

OFFICERS		BOARD OF DIRECTORS		IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Paul Calcaterra	
PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CHAIRMAN	TERMS ENDING '07	PAST PRESIDENTS	1988 Russell Gambino
William A. Morelli, Sr.	Ned R. Piccinini	Joseph Toia	Michael Lazzara	2002 Fred Severini, Jr.	1985 Dr. Charles Marinelli
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	FINANCIAL	TERMS ENDING '06	Michael Locricchio	2000 Benedetto Marrocco	1984 Frank DiGiovanni
Salvatore P. Ventimiglia	SECRETARY	Andrew Agosta	Joseph Ventimiglia	1999 Augustino Russo	1981 Hon. Anthony Sanfemio
	Thomas Bommarito	Philip D'Anna	TERMS ENDING '08	1998 Ned R. Piccinini	1979 Frank Pompa
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER	Tony J. Gallo	David F. Galli	1994 Angelo Lanni	1978 Mark Valente, Jr.
Ronald A. DiBartolomeo	Antonio DeLuca		Valerio Poliuto	1991 Thomas B. Lanni	1976 Sam Ripepi
			Joseph Toia	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



Editor
Steve Militello

Contributing Editors
Chuck Maniaci
William A. Morelli, Sr.
Joseph Toia

Photographer
Chuck Maniaci
Administrative Asst.
Deborah Demick

Layout
Graphic Artist
PAW Graphics
Printer
Source One Graphic
Solutions



24801 Capital Blvd.
Clinton Twp., MI 48036
586.493.4034
Fax: 586.783.0118
www.iaccm.org



THE GRAPEVINE

A Publication From The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan

Fall Issue • 2006 • Volume 5 • Number 3

Upcoming EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club
Scholarship Awards Evening
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township
Spouses and significant others invited.

OCTOBER 4 • 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

NOVEMBER 1 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Villa Penna
Nomination of Officers/Board of Directors
43985 Hayes, Clinton Township

DECEMBER 6 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club
Election of Officers/Board of Directors
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township



Notes from the PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Wow, we have had a very hot summer and much has happened.

Our Vision Committee has worked very diligently to offer us some suggested changes regarding how we operate and what we should do to improve our future. You will be hearing more about that in the months to come at our meetings and via the Grapevine.

In addition to the work of the Vision Committee, our Program Committee has worked diligently to line up some impressive speakers for us for the months to come. I am pleased to relate that Dr. Al Lorenzo of Macomb Community College will be our featured speaker at the September meeting where we will be awarding our scholarships. (This year we will be giving away \$11,000 in scholarships to 10 very deserving students.)

We have invited our Governor to speak to us at our October meeting, but at this writing, I do not know if she can fit us into her schedule. For November, we have our nominations for Officers and Directors for 2007 and that usually takes most of our meeting - so we are not scheduling any speaker for that night. Later in November, we, along with the Italian American Cultural Society, are co-sponsoring a new event - the Generation to Generation Dinner and Award Banquet. That night we will be recognizing those Italian American businesses that are at least two generations deep in ownership and there are a lot of them! More on this later!

For December, we are trying to get the author of "Images of America -Italians in Detroit" - Armando Delicato to speak about our Italian/Detroit heritage - this will be a follow-up to the Generation-to-Generation Dinner as previously mentioned.

More is planned for next year. We are trying to find ways to improve our attendance as well as be more attractive to younger potential members to improve our membership numbers.

My congratulations go to our members that won their primary elections:

Alan Sanborn	State Senator	District 11
Daniel Tollis	State Representative	District 31
William Morelli (me)	County Commissioner	District 20
David Viviano	New Court Judge	16th Circuit Court

To those who ran and did not win in the primary, I commend you on your willingness to serve and to have the courage to run. Do not give up; try again because we need good people in elected office.

