



## Upcoming EVENTS

**JUNE 5, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING**

### *Scholarship Awards Night*

#### TIME

- 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

#### LOCATION

- San Marino Club  
1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy

**JUNE 24, 2019 • MONDAY • GOLF**

### *36th ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING*

#### TIME

- Lunch served 10:30 AM
- 12 Noon Sharp Shotgun Start

#### LOCATION

- Fern Hill Golf Club  
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Twp.



**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING**

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Rivercrest Banquet Center  
900 W. Avon Road, Rochester

**OCTOBER 2, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING**

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Mirage Elegant Banquet Center  
16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Twp.



## Notes from the PRESIDENT

### **Celebrating 100 years!**

As we move through this historical year for the Italian American Chamber of Commerce, we have a lot of exciting things happening. The January announcement of DTE as the presenting sponsor for our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration Gala, Andiamo as an elite sponsor and all of the other proud sponsors that followed will make this a memorable year indeed. The Past Presidents led by Ron DiBartolomeo have dedicated a lot of time and effort in putting this event together and I am looking forward to the end result. Anthony Bommarito and his video team have started production on the documentary which will be presented for the first time at the Gala in October.

When I began this year as President of this organization, it was and is my intention to listen to our membership and perhaps incorporate some changes to our meeting agenda's. In February we had a Vision committee meeting that was attended by a mix of new and longtime members of our organization. As a result of that meeting, we decided to send out a simple survey to the membership and we received some worthwhile responses. I'm not saying we will make any dramatic changes but we will continue the discussions and do our best to keep our meetings interesting and productive.

Our April meeting at Eastpointe Manor was highlighted by a very special guest speaker, Senator Peter J. Lucido. He is a proud longtime member of the IACCM and was happy to provide us with a legislative update that was well received by all that attended. Thank you Senator Lucido for taking time out of your busy schedule.

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## Chairman's CORNER

Now that spring has finally sprung and we've turned the calendar to May our IACCM schedule of events gets into high gear. It began on May 1st with our annual reverse raffle, Festa Della Lira. This year we had a great turnout at the Italian American Cultural Center and the early reports are saying it was another very successful night. Thanks to Tony Giordano and Chuck Shermatiero and their committee for another wonderful job.

Next up is our June meeting which is our scholarship awards night. This is the meeting that I look forward to most every year. These young men and women are the future leaders in our community. They all have very impressive GPA's for sure, but it's their community service and love of their heritage that rings true throughout the evening. Thanks to Honorable Joseph Toia and his committee for their work on this program.

Of course, without funding there would be no scholarship which brings me to our next event, the 36th Annual John B. Agosta Memorial Golf Outing being held on June 24th at Fern Hill. As of now there are few if any tickets left but that doesn't mean you can't participate. Hole sponsorships are available as well as dinner only tickets. Every year Andy Agosta, Gus Russo and their committee put on a great event. Thanks to them for the effort they put in year after year to support our scholarship program.

This year we have a new event on our calendar which is actually an old event, the Italian festival at Freedom Hill, July 12, 13, 14. This is our first year as the presenting sponsor of this celebration of our heritage. Many of our members have been volunteers for this event every year, but this year we will be needing even more. We will have a tent set up at the festival to advertise the chamber to attract new members and will also be selling the 50-50 tickets. We will also need help with the set up on Thursday July 11th and tear down on Sunday July 13th. Please contact the chamber office to get further information on how to participate.

Have a great summer!!

Ciao,

David F. Galli, Chairman of the board

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# HELP NEEDED

## FESTA ITALIANA 2019

### FREEDOM HILL COUNTY PARK

### JULY 12, 13, 14

**Volunteers NEEDED to help on 4 projects, so I am asking the membership for help**

#### 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALES

**FIRST...** we need to obtain someone to be the Chairman of this event/committee. Please contact me if you are able to step up and chair the raffle. Responsibilities are listed below including finding volunteers for sales.

Hours of the festival are as follows:

Friday 6-11pm

Saturday Noon-11

Sunday 11am-10pm

We need 1 person (chairperson) to be responsible for it all, with at least 2 others that can be accountable for other days if the 1 can't do all 3 days. All money has to be accounted for and reported back to main person or to Joe Ventimiglia each day. The volunteers need to help sell for 3 days; either in booth or walking around. We need a cash box for change, a tumbler to put tickets in, and someone able to break money down for 3 winners on a 50/50 basis.

**SECOND...** A couple people are needed on Friday the 12th to take 150 lawn signs and stick them around the area. It needs to be done around 5:30/6:00pm and should only take a couple hours.

