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## Mission Statement

### *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.”**

**O**n Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 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 Ventimiglia
- II. **Roll Call** – Secretary Toia
- III. **Reading of Minutes – Annual Mtg. 2006** - Secretary Toia
- IV. **Standing Committees – Annual Reports**
- V. **Election of Officers** – Past President Calcaterra
- VI. **Old Business**
- VII. **New Business**
- VIII. **Good of the Order**
- IX. **Adjournment**



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## Upcoming EVENTS

### 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

### JANUARY 9 • 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 \$50.00 charge, see page 5 for January Meeting Update article with meeting details.*

### FEBRUARY 6 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Fern Hill Country Club  
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township

#### GUEST SPEAKER

- Ryan Cannon,  
Championship Director, PGA of America

### MARCH 5 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

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



Dear Member,

As I write this final note to you, a multitude of thoughts come to me about my year as President of our great organization. This year has flown by and finds us in the midst of fall and looking at winter right around the corner. I can remember our installation of Officers and Board as if it was yesterday.

First of all, it has been an honor and pleasure serving as your president. It has been challenging, yet rewarding. I have made new friends and stronger friendships of the members that were already my friends.

I would like to thank all of the Officers and Board members for their support and efforts throughout this entire year.

We had many high points this year inclusive of a very good guest speakers program, but the greatest of the highlights was our membership drive. This has been very successful. We have taken on 31 new members with over 30 of our existing members serving as their sponsors. To have our existing members recruiting new members is a tribute to the strength of this organization and you should all feel proud of this.

As we go into next year with your new Officers and Board, I ask that you give them the loyalty and support

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Thoughts for the month

The year is almost over and the newly elected Officers and Board will be taking the reins of the IACCM and continue to move it forward – I am sure. It has been an honor to serve as Chairman of this organization and I am pleased to pass this responsibility on to our next Chairman.

As the year draws to a close, I must applaud the results of the membership drive that was initiated under President Sam Ventimiglia. We have a significant number of new members and I am sure they will be a great addition to our group.

You all should be proud of the strength our group continues to demonstrate - in the face of a very difficult economy – and our generous support of the Italian American youth through our scholarship program. I pray we can keep this tradition going for years to come.

And to all of you, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your support and confidence over all the years I have had the honor of serving you. My participation in the IACCM has always been a highlight of my community involvement and it is such a great feeling to number you all as my friends.

Before I leave this office, I am again going to challenge each of you as I have in the past: Each and every time you pass a Red Kettle this Christmas Season, please try to drop something into it – the amount is not as important as the act of donating to someone you will never know to help them in their time of need. We are all blessed to varying degrees and we need to be mindful of those that are not as fortunate as we are. Of course, if you cannot make a donation, at least say a prayer for the benefit of those in Harm's Way and those in need.

I hope you all made it to Angie's 14th Annual Toys for Tots Party. It is another example of how great the gift of giving can be.

And last, but not least, remember to Smile, Give Hugs and Tell Someone You Love Them.

Good Bye, God Bless and have a Very Merry Christmas!

William A. Morelli, Sr.

## MOTIVATIONAL MOMENTS

By William A. Morelli, Sr.

We are coming to the close of 2007 and the start of 2008. Not too long ago we were all worrying about what was going to happen with the advent of 2000 or 2001 but that is now a distant memory. I am sure we are all worried about what 2008 is going to bring with the state of our economy and the problems the state, country and world are facing. Take a few moments to read the following – while it is not going to solve the problems of the world, it may give you something to help with your life or one of your loved one's life.

**Kindness:** “You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Generosity:** “Joy comes not to him who seeks it for himself, but to him, who seeks it for other people.” *H. W. Sylvester*

**Simple Pleasures:** Count your blessing. “Every morning wake up and say - Dear Lord, I don't want anything better, just give me more of the same.” *Kitty Hart*

**Attitude:** “Remember that if you look for the worst in life and in people, you'll find it. But if you look for the best, you'll find that instead.” *A Course in Miracles.*

**Marriage:** “Don't forget that marriage is like an empty box. It remains empty unless you put in more that you take out.”  
*Author Unknown*

**Parenting:** “The first and greatest gift we can bestow on our children is to be a good example.” *Sir Charles Morell*

**Remember:** “Smile, Give Hugs and Tell Someone You Love Them – it will make them feel better and that will make you feel better and it will make the world a little better place to live.” *William A. Morelli, Sr.*

God Bless and Have a Great Day!

William A. Morelli, Sr.



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dlazzara@lazzaracpa.com

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Ste. 100  
Troy, MI 48084  
(248) 822-9010

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## Notes from the President *Continued from page 1*

you've given me this year. There are many programs in place that will continue, as well as visions and goals set to be achieved as we continue our growth as an organization designed to serve its members.

