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Ronald A. DiBartolomeo	Joseph Toia	Paul Calcaterra	Andrew Agosta	2006 William A. Morelli, Sr.	1988 Russell Gambino
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				1991 Thomas B. Lanni	1974 Joseph Grimaudo

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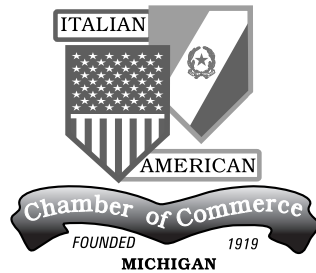
The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan

“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.”

On Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 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 DiBartolomeo
- II. Roll Call – Secretary Toia
- III. Reading of Minutes – Annual Mtg. 2005 - Secretary Toia
- IV. Standing Committees – Annual Reports
- V. Election of Officers – Past President Ventimiglia
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Good of the Order
- IX. Adjournment



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Upcoming EVENTS



DECEMBER 3 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

Election of Officers/Board of Directors

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Villa Penna
43985 Hayes, Clinton Township

JANUARY 7, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

Installation of Officers/Board of Directors

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Mirage Banquet Center
16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township
Spouses, guests and significant others invited for a \$40.00 Dinner Fee. (per guest)

FEBRUARY 4, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Andiamo Italia
7096 East 14 Mile Road, Warren

MARCH 4, 2009 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Villa Penna
43985 Hayes, Clinton Township

It has been said that the older you get, the faster time passes you by. How true that is. As I was sitting at our board meeting in late October, it was mentioned that articles for this edition of the Grapevine were due. Suddenly it occurred to me that my year as President was coming to an end. Where has the year gone?

As I reflect back, it has been a year of creation, transition, and at times challenging. This past year has seen our organization welcome our first female to join, an updated membership directory, membership cards, membership services, alliance with the Italian American Alliance for Business and Technology, the addition of two past presidents to the Board of Directors, as well as having a strong presence and influence in the Italian community.

That is quite a bit on anyone's plate, and that does not include our standbys of the Festa della Lira, the golf outing, guest speaker program, our scholarship program, the Grapevine, membership drive, nominations and elections, and charitable contributions.

Then you have to throw in the administrative duties, such as financial and budget reports, collection of dues, attendance and guest fee collection at our meetings, by-law updates, mailings, and conducting our monthly meetings.

It goes without saying that none of this could have been accomplished without the members of the Board of Directors, committee chairs, committee members, our administrative assistant Debbie, and most importantly, the support of the membership.

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DAL DIRE AL FARE CE' IN MEZZO IL MARE. "It's one thing to say it, it's another to do it."

In these past months, we have heard one intention after another and soon it will be time to carry them out. We all know that one person cannot do it alone. It takes the support and hard work of all involved to reach the promised goal. In our organization we will be welcoming our new President and his Board of Directors into office. Let's take a moment to look at what our outgoing President, Ron DiBartolomeo has accomplished in his one year in office. In the area of membership growth a few new techniques were tried. For example, rewarding a member for bringing in a new member, also a reduction in the fee for new a member within the time of the membership drive. Well, it seemed to work in that after the drive our new members increased. However what we did not count on were those members who elected not to stay in the organization. With that happening, the overall membership increase was not as much as we had hoped. Another goal set forth was to improve our image as a true Chamber of Commerce. We are now part of a large businessmen's association which represents various products and services from Italy. We are hoping that this relationship will continue to grow. Another great accomplishment was his developing a meaningful membership card which will allow you to receive discounts in products or services from our member businesses. Ron also has made improvement in our speakers program with the help of his board. The idea is to make our meeting more interesting and meaningful not only to improve attendance, but to give greater value to being a member. These goals are just a few that Ron has carried out. We can be proud of what he has done and very grateful for having him as our President. Our organization is still facing improvement on these challenges, increasing and retaining membership, improving networking among our members, enhancing our image as a Chamber of Commerce in the eyes of our members as well as the community and further promoting the value of membership in this organization.

The Italian proverb, *A MATI ESTREMI, ESTREMI RIMEDI.* "Extreme conditions require extreme measures" might be considered by our new leadership. Our new President and Board of Directors can not achieve their goals without the total support and help from each of us. Lets make this Chamber one that we will all be proud of.

Respectfully: Your Chairman of the Board;
Paul R. Calcaterra

MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

Stress Management

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to a group, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

"If I held it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

"And that is the way it is with stress management. If we carry all our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on... As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work/life down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up again tomorrow. Life is short. Enjoy."

When we are dealing with the burdens of life, remember:

Accept that some days you are the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them later.

Drive carefully; it's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you lend someone \$20.00 and you never see them again, it was probably worth it.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only do once.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

One more time, please remember to contribute each time you see a red kettle with someone collecting for the poor. If you can't put anything in the kettle, at least say a prayer for the needy.

And remember to Smile, Give Hugs, and Tell Someone You Love Them.

