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			Joseph Ventimiglia	1989 Alexander Bongiorno	1974 Joseph Grimaudo

## Mission Statement

*The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan*

This Chamber is dedicated to the promotion of the community, which we serve. We do this while we enjoy with great pride our Italian heritage and culture and we also honor the Italian immigrants of past generations for their contributions to this great country. We are proud Americans of Italian background.

**The Grapevine is now giving all IACCM members an opportunity to advertise your business or profession in the newly created "Grapevine Membership Business Directory." For \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business.**

**The Grapevine will still offer business card, quarter, half and full page advertisements. For further information, call Debbie at 586-493-4034**

## IACCM To Hold Its Annual Meeting

On Wednesday, December 7, 2005, the IACCM will conduct its annual meeting in accordance to Bylaw Article V, Section 5.1 which states:

*"Annual Meetings. Same shall be held in the month of December of each year (preferably on a Wednesday) at such time and place as may be designated by the President. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided not less than two (2) weeks before and will include the particulars of the Annual Meeting, together with an agenda."*

In addition, "in accordance to Bylaw Article V, Section 5.7 Order of Business - Annual Meeting, the following is the agenda:

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| I. Call to Order                           | President Morelli         |
| II. Roll Call                              | Secretary Piccinini       |
| III. Reading of Minutes – Annual Mtg. 2004 | Secretary Piccinini       |
| IV. Standing Committees Annual Reports     |                           |
| V. Election of Officers                    | Past President Calcaterra |
| VI. Old Business                           |                           |
| VII. New Business                          |                           |
| VIII. Good of the Order                    |                           |
| IX. Adjournment                            |                           |

## Reduce Stress

Here is a recipe to try for this month. It is simple and guaranteed to reduce the stress in your life.

- A bottle of wine...  
nothing fancy or expensive. Go for the one in the straw carafe for a change.
- Some Asiago cheese
- Any fruit in season of your choice. Cantalope is good.
- Your favorite crusty Italian bread
- Friends - not many - just two or three of your buddies
- Lawn chairs as needed
- Combine all these ingredients together
- Add some music such as old Italian favorites.

**Suggestions:** There is one CD I found not too long ago called "Eh Paisano" which contains all sorts of Italian American Classics such as Dean Martin singing 'That's Amore', Emili Pericoli singing 'Al Di La' and the unforgettable 'Pepini, the Italian Mouse' by Lou Monte. You will laugh yourself silly. I guarantee you a good time. A smile will form on your face and the stress will leave your body.



