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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

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

JUNE 29, 2010 • TUESDAY • GOLF OUTING

27th Annual John B. Agosta Golf Outing
All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund

TIME

- 11:00 AM Luncheon
- 1:00 PM Shotgun Start

LOCATION

- Boulder Lakes Golf Club
52100 Fairchild, Chesterfield
**For tickets/info contact Andy Agosta
248-561-1266**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

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

- To Be Determined



Well, we are half way through the year and we have lots to be proud of;

- Our network meetings have been a great success, bringing in new members and adding a new level of excitement to the meetings. A huge thanks goes out to Tony Rubino and his committee.
- The Festa Della Lira is now over and we raised much needed funds for the upcoming scholarships. Thank you to Dan Galli, Mike Cardella and their committee.
- Andy Agosta and the Golf committee are hard at work getting ready for the big day at Boulder Lakes on June 29th.
- The Chamber Board has once again agreed to sponsor the Festa Italiana coming up July 16, 17 & 18 at Macomb College.
- The Chamber, with our non-profit license, will be selling the beer & liquor at the Metro Jazz Fest on July 23, 24 & 25, so please volunteer to help out. Check out metrojazz.com for line up.

I truly appreciate all of the time and effort everyone has been putting in on behalf of our Italian American Chamber of Commerce, as we continue to network and grow to help our member's businesses.

These are difficult and trying economic times that we are living through, and yet our Chamber members are not just giving up and throwing in the towel. Not only do our members work extra hours and take time to attend business & Chamber meetings, I see our Members all over town working with Kiwanis and Other Service Projects, helping Al Marino & Tony Rubino on Thrilla at the Villa, volunteering at Church, mentoring, coaching and on and on...

I am proud of the Italian American Chamber and I am humbled that you have allowed me to be President this year.

God Bless You and have a Wonderful Summer.

Thomas Bommarito
President



MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

Spring 2010

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

Thought's to Live By:

It seems like yesterday I was praising the relatively easy winter and then we got hit with our big snow – so, I will refrain from commenting on Mother Nature again out of fear that she will take some revenge again. As you will recall, I was quoting out of a great little book called “A Father’s Book of Wisdom” and I will continue using it for this article.

As some of you know, I am the Mayor Pro Tem of Fraser and that allows me to perform marriages in Michigan. I have been working on several ceremonies so it is with that background I start this writing.

Marriage: *Marriage is an empty box. It remains empty unless you put in more than you take out. - (this is a repeat from the last article but I thought it bears repeating)*
– Dad

Opportunity *Problems are opportunities in work clothes.*
– Henry Kaiser

Character: *It's not that you won or lost, but how you played the game. Grantland Rice*

Parents: *Parents today are pals nowadays because they don't have the guts to be parents. – Me*

Participation: *Do it! Move it! Make it happen! No one ever sat their way to success. – Dad*

Persistence: *Never, never, never, never give up.*
– Winston Churchill

Reality: *We do not see things as they are. We see things as we are. – Dad*

Self Concept: *No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. – Eleanor Roosevelt*

Self Reliance: *Self Reliance is like a flashlight; no matter how dark it gets, it will help you find your way. – Dad*

Success: *Success is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration.*
– Unknown

Values: *There is never a wrong time to do the right thing.*
– Dad

Wealth: *If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.*
– Mark Twain

Work: *Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.*
– Confucius

Observation: *There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can – Mark Twain*

In Closing – Remember, you never get a second chance to make a good first impression – so do it right once!

And as always remember to Smile, Give Hugs and Tell Someone Special That You Love Them because it will make them feel better, and that should make you feel better and that will make the world a little better place to live.

Have a GREAT SUMMER.

Bill

FESTA ITALIANA 2010 JULY 16-17-18

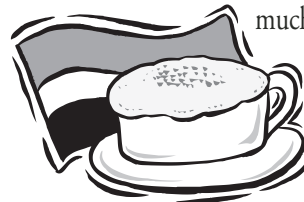
At Macomb Community College
South Campus In Warren

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.

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The IACCM will be running the beer and liquor sales for the Metro Jazz Fest at Macomb College (12 Mile & Hayes- Warren)

July 23, 24 & 25.

In addition, Chamber Members will receive 20% Discount for Sponsorships of the Jazz Fest.

If you are interested in volunteering in one of the sales locations for the festival, please email or call Debbie at the IACCM office - 586-493-4034
iacc.mich@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in Sponsorship Opportunities, please contact Tom Bommarito 586-419-0330 or Carl Gianotti 586-419-0332.

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27TH ANNUAL JOHN B. AGOSTA GOLF OUTING



**TUESDAY
JUNE 29, 2010**

**Boulder Lakes
Golf Club**
52100 Fairchild Road,
Chesterfield
For tickets/info
see page 4 of
this newsletter.

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.

2010 Andiamo Celebrity Showroom

THIS JUNE ...



06/11 SCINTAS

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06/18 TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING

Audience members play the roles of Tony n' Tina's family and/or friends. Tickets include: show ticket, champagne toast, Andiamo buffet, a piece of wedding cake and entertainment.