William A. Morelli, Sr.

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Andiamo Celebrity Showroom 2009 SCHEDULE

D.L. HUGHLEY



D.L. HUGHLEY Sat, Jan 24 • 7pm & 10:30pm

One of the most highly recognized comedian / actors on the road today. This popular original Kings of Comedy stand up comedian starred in the long running ABC sitcom — *The Hughleys*. He also has made numerous appearances on *HBO*, *Comedy Central*, *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *BET* and all the popular late night shows.

SOUNDS OF SINATRA Thurs, May 14 • 7pm

FEATURING MARK RANDISI
WITH THE JOHNNY TRUDELL ORCHESTRA

Close your eyes and you swear the voice you hear is the original Chairman of the Board. On the 11th anniversary of Frank Sinatra's passing come celebrate all of the classic standards such as "My Way" and "New York, New York."

BROADWAY CAST OF BEATLEMANIA Fri, Sept 11 • 7pm

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.

REGIS PHILBIN Thurs, Oct 22 & Fri, Oct 23 • 7pm

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.

MICHAEL AMANTE Fri, Nov 13 • 7pm

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."

SCINTAS Thurs — Sat, Dec 10, 11 & 12 • 7pm

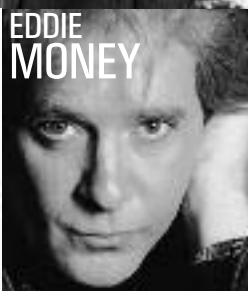
2 Million people can't be wrong, come Laugh-Out-Loud and see musical comedy with dead on impressions. This Vegas mainstay has long been a Celebrity Showroom favorite playing annually to sold out crowds!

KAREN NEWMAN Thurs — Fri, Dec 17 & 18 • 7pm

Detroit native Karen Newman has long been a well-known face in Michigan and is seen regularly as the "Voice of the Detroit Red Wings." This has continued for more than a decade, giving the singer the exposure needed to release an album of classic rock-oriented pop songs called *One Word*, and a holiday album "What Christmas Means to Me." What Christmas Means To Me Her original song "Christmas Eve on Woodward Avenue" is a regular Christmas favorite in Detroit.

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EDDIE MONEY



EDDIE MONEY Fri, Feb 20 • 7pm

This straight up rock and roll icon has been making music and delivering it to his fans since the mid 70's. With hits like "Two Tickets To Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Walk On Water," "Think I'm In Love" and "Shakin", Eddie continues to be one of the hardest working men in rock and roll.

ELVIS IS ALIVE WITH

ELVIS TO THE MAX Sat, Feb 21 • 7pm

MAX PELLICANO & HIS LAS VEGAS DANCERS
Well over a quarter of a century has passed since the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Aaron Presley, died. Elvis' image in the form of Max Pellicano has already crossed the globe a dozen times. His uncanny resemblance and equally chilling performance have mesmerized tens of thousands. Is it any wonder some people still refuse to believe that Presley is dead?

ANDREW DICE CLAY Fri, Mar 13 • 7pm

This shock, rock and roll bad boy comic reels in the laughs. One of the few comedians in the world to sell out Madison Square Garden in New York multiple times. His "Diceman" persona, stretching both the boundaries of proper language and good taste, has been his most successful style, financially and attendance-wise.

ULTIMATE DOO WOP Sat, Mar 14 • 7pm

The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show is just that "ultimate". As seen on PBS, which was the single biggest fundraising event in PBS' 58-year history. *Jimmy Beaumont & The Skyliners* "Since I Don't Have You", "This I Swear", "Pennies from Heaven", The Edsels "Rama Lama Ding Dong", *The Eldorados* "Crazy Little Mama", *The Magnificents* "Up on a Mountain", "At My Front Door", Stormy Weather "Street Corner Serenade", and the *Blue Suede Orchestra*. Six artists — over 50 million records sold. A concert you do not want to miss!

IMPRESSIONIST BOB ANDERSON

Sat, Mar 21 • 7pm

Personable entertainer that People Magazine named, "The Best Singing Impressionist in America." Bob is not just an impressionist, he is a singer, a comic, a consummate entertainer. Bob has appeared on over 200 national television shows from *Johnny Carson* to *David Letterman* and all the rest. Anderson, a Las Vegas Hall of Fame Entertainer, grew up in Warren Michigan.

THE GUESS WHO Fri, Apr 17 • 7pm & 10:30 pm

The Guess Who became Canada's first international rock music superstars. "These Eyes" Heralded as the beginning of the Canadian Invasion into America. Ironically it was "American Woman" from March of 1970 that gave *The Guess Who* a #1 single in the US, unseating *The Beatles* for three weeks straight. Other hits include "No Sugar Tonight/New Mother Nature", "Hand Me Down World", "Share The Land", to name just a few and in all, the group has 14 bona fide Top 40 Hits to it's credit!

