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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 1, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EVENING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Italian Cultural Center
43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township

OCTOBER 6, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Nomination of Officers/Board of Directors

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Picano's Restaurant
3775 Rochester Road, Troy

DECEMBER 1, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING Election of Officers/Board of Directors

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Petruzzello's Banquet Center
6950 Rochester Road, Troy

Well, summer is over and it's time to get back to business.

We had a tremendous golf outing and now we get to give \$11,000 in scholarships to some very deserving young Italian Americans. Thank you to our golf committee and everyone that played, donated, or in some way supported the event. Congratulations to our Scholarship winners. We are very proud to help support such bright young students. The September meeting is always my favorite because we get to hear about the outstanding accomplishments of the Scholarship recipients. Our future will be in good hands.

I also want to thank Joe Ventimiglia for all of the time and effort he put in for the Festa Italiana. We had a wonderful celebration of our heritage and I think everyone who attended had a great time. I also want to thank all the volunteers who worked the Metro Jazz Fest. We had some bad weather and things didn't turn out quite as planned, but I truly appreciate all those who helped.

Looking forward, we will be the charity hosts for Texas Hold 'Em Poker at Continental lanes. Please call Debbie to volunteer to help, or plan to bring your friends and play. We will be there September 4th, 5th 6th & 7th. Four Aces Poker Room is located at Continental Lanes at 13 Mile & Gratiot in Roseville.

We will have a networking meeting in October, so if you are interested in having a display at the event, please call Tony Rubino at 586-873-2905 or Vito Pianello at 248-675-7054.

Once again I want to thank you for allowing me to be President this year; I can't believe the year is almost over.

God Bless
Tom Bommarito



MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

Fall 2010

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

Thought's to Live By:

As we have recently "enjoyed" the heat of summer, I recall commenting on how cold the last winter was and poking fun at the theory of global warming. Well, maybe it is not so funny after all. As the months of summer were steaming by, I rediscovered an article that I shared with you before. At the risk of sounding too religious I am now going to repeat that article for you.

"Don't Give Up

"Do not give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying."

"Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly."

"I asked for Strength – and God gave me Difficulties to make me strong."

"I asked for Wisdom – and God gave me Problems to solve."

"I asked for Prosperity – and God gave me Brain and Brawn to work."

"I asked for Courage – and God gave me Danger to overcome."

"I asked for Love – and God gave me Troubled people to help."

"I asked for Favors – and God gave me Opportunities"

"I received nothing I wanted"

"Yet. . ."

"I received everything I needed."

As you go through the next several months, when you are faced with difficult times (and we all are) re-read the above. Also remember that the road to success is the least crowded on the second mile!

Smile. Give Hugs. Tell someone special you Love them.

Bill



Support The Italian American Chamber of Commerce

by playing Texas Hold'em
Poker at
**Four Aces Club inside
Continental Lanes
located at 13 Mile and
Gratiot, in Roseville.**

Saturday September 4th 6:00PM - \$1 Turbo Re-buy - 4,000 chips to start with re-buys and add-ons.

Saturday September 4th 9:00PM - \$25 Freeze Out start with 12,000 chips with one \$10 optional add-on for 8,000 more chips no re-buys.

Sunday September 5th 4:30PM - \$30 Texas- HOLD'EM - OMAHA HI/LO level by level Freeze Out start with 10,000 chips one \$10 optional add-on for 8,000 more chips no re-buys.

Sunday September 5th 7:00PM - \$5 Re-buy - 4,000 chips to start and re-buys start at \$5 for 4,000 chips, add-ons at the break start at \$10

Monday September 6th 7:00PM - \$10 Re-buy - 6,000 chips to start and re-buys start at \$10 for 6,000 chips, add-ons at the break start at \$10

Tuesday September 7th 7:00PM - \$1 Re-buy - 8,000 chips to start and re-buys start at \$5 for 4,000 chips, add-ons at the break start at \$10

Daily Texas Hold'em Cash Games
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**28TH ANNUAL
JOHN B. AGOSTA
GOLF OUTING**



**TUESDAY
JUNE 28, 2011**

**Boulder Lakes
Golf Club
52100 Fairchild Road,
Chesterfield**

You can advertise your business or profession in the "Grapevine Membership Business Directory."
For ONLY \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business in the directory.



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If you can't remember a time when Frankie Avalon wasn't a part of your life, you aren't alone. This talented performer can look back on a career that spans three generations of music, television and over 30 motion pictures. Frankie's years as a "Teenage Idol" have been succeeded by maturity and professionalism. He is currently one of the busiest nightclub performers in the country, playing the nations finest supper clubs and headlining top Las Vegas Hotel Main rooms, and now he's coming to Andiamo to dazzle you!

TAKE A LOOK

AT OUR FABULOUS CROWD PLEASERS THIS FALL.

9/10 & 11/19 @ 7:30pm
DINNER THEATRE
TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING

9/16 @ 7:00pm
MURDER MYSTERY:
FRIENDLY GAME OF DEATH!