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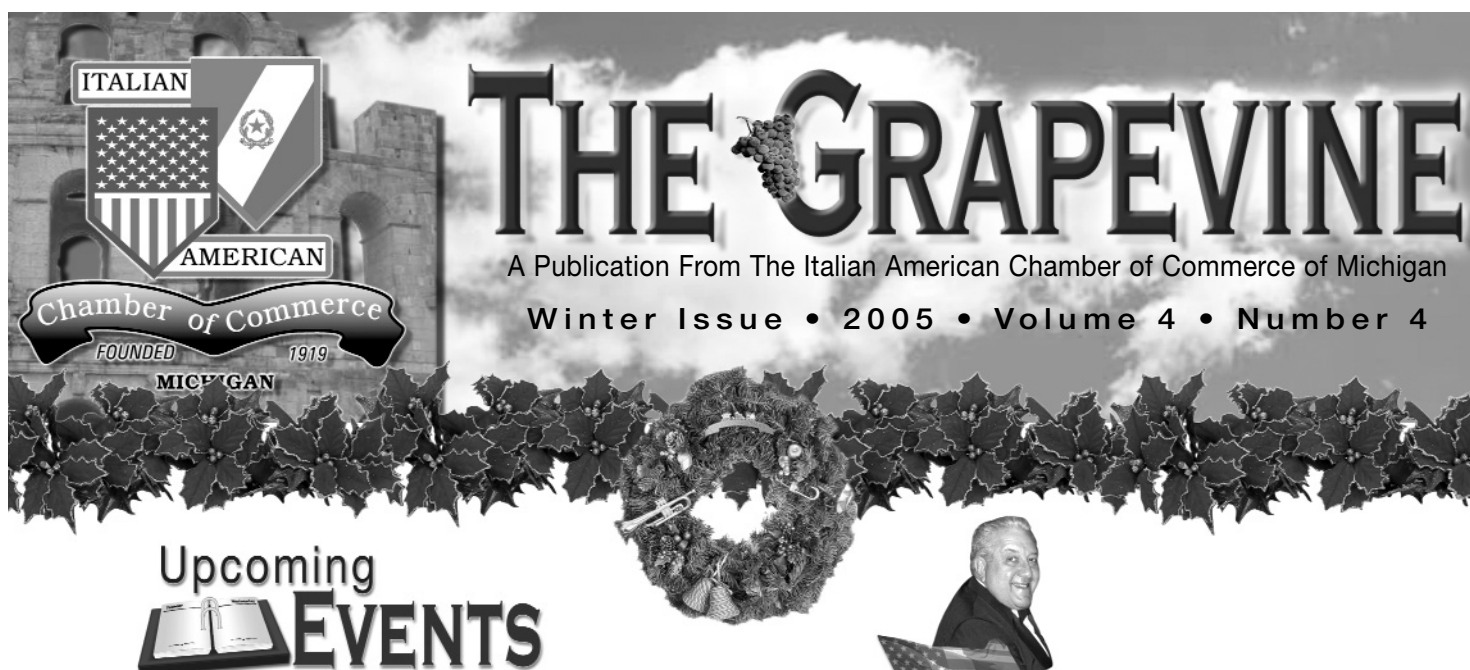
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## Upcoming EVENTS

### 2006 BOARD MEETINGS

#### TIME

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

#### JANUARY 11 • WEDNESDAY

#### BOARD MEETING

#### LOCATION

- Eastpointe Manor  
24611 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe

#### JANUARY 28 • SATURDAY

#### FESTA DEL VINO

#### LOCATION

- Mirage Banquet Center  
16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township

Please make every effort to attend this special evening which celebrates our installation of Officers and Board of Directors for 2006. For more information please contact Michael or Onorio Catenacci at 586-286-9786 or Thomas Catenacci at 586-566-9797.

#### FEBRUARY 1 • WEDNESDAY

#### BOARD MEETING

#### LOCATION

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

#### MARCH 1 • WEDNESDAY

#### BOARD MEETING

#### LOCATION

- Andiamo Banquet Center  
7096 East 14 Mile Road, Warren

## Notes from the PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Fall is here and winter cannot be far behind. It has been a fast and "interesting" year as your President. Our organization has experienced a slow down of new members and we do not really know why. Some say it is just a result of the economy and some say that we need to do some new things to attract new members. Well, I can assure you that our current Board - and the one you are voting in now - will listen to any suggestions you may have and we will be responsive to any good new ideas.

Speaking of the new Board, the slate of potential new board members is excellent and it will be difficult to choose only three from the slate of seven. I am confident that you will exercise your right to vote for the best interests of our chamber.

As we look back on 2005, it has been a year of significant events with the passing of Pope John Paul II, the election of Pope Benedict XVI, the continued struggle in Iraq, the destruction caused by Katrina, Wilma and the others. I think Jay Leno was correct when he said that now is not the time to take GOD out of our Pledge of Allegiance. Honor seems to be an ancient word that no longer has meaning. I can only hope that our members remember our heritage where our word is our bond and that honor is the main fabric of our beings.

On a brighter note, we are into the Christmas Season again and I hope that you all remember that it is important to follow the example of the 3 Wise Men and spend part of your holiday in recognition of the greatest gift ever given to man - the Son of God. In gratitude and out of respect for that gift, I am going to again ask you to share with those who are needy. I promise you that I will put something into each Salvation Army kettle I pass this year and I ask that you join me in that promise. The amount is not important, the act is! A gift from the heart for someone that we will never know is the true spirit of Christmas.

