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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."



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Upcoming EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Scholarship Awards Evening

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Petruzzello's Banquet Center
6950 Rochester Road, Troy
Guest speaker will be George Sassin,
Superintendent of Clintondale Schools
Spouses, guests invited for \$40.00 fee (per person)

OCTOBER 7, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Networking Meeting

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Italian Cultural Center
43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township

NOVEMBER 4, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Nomination of Officers/Board of Directors

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Zuccaro's Banquet Center
46601 Gratiot Avenue, Chesterfield

DECEMBER 2, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Election of Officers/Board of Directors

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township



Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the summer, and at the same time looking forward to getting back to our monthly chamber meetings. As I mentioned in my last Grapevine article, we plan on utilizing the July full board meeting to solidify the rules around offering Business Sponsorships to local businesses and organizations. I'm pleased to report that we were successful in doing so. As you may recall the proposed Business Sponsorship allows area businesses the ability to show support to our organization. It is an annual sponsorship of \$500 per year, and includes payment for one individual to each of our monthly meetings. We plan on encouraging committee involvement from our business sponsor representatives to gain additional insight, however business sponsor representative are prohibited in chairing any of our committees. So what are the next steps? Invite those businesses who you feel will add value to our organization to become business sponsors.

In previous articles you may recall me discussing the Italian American Alliance for Business and Technology (IAABT). We have been working diligently to bring our two organizations together, to enhance the depth and breadth of each organizations reach within the Italian and business community. I'm pleased to announce that moving forward the IAABT has agreed to offer us the ability to co-sponsor their highly publicized networking events. This opportunity not only allows the IACC to increase the amount of networking we are doing, it allows us to gain very valuable publicity on a local and regional level. Each potential co-

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Lee Montagne Stanno Fermie, Ma La Gente Commina.

"Only the mountains remain but the people move on."

This Old Italian proverb has certainly been true this past year for our older members. A large number of our group are in their later years, which could seriously effect our membership numbers. This is why we continue to look for new and younger men and women to join this great organization. The proverb, Giovantu, Giovantu, Non Torma Piu! (Youth, Youth will never return) shows us the importance of youth in our organization.

I would first like to commend this organization for recognizing our Past Presidents the way that they do. There is a lot to be said for experience because not only does it reveal success but also efforts to grow the membership that have failed. With that I would like to thank you for listening and learning. Many business practices have stayed the same through the years. Just to mention a few like making service one of your top priorities, as well as the best products possible, and of course the best value for the money spent by your customers.

What has changed is the marketing of your services. The young buyers of today look at purchasing services and products in a different way. The way of choosing someone to fill your needs has taken on a new approach. The days of using the same merchant that your ancestors used are over. You have to prove yourself all over again. Much of this is done by marketing techniques like networking and proper advertising through the computer websites. The buying public has whole new criteria for making a purchase. The new ideas are quite different than what our forefathers had seen. We need to look to the younger generations to enlighten us on the wants and needs of the younger buyers.

As I look at our Board of Directors and Officers I am proud to say we are moving in the right direction. If we keep understanding each other and work together, our Chamber of Commerce will continue to grow and prosper for years to come.

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MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

Fall 2009

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

Thought's to Live By:

The following are excerpts from a booklet called "A Father's Book of Wisdom". The booklet was compiled from notes that the author's father had saved over the years. The author, H. Jackson Brown, Jr., commented that "Dad never told us how to be successful and happy- he just gave us the opportunity to watch him do it."

This column is dedicated to H. Jackson Brown, Sr. and to my Dad too.

Achievement: *"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – John Wooden*

Attitude: *"There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." – William Shakespeare*

Business: *"Regardless of what company you work for, never forget the most important product you are selling is your self." – H. Jackson Brown, Sr.*

Character: *"If you don't stand For something, you'll fall for anything." – Unknown*

Courage: *"What matters is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." – Coach Bear Bryant*

Excellence: *"Good enough – Isn't." – Bill Morelli*

Failure: *"Don't judge those who try and fail. Judge only those who fail to try." – H. Jackson Brown, Sr.*

Friendship: *"A friend is a gift you give yourself." – Robert Louis Stevenson*

Happiness: *"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get." – H. Jackson Brown, Sr.*

Kindness: *"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find it out." – Frank A. Clark*

Opportunity: *"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." – Francis Bacon*

Persistence: *"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go." – William Feather*

Success: *"The true measure of success is not what you have, but what you can do without." – H. Jackson Brown, Sr.*

Values: *"There is never a wrong time to do the right thing." – H. Jackson Brown, Sr.*

Ciao.

