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## Upcoming EVENTS

### 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.

### NOVEMBER 10, 2019 • SUNDAY

#### IACCM Holy Family Memorial Mass

**TIME** (more details to follow)

- 11:30 am Mass, Breakfast to follow

**LOCATION**

- Holy Family Church, 941 Chrysler Drive, Detroit

### NOVEMBER 6, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### Nomination of Officers/Board of Directors for 2020

- TIME** • 6:00 PM Board Meeting  
• 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

**LOCATION**

- DeCarlo's Banquet Center  
6015 East 10 Mile Road, Warren

### DECEMBER 11, 2019 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

- TIME** • 6:00 PM Board Meeting  
• 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

**LOCATION**

- Andiamo Italia  
7096 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren



## Notes from the PRESIDENT

### Celebrating 100 years!

Well, here we are as another summer quickly moves by. I hope everyone enjoyed many of the things that summer has to offer. Even though we have no July or August meetings, the IACCM has had a busy schedule. As I look back on the events of the summer, I can't help but reflect on our Mission Statement.

*"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."*

The IACCM kicked things off in June with the 36th annual John B. Agosta Memorial Golf Outing. I look forward to this event every year--always a great day filled with excellent food, refreshments, good people and of course golf. Jeff, Dario and the staff at Fern Hill did a great job keeping everyone happy all day long. Thank you! Andy Agosta and the golf committee put a lot of time and effort into making this event a success. As a result, the Scholarship fund has been replenished for our 2020 Scholarship recipients. Thank you to Andy Agosta, the golf committee, and to all those who participated. Mission accomplished!

July came and so did the Festa Italiana! Three days of excellent weather, great food, world class entertainment and a crowd that embraced every minute of it. Year after year, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce has had a significant presence at this event, but this was the first year



# Chairman's CORNER

Well here we are, another Labor Day weekend has passed and I'm feeling a bit cheated that another summer has flown by faster than ever. Hopefully we'll have an extended fall to make up for it. One of the highlights of the summer for the IACCM was our involvement as presenting sponsor for this year's Italian Festival held at Freedom Hill. The weather couldn't have been better and attendance was spectacular. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying some great food from a variety of vendors and great entertainment. Special thanks go out to Joe Vicari for arranging the wonderful entertainment. The Scintas, as always, were great but also those flag throwers were fun to watch. Also thank you to all the Chamber members that stepped up to volunteer for a variety of duties such as manning the beer / liquor tents , selling raffle tickets , setting up and tearing down the festival. I hope that we will be involved with this event for many years to come. Hats off to Joe Ventimiglia and his committee for organizing this event.

We are quickly approaching our 100 Year Anniversary party presented by DTE at The Detroit Athletic Club on October 19th. The committee has been putting the finishing touches on what will be the party of the year. One of the things I was able to participate in was a round table discussion for the video in production regarding the history of the Chamber. It was very interesting to hear stories from the past and go through the archives at Fern Hill. I'm looking forward to seeing the finished product from Anthony Bommarito and his crew.

I look forward to seeing everyone September 4th at Rivercrest Banquet Center.

Ciao,

David F. Galli

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## Cannoli Contest sponsored by Fern Hill.

**Winner: Matt Gino,**  
Returning champion  
from 2018 (standing).

Pictured with Timothy Cope,  
3 time past winner.

*Photo by Sandy Tornberg*

## Meatball Winners 2019

**Winner of Restaurant category:**  
**Jeff Heinemann,** co-owner of  
Gnocchi Italian Restaurant.



**Winner of Homemade category:**  
**Keith Stansberry**



Pictured left to right Judge Julie Gatti, Judge  
James Maceroni, Retired Judge Peter Maceroni,  
Keith Stansberry, Mrs. Grace Palazzolo, Victoria  
Palazzolo, Sam Palazzolo

Photo by Elio Ripari  
Sandy Tornberg

## Notes From The President

that the Chamber was named as a presenting sponsor. A big thank you goes out to Joe Ventimiglia for leading the way as chairman of the Festa Italiana as well as all of the volunteers that helped throughout the weekend. Thank you to Joe Vicari for your vision and your faith in our group to help make this a successful event and inspire pride throughout the Italian community. Mission accomplished!

