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Upcoming EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 5 • 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 3 • 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
- Guest Speaker Sheriff Mark Hackel

NOVEMBER 3 • SATURDAY • FESTA DEL VINO

TIME

- Time and price yet to be determined. For information contact: Michael Catenacci at 586-285-9786

LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township
- Festa Del Vino

NOVEMBER 7 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

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

DECEMBER 5 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

TIME

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

LOCATION

- Petruzzello's Banquet Center
6950 Rochester Road, Troy
- Election of Officers/Board of Directors

Dear Members,

What a great summer. The weather has been fantastic allowing us all to have many days and evenings outdoors.

Our Tigers are continuing their efforts in a highly contested pennant race and making things very exciting for us. At this writing we are in a pennant race with Cleveland. Let's all hope this lead has stretched by the time you read this. The playoffs/World Series business is good for Southeastern, Michigan and we need it.

Coming up on September 5th is our next meeting. It will be held at Fern Hill. It was a nice break from meetings in July and August, but now it's time to get back to "Chamber" business.

Behind the scenes, the scholarship committee, headed up by Joseph Toia, made their final recommendations for awards. Your board has appropriated \$11,000 to be awarded to 12 students. As a reminder, the scholarship judges are completely independent, none of which are members of the Chamber. They reviewed and made their decisions from over 25 applicants this year, all of which were very deserving and talented scholars.

This year's applicants were of the best we've ever had. We should all be very proud of their accomplishments.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thoughts for the month

It has been an “interesting” summer – hot and muggy yet cool and comfortable – a mix of all kinds of weather without a lot of rain to hamper your outside activities. I certainly hope all you members have been able to take advantage of this weather and enjoyed the summer with your families. By the way, I hope you all had a chance to get to the Festa Italiana at Freedom Hill. It was even better than last year with a lot of good food, entertainment, with the main attraction being Dean Martin’s son, Ricci Martin, and a women’s chorale group from Sicily. Of course our local talent was well represented and the other major addition was a Soccer Tournament that the IACS STRIKERS TOOK FIRST PLACE. WHAT A GREAT EVENT!

In the very near future, we will be having our Scholarship Awards Evening Dinner event at Fern Hill. Please make plans to attend this meeting where we will be awarding scholarships to a number of very deserving young Italian American men and women, and it would be great to have a big turnout to show our support and interest in their achievements. This is one of our meetings that is open to our “significant others” and to any other guest you may wish to invite. The price for a guest is still only \$40.00. Not much for a great meal, good wine and a very nice evening with friends.

Lastly, I want you to ask yourself, “What have I done to help our organization grow for the future?” No matter what your answer is, then ask, “How can I help our group grow in the balance of 2007 and on into 2008?” Remember, for every new member where you are the first sponsor, you will get a \$100.00 reduction in your 2008 dues and they will not be charged the \$200.00 initiation fee. Nice Deal!

I am looking forward to seeing you all on September 5th at Fern Hill. And remember: Smile, Give Hugs, and Tell Someone You Love Them!

William A. Morelli, Sr.

MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

September is here –where did the summer vacation go? Time seems to go faster as we get older and maybe because we start to realize – even sub consciously – that the end of the road is coming nearer, just like the end of summer is upon us, but we are never sure if we will get the opportunity to enjoy next summer too! But enough of that! Let’s get to the important stuff – thoughts to live by:

Be Kind: Acts of kindness need not be big: more often they are little things, spontaneous acts done on the spur of the moment. Try some of these:

- Over-tip a breakfast waitress.
- Pay for an elderly couple’s breakfast as a gift.
- Invite the person in line behind you to go ahead of you.

Be Generous: Don’t forget that we are ultimately judged by what we give, not by what we get. Joy comes not to him who seeks it for himself, but to him who seeks it for others.

Enjoy Simple Pleasures: Visit a pet store every once in a while and watch the children watch the animals. “All animals except man know that the ultimate joy of life is to enjoy it.”

–Samuel Butler

Keep A Positive Attitude: “You live life more fully once you realize that any time spent being unhappy is wasted.”

–Ruth E. Renkl

Stay Happily Married: “To keep a fire burning brightly there is one easy rule: keep the logs together, near enough to keep warm and far enough apart for breathing room. Good fire, good marriage, same rule.”

–Marnie Reed Crowel

Be A Good Parent: Remember that no time spent with your children is ever wasted. “The best minute you spend is the one you invest in your family.”