**THIRD...** We print 100,000 fliers that are distributed to Nino Saalvaggio's, Randazzo's and Vince & Joe's. We are looking for someone, or a few people, who can pick up any part of the 25,000 remaining flyers and pass them out to any business you go into or are able to stop at. The fliers will be at 16 Mile and Mound once they are printed.

**FOURTH...** We need help SUNDAY NIGHT the 14th to break down the festival, such as find tables, chairs, banners, etc...

Please contact me at 810-338-1902 if you are able to volunteer or have further questions.

Thank you for your help  
Joseph P. Ventimiglia

### Notes From The President

The Festa Della Lira was held on May 1st at the IACS. This is our most attended meeting of the year and a very important fundraiser for the IACCM. Dr. Tony Giordano and Dr. Chuck Shermetaro chaired this event and again did a spectacular job!

I can't thank them enough for their hard work on this very successful fundraiser. Mike and Joe Divozzo did a great job handling the basket of cheer duties and we were able to raise a significant amount of money for iCARE of Michigan. Thank you to all that helped make the Festa a success!

Our June 5th meeting is the annual Scholarship presentation, during which, we honor some well deserving young Italian Americans. This would not be possible without the funds raised at the IACCM golf outing. Thank you to Andy Agosta and the golf committee for putting together this fantastic event which will be held June 24th at Fern Hill.

This years Festa Italiana will be held July 12, 13, 14 2019 at Freedom Hill and proudly sponsored by the Italian American Chamber of Commerce. Joe Ventimiglia is the Chairman of this event as he has been for many years. I'm sure there will be opportunities to volunteer, so please consider helping any way you can. This will certainly be a high point of the summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at all of the upcoming events!

Daniel Galli, President



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### May

5/4	Russo, Agostino	7/14	DeCarolus, John
5/5	Morelli, Jr., Frank	7/15	Varano, Sal Mario
5/7	Agosta, Anthony Allan	7/15	Fontana, Carl
5/7	Valente Jr., Mark	7/18	Galli, David F.
5/8	Salvaggio-Crump, Alexandria	7/18	Mazza, Thomas
5/14	Calcaterra, Paul R.	7/18	Timpa, James
5/16	Velardo, Armand	7/19	Viviano, Paul
5/17	Giarmarco, Julius H.	7/22	Baffo, Matthew
5/17	Paglia, Enzo	7/24	Schnepper, Roy
5/19	Varanelli, Jeffrey	7/29	Simone, MD, Piero A.
5/23	Scalzi, Frank	7/30	Bartolomeo, Dawn
5/30	Lawroski, Eric	7/30	Grimaudo, Joseph
		7/31	Lucido, Peter J.

### June

6/1	Viviano, Anthony J.
6/2	Locricchio, Michael
6/3	LaRosa, Dominic J.
6/4	Marentette, Aaron
6/7	Benenati, Dr. Anthony V.
6/9	Burke, Joseph A.
6/12	Pavlick, Marty
6/19	DiGiorgio, Frank
6/22	Provenzano, Nunzio
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6/26	DiGiuseppe, Jr., John
6/26	Bonaldi, Ezio
6/27	Lombardo, Kenneth
6/28	Monicatti, Timothy
6/29	Ruggeri, Philip

### July

7/2	Bernabei, Frank A.
7/4	Scaglione, Albert P.

### August

8/2	Seleno, Andrew A.
8/3	Toia, Joseph
8/4	Pascarella, Antonio
8/7	Belcastro, Domenico
8/9	DiPiazza, John
8/11	Maceroni, Hon. Peter
8/12	Ventimiglia Jr., Salvatore
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8/19	Militello, Stefano
8/22	Giordano, Anthony
8/23	Zuccaro, Dino
8/25	Salerno, Sr., Ramo A.
8/26	Petruzzello, Frank
8/29	Ventimiglia, Sam P.
8/30	DiGiuseppe, Christopher

## Festa Italiana 2019 – Gara: Dei Bambini

### Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Baby Contest Prizes for Everyone!

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The annual Beautiful Baby Contest will be held on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. in front of the Lucido Family Stage at Freedom Hill County Park. Our *Beautiful Babies* need to be at least 25% Italian and will be judged within six age groups: 9-12 months; 13-18 months; 19-24 months; 3 year old; 4 year old; 5 year old.