To all our members, I hope you will support our fellow members with your vote and with your financial contributions - if you can. I look forward to the last part of this year with excitement and anticipation regarding our new speakers and direction and for the fellowship we can all enjoy.

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

Respectfully

William A. Morelli, Sr.





CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thoughts for the month

Welcome Back!

Did you enjoy the summer? It goes by all too fast, doesn't it? How about that Italian Festival! This has to be one of the best festivals of all time. The weather was perfect, and the event was very well organized. We should be proud of all our members that participated in this year's event...Joe Ventimiglia, Tom Bommarito, Reno Garagiola, Bill Morelli. These are just a few of those members. Thanks Guys.

Another group we can be proud of is our committee of scholarship Judges. This year we received 22 scholarship applications. The competition was very tough as each of the 22 students was well qualified. I'm sure our Judges had a difficult time making their decisions and I thank each of them for their hard work. Thank you Nancy Bates, John Cook, Sheriff Mark Hackel, Geary Maiuri and George Sassin, your unbiased review and tireless commitment to our students, and the Italian Community is priceless.

Here is the list of Scholarship recipients for 2006/2007:

\$2,000 "Lido Bucci Award"

Jaclyn Ventimiglia

\$1,000 Scholarship Awards:

Blake DiCarlo	Sara Palazzolo
Joseph Ventimiglia	Joseph Mazur
Erica Bianchini	Angela Lee
Joseph Mazzara	Amanda Fuciarelli
Daniela Marrocco	

Congratulations students, parents and grandparents !!!

That's \$11,000 to 10 students. It is comforting to know that the preservation of our Italian Heritage is safe in their hands. Thank you students; and, thank you Chamber members for your generous commitment to our scholarship program. Please try to attend the September meeting to congratulate our scholarship recipients, and to thank your committee of Judges.

See you in September...

Ciao,
Joseph Toia, Chairman

MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

Summer is rapidly drawing to a close as we will soon be faced with the prospect of Fall and then Winter but for now, let us enjoy the warm days that we still have coming.

As you wait for the return of Fall and the prospect of another "Michigan winter" take a few moments to reflect on the following:

Kindness:

"Behave toward everyone as if receiving a great guest"
– Confucius

Generosity:

"Generosity has never impoverished the giver, it has enriched the lives of those who have practiced it."
– Dwight D. Eisenhower

Simple Pleasures:

"He is richest who is content with the least."
– Socrates

Attitude:

"Happiness is contagious. Be a carrier."
– Robert Orben

Marriage:

"The most precious possession that ever comes to a man in this world is a woman's heart."
– Josiah G. Holland

Parenting:

"Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."
– James Baldwin

Work for a great balance in your life with your God, your family and your work, but leave a little time for all those less fortunate than you – and there are many. Do something, no matter how small, for it will be appreciated many times over.



Grapevine Membership Business Directory

• ACCOUNTANT/CPA

Cenko, Vendittelli & Haynes, P.L.C.
Tony Vendittelli
1647 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 649-7628

Coppola & Associates, P.C.

Frank Coppola, CPA
15985 Canal Rd., Suite 5
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 228-5800

Lazzara & Co, P.C., CPA's

David Lazzara
16010 19 Mile, Ste 202
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 263-1000
davidl@lazzaracpa.com

Metzler Locricchio Serra Co

Michael A. Locricchio, J.D., CPA
1800 West Big Beaver Rd.,
Ste. 100
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 822-9010

• ATTORNEY

Law Offices of Joseph Toia, PC
Joseph Toia
47678 Van Dyke Ave.
Shelby Twp., MI 48317
(586) 254-1300

The Marsalese Law Group, PLLC

Michael P. Marsalese
21415 Civic Center Dr., Suite 250
Southfield, MI 48076
(248) 350-9370

Attorneys & Counselors at Law

Peter J. Lucido, P.C.
39999 Garfield Rd.
Clinton Township, MI 48039
(586) 228-3900

