



# The Grapevine

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## Upcoming EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 5, 2020 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME •

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

#### LOCATION

- Zuccaro's  
46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield



### MARCH 4, 2020 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Palazzo Grande  
54460 Van Dyke, Shelby Township

### APRIL 1, 2020 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

#### TIME

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

#### LOCATION

- Eastpointe Manor  
24611 Gratiot, Eastpointe

### May 6, 2020 • WEDNESDAY • MONTHLY MEETING

## FESTA DELLA LIRA

#### TIME

- 6:00 PM General Membership Meeting

#### LOCATION

- Andiamo Italia  
7096 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren



## Notes from the PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's a new year, a new decade and, for the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan, it's the start of a new century. I feel good about how 2019 turned out and I am energized about the prospects of what 2020 will bring.

In closing out our 100 year celebration at our January meeting, we displayed our anniversary banner for the last time. Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to sign it before we retired it to the Chamber archives. I also had the pleasure of presenting Gino Esposito with a special award making him an Honorary President of the IACCM. A member for 58 years, Gino had served on the board as well as every officer's position including chairman. He has always been an active member and still oversees the Chamber archives. This is a well-deserved honor for this most loyal and dedicated member.

Every year it is our goal to increase our membership. Last year, I was especially interested in further diversifying and growing our membership by increasing female membership. To that end, we have successfully added four new female members to our organization. Sustaining our current membership levels is equally as important and it is my intention to keep our meetings interesting, informative and a highlight to everyone's monthly schedule. This year, I want to provide a forum where we can learn more about each other by having members make a small presentation to introduce themselves and promote their businesses.. This presentation opportunity will be open to new members and long-time members to enhance a networking atmosphere.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's social and fundraising events.

May 6, 2020 - Festa Della Lira at Andiamo Italia

June 29, 2020 - John B. Agosta Memorial Golf Outing at Fern Hill

July 10, 11 and 12, 2020 = Festa Italiana at Freedom Hill

See you at the next meeting.

Daniel Galli, President



# Chairman's CORNER

Goodbye 2019 Hello 2020!

Happy New Year to all our IACCM members and their families. May 2020 be a healthy and prosperous year for all. 2019 was a very eventful year with the yearlong celebration of our 100-year anniversary. The highlight being the Gala at the DAC. The Grapevine that was in print for the first time in a few years was a nice look back at the year as a whole. It contained plenty of pictures from the year's events and articles from various members and committee chairs. I hope that this becomes an annual edition. 2019 also saw the end of term for 3 of our Board of Directors. Thanks to Dr. Tony Giordano, Nunzio Provenzano and Mark Garagiola. You have all been valuable contributors to Board and the success of this organization. I am happy to say that Mark will still play a part as an officer taking the position of Financial Secretary. Also, thank you to Mike Tenaglia for his years of service as our treasurer. Your time as treasurer has been greatly appreciated. But Mike won't be leaving having been elected to a new 3-year term as a Board of Director. Also elected to the board are Sam Palazzola and Mike Locricchio. The 2020 Board of Directors is a nice mix of long- and short-term members. The hope is we can come up with new ideas moving the IACCM forward in the years to come. I would also like to welcome back Frank Coppola as our new treasurer. I have no doubt that Frank will do a great job and once again be an asset to the IACCM. I look forward to again being the Chairman and working with this board. I look forward to seeing you all February 5th at Zuccaro's.

Ciao,

David F Galli, Chairman



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### ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW MEMBERS 2019

**Anthony C. Licata, III – Licata's Nail Studio**  
**Sandra Tornberg**

**Greg Gagnon – 1st Choice Realty**

**Christopher DiGiuseppe – Genesis Cadillac Chevrolet**

**Leo Terzo – Farm Bureau Insurance**

**George Penna – Villa Penna**

**Joseph DiCicco – Horizon Bank**

**Maria Stante – Stante Excavating Company**

**Michael Dentamaro – Imagio Glass Design**

**Andrea Jones – Nothing Bundt Cakes**

**Antonio D'Agostini – L. D'Agostini & Sons**

**Salvatore Cuccia – St. Clair Glass & Mirror**

**John Guerrieri – Dream Limousine**

**Robert Guerrieri – Castlemark Homes**

## 2020 OFFICER/BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the January 8th IACCM meeting, the newly elected 2020 Officers and Board of Directors were sworn in. Congratulations to the following:

### OFFICERS

- President – Daniel Galli
- 1st Vice President – Dr. Charles Shermetaro
- 2nd Vice President – Peter A. Fuciarelli
- Secretary – Angela Pippi-Soave
- Financial Secretary – Mark D. Garagiola
- Treasurer – Frank Coppola

### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

- David F. Galli

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

~ Term Ending 2022

- Michael Locricchio
- Sam Palazzolo
- Michel Tenaglia

### PAST PRESIDENTS 2020

Andrew Agosta • Joseph P. Ventimiglia

## Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Birthdays for:

### February

2/1 Guerrieri, John  
 2/3 Gagnon, Greg  
 2/7 Gatti, Hon. Julie  
 2/9 Fuciarelli, Peter A.  
 2/12 Piccinini, Patricia A.  
 2/17 DeLuca, Antonio  
 2/19 Notte, Michael R.  
 2/20 DiLorenzo, Frank  
 2/22 Taormina, Steven  
 2/24 Lucido, III, Peter J.  
 2/27 Gaglio, Philip J.  
 2/27 Salerno, Dr. Ramo A.