Domenica Italiana picnic was on the schedule for August. This event was organized by the Association of Italian Clubs. Fourteen clubs came together to enjoy an afternoon of family, fun, food, and all of the things that make up our Italian traditions and culture. The committee was led by Enzo Paglia and Lorenzo Garrisi and it all came together in a couple months' time. The result was favorable with about 350 people attending with the hope of making this an annual event and attracting more of the local Italian clubs going forward.

I am proud to be a member of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan and its rich 100 year history. With the planning stages in the home stretch, I look forward to the 100 Year Gala on October 19th at the Detroit Athletic Club. This will be a celebration for the ages!

Daniel Galli, President



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## Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

- September**
- 9/6 Ventimiglia, Joseph P.
  - 9/8 Lucido, Joseph
  - 9/10 Cavaliere, Ray
  - 9/11 Piccirilli, Umberto
  - 9/12 Gaglead, Michael
  - 9/14 Agosta, Andrew
  - 9/18 Crudo, Samuel
  - 9/21 Lazzara, David A.
  - 9/22 Pianello, Vito
  - 9/24 DeFlaviis, Alfred
  - 9/28 Promesso, Charles
  - 9/29 Toarmino, Edward
- October**
- 10/2 Tocco, Nino
  - 10/3 Licata, III, Anthony C.
  - 10/3 Palazzolo, Jerry
  - 10/6 Gatti, John D.
  - 10/12 Meli, Paul
  - 10/27 Divozzo, Michael
- November**
- 11/2 DiBartolomeo, Ronald A.
  - 11/11 Marino, Al
  - 11/15 Koss, Ralph
  - 11/17 Milkey, James A.
  - 11/18 Galli, Daniel A.
  - 11/18 Gentilia, John J.
- December**
- 11/21 Moran, Charles
  - 11/25 Calcaterra, Lawrence
  - 11/25 Terzo, Leo
  - 11/26 Pellegrino, Joseph R.
  - 12/1 Lochirco, Salvatore
  - 12/1 Cervone, Matthew D.
  - 12/5 DeCarlo, Gary A.
  - 12/7 Gallo, Frank
  - 12/13 DiCicco, Lucia
  - 12/17 Bonadeo, David C.
  - 12/21 Palazzolo, Sam
  - 12/27 Tenaglia, Michel
  - 12/28 Pascaretta, Joseph A.
- January**
- 1/1 Maniaci, Philip J.
  - 1/2 Yearego, James L.
  - 1/4 Marrocco, Peter
  - 1/14 Coppola, Frank
  - 1/20 Cardella, Michael
  - 1/22 Bommarito, Thomas
  - 1/22 Maceroni, James
  - 1/28 Torrice, Dr. Peter
  - 1/31 Cicchini, Paull

## Festa Italiana 2019 – Gara: Dei Bambini Baby Contest Winners



Left to Right Standing:  
 Lucia DiCicco and Gaia,  
 Sophia Lertola and Gino,

L to R kneeling:  
 LuAnne Middlestadt and Malena,  
 Angela Speece and Francesca,  
 Stella Jones and Stacy,  
 Rosa Yousif and Maya,  
 Isabella Morra

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## 2019 Festa Italiana Italian American Idol Singing Contest Winners



Silvia Trivellino, age 11.  
Winner of 9 to 12 year  
age group.



Francesco Giglio, Jr., winner of  
18 and over age group.



Dominic Arkenburg, age 17.  
Winner of age 13 to 17 year  
age group.