06/24 MURDER MYSTERY

Feast on a gourmet Italian dinner and enjoy a cash bar before participating in a hilarious mystery comedy. Become a sleuth, collect clues, crack the case, and win prizes!

COMING THIS FALL TO THE CELEBRITY SHOWROOM...

09/24 (7pm & 10:30pm)
CARLOS MENCIA

10/22 (8pm)
**ERIC BURDON
& THE ANIMALS**

10/23 (8pm) ***Just added!*
FRANKIE AVALON

11/12 & 11/13 (8pm)
THE TEMPTATIONS

12/16, 12/17, 12/18 (8pm)
**SCINTAS
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Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

June

- 6/1 Viviano, Anthony J.
- 6/2 Nagy, Charles
- 6/2 Locricchio, Michael
- 6/3 LaRosa, Dominic J.
- 6/7 Benenati, Dr. Anthony V.
- 6/16 Notte, Richard
- 6/16 Severini III, Fred
- 6/17 Corsetti, Tonino
- 6/22 Provenzano, Nunzio
- 6/26 DiGiuseppe, Jr., John
- 6/26 Bonaldi, Ezio
- 6/29 Ruggeri, Philip

July

- 7/1 Pompa, Frank
- 7/2 Morelli Sr., William A.
- 7/2 Bernabei, Frank A.
- 7/4 Scaglione, Albert P.
- 7/7 Navaroli, Joseph
- 7/14 DeCarolis, John
- 7/15 Varano, Sal Mario
- 7/15 Fontana, Carl
- 7/18 Galli, David
- 7/18 Timpa, James

July

- 7/19 Ficano, Robert
- 7/19 Viviano, Paul
- 7/20 Altavena, Paul
- 7/22 Baffo, Matthew
- 7/24 Schnepfer, Paul
- 7/25 Caramagno, Thomas A.
- 7/29 Simone, MD, Piero A.
- 7/30 Grimaudo, Joseph
- 7/31 Lucido, Peter J.

August

- 8/1 Cuglietta, Luigi
- 8/2 Seleno, Andrew A.
- 8/3 Toia, Joseph
- 8/7 Belcastro, Domenico
- 8/10 Piccinini, Dr. Robert
- 8/11 Maceroni, Peter
- 8/12 Bossio, Alan J.
- 8/19 Militello, Stefano
- 8/21 Stolaruk, Steve
- 8/23 Zuccaro, Dino
- 8/25 Salerno, Sr., Ramo A.
- 8/26 Petruzzello, Frank
- 8/29 Ventimiglia, Sam P.
- 8/30 DiGiuseppe, Christopher

Annual FADM Gala Dinner Dance



Going from left to right - Enzo Paglia, President of the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan (FADM), Sergio Marchionne, CEO, Fiat S.P.A and Chrysler Group LLC, Ron DiBartolomeo, President, Italian American Culture Society, Tom Bommarito, President, Italian American Chamber of Commerce.

The event was the Annual FADM Gala Dinner Dance held on Saturday, February 27th at the Palazzo Grande. Sergio Marchionne was the guest speaker. All proceeds benefitted the Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund.

WANTED

The IACCM is accepting bids for our web site re-design and maintenance, iaccm.net Any qualified Chamber member that is interested in helping the IACCM with this task may submit a quote for the work. Please contact the Chamber office at 586-493-4034 or by email at iacc.mich@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out.



ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MICHIGAN JOHN B. AGOSTA MEMORIAL 27th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing



**TUESDAY, JUNE 29th, 2010 at
Boulder Lakes Country Club**

52100 Fairchild Rd. - Chesterfield, MI 48051

\$150.00/Person

(\$90.00 Tax Deductible)

Dinner Only \$60.00

(\$25.00 Tax Deductible)

Lunch • Dinner • Refreshments • Hole in One Contest

For First Hole In One On The Front Nine WINS NEW 2010 CHRYSLER VEHICLE

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For First Hole In One On The Back Nine WINS NEW 2010 CHRYSLER VEHICLE

Sponsored By: Sterling Hgts. Dodge Chrysler Jeep -Tony Viviano-

For Reservations & Information call Andy Agosta cell: (248) 561-1266 or Fax: (248) 652-2127

ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MICHIGAN

John B. Agosta Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing - Please fill out form and mail checks to:

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Sold to _____
Signature _____
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Phone: Home _____ Work _____
Check # _____ Amount _____

Golf Tickets @ \$150/each \$ _____

Dinner Tickets @ \$60/each \$ _____

Hole Sponsor @ \$100 \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

FESTA DELLA LIRA

May 19, 2010 • Eastpointe Manor



FDL Committee Member Vito Pianello and guests enjoy the camaraderie at the annual Festa Della Lira Event



Andrew Agosta and Gus Russo
Golf Committee Chairmen



Guests enjoying cocktail hour



(L-R) Bill Morelli and Angelo Lanni



1st Vice President Joe Toia



(L-R) Steve Stolaruk,
Steve Messina
and Darlene Stolaruk

Sam Ventimiglia
reviews the
evenings
activities
and agenda