May you all receive the many blessings you deserve and need and may your Christmas be better than ever before and only the start of everything that gets even better and better.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Bill

p.s. See you at Angie's 12th Annual Toys for Tots Party at the Mirage on Nov. 29th!



## Business Feature

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Thomas Caramagno

## T&J Landscaping and Snow Removal Inc

Local resident, family man and business owner, Thomas A. Caramagno II, has been married for 20 years to Helga Caramagno. Both Thomas and Helga are the parents of three children, Alyssia; a student at Lutheran North, and David & Daniel; both are students at Trinity Lutheran.

Thomas Caramagno, along with his partner James Turay, own T&J Landscaping and Snow Removal Inc. The company was established in 1979 providing a wide range of services from lawn maintenance, snow removal, landscaping design and sprinkler installation and service.

Mr. Caramagno comes from a family that has been in the food business, (Caramagno Foods, Inc.) for over 100 years down at Eastern Market.



## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thoughts for the month

## Can you believe the Holidays are here already?

We were just sweltering at the Festa Italiana and here it is December. Time really passes much too quickly. Believe me, it seems as though I just finished the article for the last issue of The Grapevine!

As we prepare for our annual meeting, think about how much time has passed since you joined the Chamber. Hopefully, you have made new friends, developed new contacts and enjoyed the food and fellowship. Now is the time to consider getting more involved. The annual meeting is the perfect time to join a committee. You will get more from the Chamber, by getting more active.

The success of an organization is measured by:

- the level of participation by its members
- strong leadership and
- the support of its Past Presidents

Our Chamber has enjoyed success over time because of strong leadership, active membership, and the continued support of our Past Presidents.

I think it is time to reinstate the tradition of introducing and recognizing our Past Presidents at our monthly meetings. As each Past President is introduced, the new members and guests will realize what a rich heritage of leadership we have, and the longtime members will be reminded of the years of service and continued support each of these gentlemen has given to the Chamber.

Please join me in thanking the Past Presidents and former directors and officers of the Chamber, for your years of leadership and your dedication and support to the continued success and ideals of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Ciao,

**Joseph Toia**, Chairman

## Morelli's Motivation

By Bill Morelli

### Motivational Moments - Opportunities

"What is opportunity, and when does it knock? You can wait a whole lifetime, listening, hoping, and you will hear no knocking. None at all. You are opportunity and you must knock on the door leading to your destiny. You prepare yourself to recognize opportunity, to peruse and seize opportunity as you develop the strength of your personality, and build a self-image with which you are able to live - with your self-respect alive and growing."

- Maxwell Maltz

Study this quote carefully. It offers profound wisdom.

- YOU are the opportunity...
- YOU must develop the strength of your personality...
- YOU must build a self-image with which you can live...
- YOU must keep your self-respect alive and growing.

If you want to see the ever-present opportunities that abound in your life, all you need to do is:

### - Think WIN - WIN...

- What's Important Now? - What's Important Next?

Know what is most important to you at every point in time, and you become receptive to opportunity. Take action on whatever's next, and you will transform those opportunities into reality.

Look at your life as it is right now. What's most important to you? How do you want to make your living? How do you want to be remembered? How will you make the difference you were put on Earth to realize?

What are you noticeably good at? How can you best promote your talents into a powerful force for change? What is your number one asset? How can you use it to further your quest for success?

Inside each of these questions is the blossom of opportunity. Permit it to flower and you will change your life. You will become old and successful. Allow the bloom to die on the stem, and you will be filled with regrets of opportunity lost. You will become old and cynical.

Look around today. Take some time to put your life into slow-motion so you can actually see, hear, feel and touch the hands of destiny.