• AUTO DEALER

Don Gooley Cadillac
Chris DiGiuseppe
19900 E. 9 Mile Rd.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 772-8200 Ext. 108

Lochmoor Chrysler Jeep, Inc

Gus Russo
18165 Mack Ave.
Detroit, MI 48224
(313) 886-3000
(586) 615-3576 Cell

• BANK

Flagstar Bank
Deane B. Maue
50891 Sabrina Dr.
Shelby Twp., MI 48315
(586) 566-3148

• BANQUET CENTERS

DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center
Gary A. DeCarlo
6015 E. 10 Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48091
(586) 759-6500

Fern Hill Golf & Banquet Center

Fred Severini, Jr.
17600 Clinton River Rd.
Clinton Twp., MI 48035
Showers, Weddings, Funeral
Luncheons, and Retirement Parties
from 70 to 900 persons
(586) 286-4700

• CONSTRUCTION

Aielli Construction Co., Inc.
Sergio Iacobacci
36609 Groesbeck Highway
Clinton Twp., MI 48035
(586) 792-1890
Fax (586) 792-8050

Utica Transit Mix and Supply

James L. Yearego
42380 Yearego Dr.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48314
(586) 731-1474

• CONCRETE CONTRACTOR

Metropolitan Construction Co., Inc.
Leonard Bugli
53580 Cherriwood Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 677-4644

• FINANCIAL SERVICES

Premier Estate Planners, RIA, LLC
Donald P. Carnaghi RFC, CEP, CSA
16950 19 Mile Rd., Ste. 4
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 228-7772
Wealth Consulting Services
Registered Investment Advisor

America Group

Financial Services
Salvatore P. Ventimiglia
Financial Consultant
18000 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230
(313) 343-5660

• FLOOR COVERING

Michigan Floors Inc.
Chuck Promesso
43978 N. Gratiot
Clinton Twp., MI 48036
(586) 465-6980

• FUNERAL HOMES

Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Homes
Paul R. Calcaterra, President
13650 E. 15 Mile Rd.
Sterling Hts., MI 48312
(586) 977-7300
25800 Harper Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
(586) 777-0557

• INSURANCE

Timpa Insurance
James G. Timpa
39378 Aynesley
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 226-1550

Lucido's Insurance Agency, Inc.

Joe & Paul Lucido
39999 Garfield
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 286-8200
Auto • Home • Business Insurance •
IRA's

• MARKETING

Event Marketing - A. Agosta Consulting
Andy Agosta
2406 Beacon Hill Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
(248) 652-9706

• NEWSPAPERS

Italian Tribune
Dominic LaRosa
Advertising Executive
(586) 915-8898 Cell
(586) 783-3260 Office

• PAINTING

Detroit Spectrum Painters, Inc.
Giuseppe Palazzolo
23433 Hoover Rd.
Warren, MI 48089
(586) 755-0055

Advertise your business or profession the "Grapevine Membership Business Directory." For \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business.

• PODIATRY

Benenati Foot & Ankle Care Center
Four Office Locations For Your Convenience
Treating All Foot and Ankle Problems
Anthony V. Benenati, DPM
27593 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
(586) 779-6140
www.benenatifootcare.com

• REAL ESTATE

Frank Bernabei Real Estate
Frank A. Bernabei
406 Cass Ave.
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
(586) 465-5529

Heritage Realty Associates

Joseph R. Pellegrino
3172 Newbury Place
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 435-5530
Commercial/Industrial/Land

• RESTAURANTS

Picano's Restaurant
Dominic Picano
3775 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 689-8050

• TOOL AND DIE

Tape Master Tool Co.
David F. Galli
900 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 616-8880
Precision CNC Machining