William A. Morelli, Sr.

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Creamy Pasta Primavera

Ingredients:

1. 4 ounces spaghetti
2. 1/3 cup butter, divided
3. 1/2 cup chopped green onions
4. 1/4 cup sliced green bell pepper
5. 1/4 cup sliced red bell peppers
6. 1 (4 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
7. 3/4 cup milk
8. 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
9. 2 cups diced cooked ham
10. 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.
2. In a skillet, melt 1/4 cup of the butter. Sauté green onions, green peppers, red peppers and mushrooms. Add cream cheese and milk and stir over low heat until cream cheese is melted. Stir in ham and parmesan cheese. Toss spaghetti with remaining butter. Combine with cream cheese mixture; toss lightly.

Serving Info:

Makes 6 servings

Serve With:

Garlic toast



Andiamo Celebrity 2009 showroom SCHEDULE

September

BROADWAY CAST OF BEATLEMANIA

FRIDAY, SEPT 11 • 8PM

The four seasoned impersonators, featuring members from the original Broadway Cast of *Beatlemania*, stunningly recreate the timelessness of *The Beatles*, beginning with many of the songs that first caused the world to stop and take notice of the four mop-topped lads from Liverpool. Watching the *Cast of Beatlemania* in their period dress from the early years through the "Sgt. Pepper" and "Abbey Road" days, takes an audience on a pleasant, eye catching journey down memory lane with the Fab Four.

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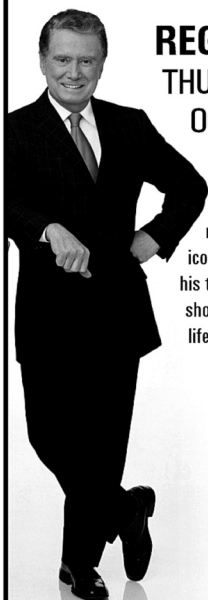


October

REGIS PHILBIN

THURSDAY & FRIDAY,
OCT 22 & 23 • 8PM

Come see ABC's own *Regis Philbin, LIVE* with a 22 piece orchestra. As the Face to which millions of Americans wake up to every morning, Regis Philbin has become a cultural icon in television broadcasting. Now Regis takes his television energy to the main stage performing show tunes and telling hysterical stories about his life in show business.



TONY & TINA'S WEDDING

FRIDAY, OCT 2 & NOV 20 • 7:30PM

Be a guest at this hysterical satirical Italian-American wedding, and you won't just see a show – you'll be part of it! Tickets include: Ceremony, reception, a five course gourmet Andiamo dinner, champagne toast, wedding cake, live music, dancing, and much more. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 7:30pm.



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November



MICHAEL AMANTE

FRIDAY, NOV 13 • 8PM

This American Opera Tenor was a favorite of the late Luciano Pavarotti and he can sing it all. His popularity is legendary among Italian-American audiences. Whether commanding the heroic volleys of Puccini's "Nessun dorma" or melting the tender phrases of "O Sole Mio", Amante rewrites the book on anybody's idea of what a tenor can be. *The New York Times* declared that this "swashbuckling Italian tenor exhibits both the voice and charisma of a crossover star," and Tony Bennett has hailed him as "the new Mario Lanza."



JOAN RIVERS

SATURDAY, NOV 14 • 8PM

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sponsoring event opportunity will be brought to our board by the IAABT for the board's approval. If approved, that's when we will need your help. It's important to attend these events, not only because of our involvement, but because of the fact that they offer each and every one of us enormous business and networking opportunities. In a climate where more and more of our success is dependant on our ability to network, and we are faced with living in a global community, when would be a good time to start taking action?

.Recently I met with Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. He has agreed to offer his services in helping the IACC explore "Business to Business" opportunities. I will have more for you on that in the weeks and months to come.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

Thank You,
Ned R. Piccinini
President

Chairman's Corner *Continued from page 2*

Summer is winding down and fall is around the corner. Regular meetings will begin and I hope to see more attendance and enthusiasium. In this economic downturn our organization is willing to work out compromise with dues payments which we hope will increase membership and hold those we have who may be having a difficult time. We have to be optimistic that the economy will get better and things will get back to some normalcy. I hope to see more of you at the meetings and enjoying the new networking programs, and also, please bring a friend.