### April

4/3 Aiello, Mark  
 4/3 Calunas, William A.  
 4/7 Calcaterra, Michael J.  
 4/12 Poliuto, Valerio  
 4/13 Buffa, Ross  
 4/17 Canzano, Roger  
 4/18 Minoletti, Gary  
 4/19 Lanni, Angelo S.  
 4/23 Giacalone, Leonard  
 4/25 Rocca, Larry  
 4/25 Tundo, Samuel  
 4/26 Biondo, Joe  
 4/27 Cipriano, Joseph  
 4/29 Vitale, Vincenzo  
 4/30 Gallo, Tony J.

### March

3/4 Fuciarelli, Pietro G.  
 3/5 Shermetaro, Charles G.  
 3/6 Pippi-Soave, Angela M.  
 3/8 Carnaghi, Donald  
 3/12 Bonanni, Jeffrey A.  
 3/14 Piccinini, Ned R.  
 3/17 Rubino, Anthony M.  
 3/17 Bommarito, Benedict  
 3/18 Vicari, Joseph  
 3/21 Colombo, Charles F.  
 3/23 Santeufemia, Michael N.  
 3/24 Esposito, Gino  
 3/26 Giannetti, Frank  
 3/30 Garagiola, Mark D.  
 3/30 Picano, Domenic

### May

5/4 Russo, Agostino  
 5/5 Morelli, Jr., Frank  
 5/7 Valente Jr., Mark  
 5/7 Agosta, Anthony Allan  
 5/8 Salvaggio-Crump, Alexandria  
 5/14 Calcaterra, Paul R.  
 5/14 DiCicco, Joseph  
 5/16 Velardo, Armand  
 5/17 Giarmarco, Julius H.  
 5/17 Paglia, Enzo  
 5/19 Varanelli, Jeffrey  
 5/23 Scalzi, Frank  
 5/30 Lawroski, Eric

## FESTA DELLA LIRA

(in conjunction with the general membership meeting)

MAY 6, 2020

Andiamo Italia

7096 East 14 Mile Road,  
 Warren, 6:00 PM

REVERSE RAFFLE WITH A  
 GRAND PRIZE OF \$10,000

PLUS OVER \$3,000 IN  
 ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES

Hors d'oeuvres, open bar,,  
 fabulous dinner, 50-50 raffle,  
 basket of cheer

TICKET INFORMATION COMING SHORTLY!!



## Holy Family IACCM Memorial Mass and Pancake Breakfast November 10, 2019, Holy Family Church

Pictured l-r: Paul Viviano, Dr. Charles Shermetaro, Paul Calcaterra Fr. Daniele Criscione, Andy Agosta, Mark Garagiola, Daniel Galli, Chuck Promesso, Gus Russo

# October 2, 2019 • Mirage Elegant Banquet Center



One of the many fine food stations prepared by John DiGiuseppe and the staff of The Mirage



Honorable Joseph Toia swearing in our new members Christopher DiGiuseppe and Joseph DiCicco



"Cent'Anni"

Gino Esposito giving a history lesson of the IACCM



Members enjoying some fine wine and great food

# November 6, 2019 • DeCarlo's Banquet Center



President David Lazarra starting the meeting



Welcome to the Italian American Chamber of Commerce



Honorable Julie Gatti swearing in  
Maria Stante, Andrea Jones,  
and Michael Dentamaro



"Lets Eat"

# December 11, 2019 • Andiamo Italia



Honorable Julie Gatti swearing in new members Robert Guerrieri and John Guerrieri



Dr. Charles Shermetaro handling the evening's agenda!



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# Italian American Chamber of Commerce

## 2020 Installation of Officers/Board of Directors

January 8, 2020 • Villa Penna



### 2020 Officers & Board of Directors

**Seated L-R;** Treasurer Frank Coppola, Financial Secretary Mark Garagiola, Secretary Angela Pippi-Soave, President Daniel Galli, 1st Vice President Charles Shermetaro, 2nd Vice President Peter A. Fuciarelli **Standing L-R;** Chairman of the Board David F. Galli, Charles Moran, Michael Locricchio, Joseph Divozzo, Mike Divozzo, Philip Maniaci, Paul Calcaterra, Past President Representative Andrew Agosta, Past President Representative Joseph P. Ventimiglia, Sam Palazzolo, Michel Tenaglia (not pictured – James Timpa)



Swearing in the 2020 Officers & Board of Directors by Honorable Joseph Toia



“Honorary 2019 IACCM President” Gino Esposito with President Galli



Honorable Joseph Toia swearing in new members Patricia Piccinini, Antonio D’Agostini, and Salvatore Cuccia



Consul of Italy in Detroit Dr. Maria Manca with President Daniel Galli



President Daniel Galli honoring Nunzio Provenzano and Dr. Anthony Giordano for their six years of service as Board of Directors.



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Angela Pippi-Soave

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Frank Coppola

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TERMS ENDING 2021  
Joseph Divozzo  
Philip J. Maniaci  
James Timpa

TERMS ENDING 2022  
Michael Locricchio  
Sam Palazzolo  
Michel Tenaglia

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

David A. Lazzara

## PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

2017 Vito Pianello  
2015 David F. Galli  
2014 Andrew Agosta  
2013 Joseph P. Ventimiglia  
2011 Joseph Toia, Esq.  
2010 Thomas Bommarito  
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2008 Ronald A. DiBartolomeo  
2007 Salvatore P. Ventimiglia  
2004 Paul Calcaterra  
2000 Benedetto Marrocco  
1999 Augustino Russo  
1994 Angelo S. Lanni  
1991 Thomas B. Lanni  
1978 Mark Valente, Jr.  
1974 Joseph Grimaudo

## 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."



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