I wish you all the blessings of the season as we near Christmas and hope your holidays with family and friends are holy and healthy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sam

## A Little F.Y.I.

**The email address for The Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan will be changed, effective January 2, 2008 to:**  
**[iacc.mich@yahoo.com](mailto:iacc.mich@yahoo.com)**

**You can advertise your business or profession in the "Grapevine Membership Business Directory." For ONLY \$60.00 a year, you will have five lines to list your business in the directory.**

## Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

### December

12/1 . . . . Lochirco, Salvatore  
12/1 . . . . Cervone, Matthew D.  
12/2 . . . . Corrado, Paul  
12/2 . . . . Vendittelli, Antonio  
12/5 . . . . DeCarlo, Gary A.  
12/6 . . . . Bianchini, Rocky  
12/7 . . . . Latella, Anthony  
12/13 . . . Paluzzi Jr., Joseph  
12/14 . . . Piccinini, Ned  
12/14 . . . Tollis, Daniel  
12/14 . . . Femminineo Jr., Jacob Michael  
12/17 . . . Bonadeo, David C.  
12/18 . . . Viviano, David F.  
12/24 . . . Morreale, MD, Vittorio M.  
12/27 . . . Tenaglia, Michel

### January

1/2 . . . . . Yearego, James L.  
1/4 . . . . . Marrocco, Peter  
1/4 . . . . . Viviano, Vincent P  
1/4 . . . . . Iacobacci, Sergio  
1/6 . . . . . Castiglione, Joseph  
1/6 . . . . . Rea, Pasqualino  
1/14 . . . . Coppola, Frank  
1/18 . . . . Ripepi, Sam  
1/18 . . . . Polsinelli, Michael L.  
1/21 . . . . Floreno, D.O., John A.  
1/22 . . . . Bommarito, Thomas  
1/26 . . . . Leonardi, Frank C.  
1/28 . . . . Torrice, Dr. Peter  
1/31 . . . . DeNardo, John  
1/31 . . . . Cicchini, Paul

### February

12/2 . . . . Manzella, Vincenzo  
2/3 . . . . DelPup, Gino J.  
2/5 . . . . DiBartolomeo, Michael J.  
2/6 . . . . Persinger, Robert  
2/9 . . . . Fuciarelli, Peter A.  
2/12 . . . . Lacaria, Sam  
2/17 . . . . Garrisi, Lorenzo F.  
2/17 . . . . DeLuca, Antonio  
2/22 . . . . Taormina, Steven  
2/25 . . . . Buffa, John Anthony  
2/26 . . . . Ferranti, Domenic  
2/27 . . . . Scamardella, Lino  
2/27 . . . . Gaglio, Philip J.

## 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 – Ronald A. DiBartolomeo
- 1st Vice President – Ned R. Piccinini
- 2nd Vice President – Thomas Bommarito
- Secretary – Joseph Toia
- Financial Secretary – Joseph Ventimiglia
- Treasurer – Antonio DeLuca

There are three Board of Director seats vacant for a full term (3 years). At the time of voting, you will select three.

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

- Michael DeRita
- Michael Locricchio – Incumbent
- Vito Pianello
- Michel Tenaglia

In addition, at the November General Membership meeting, nominations for the Board of Directors were taken from the floor.

The results were:

- Sal M. Varano

**Good luck to all the candidates!**

# IACCM Meeting October 3, 2007 at Italian Cultural Center



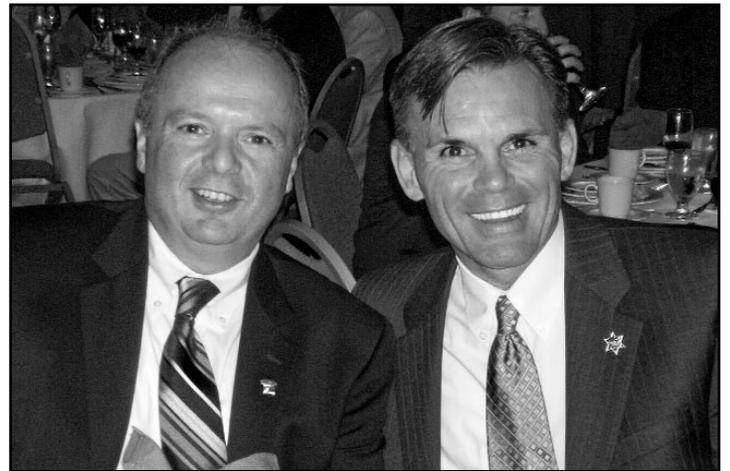
New members being sworn-in



Paul Calcaterra says Grace prior to meal



Dr. Piero Simone and Dr. J. Varanelli



New member Dr. John Floreno and guest speaker Sheriff Mark Hackel



Members Dr. Ray Salerno and father Ramo Salerno



Chairman, William Morelli updates members on upcoming events at Italian Cultural Center



# Andiamo 2008 Celebrity showroom SCHEDULE



## 3 Dog Night January 25 & 26

First hit song in 1971, "Joy To The World" set the stage in earning fourteen gold albums, nine gold singles, and eleven Top Ten songs between 1969 and 1975.