• TRAVEL

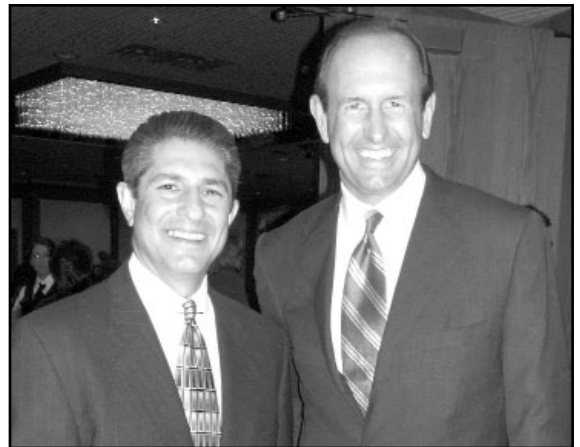
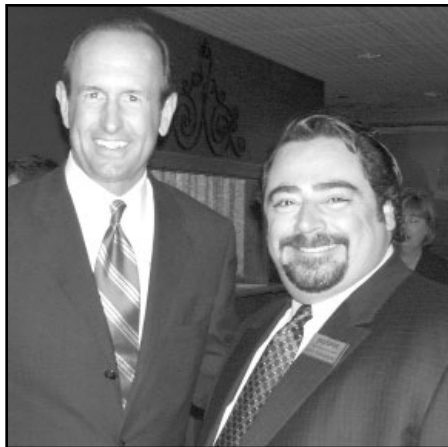
Just Cruises & Vacations
Matt Cervone
43277 Garfield Rd.
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(800) 837-4477
Cruise & Vacation Specialists

• WHOLESALE FOODS

Roselli Wholesale Foods, Inc.
Antonio Roselli
33069 Groesbeck Highway
Fraser, MI 48026
(586) 296-9780



Richard DeVos Greeting Attendees and Members



Manicotti Crepes

Crepes

- 4 eggs
- 2 cup water
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cup flour
- Oil

Filling

- 2 lbs. ricotta cheese
- 8 oz. shredded mozzarella
- 2 tsp. parsley
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup grated romano cheese
- 1 jar of sauce
- Salt & pepper to taste

Preparation

Crepes: Whisk together eggs & water. Add flour & salt and continue to whisk until all of the lumps are gone. Heat a 6-7" nonstick skillet. lightly brush the skillet with oil. Pour a gravy size spoon of batter into the skillet. Cook each side until lightly brown. Place the crepe onto a dish. Repeat the process until all of the batter is done. Make sure to place a piece of wax paper between each crepe. Wrap crepes in foil and set aside.

Filling: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ricotta, mozzarella, parsley, egg & 1/2 cup of romano cheese together. Add salt & pepper to taste.

Coat a thin layer of sauce in a baking dish. Take a crepe and spoon the filling into the center. Roll up the crepe and place it in the dish. Continue until all the crepes are finished. Cover with the remaining sauce & sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup of romano cheese on top. Bake for 30-45 minutes.



Andiamo

CELEBRITY SHOWROOM

Regis Philbin

September 28 & 29

During the 35 years since Regis Philbin first stepped in front of the camera, he has enjoyed more success with more shows than possibly any other individual on television. In addition to hosting "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,"

Regis is best-known as co-host of the top-rated daytime talk show on ABC, "Live with Regis & Kelly."

Don't miss this special evening with Regis performing musically with a Twenty Two piece orchestra.



The Scintas

October 19, 20 & 21

The Scintas combine their musical talent with comedy that will have you laughing the entire show. The Scintas bring to life such entertainers as Frank Sinatra, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, The Beatles, and so many more. With a genuine appeal to audiences of all kinds, the Scintas have quickly become one of Las Vegas' hottest attractions combining music, comedy and impressions with tremendous heart.



Elvis to the Max

October 25

25 Years ago Elvis left the building. Now he returns, or so you will think, to play for you at Andiamo.

It's Elvis to the Max with Max Pellicano and his Las Vegas Dancers.