9/24 @ 7:00 pm & 10:30pm
CARLOS MENCIA

9/25 @ 8:00pm
PBS PRESENTS:
AN EVENING WITH SAL RICHARDS

10/22 @ 8:00pm
ERIC BURDON & THE ANIMALS

10/23 @ 8:00pm
FRANKIE AVALON

11/12 & 11/13 @ 8:00pm
TEMPTATIONS

12/16, 12/17 & 12/18 @ 8:00pm
SCINTAS

12/19 @ 8:00pm
KAREN NEWMAN

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TICKETS AND EVENT INFORMATION:

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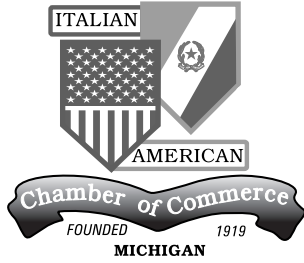
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Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

September

- 9/4 Scroy, Thomas
- 9/6 Ventimiglia, Joseph P.
- 9/8 Lucido, Joseph
- 9/10 Cavaliere, Ray
- 9/11 Piccirilli, Umberto
- 9/14 Agosta, Andrew
- 9/20 Costa, David J.
- 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 Cabarios, Lora
- 10/7 Palazzolo, Frank J.
- 10/11 Vettese, Jr., Frank J.
- 10/12 Meli, Paul
- 10/13 DeRita, Michael G.
- 10/23 Scrafano, Carmen J.
- 10/24 Del Pup, Armen
- 10/30 Penna, George

November

- 11/2 Beaudette, Floyd C.
- 11/2 DiBartolomeo, Ronald A.
- 11/10 Marchiori, William R.
- 11/11 Marino, Al
- 11/15 Koss, Ralph
- 11/17 Milkey, James A.
- 11/18 Galli, Daniel A.
- 11/18 Gentilia, John J.
- 11/25 Calcaterra, Lawrence
- 11/26 Pellegrino, Joseph R.

December

- 12/1 Apruzzese, Mario
- 12/1 Lochirco, Salvatore
- 12/1 Cervone, Matthew D.
- 12/2 Corrado, Paul
- 12/5 DeCarlo, Gary A.
- 12/6 Bianchini, Rocky
- 12/7 Gallo, Frank
- 12/11 Marchiori, William
- 12/14 Piccinini, Ned
- 12/17 Caretti, Richard
- 12/17 Bonadeo, David C.
- 12/26 Bonnell, James E.
- 12/27 Tenaglia, Michel

IN MEMORY



Frank DiGiovanni

March 7, 1921 - July 14, 2010

The IACCM wishes to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to the entire DiGiovanni family on the passing of Frank DiGiovanni, on July 14, 2010.

Frank has been an IACCM member since 1973. He was on the Board of Directors since 1978 and served as President of the Italian-American Chamber of Commerce in 1984. Frank was member of the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilot Association and the Associazione Abruzzese Del Michigan. He was an avid reader, he enjoyed golf, cards and traveling to Europe and spending summers in his native town in Italy until 2000. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his family and friends as wonderful man, a caring husband, father and grandfather who dearly loved them and the United States.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Try this delicious recipe compliments of:



Crab Dip

Ingredients :

1. 1 lb chopped crab meat
2. 2 8oz. box Philadelphia Cream Cheese (20 min. at room temp.)
3. 1 - 2 Tbs chopped fresh herbs (thyme, marjoram, sage, parsley)
4. Salt and Pepper to taste
5. Cocktail sauce (Golden Dipt by McCormick)
7. Celery (cleaned and quartered)

Directions :

1. Mix the crab meat, cream cheese, herbs, salt and pepper in a large mixing bowl. Add the herbs, salt and pepper to taste.
2. Once fully mixed, form a ball with the mixture and place in the center of a serving platter.
3. Pour the cocktail sauce over the crab mound. Place the carrots and celery around the crab mound for dipping.



Italian American Chamber of Commerce John B. Agosta Memorial • 27th Annual Golf Outing • Boulder Lakes Golf Club



(L-R) Joseph Toia, Joe Ventimiglia and Ron DiBartolomeo take time for a photo opp.



(L-R) Tom Lanni and and guest relax after enjoying an outstanding meal.



(Center) Tom Bommarito and fellow golfers, cocktail hour at Boulder Lakes Golf Club.



(L-R) Gus Russo, Andy Agosta along with the Longest Drive winner Andy Kulson





Pete Lucido and Dave Galli getting ready to hit the course.

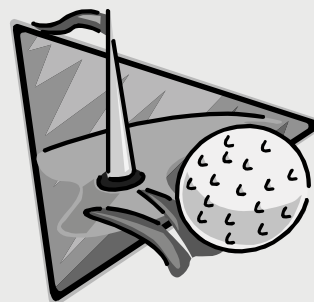


"I sure hope I can hit the green from here."



(L-R) Joe Ventimiglia chatting it up and catching up on the days activities.

Italian American Chamber of Commerce



Italian American Chamber of Commerce John B. Agosta Memorial 27th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Just wanted to thank all the Chamber members, their friends and associates who supported this years golf outing. It was a huge success. I am sure my brother John and Fred Severini were beaming down on us and provided that beautiful day. Your participation will provide 12 students with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. Without your support this would not be possible. I want to thank Debbie Demick for keeping our finances in order, John Di Giuseppe for the great food, Bill Marchiori for the Trippa, Steve Messina for hosting this years' event and all the committee members and a special thanks to Gus Russo. Next year's outing will be at Boulder Lakes on June 28, 2011. I am looking forward to your participation.

Best regards,
Andy Agosta

JOHN B. AGOSTA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2010

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Joshua Reside
Jaclyn Ventimiglia
Anthony Pecchia
Mary-Catherine Goddard
Natalie Pianello
Ashley Beaudette
Elizabeth Marcus
Patricia DeLuca
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