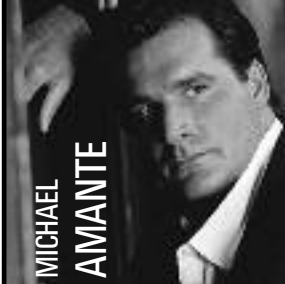
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Notes from the President

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I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this past year. I really believe that this organization is making great strides and is heading in the right direction, and that has been evident by your presence and participation, not to mention the positive feedback that I have received.

It has been an honor and a privilege to stand before you and serve as your President and to represent this Chamber at all the different functions that I have attended. It is something that I will always cherish. I am very proud to a part of this great organization, and I admire the sincerity, the passion and dedication that has been exhibited, but it must not stop here.

Ned R. Piccinini will assume the office of President in January. He is eager and ambitious. I ask that you please support him and his agenda as you have supported me.

I wish you of all the best of this holiday season; health, family and friendship.

“May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through” – Author Unknown.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

Sincerely,
Ronald A. DiBartolomeo
President



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IACCM Scholarship Awards September 3, 2008 At T



Jaclyn Ventimiglia thanks IACC members for her scholarship



Dad and Mom with awardee Angela Maniaci



Member Vito Pianello accepts scholarship for daughter Natalie



Brandon Busuito accepts scholarship from Joe Toia, then thanks IACC



Mr. & Mrs. Russo thank IACC on behalf of daughter Maria



Dad Bob Gaglio accepts on behalf of son Adam



Kristen Aquino thanks IACC for scholarship



Mr. Cavaliere accepts scholarship for daughter Renee



Mrs. Palazzolo accepts scholarship for daughter Sara





Joe Toia swears in new members Bill Marchiori & Mario Apruzzese



Scholarship awardee Lauren Hilliker & family

Italian-American Chamber of Commerce NEW Members for 2008

1/10/2008	Cerroni, Dante	5/30/2008	Pirrone, Joseph
1/18/2008	Giannetti, Frank	6/ 2/2008	Apruzzese, Mario
2/13/2008	Viviani, Anthony J.	6/ 2/2008	Marchiori, William
2/18/2008	Varanelli, Jeffrey	6/ 2/2008	Piccinini, Patricia
5/16/2008	Roselli, Anthony	6/ 3/2008	Belcastro, Domenico
5/27/2008	Pavone, Gerardo	11/10/2008	Stolaruk, Steve

IACCM CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

At a recent IACCM board meeting, the Board of Directors have endorsed the following candidates as Officers for the upcoming election:

- President – Ned Piccinini
- 1st Vice President – Thomas Bommarito
- 2nd Vice President – Joseph Toia
- Secretary – Andrew Agosta
- Financial Secretary – Joseph Ventimiglia
- Treasurer – Antonio DeLuca

There are three Board of Director seats vacant for a full term (3) years, and one seat for a one (1) year term due to the elevation of Andrew Agosta to Secretary. At the time of voting, you will select three, with the 4th top vote recipient receiving the one year partial term

The Board of Directors have endorsed the following candidates as Board of Directors for the upcoming election:

- Michael DeRita
- Peter A. Fuciarelli
- David Galli - Incumbent
- Stefano Militello - Incumbent
- Anthony Rubino
- James Timpa

No nominations were given at the November General Membership meeting from the floor

Good luck to all the candidates!

Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

December

12/1	Apruzzese, Mario	1/18	Ripepi, Sam
12/1	Lochirco, Salvatore	1/18	Polsinelli, Michael L.
12/1	Cervone, Matthew D.	1/21	Floreno, D.O., John A
12/2	Corrado, Paul	1/22	Bommarito, Thomas
12/2	Vendittelli, Antonio	1/26	Leonardi, Frank C.
12/5	DeCarlo, Gary A.	1/26	Pavone, Gerardo
12/6	Bianchini, Rocky	1/28	Torrice, Dr. Peter
12/7	Latella, Anthony	1/31	DeNardo, John
12/11	Marchiori, William	1/31	Cicchini, Paul
12/13	Paluzzi Jr., Joseph		
12/14	Piccinini, Ned		
12/14	Femminineo Jr., Jacob		
12/17	Bonadeo, David C.		
12/24	Morreale, MD, Vittorio M.		
12/27	Tenaglia, Miche		

February

2/2	Manzella, Vincenzo
2/3	DelPup, Gino J.
2/5	DiBartolomeo, Michael J.
2/9	Fuciarelli, Peter A.
2/12	Lacaria, Sam
2/12	Piccinini, Patricia
2/17	DeLuca, Antonio
2/22	Taormina, Steven
2/25	Buffa, John Anthony
2/26	Ferranti, Domenic
2/27	Gaglio, Philip J.
2/27	Salerno, Dr. Ramo

January

1/2	Vannini, Al
1/4	Marrocco, Peter
1/4	Viviano, Vincent P.
1/6	Castiglione, Joseph
1/14	Coppola, Frank