**IT'S YOUR LIFE. SEIZE THE DAY!**

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## Past Three Months Were Busy Months For The IACC

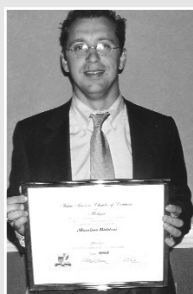


### IACC Welcomes Newest Member

Three new members were sworn in at the September and October meetings of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) held at Fern Hill Country Club and Mirage Banquet Center.

Tom DeAgostino, newest member of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), was sworn in by Judge Richard Caretti at the November meeting held at Villa Penna in Sterling Heights.

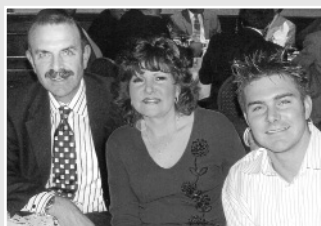
Mr. DeAgostino has two children, Mia and Anthony, and is an attorney at Potter, DeAgostino, O'Dea and Patterson, located in Auburn Hills.



Massimo Baldini, Senior Product Marketing Manager, Delphi Corporation



Eric Castiglia, Research and Development Director at Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace.



IACC Second Vice President, Ron DiBartolomeo, celebrated his 50th birthday at the November meeting with his wife Lori and son Adam.



Mrs. and Mr. Leonardi and Kristina Leonardi I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



(L-R) Mr. and Mrs. Tassoni and Joe Toia accepting award for Domenic Tassoni I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Mrs. Ternullo, Christina, and Mr. Ternullo with Joe Toia I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Grandparents Rose and Domenic Ferranti accept scholarship award for grandson Bryan Ferranti from Joe Toia - Scholarship Chairman at the I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Mr. and Mrs. Hilliker, Dina, and Joe Toia. Accepting award. I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Mr. and Mrs. Bommarito accept award for Nina Bommarito I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Joe Toia, Marina Bonanni, Mr. and Mrs. Bonanni I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Scholarship Awards Night at I.A.C.C. September 2005 Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club. (Left to Right) Michael Catenacci, Paul Calcaterra, and George Catenacci



Marina Bonanni, Scholarship Winner, with grandparents at I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club.



Sam and Donna Ventimiglia at I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club. Their children Salvatore and Christina were awardees.



Mr. Ventimiglia accepts award for son Joseph Ventimiglia from Joe Toia I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Mr. Sanfemio (Left) accepts award for daughter Alexa Sanfemio I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



Awardee Kristina Leonardi with parents at I.A.C.C. September 2005 Scholarship Meeting at Fern Hill Country Club



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## Terrific Italian Recipes

### The Christmas Eve Dinner

by Robert F. Ripullo

One of the big mysteries surrounding Christmas Eve has to do with dinner and the significance of the number of fish dishes

prepared. Many people have

asked me why do we

have seven different

fish dishes? To be

honest I never

knew why

myself. Every

Christmas

Eve I can

remember

smelling the

various fishes as

my Mother

prepared them. I

never knew why we

had to prepare so many I just

knew that this meal had to consist of dishes

that did not contain any meat and the

number of fishes prepared had to be seven.

The purpose for meatless dishes was due to

the fact that the night prior to a religious

feast was considered a vigil. During this



religious observance meat is usually not served. I didn't know why seven was so special and I think no one else in my family did either. It is one of those traditions you do every year even though you don't know why it was ever done to begin with. The tradition was passed down from generation to generation, but somewhere along the way the meaning got left behind. What could the number seven truly mean?

As I searched for the answer I found out that this tradition isn't one that you will find in all Italian households. In fact it appears that this is mainly a central and southern tradition and it is not upheld in the north. Of the regions that partake in this tradition each seems to do things slightly different. The biggest differences are the number of fish dishes prepared. Some prepare nine, eleven or thirteen. Whichever number you prepare there is a meaning and reason for doing so.