Howie Mandel

November 10 & 11

Howie has done countless comedy specials both on cable and network television. He has also hosted his own syndicated talk show, "The Howie Mandel Show," and continues to be a mainstay on the talk-show circuit.

He frequently appears on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno performing his signature hiddencamera bits.

Howie also continues to perform as many as 200 concerts a year throughout the US and Canada.



Karen Newman

December 20

Warm up your holiday winter night with all your favorites

performed by Detroit's own, the beautiful Karen Newman

with special guest Steve Acho.



**BOOK YOUR BUSINESS
EVENT, SOCIAL OR HOLIDAY
PARTY BY OCTOBER 31, 2006
AND RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT
WHEN YOU BRING THIS
AD IN AT THE TIME
OF BOOKING.**

For reservations call (586) 268-3200

Andiamo

7096 East Fourteen Mile Road in Warren | www.andiamoitalia.com



IACC WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER RICHARD DeVOS

Guest speaker at the June Italian American Chamber of Commerce meeting was Michigan Gubernatorial candidate Richard DeVos. He spoke about Michigan's job losses and financial problems, and how they impact owners of both small and large businesses.



Guest speaker Dick DeVos accepts plaque presented by IACC President William Morelli at the June meeting. Looking on is IACC Chairman Joe Toia.



Judges Peter Maceroni and Tony Viviano (at podium) swear in new members at the June meeting. New members (L-R) Daniel Tollis, Domenic Tassoni and Al Marino.



(L-R) Guest speaker Dick DeVos listens to IACC Chairman Bill Morelli.



(L-R) Guest speaker Dick DeVos listens to IACC member Val Poliuto as Bill Morelli looks on.



New member Domenic Tassoni



New member Daniel Tollis



New member Al Marino



Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

September

(October continued)

9/4	D'Anna, Philip	10/11	Vettese, Frank J.
9/6	Ventimiglia, Joseph P.	10/13	DeRita, Michael G.
9/8	Lucido, Joseph	10/17	Casasanta, Fernando
9/11	Piccirilli, Umberto	10/23	Scrafano, Carmen J. Duke
9/14	Agosta, Andrew	10/24	Del Pup, Armen
9/15	Buscemi, Anthony	10/30	Penna, George
9/19	Bianchini, Roy	10/31	DiLorenzo, Tony

9/20 Mauro, Matthew

9/21 Maccarone III, Ralph

November

9/21	Lazzara, David Alan	11/1	Impastato, Joseph
9/22	Pianello, Vito	11/1	Giannola, Antonino
9/28	Puzzuoli, Joseph P.	11/2	Beaudette, Floyd C
9/28	Promesso, Charles	11/2	DiBartolomeo, Ronald

October

10/1	Fuciarelli, Vic	11/5	Catenacci, Michael T.
10/4	Biondo, Michael E.	11/11	Marino, Alfonso
10/4	Cancro, Frank	11/12	Agazzi, Giovan B
10/5	Messina, Steve	11/15	Koss, Ralph
10/7	Palazzolo, Frank J.	11/18	Gentilia, John J.
10/8	Catenacci, Thomas C.	11/20	Vannini, Pietro
10/9	Sanfemio, Hon. Anthony	11/25	Calcaterra, Lawrence
		11/26	Pellegrino, Joseph R.

Mention this ad and receive a member discount.

CASTLEMARK

CONSTRUCTION

HOME & OFFICE MAINTENANCE

Services Include

New Construction Cleaning
Home • Model • Office Cleaning
 (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)
Window • Mirror • Chandelier Cleaning
Deck & Paver Maintenance
Power Washing
Epoxy Flooring

Italian Chamber of Commerce
Member Since 1992

OFFICE: 586.615.5057
 FAX: 586.781.8958
 RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL



Seven Beautiful Gourmet Banquet Rooms
 (rooms to accommodate 70-850 persons)

Fern Hill Country Club

17600 Clinton River Road
1/4 Mile East of Garfield

586-286-4700