To enter the contest, please submit your baby's photo, and on the back of the photo, please print his/her name, birth date, and percentage of Italian and email to Jennifer Del Greco [delgrecofamily08@gmail.com](mailto:delgrecofamily08@gmail.com); or call 586-604-2898.

**DEADLINE - Friday, July 5th NO EXCEPTIONS!** Get the word out to those Beautiful Babies!

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## 2019 Festa Italiana Italian American Idol Singing Contest

**Saturday, July 13th – Freedom Hill County Park 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

We are looking for four Italian American idols! The four contestant age groups are:

**Up to 8 years; 9 to 12 years; 13 to 17 years; 18 and over**

To enter the contest, please send a clear video, YouTube link or MP3 of either an Italian song or an Italian themed song to the following email address: **[italianidolcontestant@gmail.com](mailto:italianidolcontestant@gmail.com)**

Remember, we are trying to promote our Italian culture! Preference will be given to those contestants singing in Italian or an Italian themed song. Songs can be in any category.

Please include your name, age, parent's name if under 18, phone number, and email address.

**We must receive your email and video by July 1, 2019.**

If you are selected to participate, you will be contacted by July 5. The contest finals will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Freedom Hill. A panel of judges will choose one winner from each age group.

Please call the IACCM at **586-925-2020** for additional information.

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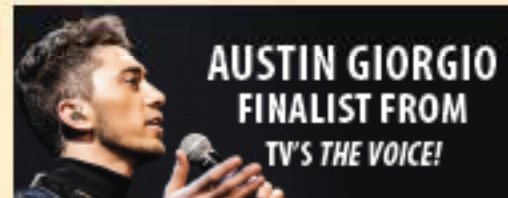
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## February 6, 2019 • Petruzzello's Banquet Center



100 year committee Chairman Ron DiBartolomeo encouraging everyone to get their ticket orders in ASAP!



Membership Chairman Joe Divozzo and Charles Moran with Sandy Tornberg and Anthony Licata, III



Honorable Julie Gatti swearing in newest members Sandy Tornberg and Anthony Licata, III



A full house awaiting the fine meal to be served by Frank Petruzzello!



Todd Turfe with DTE along with Ross Buffa, Anthony Apone and Ron DiBartolomeo



"Thumbs Up" to a great evening!



Michigan State Senator Peter Lucido speaks to the crowd!



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Members waiting for the amazing food prepared by Benny Bommarito!



Festa Della Lira Chairman Dr. Tony Giordano and Debbie hard at work with ticket sales!



Members enjoying some appetizers and fine wine.



Golf Chairman Andy Agosta with the update  
....we are SOLD OUT!

# May 1, 2019 • Italian Cultural Center • Festa Della Lira



Our Emcee for the night Mark Garagiola pulling another \$100 winner!



The Licata family and friends group!



Our ticket pullers for the night, good luck to everyone!



Festa workers sneaking in a meal before the hard work begins!



Members awaiting the appetizers and food stations!



It's getting close to start time!



The final 6 winners: Andy Agosta representing Joe Pellegrino, Dr. Michael Demers, John Guarini representing Al DeFlaviis, Jeff Bonanni, Gino Petitta, Peter Lucido III representing Dennis Olivieri



## **The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan Festa Italiana brings food, fun, families to Freedom Hill July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

***Experience headliners The Scintas and Ray Massa & The Euro Rhythms,  
Italian food and wine, family fun zone***

Italian music and heritage is on the menu for the 2019 Festa Italiana. For three days this summer, the entire family can enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of Italy. More than 30 food vendors serve the best Italian food in metro Detroit. Taste the finest Italian wines, beer, and cocktails.

Crowds come for the taste of Italy, enjoy annual contests for Cannoli Eating or Meatball Tasting, Beautiful Baby Contest, Teen Idol Contest, and they stay for the live music. Take in the sounds of national and local performers presented on the Lucido Family Stage. The 2019 headlining acts include The Scintas and Ray Massa & The Euro Rhythms. Also taking the stage this year will be Aaron Caruso, Mark Randisi, Simone Vitale Band, Byron, Anna Hiliard, Noel, Souviners, and young adult Italian American performers.

Festa Italiana will take over Freedom Hill County Park for three fun-filled, family-friendly days again this July. It's a fantastic event for all ages and will feature a Family Fun Zone with bounce houses, a zip line, rock climbing wall and more. Festa Italiana is presented by The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan, Andiamo Restaurant Group, the Lucido family. Entertainment for the 2019 Festa Italiana is made possible by Caliber Home Loans. Festival fireworks brought to you by Alfa Romeo and FIAT of Lakeside.



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