 1978 to finally become President in 1979 and 1980.



Floyd Beaudette passed away at the age of 88 on January 19, 2019.

Floyd was a proud US Navy Veteran and lifelong member of the Walter F. Bruce VFW Post #1146. He was also a long time member of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce, the St.

Michael Knights of Columbus, & the Italian American Cultural Society.



Holy Family IACCM Memorial Mass and Pancake Breakfast November 4, 2018, Holy Family Church

Pictured l-r: Nunzio Provenzano, Sherry Provenzano, Paul Calcaterra, Dr. Charles Shermetaro, Fr. Pino Licciardi, Andy Agosta, Mark Garagiola, Angela Pippi-Soave

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Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

February

2/7 Gatti, Julie
2/9 Fuciarelli, Peter A.
2/17 DeLuca, Antonio
2/19 Notte, Michael R.
2/20 DiLorenzo, Frank
2/22 Taormina, Steven
2/24 Lucido, III, Peter J.
2/27 Gaglio, Philip J.
2/27 Salerno, Dr. Ramo A.

March

3/4 Fuciarelli, Pietro G.
3/5 Shermetaro, Charles G.
3/6 Pippi-Soave, Angela M.
3/8 Carnaghi, Donald
3/12 Bonanni, Jeffrey A.
3/14 Piccinini, Ned R.
3/17 Rubino, Anthony M.
3/17 Bommarito, Benedict
3/18 Vicari, Joseph
3/21 Colombo, Charles F.
3/23 Santeufemia, Michael N.
3/24 Esposito, Gino
3/26 Giannetti, Frank
3/30 Picano, Domenic
3/30 Garagiola, Mark D.

April

4/3 Aiello, Mark
4/3 Calunas, William A.
4/7 Calcaterra, Michael J.
4/12 Poliuto, Valerio
4/13 Buffa, Ross
4/17 Canzano, Roger
4/18 Minoletti, Gary
4/19 Lanni, Angelo S.
4/23 Giacalone, Leonard
4/23 Palazzola, Anthony
4/25 Rocca, Larry
4/25 Tundo, Samuel
4/26 Biondo, Joe
4/27 Cipriano, Joseph
4/29 Vitale, Vincenzo
4/30 Gallo, Tony J.

May

5/4 Russo, Agostino
5/5 Morelli, Jr., Frank
5/7 Valente Jr., Mark
5/7 Agosta, Anthony Allan
5/8 Salvaggio-Crump, Alexandria
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

ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW MEMBERS 2019

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Timothy Monicatti

Aaron Marentette – Caliber Home Loans

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October 3, 2018 Rivercrest Banquet Center

Frank Coppola explaining
the new "badge board"
concept!



Dr. Charles Shermetaro, John
DiPiazza, Matt Cervone, Frank
Coppola, and Phil Ruggeri doing a
bit of networking



Dan Galli, Sal M. Varano,
MD, Angela Pippi-Soave
and Michel Tenaglia
awaiting the fine dinner
about to be served by Nino
Tocco and his staff.

Julie Gatti, Vito
Pianello and Joe
Cipriano enjoying
the appetizers and
conversation.



November 7, 2018 • DeCarlo's Banquet Center



Chuck Promesso, Peter Fuciarelli, and our host for the evening Gary DeCarlo



Honorable Joseph Toia, newly elected Circuit Court Judge Julie Gatti, and Honorable James Maceroni



Dan Galli, Ed Toarmino, Dr. Tony Giordano, Alexandra Salvaggio-Crump, Aaron Marentette, Michel Tenaglia, Mark Garagiola and Todd Turfe of DTE Energy



Tom Mazza, Dr. Charles Shermetaro, and Don Carnaghi awaiting dinner!

December 5, 2018 • Fern Hill Golf Club



This group looks hungry. Fern Hill never disappoints!



President David Lazzara welcoming the members and guests!



Michel Tenaglia, Dr. Tony Giordano and Dr. David Bonadeo enjoying some appetizers



Andy Agosta reminding everyone that the 2019 golf outing is June 24, 2019 at Fern Hill!



Italian American Chamber of Commerce

2019 Installation of Officers/Board of Directors

January 9, 2019 • Palazzo Grande



2019 Officers & Board of Directors

Seated L-R; Financial Secretary Peter A. Fuciarelli, Secretary Angela Pippi-Soave, President Daniel Galli, 2nd Vice President Dr. Charles Shermetaro, Treasurer Michel Tenaglia, 1st Vice President Michael Locricchio **Middle Row L-R;** Mark D. Garagiola, Joseph Divozzo, Michael Divozzo, Charles Moran, Paul Calcaterra, Philip J. Maniaci, Dr. Anthony Giordano **3rd Row L-R;** Past President Representative Vito Pianello, Past President Representative Joseph P. Ventimiglia, Nunzio Provenzano, James Timpa, Chairman of the Board David F. Galli



Past Presidents Joseph P. Ventimiglia, Sam Ventimiglia, and David Galli with his wife Sharon enjoying some appetizers before dinner.