The number seven seemed to have quite a few different meanings. The meanings all go on what you and your family have believed in

over the centuries. Some of these meanings consist of the days in a week, the seven pilgrimage churches in Rome, or the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, but the one that seems to be most widely known reason is the seven sacraments.

The number nine appears to represent the Holy Trinity times three, while the number eleven stands for the Apostles minus Judas, and conversely the number thirteen represents the 12 Apostles plus Jesus. I am sure these are not the only reasons for each number of fish dishes prepared. Please take this opportunity to share it with everyone on our form.

My family has always followed the tradition of preparing seven fishes for Christmas Eve and so I have taken the opportunity to include these recipes for you to enjoy. The dishes that my family prepared are: baccala, baked shrimp, friend calamari, pasta with anchovies, pesce a la padella, sandy eels and steak fish.

Buon Natale!

#### Baked Shrimp

##### Ingredients

- 1 lb Shrimp
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- 1/8 cup chopped parsley
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1-2 lemons
- Salt and pepper to taste

##### Preparation

Clean and devein the shrimp. Coat a 13x9 pan with cooking spray. Cut the backs of the shrimp, but do not go all the way through. In a separate bowl mix cheese, bread crumbs, parsley and garlic. Take the shrimp and dip them into the mixture. Place them into the pan. Bake at 400 degrees for approximately 12-15 minutes or until the shrimp is pink. Take the lemons and cut into wedges for garnish.

#### Pasta with Anchovies

##### Ingredients

- Olive Oil
- 3 cloves of minced garlic
- 1 can anchovies
- Pasta (1 pound)
- 3 tablespoons seasoned Italian bread crumbs

##### Preparation

On medium heat add only enough olive oil to coat your frying pan. Add the 3 cloves of minced garlic. Once the cloves have been sauteed add a can of drained anchovies. Take a fork and smash your anchovies in the frying pan. Add 3 tablespoons of seasoned Italian bread crumbs. Mix the contents together and cook till contents are warm. Once the contents are heated add to 1 pound of drained pasta. Mix thoroughly and serve with grated cheese.

#### Baccala

##### Ingredients

- 2 pounds of baccala
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 egg

##### Preparation

Soak baccala in water for two days changing the water at least 2-3 times a day. Cut baccala into 2 inch pieces. Take each piece and cover them with the flour, bread crumbs and egg. Place them into a pan of hot oil and let them fry to a golden brown color.

## Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

### December

12/1 Lochirco, Salvatore  
12/1 Cervone, Matthew D.  
12/2 Vendittelli, Antonio  
12/5 DeCarlo, Gary A.  
12/6 Bianchini, Rocky  
12/7 Latella, Anthony  
12/7 Gallo, Frank J.  
12/13 Paluzzi Jr., Joseph  
12/14 Piccinini, Ned  
12/14 Femminino Jr., Jacob M.  
12/17 Caretti, Richard L.  
12/17 Fachini, Roger  
12/17 Bonadeo, David C.  
12/18 Viviano, David F.  
12/27 Tenaglia, Michel

### January

1/1 Aiello, Steve  
1/2 Yearego, James L.  
1/2 Mazzara, Michael J.  
1/4 Marrocco, Peter  
1/4 Iacobacci, Sergio  
1/4 Viviano, Vincent P.  
1/5 Baldini, Massimo

### January

1/6 Rea, Pasqualino  
1/6 Castiglione, Joseph  
1/14 Coppola, Frank  
1/17 Mocerì, Michael  
1/18 Ripepi, Sam  
1/18 Polsinelli, Michael L.  
1/22 Bommarito, Thomas  
1/24 Aloia, Benjamin  
1/26 Leonardi, Frank C.  
1/28 Torrice, Dr. Peter  
1/31 DeNardo, John  
1/31 Cicchini, Paul

### February

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2/12 Lacaria, Sam  
2/17 Garrisi, Lorenzo F.  
2/17 DeLuca, Antonio  
2/24 Rastelli, William P.  
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