# June 5, 2019 Scholarship Awards Night/Italian Cultural Center



# 2019 Scholarship Award Recipients with Chairman Honorable Joseph Toia



Lido Bucci Scholarship recipient  
Bella Galli



Rose-Carmel Goddard



Gary Minoletti accepting for his  
daughter Alexa



Rocco Sacino



Joseph Cipriano III



Hanna Wilking



Jenna Oddo



Gabrielle Wilking



Alexandra Pine



Joe Burke accepting for his  
daughter Gabriella

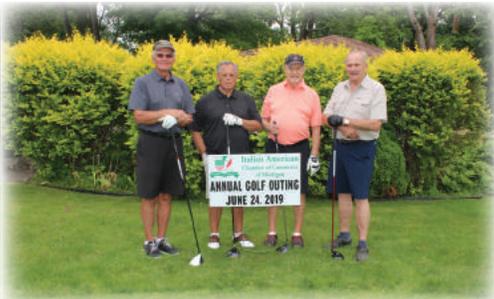


Congratulations to all! Not pictured;  
Adriana Agosta, Claire Durkin, Gina DiGirolamo



Nicholas Maue

# June 24th, IACCM John B. Agosta Memorial Golf Outing Fern Hill Golf Club



# IACCM golf outing



## Italian American Chamber of Commerce John B. Agosta Memorial 36th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing



Another perfect fun filled day! I want to thank all the Chamber members, along with their friends and associates who supported this event. Our golf outing raised more than \$14,000. Over the years we have granted over \$290,000 in scholarships and our golf outing has been a major source of that revenue. Your participation will help many students with scholarships. Without your continued support this would not be possible.

As we look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of our Chamber, I would like to give a special thank you to Debbie, our Chamber administrative assistant for keeping all the finances in order and Fern Hill Golf Club for hosting this year's event. The food and superior hospitality was fantastic. I also want to thank all my committee members who contributed their own time to make it all possible.

The 2020 golf outing is currently in the early planning stages, stay tuned for all the details. I am looking forward to your participation.

Best regards,  
Andy Agosta

### 2019 Scholarship Recipients

**Bella Galli**  
**Adriana Agosta**  
**Rose-Carmel Goddard**  
**Alexa Minoletti**  
**Rocco Sacino**  
**Claire Durkin**  
**Joseph Cipriano, III**  
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**2019 Columbus Day Queen Gina DiGirolamo**

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# Festa Italiana 2019 • Freedom Hill County Park.





### **Columbus Day Queen Contest**

The Pageant will be held at Fern Hill Golf Club in Clinton Township, Doors open at 6:00. The Entry fee is \$300 and may be in the form of sponsorship. All contestants must be of Italian Decent. There will be four categories: Queen Isabella 5 - 6 years of age, Little Miss ages 7-11 years of age, Junior Miss 12-15 Years of age, Senior Queen 16-20 years of age.

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

### **Mass at San Francesco Church in Clinton Twp.**

Members and friends of the Columbus Day Celebration Committee will attend a Memorial Mass at 9:15 a.m. in honor of Christopher Columbus and the patron Saint of Italy, San Francesco at San Francesco Church in Clinton Twp. located at 16 and Gratiot. Following Mass, there will be a procession with the statue of San Francesco. Following up with fellowship

**Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019**

### **Ramo Salerno Trip to Lansing**

The Columbus Day Committee will be taking a bus to the state capitol. We will board the bus at 8:30 a.m. at the Italian American Cultural Center on Romeo Plank Rd. in Clinton Twp. In Lansing there will be an awards presentation followed by lunch. We will return around 2:00 p.m. (the Bus is by invitation only, however; THIS is YOUR capitol. Everyone is invited)

**Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019**

### **Parade**

The Columbus Day Parade begins at 11 a.m. and will assemble at approximately 9:30 a.m. The parade route will be in Mt. Clemens and begin at Main and Church and end at Main and Market. Parade Marshall is Elio Ripari

**Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019**

### **Holy Family Church/Wreath Ceremony**

Members and friends of the Columbus Day Celebration Committee will attend a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. in honor of Christopher Columbus at Historic Holy Family Church, 641 Chrysler Drive (located on the service drive of I-75 South, the Lafayette Exit) in downtown Detroit. Following Mass, there will be a fellowship in the lower level of the church. After fellowship, there will be a memorial ceremony at the Columbus Monument on Jefferson and Randolph where a wreath will be placed at the statue of Columbus.

**Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019**

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Woman of the year:	Clarice Squillace
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