–Ken Blanchard

I hope there is a little something here that will make a difference in your life because you make a difference in someone else’s life. And as always: Smile, Give Hugs and Tell Someone Special that You Love Them. That will make them feel better, and that will make you feel better, and that will make the world a little better place to live.

God Bless and Have a Great Day!

William A. Morelli, Sr.



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Notes from the President *Continued from page 1*

The one thing that always amazes me about these applications is their essays in which they talk about the importance to them of their Italian heritage.

After reading these, I feel so confident that our future leaders are prepared to do so while they carry on our heritage.

Our significant others and spouses are invited to this meeting as well. Let's have an outstanding turnout to support these fine kids and the awards they have earned.

We will be swearing in more new members as part of our very successful membership drive as well at this

meeting. So we'll have a lot to keep it interesting as well as fine cuisine at Fern Hill. Looking ahead a little ... Sheriff Mark Hackel will be speaking at our October 3rd meeting, which will be held at the Italian American Cultural Center.

As our summer winds down and we get back to business, let's remember how super a summer it's been and hopefully this warmth in our memories will carry us through a short winter season.

I look forward to seeing you in September at Fern Hill. Thanks again for all of your support.

Sam

IN MEMORY

The IACCM wishes to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to the following family

- ❖ Ronald A., Michael, and Richard DiBartolomeo, on the passing of their father Ronald L. DiBartolomeo. He passed away on Saturday, July 14, 2007 in Sarasota, FL.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

ATTENTION "Membership Drive Extension"



Due to the success of the current membership drive, the IACCM has extended the drive thru October.

The drive has two parts. Any new applicant who applies for membership thru October 31, 2007, will have their application fee (\$200.00) waived. These new applicants will be inducted into the Chamber at the regular December meeting. For you, the signing member (sponsor), you will receive \$100.00 off your 2008 dues. (maximum \$400.00 reduction).

EDITORS NOTE



I would like to take a moment to congratulate our Chairman, William A. Morelli, Sr., for accepting the position as the Director of the Italian Cultural Center. He will have a big job ahead of him, and I feel he is the perfect person for that job. Bill is just the man to bring the entire Italian community together.

Please take a moment to congratulate Bill when you see him. I also hope, that with Bill now at the helm, all IACCM members will support Bill in his endeavors, and possibly join the Cultural Center, if you are not already a member!

Thank You,
Steve Militello
Editor, The Grapevine



IACCM Meeting • June 6, 2007 at Ristorante Piccirilli



Andy Agosta reminds members of IACC golf outing.



(L-R) Reno Garagiola, Judge Peter Marceroni with new members being sworn in.



(L-R) Guest speaker Tony Viviani and IACC President Sam Ventimiglia



Joe Ventimiglia speaks about the success of Festa Della Lira

IACCM Golf Outing June 25, 2007 at Fern Hill Country Club



(L-R) Gus Russo and IACC President Sam Ventimiglia with car



(L-R) Giulio Schiavi, Retired Judge Adolph Angelili, Gino Esposito and Dr. Jesse Cardiello



(L-R) Italian Tribune golfers Pam White, Colleen Miller and Kevin Campbell.

Golf outing participants enjoying a fabulous breakfast.



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9/8	Lucido, Joseph
9/10	Cavaliere, Ray
9/11	Piccirilli, Umberto
9/14	Agosta, Andrew
9/15	Buscemi, Anthony
9/19	Bianchini, Roy
9/20	Mauro, Matthew
9/21	Maccarone III, Ralph L.
9/21	Lazzara, David Alan
9/22	Pianello, Vito
9/28	Puzzuoli, Joseph P.
9/28	Promesso, Charles

October

10/4	Biondo, Michael E.
10/4	Cancro, Frank
10/5	Messina, Steve
10/7	Palazzolo, Frank J.
10/8	Catenacci, Thomas C.
10/9	Sanfemio, Hon. Anthony
10/11	Vettese, Frank J.
10/13	DeRita, Michael G.
10/17	Casasanta, Fernando
10/23	Scrafano, Carmen J. Duke
10/24	Del Pup, Armen
10/30	Penna, George
10/31	DiLorenzo, Tony

November

11/2	DiBartolomeo, Ronald A.
11/5	Biretta, Eric E.
11/5	Catenacci, Michael T.
11/11	Marino, Alfonso
11/12	Agazzi, Giovan B.
11/15	Koss, Ralph
11/18	Galli, Daniel A.
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