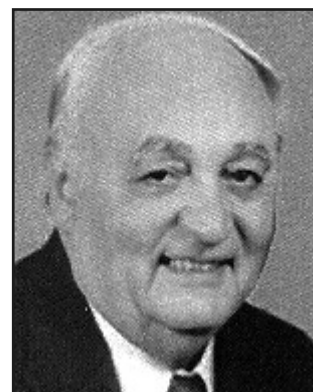
Your Chairman of the Board;
Paul R. Calcaterra

IN MEMORY



Hon. Anthony Sanfemio
10/09/1926 – 07/20/2009

Long time active member, and Past President 1981-1983 of The Italian American Chamber of Commerce. Current President of the Italian American Cultural Center. Throughout the years, he remained active with many other Italian organizations. Among them are the Americans of Italian Origin (AIO), the AMICUS Club, Club Pacentro, the Columbus Day Celebration Committee, and the Federazione Abruzzese.



John DeNardo
01/31/1925 – 06/23/2009

Long time member of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce, active within the Archives Committee. John was a proud member of The Bruce Post, The Berkley American Legion, Federazione D'Abruzzo and The Bariscianotti Club

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



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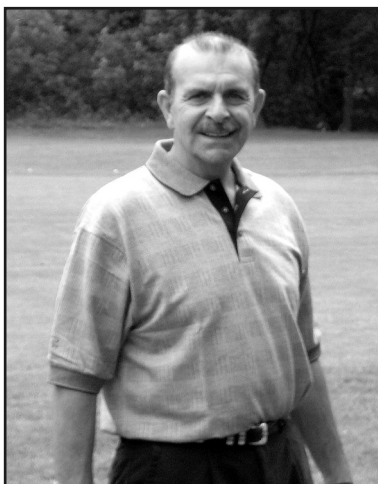
Italian American Chamber of Commerce John B. Agosta Memorial 26th Annual Golf Outing Fern Hill Country Club



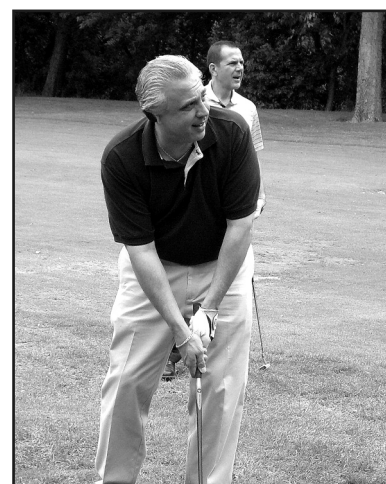
Hey... did any one see where my ball went?



Past President Sam Ventimiglia and Rick DiBartolomeo



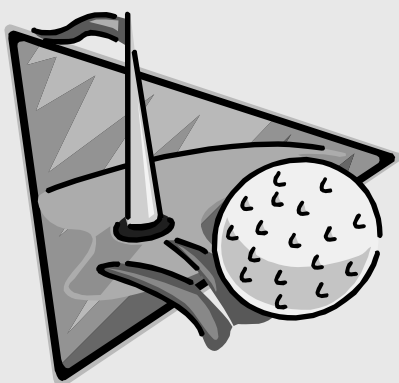
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Italian American Chamber of Commerce



John B. Agosta Memorial 26th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Thank you to all the Chamber members and friends who supported this years outing. This year the Chamber awarded a total of \$11,000 to 12 scholarships recipients. The awards range from \$500.00 to the \$1,500.00 Lido Bucci Award. Without your support, this event would not be possible. Congratulations to the recipients!

Andy Agosta, Chairman, Golf Committee
Joseph Toia, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

JOHN B. AGOSTA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2009

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Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:



September

9/6 Ventimiglia, Joseph P.
9/8 Lucido, Joseph
9/10 Cavaliere, Ray
9/10 Seifert, Michael
9/11 Piccirilli, Umberto
9/14 Agosta, Andrew
9/21 Lazzara, David Alan
9/22 Pianello, Vito
9/28 Puzzuoli, Joseph P.
9/28 Promesso, Charles

October

10/2 Roselli, Anthony
10/4 Cancro, Frank
10/5 Messina, Steve
10/7 Palazzolo, Frank J.
10/9 Sanfemio, Hon. Anthony
10/11 Vettese, Jr., Frank J.

October

10/13 DeRita, Michael G.
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10/31 DiLorenzo, Tony

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