## Michael Amante February 22

A Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti  
This Opera Tenor was a favorite of the late Luciano Pavarotti as well as performing for the late Pope John Paul II. His popularity is legendary among Italian-American audiences.



## Sal Richards February 16

Valentine's Weekend Dinner Show  
With Music from Mark Randisi

Bring your Valentine for a special dinner show. Enjoy the comedy of Sal Richards and the smooth sounds of Frank Sinatra performed by Mark Randisi.

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- *New York Daily News*



## Elvis is Still Alive at Andiamo March 15

Max Pellicano

Elvis 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.



## Don Rickles April 11 & 12

After the Golden Era of Hollywood, Mr. Rickles continues to delight audiences with his comedic tales.



## America April 18

Their hits include "A Horse with No Name," "Sister Golden Hair," "Ventura Highway," "I Need You" and "You Can Do Magic."



## Carlos Mencia April 19 (7:00 & 10:30 Shows)

Best known for his hit prime time show on Comedy Central called the Mind of Mencia now in its 4th season. Also including many stand up comedic performances on HBO, NBC & ABC.



## Sonny Turner & The Platters

May 9

With Special Guest  
Mike Sanders & Detroit All-Stars  
This Rock and Roll Hall of Fame star will perform The Platters hits including "I love you 1000 times," "With This Ring," and "Washed Ashore," "Only You," "The Great Pretender," & "The Magic Touch."



## Sinbad September 26 & 27

Sinbad entertains audiences with his unique larger than life real story-telling style of hilarious comedic humor.



## The Oakridge Boys October 24 & 25

One of Country music's most popular acts with their four part harmonies and up-beat songs. With a history of multiple Grammy, Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association awards, enjoy a few of their numerous hits including "Elvira," and "I'll Be True To You."



## Ronan Tynan November 14

Ronan Tynan is truly a modern day "Renaissance Man". Introduced to international audiences and performing in front of millions of fans as a member of the Irish Tenors, Tynan quickly became known for his unique voice and irresistible appeal.



## Scintas December 11, 12 & 13

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DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM, SHOWS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM

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www.andiamoshowroom.com

Ticketmaster  
(248) 645-6666  
www.ticketmaster.com

ANDIAMO CELEBRITY SHOWROOM  
7096 East 14 Mile Road just west of Van Dyke in Warren

**ticketmaster**



# January Meeting Update

**W**ednesday, January 9, 2008, is our Installation of Officers/Board of Directors dinner at the Mirage Banquet Center. This year, there will be a few changes.

Mr. John DiGiuseppe, of the Mirage Banquet Center, has graciously agreed to expand our dinner menu and include an open bar for the evening for only a \$10.00 increase in cost per person. Chamber members attending the meeting will not be charged any additional fee. Spouses and guests will be charged \$50.00 instead of the normal \$40.00, which must be paid at the door upon entering.

We feel this is a good way to make the evening a little more special for our newly installed Officers and Board of Directors, and to kick off a new year filled with many exciting things to come! Hope to see everyone there!

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## DEAR MEMBERS,



I just wanted to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! I would like to let you know about this year's **SUPER BOWL PARTY**. The Italian Cultural Center hosted this event last year, and this year they have merged with the Mirage Banquet Center, where this year's event will be held. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame, and the Italian American Cultural Center. There will be an unbelievable array of tailgate style appetizers, followed by a gourmet meal, not to mention the fantastic door prizes and giveaways. There will also be games of chance to include a 50/50 raffle and a Texas Hold'em card tournament.

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS.**

Steve Militello  
Editor, The Grapevine

## New IACCM Members For 2007



Giacalone, Leonard	Corrado, Paul
Simone, MD, Piero A.	Sulaka, Richard
Shermetaro, Charles G.	Persinger, Robert
Ripullo, Robert F.	Ferrera, Gene P.
DiBartolomeo, Michael J.	Marchiori, William R.
Galli, Daniel A.	Merlanti, Mark
Iacobelli, Mark A.	Taormina, Steven
Randazzo, Sonny	Torcolacci, Angelo
Scamardella, Lino	Biretta, Eric E.
Iacobacci, Sergio	Floreno, D.O., John A.
Previti, Sebastiano S.	Manzella, Vincenzo
Corsetti, Tonino	Santia, Albert M.
DelPup, Gino J	Gaglio, Philip J.
Vitale, Vincenzo	Zuccaro, Dino
Tatone, John	Santia, Alfredo
Licata, III, Anthony	Milkey, James
Masi, Carl	Morreale, M.D. Vittorio
Seifert, Michael	