Newly elected President Daniel Galli with his wife Gina and daughters Carlina and Bella. Congratulations!



New Board of Directors Mike and Joe Divozzo with their wives Marie & France. Congratulations gentlemen!



Swearing in of the 2019 Officers and Board of Directors by Past President Thomas Lanni.



President Daniel Galli presenting an appreciation award to David A. Lazzara for his service as President in 2018.



Matt Cervone, 2nd Vice President Dr. Charles Shermetaro, 1st Vice President Michael Locricchio along with Past Presidents Pete Marrocco, Thomas Lanni and Ned R. Piccinini.



Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary!

Founded in October 1919 and still going strong, the Italian American Chamber has big plans to celebrate their 100-year anniversary, and thanks to DTE Energy they are off to a great start.

DTE Energy has donated \$25,000 to the Italian Chamber 100 Year Celebration Fund to become the Presenting Sponsor and to help offset costs of the yearlong schedule of events which include special speakers at the monthly meetings with highlights of the Chamber's past 100 years, partnership in presenting the Festa Italiana at Freedom Hill in July, special participation in the Columbus Day Queen contest and the Columbus Day parade; all culminating with their 100 Year Gala Celebration on October 19, 2019 at the Detroit Athletic Club. For information on upcoming events see www.iaccm.net or call 586-531-8728.

Italian Americans have developed some of America's largest industries and corporations. Keeping with the spirit of those early Italian Americans, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan was organized in 1919 by the then Consulate of Italy, Pietro Cardiello, as well as several local Detroit area business people to promote business relationships between Italy and the United States. Among the early founding fathers were Attorneys Joseph Schippacasse, Anthony Esperti and Dr. Vincent Mancuso as well as local businessmen Andrew Maglia, Mark Valente Sr., Frank Loverde and Raymond Cuomo. Today, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan is an active and vibrant group of Italian Americans who are proud of their Italian heritage and are engaged in many worthwhile charitable and business activities which contribute toward the entrepreneurial spirit, goodwill and success of the Southeastern Michigan community.

DTE Energy is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Its operating units include an electric utility serving 2.2 million customers in Southeastern Michigan and a natural gas utility serving 1.3 million customers in Michigan.

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Italian American Chamber President Dan Galli along with Past Presidents Ron DiBartolomeo and Sam Ventimiglia, accepting the sponsorship check from Todd Turfe of DTE Energy to support the IACCM 100 Year Anniversary Celebrations.





IACCM 100TH Year Anniversary

100 Years of History, Pride of Heritage

Fourth and Final Celebration Article



THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Please try to imagine the hundred year period 1919 to 2019. From horse and buggy's competing with model T's. A small group of men starting an organization named "Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Detroit". Somehow it still exists in a much different form; larger and more involved in community activities and perhaps more charitable. But without a doubt we live in a much more

complicated and dangerous world. We have been involved in many wars, some as long as fifteen years and no end in sight. We have seen so much growth in technology that it is mind boggling and difficult to stay current with the changes.

Our previous article made it clear that we as Chamber members must all see that as an organization we continue to exist. When we look at our current Chamber member life style, most of us are not wealthy, but also we are not needy, we enjoy great lifestyles. We live in a country where no one needs to go to bed hungry. We are prepared to feed all people when needed.

We are involved in so much political differences, that it is impossible to have a calm and intelligent conversation with any one regarding our individual beliefs, unless of course they have similar views.

There is no way to predict what this beautiful country will look like or even if we will continue to exist in our present form in 2119. There are many in the world today who would like to see that the freedoms we enjoy today... go away.

Why do they hate America? Is it because we historically have been very generous to help all who are in need and attempt to be the world's peace makers? The point is that there are some people in today's world that want to continue with conflict. It brings them employment. Income and ability to expand their culture, language and religious beliefs. Some of this is coming from within, meaning they may have been born and educated here, but still resent our way of life and want change. I had no intent of getting into world politics; however there is no way to predict the future without considering the possible loss of our freedoms.

So let's thank God for all of our current blessings which are numerous. They include the ability to provide shelter, food and security for our family's, freedom of speech, the ability to maintain our borders, our language and of course our culture. That is where most of us are, or have been through. Let us not forget our Chamber or the Italian pride of heritage that brought us all together.

We wish you all a happy 100 year celebration, a healthy and prosperous life. May

God bless you all!
FA Pompa 9/27/18

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The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan

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